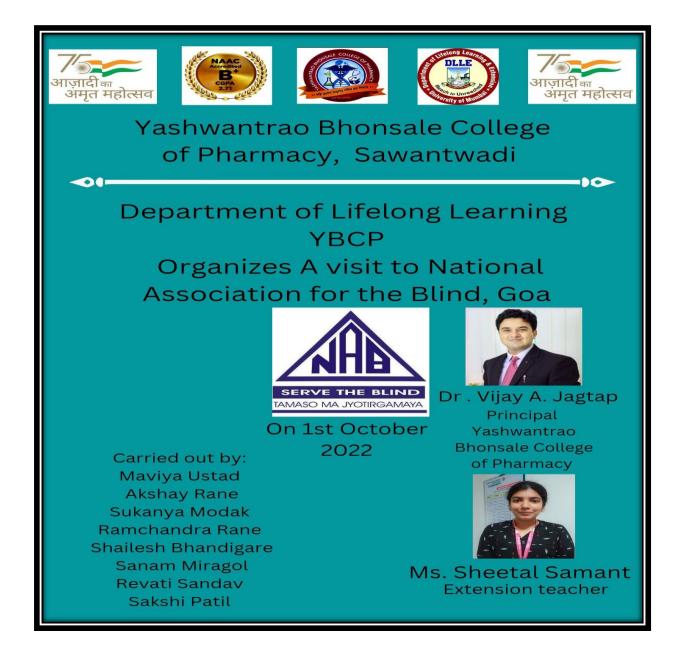


01st October 2022 <u>Visit to National Association for Blind</u>

*	Title	:	Vist to National Association for Blind
*	Organized by	:	DLLE
*	Venue	:	National Association for Blind
*	Date	:	01 st October 2022
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Objectives:

- 1. To introduce the community and make it aware of the category of visually impaired people, in terms of their abilities and needs.
- 2. To make students understand the power of empathy, integration, empowerment to a special section of society who are special for living their lives beautifully with self-confidence, dignity and self-control.
- 3. To promote, foster, encourage, and initiate unity among the visually impaired individuals.
- 4. To provide more opportunities for this group to engage in various cultural, social and sports activities.

About the Program:

"The Eyes Have One Language Everywhere"

Let it not be said of us that we had eyes yet failed to see, that we had ears yet failed to hear,

that we had the God given gift of understanding, yet failed to understand the miseries of the afflicted and handicapped children of God.

As per our DLLE curriculum, students visited National Association for the Blind (NAB) Goa'.

At present NAB Goa, caters to about 2000 visually impaired persons. NAB also conducts several awareness programs in order to spread awareness about the visually impaired. NAB Goa conducts the following activities-Education (Integrated Education Program), Vocational Training, Multi-handicapped, Sports, Theatre, Employment, Computer Training, Extra curricular Activities, Picnics and celebrations. At the National Association for Blind, one of the employees gave a short talk on Braille system of printing and writing for the blind. Students were then taken to the braille printing press room where we saw how textbooks were printed in different languages for the blind.

Students found it fascinating to see the entire process and realized the amount of time and effort that goes into printing a single edition. Students were left amazed by the knowledge she had of braille and how fast she read the texts written in braille. Afterwards, they had the chance to talk to the blind students in assembly hall. The students interacted with the students by asking their names and about the things they like to do, some of them fostered some amazing talent.

Students were amazed so see that the students used smartphones very easily by using the talkback feature in the phone. The visually impaired individuals were also given an object to recognize, so by touching it they used to identify that object. The NAB students showcased their talents by playing the piano, singing, reading a passage in Braille from one of their books, solving math problems, and other activities. One of the students there had a very good voice and could also play Harmonium.

NAB's spectrum of their services is quite large and they customize their Teaching to each individual in their program depending on the individual's level of visual and hearing impairment as well as the individual's communication and mobility rehabilitation status. Whether it was their music, reading, math or writing class or the divine moments shared in the assembly hall, every moment highlighted their complete involvement and robust enthusiasm in executing their duties, accompanied by a smile on their faces.

Finally there were various performances of the students where the students sang, told stories etc. The time spent with them brought a ray of light into our lives and the experience we encountered there, made us believe that no matter what challenges life throws upon us, move ahead in life with faith, the heart within and God overhead. It was a wonderful learning opportunity for the students that increased their awareness of the challenges that differently-abled children endure.

Details of participants :

Number of participants : 8

Glimpses of the event:



Interaction with the students



Braille typing and printing system





Yoga done by the students.

PO attained are:

- 1. Leadership skill
- 2. Planning Abilities
- 3. Communication

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