

Activity Report Under Samarthanam Trust

March 2019

Project Name: Blind Cricket

Date of the activity: 15th March 2019

Venue: Kamla Nehru Cricket Ground

Location: New Delhi

Description of Volunteering Activity:

Cricket Association for the blind in India (CABI) was established in 2010 under Societies registration act of 1860. The main purpose of this association is to empower the visually challenged in the field of cricket by providing an opportunity to the youth from grassroot level to showcase their talent at state, national and international level tournaments.

Some of the important goals of CABI are to:

- Organize coaching clinics at school levels all over the country
- Encourage local cricket associations to actively take part in the promotion of blind cricket in their respective areas
- Help the local body to organize the state level tournaments and to prepare state team to take part in zonal and national tournaments
- Organize State, zonal, and national tournaments to select the Indian team which represents country in various international tournaments.

The friendly blind cricket match on 15th March in New Delhi between TATA Communications and Delhi state Cricket Team was in line with the objectives of CABI. It aimed to increase awareness on blind cricket. The idea was to give the participants and audience an exposure to the blind cricket and to help the public believe in the productive potential of the visually impaired.

Present at the match were Sh. Shalendar Sharma, President CABD, Yogesh Taneja, Secretary CABD. Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni, Principal Kamla Nehru College gave unflinching support to this idea right from the day it was discussed with her. She also interacted with the players and set the tone for the Match. Full support was also provided by the Equal Opportunity Cell and Enabling Unit of the College.

It was a 10 Over match. TATA communications won the toss and decided to bowl first. Delhi Blind Cricket Team gave a target of 143 runs against which the TATA Communications team could make only 73 runs. It was indeed a memorable experience for all. The match ended by giving trophies to the runner up Team, winning Team and man of the Match.

No of Volunteers Attended: 15

No of beneficiary attended the activity: 50

No of hours of volunteering activity: 4 hours

