

Situated amidst verdant surroundings is a bungalow aptly named "Chateau Dieu" (Castle of God) and two three storied buildings on S. V. Road, Jogeshwari (W) Mumbai which is a Home away from Home for the visually impaired persons.

Started on July 16 1956, the Muncherjee Nowrojee Banajee Industrial Home for the Blind is a monument to the munificence of late Serenebai Banajee who gave for use and occupation this bungalow in memory of her father for starting an industrial and vocational training centre for visually impaired men and is registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950.

The Home imparts training in light engineering, handloom weaving, tailoring, candle and paper plate making and preparation of disinfectants to its inmates coming from all states of India without distinction of caste, creed or religion. The inmates enjoy recreational activities, such as vocal and instrumental music, sports, games, learn to distinguish feel and fragrance of plant life and celebrate all festivals.

Training, hostel and medical facilities are free and inmates learn and earn stipends ranging from Rs. 500/- to Rs.1,000/- per month.

The Home constructed a Hostel for employed and self employed visually impaired men who come to Mumbai from various states but are unable to find immediate accommodation and are allowed to avail of this facility for a period of three years.

Low vision aids and appliances are provided to patients having vision deficiencies. A qualified optometrist is in charge of the centre which is equipped with gadgets and instruments needed for this purpose.

Tanya Computer Centre for training visually impaired persons in computer programming is a boon in modern times. It is the first MS-CIT centre recognized by the Government of Maharashtra and on obtaining the diploma, they have been placed in public sectors like BMC, Income tax and Sales tax offices, Railways and in private sector organizations such as Airtel, Vodafone, Wipro, Tata Indicom etc.

Self employment schemes for small business and for ex-trainees of the Home was started with the basic object of helping in the economic rehabilitation of illiterate and semi literate persons who demonstrate proficiency in some trade, craft, business or hawking. The beneficiary is given financial assistance in kind only either to continue or expand his trade or business and the assistance is increased for those who stabilize their business.

This scheme aims at self-reliance, economic independence and social acceptance of visually challenged persons and has assisted a large number of persons from Mumbai and various districts of Maharashtra and is now expanding into other states of India.

Since employment opportunities are few in the competitive world for the visually challenged persons, the Home along with Tata Consultancy Services started an all India "MNB-TCS Advanced Training Centre in computer programming and personality development for the graduate persons and successful candidates are placed in organizations such as C-Bay Systems, DOW Chemicals, Standard Chartered Bank, Tata Consultancy Services etc.

Kindly extend your support to the cause of the sightless and semi sightless persons since "**social and economic rehabilitation is the need of the hour**" Your contribution could be by cheque/demand draft drawn in favour of "MNB Industrial Home for the Blind"

OR

You may directly transfer your contribution to:
The M. N. B Industrial Home for the Blind
A/c No. 020910001747 in Dena Bank Jogeshwari (W) branch
IFSC/NEFT Code: BKDN0460209

The Income of the Home is totally exempted under Section 10(23c)(iv) and all donations are exempt under Section 80G of the Income tax Act 1961. The Home is also registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976.

We hereby express our gratitude in advance as we have faith in our friends and well wishers.

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Chateau Dieu



Weaving Section



Tanya Computer Centre



Self Employment Scheme



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