

# **ORIENTATION VISIT REPORT**

## **NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: BLIND SCHOOL, MYSORE**

On April 8, 2025, the second-year MSW (Master of Social Work) trainees, along with the faculty Mr. Robin K J, conducted an orientation visit to the Government Blind School in Mysore, which was established in 1901 by the Maharaja of Mysore. The purpose of the visit was to gain insight into the functioning of institutions supporting the visually impaired, to understand the available support systems, and to explore the role of social workers in such settings.

Dr. Sugandh, Growth Director of the EquiBeing Foundation, provided a briefing on the Blind School and the foundation's initiatives. He was accompanied by Mr. Jayaprakash, Senior Project Executive; Mr. Mohan Kumar S, also a Senior Project Executive, Vice-Captain of the Karnataka Blind Cricket Team, and a gold medalist in national para-athletic events; and Mr. Satish, the Principal of the Blind School, Mysore.

The Blind School was initially established with just 125 children and has since grown significantly in both outreach and impact. The institution emphasizes equity and well-being, with a founding mission to promote dignity and respect for the visually impaired through effective social support systems, focusing primarily on sports, education, and livelihood development.

Their key initiatives include:

- Spoken English programs
- Digital literacy programs
- Yoga sessions
- Sports activities, with a particular focus on swimming
- Training programs for swimming coaches

The school is currently supported by the EquiBeing Foundation, an organization founded in 2022 by Dr. Ananthalakshmi. The foundation is committed to breaking

barriers and maximizing the potential of blind and visually impaired individuals through education, health, well-being, and sports.

During the visit, the social work trainees were assigned the task of conducting a survey aimed at mobilizing blind individuals for the educational and skill development programs offered by the EquiBeing Foundation in collaboration with the Blind School. The survey will focus on collecting and analyzing data from blind children aged 5 to 18 and individuals aged 19 to 30, with the goal of understanding their educational and training needs and ensuring that children are enrolled in school.

The orientation visit to the Blind School, in association with the EquiBeing Foundation, provided valuable insights into the various initiatives and efforts undertaken to support and empower the visually impaired, thereby fostering inclusivity and equal opportunities.

### **Photos**











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