

Workshop Report: "National Association for the Blind" India

Date: 29th July 2025

Venue: Worli, Mumbai 400018

A batch of 1st year, 2nd year & 3rd year students from Laxmi College of Optometry had the valuable opportunity to attend an educational workshop at NAB India, Worli on 29th July 2025. The visit was both insightful and inspiring, offering students a deeper understanding of the world of visual impairment and the inclusive technologies used to support the blind community.

During the workshop, students were introduced to:



A comprehensive session on what it means to be blind and how the visually impaired navigate daily life.

Introduction to Braille: Students learned about the Braille script – its history, structure, and significance as a key medium of literacy for the blind. Students were given a chance to touch and understand Braille dots, letters, and numbers



Braille Textbook Production: The process of manufacturing Braille textbooks was demonstrated, including the use of specialized embossing machines.



Software-Aided Braille Conversion:

The team at NAB explained how modern software is used to convert standard text into Braille format, streamlining the publishing process. The team at NAB India demonstrated how Braille textbooks are created using specialized embossing machines. Students observed the complete step-by-step process of producing Braille books for schools and colleges.



Proofreading Process: The importance of accuracy in Braille materials was emphasized through a walk-through of the post-production proofreading system.



Talking Book Studio: Students explored the talking booth, where they learned how audiobooks are created. The studio features recordings of various educational books, making learning accessible through audio formats for those who prefer or require auditory input.



This immersive experience enhanced students' awareness about assistive education and the use of accessible technology. The team at NAB India, especially Ms. Pallavi Kadam (Executive Director), extended warm hospitality and shared a wealth of knowledge with the students.



We look forward to future visits and collaborations with NAB India for exhibitions and educational events.

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