



SARVAJANIK COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
AND TECHNOLOGY



राष्ट्रीय सेवा योजना

(NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME)

Fund-raiser

for

A NGO - Indian Association for the Blind (IAB)

India shoulders the largest burden of global blindness. One out of three blind people in the world lives in India – an estimated 15 million blind people lives in India. Blindness has been recognised as an important public health problem in India. The loss of sight causes enormous human suffering for the affected individuals and their families. It also represents a public health, social and economic problem for a country. Up to 80% of blindness is curable or preventable and there are 2 million blind children in India. Only 5% of them receive any education.

Realising the essence of the social responsibility towards the visually challenged community, National Service Scheme (NSS) team of SCET, went for fund-raiser, for a NGO - **Indian Association for the Blind (IAB)**.

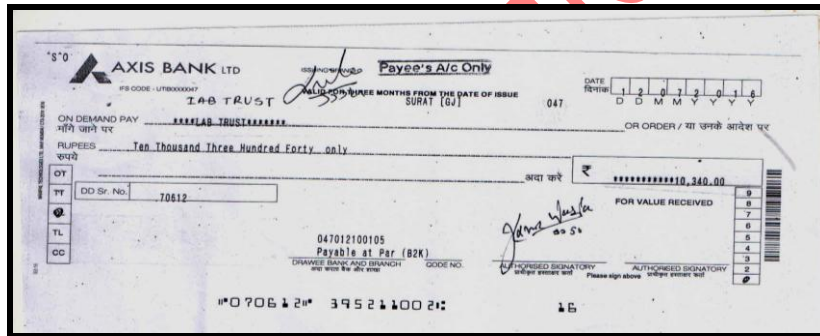
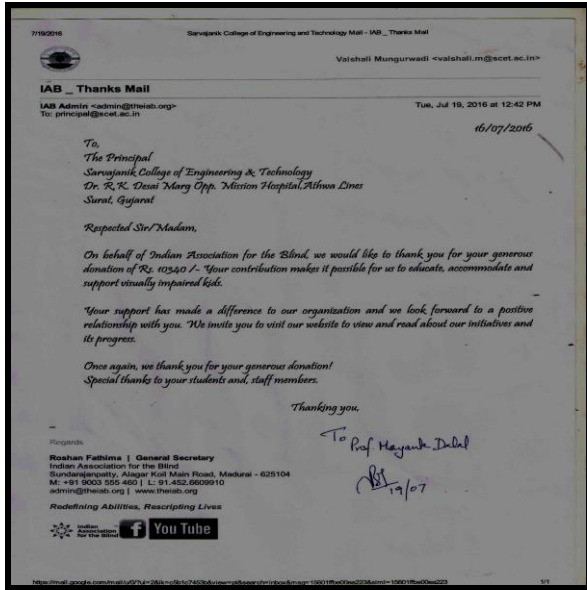
Nestled in the village of Sundarajanpatty in the outer fringes of Madurai in Tamilnadu, the Indian Association for the Blind (IAB) was started on January 14, 1985; by S.M.A. Jinnah, a visually challenged activist. Despite losing his vision at the age of 13, and much against the wishes of his family, Jinnah chased a dream called education. He realised the key to empowering people with visual disability that would help them travel the road to independence and self-reliance is education.

IAB is committed to promote comprehensive education, employment and rehabilitation opportunities for socioeconomically disempowered visually challenged children and adults, with a special focus on those living in rural areas.

It's my pleasure to share that with the support of all students and entire staff of SCET we were able to collect **Rs.10,340/-** for the Indian Association of Blind as a gesture in form of donation from our side to help those who are in need of that at their end.

We are thankful to our NSS volunteers who had worked hard in collecting the fund and We as a team are also thankful to **Principal Madam, - Dr.Vaishali Mungurwadi** for her guidance and support.

We pledge, ever year NSS team will go for a fund-raiser for a NGO, in order to help every needy community of our society because we believe that a Nation will only progress when every community of our society will progress.



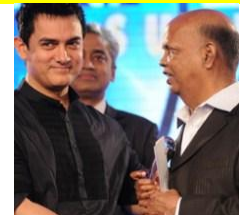
Awards of S.M.A. Jinnah - a visually challenged activist



With a National Award for the Best Institution (2007), by Govt of India.



“Business world-FICCI Corporate Social Responsibility Award” under the innovation category



IBN7 Super Idol Award (2010)

Prof Niket Shastri
Program Officer , NSS

Prof Satish Dokiparti
Co- Coordinator , NSS

Dr Mayank Dalal
Dean - SAWC