



Mahajana Education Society (R)
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Post Graduate Wing
Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre
K R S Road, Metagalli, Mysuru – 570 016

Title of the Event and name of the venue	Awareness programme on Inclusive Education for All: Supporting Visually Impaired Students PBMMEC, Mysuru
Date	24.04.2025
Details of the department organizing the event in collaboration with institution	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK PBMMEC, Mysuru

Purpose and scope of the event: The awareness programme was conducted with the objective of promoting **inclusive education practices** and increasing awareness about the **needs, challenges, and rights of visually impaired students**. The initiative aimed to sensitise students, educators, and the academic community toward building a more accessible, equitable, and inclusive learning environment.

The programme focused on:

- Understanding the **concept and importance of inclusive education**.
- Creating awareness about **assistive technologies and academic accommodations** for visually impaired learners.
- Empowering students and faculty with the **skills to support inclusive classrooms**.
- Encouraging a culture of empathy, accessibility, and academic equity.

Details of the talk/event/activity: The event began with a **formal introduction session**, followed by expert talks, student interactions, and demonstrations of inclusive tools and practices.

Key components included:

- **Talk by a Special Educator** Mr. Mr. Jayaprakash, who elaborated on:
 - The **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**.
 - National policies and institutional responsibilities in supporting inclusive education.
 - Challenges faced by visually impaired students in mainstream education systems.
- **Demonstration of Assistive Technologies**, including screen readers (like JAWS or NVDA), Braille tools, and accessible learning apps.

- **Experience-sharing session** by a visually impaired personnel Mr. Mohan from equibieng or community member, offering personal insights into learning barriers and breakthroughs.
- **Group activity/discussion** on ways students and faculty can make classrooms more inclusive.

Event Highlights:

- **Theme-focused discussions** on inclusion, accessibility, and equity in education.
- **Live demo of assistive tools** provided participants with practical exposure to how visually impaired students navigate academic settings.
- **Empathetic and engaging atmosphere** fostered through direct student involvement and interactive Q&A sessions.
- Participants gained insight into the **social, academic, and psychological support** needed for students with visual impairments.

A brief profile of the resource persons:

- Mr. Jayaprakash, Education catalyst, Andrahalli Main Rd, Block II, Nalagadderanahalli, HMT Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560073
- Mr. Suganth, Project manager, Equibeing, Mysuru

Target audience and No. of Participants/beneficiaries: 48 MSW students



Signature of the Event Co-ordinator

(Dr. B R Jayakumari)