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Vice President of India Praises the Work of the Blind Foundation for India (BFI) in USA

Hon'ble Shri Krishan Kant, Vice President of India was highly appreciative of the resources being mobilized by the **Blind Foundation for India (BFI), USA**, to promote the cause of visually impaired in India. In a meeting in New Delhi with **Dr. Manu Vora, Founder President of BFI**, the Vice President was happy to note of much financial resources being provided to India by the Foundation.

Dr. Vora highlighted key accomplishments of the Foundation in providing **58 Mobile Ophthalmic Units** for conducting eye camps, making available **3,500 Braille Kits** to schools for the visually impaired, financially supporting **35,000 free cataract surgeries** and assisting towards **prevention of nutritional blindness amongst 35,000 children** through the supply of **Vitamin A and Measles vaccinations**. So far, the Foundation has raised **over \$1,300,000** and **helped over 450,000 visually impacted people in India**. Much of the work of the Foundation is being done in association with the **National Association for the Blind (NAB) in India** along with many non-profit organizations throughout India. **Mr. Jagdish Kapur**, the noted Industrialist and President of NAB, Delhi, and **Padma Shri Dr. Rajendrabhai Vyas**, Honorary Secretary General of NAB also appraised the Vice President of the activities of the National Association for the Blind.

Mrs. Vidya Batra, Founder and Honorary General Secretary of NAB, Delhi, **Mr. Romi Batra**, Life Member, NAB, and **Mr. Janak Mehta**, a BFI well wisher also attended the meeting.



In the photograph, people from left are: Mr. Romi Batra, Dr. Rajendra Vyas, Mr. Jagdish Kapur, Dr. Manu Vora, Hon'ble Shri Krishan Kant, Mrs. Suman Krishan Kant, and Mrs. Vidya Batra.

If you want to help over **13 million blind men, women and children in India**, kindly send your tax-deductible contributions (Tax Exempt No. 36-3663471) to **BFI, P.O. Box 3971, Naperville, IL 60567-3971**. Their heartfelt blessings are with you!