

## Press Release – January 2001

### 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!