

## Press Release – February 2004

### Vice President of India Grants Audience for the Blind Foundation for India (BFI) Project

**Hon'ble Shri Bhairon Singh Sekhawat, Vice President of India** graciously provided an audience to learn about blind welfare activities in India and key support provided by the **Blind Foundation for India (BFI) in USA**. Shri Sekhawat took keen interest in BFI activities and 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 significant financial resources being provided by the Foundation.

Dr. Vora highlighted key accomplishments of the Foundation in providing **67 Mobile Vans** for conducting eye camps, making available **6,000 Braille Kits** to schools for the visually impaired, financially supporting **60,000 free cataract surgeries** and assisting towards **prevention of nutritional blindness amongst 60,000 children** through the supply of **Vitamin A and Measles vaccinations**. So far, the Foundation has raised **over \$2 Million** and **helped over a Million** 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) India** along with many non-profit organizations throughout India. **Ret. General O. P. Malhotra**, President of NAB, Delhi, and **Padma Shri Dr. Rajendra Vyas**, Honorary Secretary General of NAB also appraised the Vice President of the activities of the National Association for the Blind.

**Mr. T. Hasan**, NAB Liaison Officer, **Mrs. Shalini Khanna**, NAB Project Coordinator for Center for Blind Women, and **Mr. Manoj Goel**, Chairman of Aadya Industry also attended the meeting.



In the photograph, people from left to right are: General O.P. Malhotra, Dr. Manu Vora, Hon'ble Shri Bhairon Singh Sekhawat, Dr. Rajendra Vyas, and Mr. T. Hasan.

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