

Who are they?

The Muncherjee Nowrojee Banarjee Industrial Home for the Blind

Where are they?

Mumbai, India

What do they do?

Aims to make the visually impaired self sufficient through excellent training and enable their integration into society

How big are they?

Budget of Rs. 12,700,000

What did they receive?

Windows Vista Business Upgrade
Office 2003 Standard
Windows XP Professional
Upgrade Windows Server 2003
R2 Enterprise Edition Windows
Server User CAL

The outcome?

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The M. N. Banarjee Industrial Home for the Blind is a vocational training center where visually impaired or visually challenged individuals are given vocational training in various crafts. The JAWS screen reading software, which is extensively used by the visually impaired community, is compatible with Microsoft Software and enables individuals with vision problems to access computer and the Internet. The user-friendly Microsoft software has increased the quality and quantity of day-to-day work by these individuals, who are now enabled to do the administrative work more efficiently. Mr. B. K. Gidde, Chief Executive Officer at the Home, says, “By using this software along with JAWS, we have successfully provided advanced computer training to 38 visually challenged persons. The software has opened new opportunities for these individuals by making information readily available to them and by easily connecting them with people (including sighted people) across all parts of the country and even globally.”

He adds, “Microsoft software has also enabled us to prepare visually challenged persons for taking competitive entry job qualification examinations such as the MSCIT, where VI persons can compete with sighted peers. One hundred such visually challenged persons have already qualified for the MSCIT Examination, which is recognized by the Government of Maharashtra for qualifying job applicants for Government roles.”

M. N. Banarjee Home and Tata Consultancy Services used their network to short-list qualified visually impaired across the country. In each batch they were able to find graduates with good communications skills and with basic computer knowledge (comfortable with working on JAWS, MS Office etc.). When Tata Consultancy Services approached M.N. Banarjee Home for recruitment, they were pleasantly surprised to find graduates who were good in communications and at the same time very comfortable and proficient with JAWS & MS Office.

