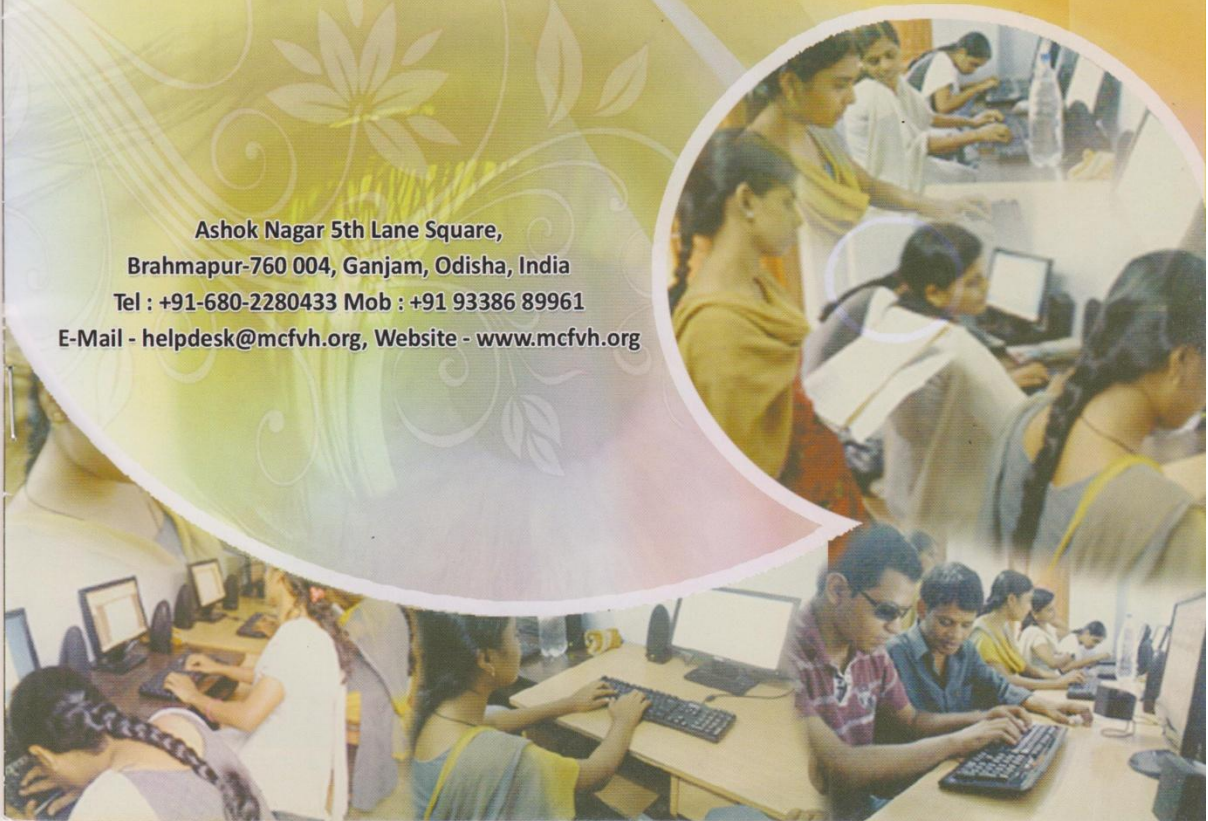


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Milton Charitable Foundation for The Visually Handicapped is a registered state cadre Voluntary, non-profit and service providing organization, working for the empowerment of persons with Disability community. It was founded on 21st March 2004 by conglomeration of some enthusiastic college going visually impaired students with the initiative of Mr. Akshaya Kumar Panda and Mr. Ranjan Kumar Biswal. To commemorate the achievement of John Milton in the history of English Literature despite of his Visually Impairedness. The foundation was named as Milton Charitable Foundation of The Visually Handicapped to serve the society of the people with visually impaired from its beginning. It is completely non-profit and voluntary organization managed by an autonomous and statutory body. In its all activities this organization is non-sectarian and non-political.

#### **LEGAL ENTITY :**

The foundation is registered under Indian Societies Reg. Act, xxi of 1860, Person with Disability Act, 1995 under Dept. of WCD Govt. of Odisha, U/s 80G and 12A of Income Tax Act, 1961, Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 .

#### **AIMS & OBJECTIVES :**

1. To perform works of charity.
2. To manage establishing hostels, clubs, institutions, Talking book centers and libraries.
3. To take welfare programmes related to literacy, plantations, environmental pollution control, health care activities, education, community development and General awareness.
4. To take welfare programmes related to blind students of schools and colleges.
5. To take welfare programmes related to scheduled tribes, scheduled castes and other economical backward blind communities of the society.
6. To provide academic and technical training and guidance to children and adult blind persons through coaching in different aspects and to provide music and sports skills and cultural activities by establishing sports and cultural foundation.
7. To take welfare programmes of rehabilitation and self-employment for person with disability in both government and private sectors.

#### **VISION :**

MCFVH not only dreams of building a barrier free society for people with disability, but it also dreams of a dignified, self-sufficient and respectable life for the disadvantaged, irrespective of their laggings. It dreams of a society which is free from all stigma for persons with disability and people realize the potentiality of each individual and take an inclusive approach towards development.

#### **MISSION :**

To dedicate itself as a facilitator of social development through participatory process of awareness generation, advocacy and need based intervention with due emphasis on the vulnerability of persons with disabilities with out any discrimination. The organization has a special focus towards the upliftment of visually challenged persons in the field of education, vocational training, rehabilitation, aid and advocacy, public awareness and empowerment.

## FOCUS OF AREA :

The overall activities of the organization emphasized on the following areas: Empowerment of Disabilities, Youth Development, Young Entrepreneurship, Women Empowerment, Vocational Training, Poverty Alleviation, Education, Legal Advocacy, Awareness, Human resource development, Promotion and Implementation of assistive Technology, Socio-Economic Rehabilitation, Promotion of culture and Sports.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND MAJOR ACTIVITIES :

Since its inception, this organization has been running for 10 years with the following activities. :-

**1. Digital Talking Book Center :** Since July 2006 the organization has been providing talking books in Digitized Audio format covering the text and reference books and journals and current affairs starting from class 8th to post graduate and above. Almost all district of Odisha has been covered under this project to enable the school and college going students to avail the study materials easily in accessible formats. . Near about 500 beneficiaries through out Odisha depend up on this project each year.



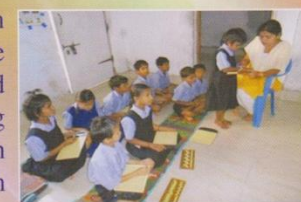
**2. Braille Library and Information Resource :** Since 2007 the organization has developed a small Library and Resource room to provide necessary Braille books, Software, Assistive Devices and important documents related to job, scholarship and other govt. scheme.



**3. Computer training for Visually Impaired :** Since 2009 the organization has been providing free computer education as per the need of the modern society. The organization is providing continuously free computer education to visually impaired persons to make them employed and self employed in different sectors. Till now more than 200 visually challenged adult beneficiaries have been well acquainted with the use of computer in their higher study and placement.



**4. Milton Anglo School for Sightless :** Since 2009, for the first time in Odisha, the organization developed an English Model School to impart free and quality education with free residential accommodation for the blind children from the primary level. This school has the strength of educating more than 60 children in western mode according to the CBSE pattern currently up to 5th Standard but the aim of the school has to impart education up to 12th standard .



**5. B. Ed. (Special Education) VI :** In the Year 2012 the organization started the special teacher training programme in the field of Visually Impairment. Now this course is recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India which is a major initiative of the Foundation for providing quality education and develop human resource in the field of special education and also for the proper implementation of inclusive education.



**6. Skill Enhancement programme :** This is an annual summer training programme organized by the foundation each year. This is an innovative programme was started for the first time in Odisha in the year 2010 with the objective of enabling the visually impaired youth to keep pace with the present social changes. Minimum 30 college going students take part from different districts of Odisha with free accommodation of lodging and boarding facilities. During the said programme, the trainees are imparted basic computer application, Communication skill, personality development, Job orientation etc. With in the four years of initiative of the SEP more than 100 students has been benefited by this programme.



**7. Educational Equipment and Scholarship Assistants :** In the year 2009 the foundation took initiative to mobilize funds for providing the financial assistance to poor and marginalized visually impaired students who lack privilege to enroll in higher education due to financial crisis of their family. Each year selected 15 students avail at least Rs. 1000/- as merit scholarship to help them in their study. Not only the financial assistance but also the study equipments and assistive devices are provided with free of cost mobilized from philanthropic people and clubs. Till today 76 students have got the benefit of scholarship and 64 students have been provided Assistive devices.



**8. Advocacy & Awareness Programme :** This foundation is also running an Advocacy Cell. This Cell helps the blind persons in solving various problems created due to the non implementation of different policy provisions. This foundation coordinates with the government institutions for the proper implementation of the provisions and policies for the Persons with disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 in the state. With the help of this cell, this foundation also works to protect the rights of the visually impaired community through regular coordination and meetings with the government administration, organizing various awareness programmes, rallies and seminars regarding various issues in the field of education, employment & social security in different places of Odisha throughout the year. We always believe in “disability is not a curse but a challenge to face the hardest reality of life”. Hence, we some dedicated visually impaired persons have come forward to fight for the rights of our fellow brothers and sisters who are merely the victims of the lackadaisical approach of the Government of Odisha.



**9. Cultural Activities :** Besides education and training, developing the cultural activities is also an indispensable part of the human life. In spite of busy life each and every human being wants to get relaxed by entertainment. Lack of employment opportunity and awareness also caused to develop such activities. It is vary important for the visually impaired persons to exhibit their inherent quality in the field of culture. To enhance the cultural activities of the visually impaired and to make them self reliant, this organization formed a musical group in 2009 named “Milton Musical Troop” taking 15 blind boys and girls. This group organizes cultural shows in different places of Odisha throughout the year.



### AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS :

The Founder cum General Secretary of this organization has received following award and recognition for the excellent contribution towards youth development and empowerment of disabilities in National and International level.

#### CAVIN CARE ABILITY AWARD FOR EMINENCE 2013.



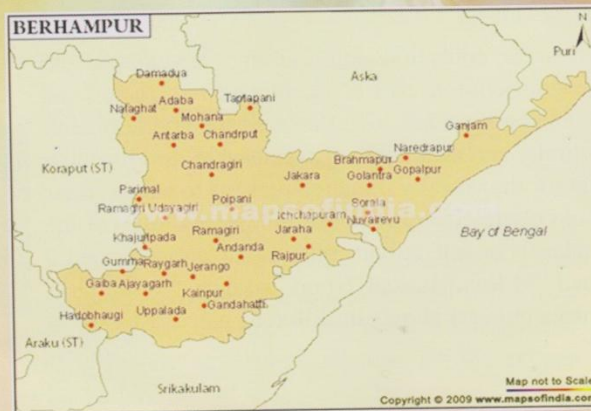
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#### COMMON WEALTH YOUTH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENT WORK 2013.



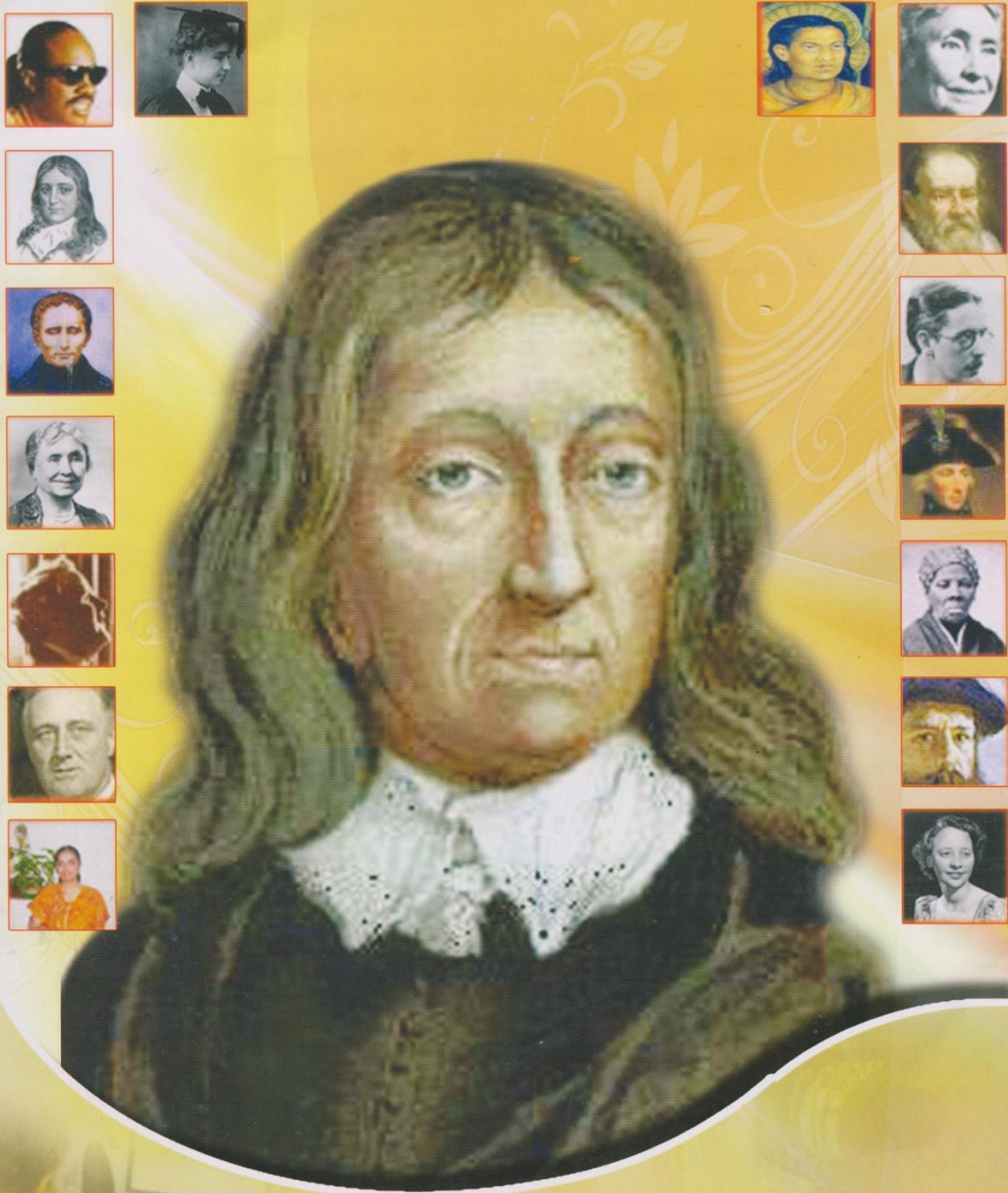
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**Geographical Area :** Berhampur, Odisha is a significant city in the whole of Indian continent. It can also be spelt as Brahmapur. It is one of the ancient most and also the largest city of Odisha. To all the people of the country, it is popularly known as the Silk City due to its treasures of silk, exquisite temples and also the commercial capital of the city. Before venturing into the city, it becomes inevitable on the part of a tourist enthusiast to get acquainted with geography of Berhampur, Odisha. It lies in the east coast line of the state. Berhampur lies approximately at 19.32°N and 84.78°E. It rises to height of 27 meters or 88 feet above the mean sea level.



## Major Donor & Networking Agencies

1. Indian Red Cross Society.
2. Microleasing & Funding Ltd.
3. Sitaram Jindal Foundation.
4. Rotary Club Silk City, Berhampur.
5. Rehabilitation Council Of India, New Delhi.
6. Guide Star India, Mumbai.
7. EnAble India, Bangalore.
8. Global Giving Foundation , USA
9. Global Hand, Hong Kong
10. Ability Foundation, Chennai
11. Common Wealth Youth Affairs, UK
12. Samhita Social Venture, Mumbai
13. Nasscom Foundation, New Delhi



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