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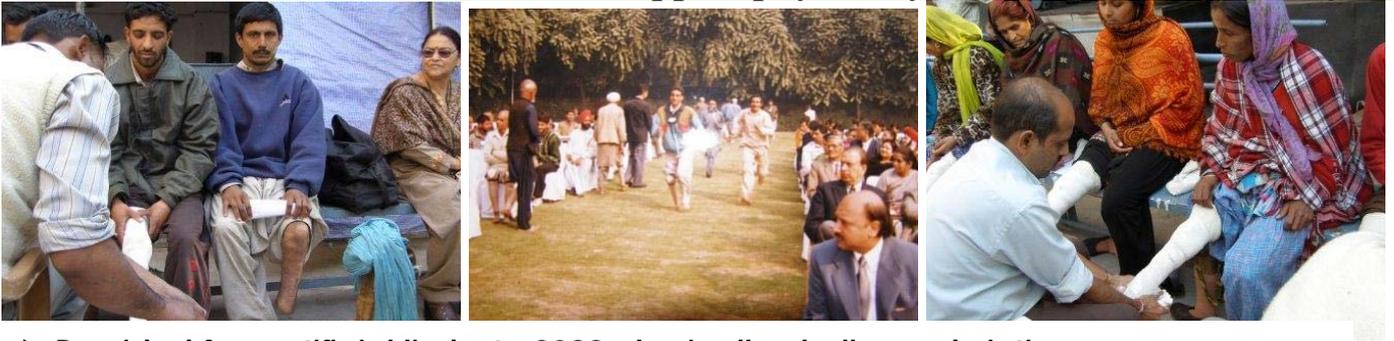
This year it was proposed that the artificial limbs free fitment camp should be organized in Poonch itself. For this project the necessary liaison with Jaipur Foot and Poonch Garrisons was carried out at length. The dates designated for the camp by Jaipur Foot manufacturing unit are 20th Nov 2008 till 27th Nov 2008 at Pritam Spiritual Foundation artificial limbs repairing center, Poonch.

This camp is sponsored by 93 Infantry Brigade under the banner of SADBHAVNA where by we'll be able to provide 100 new artificial limbs, six tri-cycles and wheel chairs, 20 hearing aides and 10 clippers to polio affected individuals of the area. Moreover the boarding and lodging of the patients as well as technicians is also arranged locally at Poonch.

We surveyed the entire district of Poonch, conducted screening and identified the genuine needy people. Highest priority is being given to newly identified patients.

Thank you
Prof. Jagbir Singh Sudan

Our dedicated activities to support physically challenged people



- Provided free artificial limbs to 3089 physically challenged victims.
- Completed more than 1262 cataract operations free of cost.
- Arranged 25 marriages of orphan girls.
- Scholarships to poor/orphan students for Primary, Middle, Secondary and College level studies.
- Repaired 310 limbs at the artificial limbs repairing centre.
- Provided 1360 crutches, 409 polio clippers, 304 hearing aids, 163 sewing machines, 121 tri-cycles, 89 wheel chairs, 63 orthopedic shoes to physically challenged people.

Trust was established through inspiration of Sardar Pritam Singh



Sardar Pritam Singh was born at village Nangali Saheb, a former pilgrimage center in the erstwhile state of Poonch in 1914 A.D. He was eldest of three sons born to S.Ganga Singh and he himself was blessed with five sons. He was a true devotee of Dera Nangali sahib and a close friend of Sain Allahi Baksh Sahib. He was also closely associated with Swami Shankara Nand ji of Dashnami Akhara. He truly respected all religious shrines of erstwhile state of Poonch.

He successfully skilled himself in different fields like motor mechanism, electrical works and gun making. Under the guidamnce of his uncle Bhai Sohan Singh of Lahore, he invented a number of new techniques in the gun making industry and achieved distinction in all the disciplines.

In one of the maior exhibitions held at Parade Ground, Jammu during 1959, he was awarded first class medal in gun making for the invention of an exclusive 12 bore gun which he named as,"INDICATOR GUN".

He also prepared ROOHANI ALLAH during 1937 and successfully operated, which is still in perfect working order.The Dogra rulers of Poonch state had acknowledged his craftsmanship. He left this mortal world on 7th Oct 1969.

Trust organised 25th orphan marriage

Trust recently organized complete marriage ceremony of an orphan girl,Talvinder at Dera Santpura, Nangali Saheb.

This was 25th marriage, organized by Trust where-in every event was celebrated according to local traditions including Mehandi, Ladies Sangeet, Barat and reception. Active engagement of several Trust members touched the feelings of bride immensely and Talvinder even said, "Who says that I am deprived of parental love. Today Trust has not only given me Jagbeer ji as my father, Mrs. Jasbeer ji as mother but also gave me brothers, sisters, uncles and aunties who all love me a lot and always stand by me in hard times."

The bride Talwinder was born to a sikh family in a border village Drharti, KG, Poonch. Her father Sardar Gurbax Singh expired in her very early years. Several years back she came to this orphanage in POONCH, with her sister. She has been an inmate of Nari Niketen in Poonch where-in she studied till 10th class. The marriage of her elder sister was also organized earlier by the Trust.

Bridegroom is a sikh gentleman and he volunteered to marry her without dowry. His parents also felt very proud of him while honouring his decision to marry an orphan girl. All traditional functions were organized very successfully and this marriage has been a great success.

Trust provided scholarships to 20 needy children

Trust has been giving scholarships every year to needy children to continue their studies and motivate them to excel in studies and overall performance. The students are selected every year based upon sole criterion of financial health of parents and family without any consideration of caste or creed. Trust conducts this survey every year in all schools of Poonch District and then identifies genuine students in different categories.

Finance for these scholarships is provided by Mr. Yogesh Vaid in the memory of his Father, grand parents and great grand parents.

This year trust identified 5 students in primary and middle classes, 10 students in secondary and higher secondary classes and 5 students in college. We have already provided students scholarships of Rs.19,000 this year for tuition fees and Rs.10,000 more will be distributed soon during this camp in Nov 2008.

Trust asks all these students to study well and pass examinations in 1st division. We also ask students to show us the results and ensure that scholarships are correctly utilized by all students.

This newsletter is a forum for all of us to come together and keep in touch. GURPREM will bring us closer. You can contact:

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