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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We had been taking handicapped with us to Delhi and organizing camps there every year so as to provide them tailor made artificial limbs according to their individual measurements and requirements. This required three days for handicapped to travel from Poonch to Delhi and similarly three days for return journey from Delhi to Poonch. While we were doing everything feasible to make their travel comfortable, yet the tough terrain of 240 kms in mountains, further 650 kms from Jammu to Delhi as well as 3 days of sitting in buses has been extremely tough for poor people. Besides several old people, women and children could not travel with us and hence remained deprived of artificial limbs. Therefore we have been feeling an urgent need to bring technicians and their machines to Poonch and organize camp so that every needy person can be provided artificial limb here itself. Accordingly Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti listened to our request and agreed to send their technicians here.

Trust you'll like to know more about this camp and hence we are dedicating this newsletter for handicapped camp in Poonch during Nov'08.

Thank you

Prof. Jagbir Singh Sudan

FIRST MAJOR CAMP IN POONCH REGION



This camp was sponsored by 93 Infantry Brigade Poonch and its unit-6 Kumaon people worked with us day and night to ensure this camp becomes a success. Viklang Samiti provided its technicians and materials upon our request at a very subsidized price of Rs.165,000.

Camp was inaugurated by GOC-25 Infantry Division major General and Mrs. Bhatia on 21st Nov. Deputy Commissioner; Poonch Mr.Afzal Bhatt graced the occasion. Several other dignitaries were also present.

Trust also organized boarding and lodging for all handicapped at its Artificial Limbs Repairing Center, Poonch. Every person was provided all meals.



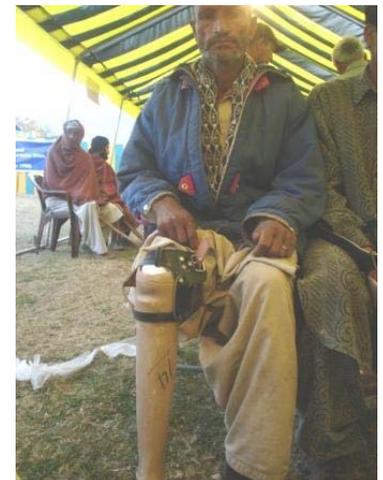
This was the first major camp in Poonch region. A similar attempt was made in Nov 1992 in Poonch at much smaller scale. This was an unprecedented effort which delivered complete satisfaction to even all those handicapped, who could not travel for six days to join camps in Delhi.

During this camp we brought handicapped from all 3 tehsils of distt. Poonch. Your support resulted in providing artificial limbs to 102 handicapped people, 3 tri-cycles, 10 wheel-chairs, 28 hearing aids, 50 crutches, 17 calipers and orthopedic shoes.



People came from several remote villages near line of Control between India and Pakistan. Some of these villages had no motor able road and handicapped had to walk few miles to reach the nearest road, where-in 93 Infantry Brigade organized their pick-up and brought them to Limbs Repairing Center in Poonch.

Every handicapped was registered, medically examined and then measurements were taken for their limbs. Appropriate limb was manufactured. Moral support and coaching for walking with limbs was very appreciated by all people since it is not just a limb, but learning its proper usage through polite and patient words of voluntary Trust workers made beneficiaries very satisfied.



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

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