



# GURPREM

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is that time of the year when we are going from one border village to another to identify the people who have become victims of land-mine blasts and militancy in the recent past. All efforts are being made to survey these villages and hence provide artificial limbs to all genuine people in need. We are in the process of organizing a camp for physically challenged people during November 2009.

We have recently constructed a two room set at our Artificial Limbs Repairing Center so as to organize overnight stay for all beneficiaries who come from distant remote border villages. Also during last few months road work has also completed so that now even old people can meet their long unfulfilled desire to visit Sain Allahi Baksh Saheb's zyarat at Batallkote, Loran.

Thank you  
Prof. Jagbir Singh Sudan

## Two room set at our Artificial Limbs Repairing Center in Poonch



Exterior



Interior



We arranged night stay for all physically challenged people last year in temporary constructed dormitory. This could hardly save them from rain and severe cold. It has been very difficult for them. Therefore we have recently constructed two dormitories – one on the ground floor and another on first floor. Dormitory on the ground floor is also being used during day time to display different charitable activities of our Trust.

We have also constructed a kitchen where-in meals are being prepared these days for physically challenged people.

Construction of the road till Ziarat has been a dream come true. This has been an extremely tough challenge due to lack of infrastructure, severe cold conditions and serpentine steep hills. Many old people in the past could not come till Ziarat as it used to take minimum three hours of trekking from last motorable point till Ziarat. This approach road has been constructed under the aegis of elected National Conference MLA Mr. Ejaz Jaan of Poonch Haveli Constituency. Also as a chairman of Ziarat Committee, Mr. Jaan constructed accommodation for visiting people besides initiating several other projects.



*Road work in progress*



*People carrying cement*



*Road work in progress*

Trust has also organized marriages of five orphan girls during 2009. Gulab Jaan lost her left leg in a landmine blast while going in the field in early morning to graze her cattle. Trust provided her artificial leg as well as organized her marriage.



*Getting To know the locals*



*Mrs. Jasbeer, Gulab Jaan & her husband*



*Supporting blind children*

Our rehabilitation center is considered as a great landmark in Poonch as people trained here have been repairing limbs with full dedication. 511 physically challenged people have been benefitted during last 9 months. Because of steep hills, artificial feet and legs can not withstand pressures for very long time. We have observed that every artificial limb needs repairs up to two times in a year. Here we repair artificial foot, grind these to appropriate dimensions suiting the beneficiary, replace belts and similarly complete different repairing activities.



*Artificial limbs*



*Grinding artificial leg*

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