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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We discussed in September newsletter that we had been going from one village to another near Line of Control so as to identify those unfortunate people, who have lost their limbs and hence now need artificial limbs.

Today I am very proud to say that because of our joint efforts, we could identify and bring these physically challenged people to our Rehabilitation Center and could organize a camp for them. We organized this camp in November through very dedicated support from Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur. A team of trained technicians took measurements for every physically challenged person and appropriately prepared an artificial limb for his/her affected limbs. The camp was sponsored by 93 Infantry Brigade under their project, called SADBHAWNA which means 'true feelings' in the literal sense of the word and with this sincere effort we could conduct the camp successfully. 17 Rajput Battalion supported us for this noble cause.

We organized boarding for all beneficiaries at the newly constructed dormitories in Artificial Limbs Repairing Center Complex and provided them with freshly cooked meals every day during the seven days long camp. The kitchen was always functional and we ensured that each beneficiary was treated well and was given counselling whenever needed.

In this newsletter, we are taking you through some highlights of the recent camp.
God Bless you all.
Prof. Jagbir Singh Sudan

The Camp in progress

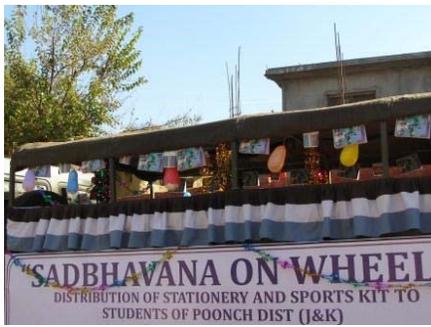


During this camp we also had five old hearing-impaired people and organized hearing aids for them. The old lady in picture could listen after twenty three months.

We also had five children who could not walk at all. The small child from Udhampur in picture could not balance his body since childhood. He could not even sit on his own and has been confined to the mother's lap since birth. The smile on child's face made the day brighter for all the physically challenged people in the camp.



Jagbir ji with Brig. Sinha



Distribution of stationery and sports kits



Girls praying to God to seek strength for physically challenged people

The camp was inaugurated by Brig. Sinha of 93 Infantry Brigade. Brigadier Sinha took this noble cause as a personal passion and not just as a mere formality. He met personally every physically challenged person and encouraged everybody with his noble thoughts to stand up once again and be self dependent. Brig Sinha also sent a bus load of stationery and sports kits for students. These students have been shortlisted based on their merits, interest and financial health. In the beginning of camp, girls from Poonch Higher Secondary School touched every body's heart when they sang three songs in chorus and prayed to God to give enough strength to every body that we can stand on our own.



Measurements are taken to prepare Specifically moulded limb for perfect fitment



Affected part of the leg is covered with socks so that moulded leg can fit in properly without causing any pain



Moulded limb is fitted on the affected limb after same is completely covered with good quality socks.

The beneficiaries included women, children and old people from different religions and castes. They came from..... Everybody was also given a blanket to take back home . In this camp seventy three people were benefitted. Sixty six people were provided with artificial legs, two people with polio clippers, five hearing aids, five wheel chairs and one tri-cycle.



Jagbeer Ji with beneficiaries from Balakot before sending them off.



Mrs. Jasbeer Kaur distributing shawls and blankets



Distribution of shawls and blankets

This camp has been a great source of inspiration to several people in and around Poonch about how a small vision twenty years back with zero infrastructure can be transformed into a reality which has already provided 334 artificial limbs, repaired 543 limbs, organized 35 orphan marriages and 1273 cataract operations.

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

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