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From the President's desk:

I would like to share the good news with you that not only did we have a camp in December 2006 for the handicapped which was very successful but we also conducted another camp in Feb'07.

The December camp benefited 60 people. They were selected from 35 remote villages of distt Poonch and Rajouri and the beneficiaries were victims of militancy, cross border firing, mines and October 2005 earthquake. Among the 60 handicapped, 18 were children including 13 girls.

February camp was organized in BG (Bhimber Gali) and this benefited 245 people.

With your co-operation, we are marching steadily towards our objective to reinstate self-confidence in the handicapped and to give them a new lease of life.

I look forward to the support of all who also believe in our cause. Government has acknowledged our efforts and has allowed all donations to be exempted under section 80G of Income Tax Act.

Thank you

Prof. Jagbir Singh Sudan

Highlights of Handicapped camp Dec 2006 (from 20th Dec'06 to 7th Jan'07)



Shahnaz with father and Samina with Kanta ji

Samina Kossar is a very innocent girl of just 7 years. She lost her leg in a bus accident where-in she was hit by a bus and then run over. Her father has been very worried for he had no source of income so as to provide his daughter with an artificial limb. Fortunately, the president of the foundation – Prof. Jagbir Singh Sudan, came looking to his village for individuals that would benefit from the activities of the foundation. Next they knew, Samina and her father had been brought to Delhi with others in order to get Samina an artificial leg so she may lead a close to normal life. Yesterday Samina walked for the first time in 2 years and was rather thrilled and emotional about it.

Another emotional case has been that of Shahnaz Akhtar. Shahnaz is 8 years old and lost her leg during the recent earthquake when a wall in her house fell on her leg cutting it from just above the knee. Her father could not afford an artificial leg for Shahnaz for his income was a mere 250 rupees a month. Three months ago, the foundation approached her father as part of a survey and convinced him to put faith in them so they could help his daughter get an artificial leg. Shahnaz smiled after many months yesterday when she could walk again.



Ramesh undergoing treatment



Ramesh with Sharang

Ramesh is a 7 years old child whose one leg has been affected by Polio. Ramesh's parents had been visiting many doctors within their limited physical and financial reach and had almost lost all hopes. Trust organised complete medical attention from the renowned doctors of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and also under supervision of doctors at Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Society, provided him with an orthopedic foot. Ramesh and his parents reached home with a hope for brighter future. Trust will continue to look after Ramesh.

Mohammad Safir lost his ability to walk when he became the victim of militancy in a bomb blast. To save him, Safir's father covered him with his own body and lost his life on the spot. During the attack Safir got 7 bullet wounds in his stomach which is now a criss cross of stitches. He also lost his right arm and left leg. With strong willpower and dedicated services from Pritam Spiritual Foundation, once again hope has been generated and enthusiasm for life has returned on this innocent survivor. Mohammad Safir is now very happy and is looking forward to walking those three kilometers on the mountains to get to school because now he can.



Mohd. Safir, in yellow shirt, seen with his campmates, who were all given an artificial arm of appropriate dimensions.

According to the need of each individual, an artificial leg of appropriate dimensions was prepared and provided.

This has been a real heart breaking scene and many people could not have courage enough to see the hardships these handicapped are going through.



Measurement of limbs



Renewed hope

This Shahpur resident, after he lost his legs in similar unfortunate incident, had lost all hopes to walk ever again in his life. Not only getting artificial legs fitting to his measurements was a dream beyond his imagination, but also visiting Delhi and being to the ziarat of Hazrat Nizamuddin Saheb was never even thought by him. It was difficult for him to walk with both artificial legs, but continuous training has helped him to walk again.

After fitment of artificial limbs, all handicapped were taken to see different historical, religious and important places. People went to religious places of different religions like ziarat of Hazrat Nizamuddin Saheb, Jama Masjid, Birla Mandir, Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Saheb and Gurudwara Bangla Saheb. This photograph was taken at India Gate soon after all handicapped enjoyed a dance by male and female monkey.



Visit to historical places

The process of collection of these individuals from their remote border villages was started by Pritam Spiritual Foundation on 20th December 2006. After two stop-overs on the way for their comfort, these individuals were brought into Delhi on 24th December 2006. The camp was officially inaugurated on the 25th of December 2006 and completed with co-ordinated services in collaboration with Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti. These individuals went to Gurudwara Rakabganj Saheb and Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia's mazaar to convey their thanks to God. There was a concluding function on 2nd of Jan 2007 at Shankar road where in many dignitaries from civil and army attended the concluding function and appreciated the tremendous work done by the Pritam Trust. They started their return journey on 3rd January 2007.



Last evening in Delhi

A reception was hosted at Chandigarh on 5th Jan to honour the beneficiaries at Chandigarh by the chairperson of Hari Singh Memorial Educational Society where Government officials including the authorities from Red Cross participated and also appreciated the field work of Pritam Trust.

Trust ensured their safe return back to their homes in the remote border villages by 7th January 2007.

Highlights of Handicapped camp Feb 2007 (from 20th Feb'07 to 25th Feb'07)



Trust president Jagbir Singh ji is over viewing the welfare of handicapped along with army officials.

In Feb 2007 another handicap fitment camp was organized with the assistance of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Delhi and BMVSS, New Delhi in which 245 persons from the distt Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur benefited. The Commander of 120 infantry brigade extended full support in organizing this big camp. Among the 245 handicapped, 96 were provided with the new limbs and remaining were given appliances and traveling concession during the camp. This was organized in Hamirpur, BG from 20th to 25th Feb.

245 handicapped included many ladies and children during this camp.



Handicapped were collected from different remote border villages. Group consisted of Muslims, Hindus, and few Sikhs and Christians.

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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