

STEPS AHEAD

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM



The new financial year has dawned and we look forward to reaching out to more and more persons with handicap in the rural areas, through our flagship project WALK INDIA, and GVP [Gram Vikalang Punarjanmam]. WALK INDIA focuses on providing artificial limbs while GVP distributes all other mobility aids and calipers. Yet another acronym you might come across in the newsletter is SOFT which stands for Supporters Of Freedom Trust, which means all of you good souls who are enabling us to give those appliances that set free so many of those persons with disability who are languishing without means to mobility

Dr. S. Sunder (Founder & Managing Trustee)

It gives me great pleasure to share a few thoughts in this 3rd edition of our monthly newsletter from Freedom Trust- aptly named, 'STEPS AHEAD'.

We have concluded a very busy last quarter on the heels of a satisfying 2022-2023. A snapshot of some of our achievements for 2022-23 include, reaching **1536** beneficiaries (**1243** through Walk India and **293** through GVP) through camps across the country. Camps were conducted in Andhra Pradesh (Kakinada), Karnataka (Sargur and Puttur) Orissa (Bhubaneshwar), Goa, Maharashtra (Shrirampur), Kerala (Vandiperiyar, Idukki) apart from many towns in Tamil Nadu.

These camps would not have been possible without our donors and we thank them for their unflagging support to reach out to so many differently abled persons needing help. We are also excited to collaborate with new donors this year to further our cause.. Another crucial partner for Freedom Trust is the team of prosthetic technicians who constantly support our team, enthusiastically and tirelessly, in conducting camps, despite back to back camps on many occasions.

I thank our dedicated team, who have risen to the occasion by not only meeting their targets but also adhering to our well defined systems and processes.

We are finalizing our 2023-24 plans with the aim of reaching more beneficiaries directly through existing local partners and through a new mobile app. We are looking forward to using this new tool to transform the lives of many more persons in need, across the country.

Ravi Ayyangar (Honorary Advisor)



ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH

On 10th Mar 2023, a Walk India distribution held at Theni, TN sponsored by Kaleesuvari Foundation to distribute 162 limbs for 159 beneficiaries. Thanks to Mrs. Lakshmi Priya.R (HR Manager - Kaleesuvari Refinery & Industry Pvt.Ltd) to donate limbs. Thanks to Mr. Srinivasan DDAWO - Theni for providing local support. From Freedom Trust, Sankaran and Ravi Ayyangar attended the camp.



On 12th Mar 2023, a Walk India assessment camp held at Kanchipuram, TN sponsored by Iljin Automotive Pvt. Ltd for 53 beneficiaries. Mr. C.S Rajan Vice President Iljin attended the camp along with J. Vinayagam Inspector of Police.



From Freedom Trust, Ravi Ayyangar and Sumathiyer attended the camp

Walk India distribution camp held at Cuddalore on 18th Mar for 154 beneficiaries sponsored Cavinkare and Thiru K Balasubramaniam District Collector was one of the guest of honor.

Ms Amudhavalli Ranganathan, Director of Cavinkare Pvt, Ltd and Exec Director of CK Group of Educational Institutions attended and distributed the limbs along with Ms Usha Guru, Director of HEPL and Mrs. Geetha from Cavinkare Chennai. Dr Sundar, S Hariharan and Usha Bhardwaj attended from Freedom Trust.





On 19th Mar 2023, a Walk India distribution camp held at Chennai, sponsored by Stanely Medical College - 1985 Alumni Association for 10 beneficiaries a team of doctor's group from 1985 batch attend along with Dr Sundar and Mrs Usha Bharadwaj from Freedom Trust



On 26th Mar 2023, a GVP distribution held at Kodaikanal, TN sponsored by Hyundai Transys Lear Automotive India Pvt.Ltd for 62 beneficiaries. Mr Vinayagam and Prakash attended from the sponsors and Srinivsan DDAWO Dindigul along with Rev. David Pon Pandian (CSI Rehab Center). Mrs Usha Bhardwaj attended from Freedom Trust

On 26th Mar 2023, a Walk India distribution camp held at Kakinada, AP sponsored by Kaleesuvari Foundation for 72 beneficiaries.

Mr. B. Ramanjanyelu, Mr. K. Ravi and Mr. Laxman Kumar from the Kaleesuvari group distributed the limbs to beneficiaries. Ravi Ayyangar from Freedom Trust and Y D Ramarao Garu Chair Person – Red Cross Society Kakinada also present during the camp



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 11th Apr : Freedom Trust Office, Chennai - Walk India assessment for 5 beneficiaries - Sponsor Inner Wheel Club
- 15th Apr : Nadupazhani, TN – GVP assessment for approx. 100 beneficiaries - Sponsor Mr. Hariharan & M/s Polaris Banyan Holding Private Limited.
- 19th Apr (Tentative): Kanchipuram, TN - Walk India assessment for approx. 70 beneficiaries - Sponsor ILJIN Automotive Pvt Ltd

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