



STEPS AHEAD

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Editors Desk



P S Prasad

I am happy to release the Monthly newsletter **September 2025- 'STEPS AHEAD'**,

Wishing you all a Happy Diwali

I hope all of you liked the last months edition of our News Letter. Look forward to your feedback on adding content to our news letter and also look forward to your participation with your content .

August was a cracker of a month a precursor for the Upcoming Diwali .2 big camps at Theni and Kovilpatti .Both the camps were supported well by the local partners .

Please do write to us at **prasad@freedomtrustchennai.org** for any feedback and suggestions or to add any other sections that would benefit all of us .Happy Reading

Voice of the Trustee

Dear Friends,

As the festival of Diwali brings joy into our homes and hearts this month, I send you my warmest wishes for joy, prosperity, and light, with renewed hope and happiness to you and your families.

At Freedom Trust, we are energized by this festive spirit and remain deeply committed to our mission. We are continuing our good work to empower individuals with disabilities, striving every day to help them lead fulfilling and independent lives. Your support is the light that guides our efforts, and we are grateful for your unwavering belief in our cause.



Dr Sunder
Managing Trustee

I also want to take this opportunity to specially thank Mr. Prasad for his dedication and excellent work in producing our latest issue of the newsletter, STEPS AHEAD. It is an invaluable platform that allows us to share our progress, celebrate our beneficiaries' achievements, and keep you all informed about the impact we are making together.

Thank you once again for being a vital part of the Freedom Trust family.

Wishing you a very Happy Diwali!

Dr Sunder





Government schemes for disabled persons in India include the ADIP Scheme for procuring assistive devices, the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme for monthly financial assistance to the poor, and programs by the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC), like the Divyangjan Swavalamban Yojana for income generation. Other initiatives include educational support and schemes for specific aids and appliances, aiming to promote physical, social, and economic rehabilitation for individuals with disabilities.

Financial & Livelihood Schemes

- Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS):

A monthly pension is provided to disabled individuals below the poverty line, with contributions from both the central and state governments.

- Divyangjan Swavalamban Yojana:

This NDFDC scheme offers concessional loans for income-generating activities to help persons with disabilities become self-reliant, as noted by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD).

- Vishesh Microfinance Yojana (VMY):

NDFDC also provides need-based microfinance at reasonable interest rates to help target groups and individuals pursue small business and development activities.



Assistive Devices & Rehabilitation

- Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase / Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP Scheme):

This long-standing scheme aims to provide durable and modern aids and appliances to persons with disabilities to improve their physical, social, and psychological rehabilitation, according to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD).

- Motorized Tricycles and Wheelchairs:

Subsidies are provided for motorized wheelchairs and tricycles to eligible individuals with severe mobility impairments, with limitations for those with mental impairments.

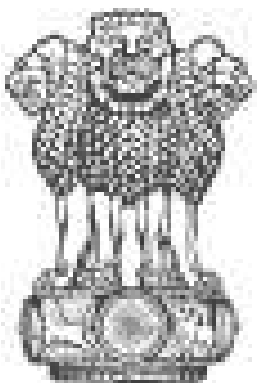
Educational & Skill Development

- National Fund for PwDs:

The fund offers scholarships and tuition fee reimbursement to disabled students, including those pursuing STEM subjects from classes 9 to 12.

- Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):

This scheme encourages voluntary action and supports projects for the welfare of persons with disabilities, as per the National Portal of India



Schemes for Differently abled from Govt Of Tamilnadu

2. Special education

S.No	Scheme
1	Scholarship (1st std to 8th std students) from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000
2	Scholarship (9th std to 12 std and ITI) Rs.4000
3.	Scholarship (Graduation and Post Graduation students) Rs.6000 to Rs.7000
4	Readers allowance to visually impaired persons (9th Std to Post Graduation) Rs.3000 to Rs.6000
5	Government of India scholarship (9th std to Ph.d Students) Rs.7000 to Rs.1,00,000/- to be apply by online.
6	Degree courses for the hearing impaired students B.Com and B.C.A. degree courses are run by presidency college , Chennai.
7	Assistance to law graduates Rs.50000 for purchase of books
8.	Salary grant to special educators and physiotherapist to the government recognized Special Schools after completion of 5 years of recognition.

3. Self-Employment Loan and Schemes for Differently Abled

S.No	Scheme
1	Unemployment allowance to the differently abled persons Rs.600 to Rs.1000 per month 18 years and after 1 year completion registration will be given Contact : Deputy Director, District Employment office, Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai, 600032 . Phone number 044-22500835
2	Self employment Three fourth subsidy and maximum off Rs.25000 recommended to nationalized banks up to 45 years.
3	Motorized sewing machines to Locomotor differently abled, Hearing impaired, Mild intellectual disabled and Parents of 75% severely affected intellectually disabled persons.
4	Without Interest Loan assistance from National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFD) through District Central co-operative bank, Chennai , Urban and Rural Cooperative Banks.
5	Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme (UYEGP) through District industrial centre. 30% subsidy given to the differently abled For more information : Genral Manager, District Industrial Centre, Chennai .
6	Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) through District Industrial centre, , Chennai . 30% to 40% subsidy given to the differently abled. For more information : Genral Manager, District Industrial Centre, Chennai .

Schemes for Differently abled from Govt Of Tamilnadu

. Educational And Employment Reservation

S.No	Scheme
1	5% Reservation in educational institutions and in employment
2	Financial assistance to differently abled persons to appear in main examination conducted by upsc / tnpSC Group-I
3	4% Reservation in government, government under taking and Govt. aided institutions

S.No	Scheme
1	Tricycle
2	Wheel chairs
3	Calipers and crutches
4	Artificial limbs
5	Modular artificial limbs
6	Special wheel chairs for cerebral palsied persons
7	Goggles
8	Retrofitted petrol scooters
9	Battery operated wheel chairs
10	Special spectacles in Black colour

G. Maintenance allowance

S.No	Scheme
1	Maintenance allowance to 40% and above Disability intellectual Differently Abled persons Rs. 1500/-
2	Maintenance allowance to 75% and above Severely affected Differently Abled persons Rs.1500/-
3	Maintenance allowance for persons affected 40% and above with muscular dystrophy Rs. 1500/-
4	Maintenance allowance for 40% and above leprosy cured persons Rs.1500/-
5	Maintenance allowance for 40% and above Disability Spinal cord injury persons , Multiple Sclerosis Parkinson's disease persons Rs.1500/-
6	Rs.1000/- Allowance to Guardians for Severly affected High Support need Person.
7.	Life certificate for All Maintenance grants scheme to produce in every year month of April



H. Marriage assistance

S.No	Scheme
1	Marriage assistance to normal persons marrying visually impaired persons
2	Marriage assistance to normal persons marrying locomotor differently abled persons
3	Marriage assistance to normal persons marrying Speech and Hearing impaired persons
4	Marriage assistance to differently abled persons marrying differently abled persons
	(for Degree /Diploma holders Rs.50000 cash and 8 Gm gold coins and others Rs.25000 cash and 8 gm gold coins)



Schemes for Differently abled from Govt Of Tamilnadu

J. Travel concession to the differently abled persons

S.No	Scheme
1	Free Travel Concession for Visually Impaired persons within the District District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Chennai
2	Free Travel Concession to differently abled persons from residence to schools , colleges and hospitals District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Chennai
3	75 % travel concession in state owned transport corporation , Mofussil buses National Identity Card Xerox to be handed over to the conductor at the time of travel.
4	75 % travel concession to severely affected persons with escort National Identity Card Xerox and escort medical certificate form to be handed over to the conductor at the time of travel.



L. Tamilnadu differently abled welfare board schemes

	Scheme
1	Accident death relief for differently abled up to Rs.100000.00
2	Accident relief causing disabilities up to Rs.25000.00
3	Financial assistance to meet the funeral expenses of a differently abled persons upto 17000.00
4	Scholarship to son and daughter of differently abled persons Rs 1000 to Rs.6000.00
5	Marriage Assistance Rs.2000.00
6	Assistance for delivery / miscarriage of pregnancy / termination of pregnancy to female differently abled person. up to Rs.6000.00
7	Reimbursement for purchase of spectacles for visually impaired persons Rs. 500



K. Other schemes

S.No	Scheme
1	Registration of complaints under persons with disabilities act, 2016
2	Rs.31250 subsidy for purchase of petrol scooters by the differently abled working women

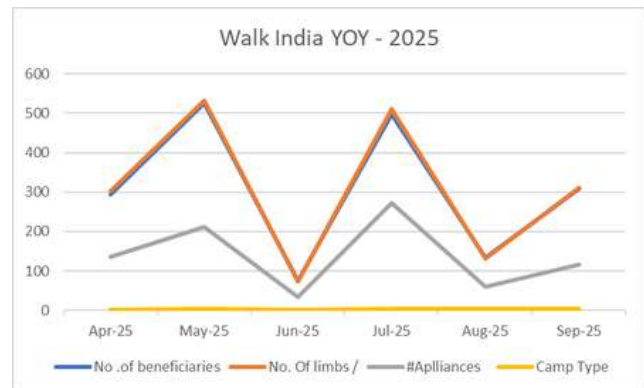
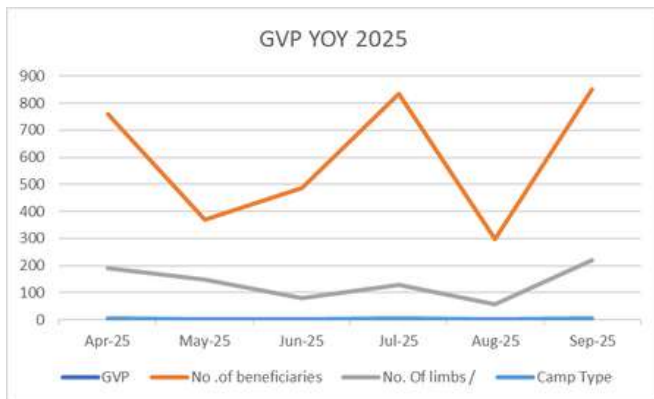
O. Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance scheme

S.No	Scheme
1	<p>Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance scheme upto Rs.5.00 lakhs No income limit for differently abled persons family and Health Insurance can be used for whole differently Abled persons family. Contact room no 114 , Collector campus, Salem</p> <p>Ration Card holders of Differently Abled person family can register and get Health Insurance Card</p> <p>Required Document</p> <p>1) Copy of National Disability Identity Card</p> <p>2) Copy of Family Ration Card (If having old Card and New Card)</p> <p>3) No need of Income Certificate</p>



Year To date Trends FY 2025 - 26

Particulars	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Grand Total
GVP							
No .of beneficiaries	758	368	486	834	296	850	3592
No. Of limbs /	189	149	80	129	56	218	821
#Appliances	832	323	572	1076	432	978	4213
Camp Type	4	3	1	6	3	5	22
Walk India	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Grand Total
No .of beneficiaries	295	525	74	498	133	309	1834
No. Of limbs /	302	532	73	511	131	311	1860
#Appliances	135	212	33	272	60	116	828
Camp Type	2	4	2	4	3	3	18
Total No .of beneficiaries	1053	893	560	1332	429	1159	5426
Total of No. Of limbs /	491	681	153	640	187	529	2681
Total of #Appliances	967	535	605	1348	492	1094	5041
Total of Camp	6	7	4	10	6	8	41



Particulars	Assessment	Distribution	Grand Total
GVP			
No .of beneficiaries	1550	1192	2742
No. Of limbs /	308	295	603
#Appliances	1867	1368	3235
Camp Type	9	8	17
Walk India			
No .of beneficiaries	652	873	1525
No. Of limbs /	659	890	1549
#Appliances	249	463	712
Camp Type	6	9	15
Total No .of beneficiaries	2202	2065	4267
Total of No. Of limbs /	967	1185	2152
Total of #Appliances	2116	1831	3947
Total of Camp	15	17	33

Activities of the Month

Lodge Ramprasad No 228 & My Race Timings -GVP - Distribution - Chengelpattu



DONORS FROM

Our first camp for the month was on 6 September 2025 at Chelgalpattu a small town near Chennai. Two CSR partners were involved in this distribution camp Lodge Ramprasad and also My Race Timings . Our local partner Samarg Siksha Abhyan supported this distribution camp effectively .A total of **69 Beneficiaries, 2 Limbs and 108 appliances** Members present were **Dr Sunder , Mrs Usha Bharadwaj , Mr VSB Sunder & Master Mohan Ram & Field officers**

69

2

108

Beneficiaries Limbs

Appliances





Vara Future LLP - GVP / Distribution -Theni

309

Beneficiaries

41

Limbs

393

Appliances

The Distribution camp was conducted at L S Mills Theni Tamilnadu, on 11.07.2025 from 12:00 Noon to 02:30pm. This camp was organised with 309 beneficiaries receiving 434 mobility aids. The devices distributed included customised prosthetic limbs, wheelchairs, and orthotic supports.

Vara Future LLP was represented by Mr. Elavendhan CSR branch head, the official representative of the CSR team. The camp was conducted in the esteemed presence of **Dr. Sneha Priya, IPS, SP of Theni district, Mrs Shanti Manivannan, JMD, L. S. Mills, Theni.**, Mr Sankaran Annasamy (Trustee, Freedom Trust) and Mr P. S. Prasad (Board Member, Freedom Trust). The local support provided by L S Mills was instrumental in the smooth execution of the camp, ensuring that the beneficiaries were attended to with care and precision.

The beneficiaries at this camp ranged from young children to elderly adults, each with unique mobility needs. The appliances were carefully fitted and adjusted to ensure they met the specific requirements of the individuals, enhancing their mobility and overall quality of life.

The camp was a massive undertaking, requiring meticulous planning and execution. The local support from **L S Mills** was once again pivotal in ensuring the success of the events. The camp saw a diverse group of beneficiaries, including children, adults, and the elderly, each with different degrees of mobility challenges. The appliances were carefully fitted, ensuring that each beneficiary could experience improved mobility and a better quality of life. Local partner provided Lunch & Refreshments.



Dream Runners Hexaware Marathon - DRHM ,- Walk India / Distribution - Theni



MR MANIVANNAN , CHIEF GUEST MR. RANJEETH SINGH IAS, DISTRICT COLLECTOR, THENI DISTRICT.

If day one at Theni LS Mills was exiting day two of our camp at LS Mills was even more exiting, , crowded and well managed with the support of the volunteers from the LS Mills team .



The highlight was the Chief Guest Mr. Ranjeeth Singh IAS, District collector, Theni district and Mr. S. Manivannan, CMD, L. S. Mills limited, Theni being there with us .Mr Ranjeet Singh spoke fluently in Tamil and was trying to understand how these are being conducted and also spoke to some of the beneficiaries encouraging them .Mr Manivannan the Managing Director LS Mills spoke high about the efforts taken by his team and also the local media for their support in getting such large number of beneficiaries

195

200

56

Beneficiaries Limbs Appliances

The camp was conducted on 12 September 2025 at LS Mills campus and had the presence Mr Lokabiraman Hexaware , Mr Rajiv Prasad & Mss Mythili Prasad from DHRM , Mr Prasad , Mr Sankaran Annasamy ,Mr Jagan from Freedom Trust .

This distribution camp benefited **195 beneficiaries, 200 limbs with 56 appliances**



VARA LLP / Dream Runners Hexaware Marathon LS Mills Distribution camp Pictures -Theni





The entire team of Freedom Trust moved to Kovilpatti after a real big camp at Theni for two days. It showed the motivation and strength of the team to keep going inspite of all the challenges. This camp also was large and was conducted on **14 September 2025** at the **National Engineering college Kovilpatti**.

The College and their staff have been of great support for all the camps in this region.



341

Beneficiaries

166

Limbs

319

Appliances



This camp benefitted 341 **beneficiaries with 166 limbs and 319 appliances.**

The members present were Mr Krishna Murthy KR National Engineering College Kovilpatti , Dr Sunder FT ,Field Officer Jagan from Freedom Trust Chennai

Rane Holdings Limited & Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited- GVP / Distribution - Trichy



Rane-Camp Nos

56

Beneficiaries

9

Limbs

62

Appliances

Two camps were conducted the same day at Trichy ,one for Rane and the other for BHEL Trichy . Both the camps were held on 16 September 2025 .Rane Holding Ltd was our CSR partner supported locally by our local partner Tiruchirappalli Multipurpose Social Service Society.

We had the presence of Mr Gayatri Mohan from Rane & Mrs Usha Bharadwaj from Freedom Trust .The camp benefitted 56 Beneficiaries with 9 Limbs and 62 appliances



BHEL-Camp Nos

75

Beneficiaries

0

Limbs

96

Appliances

The BHEL camp also was held on the same day 16 September 2025 supported by our local partner Tiruchirappalli Multipurpose Social Service Society.

The camp had the presence of Mr S Prabhakar ED ,Mrs Usha Bharadwaj Mr Deelipan & Mr Shaji

It benefitted 75 **beneficiaries with 96 appliances**

Hapag Lloyd Global Capability Center - Walk India - Distribution - Yavatmal & Wardha

One more dual camp was conducted on **20 September 2025** at two different locations ie **Yavatmal and Wardha**

This camp was successfully conducted benefitting **114 beneficiaries** , **111 limbs** with **60 appliances** .

Both these camps were at two different location close to 70 kms between them .The logistics were a challenge to the team as they had to complete both the camps on a single day .

Local partners for the camp were Mission Samridhi & GSMT

Mrs Sheetal Mukherjee , Mr Hemant Kamble, Mr Hariharan Sankaran

&

Mrs Geetanjali Singh , Mr Pravin Prabhakar Shedge, DR Sunder were present for the camp



114

Beneficiaries

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Limbs

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Appliances



Upcoming Activities



GVP / DISTRIBUTION

At Kovilpatti

Donor-Vara LLP

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Quote for the Month



“I used the people who were telling me that I couldn’t do this – to motivate me. I used their negativity to light my fire to keep going, use that, use that, use that negativity that you have in your life to make yourself better, because I guarantee you, guarantee you, you will win.
– Lizzie Velásquez activist, author, and YouTuber.

Voice of the Donor / Local Partner

Freedom Trust continues to demonstrate outstanding commitment to community welfare. The camp held on 11th and 12th September was a resounding success—reaching every corner of the villages and making a meaningful impact. Beneficiaries expressed genuine happiness and gratitude, reflecting the trust's dedication and efficiency. Truly commendable work by the entire Freedom Trust team!



MR. S. MANIVANNAN
MANAGING DIRECTOR LS
MILLS

Human Story

Human Story from our FT beneficiary

Revanth . P

- Was an athlete and a sports enthusiast before the accident
- Joined BCA @ Tagore College of Arts and Science from the 2016 - 2019 batch
- 2017 met with an accident during a train travel
- Works with Amazon
- Learnt the hard way to service computers and other electronic hardware
- He is a magician too . Learnt it on his own initially and later mentored by his Guru Mr Sudhakar .
- Freedom Trust has been supporting him for many years
- Has high regards for Freedom Trust and Mr Jayavelu - Sun orthotics.
- Other hobbies like Mimmicry , singing etc .



Human Story

A freak accident turned life upside down .But the will and determination and a planned path to recovery and life turned it all

Year **2017** a normal day goes to college by train .Unfortunately slips and falls on the platform and his legs get stuck between the train and the platform .Gruesome injury to his right leg and his knee cup on the left also gets badly damaged .

Though immediately admitted to the hospital and operated upon his right leg could not be saved .They had to operate on the same and amputate the same below his knee . The left was also operated upon to set right his knee cup .Though not fully cured they could salvage his left leg .

He was fully immobilised for about 6 months and was advised bed rest



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He is a magician
. Encourage him
by engaging him
for your events

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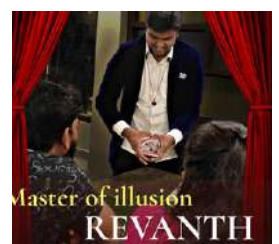
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He was introduced to Freedom Trust /Rotary by a well wisher

From then on he has been supported by Freedom trust for his limbs .He has planned his recovery so well honing different skill sets like magic show , hardware repairs , completing his graduation . Kudos to him for being such a fighter . We wish him all the very best .

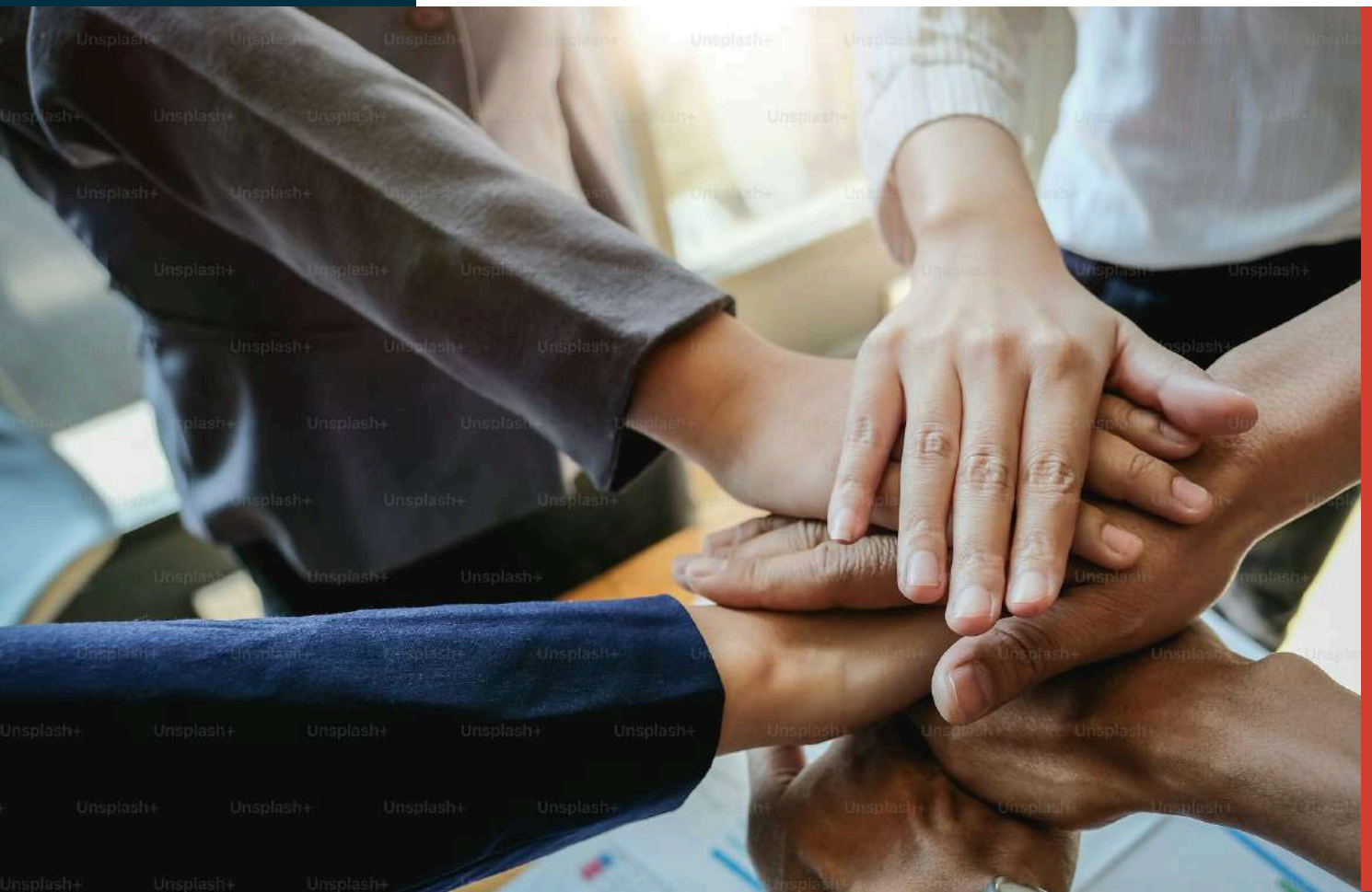
He is a happy man now with a new life and is able to stand on his own legs with mobility .

This is the joy of giving , helping others .All your contributions and donations mean a lot to many such lifes like this .



Our CSR Partners





Let's Work Together



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