

Message from Dr. S Sunder



As a trained professional in rehabilitation I realized over two decades ago that there was so much more I could do if I could harness the collective power of likeminded individuals around me. Thus was born Freedom trust, and over the years it has come to symbolize freedom from disability.

Over the last 23 years we have conducted camps for the physically disabled in remote areas of India. Our team has stayed in the torrid summer of Wardha and provided artificial limbs to the poor amputees of the Vidarbha region. We have reached out to the remote villages of Madhya Pradesh, and combed the villages of Goalpara region in Assam to provide mobility to the amputees there. Thus we have made a difference in over 25000 lives over the years. Our landmark **WALK INDIA** project, has enabled us to march into states like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telengana, has given us a national flavor.

The way ahead looks very promising. The Governor of Tamilnadu the Hon'ble Shri Banwarilal Purohitji has envisioned providing appliances throughout the state and has selected our trust to implement the project.

Our team which works day and night for our projects, our board of trustees and Supporters of Freedom trust are a bulwark of support for us. We renew our dedication to this cause.

Dr. S. Sunder
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FREEDOM TRUST



Foundation for the **Rehabilitation Education and Empowerment of the Disabled of Madras (FREEDOM TRUST)** was founded in the year 1997 to cater to the needs of the physically challenged in terms of their mobility and livelihood by Dr. Sunder, a renowned rehabilitation professional.

The main objective of the trust is to provide mobility aids like wheelchairs, tricycles, artificial limbs and orthoses to the rural physically challenged. Physically handicapped persons form the lion's share of the nearly 10 per cent handicapped people throughout the world. Over the years the foundation has distributed mobility aids and appliances to about **24,500** physically challenged and has conducted **630** rural camps across India.

Under its talent promotion "Sishupunarjanmam" scheme over 40 exceptionally talented special children (visually impaired, hearing & speech impaired) have been given scholarships and training.

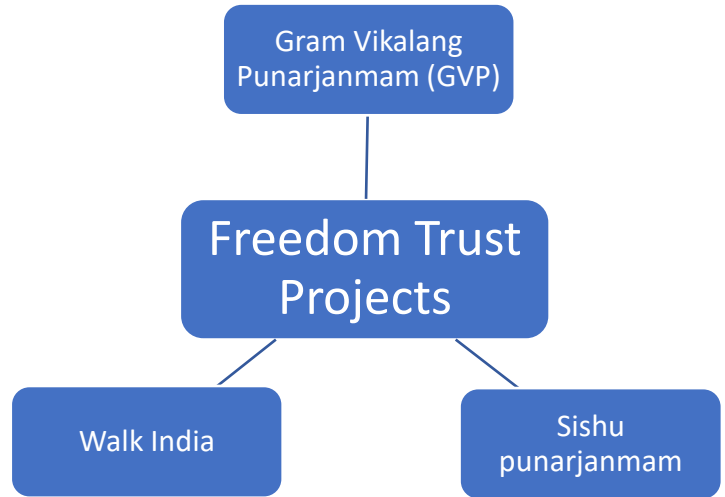
CONDITION OF PATIENTS IN RURAL AREAS

Persons with locomotor handicap need mobility aids to mainstream themselves in society. Some need wheelchairs, others need calipers, and some need artificial limbs. Those in rural areas cannot afford to come to the city or towns where qualified rehabilitation teams are situated.



Persons having Multiple Disabilities in camps at Indore [Madhyapradesh], Ramnad, [Tamilnadu], Hubli [Karnataka], and Chandrapur, Maharashtra

OUR PROJECTS



GRAM VIKALANG PUNARJANMAM (GVP)

Patients with residual polio or cerebral palsy need orthoses, or calipers, which are custom made appliances given to paralyzed or weak limbs fit to the patients, enabling them to walk erect. An orthosis is a mechanical device fitted to the body to maintain it in an anatomical or functional position. Each mobility aid is custom made to the beneficiaries and the process ensures fitment.

WALK INDIA

Freedom Trust conducts special camps for limb fitting at various towns and villages all over India and enable the amputees to walk with their newly fitted limbs. For this purpose, a mobile workshop donated by The Rotary Club Chennai Mambalam specially fitted with all equipment needed to manufacture limbs is used.

SISHUPUNARJANMAM

Sishupunarjanmam refers to giving a fresh lease of life to differently abled exceptionally talented children in the fields of music and arts. Launched in 2003, the project has enabled chosen students to establish a career for themselves in their respective fields. The scheme of providing scholarships and training has been so successful that five differently abled scholars have bagged the most creative individual award from the President of India given on the 3rd of Dec (World Disability Day) in the field of arts.

DISTRIBUTION



WALK INDIA



Distribution of the appliances is done at a function in the town or village where the measurements were taken. The appliances are given away free of cost to the respective beneficiaries. The function usually involves the sponsor for the camp, team from the trust, the local organizer and the beneficiaries for the camp.

SISHU PUNARJANMAM



Our pearls in Music - Nagaraj, Srilekha, Akshaya and Manoj on stage performing

VISUAL ART

Indrakumar, who is hearing and speech impaired, continues his tutelage under *Sri. Ramasuresh* and will be applying for the President's Award during the forthcoming year. He has won several prizes and accolades for himself during this year at several inter collegiate competitions in face painting and drawing.



Indrakumar receiving a special appreciation from the famous actor Mr. Kamalahasan

MUSIC FORUM



Dr. Sunder, Founder & Managing Trustee of Freedom Trust being an accomplished musician in the field of Carnatic Music has always been passionate in taking music to Schools.

With support from *Sri. R. Thyagarajan*, Chairman, Shriram Group of Companies, Freedom trust has been regularly organizing workshops in Music for School children in and around Tamilnadu. During the last decade several workshops and events were organized to take music to schools with an aim to preserve, propagate and archive several of our aspects related to Carnatic Music.

Over 1000 students attended our annual event at The Music Academy this year too which was held in the month of August 2019.

We would like to place in record our sincere thanks and appreciation to the partnering NGOs who have helped us immensely in gathering the beneficiaries, in organizing the camps and take care of the local hospitality. It would have been impossible to run the camps but for the dedicated help from these organizations.

A BIG THANK YOU.

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ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW 2019 – 2020

CAMPS AT A GLANCE

Total No of Limbs distributed	969
Total No of Walk India Camps	70
Total No of Gram Vikalang Punarjanmam beneficiaries	1064
Total No of GVP camps	60
Total No of Limbs distributed in Walk India since 2017	3618

