

PROJECT DEPENDENCE TO INDEPENDENCE



MAKING MUMBAI DISABILITY FREE



DISABILITY STATISTICS IN MUMBAI & THANE

Dear President,

Ratna Nidhi in association with the Rotary Club of Bombay Worli has launched **Project Dependence to Independence with a Mission to make Mumbai Disability Free.**

2.2% of India's population suffers from Disability. The problem is particularly advanced in India where a physical handicap can often bring fear, prejudice and worst of all, significantly reduced opportunities in education and the workforce because of the perception that such people are less efficient.

As per the Census of India 4,94,100 people suffer from Disability in the Mumbai and Thane belt. 52,969 individuals suffer from Movement Disability and 99,964 suffer from Hearing Disability.

Project Dependence to Independence seeks to combat physical disability in Mumbai. The project seeks to uplift people with physical disability by providing them with access to artificial mobility equipment's. Access to these mobility equipment's would further contribute to the social and economic empowerment of these individuals.

The inaugural event of the project was hosted at the Mayors Bungalow at Shivaji Park in Mumbai on $14^{\rm th}$ August, 2017. The event was attended by the following dignitaries:

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- Hon. Shri Vishwanath Mahadeshwar, Mayor of Mumbai (Chief Guest)
- Past Rotary International President Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee (Guest of Honor)
- District Governor Rotarian Praful Sharma, RI District.3141(Guest of Honor)
- Smt. Shubhadha Gudekar, Chairwoman, Education Committee
- Mr.V.Ramling, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India

69 Mobility aids were donated to 53 patients at the Mayors bungalow.













From Top Left: Past Rotary International President, Rotarian Kalyan Banerjee speaking at the event; District Governor Rotarian Praful Sharma on the dais; Dignitaries fitting our patients with Jaipur foot, calipers and wheelchairs.

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लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

लोकमत ल्यूज नेटवर्क मुंबाई : देशाला दिव्यांगमुक्त करण्याच्या कामागध्ये रत निर्मो वीरेश्वल ट्रस्ट य रोटरी क्लब ऑफ परकी यांचे कार्य खूप मांठे असून दिव्यांगांसाठी माझे काही देणे लागते या भावनेच प्रतिकाला या अभियानात सहभाग महस्त्रपूर्ण असल्याचे प्रतिपातल महाजोर विस्तृतात्र प्रतिपातल महाजोर विस्तृतात्र प्रतिपातल प्रदूष य रोटरी प्रलय ऑफ सरकी यांच्या संयुवत विद्यामानं ५० अध्येग व्यवतांना जयपुर फुटचे वितरण विश्वलाले महाजेश्य वांच्या हरते प्रातिनिधिक स्वरूपात सोमवारी दादर येंगील महाजेश्य त्रांच्या हाते यांच्या हाते यांच्या संयुवत विश्वलाचे संवालक की अध्यक्षा शुभदा पुकेबर, स्टेट ब्रंक आप इंक्लिंगचे संवालक की रामिलंगम, रोटरिचे कल्लाण बंजनी, केवलमाई जैन, प्रफुल्ल आमी, रालप्रमा चरिटेबल ट्रस्टचे अध्यक्ष राजीव सेवला, संदीप शहा उर्याख्य होते. विश्वलाच संवाहा उर्याख्य राजीव सेवला, संदीप शहा उर्याख्य राजीव सेवला



Project Dependence to Independence covered in Lokmat and Vrit Manas

JOIN US IN EMPOWERING THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED

PARTNER WITH US ON PROJECT DEPENDENCE TO INDEPENDENCE

- Our team can organize a presentation with all your club members on our work and share more details about Project Dependence to Independence.
- You can also visit our mobility centre at Mahalaxmi and we will show you how our prosthetic engineers manufacture Jaipur foot and polio calipers.
- You can sponsor a mobility camp by donating Rs. 50,000 for a mobility camp and experience the joy of letting them live their life with self-esteem and confidence.
- You can also celebrate your birthday and anniversary at our mobility centre and share your happiness with differently abled patients.

In case you wish to visit our center and experience the joy of empowering a disabled patient, please feel free to get in touch with Rotarian Pankaj Tanna on 9820229309 or Rotarian Rajiv Mehta on 9820100294 from Rotary Club of Bombay Worli.

STORIES OF CHANGE



Mohammad Sharif, 26 years, Dharavi

Since the age of 20, Mohammad used to work at an embroidery factory. One day while traveling on a bike with his employer, he met with an accident and that day changed my life. He narrates "I fell off the bike and was experiencing excruciating pain in my right leg. I was admitted to JJ Hospital and could see my parents crying, while discussing something with the doctor. My world was going to change; the doctors were going to amputate my leg. My bones were crushed into pieces. The treatment started and then when I opened my eyes my one leg had disappeared."

Mohammad further shares "That moment on the bike kept flashing back in my head. I kept asking so many questions to myself. What if I was not sitting on that bike today? Can I erase that entire moment from my life. But, somewhere in the corner of my heart I knew that now this is what I will be. I will be disabled."

Mohammad has tried doing a few odd jobs but couldn't work for long. His younger brother works and takes care of the family. "This artificial leg that I am receiving today from Ratna Nidhi is a hope for me to work again, to be Independent again."



Hamid Khan, 63 years, Malad

Hamid used to work in a post office as a clerk. Many years back he was the only earning member in his family. His job was sufficient to spend a happy and simple life until one day when his life changed.

An infection from a rat bite lead to his leg being amputated. Hamid shares "I had little time to accept the fact that I will soon stand at the doors of disability. Finally, I went through the operation & there I was – suddenly dependent on my wife. It's been two years that I was searching someone who can give me artificial leg. Where ever we went they charged us something which was totally unaffordable for us. My wife got to know about Ratna Nidhi's leg through a neighbor. We were so surprised to hear from Ratna Nidhi office that all we had to do is to come and visit the center, and get the prosthetic done"

"Today is one of my best independence day as I will be getting an artificial leg. I am happy to see so many people already walking with it. It's a feeling I cannot describe to you. Two year back I was dependent, today once again I will be Independent"