

STEPS AHEAD

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM



I am happy to release **December** Month newsletter - '**STEPS AHEAD**', the Twelfth & final edition for the year 2024 in which you will find updates of the trust activities.

There are plenty of trust activities to report for the month and all of them have been done successfully with support from donors and local partners. I hope you will find the newsletter informative and interesting to read.

Please do let me know if you have any feedback to further improve the contents.

Quote for the Month – ***There is ability in every disability.*** Carolyne Blitz

A. Sankaran – Editor

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH

With excellent support from **Kaleesuwari Foundation** the first camp was conducted in Madurai on 1 Dec 2024. This was a Walk India distribution program well attended by their Senior management Ms Lakshmi Priya General manager Kaleesuwari, Mr. Venkatesan Regional Sales manager Kaleesuwari and also Mr. Gnanam Aram Porul Foundation and Mr. Murugan our local partner. From our side we had Mr. Sankaran Trustee representing Freedom Trust. We distributed **138** appliances to **115** beneficiaries.



The venue Bala mandir at T Nagar Chennai hosted a beautiful and emotional event on the **World disability day** being **3 Dec 2024**. The event had a few parents and children displaying their talent and also highlighting the challenges they had gone through to raise such differently abled children. The event was a Walk India Distribution sponsored by **Rotary Club of Mambalam**. The event also had some distinguished guests from Rotary and IMA like Rtn. N S Saravanan District Governor of Rotary District 3234, Dr Sunder Founder & Managing Trustee Freedom Trust, Dr Saravanan V IMA Hony secretary. From our side we had Mr. Sudarshan - Board Member and Mr. P S Prasad - Soft Member were present. We distributed 8 appliances to 7 beneficiaries.



Another Walk India assessment was conducted in Puttur on **7 Dec 2024**. **Thirumalai Chemicals** had been the sponsor for the event with City Hospital Puttur being the local partner. Members present for the distribution camp were RTN.Harshakumar Rai AG, Dr Sri Prakash and Mr. Jagan from Freedom Trust. We assessed for **56** appliances to **51** beneficiaries.



After the Lodge Ramprasad camp in Pondicherry we are seeing lots of interest from other Lodge members. One such interest has been from **Lodge Accountants No.194** were in we have split their funds into two camps, one in Chittoor and other in Chennai. This assessment camp at Chittoor was on **13 Dec 2024** ably supported by the local body District Differently Abled Welfare Office, Chittoor . This assessment has resulted in identifying **38** beneficiaries and **43** limbs and appliances.



The other **Lodge Accountants No.194** distribution was in Chennai at their historic and iconic Lodge building off Commander in Chief Road Chennai. The program held on **21st Dec 2024** was conducted by them with their Regional Grand Master of Southern India Mr R W Bro Thotala Narayanaswamy Manoharan as their Chief Guest. The Lodge members acknowledged the outstanding work being done by our trust. Freedom Trust was represented by Dr Sunder Founder & Managing Trustee (Also a Lodge member), Mr. Sudarshan, Board Member and Mr. P S Prasad, Soft Member. We distributed **14** appliances to **12** beneficiaries.



Nice foggy morning Dr Sunder, Mr. Sudarshan and Mr. Prasad from Freedom trust drove down to Zwilling Foundation campus at Edayanchavady Auroville Pondicherry. The assessment camp under the sponsorship of **Fuji Electric** was conducted at the Zwilling Foundation campus on **28th Dec 2024**. This campus had a nice vibe and with so many programs being done for the poor and needy. We were also fortunate to meet Ms Bindhu Modi, Trustee of Zwilling Foundation India. The camp though was a GVP assessment, we ended up with many needing calipers and limbs. The camp was so moving with so many disabled children, young girls and highly motivated men who were self-employed (running cab services, food and essential delivery etc.) Mr. Prabhakar from Fuji Electric was present for the entire event ensuring all logistics and support system was given for this program. We distributed **106** appliances to **78** beneficiaries.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **05 Jan** Walk India Distribution sponsored by Lodge Accountants No.194 (Completed)
- **07 Jan** Walk India Distribution sponsored by Rotary Club of Canada (Completed)
- **09 Jan** Walk India Distribution sponsored by Lennox (Completed)
- **11 Jan** GVP Distribution sponsored by Rane Holding Pvt Ltd- Fixed
- **12 Jan** GVP Distribution sponsored by Hariharan Sankaran and Family- Fixed
- **22 Jan** Walk India Distribution sponsored by Cavinkare – Tentative
- **30 Jan** Walk India Distribution sponsored by Thirumalai Chemicals- Fixed

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