



STEPS AHEAD

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Editors Desk



-P S Prasad

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

I hope all of you liked the April 25 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 .

This month we have some new content in our **Knowledge Series** and an exclusive page for our annual event Milan .

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 Managing Trustee

Dear Reader, You have in your hands STEPS AHEAD, which is being brought out by our own Prasad, who is putting his heart and soul into it. We have had a very eventful June, when we conducted our largest-ever camp giving appliances to 486 beneficiaries in Tiruvallur. The magnitude was such that it had to be planned in 4 phases, and two different halls! The volunteers from Caterpillar who sponsored the event rose up to the occasion and ensured the distribution was smoothly done. In another function held at Hotel Palmgrove, we released our Annual Report, which serves as a valuable resource for stakeholders and help spread awareness about our mission. The event, aptly termed MILAN, brought together our friends, SOFT members and showcased the musical talents of our visually challenged children.



Dr S Sunder
Managing Trustee

DR. SUNDER FOUNDER
MANAGING TRUSTEE

Toyota's Welwalk WW-100 -Robotic leg brace

Toyota has developed a robotic leg brace called the Welwalk WW-1000, designed to help individuals with partial paralysis regain the ability to walk. The device is a motorized, mechanical frame that fits on the leg from the knee down. It's intended for use by patients who have suffered paralysis on one or both sides of their body due to stroke or other conditions.

The gadget is designed to be worn on one leg at a time for patients severely paralysed on one side of the body due to a stroke or other ailments



Here's more detail about the Welwalk WW-1000:

- **Target Users:**

The device is designed for patients with partial paralysis, particularly those recovering from strokes.

- **Functionality:**

It provides motorized assistance to help bend and straighten the knee during walking, aiding the user in practicing and relearning gait patterns.

- **Development:**

The Welwalk WW-1000 was developed in collaboration with Fujita Health University Hospital.

- **Rental Model:**

Initially, Toyota will rent out 100 of these systems to medical facilities in Japan. The rental model includes a one-time initial charge and a monthly fee.



- **Customization:**

The device's assistance levels can be adjusted to suit the needs and progress of the individual patient, as determined by their therapist.

- **Benefits:**

The Welwalk WW-1000 can potentially reduce recovery time and improve the quality of life for individuals with partial paralysis.

Given how common paralysis due to strokes is in fast-aging Japan, Toyota's device could be very helpful, Saito said. He said patients using it can recover more quickly as the sensitive robotic sensor in WelWalk fine-tunes the level of support better than a human therapist can.





Year To date Trends FY 2025 - 26

Particulars	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Grand Total
GVP				
No .of beneficiaries	758	368	486	1612
No. Of limbs /	189	149	80	418
No Of Appliances	832	323	572	1727
Count of Camp Type	4	3	1	8
Total of GVP	1783	843	1139	3765
Walk India				
No .of beneficiaries	295	525	74	894
No. Of limbs /	302	532	73	907
No Of Appliances	135	212	33	380
No of Camps	2	4	2	8
Total Of Walk India	734	1273	182	2189
Total No .of beneficiaries	1053	893	560	2506
Total of No. Of limbs /	491	681	153	1325
Total of #Appliances	967	535	605	2107
Total of Camp	6	7	4	17

Particulars	Assessment	Distribution	Grand Total
GVP			
No .of beneficiaries	716	896	1612
No. Of limbs /	179	239	418
No Of Appliances	791	936	1727
Count of Camp Type	3	5	8
Total of GVP	1689	2076	3765
Walk India			
No .of beneficiaries	367	527	894
No. Of limbs /	372	535	907
Sum of #Appliances	142	238	380
No of Camps	3	5	8
Total Of Walk India	884	1305	2189
Particulars	Assessment	Distribution	Grand Total
Total No .of beneficiaries	1083	1423	2506
Total of No. Of limbs /	551	774	1325
Total of #Appliances	933	1174	2107
Total of Camp	6	10	17

Activities of the Month

Xylem water mark solution,
Sanmar Groups & Mrs Uma
Vijayakumar- Walk India - Mysore



FT & Xylem Team group Photo



Mr Harsha Ranganth Distributing Bk limb



Mr Venkatagiri GS & Mrs Jameela
Distributing limb

Our first camp on **15 Jun 2025** was at Mysore FT team has been frequently visiting Mysore for the camps . The team enjoys the beautiful gardens and the palaces that are famous and still with the Royals .The camp nos were **total of 73 Beneficiaries, 72 Limbs and 33 appliances** were distributed

The camp was managed by Mr Usha Bharadwaj and Team .

Following are the members who were part of this wonderful camp Mr Ramakrishnan ,Mrs Joy Cynthia ,Mr Jillu Varghese ,Mrs Jameela Xylem Team ,Mr Gokul ,Mr Venkatagiri GS ,Mr Harsha Ranganth ,Mr Nandini BK & Mrs Usha Bharadwaj Apex Member freedom Trust

Individual Donor - Walk India/ FT Office Chennai

Individual donors are very important for any socio initiatives . Freedom trust too was started with the support of many individual donors . Freedom trust also continues to honour and support these individual donors inspite of all the logistical challenges .

This month we had one individual donor sponsoring an artificial limb . This was donated at our FT office in Tiruvanmiyur Chennai on **25 June 2025**



Caterpillar India Pvt Ltd- GVP/ Distribution Tiruvallur



We have had continuous support from our Donor Caterpillar Inc .This was one of the largest camps for this year till date ie 486 beneficiaries

This camp was conducted @ Tiruvallur with the support of our local partner District Disabled Welfare office Thiruvallur. The camp was on **27 June 25**

Mr Jayakumar Kanagarajan- Director Quality, Mrs Lakshmi Umapati - senior manager, manufacturing operations, Mr Besavaraj Biradar - senior manager Value chain engineering, Mr Maheshwaran Govindan- Senior manager Facilities Engineering, Mrs Divya Pazhani- senior manager, manufacturing operations, Mr Chandrasehar Kandasamy- senior manager manufacturing operations,



Caterpillar Team Distributing Limbs



Caterpillar Team Distributing Limbs

The team that assisted the camp consisted of Mrs Usha Bharadwaj , Mr Abhilash , Mr Sudarshan , Dr Sundar and Mr Jagan

This assessment camp benefitted **486 beneficiaries with 572 appliances and 80 limbs**

Milan an annual event to thank donors, well wishers and friends. This year was 28 years of FT

Event was on 28th June 25 @.Hotel Palmgrove Chennai .Evening filled with music ,awards and thanks



Chief Guest Dr K Sundarrajan .Medical Director .Pan Asia Pacific .Caterpillar INC He also received the first copy of FT s annual report . He has also promised continuous support from Caterpillar .TN and Maharastra



28th Milan 2025

Our Pearls gave a stunning performance of Carnatic music and also light music to end with . Indrakumar presented the chief guest with a sketch of his portrait.Fully supported by Mrs Usha

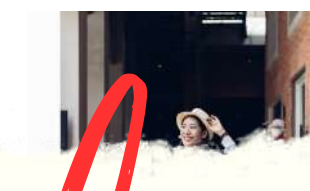
Dr Sundar presented the annual report in a PPT .explaining in detail the various camps that were conducted during the year

Sankaran presented the audience with road map of FT s future projects . Ms Sukanya stole the show as the MC for the evening. Ms Sumathi Iyer s encouragement , claps and applause were at its peak



Awards were Presented to following
Seva Rathna awards to Mr. M.Murugan, Ms. Stellarani, Mr. Rajasekar Reddy.
.Rising Star Award to Ms. Indumathi.





28th Milan 2025

Upcoming Activities

4
Jul

WALK INDIA DISTRIBUTION

At Anantapur

Donor- Savex Technologies

Fixed

8
Jul

GVP - ASSESSMENT

At Kasaragod

Donor-Vara LLP

Fixed

12/13
Jul

GVP - ASSESSMENT

At Theni

Donor- Vara LLP

Fixed

15
Jul

GVP - ASSESSMENT

At Tirupati

Donor- Sanmina Tech

Fixed

19
Jul

WALK INDIA DISTRIBUTION

At Chennai

Donor- DHRM

Fixed

20
Jul

GVP - ASSESSMENT

At Perambalur

Donor- BHEL

Fixed

22
Jul

GVP - ASSESSMENT

At Chennai

Donor- Lodge Ramprasad - Free Mason

Fixed

26
Jul

GVP - DISTRIBUTION

At Ramanathapuram

Donor- Hapag Lloyd

Fixed

27
Jul

GVP - ASSESSMENT

At Pithapuram

Donor- Vara LLP

Fixed



Quote for the Month

"If you celebrate your differentness, the world will too."

Victoria Moran

Donor Feedback



Swarnalatha
Jothikumar

PDC. Inner wheel
District 323

I have been associated with Freedom Trust since 2014' when I took over the reins of Inner Wheel District 323 as Chairman. To mark the year we at Inner Wheel organized an ortho medical camp at Pollambakkam village . Thanks to Dr. Sunder for accepting our invitation and conducting the camp at this remote village. Beneficiaries for donation of wheel chair, Tricycles, callipers, limbs etc. were identified . As a follow up of this assessment, donation camp was arranged on 12th October 2014, for distribution of accessories to the identified beneficiaries. About 100 deserving disabled persons were benefited . This was a soul satisfying project for me. I am short of words to thank Dr. Sunder. The team Freedom Trust lead by Dr. Sunder had to travel twice to the Pollambakkam village to execute this noble project. The commitment, involvement and dedication of the team is highly commendable. Since then we have been donating prosthesis/wheel chair to mark every occasion celebrated at my home club-Inner Wheel Club of Madras Midtown.

In 2024 on October 31st again in association with FT we conducted Wheel chair donation camp, this was co ordinated by Mr. Sudharshan of FT. In fact the entire event was organised and seamlessly conducted by Mr. Sudharshan. About 50 under privileged handicapped persons got benefitted.

Thanks to Dr. Sunder, Mr. Sudharshan and team FT for the wonderful opportunity. My thanks are also due to my friend Mrs. Bhamini Parthasarathy for introducing me to FT.

Swarnalatha Jothikumar

PDC. Inner wheel District 323

Human Story

Human Story from our Recent Distribution Camp

Dont Miss this video

A very emotional Moment for a mother

A moment of Joy as she is about to walk

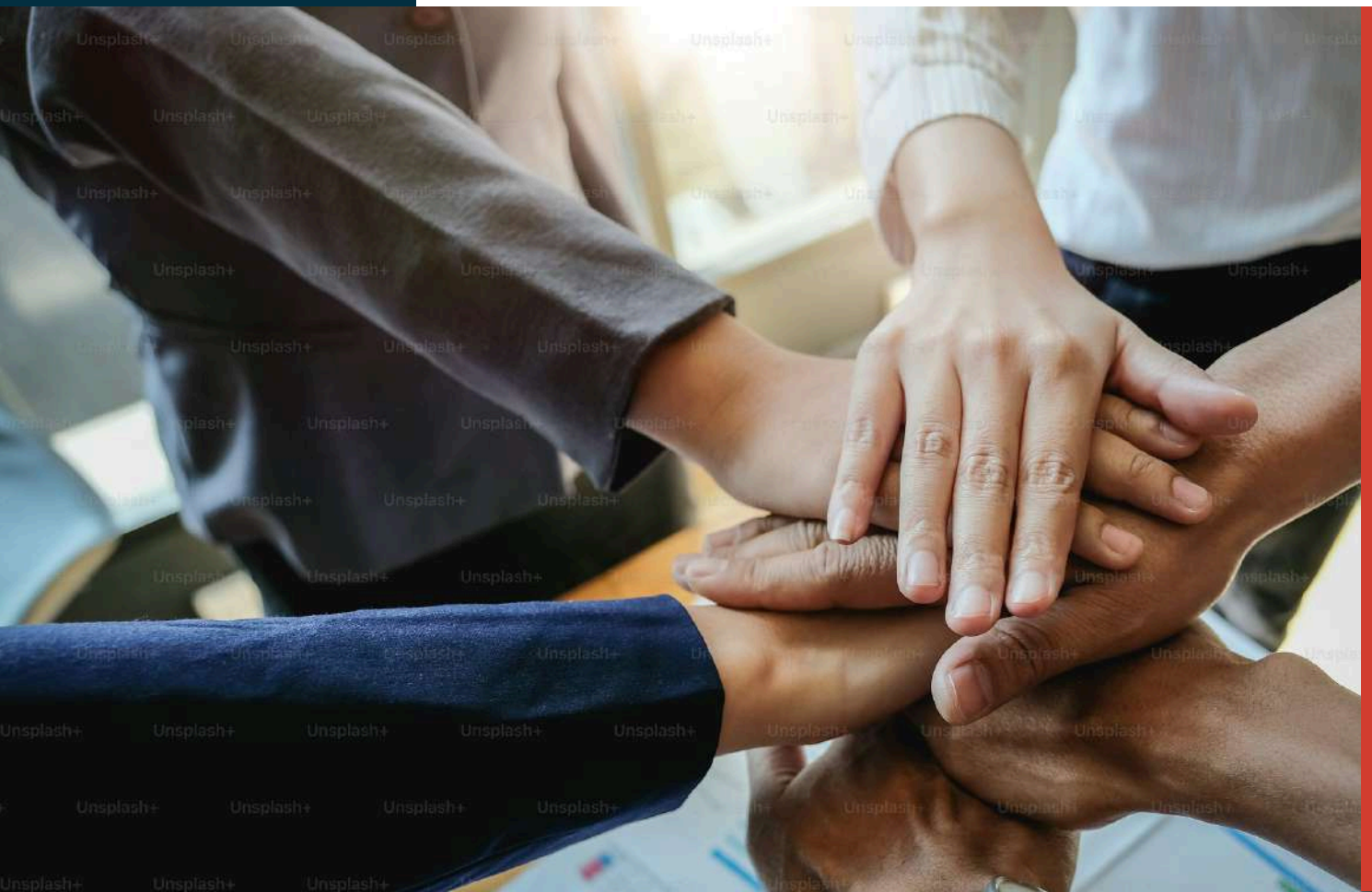
Tears in her eyes as she hugs her son with so much happiness that she is going to walk

This is what want to see . Give them the freedom and mobility and independence . Your contribution matters

Link for video is as below

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TNivlQ6Rxtk5mcbbfWLUNbHRBAbkNNVo?usp=sharing>





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