



SILVER LININGS

Quarterly newsletter KCPCS Trust



----- Visionaries -----

In 1981, Late Shri. Punam Chand Sethi and Smt. Maina Devi Sethi established a family and private charitable trust. Called the KESHRI CHAND PUNAM CHAND SETHI CHARITABLE TRUST, it is registered in Guwahati, Assam and works towards providing free medical support to disadvantaged communities in India.

Smt. Maina Devi Sethi is the Managing Trustee and PARAMA SAMRAKSHAK of the Trust and its activities.

Smt. Maina Devi is affectionately called Mathrushree by all the family members, volunteers and persons who benefit from her affection and leadership. Smt. Maina Devi is a deeply philanthropic person. She is a beacon of light and guidance for members and volunteers. She is also a hands-on leader who takes a very keen interest in every camp organized by the Trust, be it an artificial limbs camp, an eye camp, providing educational assistance to

poor girls, etc. She is always at the forefront of planning and providing help to the underprivileged sections of the society. She is a living example and a shining testament to the immense power of extending a helping hand to the poor, to the miracle of giving.

Founder



Late Shri. Punam Chand Sethi
1929 - 2012

Chief Patron



Mathrushree Smt. Mainadevi Sethi

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Shri. Anil Kumar Sethi, Shri. Subhash Chand Sethi and Shri. Sushil Kumar Sethi - sons of Late Shri. Punam Chand Sethi and Mathrushree Smt. Maina Devi Sethi - are lifetime trustees. All the trustees devote invaluable time and energy tirelessly and selflessly towards the implementation of the vision and the mission of their mother Smt. Maina Devi Sethi and the objectives of the Trust.

Silver Linings is the quarterly newsletter chronicling the philanthropic efforts of the Keshri Chand Punam Chand Sethi Charitable Trust, a not-for-profit organization that works towards the betterment of disadvantaged communities and strives to bring them life's most essential ingredient - hope.

This introductory edition of Silver Linings offers a round-up of the recent artificial limb camps and eye camps we conducted across Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Delhi.

6th Artificial Limb Camp

Venue : Amarapura, Andhra Pradesh

Date : 26-31 December, 2012



The 6th Artificial Limb Camp was conducted by Keshri Chand Punam Chand Sethi Charitable Trust at Adinatha Jain Mandir, Amarapura, Madakashira Taluk, Ananthpur District in Andhra Pradesh. The only business center for many villages around it, it is also popular for its age-old Venkateshwara Swamy temple.

The Camp was held from 26-31 Dec, 2012 in collaboration with the Bharathia Jain Milan (division 8) and Amarapura Welfare Development Association.

A handout explaining the program and eligibility of persons was circulated in and around the region prior to the camp. It was ultimately inaugurated by Dr. Basavaraj and Mr. Vagesh in the presence of Shri. P. Padmaraju, Secretary, Amarapura Welfare Development Association.

Shri P. Padmaraju educated the audience on the vision and mission of Keshri Chand Punam Chand Sethi Charitable Trust. He also explained that the artificial limbs would be provided to eligible persons under expert supervision from 26-31 Dec, 2012. The program also featured keynotes by Mr. Thippeswamy, Member of Legislative Counsel, Mr. Vagesh, Dr. Guptha, Dr. Jyothi and Mr. Singhvi, Chairman of Karnataka Marwari Youth Federation.



Beneficiaries included 148 males and 11 females, adding up to a total of 159 beneficiaries who received artificial limbs from 26-31 Dec, 2012. They included Master M. Arunachalam, a 13-year old boy and Ms. Janaki, a 16-year old girl. Shri. Rudra Muniyappa was the oldest beneficiary at 82 years of age and Smt. Shamamma was the oldest female beneficiary at 70 years of age.

Attendees and beneficiaries greatly praised the Trust for its vision and philanthropy. All beneficiaries were brimming over with joy.

Wide coverage and publicity of the programme by local press were covered for all the 6 days of the activities.



7th Artificial Limb Camp

Venue : Sonagiri, Madhya Pradesh

Date : 24-27 January, 2013



Keshri Chand Punam Chand Sethi Charitable Trust collaborated with Paramagham Digambar Trust on the 7th Artificial Limb Camp at Sonagiri with the support of Bharath Vikas Parishad from 24 - 27 Jan, 2013. Sonagiri is a sacred town about 60 kms from Gwalior, popular among devotees and saints who come here to practice self-discipline, austerity and to attain Nirvana. The camp was conducted at Paramagama Trust, Datia District, Sonagiri, M.P.

It was inaugurated by Mr. G.P. Kabhin Panthi, the District Collector, Datia, and Mr. Chandra Shekar Solanki, the Superintendent of Police, Datia.



28 beneficiaries benefited in all. Medical experts and volunteers provided them with the required instructions and training to make optimal use of the limbs. Four people who attended the camp also got their artificial limbs corrected.

The Samarope Sammelan was held on Jan 26, 2013. On the occasion of Republic Day, beneficiaries who attended the camp got a new lease of life. Honorable Shri. Narotham Mishra, Health Minister of Madhya Pradesh was the Chief Guest. In his speech, the Health Minister commended the selfless and noble work of

The Keshri Chand Punam Chand Sethi Charitable Trust and Bharath Vikas Parishad. Shri. Paatni and Shri. Bhagchand Sethi, trustees of Paramagama Shrivak Trust, Sonagiri also attended the function, amidst other dignitaries.

Wide coverage and publicity of the programme by local press was covered for all the 4 days of the activities.

8th Artificial Limb Camp
Venue : Bidar, Karnataka
Date : 21-25 February, 2013



The 8th Artificial Limb Camp was inaugurated by Mr. Thyagarajan, Superintendent of Police of Bidar District on Feb 21. Bidar is a city in Karnataka. Ranked 22nd among the cleanest cities in India, it is known for its handicrafts.

The camp was conducted in co-ordination with Basava Seva Prathishtana at the venue of Sharan Vudiyana in Bidar, Karnataka. On request of local people, the team visited Bidar in October 2012 and met Mr. Channabasappa Harhalli who introduced to Akka Annapurna and Dr. Akka Gangambika who are leading Basava Seva Prathishtana. The camp dates were finalized from 21-25 Feb, 2013.



Akka Annapurna, Dr. Akka Gangambika and Dr. Vijeshree Bashetty attended the function. Mr. Thyagaraj, Superintendent of Police expressed that "Annadanakintha Angadana Shreshta" ("Donation of organs is nobler than feeding") and that while donating food helped one survive for a day, donating organs helped one survive for life.



On Feb 25, several dignitaries and popular personalities attended the function including; Mr. Bandeppa Kashempur, MLA, Bidar South and an Ex-Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka, Mr. Rajshekar Patil, MLA, Humnabad, Mr. Gurupadappa Nagmarpalli, Ex-Minister of Forest, Govt. of Karnataka, Mr. Mahesh Hirematt, Chief Engineer - PMGSY, Mr. Shankar Devanur, Chief Engineer - KPTCL, Ganesh gudi, Uttar Kannada.

On day one of the camp, beneficiaries had their measurements taken for artificial limbs and 101 persons were fitted with Artificial Limbs including 90 men and 11 women.

The beneficiaries included four people who lost both legs. The camp provided them with two artificial limbs each and also provided them with intensive training. It was heartening to note that one of them was able to walk by the evening itself. The youngest beneficiary was 11 years old and the oldest was 80 years old.

All beneficiaries were provided with medical aid, food and water during the camp. Each beneficiary was individually attended by medical experts and given training and instructions on how to fix and use the limbs.

Wide coverage and publicity of the programme by local press was covered for all the 4 days of the activities.

Healthcare & Eye Camp

Venue : New Delhi

Date : 10 March, 2013



A healthcare & eye camp were organized on 10th March, 2013 at workshop of M/s Delhi Waste Management Limited, Okhla industrial area, Delhi to provide good medical facilities to the economically weaker section of the society.

The panel of doctors including eye, ENT and general physicians & surgeons were available for consultation and more than 300 people were benefited. Eye, ENT, BP, blood sugar and other related tests were conducted and medicines were provided to the patients.



Eye Camp

Venue : Bangalore, Karnataka

Date : 10 April, 2013



On 10th April, 2013, we organized an eye camp at the Karnataka Jain Bhavan in Bangalore, Karnataka. The camp was set up on the occasion of Shri. Bhagwan Mahaveer Jayanthi. A joint effort between the Keshri Chand Punam Chand Sethi Charitable Trust, Karnataka Jain Association and Narayana Netralaya, the camp was inaugurated by Mr. Jithendra Kumar, President of Karnataka Jain Association and Dr. Amit, Dr. Aishwarya and Dr. Basavaraj of Narayana Netralaya.



The eye camp included several free activities such as eye screening, operations, distribution of spectacles wherever required and eye donation. After tests, those who were earmarked for subsequent surgery were sent to Narayana Netralaya, Bommesandra, Bangalore and after surgery, were issued with eye glasses for eye protection. During the course of the camp, 320 people received eye screening, 122 people received free spectacles and 44 people got their cataracts operated.

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