

# 300 Get Artificial Legs in Gulbarga

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**Gulbarga:** "Now, I can go to school independently," exclaimed seven-year-old Chandrika coming out of Kannada Bhavana here on Sunday.

It was a moment of jubilation for all those who were provided prosthetic legs. The SPML Infra Limited distributed artificial legs (Jaipur model) free of cost on the last day of the three-day camp concluded at Kannada Bhavana here on Sunday. The arrangement of food and accommodation for the beneficiaries and their attendants was made free of cost by the district unit of Bharatiya Jain Milan Branch No 918 and Marvadi Youth Federation.

Though beneficiaries from Bidar, Gulbarga, Raichur and Koppal districts of Hyderabad-Karnataka and Bijapur of Mumbai-Karnataka were allowed to take part in the camp, the organisations did not disappoint an elderly person Gurusab Patilsab, who came all the way from Belgaum. The 80-year-

old Ninganna Gowda of Talikote in Bijapur district said that there would be less burden on his family members hereafter as he will be able to walk on his own, thanks to the camp.

Bharatiya Jain Milan Gulbarga branch head Vajraku-

mar Kiwade told Express that artificial legs were distributed to 300 beneficiaries. SPML Infra Limited Coordinator of Asha Prabhu said that 10 experts and artificial leg makers, including Dr Murali and Dr Basavaraj, took part in the camp. Each

leg costs about ₹5,000 to ₹6,000. Bharatiya Jain Milan Organisation national president D Surendrakumar Heggade (the brother of Dharmasthala Dharamadhikari Veerendra Heggade) handed over the artificial legs to the beneficiaries.



Artificial legs being fitted at Kannada Bhavan on Sunday | Express Photo