

Bringing them back on their feet

NOW THE DIFFERENTLY-ABLED PERSONS NEED NOT GO OUTSIDE THE CITY TO GET ARTIFICIAL LIMBS THAT CAN HELP THEM TO WALK OR WORK COMFORTABLY

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To ease the lives of differently-abled persons, the state government-owned Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College, Jabalpur, has started providing artificial limbs and rehabilitation aid free of cost to them. The medical college has taken a lead from other government medical colleges in the state by introducing this facility for disabled persons.

A centre has been set up on the medical college campus with the help of a social organisation where the experts design the artificial limbs in the workshop after examining the limb of an individual. In addition to it, rehabilitation aids, including calipers, wheelchairs, hand-paddled tricycles and crutches are also being provided to the handi-capped persons.

The medical college has waived the registration fees for those seeking artificial foot and other rehabilitation aids at the centre. Dhaniram Langera, who lost his right leg below the knee due to gangrene few years back, recently visited the centre to get an artificial leg of his size. He said the artificial leg provided here is comfortable to walk and he can easily bend the leg.

Similarly, Dinesh Yadav, whose left leg was affected by polio, came to the

centre to get the walking aid. Talking about the centre, he said, "This facility will help poor people who are unable to purchase costly articles." Dharmendra Patel, another patient, who got an artificial limb, expressed happiness that the facility is now available in his own city.

"Over 1300 disabled persons got themselves registered at the centre for getting artificial limbs and rehabilitation aid on the first day of its opening," informed Dr Navneet Saxena, dean, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College.

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He further added that the facility is open for differently-abled who are residing in any part of the state. The medical college hospital has assigned doctors of the orthopaedic department and the regional spinal injury centre for examination of the disabled persons registered in the centre.

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