

# Mega Limb Camp

The Rotary Club of Bangalore Peenya (RI Dist. 3190) in India has held a mega limb camp every year for over 20 years now. Each camp benefits around 2000 people, lasts a week and costs about \$ 60,000. This amount is raised each year by the Club from various sources, Rotary and other. The 23<sup>rd</sup> such Camp was held in January this year and was unique because for the first time it was funded by a Global Grant from Rotary Foundation.



The grant was for a total of \$ 57,800 and the international sponsor Club was the Rotary Club of Merthyr Tydfil from our District. The grant called for a contribution of \$ 5,600 from the Club with an equal amount from our District's Designated Fund. The major portion of the Club's contribution came from the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration fund of PDG Ganesh who

had requested his family and friends to contribute to the fund instead of buying him presents!

The Camp was held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the grounds of a large building making use of the outbuildings and specially erected marquees. A group of Technicians from the main centre in Jaipur came down with the necessary supplies to service the Camp. Rotarians, Members of Inner



Wheel, Rotaractors and other volunteers helped to run the Camp. People from as far away as 200 miles had travelled to the Camp with their carers. Many of the beneficiaries had to stay for a day or two until their aids were fabricated. There was a dormitory where they could rest and sleep, and they were given free meals during their stay. On arrival, each beneficiary had his or her details registered and needs assessed. The

technicians worked hard taking measurements during the day working late into the night making the appliances.



During the week, a total of 2310 people were helped with the provision of 612 limbs, 730 crutches, 860 callipers, 58 wheelchairs and 50 LN-4 forearm prostheses. In addition, the Camp also provided information about possible employment and training facilities for the beneficiaries. Tests for high blood pressure, diabetes and deafness were also offered to all the attendees. A wonderful project run in the true spirit of Rotary.

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