

**High Commission of India
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Free camp to provide artificial limbs inaugurated in Rundu under Namibia-India Partnership

A six-weeks camp in Rundu to provide free of cost artificial limbs to about 500 needy persons was inaugurated on September 23, 2019.

2. The camp is being organised under the partnership of the High Commission of India, Government of India, and the Ministry of Health and Social Services, Government of Namibia. The camp is a part of commemorations of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary this year.

3. These artificial limbs can be fitted for those who need replacements below or above knee and below elbow as well. Beneficiaries include those who have lost limbs due to accidents, diabetes, mines, snakebites, etc.

4. The prosthetic limb, popularly known as Jaipur Foot, has gained worldwide recognition for its efficacy, safety and cost-effectiveness. More than 70 camps in 30 countries have been held so far and artificial limbs have been provided to more than 1.7 million beneficiaries in India and all over the world. The United Nations (UN) has recognised this remarkable achievement by hosting a special commemorative event on 15 May 2018. In past one year alone in Africa, the camps have been held in Tanzania, Malawi and Senegal.

5. Speaking at the occasion, High Commissioner of India Prashant Agrawal said that Government of India would be happy to provide further support in terms of training and capacity building to carry forward this useful project. Hon. Juliet Kaventuna, Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services and Hon. Samuel Mbambo, Governor of East Kavango region expressed their deep appreciation to India for this initiative. Ambassador Satish Mehta of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) briefed those present about the unique features of Jaipur Foot. A number of beneficiaries spoke about how Jaipur Foot had transformed their lives and given them a new hope.

6. Those who wish to benefit from the camp can register for a free replacement with:

- (i) Ms. Milka Mushimba – 0812669725
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