

Pir Panjal Brigade and Spark Minda Foundation inaugurates Free Artificial Limb Fitment Camp in Boniyar

The 8 day camp aims to reach 300 Persons with Disability in Baramulla district.

16th September 2018, Baramulla: Pir Panjal Brigade and Spark Minda, Ashok Minda Group, as part of their continuous efforts aimed towards social upliftment, is organizing a 8 day Artificial Limb Fitment camp in Youth Center, Boniyar, Baramulla. The camp is planned by Indian Army under Sadhbhawana Program is being organized in association with Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklaang Sahatya Samiti (Jaipur Foot) started from 16th September to 23rd September, 2018. The camp aims to treat more than 300 Persons with Disability in 8 days. The camp is providing end-to-end support in Limb fitment, Caliper fitment, providing Walkers, Elbow Crutches, etc, all in same day and as per requirement absolutely free of cost. The Camp will be conducted between 0800 – 1700 hrs including Sunday.

The activity is part of '**Saksham**' – a CSR program started by Spark Minda, Ashok Minda Group to help Persons within Disabilities (PWDs). Under Saksham, the Group aims to provide accessible and assistive technologies, impart skill training through OJT (On the job training), create inclusive workplace and ergonomics, train them for 5s and life skills, employ PWD's (Persons with Disability). The Group has already successfully organized Artificial Limb fitment camps in India, Indonesia and Vietnam, which benefitted around 3725 people.

7 Persons with Disability were brought from Bandi to Spark Minda Camp in Noida in the year 2017 and later considering the number of needy people in the valley, the Foundation was then proposed to set up the camp in Boniyar/ Rampur, District – Baramulla.

Speaking at the inauguration of Artificial Limb Fitment Camp Program, Commander Pir Panjal Brigade said, *"We are extremely happy to set-up this camp aimed at the physical and socio-economic rehabilitation of the persons with disability, especially the resource-less, so they can lead a life of dignity and become productive and sustained members of the community. He also requested all the community stakeholders to disseminate information about the camp to all needy people."*

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony Head , Group CSR, Spark Minda, Ashok Minda Group said *"We are grateful to Pir Panjal Brigade for giving us this opportunity to work with them for this noble cause aimed at bringing about a positive transformation in the lives of individuals. As an organization, we have been working towards this cause for decades now and we understand the need and importance of such initiatives which give a second life to people with disabilities, encouraging them to live a dignified and*

complete life. We look forward to working on similar such activities with the Pir Panjal Brigade in future as well."

All Persons with Disability, who want to get the free aid from the camp are kindly requested to walk in to the camp in Youth Center, Boniyar between 16th to 22nd September to receive the services under the program.