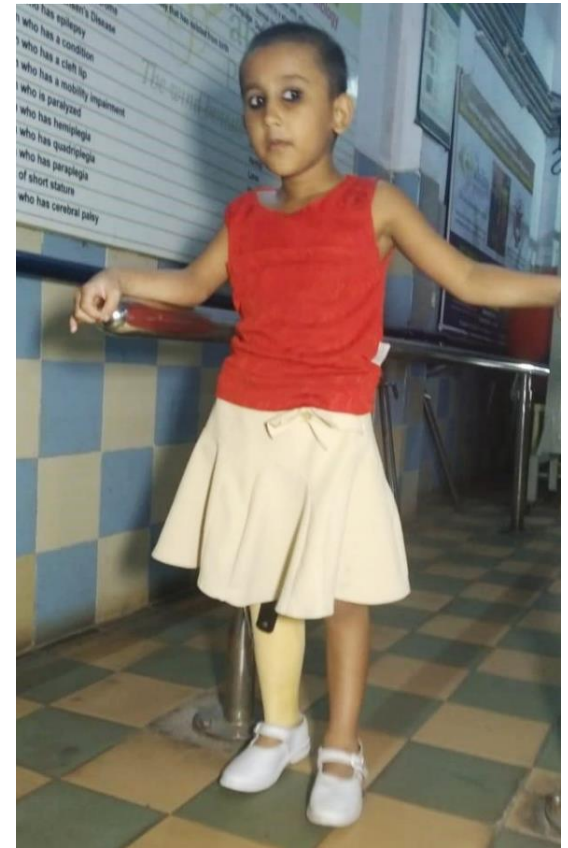


Saba, a 5 years old girl with high aspirations lives in Vishakhapatnam. Born without right leg hips down had left her parents helpless. Her father works as a small tailor and the family depends on the meagre wage. They never had any idea that an artificial limb (prostheses) could give mobility to their child.

Mobility India works since a decade with “The Ability People (TAP)” at Vishakapatnam, a DPO started by Mr. Dilip Patro, a great human with personal experience of disabilities. TAP identified Saba and brought her to the rehabilitation centre to provide her with a Hip disarticulation prosthesis, but not sure how to design and fit it. In the COVID 19 situation, under the prevailing lockdown, there was no scope for MI technical team to travel to TAP for the fitment and no one wants to let her go without the prosthesis and hope.

It was left on the technical expertise and skills of Mr. Soikat Ghosh Moulic, clinical Prosthetist and Orthotist, Associate Director- Technical & Quality Systems, to work remotely with the team in Vishakhapatnam to complete the process of fabrication. The necessary components were couriered by Mobility India to TAP. The process of entire fabrication was demonstrated to the Prosthetist over the virtual platform from MI office to the TAP centre. Every stage was guided and monitored and several iterations made before Saba was fitted with trial prostheses. The results encouraged us to take it to the next level of advanced fittings, which required meticulous planning and perfections.



The prosthesis was finally standing on the bench as a result of the hard work of the technical team of TAP, who worked tirelessly with Soikat for 2-3 weeks. Saba was fitted and the vibrant smiles on her and the father's face said it all.

Saba will take a long time to realise that she is perhaps the first person in India to be fitted with a hip disarticulation prosthetic system which was developed completely with remote inputs with virtual support.

Mobility India and The Ability People have successfully carried out the assessment, designs, fabrication, fitting, and training of advanced level fitment of Hip disarticulation prosthesis- a highly professional fulfilling task with the use of the virtual platform and remote interventions.

Saba plans to go to school and study hard and aims at supporting her father.

**MI appeals to everyone reading this piece to come forward and support Saba, for her to go to school, study, and secure a safe future- becoming a responsible citizen of the country.**