



Raghavendra was well known as a keen and studious pupil at his school. He was very good at sports and extracurricular activities. At the age of eight he suffered from high fever and took penicillin injection from a local drug store. Following day, his whole body below head was paralysed. After six months of treatment, strength in his upper body improved. He was able to move his hands and sit upright. During that time he used a wheelchair to move around his home and attended school up to 10<sup>th</sup> standard.

**"I never went to college and stayed at home without any studies or work for more than eight years. I am really grateful to my family and friends who always stood beside me during those days. Later I joined in one of my friend's gym and started body building. I won awards in the body building contests which boosted my confidence level. I developed interest in para athletics and participated in national level competition in 2013"** recalls Raghavendra.

Today he is a medal winning international para athlete. When asked on the support from Mobility India, he shared "I received my first calliper from Mobility India in 2004. And recently I received bilateral Knee Ankle Foot Orthosis (KAFO). These aids and appliances has helped me achieve what all I have today".