




Annual Report

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About Mobility India

Mobility India established in Bengaluru in 1994 as a registered society, has emerged as a leading organization in disability, rehabilitation, and inclusive development. Over the past 30 years, its work has positively impacted the lives of 1.5 million people with disabilities, their families and older people, with 40% of beneficiaries being women

Mobility India adopts a holistic and participatory approach, addressing physical rehabilitation, healthcare, malnutrition, education, skill development, livelihoods, and accessibility. Its Rehabilitation Research and Training Centre in Bengaluru serves as a model for accessibility and disability-friendliness, functioning as a hub for services, research, training, and innovation.



As a premier training institute, MI is the first NGO in India to launch a bachelor's degree in Prosthetics & Orthotics (2018) and a master's degree (2020), both affiliated with the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India. It also holds the distinction of being the first institution in the SAARC region to receive ISPO CAT I recognition. To date, 14,000 rehabilitation professionals have been trained, with alumni serving in 40 countries and 25 states of India.

Over the past two decades, MI has delivered 432,500 therapy services and assistive devices and supported 350 grassroots organizations by strengthening human resources and establishing 65 orthopaedic workshops across 19 states. Its Community-Based Inclusive Development programs, active in urban and rural Karnataka, have reached over 563,000 individuals across 500 villages and slums, promoting inclusive education, healthcare, livelihoods, sanitation, and social participation, in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Innovation and product development are central to MI's mission. Breakthrough solutions such as the Twin Device, CUB wheelchair, and KADAM prosthetic knee joint have been recognized nationally and internationally. The Foot Production Unit, led by women with disabilities, has produced 50,000 prosthetic feet in 23 years, while the Accessible Mobile Taxi Service has enabled dignified travel for 5,073 wheelchair users and senior citizens in Bengaluru.

MI reflects inclusion within its own workforce of 107 employees, of which 26% are persons with disabilities and 52% are women. Its seven-member Governing Body brings expertise in development, education, science, management, and finance.

MI collaborates with esteemed organisations such as government bodies, WHO, UNICEF, ISPO, ISWP, WCPT, Niti Ayog, RCI, ICMR, ICRC, APPI, IIT Madras, IIT Bombay, IISc, and DEBEL (Ministry of Defence, GOI), academic and research institutions, industry partners and NGO's

The organization has been honoured with numerous awards, this year MI received the prestigious Rotary DEI Award 2025 - Best institution for demonstrating exceptional commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in operations, culture and community impact. The CSR & Sustainability Award 2025 in healthcare. MI has received the National Award for 'Outstanding Work in the Creation of Barrier-Free Environment for Persons with Disabilities' by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India in 2014, the State Award for Best Services & Achievement in the Disability Sector in the Namma Bengalurean award for the Year 2023.

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Retd. Bank Employee



VISION

An inclusive and empowered community, where people with disabilities, their families, and other disadvantaged groups, have equal access to education, health, and livelihood and enjoy a good quality of life.

MISSION

- Assisting in Poverty Reduction
- Promoting Inclusive Development
- Facilitating access to services related to Rehabilitation and Assistive Devices
- Developing appropriate Human Resources in the field of Disability, Development, Healthcare, Rehabilitation, and Assistive Technology at national and international levels
- Capacity building of grassroots organizations in the field of Disability, Development, Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology
- Research and Develop appropriate Assistive Technology and improving its access at an affordable cost
- Realizing the aspirations of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for persons with disabilities and all related National Legislations.

PRIORITY

People with disabilities,
especially the poor,
children,
women and older
people.

CORE VALUES

- Respect
- Innovation
- Honesty
- Quality
- Safety

Executive Director's Message

I am pleased to share that this year, we achieved two extraordinary milestones: expanding our services into the challenging aspirational district of Bodoland Territorial Region in two Blocks – Jalah & Dhamdhama of Baksa District, Assam and establishing India's first ISO 7176-certified wheelchair testing laboratory. Mobility India received the prestigious Rotary DEI Award 2025 - Best institution for demonstrating exceptional commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in operations, culture and community impact.

This success is a testament that underscore the impactful work of serving the poorest communities in underserved areas, and there is a certainty that Mobility India brings, in enhancing dignity and independence in the lives of persons with disabilities and older people. This expansion brought essential rehabilitation and therapy services, inclusive education, health and hygiene programs, skill training, employment opportunities and capacity building for front line health workers.

Mobility India's Hyderabad Centre, established just two years ago, has emerged as a leading hub for providing comprehensive rehabilitation and assistive technology. The need for rehabilitation services is expected to rise in the years to come due to the ageing population, non-communicable diseases, chronic illness, injuries and trauma. Mobility India has been providing individualised Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology services and solutions, reaching children, adults, and older people. The therapy services focus on pain management and fall prevention initiatives.

Education and continuous professional development are essential for delivering quality services. Mobility India is well placed in the region to conduct training programs from certificate to master's levels for a range of stakeholders. Our students are well groomed to make a mark in this field nationally as well as internationally.

MI has deepened its partnerships across government bodies, UN agencies national and international bodies, institutes, universities and academic institutions, advocates for research, inclusive national policies to achieve global change. The CReaTe International Conference 2024 was a landmark moment, creating pathways for collaboration among policymakers, manufacturers, healthcare providers, and NGOs to explore complex rehabilitation technologies.

We attribute our organization's success is rooted not only in our exceptional services but also to the valuable partnerships we have formed. I wish to express my deepest and heartfelt gratitude to Government, Donors, UN agencies, International and National agencies, professional bodies, hospitals, educational institutions, partner organisations, Corporates, individual donors, well-wishers, volunteers for extending their technical, financial assistance, and collaborative spirit. My sincere appreciation to the Board, Governing Body members for their guidance, and to our dedicated staff, their commitment exemplify passion and resilience against all odds.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building systems that are inclusive, innovative, and scalable. We envision a world where every person-regardless of age, ability, or geography lives with dignity, independence, and hope, contributing to a more just and equitable society.

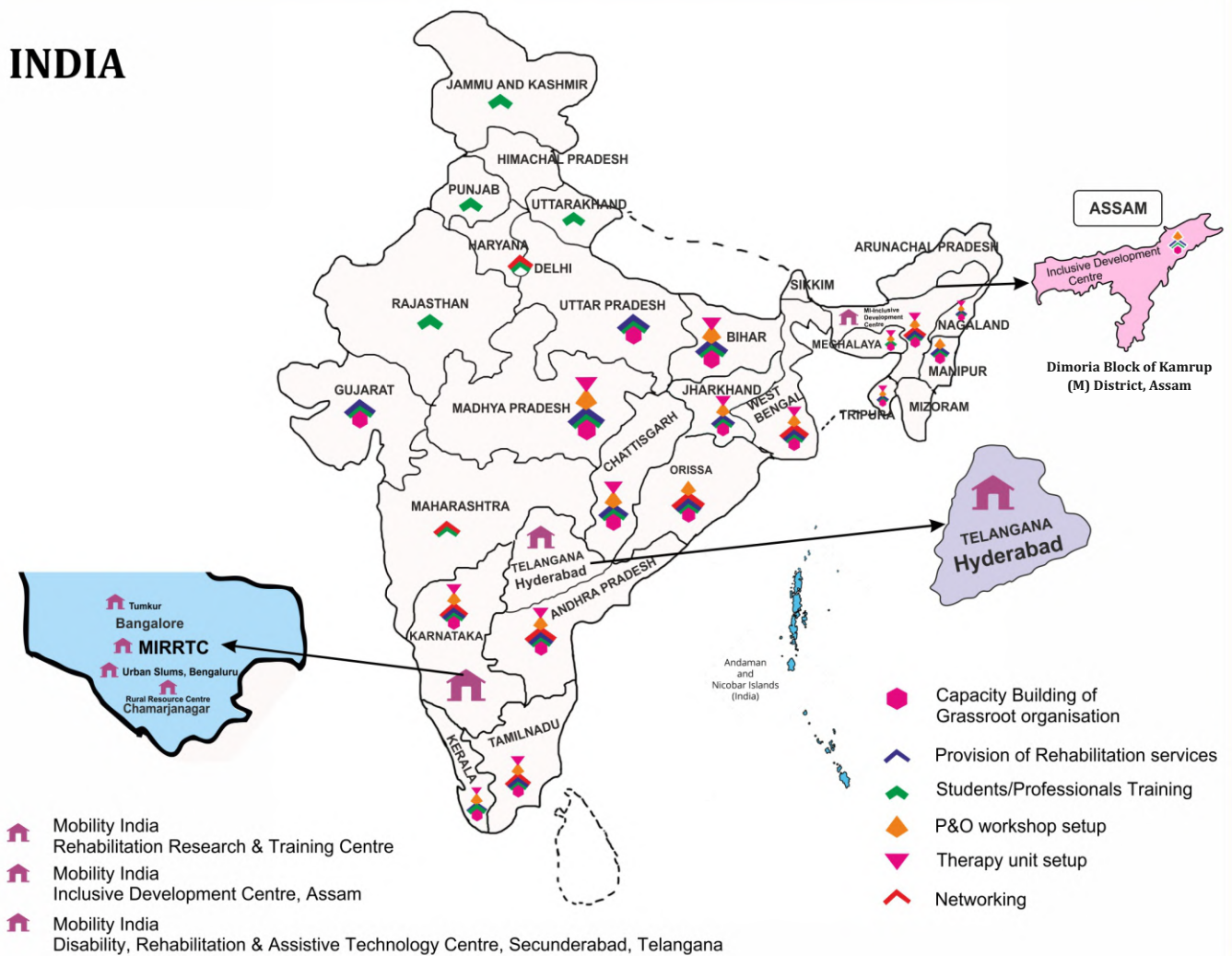
With warm regards,

Albina Shankar
Executive Director

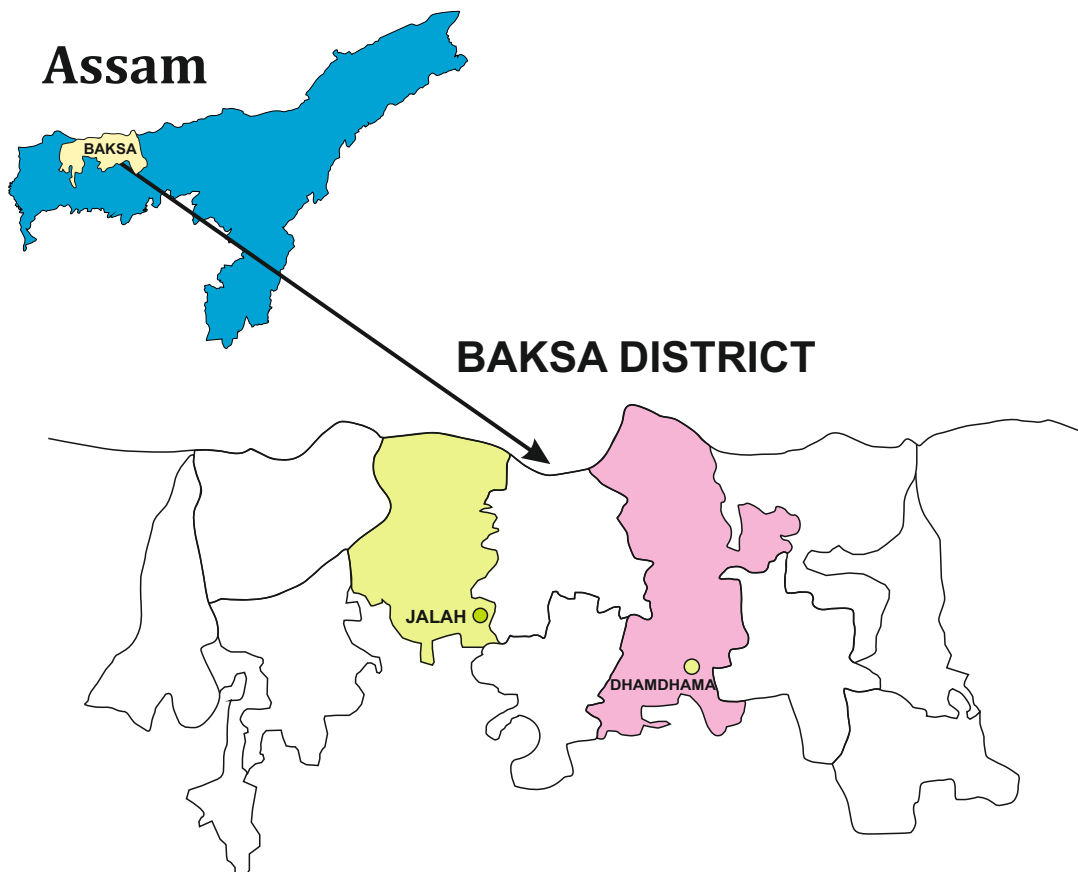


Mobility India - reach over 31 years

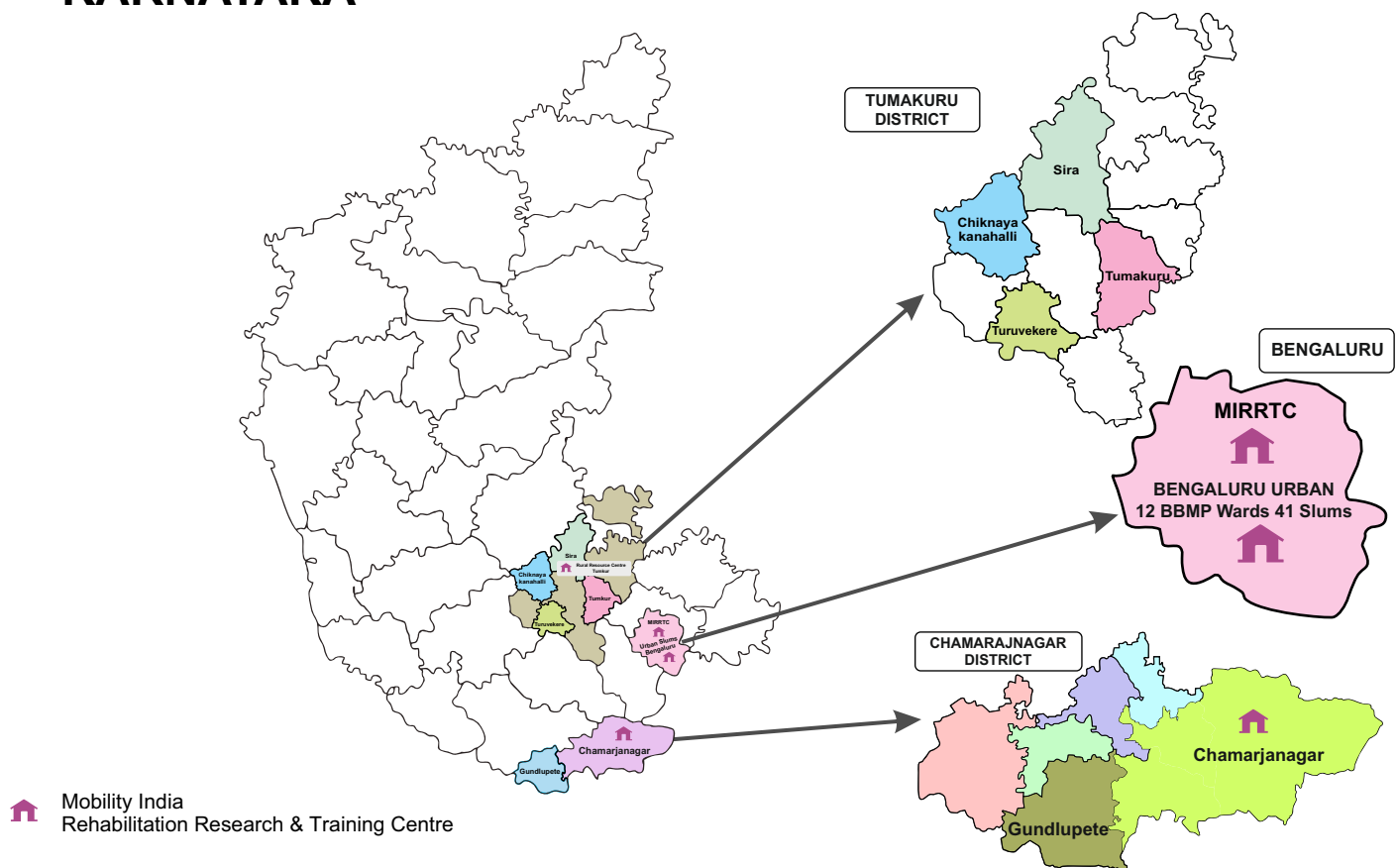
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Networking and Collaboration





Physical Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology

Physical Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology

India is experiencing a profound demographic shift-one that brings both challenges and opportunities. By 2050, the elderly population (aged 60 and above) is projected to reach 347 million, accounting for more than 20% of the total population (UNFPA, 2023). Already, three in four older adults live with at least one chronic condition, and more than half report mobility restrictions (NITI Aayog, 2024).

Children with disabilities represent another critical group requiring attention. The 2011 Census recorded 7.8 million children (ages 5–19) living with disabilities-nearly 29% of India's total disabled population. Early identification, timely intervention, and access to the right assistive devices are key to unlocking their potential, ensuring they grow, learn, and connect with their communities. These twin realities-a rapidly ageing society and millions of children with disabilities, highlight the urgent need for quality rehabilitation services and assistive technology.

Mobility India's work goes beyond clinical service delivery to influence systemic change. By integrating rehabilitation and assistive technology as core components, MI plays a leading role in shaping both national and global frameworks. This includes contributing to India's National List of Essential Assistive Products (NLEAP) and aligning with the WHO's AT Scale initiative.



Mobility India's response for over three decades, has been at the forefront of person-centred rehabilitation, restoring not just functional ability, performance and mobility but confidence, dignity, and participation in everyday life.

With the state-of-the-art facility and a team of skilled professionals, MI offers comprehensive and personalized rehabilitation solutions tailored to the unique needs of each individual. MI integrates hybrid rehabilitation services, especially in rural and underserved areas, reaching a larger target group. with a focus on multidisciplinary approach and rehabilitation practices.

- Customised mobility solutions-prosthetics, orthotics, customised seating, mobility devices, self-care products and wheelchairs
- Therapeutic interventions includes, physiotherapy, advanced pain relief techniques and condition specific care.
- Fall Risk evaluation and fall prevention programs and care for age-related conditions such as diabetes and chronic illness.
- Diabetic foot screening programs and foot care solutions
- Access audits at home, office and public place; safe and supportive home modifications, including ramps, grab bars, anti-slip flooring, and sensor-based lighting.



Physical Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology

Extending Services in the rural areas

Mobility India through its mobile workshop and online rehabilitation services, designs to bring appropriate rehabilitation to people in both rural and urban areas. These models enable on-site or online assessments, fittings, repairs and followup ensuring that no one is left behind due to distance, poverty, or limited mobility.

Whether through paediatric rehabilitation, geriatric care, or mobile outreach, Mobility India remains committed to inclusion across the life course. At its heart lies a simple belief: that compassion, innovation, and a gender-sensitive approach can build a society where everyone-regardless of age, gender, or ability-has the opportunity to thrive.

Transforming Lives in Kalaburgi

Mobility India, in collaboration with Mother Theresa Charitable Hospital and Sumanahalli Society, reached 23 children with moderate to severe disabilities from villages around Kalaburgi. Each child received customised mobility aids, assistive devices, and prostheses designed to meet their specific needs.

These interventions have supported the children to move with greater ease and confidence, fostering their sense of inclusion within their families and communities.

Together, we continue to transform lives - one child at a time

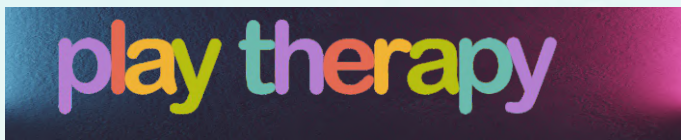


	Total	Age <15	Age >15
Assessment	2688	1409	1279
Orthoses	2738	856	691
Prostheses	176	27	141
Fracture Braces & Gaiters	592	262	84
Hand & Wrist Orthoses	185	92	72
Walking Aids	119	26	69
Wheelchairs	148	97	51
Positional Devices	222	217	5
Others	854	53	557

	Amputees	Cerebral palsy	CTEV	Diabetes	Other Neurological	Other Orthopaedic	Others	Polio	Spinal Injury
Total	53	292	6	7	144	407	182	32	33
<15	9	264	6	0	90	183	80	1	4
>15	44	28	0	7	54	224	102	31	29

Reached
2688
with
6440
Sessions

Physical Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology



At Mobility India, we believe that play is more than just fun—it is a child's natural language. When words are hard to find, play helps children express their feelings, discover their abilities, and build confidence. The Play Therapy sessions created safe, joyful spaces where children could laugh, explore, and grow while gently working through developmental and emotional challenges.

Themes that Spark Imagination

Each session was designed around a unique theme to make learning both playful and meaningful:

- **Play Heal Grow** - helped children's express emotions, believe in themselves, and feel truly understood.
- **Creativity and Imagination** - gave children the freedom to dream, create, and see new possibilities.
- **Play and Sway, Move Everyday** - encouraged movement, rhythm, and physical activity to support overall development.



These themes were not just titles—they became experiences that shaped how children saw themselves and the world around them.

Small Steps, Big Changes

Children took part in activities like drawing, colouring, storytelling, music, and interactive games. While they were busy having fun, they were also building hand-eye coordination, improving balance, learning teamwork, and developing the courage to try new things.

Parents noticed the changes, too. Many shared how their children had become more confident, more active, and more eager to interact with others. Some even said the sessions inspired them to bring more play into daily life at home, strengthening their bond with their children.



A Space for Every Child

The sessions welcomed children with and without disabilities, ensuring every child had a chance to participate. Guided by skilled therapists, children learned not only from the activities but also from each other. They discovered that it's okay to be different and that every small achievement deserves to be celebrated.



Physical Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology



Thanuja Shree

From Challenges
to Classroom

Thanuja Shree, a 9-year-old girl from Nakal Bande, Bengaluru, is living with her parents. Her father is a daily laborer, and her mother is a domestic worker. She was diagnosed with developmental delay and intellectual disability, facing multiple challenges in daily living, mobility, balance, and communication.

Initially, Thanuja struggled with standing on one leg, walking, and speech limited to bisyllable words, exhibiting tightness in her hamstrings, adductors, and hip flexors, alongside difficulties in performing activities of daily living (ADL), with fair nutritional status, behavioural issues, and occasional illnesses.

Mobility India intervened with a tailored therapy intervention plan, including regular physiotherapy focusing on stretching hamstrings, adductors, and hip flexors, weight-bearing exercises, support to stand on one leg, core-strengthening activities, speech therapy, and guidance for parents to enrol her in a special school.

With regular therapy and family support, Thanuja has shown remarkable progress. She can now stand with minimal support, walk independently though with occasional falls, identify familiar people, and participate in family activities. Her speech has improved, and most importantly, she is now **enrolled in school and attending regularly**, marking a key step towards inclusion and independence.



H.R. Krishna Mohan

A Turning Point with
Mobility India

For nearly seven years, **Mr. H.R. Krishna Mohan**, a seasoned actor with 45 years of experience, lived with the uncertainty of a chronic wound on his left toe. Having worked as an actor, assistant director, and cameraman alongside legends like Mr. Rajnikant, Mr. Kamal Haasan, and director Mr. Ravikumar, he was used to being active and on his feet. But the stubborn wound refused to heal. Dead skin had formed, and every doctor he consulted was unsure. Surgery was risky, and there was no guarantee of recovery. The pain and frustration shadowed his life and work.

Everything changed the day he first came to Mobility India. Guided by a doctor who referred him here, he met Mr. Sanjay Singh and a dedicated team of specialists. They listened carefully, assessed his condition, and created customized therapeutic footwear. Step by step, the bleeding reduced, and the wound began to heal. After years of struggle, he finally felt hope. Mobility India became more than treatment—it was a turning point. Here, he saw people of all ages, each facing their own mobility challenges. Compared to their struggles, his pain felt lighter, and he realized he was not alone.

Today, Mr. Krishna Mohan's wound has healed. He is able to walk comfortably and work without pain. The compassion and hospitality of the team at Mobility India gave him confidence and strength to continue his journey in the film industry. He carries deep gratitude, describing his experience as life-changing. For him, Mobility India transformed a painful chapter into a story of healing, independence, and renewed hope.



Education

Mobility India trains skilled professionals in Prosthetics, Orthotics, Wheelchair services, and contributing to a globally recognized rehabilitation workforce. Over the past twenty-three years, Mobility India has evolved into a **Premier Training** institution in India, its programs are distinguished by their excellence and alignment with international standards.

Our comprehensive educational programs, ranging from certificate courses to university-level degrees, are designed to meet the diverse needs of allied healthcare personnel. To date, we have trained 7652 candidates from 34 countries and 25 states of India.

Mobility India is the **first institution in South India** to introduce a **Bachelor's program in Prosthetics and Orthotics (2008)** and later a Master's program (2020), both affiliated with Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India, Mobility India holds a unique distinction- it is the **only NGO in the country** to offer these academic programs. Before the degree programs, MI successfully ran **P&O Technician and Associate P&O courses** between 2002 and 2021, setting the foundation for professional training in the sector.

Mobility India is also the **first institution in India to be awarded ISPO accreditation** for Prosthetist and Orthotist Level Training (formerly ISPO CAT I). Its learner-centred, iterative education methodology integrates classroom instruction with extensive clinical exposure and real-world problem-solving. The introduction of e-learning and hybrid teaching platforms has further expanded accessibility, flexibility, and reach.

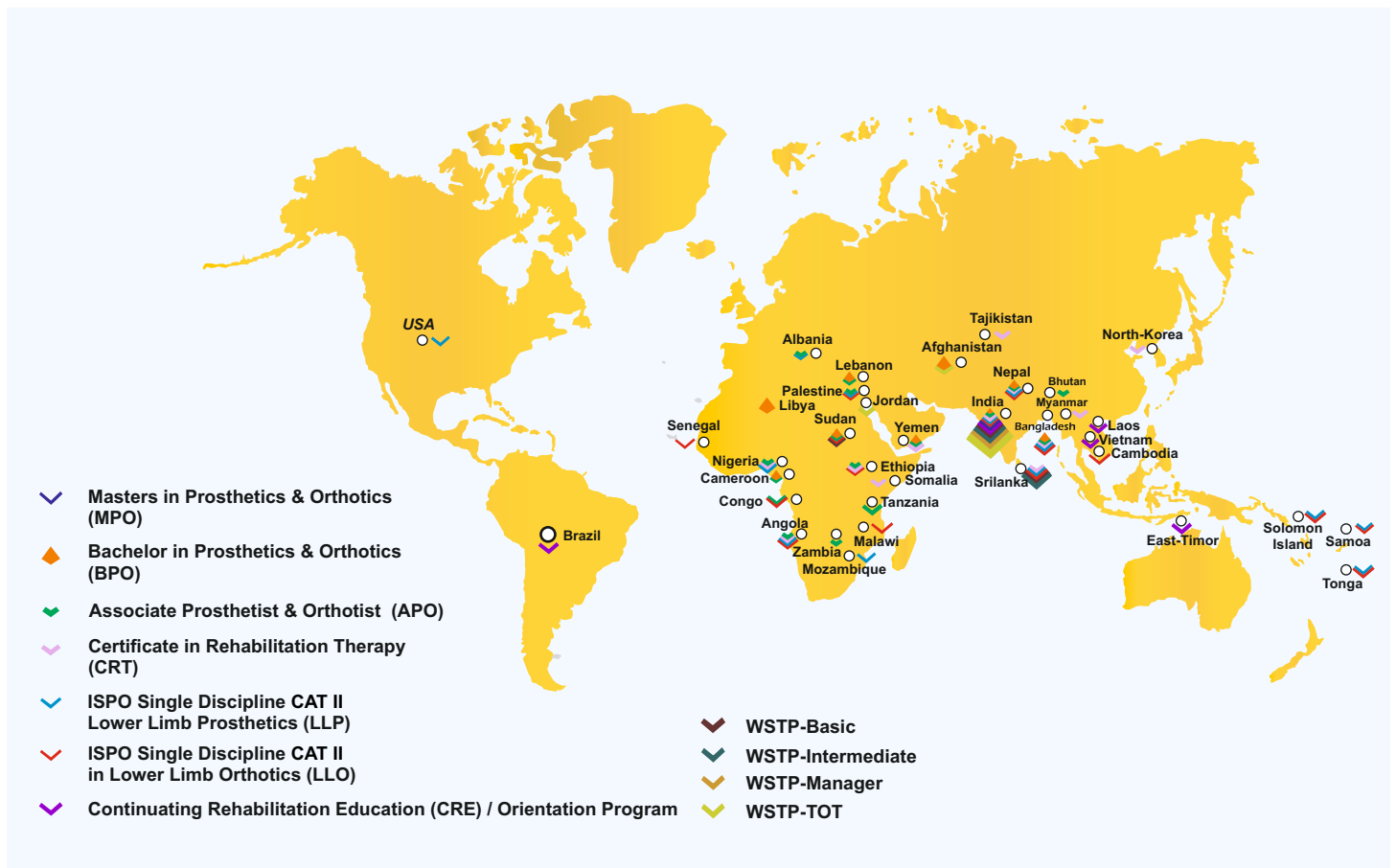


Impact at a Glance

- **14000 rehabilitation professionals trained to date**, with alumni serving in **40 countries** and across **25 Indian states**.
- **509 Prosthetics & Orthotics professionals** trained between 2002–2025 (345 men, 164 women; including 34 men and 33 women with disabilities).
- **212 graduates** (BPO and MPO) since 2018, representing **19 countries**-achieving **100% employment**.
- **226 Rehabilitation Therapy Assistants** trained from 2002–2022 (91 men, 135 women; including 16 men and 26 women with disabilities).
- **14,254 frontline workers, teachers, and carers** trained in disability inclusion, early identification, intervention, and assistive technology-strengthening rehabilitation ecosystems across communities.

	Affiliation / Recognition	Graduated till now	Ongoing (2024-25)	Admission (2024-25)
Bachelor in Prosthetics & Orthotics (BPO) 4 ½ years	RCI, RGUHS and ISPO	114	58	10
Master in Prosthetics & Orthotics (MPO) 2 years	RCI and RGUHS	24	5	6
Certificate in Prosthetics and Orthotics (CPO)			2	

DIVERSITY OF STUDENTS OVER 23 YEARS



Continuous Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Programs

Mobility India conducted two RCI-recognized Continuous Rehabilitation Education (CRE) programs aimed at enhancing the skills of prosthetists, orthotists, and rehabilitation professionals in the areas of bionic hand technology and trans-tibial socket fabrication.

Hands-On Workshop on Bionic Hand Technology

Mobility India organized a six-hour continuing rehabilitation education (CRE) workshop, attended by 42 rehabilitation professionals, including prosthetists, orthotists, therapists, special educators, and postgraduate students from various South Indian states. The workshop provided participants with hands-on experience and knowledge related to advanced bionic hand technology, focusing on the Zeus Bionic Hand. The program featured expert sessions covering upper limb prosthetics, EMG assessment, and digital prosthetic management platforms, coupled with live device demonstrations. Participants benefited from engaging in practical sessions.



A team of resource persons conducted the sessions: Mr. Pratik Kumar Jain, Prosthetist & Orthotist and Head of Clinical & Business Development, Aether Biomedical; Ms. Shruti Wadhwa, Clinical Prosthetist & Orthotist, Aether Biomedical; and Mr. Oinam Sanjoy Singh,

Assistant General Manager of Rehab Services, Mobility India. The workshop was coordinated by Mr. Kamaraj V, Manager of Prosthetics & Orthotics Training, Mobility India.

Emerging Technology in Trans-Tibial Socket Fabrication

The focus was on innovative techniques in trans-tibial socket fabrication. This workshop introduced participants to the direct socket fabrication method—an advancement enabling more efficient and comfortable transtibial prosthetic fittings. The program combined theoretical knowledge sessions, live demonstrations, and hands-on practical training to build participant proficiency in modern socket fabrication and assessment techniques.



The workshop was led by a skilled team, including Mr. Sujit Kumar, Senior Clinical and Education Manager, Össur India, who delivered sessions on advanced socket fabrication technology and live demonstrations, as well as facilitated hands-on practice. Mr. Kamaraj V, Manager Training, Mobility India, provided insights on transtibial amputation and socket overview. The session on outcome measures of transtibial prostheses was conducted by Mr. Oinam Sanjoy Singh, Assistant General Manager of Rehab Services, Mobility India.

Strengthening Early Identification of Disability at Primary Health Care Levels in 3 districts of Karnataka.

Mobility India collaborated with Public Affairs Foundation (PAF) and SOCHARA to conduct training programs aimed at early identification of disabilities. These sessions, which were conducted across three districts in Karnataka, trained **431 healthcare workers**, including ASHA workers and Village Rehabilitation Workers. The training focused on identifying early signs of disability, understanding the World Health Organization's Assistive Products List, and referring individuals with disabilities to appropriate rehabilitation services. This initiative equipped healthcare workers with practical knowledge to facilitate early intervention and ensure individuals with disabilities could access vital services.



Mobility India, in collaboration with NIPMR, conducted the TAP Clinical Practice Program for 10 mentors and 19 student learners. The program focused on mobility, vision, and self-care modules, providing participants with practical knowledge on rehabilitation services. The training was led by Ms. Vennila, Mr. Guru, and an optometrist from NIPMR, ensuring that the participants gained hands-on experience in assessing and supporting individuals with disabilities.

Jo Millar Memorial Award

The Jo Millar award was presented to Ms. Nongmeikapam Shibani Chanu, hailing from Imphal West, Manipur, embodies the spirit of perseverance. As the eldest daughter in her family supported by her father's modest farming income and burdened by her mother's chronic illness, Shibani faced continual challenges during her education.

Her journey began with an ambition to join the Indian Army. Shibani's path was forever altered by an encounter with her father's colleague, and his child with cerebral palsy which drove her to pursue prosthetics and orthotics at Mobility India in 2018. Adjusting to a new language, food, and culture while living away from home, Shibani overcame her initial struggles through courage and friendship. Financial hardships struck after her father's retirement in 2021, forcing the family to make sacrifices to support her studies.

Despite these difficulties, Shibani excelled academically, graduating with distinction in 2023. When her aspiration for a government master's seat was not fulfilled, she chose to support her family by working, setting aside her educational dreams temporarily. Her younger sister's encouragement and commitment allowed Shibani to resume her studies, with her father taking a loan to fund her pursuit of a master's degree in 2024.



Education

Inspired by the lack of rehabilitation services in Manipur, Shibani dreams of founding her own rehabilitation centre to bring awareness, accessibility, and P&O services to her community. Her journey is a testament to resilience and leadership, making her a deserving recipient of the Jo Millar Award 2024 and a role model for countless aspiring professionals.

Mobility India marks International Wheelchair Day

Ms. Sarah Frost, Assistive Technology Consultant, shared insights on her work with wheelchair users, **Mr. Richard**, Business Director at **SCOOT**, delivered a talk titled "#Unstoppable: Creating an Inclusive and Accessible World for Wheelchair Users." A compelling panel discussion followed, where wheelchair users from the community shared personal journeys, highlighting the life-changing impact of wheelchairs in their daily lives.

The event engaged **120 students from RV College** along with Mobility India students, offering them a deeper understanding of the importance of wheelchairs in fostering independence, dignity, and empowerment of wheelchair users.



Student Life & Engagement: Sports and Culture 2025

Mobility India believes in nurturing the holistic development of its students, ensuring that learning extends beyond the classroom into sports, culture, and community building. Two flagship events - the Annual Sports Meet and MIRAAS Cultural Fest-showcased the talent, teamwork, and spirit of our vibrant student community.



Celebrating Skill, Spirit, and Sportsmanship
The Annual Sports meet blended indoor and outdoor competitions, bringing together students, staff, and trainees in a spirited celebration of athletics and inclusivity. Indoor events featured Carrom, Table Tennis, Chess, Arm Wrestling, and other games, while outdoor contests ranged from track and field events to Volleyball, Throwball, Tug of War, and Cricket. Standout performances by Madhusudhan, Saranya, Siya, Neha, Sandra, Monika, and Shifani reflected the passion and energy of the MI students. More than just a competition, the event was a celebration of teamwork, resilience, and inclusive participation.

Education

MIRAAS 2025 – Cultural Fest, students came together for a three-day cultural extravaganza that blended creativity, tradition, and innovation. The festival featured solo and duet singing, dance-offs, rangoli, skits, drawing, fancy dress, fruit and vegetable carving, and advertisement presentations. Guest judges evaluated performances, adding encouragement and recognition. Students, including Dhanuja, Aromal, Shifani, Madhusudhan, Monika, Ribin, and Vaishnavi, received top honours across various categories. Team-based events like the Dance Off, Treasure Hunt, and Group Performances highlighted collaboration, cultural pride, and artistic expression.



Building Well-Rounded Individuals

Together, the Annual Sports meet and MIRAAS cultural fest reaffirmed Mobility India's commitment to developing well-rounded individuals. By providing inclusive platforms for students to showcase their physical abilities, creative talents, and team spirit, these events strengthened the MI community and celebrated the diverse strengths of its students.

Yoga Day Finding Our Inner Zen

Mobility India celebrated International Yoga Day with the theme "Yoga for Self and Society." The event was held at Sundar Memorial Hall and was graced by two esteemed speakers who threw light on the benefits of Yoga. **Ms. Aastha Sharma**, a certified Yoga Therapist, shared insights on the

transformative power of Ashtanga/Vinyasa Yoga and **Dr. Darshana Patel**, physiotherapist and certified yoga trainer, discussed the therapeutic benefits of yoga for physical and mental health.

The speakers emphasized mindfulness, self-compassion, and the holistic benefits of yoga. Staff and students learned new techniques to enhance personal well-being and societal harmony.



Knowledge Sharing

Mobility India hosted Dr. Meriel Norris from the University of Brunel, London. Her insightful presentation on innovative stroke rehabilitation deeply inspired students of the Prosthetics & Orthotics degree programs. A lively discussion with faculty and staff concluded the session, reinforcing commitment to advanced clinical education.



Nurturing and Orienting the future multidisciplinary workforce

Mobility India has been nurturing and orienting students- the future multidisciplinary workforce - to understand better prosthetics, orthotics, assistive technology, and the importance of teamwork in rehabilitation.

451 students from nine leading colleges, including Sanjay Gandhi College of Physiotherapy, East Point College of Physiotherapy, M.S. Ramaiah Medical College, and Dayananda University, took part in our orientation and sensitisation sessions. These sessions gave students a chance to engage in interactive discussions, learn about innovations in assistive devices, and see how multidisciplinary teams work together to improve patient care.



So far, students from more than 20 colleges have benefitted from these initiatives, helping to build a new generation of professionals ready to strengthen the rehabilitation ecosystem.

Workshops/Orientation

College Visit

	Purpose	Date	Total participants
EAST POINT COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY	Orientation community medicine	22.05.2024	20
SANJAY GANDHI COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY, BENGALURU	One day orientation on Prosthetics and Orthotics	31.05.2024	40
AKASH INSTITUTE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY, BENGALURU	Orientation Program	23.07.2024	28
M.S. RAMAIAH MEDICAL COLLEGE	Two days orientation on Prosthetics and Orthotics and accessible environment	8th & 9th August 2024	39
SRI KALABYRAVESWARA SWAMY COLLEGE OF NURSING	Educational visit	18.09.2024	58
DAYANANDA UNIVERSITY FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY	Orientation on P&O and assistive technology	07 & 8th January 2025	109
SWAMY VIVEKANANDA PHYSIOTHERAPY COLLEGE	Orientation on P&O and assistive technology	19.02.2025	50
R.V. COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY	Orientation workshop on Wheelchair service provision	01.03.2025	62
ACHARYA INSTITUTE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCE	Clinical Visit	21.03.2025	45

Glimpses of student's activities



Quiz



Yoga day



MIRAAS



ISPO Exam



Sports



Debate



Dionicia Lamare – From Meghalaya to National Service

Growing up in Nangbah village in West Jaiñtia Hills, Meghalaya, Dionicia Lamare never imagined she would one day serve as a government rehabilitation professional. The second of five siblings in a modest household, her father worked as a government driver and her mother was a homemaker. When her father passed away during the second wave of the pandemic in 2021, the family faced severe financial hardship. Her elder brother left his studies to support them, and Dionicia's own education seemed at risk.

She first learned about Prosthetics and Orthotics from her best friend, Risaki Lakiang, and her family. The thought that she could help people with disabilities regain mobility and dignity struck a deep chord. Choosing to trust her instincts, she enrolled in Mobility India's Bachelor of Prosthetics and Orthotics (BPO) program in 2018.

When her father's passing made it impossible to continue paying fees, Mobility India stepped in, covering her dues so she could sit for her examinations. Later, when a health crisis in 2022 brought new financial strain, MI once again supported her by covering 90% of her final-year fees. This timely help ensured she could complete her degree and strengthened her resolve to succeed.

After graduating, Dionicia secured a government seat for her Master's in Prosthetics and Orthotics and now proudly serves in a government role. Her responsibilities include providing clinical services to patients, collaborating with her team, and supervising students.

One memory that continues to inspire her is fitting a partial foot prosthesis for a woman who walked independently for the first time since her surgery. "Her smile, her family's joy-it made me realize this profession is not just about technical fitting, but about restoring dignity, confidence, and hope," she recalls.

Dionicia credits Mobility India for instilling values such as independence, resilience, problem-solving, and lifelong learning. She stays connected with MI by mentoring students and engaging with peers on social media.

Looking ahead, she says: "Build and chase your dream with passion and be unstoppable." Her dream is to remain a compassionate and skilled professional, engage in innovation and research, and create a positive impact on society.

Turning Hardship into Purpose: An Alumnus' Story

Obaid Rahman grew up in Afghanistan, inspired by his father, who worked as a Prosthetist and Orthotist. From an early age, he saw how a simple device could restore mobility, dignity, and hope. Those experiences shaped his decision to follow his father's path and join the Bachelor's in Prosthetics and Orthotics (BPO) program at Mobility India in 2016.

In 2021, the situation in Afghanistan deteriorated due to political crises. His family was displaced, their clinic was forced to close, and Obaid was unable to return home. Living apart from his parents and siblings for years brought uncertainty, financial strain, and emotional hardship. What helped him cope was holding on to his purpose and the constant encouragement he received from Mobility India.

At MI, he found not just professional training but also stability and support. The MIBLOU scholarship, academic guidance from faculty, and mentorship from leaders like Ms. Ritu Ghosh and Ms. Minakshi Sharma enabled him to complete his studies. He finished his BPO with distinction in 2021 and went on to earn a Master's in Prosthetics and Orthotics. His research on the development and evaluation of a prosthetic knee was a turning point, giving him confidence as both a clinician and researcher.



After graduation, Obaid joined St. Gamaliel's Hospital in Ghana as Consultant Prosthetist and Orthotist and Clinical Manager. There, he helped develop a small prosthetics service into a comprehensive centre by training staff, designing workflows, and introducing affordable

components. Since September 2024, the centre has served between 60 and 70 patients. Among them was a 16-year-old boy who, after receiving a prosthesis following a knee disarticulation, regained confidence, returned to school, and began dancing again.



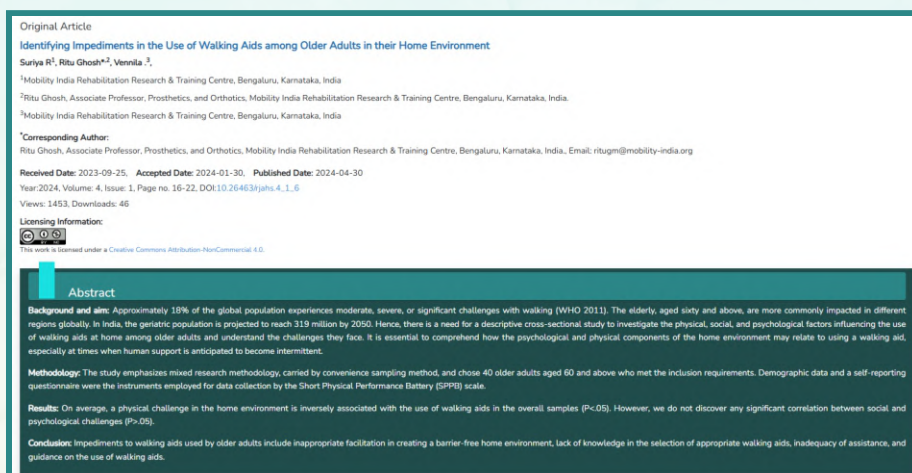
Reflecting on his journey, Obaid says:

"Even during my hardest times, when I could not return to Afghanistan, I always felt supported by MI's faculty, head of department, and principal. They gave me the courage to continue. Without them, I would not be where I am today."

As an alumnus, he hopes to remain closely connected with MI by mentoring students and contributing his experiences. To parents and students, he shares: "Mobility India is a place where students are truly supported to grow both professionally and personally. Beyond academics, the mentorship and community service give students the confidence and resilience to make a meaningful impact in the world."

His message to young people from conflict-affected or rural backgrounds is: "No challenge, however big, can define your potential. Stay focused, be resilient, and take every opportunity to learn. With determination and support, you can overcome obstacles and make a real impact."

Looking ahead, Obaid's dream is clear: "I aim to expand access to advanced and affordable prosthetic and orthotic care, strengthen training for future professionals, and empower individuals to regain mobility and independence-advancing the field on a global scale."



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Research

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Research has always been central to Mobility India's mission to produce evidence-based and practice-based knowledge that can raise a better understanding of global problems, their gaps, and inform guidance and decision-making in the fields of rehabilitation, education, and development. This year, our research portfolio has expanded through collaborations with leading academic institutions, including IIT Madras, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and the Ohio State University. Together, we advanced clinical trials, piloted new technologies, and contributed to global knowledge in prosthetics, orthotics, wheelchairs, and complex rehabilitation technologies.

Our focus remains on user-centered innovation—ensuring that every product tested or developed addresses the functional, cultural, and social needs of persons with disabilities. By combining scientific rigor with real-world application, we continue to shape solutions that are practical, sustainable, and impactful.

Mobility India is conducting advanced clinical trials for prosthetic foot designs in collaboration with IIT Madras and MIT.

IIT Madras (Rollover Foot Project): Performance comparison between IITM-developed and commercially available prosthetic foot among persons with unilateral transtibial and transfemoral amputation – A Pre and Post Study

This initiative aimed to compare prosthetic feet designed by IIT Madras with conventional models to assess their performance among persons with unilateral amputations.

Twenty amputees (10 transtibial and 10 transfemoral) were identified. Prototypes were fabricated and trials conducted using a multicentric approach. Comprehensive gait analysis was completed at the Bangalore Institute

of Movement Research and Analysis (BIMRA), using both SACH feet and IITM-designed feet. Pre- and post-baseline data were collected. The study not only advanced the design of prosthetic feet but also enriched MI's internal technical capacity, equipping staff with practical knowledge in gait research.

MI rehabilitation team gained advanced exposure to gait lab methods.



IIT Madras (EZ Lock Project): To compare the functioning and efficacy of a newly designed orthotic knee joint called EZ-LOCK against a conventional drop lock type orthotic knee joint for KAFO (knee ankle foot orthoses) users. - EZ-LOCK Orthosis

This project evaluated the functioning of a newly designed orthotic knee joint (EZ Lock) compared with traditional drop-lock knee joints for users of knee-ankle-foot orthoses (KAFOs).



In collaboration with IIT Chennai, Mobility India conducted trials with 20 planned users, but eventually completed with 15 unilateral KAFO users due to risk factors in bilateral cases. Initial device failures required redesign. Fifteen users participated, with 13 completing the trials. Although only one participant continued long-term use, the project generated invaluable data. User feedback addressed safety, comfort, and design improvements, with challenges like cable breakage resolved through demonstrations and site visits.

While adoption was limited, the research highlighted essential design lessons that will inform future orthotic innovation, ensuring safer and more user-friendly devices.

MIT Project: Indian field trial of mass-manufacturable, globally distributable, high-performance prosthetic feet that induce able-bodied kinematics and meet aesthetic requirements

In collaboration with MIT, Mobility India is field-testing a mass-manufacturable, durable, and high-performance prosthetic foot tailored to low-resource settings.

One hundred thirty-seven screened transtibial amputees across Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, 30 were identified, and four were waitlisted. Comparative models (Jaipur Foot and ICRC SACH) were procured. Trials began in April 2025 with casting and fabrication for the first users, supported by a visiting MIT team. Assessments are ongoing, with data feeding into global design refinements.

This project promises a breakthrough in low-cost prosthetic technology, with potential to significantly enhance durability and performance for amputees in resource-constrained communities.



Wheelchair Innovations – IUSSTF Project

Under the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum, this initiative evaluated innovative wheelchair designs and strengthened quality assurance infrastructure.

Clinical trials were completed for the Child User Backpack (CUB) wheelchair with 15–20 children, followed by one-year user monitoring. Feedback was consolidated and submitted to the Ohio State University for academic publication. Additionally, five wheelchair models underwent ISO testing at MI's Bangalore lab. The lab was officially inaugurated during the CReaTe International Conference, establishing MI as a regional hub for wheelchair quality testing and ISO 7176 compliance.

This project combined innovation with system-building. It improved wheelchair design through trials and established the region's first ISO-accredited wheelchair testing facility, ensuring quality standards across South Asia.



Supporting Academic Research and Ethical Oversight

Beyond external collaborations, Mobility India invested in strengthening its internal academic and ethical oversight structures. The Research Review Committee and Institutional Ethical Review Board were strengthened to guide ethical practices, synopsis approvals, and student-led research.

Undergraduate (BPO) and postgraduate (MPO) students benefited from improved guidelines for research planning, ethical clearance processes, and supervision of progress presentations.

Dissertations and publications: MPO students submitted dissertations, with some initiating publications in the RGUHS Journal of Allied Health Sciences. BPO students advanced their project work under refined guidance.

Manuscripts: By early 2025, eight manuscripts were submitted for publication, reflecting the productivity and quality of research emerging from MI.

This academic ecosystem strengthens research rigor and nurtures the next generation of rehabilitation professionals who will contribute to national and international knowledge in rehabilitation and assistive technology.



Community-Based Inclusive Development

Chikkanayakanahalli, Turuvekere, Sira and Tumkur Taluks of
Tumkur District & Urban Slums of Bengaluru South Block.

Community Based Inclusive Development, Rural Karnataka

Disability inclusion remains at the core of Mobility India's mission, along with social and assistive care for the elderly. During the year, Mobility India extended its community programs to Sira and Tumkur taluks, in Tumkur District, alongside its ongoing activities in Chikkanayakanahalli and Turuvekere. The programs focus is on awareness creation, healthcare services, rehabilitation, and assistive technology, inclusive education, early identification and intervention, capacity building for frontline health workers and preschool teachers.

Mobility India collaborates closely with local communities, schools, and the health department to ensure the inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in mainstream education and community life. The initiative also strengthened local governance structures such as Gram Panchayats, enabling them to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities and promote accessibility.



Promoting Inclusive Education and Child Rights

Mobility India reinforced its commitment to children with disabilities especially those from marginalized backgrounds. In partnership with government departments and child welfare agencies, facilitated participation of children in education, governance, and rights-based discussions at both the district and community levels.

Empowering Preschool Teachers Unsung heroes in rural communities

Mobility India launched a transformative initiative reinforcing its commitment to Inclusive Education and Early Childhood intervention in Tumkur District. Twenty training programs on the identification of disabilities and early intervention were conducted across four taluks: Chikkanayakanahalli, Sira, Turuvekere, and Tumkur. **525** preschool teachers participated. The focus was on child development milestones, disability identification, causes and prevention, disability management, essential assistive products, and referral services. The sessions included an orientation on preparing local Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs) using information, education, and communication materials. 30 children with disabilities at Sira and 35 children at Tumkur Taluks were identified and referred for assessment and rehabilitation.



Creating Awareness on Child Development Milestones

Strengthen early identification and child development, Mobility India developed and widely disseminated Developmental Milestones Chart, which provided clear, age-wise guidance on key physical, cognitive, language, and social milestones from birth to five years, helping carers, Anganwadi workers, and health staff track children's progress and **Early Identification and Intervention Chart** that highlighted warning signs of developmental delays and underscored the importance of timely referral and intervention for children at risk.

These easy-to-use charts were shared across Anganwadi centres, health posts, and schools, supporting a culture of vigilance and knowledge about child growth and disability among parents and frontline workers. They also served as practical reference tools during training sessions and parent meetings, fostering community-wide awareness.



Amplify this impact, the **wall writing** campaign was implemented in partnership with Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) and the Department of Women and Child Development. Educational messages based on the IEC charts were prominently displayed on the walls of 34 Anganwadi centres, 20 in Sira and 14 in Chikkanayakanahalli taluks. Designed in simple, locally relevant language, the wall writings conveyed essential information on developmental milestones, early intervention, and disability inclusion, ensuring these messages reached all families, regardless of literacy levels.

These visual reminders, combined with regular training for Anganwadi workers, have significantly increased the early identification of children with developmental delays, enabled faster referrals for support services, and deepened the community's understanding of early childhood care and inclusion.

Access to clean drinking water for children in Anganwadi centres in Tumkur

Access to clean drinking water is a basic right and essential for child health and development, as emphasized in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In many rural areas of Karnataka, access to safe drinking water remains a significant challenge, particularly for children in Anganwadi centres. Access to safe water is not only a prerequisite to good health but contributes to school attendance and dignity and helps to create resilient communities living in healthy environment.

Mobility India, in collaboration with the Education Department and the Department of Women and Child Development, launched a water safety initiative in Tumkur District and provided water purifiers to 40 Anganwadi centres-20 each in Chikkanayakanahalli and Sira taluks, identified based on accessibility, number of enrolled children, and reported cases of waterborne illness.



Expansion and strengthening of Community Education Centres (CECs).

Mobility India expanded its inclusive education initiative by establishing eight new Community Education Centres in Sira Taluk in collaboration with the School Education Department of Sira in the Government school premises. These centres supported 192 children, including 26 Children with Disabilities and 166 children with learning difficulties with supplementary sessions regularly from the trained community education tutors.

These centres continued to be key pillars of promoting inclusive education, creating child-friendly environment. Tutors received monthly planning sessions from special educators to ensure effective implementation of inclusive learning activities. The CECs provided both academic and non-academic support, including cultural activities, storytelling, science exhibitions and sports events.

Improve learning quality, all 21 centres were equipped with academic TLMs, including language flashcards, all-in-one books, worksheets, and educational materials, along with sports kits. These materials were integrated into lesson plans to enhance interaction, physical development, and team skills.



The TLMs are used in development of Individual Education Plans (IEPs), these plans were designed to address each child's unique learning needs, with active contributions from teachers, parents, and the children themselves. Two reviews of IEP implementation were conducted to monitor progress, which showed encouraging results. 12 children achieved greater than expected outcomes, 56 met the expected outcomes, and 10 achieved less than the expected outcomes. Overall, the initiative has enabled many children:

- To meet their individual learning goals
- Increased active participation and engagement in sessions.
- Improved language, numeracy, and critical thinking skills.
- Enhanced fine and gross motor coordination.
- Boosted creativity, self-expression, and confidence
- Strengthened social interaction, teamwork, and inclusion of children with disabilities.



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District-level workshop on Child Rights and Legal Awareness was held at Bala Bhavana, Tumakuru, in collaboration with the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), the District Legal Services Authority, the Education Department, the Women and Child Development Department, and the District Child Protection Unit. The workshop brought together 250 participants, including children representing from government schools of child protection committees who belong to Tumkuru and Koratagere taluk.

Key workshop topics included:

- Formation and significance of school-level child protection committees.
- Social media safety and the legal framework of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act
- Preventing child marriage and abuse through timely awareness and intervention.
- The four foundational pillars of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Survival, Protection, Development, and Participation.



Prominent speakers, including Senior Civil Judge Ms. Noorunnisaa and KSCPCR Member Dr. Thippeswamy K.T., emphasized the importance of safeguarding children's rights through active involvement in schools and the community. Ms. Albina Shankar, Executive Director of Mobility India, highlighted the organization's initiatives for inclusive education and called for the removal of attitudinal and infrastructural barriers in schools.

District and state-level children parliament: Mobility India, in collaboration with UNICEF, KCRO Bangalore, the District Legal Services Authority Tumakuru, and the Education Department Madugiri, organized the District Level Children's Parliament at Sira. 43 children participated, raising critical issues such as child marriage, child labour, sexual harassment, lack of teachers, poor sanitation, water scarcity, transportation challenges, and inadequate school infrastructure. The programme enhanced children's awareness of rights, governance, and child protection. All participants received certificates, and two children-Keerthiraj and Kavyashree-were selected to represent at the State Level Children's Parliament at Vidhana Soudha.



Strengthening Child Protection Through Legal Awareness for Grassroots Workers

Mobility India organised a district-level capacity-building program in collaboration with District Child Protection Unit Tumkur for 85 Village Rehabilitation Workers (VRWs) and Multipurpose Rehabilitation Workers (MRWs) from across the district. The training was facilitated by Mr. Chethan Kumar, Deputy Director, who provided an in-depth overview of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) under the Department of Women and Child Development. Participants were instructed to respond to complaints of child abuse and exploitation, conduct community awareness drives, and collaborate with legal and administrative bodies to uphold child rights at the grassroots level. The session covered key legal frameworks, including.

- Right to Education Act (2009)
- Juvenile Justice Act (2015)
- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act (2012)
- Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (2006)

This training equipped grassroots rehabilitation workers with the tools and knowledge needed to identify and respond to child rights violations, thereby contributing to the creation of safer, more inclusive communities across rural Tumkur.



Makkala Grama Sabha is a unique local governance initiative in Karnataka that provides a formal platform for children to voice their concerns and participate in village-level decision-making. Grounded in the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, it upholds children's rights to survival, protection, development, and participation. Through sustained advocacy and collaboration with government departments, Mobility India has enabled the participation of children in education, governance, and rights-based discussions at various levels.

Mobility India facilitated Makkala Grama Sabhas in 17 Gram Panchayats across Turuvekere, Sira, and Chikkanayakanahalli taluks. These events were conducted in collaboration with local governance bodies and were inaugurated by Gram Panchayat Presidents, Vice Presidents, Panchayat Members, and representatives from schools, Anganwadi's, and health services. 2,558 children actively participated, raising critical issues affecting their schools and communities, including:

- Lack of digital resources like laptops and smart classrooms
- Inadequate toilet facilities and water supply
- Unsafe school environments (broken compound walls, poor sanitation)
- Insufficient playgrounds and sports materials
- Instances of public alcohol drinking and smoking near schools
- Demand for household toilets and better transport facilities in rural areas



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Through direct interaction with Panchayat officials and local leaders, these forums empowered children to shape the regional development agenda and hold community services accountable to their needs.

Mobility India, in parallel, provided training to Panchayat Development Officers and Gram Panchayat Presidents, focusing on the inclusion of children with disabilities in all Gram Sabha proceedings. This initiative enhanced the sensitivity and responsiveness of local governance, promoting policies and practices that safeguard the rights, participation, and protection of the most vulnerable children in their communities.

Dignity Through Social Care and Assistive Technology for the Elderly

Mobility India deepened its focus on enhancing the quality of life for elderly persons through awareness, training, and assistive care interventions across Tumkur district.

In collaboration with the Department of Empowerment of Disabled and Senior Citizens, Tumkur and Tumkur University, Mobility India organized a district-wide one-day training program on Social Care and Assistive Technology for the elderly at Tumkur University. The program engaged 280 village and urban rehabilitation workers and multipurpose rehabilitation workers from eight taluks and essential assistive products were provided to the elderly.

The program emphasized the urgent need for assistive products for older adults, following a 2024 survey by Mobility India, which revealed limited access to assistive technology among the elderly population. The event featured motivational addresses by distinguished guests, including Swami Japananda Ji, Ms. Albina Shankar, Executive Director, Mr. Nataraj, Joint

Director, Women & Child Welfare, and Mr. Venkateswaralu, Vice Chancellor, Tumkur University, all of whom underscored the importance of embedding compassion and values in elder care.

A highlight of the event was the performance of the "Innovation Song" by five elderly women from the community, symbolizing resilience, and recognition. Legal and academic experts discussed Act 24 of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, and advocated for value-based education and nutrition sessions for the elderly.



Ageing and Health: Strengthening healthcare and provision of assistive products for the elderly.

Recognising the increasing healthcare challenges faced by the elderly. Mobility India conducted a need assessment programme to identify the healthcare and assistive technology needs of the elderly from the marginalised communities in the remotest villages in the four taluks of Tumkur District and provided 943 mobility and selfcare products for 111 elderly individuals



Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Services:

Mobility India has strengthened its comprehensive rehabilitation services across four taluks of Tumkur District-Tumkur, Chikkanayakanahalli, Sira, and Turuvekere-to improve the functional independence and quality of life for children with disabilities. Services included assessment and fitment programs, individualised therapy, assistive device provision, play therapy, parent education, and community-based elderly care.



Location	Assessment	Aids & Appliances	Positional Devices	Wheelchair	Hearing Aid	Spectacles
Tumkur	85	139	27	7	0	0
Chikkanayakanahalli	34	22	3	0	0	0
Sira	213	361	44	29	12	24
Turuvekare	34	26	21	0	0	0
Total	366	548	95	36	12	24

Referral and Medical Support Services

Location	No. of Children Supported	Nature of Support / Referral Services
Chikkanayakanahalli	34 (19 boys, 15 girls)	For epilepsy treatment, spasticity management, general health check-ups, MRI, and EEG scans
Sira	30 (16 boys, 14 girls)	For epilepsy treatment, spasticity management, general medical check-ups, EEG scans; medicines (syrops & tablets)
Tumkur	19	For epilepsy, cerebral palsy, neurological conditions; referrals for epilepsy medicines (2 children), eye surgery (1 child), and neurological medicines (3 children)
Turuvekere	15 (8 boys, 7 girls)	District Hospital, NIMHANS Bangalore, and Ayurveda centers for neurological, epilepsy, eye, and hearing problems

Therapy Services through Therapy Centres and Home-Based

Place	No of therapy centres	Number of Children's	Number of sessions
Tumkur	1	72	373
Turuvekere and TB Crosss	1	58	745
Sira	2	67	720
Chikkanayakanahalli and Huliur	2	120	919
Total	6	317	2757



Nutrition Support for Children with Disabilities

Every child has the right to proper nutrition. A comprehensive assessment in Chikkanayakanahalli, Sira, and Turuvekere taluks identified 350 children with cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, and other developmental conditions who were found to be severely or moderately malnourished. Recognizing the risks of undernutrition and disability, Mobility India provided age-appropriate supplements rich in protein and micronutrients to 300 children.

Through this initiative, children gained not only nutritional supplementation but also improved opportunities for physical and cognitive growth. Tangible progress was observed in appetite, energy



levels, and active participation in therapy. Training sessions focused on feeding techniques, nutrition awareness, and home-based preparation of nutrient-rich foods using local ingredients. This caregiver guidance reduced burden on families, sustained health improvements, and prevented further deterioration due to malnutrition.

Play Therapy Sessions

Two play therapy programs were conducted in Chikkanayakanahalli and Tumkur, with 45 participants taking part enthusiastically. Children engaged in a variety of activities, including:

- Drawing and colouring-to build eye-hand coordination
- Thread coloring-to support colour recognition.
- Ball in the bucket and passing the ball-to improve grasp, coordination, and upper limb strength.
- Pyramid blowing game-to enhance respiratory function.
- Music and movement-to deepen parent-child interaction.

Each session concluded with a handprint activity, a symbolic gesture recognising every child's presence and participation. Parents expressed deep appreciation for the sessions, noting their children's visible improvements and encouraging others to attend therapy regularly. In Chikkanayakanahalli the session was organised in collaboration with the Sakya Foundation and attended by MLA Mr. Suresh Babu and Mr. Parasuram from Tumkur University. They highlighted the importance of early intervention and community involvement. During the event, Mobility India also provided six positional devices and one reverse walker to support children's mobility.



Restoring Hope and Mobility:

The Story of Vaibhav Singh



Vaibhav Singh, a 5-year-old boy from Kunduru Cross, was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy following complications at birth. He faced multiple challenges, including muscle tightness, drooling, poor hand coordination, balance difficulties, and complete dependence on others for daily activities.

Referred to Mobility India, Vaibhav underwent a comprehensive rehabilitation program. He was provided with stretching and drooling control exercises, daily living activities training, hand coordination and balance activities, along with bilateral ankle foot orthoses and a twin device. In December 2024, he also underwent lens implantation in both eyes at Shankara Eye Hospital, Bangalore, to address vision problems.

Today, Vaibhav can sit independently for longer periods and has begun grasping objects, showing marked improvement in hand function. His parents expressed their gratitude to Mobility India for the support, noting the positive transformation in their child's life.

Druva H. L.

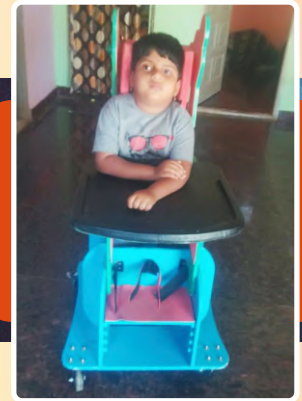


Druva H. L., a one and half year-old boy from Malledevanahalli, was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy after a difficult birth that required prolonged NICU care. Despite surviving those early challenges, he faced significant developmental delays. Before therapy, he had no neck control, could not sit even with support, and struggled with fine motor skills, social interaction, and engagement with his surroundings.

At Mobility India, Druva was assessed and found to have spastic quadriplegia, tightness in the hamstrings and ankles, poor trunk and neck control, mild drooling, and weak hand function. A tailored therapy plan was introduced, including stretching, neck and trunk control exercises, fine motor activities, drooling management, sitting with support, quadripod positioning, and physio ball activities. These interventions were designed to improve posture, muscle tone, and motor development.

With consistent therapy and his mother's active involvement, Druva has made remarkable progress. He now maintains better eye contact, responds to family members, engages with others. In just two months, his rolling movements have improved significantly, and he is steadily working toward greater independence. His mother expressed happiness at his progress and continues to bring him for regular follow-ups, hopeful for his following milestones.

Lavanya R



Lavanya R, a 6-year-old girl from Sasalu Palya, was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy after delays in her early growth and development. By 9 months of age, she was unable to sit, and by 18 months, she had poor neck control and limited stability. Although her parents consulted several hospitals, they were unable to afford regular physiotherapy.

An Anganwadi worker identified her condition and referred her to Mobility India, where a detailed assessment was conducted in August 2024. The evaluation revealed multiple challenges, including muscle tightness, poor hand coordination, difficulty in sitting and standing, muscle weakness, and drooling. An intervention plan was developed that included stretching, strengthening, hand coordination, and balance exercises, along with the prescription of bilateral AFOs and a twin device for support.

Lavanya now attends therapy sessions at Mobility India twice a week, and her parents are delighted with the improvements they see and expressed deep gratitude to Mobility India for providing continuous support and rehabilitation services, helping Lavanya move towards greater independence.

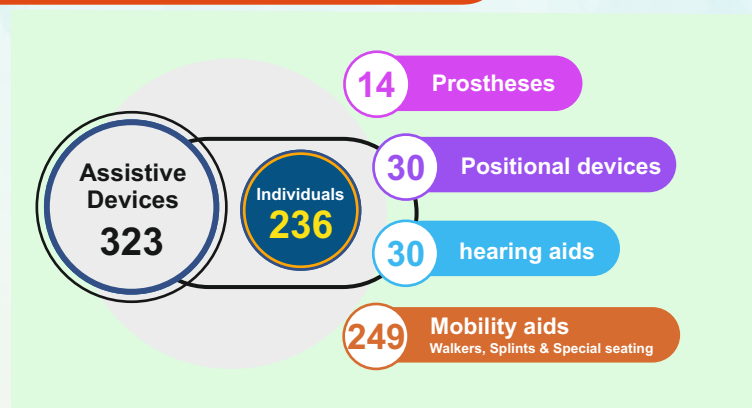
Community-Based Inclusive Development Program- Bengaluru South Block, Urban District

Mobility India promotes disability-inclusive development across five BBMP wards of Bengaluru: JP Nagar, Tilak Nagar, BTM Layout, Gurappanapalya, and Byrasandra through a range of impactful initiatives and responsive to people's needs in the fields of health, rehabilitation and assistive technology services, inclusive education, menstrual hygiene management, vocational training, entrepreneurship development and gainful employment bringing about a change in peoples lives and in the community.

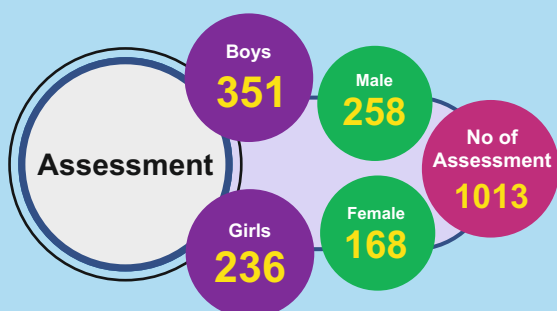
Mobility India work closely with governments, hospitals, community-based organisations, frontline workers and communities. This initiative directly supported over 180 persons with disabilities, 1,700+ adolescent girls, and 1,200+ community stakeholders

Physical Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Services

Mobility India continued its commitment to enhancing the mobility of persons with disabilities and people in need, especially older people by providing physical rehabilitation and assistive technology services. Rehabilitation services were provided to 197 children and adults with disabilities, with 332 assistive devices provided. The team also facilitated 1,013 referrals for health screenings and treatments at leading institutions, including St. John's Medical College Hospital, Sanjay Gandhi Trauma Hospital, NIMHANS, and Jayanagar General Hospital.



These devices significantly improved health outcomes and mobility, enabling children to attend school, adults to pursue employment, and older persons to live more independently within their communities.



Community-Based Inclusive Development Program- Bengaluru South Block, Urban District

Physiotherapy Services

Physiotherapy plays a vital role in improving functional mobility, strength, and independence for persons with disabilities. Mobility India enabled 1,613 physiotherapy sessions to 51 users- (21 boys, 21 girls, five men, and four women).

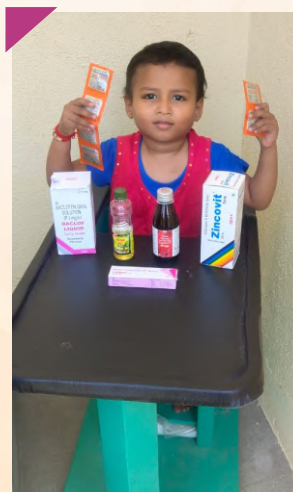
Services were delivered through a combination of clinic-based sessions and home visits, addressing conditions such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, developmental delays, orthopaedic conditions, and postoperative rehabilitation. Parents and caregivers were given hands-on training to continue therapy at home, ensuring sustained improvements.



Nutrition and Medical Support

Children with disabilities often face nutritional deficiencies that affect both physical and cognitive development. To address this, 50 children were each provided with 24 kg of homemade nutritional supplements made of ragi, millet, moong dal, chickpeas, groundnut, and jaggery. Parents reported visible improvements in their children's immunity, appetite, physical strength, and developmental milestones, along with fewer illness episodes and enhanced interaction and speech.

In addition, 71 children received essential medications, including treatment for epilepsy, calcium supplements for bone health, and medicines for skin allergies and developmental delays. These interventions improved overall health outcomes, reduced complications, and provided better seizure control. Mobility India worked closely with neurologists, psychiatrists, and local paediatricians to ensure timely and personalised care.



Community-Based Inclusive Development Program- Bengaluru South Block, Urban District

Menstrual Health and Hygiene Management

Adolescent girls, especially those from underserved communities and with disabilities, often lack accurate information on menstrual hygiene. This gap contributes to stigma, school absenteeism, and health issues. To address this, 44 menstrual hygiene awareness sessions were conducted across 37 government schools, reaching 1,776 adolescent girls.

In collaboration with the Department of Education and with support from WOW, trainings were conducted on anatomy, hygiene practices, nutrition, psychological well-being, and the safe use and disposal of menstrual products. The intervention resulted in reduced stigma, greater awareness, and adoption of reusable sanitary products. Teachers also committed to improving WASH infrastructure in their schools, and peer groups were formed to maintain hygiene collectively.



Capacity Building of Frontline Workers and Community Members

To build sustainable support systems and enhance the knowledge and capabilities, Mobility India invested in the training of health workers, caregivers, and community members:

Ten structured training sessions engaged 673 frontline workers, including Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) and Anganwadi workers, from the Bengaluru South BBMP Zone.

The sessions covered a comprehensive curriculum that included classification and types of disabilities, early identification and intervention strategies, disability prevention, understanding and usage of assistive devices, appropriate nutritional planning for children with disabilities, referral systems, and inclusive communication practices. The sessions were highly participatory, featuring role-plays, visual learning tools, and case simulations.



This approach increased workers' confidence in identifying disability-related needs and providing accurate referrals and follow-up care. Feedback highlighted their increased motivation and the practical value of the training in daily community engagement.



Community-Based Inclusive Development Program- Bengaluru South Block, Urban District

Eleven awareness sessions were organized, reaching 530 participants, including caregivers, parents of children with disabilities, members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and individuals with disabilities themselves.

These sessions helped build awareness of disability rights, promote leadership among community members, and improve knowledge of menstrual health and hygiene. Participants shared experiences, identified challenges, and brainstormed community-driven solutions.

As a result, trained members identified 25 new cases of disability and referred them to Mobility India for timely intervention. Several Anganwadi teachers and SHG members also independently initiated conversations on inclusion within their networks.



Enhancing Livelihoods Through Skill Training & Empowerment

Promote economic inclusion and self-reliance among persons with disabilities and their families through skill development and employment facilitation.

Access to skill training and livelihood opportunities remained a core focus. 50 persons with disabilities, caregivers, and family members, were connected to vocational training and job placement programs through collaborations with training institutions and government departments.

Life skills and 21st-century readiness

To build confidence and workplace readiness, 22 intensive sessions were conducted, reaching 566 participants.

Following life skills training, 101 persons with disabilities, caregivers, and unemployed youth-enrolled in demand-driven training programs.

Of these, 10 secured formal employment and 20 launched their own microenterprises, demonstrating entrepreneurial initiative



Community-Based Inclusive Development Program- Bengaluru South Block, Urban District

Vocational Training and Job Linkages:

Achievement

Life Skills Sessions Conducted	22
Participants in Life Skills Training	566
Referred for Skill Training	101
Vocational Courses Offered	8
Participants Certified	34
Secured Employment	10
Self-Employed Participants	20

Through integrated training, motivation, and placement support, Mobility India empowered families to take confident steps toward sustainable livelihoods, reinforcing its mission of building inclusive and resilient communities.



Empowering Independence: Mrs. Jyothi Laxmi's Journey

Mrs. Jyothi Laxmi, a 46-year-old woman with a locomotor disability living in Hulimaavu, Bengaluru, faced major mobility and financial challenges. Her husband, a daily wage driver, often had to assist her with transportation, affecting his ability to maintain stable employment and support their family.

Identified by Mobility India's CBID facilitator, Jyothi was referred for a comprehensive assessment and provided with a customised wheelchair that significantly enhanced her independence. With limited digital skills restricting her job opportunities, she was encouraged to join a motivational training program and later enrolled in computer and English communication courses at the BEYOND Computer Centre. Mobility India supported her by covering the course fees.

Today, Jyothi works at Amazon, earning ₹9,000 per month. She is the first woman with a disability to be hired by Amazon in her area. This milestone achievement not only supports her family's needs but also helps fund her daughter's higher education.

Jyothi's journey highlights the transformative impact of Mobility India's integrated support-rehabilitation, life skills, and vocational training-on enabling independent and dignified living.

Community-Based Inclusive Development Program- Bengaluru South Block, Urban District



Vishnuvardhan's
Progress Through
Twin Devices

Vishnuvardhan, a 5-year-old boy from Bengaluru slum Urban District, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. He lives with his parents in a rented house; his father works as an auto driver and his mother as a domestic worker. Unable to sit, stand, or walk independently, he relied entirely on his family for daily activities.

He was identified by Mobility India's team. After a comprehensive assessment, it was clear that he required postural support to strengthen his trunk and improve his sitting ability.

Mobility India provided him with Twin Devices, specially designed to support sitting and standing posture, enabling better participation in daily activities. His parents actively took part in training sessions to ensure consistent use of the device, which soon became part of his daily routine at home.

Within weeks, his posture and trunk control improved, allowing him to play-an important milestone in his development. Encouraged by his progress, his parents are now considering enrolling him in school, a crucial step toward social inclusion.

"Seeing him sit and smile while playing is the best moment for us," shared his mother with pride.



Shankar's Journey
with Hearing Aid

Shankar, a 50-year-old resident of Gurapanapalya in Bengaluru, lives with his wife and children in a rented house. Born with speech and hearing impairments, he works as a helper in local shops, taking up daily wage jobs to support his family. His wife, an ASHA worker, has been his primary support in managing daily challenges.

Mobility India's CBID Urban team identified Shankar and referred him to a specialist at the City Hearing Centre. After an assessment, a hearing aid was recommended, which Mobility India facilitated.

Since receiving the device, Shankar has shown remarkable improvement-he can now understand conversations, follow instructions, and engage confidently with others. He is more independent, able to navigate streets safely, work efficiently, and communicate better with family and peers. What was once a daily struggle has become a journey toward self-reliance and dignity.

"I feel more connected with people and confident in public places," shares Shankar.



Inclusive Development Centre

Dimoria Block of Kamrup (M)
and Baksa District, Assam

Inclusive Development Centre – Assam

Mobility India's Inclusive Development Centre in Assam has been advancing disability-inclusive development across Northeast India since 2015. In the Dimoria block of Kamrup (Metro) District, Mobility India has implemented community development programs in 85 villages across seven Gram Panchayats, focusing on disability inclusion to address poverty and build resilient communities. Along with rehabilitation and educational support, the centre has promoted rural entrepreneurship by training disabled individuals in bamboo weaving, piggery, poultry farming, and kitchen gardening, helping families establish home-based livelihoods and gain financial independence. To date, the centre has supported over 2,000 persons and children with disabilities from 18 districts of Assam through its rehabilitation, therapy, and assistive technology services, promoting education, participation, and social inclusion.

Reaching the Unreach

Mobility India has extended its operations to the aspirational district of Baksa, within the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) of Assam, with a specific focus on the underserved blocks of Jalah and Dhamdhama. This region faces socio-economic challenges due to ethnic conflicts and limited access to quality healthcare and assistive technology services. The rehabilitation services such as assistive devices, essential therapeutic services are not available which exacerbates the issue, leaving persons with disabilities without adequate support and perpetuating their socio-economic marginalisation within society.

A baseline study was conducted in collaboration with the Roots to Branches Foundation, covering 602 individuals with disabilities. This study provided insights into the socio-economic conditions of persons with disabilities and the severe lack of rehabilitation and assistive technology services in the region.

Physical Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology services, along with Therapeutic interventions

Rehabilitation is an essential component of health services that improves people's health and quality of life. Rehabilitation addresses the impact of a health condition on the person's life with a primary focus on improving everyday functioning and reducing the experience of disability to lead healthier, more productive, independent, and dignified lives, allowing them to engage in education, the workforce, and their communities.

The prevalence of locomotor disabilities is notably high in Baksa District, yet access to basic assistive devices remains severely limited. Persons with disabilities who are in need of basic assistive devices are required to travel to other neighbouring districts like Nalbari and Kamrup Metro, which delays timely intervention. Addressing this gap is vital to ensuring access to assistive products in the region. Customised and Quality assistive devices are needed to help the locals navigate the geographies, participate and contribute to the community.



Inclusive Development Centre – Assam

Home-based services and Centre-based services, tailored to the individual needs.



Physical therapy services go hand-in-hand with assistive devices for the steady improvement of disability conditions and enhancing functional independence. Majority of the population in Baksa district lack awareness of the benefits of physical therapy services. As a result, many people with disabilities are compelled to seek therapy in distant districts, resulting in discontinued treatment due to the challenges of distance and accessibility. This gap underscores the urgent need for localized rehabilitation therapy services.



Home - based services and Centre-based services



Mobility India established three therapy centres two in Jalah and one in Dhamdhama for people living in remote areas to access services. Children and adults' people with disabilities are referred to the Mobility India therapy centres by the medical and health officers from the local Public Health Centres. This collaboration resulted in the seamless provision of care to people with disabilities in these remote areas.

Key stakeholders

- 12 Village Council Development Committee (VCDC) Chairpersons
- Child Development Project Officers, Block Development Officers
- Local leaders in Jalah and Dhamdhama blocks.

Inclusive Development Centre – Assam

30th Anniversary Celebrations



MI hosted a regional event that brought together stakeholders, staff, and community members. The event was graced by Ms. Marika Millar Director of MIBLOU and Ms. Albina Shankar, Executive Director of MI. It highlighted Mobility India's reach and progress made in the aspirational district of Assam and reinforced its long-term commitment

Awareness and Sensitization of frontline health workers



The grassroots-level service providers do not possess adequate knowledge and information about disability, early identification, benefits of physical rehabilitation and assistive technology services. Mobility India conducted trainings for 150 ASHA and 150 Anganwadi workers from Jalah and Dhamdhama blocks. These frontline workers were equipped with skills to identify developmental delays and disabilities in children, understand rehabilitation pathways, familiarize with WHO essential assistive products and support families in accessing appropriate assistive devices and services. This initiative strengthened the early intervention framework within the community. Further, through grassroots-level workers, community people would also gain awareness of disability and available options for intervention.



Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Mr. Sanjit Das

Mr. Sanjit Das, a 23-year-old from Kamrup Metro, Assam, lost his left leg below the knee in a road traffic accident on National Highway 37. Coming from a Below Poverty Line family, the amputation left him unable to walk, care for himself, or engage with his community, causing both emotional distress and financial strain.

In February 2024, Sanjit was referred to Mobility India, Dhupguri, where he underwent a comprehensive assessment and was provided with a custom-made below-knee prosthesis. Along with gait training and education on prosthesis care, he gradually regained his confidence and independence.

Today, Sanjit walks on his own, has reconnected with friends and community life, and runs a small shop that supports his family. His journey is a powerful example of how Mobility India's timely rehabilitation services and assistive technology restore mobility, dignity, and economic participation for persons with disabilities.



Mobility India Hyderabad

Mobility India – Hyderabad

Disability, Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Centre

Established in 2023, Mobility India's Hyderabad Centre has rapidly grown into a dynamic hub for comprehensive rehabilitation and assistive technology services in Telangana. Strategically located in Thirumalagiri, Secunderabad, the centre was established to address the unmet needs of persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals requiring Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology, as well as therapeutic support.

In just two years, the hyderabad has emerged as a centre of excellence, offering personalized, high-quality services that combine clinical expertise with innovative assistive devices and therapy interventions. From advanced prosthetics and orthotics to tailored therapy programs, every intervention is designed to restore function, promote independence, and enhance participation in daily life.

Under the leadership of Mr. Sama Raju, Assistant General Manager, and with a skilled multi-disciplinary team, the centre continues to expand its impact, guided by compassion, professionalism, and deep community engagement.



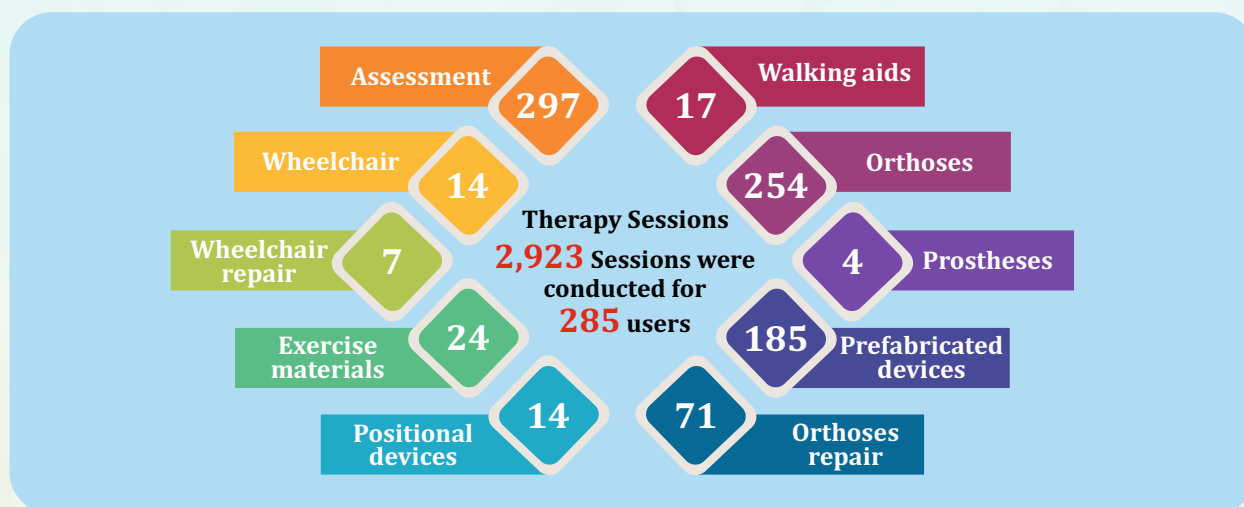
Physical Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Services

Mobility India expanded its outreach through nine screening programs, conducted in community locations such as temples, schools, churches, community halls, and special schools. These events were organized with the support of local organizations and institutions-including the Lions Club of Hyderabad, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam Temple management, Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple, Morning Start School, Holy Family Church, Community Hall in Thirmalagiri, KIMS College of Physiotherapy, DCMS College at Owaisi Hospital, NIMS College of Physiotherapy, PDS College of Physiotherapy, SWEKKAR-UPKAR affiliated Hyderabad Special School, and United Voluntary Action for the Rehabilitation of Disabled-plus volunteer support from KIMS college students.

These programs benefited more than 400 individuals, including children with developmental and physical conditions, older people, persons with disabilities, and healthcare professionals. Services included mobility assessments, counselling, prescriptions for therapy or assistive devices, and awareness of early intervention and rehabilitation.



Mobility India – Hyderabad



Increasing Visibility,

Mobility India actively enhanced visibility and outreach by integrating both digital and physical communication strategies. These efforts aimed to raise awareness, build credibility, and ensure wider access to rehabilitation and assistive technology services.

MIH launched monthly campaigns across digital platforms and healthcare facilities. Through sustained communication efforts, the centre strengthened its engagement with stakeholders, professionals, and potential service users.

Workshops and Seminars

Mobility India conducted

- Assistive Technology-Orthotics and Its Role in Rehabilitation, at Sai Neela Child Development Centre, Hyderabad.
- "Assistive Technology for managing children with Cerebral Palsy," was held at KIMS College of Physiotherapy.

Together, these programs provided valuable insights into orthotics, cerebral palsy management, and the WHO's Training in Assistive Products (TAP) initiative.

More than 50 healthcare interns and professionals, including 28 students from Sushrutha College of Physiotherapy, participated. Through practical demonstrations and clinical applications, the sessions effectively bridged theory with real-world practice, deepening participants' understanding of assistive technology in rehabilitation.



Mobility India – Hyderabad

- Mr. Sama Raju was invited as a guest speaker at the National Seminar on “Innovations in Diagnosis, Care, Management, and Research in Muscular Dystrophies” at the Institute of Genetics and Hospital for Genetic Diseases. He shared insights on the integration of assistive technology and physiotherapy in managing muscular dystrophies.
- Mobility India participated in an online webinar organized by the Composite Regional Center (CRC), Davangere, under NIEPID. With over 400 attendees, learned “Recent Advances in Assistive Technology for Children with Cerebral Palsy”, amplifying MI’s National reach.
- Ms. Ritu Ghosh and Mr. Sama Raju attended the 8th International Global Disability Conference held in Telangana, focusing on strengthening research and evidence-based disability inclusion. This participation enhanced Mobility India’s state, national and global profile.



Three orientation and awareness sessions were organized



- “Assistive Technology for All-WHO Concepts” was held at NIMS College of Physiotherapy, DCMS College at Owaisi Hospital, and PDS College of Physiotherapy. These sessions involved 300 physiotherapy students, faculty, and interns, emphasizing the role of physiotherapists in the adoption and implementation of assistive technology.
- An awareness program on “AT for All – WHO Concepts” was organized at NIEPID with around 175 participants. Mr. Sama Raju led sessions on global and national policies related to AT and emphasised the responsibility of professionals in advancing inclusive practices. The event reinforced Mobility India Hyderabad’s ongoing collaboration with NIEPID for future training and accessibility initiatives.
- An orientation program at Youth4Jobs introduced 10 participants to the assistive technology concept, about Mobility India, and the WHO framework on assistive technology accessibility.

Mobility India – Hyderabad



Walking Tall Kishan's Triumph Over Post-Polio Paralysis

Singidi Kishan, a 45-year-old farmer from a small village, has lived with Left Post-Polio Residual Paralysis (PPRP) since childhood. To cope, he developed a hand-to-gait walking style, using his arms to support his movement. While this adaptation allowed him to remain active, it severely limited his efficiency in farming and livestock management, causing chronic back pain due to the constant bending and leaning required.

Mobility India assessed Kishan's condition and provided a customized Left Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis (KAFO). To maximize its benefit, he also received comprehensive gait training, enabling him to adapt to an upright walking pattern and reduce his stress.

The KAFO and training have transformed Kishan's life. He can now walk with greater ease and stability, no longer forced into painful sideways bending. The relief from back pain and improved posture has restored his confidence, enhanced his ability to work on the farm, and significantly improved his overall well-being.



From Bed to Stairs Mr. Rao's Journey Back to Life

Mr. Telikunta Poorna Chander Rao, a 70-year-old from Sardar Patel Colony, sustained a Right Proximal Tibia Fracture and a closed Right Fibula fracture, surgically managed with an Ilizarov fixator and debridement. Post-surgery, he experienced persistent lower limb weakness and swelling in his right foot and knee, severely limiting his mobility and daily activities.

Initially bedridden, Mr. Rao had joint stiffness, muscle weakness, and swelling, which prevented independent movement and engagement in activities of daily living

Following a comprehensive assessment, he received a Right Patellar Tendon Bearing (PTB) guard orthosis with side joints to stabilize and off-load the affected limb, paired with a left sandal raise to correct limb length discrepancy.

A year-long rehabilitation program was tailored with short- and long-term goals, delivered through home-based sessions. The therapy progressed from bed-based exercises to reduce swelling and stiffness, to wheelchair mobility, assisted ambulation with a walker, incorporating strengthening, balance, and endurance training.

Through consistent therapy and orthotic support, Mr. Rao transitioned from complete bed rest to independent mobility. He regained the ability to walk confidently, climb stairs, and perform ADLs without assistance, significantly enhancing his quality of life and independence.



Networking and Collaboration

Networking and Collaboration

Mobility India believes that meaningful change is possible only through partnerships, knowledge exchange, and collaboration. Mobility India actively engaged with Government bodies both at the Central and State level, UN agencies WHO, international bodies, International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, International Society of Wheelchair Professionals, MIT and other professional bodies, leading institutions like NITI Aayog, the Rehabilitation Council of India, Indian Council of Medical Research, ICRC, IIT Madras, IISc, and DEBEL (Ministry of Defence, GOI), National and international universities and academic institutions, OPAI, IAAT and other civil society organizations to promote inclusive development, improve access to assistive technologies, and shape rehabilitation policy and practice. These engagements not only enhanced MI's visibility but also strengthened its role as a leader and influencer in the field of rehabilitation and assistive technology.

CReaTe International Conference 2024

Mobility India organised International Conference in collaboration with The Ohio State University, United States-India Science & Technology Endowment Fund (USISTEF), and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on October 18–19, 2024. The conference attracted over 300 delegates and 800+ students/visitors from within India and overseas.



- **Keynote Address** was delivered by Mr. David Constantine, President, International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO); Chair, International Society of Wheelchair Professionals (ISWP), Dr. Rajesh Aggarwal, IAS: Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE) was the Chief Guest emphasizing the transformative impact of complex rehabilitation technology (CRT) and Mr. M.K. Sridhar Padma Shree Awardee Founder Chancellor, Chanakya University.



Mr. David Constantine



Dr. Rajesh Aggarwal



Mr. M.K. Sridhar

- **Panel Discussions and Paper Presentations:** Topics ranged from user and caregiver perspectives to innovations in CRT, with 15 papers presented. Awards included Best Paper (Deepashree S R, Director, Diversity & Inclusion, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement), Best Poster - Ritikesh Pattanaik, Assistant Professor-Cum-In charge, Dept. of PO, KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research-Belagavi, India,

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Best Innovator- Brinda P, PG Physiotherapy Student, Department of Community Health Sciences, JSSCPT, Mysuru. India and Best Stall Mr Venkat V, ROPODS for their innovative product display.



ISO 7176 Certified Wheelchair Testing Lab

- Dr. Mohanavelu (DEBEL, Ministry of Defence), inaugurated the lab in the presence of Mr. Chapal Khasnabis. The lab adheres to ISO 7176 standards for stability, multi-drum, and curb drop tests.



- **Exhibition:** 20 stalls showcased advanced CRT products, fostering collaboration with exhibitors like ALIMCO, NeoMotion, and Ossur.

- **Cultural Programme:** Highlighted India's heritage through dance, music, and performances by students, enhancing community engagement.



Outcomes of the Conference

- Launch of ISO Wheelchair Testing Lab
- Pathways for partnerships between policymakers, manufacturers, healthcare providers, and NGOs were established.
- ALIMCO expressed interest in collaborating on product innovation and distribution.

30th Anniversary Celebration

In August 2024, Mobility India marked its 30 years of service in disability-inclusive development.

The celebration featured reflections from long-time associates, including Ms. Marika Millar, Executive Director of MIBLOU and Mr. Chapal Khasnabis, founder Executive Director, Mobility India, Sr. Advisor Assistive Technology, Asian Development Bank and Public Health and Innovation (PHI) team under the Department of



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Essential Medicines & Health Products (EMP) at the World Health Organization (WHO) Geneva. They traced Mobility India's journey since its founding in 1994 and emphasized the evolving needs of the sector, from elder care to mental health and community inclusion. Adding further depth to the occasion, Ms. Lakshmi, Consultant delivered a talk on Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion.

The event included moments of special recognition. The Jo Millar Award was presented to Ms. N. Shibani Chanu, a 2023 graduate, for her achievements in Prosthetics and Orthotics.



The inauguration of the library extension by Ms. Marika Millar marked another step in strengthening educational and research resources for students and faculty. In addition, the housekeeping team was honoured for their daily efforts, which play a vital role in sustaining the organization's functioning.

Research Dissemination and National-Level Contributions

MI contributed to national-level policy and research initiatives. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare invited Mobility India to develop an awareness tool on absorbent products and contribute to the development process in collaboration with the Central Health Education Bureau.

International and Regional Collaborations

Mobility India's role in shaping rehabilitation discourse extended beyond national borders. Ms. Ritu Ghosh represented at the WHO-SEARO Regional Meeting on Accelerating Access to Rehabilitation in Southeast Asia in Dhaka, Bangladesh and the meeting supported Southeast Asian countries in provisioning models of rehabilitation and assistive technology with country examples, challenges and opportunities faced by member States.

Co-presenting with Ms. Kylie from WHO HQ, Ms. Ritu highlighted the role of assistive technology in rehabilitation. The panel included experts from ICMR, ATscale, and WHO. She was later invited to a high-level debriefing hosted by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), co-chaired by Dr. Atul Goel (DGHS) and Dr. Rajiv Bahl (DG, ICMR), to share key strategies and recommendations from the regional meeting.

World Physiotherapy Day 2024

The theme "Rehabilitation and Long COVID."

MI conducted a free screening program at Suraksha Marvella Apartments, Bengaluru, where 22 people were screened and received guidance on therapeutic benefits and tailored exercises, particularly for low back pain, helping raise awareness on the importance of physiotherapy in enhancing health, mobility, and overall well-being.



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Academic and Research Collaborations

Mobility India further strengthened ties with academic institutions to advance research and training:

- **Salford University Registry Project:** Ms. Vennila and Mr. Sanjoy collaborated on usability testing of prosthetic user registry forms.
- **University of Southampton:** Ms. Ritu contributed to a publication on absorbent products, furthering continence care.
- **Brunel University:** Dr. Meriel Norris visited MI to explore collaborations in stroke rehabilitation for rural India.
- **UK Universities:** MI engaged with Salford, Southampton, King's College, and UCL to advance P&O research and explore joint projects.
- **WHO Service Costing Tool:** MI's technical team, including Mr. Dhanamani, Mr. Guru, Mr. John Wesley, Ms. Vennila, Mr. Riyaz, and Mr. Subhash, provided feedback for P&O and wheelchair services.
- **CMC Vellore BPO ISPO Audit:** ISPO nominated Ms. Ritu appointed Lead Auditor, with Ms. Mary (ISPO) as co-auditor and Mr. Kamaraj as rapporteur.

Conferences and Knowledge Sharing

Mobility India played an active role in several high-profile conferences, showcasing expertise and fostering collaboration:

NEPOCON 2024: Ms. Ritu Ghosh and Ms. Vennila presented a paper on Understanding People's Needs and Experiences of Using Washable Absorbent Continence products in India, Papua New Guinea, and Romania. The presentation was well-received, contributing to global discussions on continence care.

National Conference on Sustainable Provision of Assistive Technology (NConSPAT) 2024: ICRC in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) organized the second edition of National Conference. This facilitated exchange of knowledge and expertise, best practices, and experience among high-level stakeholders from the ministries, international organizations, national institutions, academia, research institutions, start-ups, NGOs and others who were part of a series of panel discussions. Ms. Albina Shankar chaired a session, and Ms. Ritu participated contributing to discussions on sustainable assistive technology provision.

Purple Talk 2024

Ms. Ritu Ghosh, Mr. Sanjoy, and Mr. Riyaz, participated virtually in Purple Talk, organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. The event was to showcase advancements in disability-related innovation.

A presentation was made on MI's work in continence products and assistive solutions, including Twin Device. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, MSJE, commended MI's innovation and emphasized the need for stakeholder collaboration to expand impact.

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International Prosthetics and Orthotics Day 2024

On November 5, 2024, Mobility India observed International Prosthetics and Orthotics Day with the global theme "Enabling and Empowering." The celebration highlighted the essential role of prosthetics and orthotics services in enhancing health, productivity, and independence for persons with disabilities.



The event was graced by Dr. C. N. Manjunath, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, who delivered an inspiring keynote as Chief Guest, emphasizing the importance of accessible rehabilitation services in nation-building. Ms. Charu Sharma, Physical Rehabilitation Project Manager, ICRC, Delhi, provided the opening remarks, setting the tone for an engaging and insightful program.

Two dynamic panel discussions were held:

- Personnel, Enabling, and Empowering: A User and Family Panorama
- Professional Panorama

MI created a meaningful platform for exchange between users, caregivers, and professionals. More than 100 users and their family members actively participated, sharing lived experiences, perspectives, and aspirations, and fostering a sense of belonging. Their involvement enriched

the dialogue and reinforced the essence of empowerment through prosthetics and orthotics interventions.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024

Mobility India actively participated in the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, themed "Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future." MI engaged in the program at Kanteerava Stadium, organized by the Department of Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens. MI set up an engaging stall that showcased its innovative programmes and assistive technology. The stall became a hub for knowledge exchange and product demonstrations, drawing wide interest. A special highlight was the visit of the **Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah**, who was briefed by MI's team about Mobility India and its impactful work.



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At Mobility India, the event was inaugurated by Mr. B. Dayananda, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City, along with distinguished guests Padma Shri Awardees, Shri M.K. Sridhar, Founder Chancellor of Chanakya University and Dr. K.S. Rajanna in the presence of Mr. P. S. S. Thomas, President, Mr. K.L. Vinaya, Secretary, Mr. Nagaraj, Treasurer and Ms. Albina Shankar, Executive Director.

The event featured the felicitation of Padma Shri awardees for their outstanding contributions to disability. Service users-both children and adults with disabilities-shared testimonies about their personal journeys and how Mobility India's services have transformed their lives. The event also included the provision of assistive devices to children with disabilities.

The event featured panel discussions centered on empowerment, inclusion, and leadership, offering diverse perspectives from professionals, entrepreneurs, government officials, and community members. Esteemed panelists included Mr. Krishna Murthy, District Disabled Welfare Officer, Bengaluru Urban District, Mr. Rajashekara M, First Division Assistant at CJM Court, Chamaraj nagara; Prof. Nagaraja B.G. from Government First Grade College; Mrs. Varsha, an entrepreneur; Ms. Nirmala, Senior Accounts Officer at Mobility India; Ms. Divya, a bank employee.



The day brought together 179 participants (46 men and 133 women), persons with disabilities and their families. Participants shared that the sessions gave them practical knowledge on caring for children with disabilities and adolescent girls, while also empowering them to foster independence and inclusion within their communities.

Carers Day and IDPD Preparations: Ms. Manjula and Ms. Pushpa participated in the Carers Day preparation meeting, while Mrs. Smitha attended the IDPD preparation meeting, strengthening ties with the Department of Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens.

Arogya Raksha Samithi (ARS) Meeting: The CBID Urban team participated in the ARS meeting at Jayanagar PHC, engaging with PHC doctors, ASHA workers, and community stakeholders. MI presented its activities, leading to the identification and assessment of four children and people with disabilities, with three assessed by MI professionals and one referred to an orthopedic doctor.

Health & Family Welfare Department Engagement: Mrs. Smitha and Mrs. Vennila met Dr. Thriveni (Director) and Dr. Chandrika (Deputy Director) at Arogya Soudha, requesting for Community Health Officers' participation in WHO's TAP Training program.

SSA Education Committee Meeting: Ms. Firdose attended the SSA Education Committee meeting at the DDPI office, Bengaluru South, discussing educational materials and social security schemes for children and persons with disabilities.

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Welcoming and embracing 2025 with memorable and meaningful beginnings

The New Year began on a wonderful note with celebrations along with the Bengaluru Police, fostering a spirit of inclusion. The event embodied the spirit of inclusion, bringing together police officials, children, and adults with disabilities.

Dr. Chandraputa IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police(Crime), Bengaluru, was the Chief Guest along with Sri Hakay Akshay Machindra IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, City Crime

Branch-1, Bengaluru city, and Sri R Srinivas Gowda IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, City Crime Branch- 2, Bengaluru City, and key police personnel.

The celebration set a positive tone for 2025, reaffirming Mobility India's shared commitment with civic institutions to building a safer and more inclusive society for persons with disabilities and marginalized groups.



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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL-2024 TO MARCH-2025



(Amounts in ₹)

31-Mar-24	RECEIPTS	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24	PAYMENTS	31-Mar-25
	To Opening Balances				
71,301	Cash on Hand	56,247	5,31,36,568	By Personnel Costs	5,48,45,111
72,74,857	Cash at Bank	2,58,21,614	96,35,412	Administrative Costs	1,03,98,408
40,47,562	Fixed Deposits /Mutual Funds		1,88,77,231	Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Services	1,44,35,130
			83,00,988	Education and Research	78,40,351
			1,09,71,988	Community Based Inclusive Development Programs	2,19,37,861
	GRANTS				
27,91,238	- United Way of Bengaluru	43,17,432	37,55,709	Capital Expenditure	27,72,514
18,95,000	- SBI Foundation	88,59,600	73,03,226	Advances & others	14,57,536
31,14,208	- International Committee of the Red Cross, New Delhi	34,12,869		Fixed Deposits /Mutual Fund	1,27,39,191
73,39,468	- World Health Organisation	8,09,378			
1,41,80,400	- Azim Premji Foundation	1,38,83,363		Closing Balances	
38,88,830	- AbbVie Therapeutics India Private Limited	1,26,86,584			
	- Massachusetts Institute of Technology	22,06,222	56,247	- Cash on hand	19,791
-	- Trelleborg India Private Ltd	1,80,000	2,58,21,614	- Cash at bank	2,52,85,782
2,72,265	- On Line Giving Foundation	6,78,269			
33,23,400	- MIBLOU				
98,698	- Jiv Daya Foundation				
7,00,000	- Continue Serve Softech India Pvt. Ltd.				
1,00,403	Society for Biomedical Technology (SBMT), Bangalore				
29,00,000	- Indo-US Science and Technology Forum(IUSSTF)				
51,78,526	- Intel Technology India Private Ltd				
12,17,265	- LIC Golden Jubilee Foundatuin				
10,74,000	- Tata Elxsi Limited				
1,06,200	- TTK Centre for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development (R2D2 lab)	24,17,976			
1,18,21,631	" Donation	1,03,77,315			
2,39,46,206	" Education, Research and Support services	2,32,15,635			
2,39,69,362	" Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Services	1,82,89,459			
1,12,34,381	" Bank /FD Interest /Mutual Funds	1,75,39,925			
9,71,527	" Misc Income/ in Kind	5,36,889			
63,42,257	" Advances & Others	64,42,897			
13,78,58,984	Total	15,17,31,673	13,78,58,984	Total	15,17,31,673

Big Thank You

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ಹಿರಿಯ ನಾಗರಿಕರೆಂದರೆ ಯುವಕರಿಗೆ ತಾತ್ಕಾರ

ತುಮಕೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಆರೈಕೆ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಿ ಜವಾನಂದ ಜೇ

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ನಿಯಮಿತ ಬಾರ್ತಾ

ಬಾಗನಪಾಟಾತ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಸಂಕ್ರಮಣ ಲೋಕಾರ್ಪಣೆ ಆಹಿಲಾ ಪ್ರದಾನ

ನಿಯಮಿತ ಬಾರ್ತಾ, ಹಾವೇರಿ, ೦೫.೦೫.೨೦೨೩. ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಂಚಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಗನಪಾಟಾತ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಸಂಕ್ರಮಣ ಲೋಕಾರ್ಪಣೆ ಆಹಿಲಾ ಪ್ರದಾನದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಗನಪಾಟಾತ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಸಂಕ್ರಮಣ ಲೋಕಾರ್ಪಣೆ ಆಹಿಲಾ ಪ್ರದಾನದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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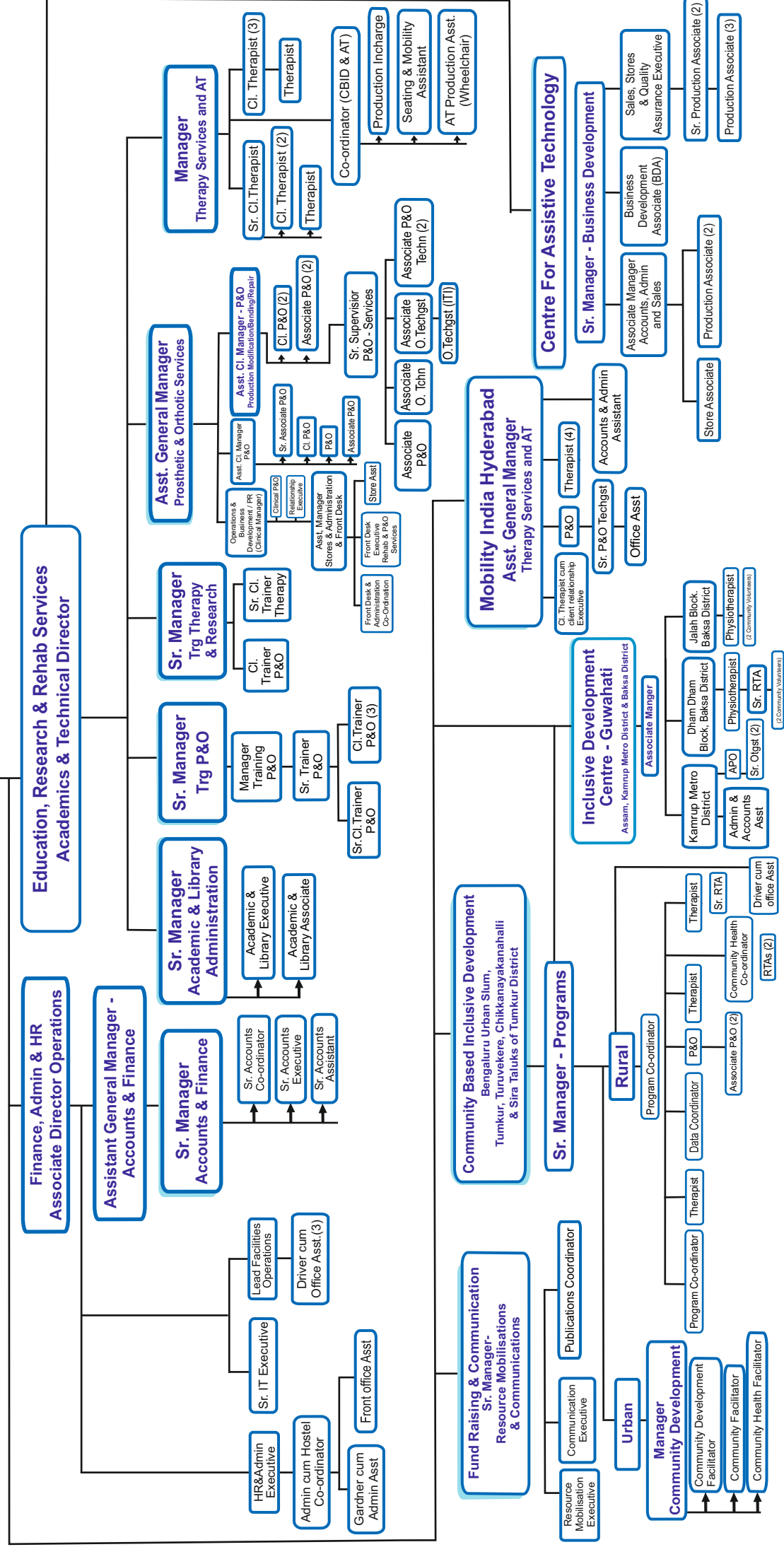
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General Body	9	7	16	0	4	4
Governing Body	6	1	7	0	1	1
Existing Staff	53	54	107	14	14	28





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