## Agreement between MEA and BMVSS for 'India for Humanity' project extended

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On the occasion of his 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) launched the 'India for Humanity' initiative on 9th October 2018. This initiative focussed on Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of compassion, caring and service to humanity. Under this initiative 13 artificial limb fitment camps were organised in 12 countries and more than 6500 artificial limbs were fitted. These camps were fully sponsored by Ministry of External Affairs and materialised by the renowned charitable organization "Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti" (BMVSS).

- 2. These camps generated a lot of goodwill for India in countries where these were organised such as in Malawi, Iraq, Nepal, Egypt, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Syria etc. These camps aim to provide for the physical, economic and social rehabilitation of amputees by helping them regain their mobility and dignity to become self-respecting and productive members of the society. India has been extending humanitarian assistance under its Development Partnership which is derived by its core value of Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam.
- 3. In this context, on 5th August 2020, the Agreement between the MEA and BMVSS is extended for further 3 years i.e. till March 2023. Shri Rahul Chhabra, Secretary (ER), signed the Agreement on behalf of the Ministry of External Affairs whereas Shri Satish Mehta signed on behalf of BMVSS.

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