

SUCCESS STORY

12 year old boy receives Paediatric Orthopaedic surgery at the 183rd Lifeline Express project held from 2nd to 21st August 2017 at Daltonganj in Palamu District, Jharkhand

Sumit Kumar, male, aged 12 years old, was born at home. His mother says, “His development has been slow as compared to other children”. The parents noticed the developmental delay and showed him to the doctor in the local hospital but it was in vain. Sumit has been living with Cerebral Palsy since his birth. An examination by the Paediatric Orthopaedic surgeon, confirmed the diagnosis of Spastic Diplegic Cerebral Palsy which has led to tightness of bilateral hamstring and Tendon Achilles of muscles in both the lower limbs which makes walking without support difficult. The condition has forced him to drop out of school and stay at home. The father says it is difficult to save money for his treatment.

The family got to know about the Lifeline Express, its services and Specialist doctors during the pre-publicity campaign conducted to inform the community of the project. Sumit was operated on 19th August 2017 for Bilateral Hamstring and Tendon Achilles release under general anaesthesia. The measurements for his splints were taken which he will require after plaster removal to maintain the surgical correction and to enable a speedy recovery.



Before Surgery



**12 year old Master Sumit Kumar
Post Surgery**

Sumit's mother: *“I would like to thank God for sending the Lifeline Express for my son. I had never thought he would be able to walk normally. We thank the doctors for giving us hope.”*