

H. Ramakrishnan Locomotor Disability



While disability may be perceived as a hurdle by many, it is conceived as a blessing in disguise by H. Ramakrishnan, who sees his polio inflicted limbs as an opportunity to showcase his steely grit and inner strength in making a success out of his life.

Ramakrishnan, was only two when he lost his mobility due to polio in both his legs. Yet he refused to succumb to his destiny. Braving all challenges that life had to offer, the gritty man went on to crack the UPSC exams to join the Indian Information Service. Now with a career ranging to 40 years Ramakrishnan has successfully handled diverse assignments in All India Radio, Doordarshan etc.

A multi tasker to the hilt, Ramakrishnan was the first person to report live on Tamil News. He covered and anchored major events that included the launch of rockets from Sriharikota and interviewed top politicians including former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa, former President, late Abdul Kalam etc. It was his childhood dream of becoming a news reader that made him join the All India Radio and then Doordarshan as a news reader. A profile that he kept for nearly for over 25 years, before becoming the first ever differently abled person to rise to the level of Senior Administrative Grade officer in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

Multifaceted, Ramakrishnan not only had a stint in the film industry when he got an opportunity to act in a couple of Tamil movies, the musician in him also propelled him to participate in several concerts. A talented percussionist, Ramakrishnan is an exponent of Mridangam. He also plays the Kanjira and is an expert in Konnakkol.

He also runs a charitable trust called Krupa to support and help specially-abled individuals by providing them support equipment like the hearing aids, calipers, tricycles and walking sticks etc.