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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Sukriti!

Commuting has always been one of the biggest challenges for persons with locomotor disabilities. While the Metro Rail has set an example of accessibility, most other modes of transport remain out of reach for many even today.

My own journey with this challenge began way back in 1983, when I joined Meenakshi College as an undergraduate student. The excitement of college life and new friendships was dampened by the daily struggle of getting there. Buses were not just inaccessible — society itself was still learning to be sensitive to people like me.

One day, I happened to meet our college founder, Mr. K.R. Sundarajan. When he asked how I was managing, I shared my difficulty in commuting and mentioned that a motorized tri-wheeler could make all the difference. To my amazement, within a week, he gifted me one. It was a life-changing moment — it gave me freedom, confidence, and a sense that the sky was no longer out of reach. That vehicle didn't just move me physically; it moved me forward in life.

Every initiative we take at Sukriti is born out of such lived experiences. It has always been my dream to make mobility easier and dignified for others who face similar barriers.

Recently, we received an appeal from Mr. Pritam Das, a spinal cord injury survivor from West Bengal, requesting a NeoFly wheelchair. When I started driving, there were no customized or safe mobility options — we managed with what little was available.

Today, innovations like the NeoMotion, developed by IIT Madras, are transforming lives.

With the support of generous well-wishers like you, we were able to provide Mr. Pritam with a NeoFly. Today, he has regained his independence, returned to work, and even earned a salary increase within six months of joining. Stories like his reaffirm our belief that access to mobility is access to life itself.

As we continue this journey of empowerment, I invite you to walk (or rather, *ride*) alongside us — helping many more like Pritam reclaim their confidence, dignity, and independence. Every contribution, big or small, takes someone one step closer to freedom.

Wishing you all a Happy Diwali !!

With warmth and gratitude
Sowmya Simhan



Pritam's Journey — Watch the Video

By Pritam Das, Kolkata, West Bengal

My name is Pritam Das, and I hail from Kolkata, West Bengal. In 2008, shortly after completing my high school education, I was involved in a life-altering road accident that resulted in a spinal cord injury and permanent mobility impairment. It was an incredibly challenging time—physically, emotionally, and mentally—but I chose to face it with resilience and determination.

Over the years, I worked hard to adapt, acquire new skills, and become socially and financially independent. However, mobility remained a major barrier in my daily life and professional journey.

Everything changed when I received the NeoMotion wheelchair and NeoBolt mobility attachment. These innovations significantly improved my quality of life—NeoMotion's customized seating and lightweight design brought ease and comfort to indoor movement, while the NeoBolt, a motorized add-on, gave me the freedom to travel independently without fatigue or external help.

Today, I work as an accountant in a local shop, and for the first time in many years, I am able to commute on my own every day. This has improved my efficiency, punctuality, and self-confidence. The combination of NeoMotion and NeoBolt has restored my independence, dignity, and the ability to pursue my goals without limitations.

While I agree that the credit for this incredible transformation goes to NeoMotion's innovation, I also want to sincerely acknowledge the crucial role played by Sukriti Foundation. Without your support and timely intervention, this would not have been possible. Sukriti Foundation has not just facilitated access to assistive technology—it has helped pave the path to a more empowered and inclusive life for people like me.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. Your contribution has made a real difference.



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