



## REHABILITATION OF AN UNKNOWN PATIENT

An unidentified patient inflicted by polio was admitted to the Department of Neurosurgery, C.N. Center & Gamma knife, AIIMS on 9 January 2012 by the local police from Nizammudin Railway Police Station. Since no information was available about him, he was registered as an unknown patient.



He was unable to communicate due to a speech disorder & the doctors discharged him after a month long treatment on 7 February, 2012.

On discharge, he was sent to the **Home for Sick and Destitute at Vijay Mandir, Alwar** as no one was able to identify him.

With proper diet, a healthy and happy environment & care provided by the nursing staff at the Home, he became better and one day was able to communicate that he lived in Chandni Chowk, Delhi but did not remember the exact postal address or location of his home. He however assured that he would be able to identify his home if taken to that area.

It was a tough challenge but that did not deter SAPNA.

On 8 October 2012, SAPNA brought him back to Delhi & was taken the very same evening to Chandni Chowk but he was thoroughly confused & it was a wasted trip.



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Not one to give up easily, next morning the SAPNA team again took him around & after a frantic search in the area, we were able to locate his relatives & his house who identified him as – “*Niaz Ahmed*”.



*“So it was a happy ending with SAPNA reuniting him with his family and achieving the impossible”*