

Chapter 19

Challenged But Ultimate Winners

Physically challenged persons can also do wonders and reach the top. There are many examples. A few of them are described and shown here.

B.S. Chandrashekhar was handicapped by polio. He became a top-class leg spin and googly bowler of India. He took more test wickets than the runs he scored.





When **Helen Keller** was only nineteen months old, she lost her power of hearing and sight after an illness. She learnt to speak, read and write and became a famous teacher and author.

Stevie Wonder is a very famous singer and songwriter. He is blind. He has won many awards for his songs, the most famous being 'I just called to say I love you.'





Sudha Chandran is an Indian classical dancer and actress. She lost her leg in a road accident. But, she continued her dancing career with an artificial leg.

Ludwig van Beethoven was half-deaf for most of his life and completely deaf when he composed his most famous piece of music-the Ninth Symphony.



LIVEWORKSHEETS

John Milton became blind at the age of thirty-three after which he wrote his best works.





Ravindra Jain was born visually impaired, he started singing at a very young age. When he joined the Indian music industry, he became one of the most notable music directors of the 1970s. Apart from composing various 'super-hit' songs for Hindi movies, he had also launched several private albums which were praised by many.

Arunima Sinha lost her leg when some robbers pushed her out of a moving train. Two years later, she became the first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest. She has proved that a strong determination and will is far more important than a strong body. Even with a prosthetic leg, she overcame her challenges and made history.





Stephen Hawking was a physically challenged and wheel-chair bound British scientist and professor of Mathematics at Cambridge, who first visited India in 2001. 'A Brief History of Time' is his international best-seller.

Think Fast

Write the names of these famous persons who have overcome their physical disability.



_____



_____



_____



_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS