



Sightsavers

# Insight

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## Fashion & Disability - Walking with a Difference

Suparna belongs to the Amta village in West Bengal. She has had a locomotor disability since birth but that never deterred her to be a contributing member.

In the year 2021, Sightsavers started the identification of persons with disabilities through the involvement of volunteers, Suparna was one of them. Due to her zeal for passion, she was selected as an active participant in the Inclusive Education Project.

One fine day, the Sightsavers State Program Lead shared with the district team about the upcoming Fashion show 'Walk with a Difference' organized by AIMS Media.

Post registration, Suparna was shortlisted in the audition where she performed a recitation and a ramp walk. She cleared two rounds to reach the finale. She impressed the judges with her confidence, which made her win the competition and a prize money of INR 25,000/- Her joy was boundless, and she was glad that Sightsavers team and her community members supported her throughout the journey.

Sharing her story she said, **"We consider ourselves to be vulnerable but that is a wrong look at life. Many others are in a possibly worse situation, be it physically, financially, or socially.**

Each day we should be thankful for the life we've got and live it to the fullest."



## Eye Screening Camp launched by cricket legend, Mr. Krishnamachari Srikkanth in Chennai

To understand the prevalence of refractive error and other common eye problems among the fishing community in East Coast Road - Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Indian Vision Institute with support from Sightsavers conducted the eye screening camp to reach out to individuals that live in far-off areas.

A total of **1161** individuals were screened out of which **717** were diagnosed with refractive error and needed corrective spectacles which were provided free of cost. **388** of them were diagnosed with cataract and other ocular ailments and were referred to a nearby government hospital.



## Happy New Year to all of you!

A New Year brings with it an opportunity to reflect on our shared vision of an India where no one is blind by avoidable causes and where people with visual impairments can participate equally in society. We have immense respect for you being an integral component of this responsibility. From small acts of kindness to the broader acts of philanthropy that fuel us non-profits, we extend our gratitude to all.

Our confluent partnership has achieved various milestones this year and we hope to continue this association for years to come. For now, I'd like to extend my heartiest gratitude to you all for choosing our mission to make an impactful difference.

**RN Mohanty**  
CEO - Sightsavers India

## KPI January–December 2022



**64,66,340**  
Number of Eye Screenings



**25,15,419**  
Number of People Refracted



**6,53,226**  
Spectacles Distributed



**3,36,742**  
Sight Restoration Surgeries



**20,349**  
Visually impaired children  
who received education materials



**15,144**  
Visually impaired children who  
received assistive devices



**14,094**  
Number of persons with disability  
trained on Rights and Entitlements



**4,409**  
Number of persons with disability  
who received livelihood training



**519**  
Number of Self Help Groups  
created



**272**  
Number of Self Help Groups  
engaged in livelihood activities

## Launch of 2<sup>nd</sup> Tanya Computer Centre supported by Madison Resource Foundation in Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh

Under the Social Inclusion Programme, Sightsavers with support from Madison Resource Foundation launched the Tanya Computer Centre (TCC) that will serve as the home to the Digital Literacy and Internet Awareness Course for Children with Visual Impairment in district Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh.

This center is initiated to build the capacities of Children with Visual Impairment in Digital Literacy and Personality Development.

Apart from computer skills; the center will also impart training in spoken English, personality development, health & hygiene, and daily living skills which would enable them to lead a life of independence.

## Meet our Champions – Priya & Anjali



Priya Keer and Anjali Yadav, are visually impaired girls living in Hoshangabad district, Madhya Pradesh. They were identified under the Sightsavers Inclusive Education Programme and were initially provided with Braille and ICT based training.

They were both provided with self-defence and judo training as well.

Owing to their remarkable skill and passionate efforts they were selected for Judo World Championship held at Baku, Azarbaijan in 2022.

They've also been selected in the world ranking list to participate in Para Asian games in Hangzhou, China in Feb 2023 and Paralympic games in Paris, France in 2024.

In India since 1966, Sightsavers works to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equal opportunities for disabled people.

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