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From Tragedy to Triumph: Shera's Journey to Empowerment

Shera is a 34-year-old resident of Unnao, Uttar Pradesh. About five years ago, his life took a tragic turn when he fell from a train and lost both his legs.

With the help of the village head, he obtained a disability certificate and began receiving a government pension, which provided him with some financial stability. But Shera's drive to improve his life didn't stop there. He continuously sought opportunities for self-improvement and betterment.

Through the Social Inclusion Programme initiated by Sightsavers India, our team stepped in to help him. They helped him obtain his UDID card. He also actively participated in livelihood training, which was conducted as part of the programme.

In one such training, he learned to make sweets boxes. With his newly acquired skills, he started making and selling sweet boxes to local vendors and started earning.

Shera is not just surviving; he is thriving and paving the way for a brighter future for himself and those around him.



Empowering Students with Visual Impairment: Distribution of Laptops

Under the Inclusive Education Programme, STARs project, the Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA) has successfully distributed **343 laptops** across 27 state districts, enhancing educational opportunities for visually impaired students.

At the State-level programme, **80 laptops** sourced from the Khurda district were allocated to students with visual impairments. This initiative underscores the commitment of stakeholders to fostering accessibility and equitable educational resources for all learners.

Job Fair Success: Over 60 Candidates Shortlisted

In collaboration with the Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department (SSEPD), Govt. of Odisha, and National Career Service Centers for Differently Abled (NCSCDA), Sightsavers India organised an exclusive job fair in Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar, to empower individuals with disabilities. Of 117 participants, over 60 candidates were shortlisted by multiple companies for the final rounds of interviews.



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9,09,599

Number of Eye Screenings



3,50,973

Number of People Refracted



1,17,675

Spectacles Distributed



73,054

Sight Restoration Surgeries



305

Visually impaired children who received education materials



47

Visually impaired children who received assistive devices



2,196

Number of teachers trained



5,394

Number of persons with disability trained on Rights and Entitlements



1,234

Number of persons with disability who received livelihood training



5,508

OPD - Organisation of Persons with Disabilities Members Supported



43

Number of Self Help Groups engaged in livelihood activities

Professional Development Program: Animal Husbandry Training

In Madhya Pradesh, a training program empowered 31 Self-Help Group (SHG) women with animal husbandry skills. They also learned about government schemes for entrepreneurial ventures. Post-training, they expressed readiness to scale up animal husbandry practices, signalling the potential for sustainable economic empowerment within their communities.



MILESTONE
ROAD TO SUCCESS



Milestone Achievement: Goh Block Declared Cataract Blindness Backlog-Free

After validation by district authorities, under Sightsavers India's Rural Eye Health Programme, the District Health Society of Aurangabad has officially declared Goh Block in Aurangabad district, Bihar, Cataract Blindness Backlog-Free (CBBF).

Prioritising Women's Eye Health: Sightsavers India's Rural Eye Health Program in Buldhana District

Sightsavers India proudly launches its Rural Eye Health Programme in Buldhana district, Maharashtra, with clear objectives of



enhancing women's awareness and uptake of rural eye health services. The program aims to screen approximately **25,000** women over three years.

Sightsavers India has been working to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities since 1966.

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