

## Kajal's Journey to Learning and Leading



Kajal, an eighth grader with visual impairment, faced educational challenges due to limited support. Her journey took a positive turn when Md Gulam, an Inclusive Education Facilitator from Sightsavers India's Deoghar (Jharkhand) team, stepped in to help.

The first step was teaching Kajal **braille reading and writing**, giving her the foundational skills to keep up with her studies. Realizing the importance of technology, Sightsavers India also provided her with a **smartphone** equipped with accessibility features. With the facilitator's guidance, Kajal learned to use screen-reading software, voice commands, and other tools to access **digital resources and audio textbooks**.

Md Gulam also trained her parents and teachers on inclusive practices. With these skills and a supportive environment, Kajal's confidence grew, her academics improved, and she now inspires others to overcome barriers and achieve their potential.

## Driving Inclusion in Howrah

Four individuals with disabilities from Howrah district of West Bengal were interviewed with **Flipkart**, leading to two successful hires. Additionally, one candidate secured a prestigious role at Roop Plust Enterprise. These achievements highlight the dedication to fostering equal opportunities and advancing inclusivity for people with disabilities.

## Honouring Educators and Inspiring Achievements in Odisha

Sightsavers India celebrated Teachers' Day in Odisha's Kalahandi and Ganjam districts, highlighting educators' role in inclusive education.

The event featured a tree plantation drive and honoured **Anjali Panda**, a low-vision student from Ganjam who scored **82%** in her 10<sup>th</sup> board exams and received the **Chief Minister's Education Award**.

## Empowering Educators: 126 Teachers Trained to Screen 46,000+ Students

In Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh, 126 teachers received training in school eye screening, equipping them to screen **46,128 children across over 2,100 schools**.

The training included orientation on recognising eye conditions in students and managing follow-up for those with refractive errors and spectacle compliance.

Under the School Eye Health Programme, **14,500 children** were screened in August, marking a significant step towards better eye health for students in the district.



**"Warm Festive Wishes from Sightsavers India!"**

As the festive season unfolds, we wish you and your loved ones joy, prosperity, and good health. **Happy festivities to all!**

## Our Performance January - August 2024



**46,00,825**

Number of Eye Screenings



**18,32,662**

Number of People Refracted



**4,77,843**

Spectacles Distributed



**2,33,510**

Sight Restoration Surgeries



**3,280**

Children with Visual impairment  
verified as beneficiaries



**2,803**

Visually impaired children  
received education materials



**1,897**

Visually impaired children  
received assistive devices



**4,713**

Number of teachers trained



**2,55,452**

Number of persons with disability  
engaged in Social Inclusion  
Programme



**56,100**

Number of persons with disability  
engaged with Right and Entitlements



**24,910**

OPD - Organisation of Persons with  
Disabilities Members Supported



**5,825**

Number of Self Help Groups  
facilitated



### Patratu Block, Ramgarh Achieves Cataract Blindness Backlog-Free Status

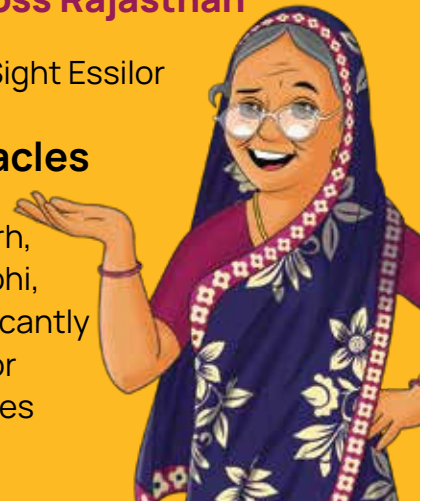
In a significant achievement for eye health, the Additional Chief Medical Officer (ACMO) of Ramgarh, Jharkhand, declared 33 Panchayats in Patratu Block as Cataract Blindness Backlog-Free (CBBF), with support from Sightsavers India.

### Vision Support Across Rajasthan

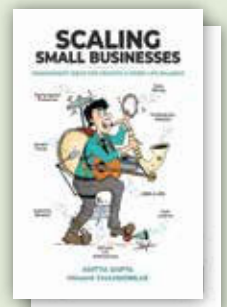
With support from OneSight Essilor  
Luxottica Foundation,

**14,000 free spectacles**

were distributed in  
Nagaur, Sikar, Chittorgarh,  
Dungarpur, Udaipur, Sirohi,  
and Jaipur slums, significantly  
enhancing vision care for  
underserved communities  
across Rajasthan.



We've partnered with the authors  
for a campaign empowering  
individuals with disabilities.  
Donors receive a complimentary  
book, with proceeds supporting  
Sightsavers India's livelihood  
initiatives. Learn more at  
**[scalingsmallbusinesses.org](https://scalingsmallbusinesses.org)**



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

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