

Reaching Rural Heartlands with Eye Health Awareness

In the blocks of Zirapur and Khilchipur in the Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh, Sightsavers India rolled out a focused eye health awareness campaign to tackle cataract-related blindness.

Using public announcements **across 118 villages and markets**, the campaign delivered vital messages on cataract symptoms, prevention, and the importance of timely treatment.



Women Leading the Way in Eye Health

On National Women's Day, women across **9 Gram Panchayats** in Rajasthan took charge—leading rallies and hosting community meetings to raise awareness about eye health.

With active participation from **412 women**, including ASHA workers, teachers, Anganwadi staff, and local leaders, the celebrations highlighted the powerful role women play in driving health initiatives at the grassroots.



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Empowering Learning Through Vision Support

Under Sightsavers India's Inclusive Education Programme in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha, **52 students** at Ganesh Vidyapitha, Chatrapur (Ganjam, Odisha) received low-vision devices to support their learning journey.

By equipping children with visual impairments with the right tools, we're enabling them to learn, grow, and thrive in the classroom and beyond.



Empowering Young Learners in Jalna, Maharashtra

Sightsavers India, supported by Niwas Housing Finance, launched its Inclusive Education programme in Jalna to empower children with visual impairments.

14 blind children were trained in the Plus Curriculum and given assistive devices with usage guidance. Additionally, **25 low vision children** were assessed, with 17 receiving suitable devices to enhance their participation in learning.

Our Impact January - February 2025



9,91,692
Eye Screenings



4,21,706
People Refracted



1,28,733
Spectacles Distributed



75,818
Sight Restoration Surgeries
Enabled

Growing Livelihoods, Naturally



Under the Social Inclusion Programme, **35 Persons with Disabilities** in Dadlaha, Safipur (Unnao, UP) received hands-on training in vermicomposting. The session equipped participants with sustainable farming skills, insights into organic practices, and access to schemes like the Chief Minister Organic Agriculture Programme—opening up eco-friendly income opportunities.

Because Every Child Deserves a Chance ●●●●●

“We never imagined our son could achieve so much,” says Baul’s mother.

“Thanks to Sightsavers India, Baul is not only learning—he is thriving.”

The key to unlocking a dream lies in opportunity, and this story is a testament to that.

Baul, a 15-year-old boy from a remote village in West Bengal’s Bankura district, came into the world without sight—but not without vision. From a young age, he was curious, eager to learn, and always full of questions about the world around him.

School was no easier—without Braille books or audio materials, Baul relied heavily on peers and struggled to keep pace. Yet, his hunger to learn never wavered.

Everything changed in early 2023 when Sightsavers India identified Baul during a functional assessment under its Inclusive Education Programme. What others saw as limitations, the team saw as potential. That moment marked the beginning of a powerful transformation.

With support from Sightsavers India, Baul was introduced to assistive devices like a smartphone with Google TalkBack in Bengali. He learned to navigate educational content independently. Training in the abacus, Taylor frame, Braille, and daily living skills followed, giving him the confidence to move through the world on his own terms.

Today, Baul is a confident Class 7 student, actively participating in class and performing exceptionally. He dreams of becoming a teacher and inspiring other children like him. His parents, once filled with worry, now beam with pride.

Baul’s journey is proof of the life-changing power of inclusive education. For him and many others, it’s not just about learning—it’s about hope, dignity, and a future filled with possibilities.



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

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