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## Bringing Clear Vision to Rural Rajasthan

For many families in rural Alwar, poor eyesight quietly affects work, learning, and daily life. Through the Metso-supported Rural Eye Health Programme, eye-care teams reached **1,227 people**, including **603 women**, bringing screenings directly to their communities.

The camps helped identify 303 people living with cataracts, with **137** guided towards life-changing surgery. For others, the impact was immediate; **531** people were prescribed spectacles, and 365 walked away with clearer vision the very same day, ready to return to their routines with renewed confidence.



## Inclusion in Action at Suravi 2025

At Suravi 2025 in Bhubaneswar, Sightsavers India, in partnership with Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA), brought inclusive education to life through an Inclusive Education Kiosk showcasing learning tools and assistive technologies. The outreach engaged over **2,400 students** and nearly **1,000 officials**, sparking conversations on learning without barriers.

Adding to the impact, 423 people including 109 children received free eye screenings through the Urban Eye Health Van, ensuring that inclusion extended beyond the classrooms.

## Skills That Turn into Livelihoods in Chhattisgarh



In Chhattisgarh, livelihood skill trainings helped **97 people** take practical steps towards earning a sustainable income.

**57 participants** learned washing powder manufacturing covering production, packaging, and access

to local markets, while **40 people** were trained in mushroom cultivation, gaining hands-on knowledge of growing practices and marketing.

These skills are opening up new income opportunities and building confidence to support families and futures.

Thank you for the trust and support that shape our work.

Wishing you and your loved ones good health, warmth and joy.

## Champions on the National Stage

Children with visual impairment from Katni, including CwSN hostel students, represented Madhya Pradesh at the 14th National Judo Championship in Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan.

Competing against teams from 18 states, 11 of the 12 athletes returned with silver and bronze medals, proving that talent, determination, and opportunity make a powerful combination.



## Inclusive Eye Care in Urban Communities

- In Kanpur Nagar (Uttar Pradesh), 6 AbbVie-supported glaucoma screening camps gave **354 people** a simple but powerful opportunity to check their eye health in time. For **32 individuals**, early detection led to prompt referrals, helping safeguard their sight.

- In Chennai (Tamil Nadu), inclusive eye-care camps welcomed the transgender community with dignity and care. **35 people were screened**, and **9 left with spectacles**, making everyday moments clearer.

## Key Performance Indicators - KPIs

### Eye Health - April to Dec 2025



**50,66,560**  
Eye Screenings



**19,61,683**  
People Refracted



**5,01,322**  
Spectacles Distributed



**2,61,594**  
Sight Restoration Surgeries Enabled

### Inclusive Education - 2021 till Dec 2025



**3,280**  
Children with Visual impairment (CVIs) as beneficiaries of Inclusive Education Programme - (total CVIs verified)



**2,618**  
Children with Visual impairment who received assistive/ICT devices



**5,822**  
CVIs who received education materials



**9,000**  
Teachers trained on Inclusive Education



**4,557**  
Children with Visual impairment received training and refresher on PLUS curriculum & ICT



### A New Vision Centre Opens Doors to Better Sight in Maharashtra

In Sangamner block of Ahilyanagar, a new Vision Centre supported by **Tata Elxsi** is bringing dependable eye care closer to the community.

Since its launch, the centre has conducted **228 eye screenings** through a combination of facility-based services and outreach camps, helping people detect vision problems early and access timely care.



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### What If Learning Didn't Depend on Sight?

When Dipesh was born prematurely in Alwar, Rajasthan, his family was told that his vision could not be restored. As he grew older, a new question quietly took its place, would he ever be able to learn in a classroom like other children, or would the doors of education remain closed before he even had the chance to knock?

The answer came not as a single moment, but as a series of small, steady steps. Through **Sightsavers India's Inclusive Education Programme**, supported by Indostar, Dipesh received his first Braille kit and joined Plus Curriculum training tools that allowed him to explore learning through touch, sound and memory, and to find confidence in his own abilities.

Today, as a Class II student, Dipesh reads and writes in Braille, raises his hand in class, and listens closely to the world around him. His sharp memory and attentive ears help him keep pace with his peers, proving every day that learning is not limited by sight, but shaped by opportunity.

Dipesh's journey reminds us that when the right educational support is in place, children with visual impairment don't just attend school, they belong there, learning with confidence, dignity and hope.

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

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