

Giving Children the Gift of Clear Sight

Across three states, our School Eye Health programme is ensuring that children can learn without vision becoming a barrier.

- In Bankura, West Bengal, 37 screening camps covered 32 schools reaching **30,983 students**, almost equally represented by girls and boys. 278 children received spectacles, and 150 were referred for further care. Even teachers benefited- **178 staff members** walked away with spectacles, ready to see their classrooms more clearly.
- In Rajasthan, eye care messages went straight into morning school assemblies, delivered in the local language, in a way children could understand and remember. **950 children and 69 teachers** across **8 Senior Secondary Schools** learned about eye safety, hygiene and the foods that keep their eyes healthy.



Large Print Books for Children with Low Vision in Jharkhand

Jharkhand has entered into a formal agreement with the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun, for the free printing of large print books in the state.

For children with low vision, this means textbooks they can read and a classroom where they belong.

Restoring Sight for Women in Odisha

On the occasion of International Women's Day, a special eye screening drive was conducted across remote districts of Odisha with a focus on underserved women. Around 30 camps were organised and more than 800 women were screened, bringing essential eye care closer to those who often delay treatment for themselves.



Seeing Better in Their Golden Years in Madhya Pradesh

In collaboration with NGO Vradha Mitra, a special eye camp for senior citizens brought care directly to those who needed it most. Of 221 individuals screened, 70 received spectacles for refractive errors, and 47 were referred for cataract surgery, each one a step ensuring timely care for those most at risk of losing sight.

Early Detection, Lifelong Protection: Glaucoma Screening

Glaucoma often progresses silently, making early detection critical to protecting sight.

Across Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, targeted screening camps helped bring timely diagnosis and care closer to vulnerable communities.

➔ In Patna, Bihar, 19 glaucoma screening camps were conducted across eight UPHC catchment areas, where 956 people were screened. Among them, 60 high-risk cases, including 28 women, were identified and referred for further evaluation and treatment.

➔ Similarly, in Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, AbbVie-supported community-based glaucoma screening camps reached multiple locations.

Alongside glaucoma screening, 35 suspected glaucoma cases were identified and referred to higher centres, while 102 cataract cases and 183 refractive error cases were also detected strengthening comprehensive urban eye care for communities.



Livelihood Skills Creating New Opportunities in Chhattisgarh

Livelihood skill trainings in Chhattisgarh helped 97 persons with disabilities take practical steps towards earning a sustainable income. While 57 participants were trained in washing powder manufacturing, 40 received hands-on training in mushroom cultivation, helping build confidence, financial independence, and stronger futures for their families.



Restoring Confidence Through Assistive Support in Bihar

With the efforts of OPD partner Pragati Divyanjan Sewa Samiti in Gaya, the District Administration provided assistive devices to 107 persons with disabilities. For many, these aids meant more than support, they improved mobility, strengthened independence and brought greater dignity to everyday life.



CASE STORY

Small Change, Big Difference

“The support came at the right time,” he shared. “It has made a real difference to my life.” Ravinder, 50, from Hyderabad, lives with a congenital physical disability alongside his wife and three young children. With his wife working as a daily wage labourer, the family manages life with limited means, holding on to the small joys that keep them going. When Ravinder’s vision began to worsen, even simple things like reading messages on his mobile phone or managing daily tasks became difficult. For a family already balancing so much, treatment felt like something they could not afford. When he attended a free eye screening camp organised under Sightsavers India’s Urban Eye Health Programme through the D. E. Shaw-supported Mobile Vision Centre, he was diagnosed with a vision problem requiring reading correction and received spectacles free of cost..



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

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