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CASE STORY

A Clearer Vision for Everyday Life

"My new spectacles will help me read more comfortably and carry out my daily activities with greater ease," says Mr. Velu, a 57-year-old tailor from Bengaluru, Karnataka.



For 6 months, **Mr. Velu** struggled with near-vision difficulties. After his old spectacles broke, reading newspapers and viewing numbers on his mobile phone became challenging. During an eye screening camp organised through **Sightsavers India's Mobile Vision Centre** under Project **Amrita Drishti**, he received a free eye examination and was diagnosed with presbyopia, an age-related condition affecting near vision.

The optometrist recommended bifocal spectacles to improve his near and distance vision. His story highlights how accessible eye care and affordable spectacles can help people overcome everyday challenges, continue their work, and maintain their independence.

Bringing Eye Care Closer to Weavers in South and West India

During July and August 2026, **Looms & Lenses** pilot camps reached weaving communities in **Kanchipuram - Tamil Nadu and Kutch - Gujarat**, improving access to eye screening, spectacles, and cataract referrals.

Impact Numbers (July-Sep 2026) - Eye Health

13,70,034
Eye Screenings

5,34,950
People Refracted

1,57,313
Spectacles Distributed

81,458
Sight Restoration Surgeries Enabled

605 School Teachers Trained to Identify Vision Problems in Bihar

Under the '**Vidyajyoti – School Eye Health**' programme, **Sightsavers India** in collaboration with the **District Education Department**, organised cluster-level training programmes for school teachers on school-level screening of children in **Muzaffarpur**. A total of 29 training events were organised in September 2026, during which 605 school teachers were trained.





110,650 People Screened and 17,000 Sight Restoration Surgeries Supported in Madhya Pradesh

Under the ambit of the **Rural Eye Health Programme of Sightsavers India,** BPCL-supported Project Drishti continued to expand access to eye care across **Madhya Pradesh** through community outreach camps. From May to September 2026, the project organised **1,077 camps** and **screened 110,650 people**. A total of **32,430 refractions** were performed, and **27,731 cataract cases** were identified for further care.

Braille Training Opens Doors to Learning in West Bengal



In **Bankura, 60 children** with visual impairment received **Braille training**. The initiative supports their reading skills and access to learning materials, helping them participate more independently in education.

Beyond Sight, Beyond Limits





Aarush, a Class 7 student with low vision, won a silver medal at the National Judo Championship and received a presidential honour from **Hon'ble President Shrimati Droupadi Murmu**.

Jharkhand witnesses 3,109 Sight Restoration Surgeries and distribution of 1,200 Spectacles.

Sightsavers India, in collaboration with the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCB&VI), the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Jharkhand, and other stakeholders, supported **3,109 sight restoration surgeries** during Jul to Sep 2026. The initiative also expanded access to screening, with **21,510 people** receiving primary screening and **25,172 receiving secondary screening**. A total of **1,200 spectacles** were distributed.



Ophthalmic and Para-Ophthalmic Staffs Trained in Uttar Pradesh

During July–August 2026, refresher training on skill development and quality eye care practices was provided to approximately **82 government ophthalmic and para-ophthalmic staff across Kannauj, Kanpur Dehat, Unnao, Sitapur, and Lakhimpur Kheri** district of Uttar Pradesh.



Wishing you and your loved ones a season filled with joy, warmth, and togetherness.
May the spirit of celebration inspire kindness, inclusion, and brighter beginnings for all.

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