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Insight

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Sightsavers Impact in 2018



53,44,877

Number of Eye Screenings



2,46,413

Sight Restoration Surgeries



4,00,273

Spectacles Distribution



18,92,508

Number of People Refracted



36,136

Number of Teachers Trained

Children with Disabilities get a Resource Centre to Learn

A district-level Model Resource Centre for Children with Disabilities was inaugurated by Sightsavers in association with Jharkhand Education Project Council and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Hazaribag, Jharkhand.

The Centre is first of its kind in the district and is supported by Oracle. As a part of Sightsavers' Inclusive Education Programme, 7 children with disabilities were provided with a laptop and a mobile phone each at the occasion.



DPO Members supported by Sightsavers take part in 'European Disability and Development Week' in Brussels.

3rd- 7th December 2018: Delegates from Sightsavers India and representatives of Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) supported by the NGO were invited for European Disability and Development week in Brussels. The visit was a part of the project 'Building Partnerships for Sustainable Development Goals- Empowering Disabled People's Organisations.

The project is funded by the European Union and is being delivered by Sightsavers, European Disability Forum (EDF) and other like-minded global and Indian organisations. The delegates are members of different DPOs; Mr Ajit Kumar from 'Jharkhand Viklang Adhikar Manch, Ms Anuradha Pareek from 'Sajag Divyang Sewa Samiti' Bikaner- Rajasthan, Mr Arun Kumar from 'Laksh for Differently Aabled'- Jharkhand, Ms Janki Goud from 'Tarun Sanskar'. Mr Prasannakumar PN, Director- Programme Operations at Sightsavers India was also present at the event.

Remembering Sir John Foster Wilson on his Birth Centenary (20 January 1919 – 25 November 1999)

Sir John was the formative spirit behind the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind now known as Sightsavers. Himself blind, throughout his career, Sir John went on to find organisations including the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and Impact, which addresses the issue of avoidable blindness. In 1955 he was made an OBE, and in 1975 was knighted. He campaigned for the cure and prevention of blindness until his death in 1999.



Walking Into a World of Light

Four-year-old Rukmani hails from Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. Rukmani had been suffering from cataract for quite some time. Although it has not been clear of how she developed the eye problem, her family seemed to think that it could be the result from a fall that Rukmani faced while playing.

Rukmani's cataract was diagnosed during her admission procedure for a school in Bhopal that Sightsavers was supporting to run eye screenings under the **School Eye Health Programme**. Since the teachers in the school were trained to spot vision problems, they were able to refer Rukmani for further help at District Early Intervention Centre, Samarapan. She was examined at the Sightsavers- supported vision centre and referred for surgery at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital.

While Rukmani was not aware of the impact of her blinding cataract, to her parents the surgery came just in time to secure their daughter's future. Rukmani's father said, "She is now happy. Even we are happy because her life is on track now. She can read and recognise the alphabets. I'm really grateful to Sightsavers for getting my daughter's eye operated. With my work contract coming to an end, this would have been completely unaffordable for the family."

Sightsavers wishes you a very Happy 2019! We humbly thank you for your generous and continuous support in changing the lives of millions.

Happy New Year 2019

In India since 1966, Sightsavers works to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equal opportunities for disabled people.

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