



Sightsavers

# Insight

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We truly appreciate your thoughtful contribution in helping us eliminate avoidable blindness & fight for the rights of persons with disabilities.  
**Here's wishing everyone a Happy & Safe 2021!**

## Sightsavers receives Grand Thornton Sabera 2020 Award in the "Shiksha" category

Sightsavers India has received the third edition of Grant Thornton Sabera 2020 Award in the "Shiksha" category for its effort in the field of education amidst the ongoing pandemic.

SABERA awards were instituted by the Simply Suparna Media Network in the year 2018 with a view to recognize the exceptional work done in India in the development sector.

During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Sightsavers in Bihar introduced a Tele-education Model for Children with Visual Impairment under its Inclusive Education programme for assisting them in their regular learning process using available resources. An online pedagogy approach was adopted which focused on teaching Children with Visual Impairment through one-on-one telephonic calls or group con-calls. This approach was adapted in two Districts of Bihar, Bhagalpur and Jehanabad, as a pilot project during mid of April 2020. Sightsavers was recognised for its initiative, SANKALP - (Special approach for need-based knowledge and learning programme.) This initiative of Sightsavers is now being implemented across all 38 districts of Bihar.



## Sightsavers India and Standard Chartered join hands to prevent avoidable blindness in two major cities of Uttar Pradesh

Sightsavers with the support of Standard Chartered Bank launched the Urban Eye Health Programme also known as Amrita Drishti in Kanpur and Prayagraj districts of Uttar Pradesh. The intervention primarily focusses on increasing uptake of eye health services through setting up of vision centres in the slum communities, provisioning of eye health services as part of health systems and developing a favourable policy environment through engagement of urban local bodies. The Bank's participation is under the 'Seeing is Believing' campaign by Standard Chartered, a global initiative to tackle avoidable blindness and visual impairment.



## Mission Humanity - Helping the needy amidst the pandemic

Manisha from Jabalpur has orthopaedic disability and is supported by Sightsavers under the Social Inclusion Programme. She is a member of a Disabled People's Organisation and works as a counsellor for persons with disabilities to bring awareness regarding socio legal issues.

During the pandemic, Manisha found the opportunity to help those facing the repercussions of the lockdown. She started to do her bit by regularly checking up on the persons with disabilities in her village. A WhatsApp group was created for them where regular updates like preventing the symptoms of Covid-19, guidelines of the government to protect the persons with disabilities from the pandemic were shared by Manisha.

Manisha volunteered in distributing masks, hand sanitisers and food to those in need amidst the lockdown. After conducting a survey in the village, it was found that there were around thirty families who had not received the essentials from the panchayat. Manisha took immediate actions to address the issue and consequently the families were provided with food and essentials.

**“The way Manisha has been helping the society is commendable. She is a source of inspiration for the rest of us,” says a DPO member.**

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

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