



Sightsavers

# Insight

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## Sightsavers launches Vision Centre to Provide Eye Care Services for the Rural Population in Hanumangarh

Sightsavers launched a new Vision Centre under 'Netra Vasant'- the Rural Eye Health Programme in Hanumangarh, Rajasthan. The Vision Centre is supported by Fullerton India Credit Company Limited and will be operated by Shri Jagdamba Charitable Eye Hospital of Ganganagar in partnership with Sightsavers.

The Vision Centre will be extending services of eye testing, refraction, spectacles dispensation and identification of cataract and other eye problems with referral to Shri Jagdamba Charitable Eye Hospital at Ganganagar. This is the second vision centre supported by Fullerton Credit Co Ltd. in Rajasthan, the first vision centre was launched at Nimbaheda, Chittorgarh in October 2020. Fullerton India Credit Company Limited will also be supporting Sightsavers for facilitating cataract surgeries in the district.

Sightsavers through its Rural Eye Health Programme seeks to create awareness, provide quality eye health services and eliminate avoidable blindness among the rural population. The Programme focusses on reducing the prevalence of blindness to 0.3% in a span of five years.



## Sightsavers India partner's with JSPL to provide Primary Eye Health Services for Truck Drivers

Sightsavers India with Jindal steel has rolled out a program for providing primary eye health services for truck drivers across all JSPL plant locations. The program envisioned by Chairman Naveen Jindal was inaugurated by Chairperson of JSPL Foundation Shallu Jindal at the company's Angul integrated steel plant.

Sightsavers India, as an implementing partner for this CSR program, will offer primary health service through a vision care center equipped with necessary eye care equipment, devices, and infrastructure. A team of an Optometrist, Community Health Worker, and Ophthalmic Assistant will provide eye care services like screen and refraction. The truck drivers identified with refractive errors will be provided with spectacles and those who need more detailed check-ups shall be referred to the hospitals. The program targets more than 1500 truck drivers in the next four months.



## Sightsavers India wins ICC Social Impact Award for Urban Eye Health Programme in Bihar

Sightsavers has promoted and demonstrated an approach of integrating eye health within urban public health systems in Patna for ease of access to eye health service by the socio-economically marginalised sections of the 2.4 million urban population. This is a lasting change created by strengthening existing health systems in a cost-effective and scalable manner, advocating with and influencing governments thus resulting in and a scale-up within State and at National level.



## Bhanwar's Story

Bhanwar Kanwar has been an Anganwadi helper for over 16 years in an Anganwadi Centre in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Furthermore, she is a member of Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS).

Bhanwar, along with her husband, was identified with cataract under Sightsavers' Urban Eye Health Programme. Thereafter, the couple went through cataract surgery at Sightsavers' partner hospital in Jaipur.

Bhanwar is a leader in her own right. She is hard working and completely dedicated to her work. Being an Anganwadi helper and a MAS member at 65, Bhanwar has received lot of attention and support from people in her locality. She says, "Work is important for women. All women should work for themselves. Women are not meant to work only for families."



*During this time of uncertainty, we've been comforted, encouraged, and humbled by the outpouring of generosity and support from you. Sightsavers wishes you and your loved one's well being and safety!*

### Eye care tips in COVID Times



Maintain normal blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels.



Eat eye-healthy foods



Quit smoking



Cough or sneeze in your bent elbow



Physical distancing of at least one metre



Wearing mask and gloves

### Eye Health January - March 2021



13,09,513  
Number of Eye Screenings



99,378  
Sight Restoration Surgeries



2,57,542  
Spectacles Distributed



6,85,987  
Number of People Refracted

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

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