

The central graphic is a circular emblem with a silver, metallic-looking border. Inside the circle, at the top, are five white stars of varying sizes. Below the stars is the number "25" in a large, elegant, silver serif font. Underneath the number, the words "YEARS OF" are written in a smaller, white, all-caps sans-serif font, flanked by dotted lines. Below the emblem, the phrase "Creating a world of" is written in a white, elegant script font, and the word "POSSIBILITIES" is written in a white, all-caps, bold sans-serif font below it.

25  
YEARS OF  
*Creating a world of*  
POSSIBILITIES



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# 25 years of creating a world of possibilities

*For twenty-five years, Orbis has walked alongside India's communities, weaving together stories of resilience, hope, and transformation. This Coffee Table Book is not merely a chronicle of our journey, it is a living testament to the power of sight, the dignity it restores, and the futures it illuminates.*

*When we began our work in India, the challenge was immense: millions of children and families faced preventable blindness, often without access to timely care. What unfolded over the years is a story of collective will: of doctors, nurses, teachers, donors, and partners who believed that no child should be denied the simple gift of vision. Together, we built bridges of possibility, ensuring that eye care reached the most remote villages, the most vulnerable families, and the most overlooked children.*

*The pages that follow are filled with voices that remind us why this mission matters. Sanjeevani, whose congenital cataracts once clouded her future, now runs a pharmacy with confidence and pride. Shinu, once unable to contribute to his family's livelihood, now tills his fields with clarity and joy. Safalta, who endured ridicule for her strabismus, reclaimed her self-worth and chose a life of caregiving as a nurse. Each story is singular, yet together they form a mosaic of transformation, proof that sight is not only about seeing, but about living fully.*

*These journeys were made possible because of partnerships that stood firm. Hospitals across India opened their doors to innovation and compassion. Teachers became vigilant advocates, spotting the first signs of vision loss. Donors and supporters, both in India and across the world, gave generously, believing in the*

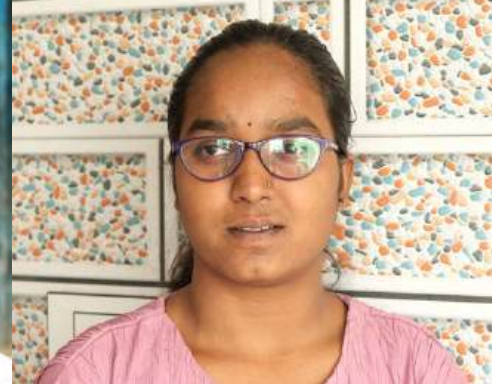
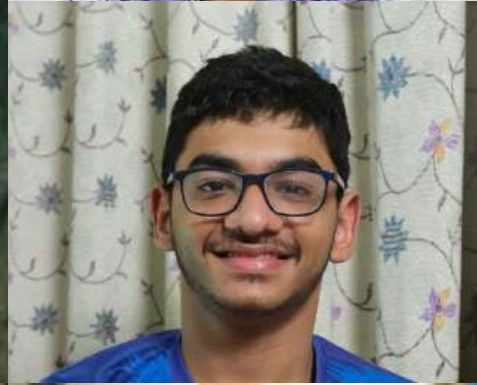
*promise of a brighter tomorrow. To each of you, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your trust has been the cornerstone of our work.*

*As we complete 25 years, we honor not only the milestones achieved but also the lives touched. More than surgeries and screenings, what we celebrate is possibility, the child who returns to school, the farmer who regains his livelihood, the artist who paints with renewed clarity, the storyteller who inspires her community. These are not statistics; they are human triumphs, each one a reminder that sight is the foundation of dignity, independence, and hope.*

*Looking ahead, our commitment remains unwavering. The next chapter of Orbis India will be written with the same spirit; with innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability guiding our path. We will continue to strengthen partnerships, expand access, and champion the cause of eye health so that every child, every family, and every community can envision a future without darkness.*

*This book is a celebration of all who have walked this journey with us. To our partners, donors, and friends, you are the light behind every restored vision. To the children and families whose stories grace these pages, you are our inspiration. And to the future, we step forward with renewed purpose, knowing that together, we can create a world where sight unlocks endless possibilities.*

**Rishi Raj Borah**  
Country Director  
Orbis India





# The power of sight. The promise of care.

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Sight shapes how we experience the world—how we learn, connect, create, and belong. When it is lost, life becomes smaller. When it is restored, life opens up again.

Within these pages are transformed stories of people who once lived on the margins of clarity—children, parents, professionals, and elders. A saga of lives transformed through access to quality eye care. Their journeys speak of courage, patience, and the quiet strength it takes to begin again.

These are stories of resilience, of trust, and of futures reopened.

They reflect Orbis' belief that restoring vision is never just a medical outcome —it is the beginning of life seen clearly again.

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# Sanjeevani's Story

When vision returns,  
life finds its direction.

Sometimes, a simple eye check can change the course of a life. Sanjeevani's story is a powerful example of how early diagnosis and timely treatment can transform a child's future. From a young girl struggling to read in school turned into an inspiring journey of restored sight, renewed confidence, and a meaningful career.

Today, Sanjeevani not only leads a fulfilling family life but also helps serve her community through a medical store—proving that when vision is protected, futures are protected too.



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Sanjeevani's Video

**H**ailing from Gondia, Sanjeevani was struggling to read the words written on the blackboard, when she was in Class 6. The letters seemed blurred, and the pages were getting difficult to follow. Her teachers noticed the change.

Concerned, they suggested her to undergo an eye check-up. That suggestion would soon change her life. During a school screening program conducted by Orbis

partner, Sanjeevani was diagnosed with congenital cataracts in both eyes—a condition that, if left untreated, could have severely limited her future.

Under the care of partner hospital, Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre with the support of Orbis, Sanjeevani underwent successful surgeries that restored her vision. What once looked like a blurry world suddenly became clear again. She returned to school with renewed determination, continuing her studies and pursuing higher studies in Pharmacy. Step by step, she built the life she once feared might slip away.

Today, Sanjeevani manages her husband's chemist shop—aptly named “Sanjeevani Medical Store.” It stands as a quiet but powerful symbol of how timely care can transform lives. Reflecting on her journey, Sanjeevani shares a simple but profound truth: “Vision is important for everyone. Without good vision, you become dependent on others for life, and it becomes a challenge not just for you, but for those around you.”

Her story is a reminder that sight is more than just the ability to see, it is the ability to learn, grow, work, and live independently. And through initiatives like Orbis' school screening programs, many more children just like Sanjeevani can find their world coming back into focus.



# Shinu's Story

From darkness  
to dignity: A life  
transformed by sight.

In the remote village of Ichhapur, Shinu's early life was shaped by poverty and the growing fear of losing his vision. What began as blurred sight soon threatened to take away his independence and his future. But a timely eye screening camp organized by Orbis partner hospital changed the course of his life.

A simple surgery restored Shinu's vision, allowing him not only to see the world clearly again, but also to reclaim his place within his family and community.



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Shinu's Video

In the quiet, remote village of Ichhapur, Shinu grew up in a tribal family that depended entirely on farming to survive. Life was difficult but for Shinu, it was about to become even tougher. At a young age, his eyesight began to fade. The world around him slowly turned into a blur. What once seemed simple—walking through fields, helping with daily chores, recognizing faces—became increasingly difficult.

Day after day, Shinu struggled through a world he could barely see. The fear that he might one day live in complete darkness began to haunt his parents. In a family that depended on every pair of hands to survive,

losing vision meant losing independence— and possibly losing the chance for a normal life. Then, hope arrived in an unexpected way.

A community eye screening camp was organized in the area by Orbis partner, Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre. When Shinu was examined, doctors identified the problem immediately—cataracts had formed in both his eyes.

Soon after, Shinu underwent a cataract operation that changed everything. For the first time in years, the world returned to him—clear, vibrant, and full of possibility. The impact was immediate and profound.

With his vision restored, Shinu could once again walk confidently through the fields, work alongside his family, and contribute to the farming that sustained their livelihood. The boy who once feared a life of darkness became an essential pillar of his household. Years later, Shinu built a life of his own. He married, took on greater responsibilities, and continues to support his parents and siblings with pride.

Today, he lives a life that once seemed impossible—a life of dignity, independence, and purpose. But Shinu's story carries a deeper message. It reminds us that for countless people living in remote communities, access to timely eye care can mean the difference between dependence and opportunity, between darkness and possibility.





# Safalta's Story

From silence and stigma  
to strength and service.

For Safalta, a young girl from Matigara, life once felt overshadowed by a condition she could not control. Strabismus, or crossed eyes, had forced her to leave school and endure constant ridicule, slowly eroding her confidence and hopes for the future.

Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, an Orbis partner, reached out to her and counselled her parents. A successful surgery restored not just her eyesight, but also her self-belief allowing Safalta to return to school, pursue nursing, and build a life defined by courage and independence.



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Safalta's Video

Safalta was just seven years old when her eyes began to cross. Growing up in Matigara, the condition gradually made everyday life difficult. Reading in class became harder. But what hurt even more were the whispers and teasing from classmates.

Eventually, the ridicule became too much to bear. At just twelve years old, Safalta dropped out of school. Her confidence was shattered, and her parents were left wondering what the future might hold for their daughter. But concern began to grow among her family and friends. Friends of her father noticed Safalta's condition and worried about her education, her future, even her chances of marriage. Meanwhile, the head teacher of the

school Safalta had left behind remembered her absence. Determined to help, the teacher informed a school screening team of Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, an Orbis partner.

They patiently counselled her parents, explaining that her condition was treatable and that surgery could correct her eyesight. For the first time, Safalta's family saw a path forward. The surgery was successful. Safalta's eyes were corrected, her vision improved and with it, something far more precious returned. Her confidence.

Safalta went back to school, determined to reclaim the dreams she had once set aside. She completed her education and discovered a new aspiration—to become a nurse. The inspiration came from two places: her grandmother, who had once been a nurse, and the compassionate caregivers she encountered during her own treatment.

Safalta pursued a diploma in nursing and eventually chose to work as a home nurse in Bengaluru, nearly 2,500 kilometers away from her home in West Bengal. Today, she faces the world with confidence and purpose, helping others heal, just as she once did.

Safalta's journey is more than a medical success story. It is a powerful reminder that when timely care meets courage and support, a life once limited by stigma can blossom into one filled with dignity, independence, and hope.



# Manoyara's Story

Renewed spirit with greater sight.

In the quiet village of Dhupguri, Manoyara once lived in a world marked by both impaired vision and social rejection. A childhood accident had left her with a traumatic cataract and partial blindness, changing the way people saw her—and the way she saw herself.

But a single moment of timely care changed the course of her life. With support from Orbis International and treatment at a partner hospital, Manoyara regained not only her sight, but also her confidence and purpose.



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Manoyara's Video

A childhood accident had left Manoyara with a traumatic cataract in her right eye. The injury caused partial blindness and altered the appearance of her eye. What followed was even more difficult than the physical challenge. Manoyara faced isolation.

Misunderstood and often avoided by members of her community, she grew up battling not only limited vision but also deep emotional scars. The lack of confidence and acceptance made her future seem bleak. Then came the turning point.

During an eye screening camp at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital supported by Orbis International, doctors finally recognized the condition that had affected her life for so long. The impact was immediate and profound. With her sight restored with surgery, Manoyara's world opened again—not just visually, but emotionally and socially. What once seemed impossible began to feel within reach.

But her transformation did not stop there. Today, Manoyara serves as a community health worker at the Dhupguri Lions Vision Center. In the very community where she once felt rejected, she now plays a vital role in protecting the eyesight of others. Her work includes conducting eye check-ups, guiding patients toward proper treatment, and educating villagers about the importance of eye health.

Where there was once stigma, there is now respect. Where there was once silence, there is now a voice advocating for care and awareness. Manoyara has become a living symbol of resilience—proof that compassion and timely medical intervention can restore far more than eyesight.

Reflecting on her journey, Manoyara often says: "I was given a second chance, and now I want to give that chance to others. Every patient I help is a reminder of where I came from and where I am now."



A portrait of a man with short dark hair and a light beard, wearing a blue collared shirt. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a gentle expression. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

# Sourav's Story

A clear vision,  
a courageous heart.

For Sourav, growing up in Govindpur village, life once seemed overshadowed by the threat of losing his sight. Diagnosed with developmental cataract at a young age, his education and dreams were at risk. But timely care through a partner hospital and Orbis restored his vision.

Faced with personal loss and responsibility at a young age, Sourav stepped up to support his family—proving that courage and determination can illuminate even the darkest moments.



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Sourav's Video

In the quiet village of Govindpur, Sourav was full of curiosity, hopes, and dreams about what the future might hold. But those dreams began to fade when he started struggling with his eyesight.

Doctors soon diagnosed him with developmental cataract, a condition that threatened to take away not just his vision but also his chance at education and independence. For Sourav and his family, it felt as though a shadow had fallen across his future. Then came a moment that would change everything.



One of his teachers noticed his difficulty and advised his father to seek medical help. Acting on that advice, Sourav's family brought him to Kalinga Eye Hospital that partnered with Orbis International. The operation was performed successfully, and soon after, Sourav's vision was restored. For the first time in a long while, the world around him became clear again. He returned to school and resumed his studies with renewed hope.

But just as life seemed to settle into a peaceful rhythm, tragedy struck as he lost his father. With a younger brother still in school and their mother depending on them, the responsibility of keeping the household afloat fell on Sourav's shoulders.

Instead of pursuing further education, Sourav took up a job at a hotel close to home. It was not the future he had imagined for himself, but it was the path he chose to ensure that his younger brother could continue his studies and that his family could survive.

Sourav faced grief, sacrifice, and responsibility with quiet determination. His resilience and sense of duty earned him deep respect from his family and neighbors alike. Today, Sourav's story stands as a powerful reminder of the impact of timely medical care.

His journey shows that hope can survive even in the difficult circumstances. And sometimes, the true measure of strength is not just overcoming adversity but rising above it for the sake of others.

# Sujan's Story

From patient to  
future eye care provider.

For Sujan, a young man from Keshapat village, life once seemed uncertain as cataracts gradually clouded his vision. Coming from a family struggling with financial hardship, his dreams appeared distant. But timely surgery and care at Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan through Orbis International transformed his life. Today, the boy who once feared losing his sight is training to become an optician—ready to help others see clearly while building a brighter future for his family.



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Sujan's Video

In the small village of Keshapat, Sujan's childhood was marked by quiet struggle. At a young age, cataracts began to cloud his eyesight. Day by day, the world around him seemed to grow dimmer, and with it, the certainty of his future.

Sujan's father worked tirelessly as a battery rickshaw driver, doing whatever he could to keep the household running. Medical treatment felt like an impossible expense. But one person refused to give up. Sujan's grandmother believed there had to be a way to help her

grandson. Determined to find a solution, she sought assistance and eventually connected with doctors at Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan (VMANNN), an Orbis partner.

In 2013, Sujan underwent surgery that changed his life. Sujan continued his studies and completed high school, but the family's financial struggles soon created another difficult choice. With limited resources, they had to prioritize the education of his younger brother.

Recognizing his determination and potential, VMANNN helped create a new opportunity for him. Today, Sujan is undergoing training to become an optician at the training center of the hospital.

For Sujan, this is more than a job. It is a chance to build a stable livelihood and support the family that stood beside him through every challenge. His father dreams of a future where his son can uplift the entire family. And Sujan is determined to make that dream a reality.

His journey is a powerful reminder that when timely medical care is paired with continued support, it doesn't just restore vision—it creates new paths for hope, dignity, and opportunity.





# Arun's Story

A world of colours,  
A future full of possibilities.

For Arun, the ability to see the vibrant colours of the world almost slipped away before his life had even begun. At just three years old, he was diagnosed with cataracts during a screening camp supported by Orbis. But timely treatment at Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan restored Arun's sight, opening the door to education, play, and dreams that continue to grow brighter every day.



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Arun's Video

**A**run grew up in a small village in Diamond Harbor, in South 24 Parganas District. When he was just three years old, something unusual was discovered during a community eye screening camp supported by Orbis. Doctors found cataracts in his eyes.

For Arun's father, a daily wage labourer struggling to support his family, the diagnosis was deeply worrying. But help arrived when it was needed most.

Through the intervention of Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan partnering with Orbis, Arun received sight-saving surgery. For Arun and his family, it was nothing short of life-changing. The little boy who might have grown up in darkness could now see the world clearly. Years passed, and that single moment of care continued to shape his life.

Today, at 14, Arun is a bright student doing well in school. Environmental Studies is his favourite subject, and he enjoys learning about the world around him. Cricket and football with friends fill his afternoons with energy and laughter. But there is one activity that truly captures his imagination - Drawing. With every sketch and every splash of colour, Arun expresses a creativity that feels limitless. His teachers and family already imagine a future where the boy who once struggled to see might one day become a painter, bringing colours to life for others.

Arun's journey is a powerful reminder of the importance of early detection and timely care. Because sometimes, restoring a child's sight does far more than heal their eyes.



# Rama's Story

When vision returns,  
voices rise.

In the quiet village of Chitravan, Rama's life stands as a powerful reminder of how timely eye care can transform not just a life but an entire community. Once a child struggling with severe squint and uncertainty about her future, Rama is a gifted storyteller and spiritual guide whose recitations of sacred texts inspire and uplift audiences. Her journey proves that when sight is restored, it can illuminate talents and possibilities that touch countless lives.



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Rama's Video

In the serene village of Chitravan, Rama grew up surrounded by faith, tradition, and close family bonds. But as a child, her path was clouded by a serious challenge. Rama had a severe squint that affected both her vision and her confidence. Then came a turning point. In 2005, treatment at Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya with the support of Orbis, led to a sight-saving surgery that corrected her condition.

The relief it brought to her family was immense. But for Rama, it was more than medical care—it was the beginning of a completely new chapter.

With her vision restored, she immersed herself in spiritual learning, developing a deep connection with sacred texts and gradually discovered a remarkable gift for storytelling. Today, Rama captivates audiences through her soulful recitations of the Bhagavata Purana during Bhagawat Katha sessions. Her storytelling blends devotion, wisdom, and emotion, touching listeners and spreading messages of compassion and spiritual insight.

Beyond her spiritual work, Rama remains deeply connected to her home, contributing to daily household responsibilities and sharing in the rhythm of family life. Looking back at her journey, Rama often reflects on the blessing that changed everything.

Her story is more than a personal triumph. It is a shining example of how timely medical care, family support, and inner determination can transform adversity into inspiration.



# Joy's Story

Breaking the  
generational shadow.

Joy was born into a world that had "affected" three generations of his family with blindness and social stigma. Once a baby who crawled blindly in search of his mother, Joy's fate shifted when Orbis and its partner provided sight-restoring surgeries for him. Joy's story is a powerful reminder that restoring sight does more than clear vision. It restores hope, dignity, and the future of an entire community.



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Joy's Video

**E**ight-year-old Joy grew up in Malpara, a small village in West Bengal where mornings arrive softly and dreams usually stay modest. Yet Joy carried a dream far bigger than his world. He wanted to become a doctor. A simple wish for most children. An extraordinary one for a boy born blind, cataracts clouding both his eyes from the moment he opened them.

Joy learned the world not by sight, but by touch. He crawled on all fours across the mud floors of his home, eyes squeezed shut, hands stretched forward, searching for the sound of his mother's voice. Faces were only shadows. The blur was constant, inescapable.

Cataracts were not Joy's burden alone. They ran through three generations of his family, quietly stealing vision, one life at a time. Five members in the same household lived in partial or complete darkness. Every day acts like cooking, working, walking to the well became exhausting negotiations with uncertainty.

Alongside poor vision, the family carried something heavier: the stigma. In a community that did not understand, they were whispered about, labelled "affected", made to feel invisible in more ways than one. Then, hope arrived, gently, but decisively. Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan (VMANNN) in partnership with Orbis, stepped into their lives with care, skill, and possibility. What had long felt inevitable was finally challenged. One by one, all five members of Joy's family received life-changing treatment. Cataracts that had defined generations were removed. Darkness gave way to light.

Today, Joy goes to school. He walks upright, confident, his world no longer shaped by fear of what lies ahead. He reads, he learns, he dreams with clarity. His mother watches him leave for school each morning, tears welling up, witnessing a future she once feared he would never see. Her gratitude flows quietly to the Almighty, to Orbis, and to the doctors who gave her son something beyond sight.

Joy's story is not just about vision restored. It is about dignity returned. About generations unburdened. About hope reborn.



# Abhay's Story

From double vision  
to divine art.

For years, Abhay lived in a "never-ending nightmare" where the world was a blurred one. Seeing two balls on the cricket pitch and two lines on every page. This struggle with a childhood squint eventually forced him to drop out of school in the 9th grade.

Today, with the life-changing surgery by Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya, Abhay has transformed his restored, crystal-clear sight into a professional calling, painting vibrant divine murals with a newfound sense of pride and purpose.



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Abhay's Video

**A**bhay was born in Mavaikala, a small village in Chitrakoot, with hands that understood colour long before his eyes did. By the time he could hold a brush, he could already translate emotion into form. Painting came naturally to him. Seeing did not.

From childhood, Abhay viewed the world in doubles. A squint fractured every face, every road, every word on a blackboard into two. What others experienced effortlessly demanded constant strain from him. The simplest acts became exhausting negotiations with his own vision. Headaches were frequent. Fatigue was constant. And slowly, almost imperceptibly, hope began

to thin. His parents tried everything they could. But in a place where access to specialised care is limited, help arrived too late.

By Class 9, the strain became unbearable. Abhay dropped out of school—not for lack of talent or ambition, but because seeing itself had become a daily battle. Yet even as formal education slipped away, Abhay never let go of his love for art. Then, a turning point. At Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya, an Orbis partner hospital in Chitrakoot, Abhay's condition was finally understood.

What had shaped his entire life was identified, treated, and corrected. The surgery restored something Abhay had never truly experienced before: clear, single vision. For the first time, the world came into focus. With sight came freedom. The constant strain disappeared. Confidence took its place. Abhay returned to painting—not as a struggle, but as a calling. His brush moved with certainty now, guided by eyes that could finally see what his mind had always imagined.

Today, Abhay earns his livelihood through his art. His paintings adorn local temples, quietly admired by those who pass through. At home, his contribution is recognised, his independence respected, his dignity restored.

Abhay's story is not only about vision corrected. It is about confidence reclaimed. About talent rediscovered. About a life realigned with purpose.





# Ram's Story

From darkness to  
a life reclaimed.

For Ram, a farmer from the village of Sariah in Uttar Pradesh, the simple joys of family life once seemed uncertain. Diagnosed with cataracts in both eyes at just six years old, his childhood was overshadowed by the fear of losing sight. But early screening and timely cataract surgery at Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya, supported by Orbis International, successfully restored his vision, fundamentally altering the trajectory of his life.



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Ram's Video

In the quiet village of Sariah in Uttar Pradesh, Ram's childhood began like that of many rural children—filled with simple routines and dreams about the future. But when he was just six years old, everything began to change.

Doctors diagnosed him with cataracts in both eyes. Gradually, his world started to dim. Everyday tasks became difficult, and the uncertainty surrounding his future weighed heavily on his family. For his parents,

the situation was deeply distressing. They worried about how their son would live, learn, and eventually support himself if his vision continued to deteriorate.

A defining moment followed. Through the support of Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya and Orbis International, he underwent cataract surgery. The operation restored his eyesight and with it, his chance at a normal life. As the years passed, Ram grew into a hardworking young man. Today, at 25, he works alongside his father on their family farm, tending to the land that sustains their household. Beyond the fields, Ram's life is filled with the roles he once feared he might never experience.

He is a husband and a father to two children, cherishing the everyday moments of family life. Motivated by his own experience, the hospital is considering involving him in community outreach initiatives to support individuals facing similar eye health challenges. This opportunity would not only provide him with meaningful employment but also enable him to contribute to the system that transformed his life.

Ram's journey vividly illustrates how timely medical intervention can profoundly improve quality of life, particularly in underserved rural settings.



# Chayan's Story

From a world in fog  
to a future in focus.

In a small village of West Bengal, a young boy once grew up seeing a blurry world. Cataracts clouded Chayan's childhood, making even everyday life feel uncertain. But one timely medical intervention changed everything. With treatment at Vivekanand Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan, a partner of Orbis International, Chayan's vision was restored. Today, he is a young man working with pride, supporting his family, and looking ahead with renewed hope.



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Chayan's Video

Chayan was born in a quiet village of Chakdwipa. But for much of his childhood, the world around him never appeared clearly due to cataracts clouding his eyes. To him, everyday life felt like walking through fog—uncertain, confusing, and often frustrating. The world existed, but it never fully came into focus.

For his family, watching their child struggle with blurred vision was heartbreaking. Refusing to accept and determined to improve the situation, his mother brought him to Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan. The cataract surgery changed everything - for the first time, Chayan could clearly see the world around him. But the moment that stayed with him the most was deeply personal; “I could finally see my mother’s smile,” as he recalls “And it lit up my world.”

Today, at 21, Chayan stands on his own feet. He works part-time at Haldia Port, contributing to his family’s livelihood—something he once believed might never be possible. The job gives him dignity, independence, and the quiet pride of supporting the people who stood by him through the hardest years. Chayan hopes to continue his education and inspire others who might be facing the same struggles he once had.

For him, every challenge holds a lesson. “Every obstacle is a stepping stone,” he says. From a childhood wrapped in blurred edges to a future filled with clarity and purpose, Chayan’s journey is proof of one simple truth: Sometimes, a single act of care can positively change the direction of a person’s life.





# Amol's Story

A clear vision.  
A steady aim.  
An unstoppable dream.

Sometimes, the future of a child depends on a moment of timely care. When Amol was just two years old, a squint in his eyes threatened to affect not just his vision, but the possibilities of what he could become. Thanks to early medical intervention and the dedicated care he received at Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, a partner of Orbis International, his condition was corrected in time.

Today, Amol is a young achiever whose life reflects resilience, talent, and determination—proving that when vision is protected early, dreams can take aim at the extraordinary.



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Amol's Video

**W**hen Amol was just two years old, his parents noticed something unusual. The condition, known as squint, could have limited his vision and shaped the course of his life in ways they feared. But help arrived at the right moment.

Amol was referred to Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, where skilled doctors performed a surgery that corrected his condition. What seemed like a medical procedure

was in fact the beginning of a completely different future. The surgery gave Amol something priceless—a clear vision.

Today, at just 15, Amol has already made his mark in the sport of shooting. A specially-abled boy with extraordinary focus, he has won accolades in a discipline where precision is everything. Every steady shot he takes is not only the result of practice and determination, but also of the medical care that protected his eyesight when it mattered most.

And Amol's talent doesn't stop there. When he is not aiming at a target, he is learning to play the piano—turning each note into a reflection of patience, creativity, and resilience. Behind this inspiring journey stands a family that never stopped believing in him. But at the heart of Amol's story is his mother, Manju. She has been his constant companion and strongest pillar. Sitting beside him in classrooms so he never felt alone. Accompanying him to shooting practices and piano lessons. Manju often says she does not believe in sympathy. To her, disability is never an obstacle to living a fuller life.

Amol's story is not about limitations. It is about what becomes possible when the right care arrives at the right time, when families stand strong together, and when determination meets opportunity. Because when vision is protected, dreams find their aim.



A portrait of a man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a patterned shirt. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with a yellow umbrella visible. The image has a watercolor-style overlay.

# Abhay Annu's Story

A story of vision,  
courage, and giving back.

In the small village of Chandraghena, a young man's life stands as a powerful reminder of what timely healthcare can do. Once a child struggling with a vision disorder and the weight of social stigma, Abhay found hope through a life-changing eye surgery supported by Orbis and Sadguru Netra Chikitsalya. Abhay's journey is not just about restored sight—it's about restored confidence, renewed dreams, and the incredible ripple effect of compassion and care.



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Abhay's Video

In the quiet lanes of Chandraghena village in Chitrakoot, Abhay's story began like that of many other children—full of innocence and dreams. But at the age of three, his father noticed something unusual: a squint in his eye. As Abhay grew older, the problem grew with him. School became a place of discomfort rather than joy. For his family, the worry was constant. Treatment existed—but it came at a cost they feared they could never afford.



Then came a moment that would change everything. In December 2004, at Sadguru Netra Chikitsalya with the support of Orbis, Abhay underwent an eye surgery that transformed his life. What seemed like a simple medical intervention became the turning point of his childhood.

With his vision restored, Abhay saw the world differently—literally and emotionally. School became a place of learning again, friendships blossomed, and the future no longer felt uncertain. Today, Abhay has completed his schooling and is pursuing his graduation while working at a local clinic. For him, this role is not just employment—it is deeply personal.

Abhay's journey—from a child struggling with vision to a young man bringing care and compassion to others—is proof that timely intervention does more than heal individuals. It creates ripples that transform entire communities.



# Sahil's Story

A clear vision.  
A life of service.

In the quiet village of Khaga, Sahil's life is a powerful reminder of how timely eye care can shape a child's entire future. Diagnosed with cataract at just three years old, his world once stood at the edge of uncertainty. But treatment at Sadguru Netra Chikitsalya with support from Orbis International restored his dreams. Today, Sahil is not just living a normal life; he is actively serving his community through healthcare, proving that a single intervention at the right time can create a lifetime of impact.



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Sahil's Video

In the quiet lanes of Khaga village, Sahil's journey began with a challenge that could have shaped his life forever. When he was just three years old, doctors discovered cataract in his eyes. The condition clouded his vision and cast uncertainty over his future. For his parents, the diagnosis was deeply worrying. Sahil underwent cataract surgery—an intervention that

changed everything. When his vision cleared, it opened the door to possibilities that once seemed distant. With renewed confidence, Sahil returned to school and worked hard in his studies.

Years later, that determination led him to earn a diploma in pharmacy. He began serving at a Government Community Health Centre, learning the importance of healthcare and community service. Today, Sahil works as an oxygen plant operator at a local hospital, playing a crucial role in ensuring that lifesaving oxygen reaches those who need it most. At the same time, he continues to support his father in running their family pharmacy—helping provide medicines and care to people in the community.

For Sahil's family, his restored sight remains one of the greatest blessings they could have hoped for. For his village, Sahil has become a symbol of what timely treatment can achieve. The child who once needed help now stands as someone who helps others every day.

His story is not defined by struggle; it is defined by transformation. Because when the right care reaches a child at the right time, it doesn't just restore vision.



# Manishka's Story

Growing up with courage and clarity.

Some journeys are shaped not just by ambition, but by resilience. Manishka's story is one such journey. Diagnosed with bilateral congenital cataract as an infant, she faced serious vision challenges from the very beginning of her life. With timely medical care, discipline, and the unwavering support of her father, she learned to overcome obstacles that could have easily held her back.

Manishka's story is a powerful reminder that with the right care, courage, and determination, even the toughest challenges can become stepping stones to a brighter future.



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**A**t just seven months old, Manishka faced her first surgery long before she could even understand what it meant. What followed was a journey that required patience far beyond her years. As she grew, Manishka had to regularly follow patching exercises designed to strengthen her vision. It was a routine that demanded discipline and perseverance.



Her eyesight challenges were significant. Everyday tasks required extra effort and determination. Yet, what could have been a limitation slowly turned into a source of strength. Through school and into college, Manishka continued to push forward, never letting her condition define her ambitions.

Today, as a dedicated student of Life Sciences at Delhi University, her aspirations stretch even further. As she dreams of pursuing an MBA or a Master's degree, exploring new possibilities and building a meaningful future. Throughout this journey, her father has been her constant support system. Having experienced eye care challenges himself, he understood the importance of treatment, patience, and encouragement.

Together, their shared experiences have turned eye health into something deeply personal. A story of healing, resilience, and hope. From surgeries in infancy to disciplined patching exercises, from classrooms to dreams of higher studies, Manishka's journey reflects quiet courage and unwavering determination.

It reminds us of a simple but powerful truth: When care, support, and determination come together, even the toughest challenges can lead to extraordinary futures.

# Bhavya's Story

The boy who grew up  
to give sight and hope.

Bhavya's story began with uncertainty but today, it stands as a powerful reflection of what timely care and unwavering support can achieve.

Born in Delhi and diagnosed with bilateral cataract at just two and a half months old, his journey could have taken a very different turn. Thanks to early intervention at Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, supported by Orbis International, Bhavya not only regained his sight but gained a future filled with purpose.



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In July 2004, Bhavya was born into a loving family in Delhi, with his father working in a pharmaceutical company and his mother devoted to teaching. His arrival brought immense joy. But within months, that joy turned into concern. At just two and a half months old, Bhavya was diagnosed with bilateral cataract.

Without immediate treatment, his chances of developing functional vision were extremely limited. Acting swiftly, his family ensured he received surgery. First at just a few months old, followed by another procedure three months later.

Those early decisions changed everything. At Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, an Orbis partner, Bhavya received expert care. But beyond medical treatment, what truly shaped his journey was the relentless dedication of his parents.

As Bhavya grew, his love for learning became unmistakable. In school, he excelled academically, proving that his early struggles had only strengthened his resolve. But Bhavya didn't stop there. Inspired by the care that once saved his vision, he chose a path of healing.

Today, he is in his fourth year of MBBS in Russia and undergoing training to become a doctor. A child who once depended on life-changing medical care is now preparing to provide it to others. His journey has come full circle. From a fragile beginning marked by uncertainty to a future defined by purpose, Bhavya's story is a testament to the power of early intervention, strong family support, and committed healthcare partnerships.



# Vishal's Story

A long road,  
a clear vision.

Every morning in Shirude village begins with the rhythm of rural life. For Vishal, it begins with a 30-kilometer ride to work—a journey that symbolizes independence he once feared he might never have. Diagnosed with developmental cataract at a young age, his sight—and his future—stood at risk. But timely treatment and surgery at HV Desai Eye Hospital through Orbis International changed everything.

Today, Vishal works, studies, and prepares for competitive exams—living proof that when children receive timely eye care, their paths can open far beyond what once seemed possible.



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Vishal's Video

In the small village of Shirude, life moves to the steady rhythm of fields, homes, and daily routines. But for Vishal, the world began to blur when he was still a child. He noticed it slowly at first. Maps on the classroom wall became hard to read. His handwriting grew shaky. Words written on the blackboard faded into a blur. What began as a small difficulty soon revealed something more serious. At just eleven years old, Vishal was diagnosed with developmental cataract.

Through the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan program, he was referred to the Orbis-supported Children's Eye Centre at HV Desai Eye Hospital, where he underwent treatment that transformed his life.

Vishal still remembers the moment when he realized how much had changed. For the first time, he could read a hotel menu clearly on his own. It was a small act for many—but for him, it was the beginning of independence. His parents, who had once been unsure about treatment, saw the difference immediately. Yet Vishal's determination had always been there.

Even before surgery, he refused to step back from school life. He took part in activities with confidence and even won handwriting competitions—proving that resilience could shine even through blurred vision. After his treatment, the world opened up even further.

Vishal completed his ITI training and today works in the electrical maintenance department of an industrial plant. At the same time, he continues his education, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree. His ambitions stretch even higher. With discipline and focus, Vishal is preparing for the Maharashtra Public Service Commission Examination, hoping to secure a stable government job.

His journey reminds us that when timely care meets determination and support, even a life once clouded by uncertainty can move forward with remarkable clarity.



# Pallavi's Story

The girl who refused to  
lose sight of her dreams.

Pallavi always knew where she wanted to go. Becoming a Chartered Accountant wasn't just a dream, it was her chosen path. But when the blackboard began to blur and confidence gave way to doubt, that path seemed uncertain.

Everything changed when her mother brought her to HV Desai Eye Hospital, supported by Orbis International. A simple pair of spectacles brought her world back into focus and with it, her future.



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Pallavi's Video

**F**or Pallavi, the classroom was once a place of confusion. Lessons became harder to follow. And slowly, self-doubt began to take root. Diagnosed with astigmatism, her vision challenges threatened to derail her academic journey and her dream of becoming a Chartered Accountant.

But her mother, Chaya, refused to let that happen. Determined to find a solution, she brought Pallavi to the Children's Eye Centre at HV Desai Eye Hospital, an Orbis partner, where Pallavi received the care she needed.

The solution was simple. The impact was life-changing. With her new spectacles, Pallavi saw clearly again. The blackboard came into focus. Lessons made sense. What followed was a transformation driven by determination. Pallavi threw herself into her studies, making up for lost time with renewed energy. Her efforts paid off as she secured a first-class division in her board exams and actively participated in district-level competitions.

But what makes Pallavi's journey truly inspiring is not just her success, it's her spirit. She took a moment of timely intervention and turned it into a lifelong opportunity. She matched her mother's belief in her with unwavering determination of her own. Her story reminds us that sometimes, the biggest transformations begin with the smallest act.

A mother's decision, a timely check-up, a simple pair of glasses. And when that happens, nothing can stand in the way of a child's dreams.



# Rahul's Story

The boy who became his family's backbone.

In a small town in Maharashtra, Rahul stands behind the counter of his family's grocery shop, not just as a shopkeeper, but as the pillar holding his family together. His journey is not just about restored vision, but about responsibility, resilience, and rising above life's toughest circumstances.

A childhood diagnosis of cataract could have limited his world. Instead, timely care at HV Desai Eye Hospital, an Orbis partner, gave Rahul the clarity to not just see but to lead.



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Rahul's Video

**R**ahul was born into a family that knew struggle intimately but chose strength every single day. In the face of such circumstances, many would have given in to despair. But not Rahul's family.

And not Rahul. At the age of six, Rahul was diagnosed with hereditary cataract. It was his grandmother who first noticed something was wrong, and his aunt who helped guide the family toward the right care.



That journey led them to HV Desai Eye Hospital, where Rahul received cataract surgery at the Orbis-supported Children's Eye Centre. That moment changed everything. With his vision restored, Rahul was given something far greater than sight—he was given a chance.

A chance to study. A chance to grow. A chance to take responsibility. Even today, he chooses to sit on the front bench. Not just because it helps him see better, but because it reflects who he is: someone who shows up, leads from the front, and sets an example. Today, he works alongside his father at their grocery shop. Every transaction, every customer, every long day is part of a larger purpose—to support his family.

He aspires to expand the business. He wants to create a better future for his parents and sisters. And he is working toward it—every single day. His journey is a powerful reminder that when timely medical care meets the strength of a determined family, it doesn't just change one life—it uplifts an entire household.

# Pranil's Story

The boy who  
found his focus.

In Pune, Pranil begins his day with a quiet sense of purpose—spectacles in place, books open, and a future that once seemed uncertain now firmly within reach. His story is one of fragile beginnings, timely intervention, and the power of unwavering support.

With care from HV Desai Eye Hospital, supported by Orbis International, Pranil's life took a decisive turn—from vulnerability to confidence, from doubt to direction.



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Pranil's Video

**B**orn in 2004, weighing just 1.5 kilograms, Pranil spent his earliest days in the NICU-his parents holding onto hope through uncertainty.

While they celebrated his survival, another concern quietly emerged in the years that followed. At two years old, his father noticed something unusual. One morning, as he waved goodbye, Pranil responded to the sound but did not look. Soon after, the diagnosis came: cataract.



For his parents, it was a wave of fear but also the beginning of action. Their search for answers led them to HV Desai Eye Hospital, an Orbis-supported centre known for specialized pediatric eye care. There, they found reassurance.

With timely intervention, Pranil's vision was preserved. And with that, his life opened up. As he grew, Pranil refused to let his early struggles define him. His spectacles became a part of him but never a limitation. In his neighborhood, he became a guiding presence for younger children, helping them with studies, much like an elder brother. His journey was not just about seeing clearly. It was about growing stronger.

Today, Pranil lives with a sense of independence that once seemed uncertain. Certified fit to drive both two-wheelers and four-wheelers, he moves through life with confidence and pride.

From a fragile start to a focused future, Pranil's story is a powerful reflection of what happens when trust, expertise, and compassion come together.

# Manish's Story

The boy who learned to see and dream.

In the early morning light of Pune, Manish steps out with purpose. At twenty, his dreams are vivid, his path defined. But his story began at a time when even seeing the world clearly was uncertain.

Thanks to timely care at HV Desai Eye Hospital, an Orbis partner, Manish's life took a turn, from blurred beginnings to a future filled with clarity, ambition, and possibility.



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Manish's Video

**M**anish was just three years old when he would stumble while walking, unable to properly see what lay ahead. His mother noticed something wasn't right. Concern quickly turned into action, and she took him to a pediatrician. The diagnosis was cataract.

For any parent, it was a frightening moment. But it also marked the beginning of hope. Guided to HV Desai Eye Hospital, an Orbis-supported centre, Manish's family found the care he needed at the Children's Eye Centre,

where specialized treatment for young patients like him could change lives. The surgery that followed was life-changing. It restored his sight. And with it, restored his future.

What came next was a journey shaped by family, resilience, and growth. His sister fondly remembers chasing him around, reminding him to wear his spectacles. His father recalls a stubborn child who, after treatment, turned that same stubbornness into determination.

He completed his Class 12 education and gradually discovered a unique passion—the world of perfumes. Today, Manish works at a small manufacturing unit, learning the craft of blending oils and creating fragrances. At the same time, he is continuing his studies, balancing work and education with quiet discipline. But Manish's dreams go even further. He wants to start his own business in perfumes.

To create something of his own. To build a future that once seemed out of reach. Manish's journey is a powerful reminder that early detection and expert treatment don't just restore vision—they unlock potential. From a child struggling to see, to a young man shaping his own future, his story reflects what's possible when care, compassion, and determination come together.



A portrait of a young man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue button-down shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a textured, light-colored wall with some shadows and a horizontal pipe or beam visible above his head.

# Sumit's Story

When vision clears,  
the future becomes visible.

Sumit's childhood in southern West Bengal was once overshadowed by cataracts that blurred both his sight and his prospects. But a timely decision by his grandfather, followed by treatment through Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan partnering with Orbis International, changed the course of his life.

Through two crucial interventions that restored his vision, Sumit gained the clarity and confidence to pursue his education and ambitions. Today, he is building a future defined not by the challenges he once faced, but by the possibilities that lie ahead.



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Sumit's Video

In the southern stretches of West Bengal, Sumit's childhood unfolded under a shadow he could not fully understand. Cataracts had begun clouding his vision. The world around him appeared unclear, and with it, the path his future might take. For a child just beginning to explore life, this uncertainty was deeply troubling.

But someone in the family noticed the signs early. His grandfather, Sambhu Nath, realized that something was not right. Determined to find help, he took Sumit for medical care—a decision that would transform the young boy's life.

In 2003, he underwent cataract surgery that restored his ability to see clearly again. Years later, in 2010, a secondary procedure completed his treatment—strengthening the clarity he had regained. Each intervention brought new confidence.

Looking back, Sumit reflects on those moments with gratitude. “Timely intervention and care helped me restore my vision and aim for a brighter future,” he says. Sumit is pursuing a diploma in retail management and dreams of going further—completing an MBA and building a career that allows him to grow and contribute to society.

The road he travelled was not always easy. Yet with timely care, family support, and his own determination, Sumit turned what could have been a lifelong obstacle into an opportunity for growth. His story reminds us that sight is more than the ability to see.

It is the power to learn, to dream, and to shape one's own future. And when compassion meets action, even the most uncertain beginnings can lead to horizons filled with promise.



# Swati's Story

From blurred vision  
to healing vision.

What began as a small struggle to read the blackboard eventually shaped Swati's life in the most extraordinary way. As a child, she was diagnosed with esophoria, a condition that caused blurred and double vision. Thanks to early detection through a school screening and timely treatment supported by Orbis International and Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Swati's vision was corrected.

Years later, that same child grew up to become an ophthalmologist—dedicating her life to helping others see clearly. Her journey is proof that timely eye care doesn't just restore sight; it can inspire a lifetime of healing.



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Swati's Video

**A**s a young girl in school, Swati often found herself squinting at the blackboard, struggling to read what others seemed to see effortlessly. At first, it appeared to be a small problem. But medical evaluation revealed the real cause— esophoria, a condition that led to blurred and double vision. The solution was simple yet life-changing: spectacles.

With clear vision restored, Swati regained the confidence she needed to move forward in her studies. The clarity she experienced also helped shape a dream—she wanted to become a doctor.

Her determination carried her to Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, where she studied medicine. The journey demanded long hours of learning, intense clinical training, and relentless focus. But during her graduation years, another challenge emerged. Swati developed squint—once again threatening her vision and confidence. Memories of earlier struggles returned, along with the fear of being judged or misunderstood. Yet she faced the challenge head-on.

With expert medical care and the unwavering support of her family, she underwent squint correction surgery at Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, an Orbis partner. The teasing she had once endured disappeared, replaced by renewed confidence and determination. Refusing to let these obstacles define her, Swati continued to push forward. She successfully cleared NEET PG and chose to specialize in ophthalmology at King George's Medical University.

The choice was deeply personal. Having experienced vision challenges herself, she understood how life-changing proper eye care could be. Today, Dr. Swati stands on the other side of that journey—as an ophthalmologist who brings healing and hope to children facing the same struggles she once endured. Her story is a powerful reminder that early detection, expert treatment, and compassionate support can transform a child's life.



# Ankush's Story

From blurred beginnings  
to building dreams.

Sometimes, the first step toward saving a child's future begins with a mother's quiet observation. In the small village of Sangrampur, Usha noticed something unusual in her infant son Ankush's eyes, something others might have ignored.

What followed was a journey of courage, determination, and timely medical care. With the support from Orbis partner, Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan, Ankush who once struggled to see the world clearly is a Civil Engineering diploma holder dreaming of serving the nation through public service.



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Ankush's Video

**W**hile most babies slowly begin to explore the world around them, Ankush seemed unable to focus. His eyes did not respond the way they should. Many might have dismissed it as nothing—but a mother's instinct refused to stay silent.

Determined to find answers, Usha took Ankush to a local pediatrician. The diagnosis was devastating: cataracts had clouded both of his eyes. For a family with limited means, it felt like an impossible challenge.

Crossing distances and hardships, they made their way to Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan, an Orbis partner. Ankush was only four months old when he underwent cataract surgery.

Soon after, during his first follow-up visit, something remarkable happened. When the doctor shone a light toward him, Ankush's tiny eyes followed it. That small movement meant everything. It was the moment his life began to open up. Every six months, Usha travelled more than 600 kilometers for his follow-up appointments—ensuring his vision continued to improve.

With spectacles, Ankush slowly began to read letters and recognize shapes. With growing confidence, he joined other children at play—catching balls and running freely. And with steady determination, he continued his studies, eventually completing school and earning a diploma in Civil Engineering.

During his internship, he learned the practical craft of construction—using his skills to help build his uncle's new home. For his parents, the long journeys, sacrifices, and sleepless nights now felt worthwhile.

Today, Ankush carries a new dream, to join public services and contribute to the nation. His story is not just about eyesight restored. It is about a future rebuilt.





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