



Vision Screening

Working across India, IVI's vision screening programs continue to bridge critical gaps in access to eye care.

In 2025-26, 308,000 individuals benefited from IVI's outreach, reflecting the trust communities place in our work. By enabling timely access to vision screening and corrective spectacles, these interventions will contribute to increase in productivity and improved quality of life. Since inception, IVI's programs have benefited over 2 million people across India

During the year, IVI screened 77,900 commercial drivers for vision, and hearing assessed 5,851 drivers.

We screened 110,000 schoolchildren, of whom 8,960 received corrective spectacles. For these children, clear vision can support better classroom participation, improved learning outcomes, and twice as much earning in their lifetime than if they had not got vision tested.



It has been a year of meaningful achievements for India Vision Institute. This Review is an overview of our programs, campaigns, partnerships, and advocacy work during 2025-26.

Thanks to support from corporates and foundations, IVI provided vision screening coverage to 308,000 individuals across India. Collaborations with WHO's SPECS 2030 initiative, the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA, and the Asia Pacific Council of Optometry (APCO) helped strengthen our programs and advocacy efforts. Through the Child Eye Health Symposium, India Vision Science Colloquium, Global Optometry Public Health Alliance (GOPHA) and the Vision and Road Safety (VARS) Conference, we brought together diverse stakeholders to advance discussion on key issues and contribute to a stronger eye care ecosystem.

A strong focus during the year was our sustainability initiative, which turned ocean waste into vision care. As part of a pilot project, IVI converted discarded nylon fishing nets into spectacle frames. Through this initiative, 9,900 spectacle frames were produced and provided to members of fishing communities who required vision correction.

We also provided hearing assessment screening to truckers, adding another dimension to our comprehensive health and wellness program for drivers.

Professional Development & Advocacy

IVI continued to strengthen human resources in eye care through upskilling, training and knowledge-sharing initiatives:

- 21 conferences, workshops, webinars, and panel sessions organised during the year.
- OptoPreneur'25, with Indian Optometric Association, convening 35 ophthalmic personnel in developing entrepreneurial skills and opportunities.
- Child Eye Health: A Call to Action online

symposium brought together 1,700 delegates and experts from across the world for practical discussions and solutions in child eye health. Hosted by India Vision Institute, its partners included Berkeley Vision, One School at a Time, OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation, and UNICEF, with CooperVision as a supporting partner.

- India Vision Science Colloquium (IVSC) 2025, previously ResMeet, held at IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai, with a multidisciplinary group comprising scientists, physicists, clinicians, engineers, students, and researchers in visual science, among others, as a platform for advancing research, innovation, and interdisciplinary dialogue in vision science and eye care, as well as enhancing collaboration.
- The Global Optometry Public Health Alliance (GOPHA) hosted a public health forum in partnership with India Vision Institute and supported by OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation for expanding access to essential eye care for underserved communities. It was aligned with WHO SPECS 2030 and focused on optometry's role in prevention, early detection, timely referral, and stronger integration with public health systems. The forum also marked the launch of GOPHA as an international collaboration, with over 900 delegates from 69 countries participating.
- Vision and Road Safety (VARS) Conference in Mumbai, with Mission for Vision, Sightsavers India and VisionSpring as partners, offering a platform for stakeholders from road safety, eye health, policy, and program implementation to strengthen dialogue on vision care for safer mobility.
- EyeTeach facilitated by Ms. Helen Dalton, supported 46 Optometry educators, taking the total number of educators supported since this program's inception to 214. Hands-on workshops were conducted in two cities – Chennai and Navsari – enriching pedagogy, curricula, and student engagement. The support of Optometry Giving Sight is acknowledged.

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Looking Ahead

Clear vision helps people learn, work, travel, and live with greater confidence. For IVI, every screening, referral and pair of spectacles reflects a simple commitment: to help ensure poor vision does not hold anyone back.

We are grateful to our partners, donors, and well-wishers for their continued trust and support as we work to bring eye care closer to those who need it most.

With thanks and best wishes,

Team India Vision institute

Collaborated with: WHO SPECS 2030 Vision 2020: The Right to Sight – India International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).

Professional Development programs benefited **1,085 ophthalmic professionals.**

802 patients received cataract surgeries through our referrals.

9,900 spectacles from Ocean waste & provided to community.

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Over 1 million schoolchildren vision screened since IVI's inception.

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