

## Sightsavers India opens applications for annual Fellowship Programme 2024 for ophthalmology

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**To provide a distinctive and promising career pathway for ophthalmologists**



Sightsavers India, a development organisation dedicated to eradicating avoidable blindness and promoting equality of opportunity for individuals with disabilities, has announced the commencement of applications for its annual Fellowship Programme for the year 2024. The application window remains open until 30th June 2024, with the programme scheduled to commence in August 2024.

The Sightsavers India Fellowship Programme provides a distinctive and promising career pathway for ophthalmologists, crafted to guide selected fellows through a rewarding 24-month journey.

This structured programme enhances skills and provides mentorship across various domains, including clinical and surgical ophthalmology, as well as managerial and holistic life skills development.

Upon acceptance, fellows undergo an intensive four-month training focused on Small Incision Cataract Surgery (SICS), a vital aspect of the fellowship. Subsequently, they are placed within peripheral centres across one of eight states: Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha. These placements facilitate continuous skills enhancement and invaluable personal interactions with respected leaders in the eye care and development sectors.

At each stage of the programme, emphasis is placed on optimising learning experiences, enabling fellows to evolve into well-rounded, seasoned professionals. Furthermore, they receive an attractive stipend throughout the duration of the fellowship.