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## ANNUAL CONVENTION CELEBRATES GROWTH OF EYE MITRA PROGRAM IN INDIA

An event that brings together Essilor's growing community of passionate vision care entrepreneurs to share experiences and learn from each other's successes and challenges.

On 10 May, Essilor held its fifth annual Eye Mitra Convention in Agra, India. Over 1,000 Eye Mitras from provinces across India were joined by special guests including Andrew Bastawrous, CEO of Peek Vision.



Essilor created its pioneering Eye Mitra program in 2013 to provide three benefits in one: developing skills, creating jobs and uplifting lives by tackling poor vision. To date, Eye Mitras operating across 14 provinces in India have helped more than 2.5 million people in their local communities to see clearly.

The Eye Mitra program continues to expand in India and beyond. In 2018 Essilor signed a new government partnership to develop the program in the Indian state of Odisha and is partnering with the Australian government to launch Eye Mitra in Bangladesh.

To find out how the Eye Mitra program is helping improve lives by improving sight, [read the story of Joshi](#), the proud owner of an optical store in Jangaon in the southern Indian state of Telangana.

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