

## alumni Kabir Bedi, Dr S Y Quraishi, *Sightsavers*

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*Sightsavers*, a leading global development organization working in over 30 countries to combat avoidable blindness and promote equal opportunities for visually impaired announced its association with internationally acclaimed actor and director, **Kabir Bedi** as its brand ambassador at an event held today.

Dr S Y Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner CEC of India and *Honorary Chair* of *Sightsavers* in India announced the news ... The event also saw live demonstration of self-defense by six girls who are supported by *Sightsavers* and have won medals at the National Blind Judo Championship in 2016.

Since 1966, *Sightsavers* has worked in three core areas – Social Inclusion, Inclusive Education and Eye Health and have supported the treatment of millions of people with eye disorders and brought eye services to some of the least - served areas of the country. *Sightsavers* have impacted lives of people in 100 districts across 8 priority states by building sustainable programme models, which have been endorsed and adopted by the government. In the last year, *Sightsavers* has conducted 1,55,986 sight restoration surgeries, 22,01,134 eye screenings, distributed 2,18,690 spectacles and refracted 6,47,007 people.

Kabir Bedi said, “Today there is immense awareness and attempt towards eye health and care in India and *Sightsavers* have shown way to people at large in the country with their achievements in the area of eye care. I feel great pride to be associated with *Sightsavers* as their brand ambassador and I take the responsibility to draw people’s attention and sensitize them in this regards. I look forward to being part of the *Sightsavers* family and their commendable journey in India.”

Addressing the guests at the event, Chairman **Dr S Y Quraishi**, “I feel proud to be part of this great organization and delighted at this association with Kabir Bedi. This alliance itself signifies the convergence to a focused journey ahead ... The mission that was started more than five decades ago is forging ahead with renewed enthusiasm with this association to bring sight to many and lighten up their lives with hope. **I pay my respects** to **Sir John Wilson** whose vision had set a course to change the eye health scenario of not only India but globally.