

Dr. Jitender Aggarwal

Man with a beautiful vision

Dr. Jitender Aggarwal led a normal, happy life as a practicing dental surgeon with a bright future ahead of him. But in 2004, disaster struck. He was diagnosed with a disease called macular degeneration that caused severe vision loss.

Dr. Aggarwal couldn't bear the thought of living his life being dependent on the generosity of other people. He decided to take the matter into his own hands and do something about it. But first, he found out how to use screen-reading software that allowed him to use computers. This was a smart move and opened up a lot of possibilities for him. Then he set out on his mission to create an **inclusive** world for people with disabilities.

He created an organization that employed visually impaired people by training them in medical transcription. This was an important achievement, but for Dr. Aggarwal, it was just the first step in his journey. He expanded the services at his organization to include basic and advanced training for people with disabilities. He also provided them options for work by convincing large companies to get involved in his effort. He rehabilitated over 1000 'recently disabled adults' with new ideas like Early Intervention, and almost 500 children as part of his Inclusive Education Programme. Through his organization, Dr. Aggarwal has trained more than 13,000 differently abled people.

But that's not all. By organizing more than 100 job fairs spread across 21 states, he created employment for more than 16,000 differently abled people. In 2014 he decided to conduct a national conference on disability every year. He also plans to expand his wonderful mission to other countries.

Dr. Aggarwal's incredible tale clearly shows that determination and a strong will is all you need to follow your dreams and make them real.

Inclusive: Improving the ability, opportunity and dignity of those who face challenges