

Drisya Empower Foundation

First Quarterly Newsletter 2026

January – March 2026

The first quarter of 2026 marked an important milestone in the journey of Drisya Empower Foundation. During these three months, we launched new initiatives to improve the lives of children with visual impairment and children from underprivileged families. We expanded educational opportunities, started digital learning programmes, established our residential home, and reached rural communities through awareness and parent education programmes.

Our mission is to ensure that every child, regardless of disability or financial background, has equal access to education, care, technology, and opportunities for a better future.

Our Quarterly Highlights

During January to March 2026, Drisya Empower Foundation:

- Established **Drisya Family Residential Home**.
- Provided residential care and educational support to children with visual impairment and underprivileged backgrounds.
- Conducted online digital literacy programmes for persons with visual impairment.
- Started an offline Fundamentals of Computer Training Programme.
- Reached rural communities through awareness and parent education programmes.
- Promoted inclusive education, assistive technology, and government welfare schemes.

January 2026

Establishment of Drisya Family Residential Home

On **1 January 2026**, Drisya Empower Foundation proudly established **Drisya Family Residential Home**, a safe and nurturing residential programme for children with visual impairment and children from underprivileged families who have limited access to education and holistic development.

During the first month:

- Four children from economically disadvantaged families joined the residential home.
- All children were enrolled in nearby mainstream schools.
- The Foundation started providing accommodation, nutritious meals, educational support, life skills, and a caring family environment to help every child learn and grow with confidence.

This initiative represents an important step towards building an inclusive future where every child receives equal opportunities.



Google Applications Online Training Programme

In January, Drisya Empower Foundation successfully conducted a **15-day Google Applications Online Training Programme** for persons with visual impairment.

The programme benefited **30 participants** from different locations.

The training covered:

- Google Drive
- Google Docs
- Google Sheets
- Google Forms
- Google Meet
- Google Calendar
- Cloud storage and file management
- Practical digital productivity skills

The programme helped participants improve their digital literacy and become more confident in using accessible Google applications for education, employment, and daily life.

February 2026

Expansion of Drisya Family Residential Home

During February, the Drisya Family continued to grow.

Four more children joined the residential programme.

Among them:

- Three children were children with visual impairment.
- All newly admitted children were enrolled in mainstream schools.
- Each child received Braille learning materials and other essential educational resources.

The Foundation also organised orientation sessions to help the children become familiar with their new home, school environment, daily routines, and independent living practices.

Microsoft Outlook Online Training Programme

In February, Drisya Empower Foundation organised an **Online Microsoft Outlook Training Programme** for persons with visual impairment.

A total of **25 participants** successfully completed the course.

Participants developed practical skills in:

- Creating and managing Outlook email accounts
- Composing and replying to emails
- Sending attachments
- Organising folders
- Managing contacts
- Calendar and meeting invitations
- Email accessibility features
- Professional email communication

The programme enhanced participants' digital communication skills and prepared them for academic and workplace environments where email communication is essential.

March 2026

Fundamentals of Computer Training Programme

In March, Drisya Empower Foundation launched its **Fundamentals of Computer Training Programme** for persons with visual impairment.

The course was designed as a **three-month offline training programme**.

A total of **10 participants** enrolled in the first batch.

The training includes:

- Basic computer operations
- Keyboard skills
- Screen reader (NVDA) usage
- File and folder management
- Microsoft Office basics
- Internet browsing
- Digital accessibility
- Practical computer applications for education and employment

The programme aims to strengthen digital independence and improve future employment opportunities for persons with visual impairment.



Community Awareness and Parent Education Programme

During March, Drisya Empower Foundation organised community awareness and parent education programmes across rural areas of North Bengal.

These programmes focused on promoting inclusive education and encouraging families to support children with disabilities.

Dinhata, Cooch Behar

The Drisya team organised its first awareness programme in Dinhata.

The session covered:

- Importance of inclusive education
- Understanding visual impairment and disability
- Early intervention and educational support
- Government welfare schemes
- Digital learning opportunities
- Parents' role in children's development

Parents actively participated and interacted with the team to better understand educational opportunities available for their children.

Mandalghat, Jalpaiguri

The Foundation conducted another awareness programme in Mandalghat.

The programme included:

- Importance of education for every child
- Demonstration of Braille learning materials
- Introduction to accessible computer technology
- Guidance on assistive devices
- Career possibilities for persons with visual impairment
- Parent counselling and motivation

Many parents expressed greater confidence about enrolling their children in school and supporting their education after attending the programme.



Looking Ahead

As we move into the next quarter, Drisya Empower Foundation remains committed to expanding inclusive education, strengthening digital literacy, improving residential care, and reaching more rural communities.

Our upcoming priorities include:

- Expanding the Drisya Family Residential Home.

- Continuing computer and digital literacy training.
- Organising more awareness programmes across North Bengal.
- Supporting children with accessible educational materials.
- Building partnerships to create sustainable opportunities for children with visual impairment and underprivileged communities.

Thank You

We sincerely thank our supporters, volunteers, educators, community members, and well-wishers for believing in our mission.

Together, we are creating a society where every child can learn, grow, and achieve their dreams—regardless of disability or economic background.

Together, we are empowering vision beyond sight.