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Building resilience, when humanity was crying

Recently we all saw the heart-wrenching scenario where people lined up in long queues for oxygen cylinders besides waiting outside hospitals for beds. Indeed it has been traumatic seeing cremation crisis news flashes on our TV screens. We know how it feels on you and millions of Indians spread across the globe. Some have been unable to do anything across seven seas to save family members who have hit the symptoms of the disease. It has been a traumatizing situation leaving us in jeopardy with a question in us; this is not just human beings dying... Isn't Humanity dying?

But we salute your spirit who despite living in unprecedented troubled times, gave a new lease of life to many suffering lives gasping for oxygen and other essential needs. There is a vaccine named "Hope and Actions" which drives any human being to make something extraordinary which takes out the real warrior in him/her in any hopeless situation and we salute the warrior within you gifted by Almighty who let us win this battle for breath.

FIGHT FOR BREATH

COVID-19
Relief Sewa



8 States
Punjab
Haryana
West Bengal
Delhi NCR
Uttar Pradesh
Maharashtra
Himachal Pradesh
Jammu Kashmir



Oxygen Concentrators
for Covid patients



Protection Equipment
for all needy



PPE Kits for
health workers



Medical support
in our facilities



Hygiene Essentials
for frontline workers



Ration Kits
for vulnerable



Started the mission at Punjab with "Oxygen Da Langar" Special thank to all our team members and sewadars who have been on the ground and physically supporting this pious cause



Play to see the news coverage across social media

the service is still going on...

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Supporting 1262 hopes amidst pandemic

College Level Scholarships (2020-2021)

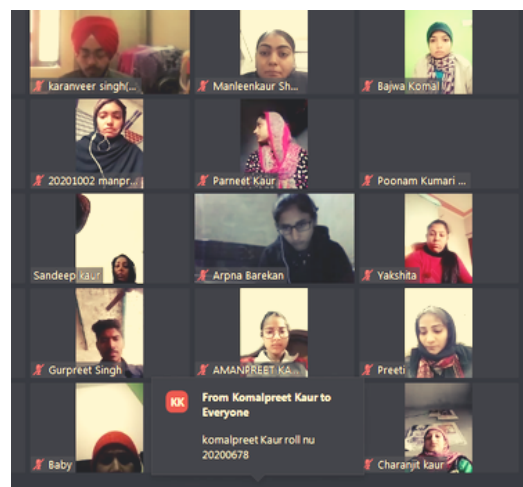


1262 Scholarships



₹ 2.92 Crore

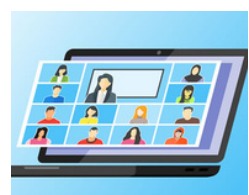
1262 college students have received the gift of a scholarship of Rs. 2.92 Crore. Thanks to the Sikh Human Development Foundation, USA and our esteemed local and global donors who help fund the fees of meritorious students from underprivileged families. Likewise, every year we are conducting scholarship distribution throughout Punjab and Delhi but for the last 2 years due to Covid protocol, the amount has been transferred to beneficiaries' bank accounts. Covid-19 pandemic has led to an intense and extended lockdown which has disrupted the academics badly. The standstill world turns online and so has our approach too which added a new milestone in taking the scholarship exam on 27th Dec. 2020 and on 9 January 2021 along with their interviews through the virtual medium. Special thanks to each and everybody for sparing their precious time to voluntarily support our mission.



2200+
Applications received
(Fresh + Renewal)



1200+
Candidates appeared
for online test



1600+
Online Interviews
(Renewal + Fresh students)



312 Scholarships for tomorrow's hopes

School Level Scholarships (2020-2021)

312 Scholarship worth Rs. 18.49 Lakhs has been transferred to the student's bank account for 2020-2021. Our scholarship partner Relief Committee of Greater New York, USA and perpetual donors supported the initiative from Class 8 to 12 level students who were academically strong but had a challenging financial background. This time interviews were held only of shortlisted students. These interviews were conducted in the premises of Sukho Khalsa School (West Delhi); Bhai Joga Singh Girls School (Central Delhi), Gurudwara Dera Baba Karam Singh Ji (East Delhi) and at SGNP Girls School, Shahbad, Kurukshetra. More than 400 students applied for Nishkam's school level scholarship. The scholarship program was subject to satisfactory academic performance. Likewise every year written exams were conducted but due to the Covid pandemic, they were postponed for (2020-21) we thank our donors for supporting Guru Nanak's mission of Sewa and enabling future professionals.

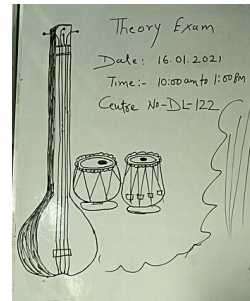
Music Exam Conducted

Nishkam Music Centre



More than 55 West Delhi based students appeared in the written examination (Instrumental/Vocal and Tabla) held at Nishkam Bhawan on 16th and 18th January. The test was conducted by Prayag Sangeet Samiti, Allahabad- a premier organization working for the education of Hindustani Classical music for the last 95 years in India. Due precautionary measures were taken while following the Covid protocols.

Over the past 36 years, the Nishkam Music Center has evolved into a nursery for many aspirants while imparting training in different styles of Indian Classical Music. The centre offers vocational and professional courses in Hindustani Vocal and Instrumental Music affiliated with Prayag Sangeet Samiti. Many talented artists become music teachers and have been earning respectful livelihoods.



Tuition Center rooms in Nishkam Bhawan were converted to Covid-19 isolation rooms for emergency



BEFORE



AFTER



Building Dignity, Constructing Hopes

Nishkam Housing Project

Thanks to generous donors, a widow and her four children will have a new home and a sense of dignity for a lifetime.

The beneficiary Ms Raj Kaur was living in a one-room kutchra house (Hut) in Toot Village of District Tarn Taran, Punjab.

The house gets damaged due to heavy rain which might fall anytime. Due to this, they were living in some nearby house. They are not able to repair their hut due to poverty. Her husband was the only breadwinner of the family. After his death, Ms Raj Kaur started earning a livelihood while doing petty jobs in nearby houses. It was quite difficult for the family of five to survive and sometimes they couldn't eat well. Our volunteer in Punjab shared the case with Nishkam and after due verifications, Nishkam took the initiative to build her house. Today, she came back to her own house and started living her life along with four small kids in a dignified way. She thanks all who helped her in tough times.

Tailor's daughters become software professionals

This is another heartwarming story of the daughters of a small level Tailor from Palwal, Faridabad at Haryana. Pooja and Priya finally realized their dream of becoming Software Professionals by securing their worth at global multinational companies: Cadence Design Systems Inc. and Samsung R&D Institute both located in Noida-India. Their stories of struggle are filled with overcoming multiple odds ranging from gaining basic education facilities to becoming successful professionals. They explain how despite battling poverty, their parents gave their best of education possible.



After sharing their dreams with their father to opt for Engineering Degrees, life took a challenging run to arrange money for their course. It was not normal to bear such huge expense of both the daughters for a small level tailor running his shop under the name of "Superman Tailor". The practicalities of life and the threat to survive put a dent on the stature of Superman too because life is not comical. He was desperate to see his daughters touch the pinnacle of success but grim realities left him under stress. Thereafter both sisters discussed their problem with their college professor who guided them to apply for scholarships given through Nishkam.

It is often stated that for a girl from a moderate family, it's very difficult for parents to support their children's ambitious dreams. But crossing all boundaries of odds both sisters managed their education pursuit through generous contributions from Nishkam and let their family feel proud of such selfless help coming like angel's blessings across seven seas. They completed their degrees with distinction and companies absorbed their talent and offered job letters.



The help also gives them the sense of dignity and self-respect in student's eye which laid a strong foundation in his/her character for a lifetime. Today their father is smiling confidently that there exist real supermen and wonder women around us having superhuman powers—Empathy, Morality, Dedication, Honesty, Responsibility, Hard Work and above all a real Helping Hand —that would later become the hallmarks of success and set examples like Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council in serving humanity.



Pooja Sethi
Engineer at
Samsung R&D ,Noida



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Software Engineering
Intern at Cadence
Design Systems, Noida

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