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Over 1400 students appeared for the scholarship test

This year, we have received more than 1800 new scholarship applications. In addition, 700+ students have applied to renew their existing scholarships after meritoriously clearing their professional examinations.

The two-hour test included subjective and objective questions on general aptitude and moral education. The event was conducted in the morning session in seven centers i.e. Faridkot, Bathinda, Moga, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Chandigarh, and New Delhi.

After almost two years the test has been conducted in offline mode since the COVID pandemic has arrived after 2019. The selected students will appear for interviews in the coming weeks and later disbursement of scholarship takes place. Selected students from marginalized families will be offered scholarships of up to Rs. 33,000 to pursue the professional courses.



Eligibility Criteria

- (1) Less than (Rs. 1,80,000) Family Income
- (2) Minimum 80% marks in the last exam held
- (3) Knowledge of Punjabi language (spoken and written)

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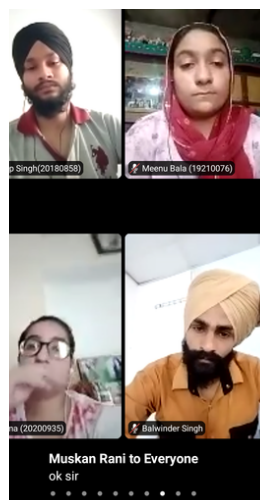
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Scholarship awareness for tomorrow's hopes

More than 50 schools and Gurdwaras were approached across Delhi to deliver the scholarship opportunity for needy students from underprivileged families. We shared advertisements, scholarship forms along with criteria to the school heads and received an overwhelming response. Similarly, the message has been promoted well through volunteers at various local gurdwaras. More than 375 students applied for Nishkam's school-level scholarship (Class- 8 to 12). Advertising the scholarship opportunity for the meritorious and needy students from underprivileged families' schools played an integral part in initiating the drive.

Webinar on Life Skills

An interactive webinar on, "How to overcome hopelessness and find success" was organized in an online mode for our professional course college graduating scholars on 2 October 2021. 316 scholars attended it and gained insights regarding the value of spiritualism in the overall success and on the skills of preparedness before anything. Dr. Sarabjeet Singh Renuka, Prof. of Journalism, PAU Ludhiana along with Dr. Charan Kamal Singh, Director Ishmeet Singh music institute hosted the 2-hour mind-expanding session.



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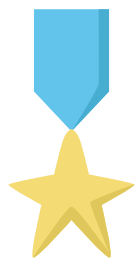
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Dr. Sarabjeet Singh



Dr. Charan Kamal Singh

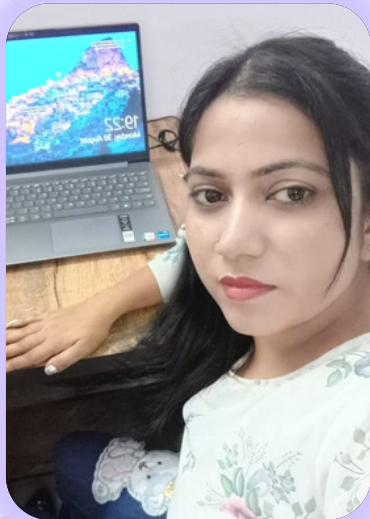


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Success Stories



Anita Kaur, the Change maker



Anita has always been very caring towards her family. She has grown up with limited resources. She always wished to be able to support her family financially. Her father is a vegetable street vendor and one can imagine the financial condition of the family. She decided to look for a job instead. However, her academic qualifications were not good enough. Also, she has no basic computer skills. She didn't give up and began her search for an institute that could help her with the process of enhancing her skills. She met a friend who told her about the affordable computer course at the Nishkam computer center. She enrolled for the 6-month course and later got a job in a local insurance firm where she worked for almost 2.5 years and later got an opportunity in the listing of Amazon products in Delhi. She feels a big change in her earning potential and feels confident to add on smiles and hopes for her future.

Ajit Singh - a source of inspiration for many

Ajit Singh belongs to a below poverty line family. His father is an Auto-rickshaw Driver who feeds the family through his laborious effort. Also, his health does not support him to exert a lot daily. Ajit's elder brother is working for Mc Donald's as a Delivery Boy. Living in such scantiness, young Ajit has already made up his mind during his school days to get a secure financial position for himself and his family. Being a bright student, brimming with determination he has learned a lot at Nishkam. He got tuition classes from grade 2 to 12; gained scholarships in - 9, 10, and 11 classes; learned vocational skills in computers, typing/stenography, and shorthand; studied and prepared for exams in the Library and excelled in Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSB) without any coaching.

He got the appointment as Junior Assistant last year in the Dept. of Trade & Taxes- Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi. The family has a grim past, in the 1984 Sikh genocide in Delhi, Ajit's grandfather and paternal uncle were killed. There are many bright, go-getter achievers like Ajit belonging to survivor's families of the 1984 massacre are now wiping the tears through success where Nishkam played a pivotal role in transforming and enabling the hopes and dreams and it couldn't be possible without the generous trust and support of donors and volunteers in lifting the dying community.



**Ajit Singh- Junior Assistant
Dept. of Trade & Taxes-
Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi**



Preliminary Exam of music students

The annual Sangeet Shastra prelim was conducted on December 26, 2021, at Nishkam Bhawan. Due to Covid-19, the mains (annual) examination which could occur on 27-29 December was postponed but on the basis of the preparation done and keeping in view the rhythm of the students, this exam prepares them well in time. The annual exam is scheduled for January 22-23, 2022. Wishing all students the very best of luck for the upcoming exam.

Survival crisis

BATTLING WAVES

Illiteracy

Poverty

Third wave

Joblessness

Medical Aid

Sewa amid
COVID-19 Coronavirus

second wave

Stitching new hopes for Surinder Kaur

Surinder Kaur, a resident of Chander Vihar, New Delhi has lost her husband and father-in-law due to Covid. Both lost their lives in a span of 5 days gap. Being a housewife, she feels vulnerable, all of a sudden. Nishkam through dedicated volunteers comes in front for her support, to let her stand and earn for livelihood. After thorough verifications, we provided a commercial Singer sewing machine as she's skilled in tailoring and stitching work. She along with her two children thanked Nishkam and now can live a dignified life. Like Surinder, thousands of women have lost their husbands to the coronavirus pandemic; most of those men were the sole earners in their families.



Surinder Kaur

Enabling Rani to be the breadwinner for the family

Rani Kaur Gill, a resident of Vishnu Garden, urged Nishkam for help. Her husband's sudden job loss in Delhi as a private worker during the Covid-induced lockdown brought the family to hands-to-mouth existence. Struggling to meet basic needs including food to access medication during this crisis, there's no way left to take a firm stand and earn for the family. She knows the tailoring and stitching work and asked Nishkam to provide her with the sewing machine. After the verification process and with your support, we gave the machine for livelihood. Today she's paddling and stitching the family's bread and butter.



Rani Kaur Gill



Ensuring no one sleeps hungry

COVID -19 situation and its impact have significantly worsened the life of many poor, small, and marginal families especially daily wagers, laborers, widows, unemployed and unskilled workers, etc. Amid this challenging situation, Nishkam along with its partners distributed dry ration kits to most vulnerable households after proper verifications.

TOGETHER WE EMPOWER

COVID-19 and the second wave have put the lives of daily wagers in deep crisis. Their challenges are diverse and big, from struggling to meet basic needs including food to access medication during this crisis. Nishkam has re-initiated its effort to support needy families and individuals through direct financial transfers as a family assistance and also through education assistance as well. We know that nothing can replace their tragic loss, but we hope that your support will help these families get over their sudden financial setbacks and provide them with a solution to be their own. **Let's empower humanity.**

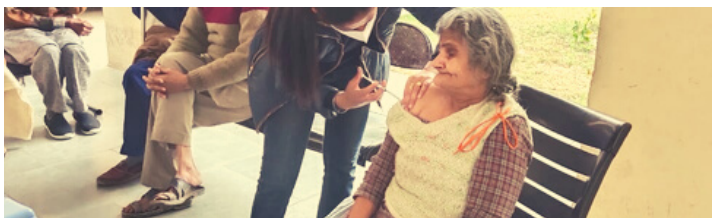
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MGSN Activities (Old-age home)

Senior citizens vaccinated with second dose



Inoculators' of the civil hospital of Mohali made a visit for the second time and vaccinated MGSN's elderly citizens with the second dose. We acknowledge the local administration for such help as there are many among them who are immobilized due to mishaps, age, surgeries, ill-health, etc

Diwali celebration



On the occasion of Diwali, students along with their teachers of Shaheed Kanshi Ram College of Physical Education, Kharar decided to devote their time and spend it with the senior citizens and children at MGSN. The senior citizens were greeted with gift packs and snacks by the students. Visits like such are important to cultivate the parental feeling in the students and to keep them grounded.

Parkash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev Ji celebrated at Nishkam Bhawan



On 20th Nov., Nishkam sewadars along with Nishkam staff celebrated the Parkash Parv with passion and devotion. Students recited the kirtan in the auspicious presence of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. A serene and calm atmosphere was created by the soothing 'Shabads' sung by budding singers from the Nishkam music center. Nishkam also honored the students of the music center with incentive money being distributed for encouragement. The event concluded with Langar.

Well being support for Dalbir Singh



The chair supports old people and patients with joint or knee pain while sitting and standing for passage of stool and urine.

51-year-old Dalbir Singh is suffering from Motor Neuron Disease (MND), a neurological disorder since 2013. He was skilled in mechanical dye-making craft but after a road accident, his physical mobility has become quite challenging. It is because of this medical condition that he sometimes faints. He is going weaker day by day due to constant weight loss. Nishkam is supporting the family since 2014 and provided Commode Chair for personal use. Earlier his wife has been given a sewing machine to earn livelihood and she's dedicatedly stitching Sikh faith clothes for Nishkam's TCPC store as well. The family is also taking medical and education assistance benefits through Nishkam's welfare schemes. At Nishkam we believe in developing the socio-economic potential of the handicapped living in vulnerable situations through medical, care, education, and economic empowerment.

Your deeds can change a life for better

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