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## Making Dreams Come True

## COLLEGE LEVEL SCHOLARSHIPS



Enthusiasts at Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engg. College- Fatehgarh Sahib

The Sikh Human Development Foundation, USA and Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council have awarded scholarships to 2144 scholars (SHDF and Nishkam's Merit cum Means Scholarships) worth Rs. 5.65 Crore for 2023-24. The funds are being used to support students belonging to underprivileged families pursuing professional courses at universities and colleges in Punjab, Delhi, and neighbouring states. The support from donors has helped these students overcome financial struggles and become future technocrats, managers, analysts, entrepreneurs and leaders. This year the scholarship distribution events were held in two rounds in March and May 2024 across new institutions at Khalsa College for Women- Amritsar, Ramgarhia Girls College- Ludhiana and Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engg. College- Fatehgarh Sahib. We express gratitude to our associates and donors for their consistent financial support in transforming lives.



Khalsa College for Women, Amritsar



Ramgarhia Girls College, Ludhiana

## Memorial Scholarship

Let's establish a Memorial Scholarship to honour a special person while carrying his or her legacy towards educating the future of mankind. Those who desire to institute a scholarship in the sweet memory of their near and dear ones can do so by donating a minimum of Rs. 1,00,000/- (One Lakh) or Fund an Annual Scholarship by visiting our website or simply press **Donate Now** button/scan the QR code



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## At a Glance - 2023-24



**2144  
Scholars**



**5.65  
Crore**



**77% Female  
Beneficiaries**

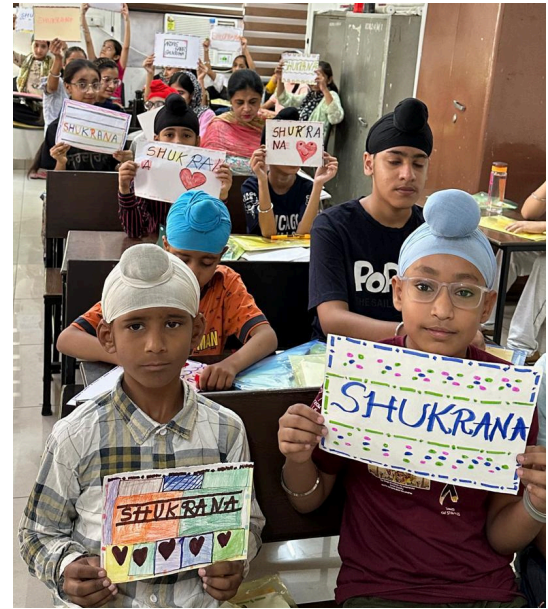
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## Calligraphy and more



A four-day calligraphy workshop was organized as a part of a summer camp initiative at Nishkam Bhawan, Delhi. Renowned Calligraphy Artist Ms Paramdeep Kaur made efforts to bring forth calligraphy not only as an art form but also as an expressive medium where letters become alive, vibrating, pulsating with its inherent shape, giving a canvas space to thoughts, a meaning to the tone & actions. Our students learned English and Gurmukhi calligraphy while perfecting the shapes of the alphabet and making creative strides in their skills. It's amazing to see their enthusiasm and progress. They enjoyed and learned at the same time. Not only the Calligraphy, the children got tips on improved handwriting, learned moral values and enjoyed quiz sessions. Worksheets, markers and pens were provided to all.



$$X = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

## A hands-on training session for efficient calculations



To upgrade the basic mathematical skills a three-week summer camp was organized at Nishkam Bhawan. A hands-on interactive learning session for efficient calculations improved many students without the need for calculators or pen and paper. The primary objective of this session was to equip students with valuable mental math skills, enhance their problem-solving abilities, and foster a positive attitude towards Mathematics by introducing them to the fascinating ways to solve complex calculations. The students responded with great enthusiasm, eagerly taking on the challenges and showcasing their improved problem-solving skills.

## Inculcating Spiritual Values among School Children

Emphasis on inculcation of ethical and spiritual values in students is necessary to bring out the responsible and conscious human being. A session at Summer Camp was organized at Nishkam Bhawan, Delhi for school students. More than 60 students from Delhi, who participated became aware of their moral responsibilities from 4 to 8 June. They were inspired by the stories of Bhai Kanhaiya Ji and Bhagat Pooran Singh Ji. where seva (selfless service) and Simran (meditation and realization) play a significant role in enhancing the character building of being a good human. They got lessons on how to morally support someone in need as humanity is in dire need of philanthropy.



## Success Story



Name: **Jeewanjot Kaur**  
 Roll No: 20161103  
 Work: **Junior Data Scientist** in  
 TATRAS- Mohali  
 Hometown: Gurdaspur-Punjab  
 Education: B.Tech. in  
 Information Technology

Jeewanjot, from an agriculturalist family, struggled financially due to poverty and her father's loss when she was just two years old. In the gruesome turn of their lives, the family became dependent on joint family and relatives.

Somehow she completed her high school studies in a village school but mounting expenses at a secondary level led her family to go to Navodaya School (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) a system of central schools for talented students predominantly from rural India.

She completed her schooling with distinction and received guidance from Bhai Jaitajee Foundation, Chandigarh. She successfully prepared for the Joint Entrance Examination and applied for SHDF Scholarship. She completed her engineering degree, with four consecutive SHDF/Nishkam scholarships and became a Junior Data Scientist at TATRAS lab-based data science consultancy in Mohali in January 2020.

Jeewanjot, a Python high-level programming expert, is working with PyLadies to inspire women to pursue coding at grassroot level. Her career path has been supported by philanthropy, and she believes in giving back to society for future generations.

She is grateful for the support of organizations like SHDF, Nishkam, and BJB, who have learned from Sikh heritage and are transforming generations through development and betterment.

## Creative Showcase

*A sneak peek into the student's work at Nishkam Computer Center, Delhi. All these artworks have been produced by students while pursuing Graphic and Motion Design course*



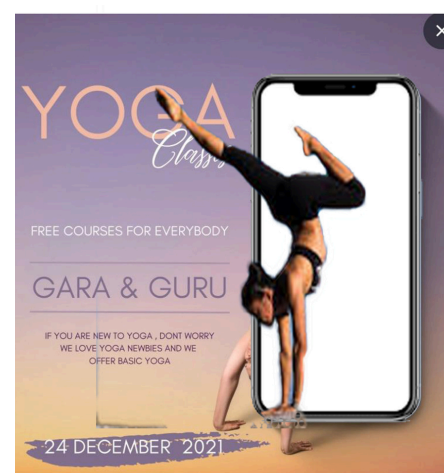
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Work By- Gurpreet



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Work By- Saniya Soni



## Plantation Initiative around the neighbourhood of Nishkam

On 6 July, the Nishkam staff and volunteers joined with localities to plant the saplings in Gurdwara Shaheed Ganj Sahib's park. This year, the temperature touched almost 50 degrees in the summer and very hot and humid in the monsoon season as well. People were just blaming the heat emitted through Air Conditioners, Vehicles etc but never did something to heal the problem. The objective of the plantation was to increase the green cover but also to make the localities aware of the environment and learn about positive steps that can be taken towards their surroundings. We feel obliged to the authorities for cleaning the area and allowing us to plant some hopes of wonder in the blazing heat of this summer.



## Donation of Sewing Machine



In a country of 1.4 billion people, making ends meet is a daily ritual for many underprivileged people. Not many can come out on top despite fighting all hardships. But India's philanthropic diversity is such that in every sphere of life, some ray of hope always shines brightly to pave the way for others.

Sona Kaur, residing in Chander Vihar, New Delhi is another beneficiary of Nishkam. The Foundation donated her a sewing machine seeing her skills. She will be able to support their three children as the husband is into labouring work with meagre income.

Her soul is satisfied with this help from Nishkam, as she is hopeful to smoothly face life with some burden eased out now. She today, realises the importance of life skills, as it's her tailoring skill which after many years of marriage in turbulent times has come to their rescue to continue living with dignity and respect. Not only Sona Kaur, Nishkam for the past four decades has been relentlessly working towards empowering the needy women for their livelihood.

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