

From Humble Beginnings to Inspiring Heights: Kishan Singh's Educational Triumph



Kishan Singh along with students at school.

Born into a Sikligar Sikh family, where daily survival often overshadowed dreams of higher learning, Kishan Singh's parents yearned for a bright future for him and their four other children, despite the daunting path that lay ahead. A chance meeting with a local coordinator of the Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council (NSWC) emerged as a lifeline, offering the beacon of hope that his family desperately needed. Recognising their potential and commitment, NSWC provided crucial, timely, and consistent support, making education a tangible reality for Kishan.

He began his foundational learning in Bangalore and, with the support of Nishkam, completed his matriculation. Driven by a dream to enter the medical field, he pursued the Science stream at Shri Gavisiddheshwara Science College, Koppal, excelling in both years. Ignited by a passion to scale new heights, Kishan Singh moved to Hubli, where he earned a B.Sc. degree and then achieved the significant milestone of clearing the competitive Karnatak University PG entrance exam, which is a remarkable feat in his Sikligar community, securing admission for PG studies in Zoology. Throughout this demanding academic climb, Nishkam remained a constant pillar – financially and as a vital source of hope, encouragement, and moral strength.

Today, Kishan Singh stands proud as a Professor of Zoology. He has transformed his struggles into a source of inspiration, actively mentoring and preparing students for crucial competitive exams like KCET and NEET. Earning a respectable livelihood, he and his family have achieved a remarkable transformation directly attributed to the belief and support invested in them during their most challenging times. Nishkam continued this ripple effect of support and, recognising potential, extended assistance to four of his siblings as well, who are all actively pursuing their higher education.

Kishan Singh expressed heartfelt gratitude to Team Nishkam for their comprehensive support that enabled him to pursue his academic career with dignity and hope, breaking the cycle of disadvantage, stating that “NSWC's compassion, commitment, and unwavering belief in education as the ultimate tool for empowerment didn't just shape my career; it transformed the future of my entire family.”

Kishan Singh's story is a testament to resilience and community support and a powerful reminder of the transformative power of education as the path to breaking the vicious cycle of poverty. It exemplifies the core mission of Nishkam—to unlock doors, nurture dreams, and build brighter futures, one student, one family at a time.

A Rising Star: How Anmol is Turning Adversity into Triumph

Anmol is a determined young cricketer from Delhi with dreams as big as his heart. Despite the unimaginable challenges life has thrown at him, he refuses to give up. A talented state-level player in Delhi's Under-19 cricket team, Anmol has always balanced his passion for the game with a keen interest in computers.

Just a few months ago, his world was shattered when he lost both his parents in quick succession. His father was the sole breadwinner for the family, using his income as an auto-rickshaw driver.

Suddenly orphaned and left without any financial support, Anmol and his elder sister, who works a low-paying administrative job, were forced to move to a relative's cramped home in Sant Garh, West Delhi. With his future hanging in the balance, Anmol faced a critical choice—surrender to despair or fight back.

Encouraged by a well-wisher, he enrolled in Nishkam's Computer Centre after the Council waived his entire course fees. For the past few months, Anmol has diligently mastered digital literacy, knowing that this knowledge will open doors to better opportunities in life.

But cricket remains his true calling. Balancing his studies with rigorous practice, Anmol dreams of representing India one day. Nishkam is committed to supporting the journey of budding Cricketers like Anmol, mindful of his resilience, courage, and the unyielding belief that talent, when fueled by determination, can overcome even the darkest times.



While learning at Nishkam Computer Centre



Anmol with his laurels

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From Scholarship to Security Solutions: Simranjeet's Tech Triumph

For Simranjeet, like millions of Indian youth, financial constraints nearly crushed his dream of higher education. His father's small lathe workshop barely covered school fees. Admission to a prestigious BCA program at Delhi's Institute of Information Technology & Management seemed impossible. Guidance from his Vice Principal proved a turning point, and Simranjeet, after completing the qualifying rounds, received the SHDF Scholarship from Nishkam.

Battling Imposter Syndrome and several other odds, Simranjeet graduated with distinction thanks to the timely support from Nishkam, which helped him secure steady progression in his professional career with prolonged stints at reputed companies like Convergys, AgreeYa, Hanu Solutions, before landing at his dream job in a multinational company, Accenture, Gurgaon. In a heartfelt tribute, Simranjeet mentioned that "Nishkam didn't just pay fees—they invested in my future. Their selfless commitment to Sarbat Da Bhala (universal welfare) gave me wings. Today, I build security systems, but my foundation was built by their compassion."

In a remarkable gesture of giving back, Simranjeet donated Rs 1 lakh to Nishkam to support "needy and deserving students" and continue its core mission of Empowering minds through education, Enabling underprivileged through Knowledge and Elevating futures through capacity building". Nishkam wishes Simranjeet a bright & successful career ahead and newer heights to scale.



Name: Simranjeet Singh

Roll No: 15167

Hometown: New Delhi

Profile: Solutions in M 365

Organisation: Accenture

Education: Bachelor of Computer Applications

Simranjeet donated Rupees One Lakh to Nishkam. Thank you so much, Simranjeet, for your kindness and generosity. Your support means the world to many in need, and we truly appreciate all that you've done. A True Role Model for many...



Breaking Barriers with Words: Nishkam Launches Free English Classes to Empower Underprivileged Youth

In a nation where English fluency can dictate career opportunities, Nishkam is attempting to bridge this asymmetrical gap for underprivileged students by providing free spoken English classes to unlock new avenues for education and employment.

Nishkam's English language classes are meant to reduce the socio-economic divide and improve conversational fluency through this Initiative for about 40+ students (ages 10-20) in daily classes providing beginner to upper-intermediate support and through Confidence-building exercises like group discussions, role-plays, and public speaking.

More than just language, these classes could prove to be a pathway to success. Review by independent observers revealed that this initiative has sparked hope and witnessed enthusiastic participation, with students eager to overcome hesitation in speaking English to connect with broader opportunities beyond their immediate environment



Visit to Amroha, Uttar Pradesh for Sikligars

On May 23rd, Nishkam Sewadars S. Manmohan Singh, S. Sukhpreet Singh, S. Jasbeer Singh and S. Anuraj Singh visited Little Angel Inter College and Shahid Bhagat Singh Inter College in Amroha, Uttar Pradesh.

They engaged with principals, teachers, parents, and students to discuss student performance and necessary facilities for improvement. Nishkam's mission focuses on enhancing the quality of life for marginalised communities and providing opportunities for sustainable development.

The team also interacted with parents in local hutments, marking the visit as successful.



Enjoying the ambience: Nishkam Audience



Reviving History through Movie Screening

Screening of movie 'Guru Nanak Jahaj' inspires Youth with Sikh Courage and forgotten history of Kamagata Maru" Over 100 students from Sikh and diverse cultural backgrounds attended a special screening on May 25 of an inspirational film 'Guru Nanak Jahaj', highlighting the courage of forgotten Sikh leaders Gurdit Singh, Mewa Singh and many others and their fight for justice.

The film chronicles the 1914 Kamagata Maru tragedy, where 376 Punjabi passengers, mostly Sikhs, were denied entry into Canada due to discriminatory laws, leading to a standoff and their forced return to India with the use of violence. Interwoven with the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the movie emphasises themes of justice, perseverance, and moral courage and is aimed at educating youth about forgotten chapters of Sikh history.

The movie provided students with an engaging and accessible window into the courage and resilience of the Sikh community, particularly during the challenging events of the Kamagata Maru incident. By illuminating this often-overlooked chapter of history, movie has helped bridge the asymmetrical gap between past and present, encouraging students to reflect on themes of justice, perseverance, Sikh faith & cultural identity.

Educators and attendees alike have shared in their feedback as to how 'Guru Nanak Jahaj' not only brought to fore forgotten heroes, their heroic deed in Canada over 100 years ago but also sparked thoughtful discussions and curiosity among many learners to explore their own heritage or a yearning to advocate inclusivity and carry the core message of Sikhi "ਭੈ ਕਾਹੂ ਕਉ ਦੇਤ ਨਹਿ ਨਹਿ ਭੈ ਮਾਨਤ ਆਨ" in India and abroad.

Nishkam wishes to thank Team Turbanators, the Pedalers for their generous sponsorship in arranging a special screening of this movie for its students and teachers.

Sikligar Community Ignites Dreams: Nishkam's Orientation Camp Unites Sonipat Villages

Over 150 parents, educators, and children from Sikligar communities across Badmalik, Sevli, Bamanwas, and Jakhauli filled the Sonipat Gurdwara on May 11, with hopeful anticipation and optimism during Nishkam's transformative Orientation Camp—a vibrant celebration of education, community, and collective ambition.

Team Nishkam, led by Convenor, Education Committee S. Ranjit Singh & joined by education activists S. Mohinder Pal Singh and Sdr M S Talib, the camp witnessed a tremendous surge of positivity and energy with attendees sharing accounts of their journeys. While students recited spiritual hymns and heartfelt poetry in Hindi & Punjabi, young adults gave extempore speeches showcasing newfound confidence, with parents voicing their deep gratitude for Nishkam's sustained educational support.

As special guests, SGPC Educators Ravinder Singh and Juj Singh inspired crowds with motivational talks. At an ideating session, 'Planting Seeds for Tomorrow's Growth', the Sikligar community in Sonipat united behind a visionary proposal: establishing a Computer & Music Centre to bridge the digital divide for Sikligar youth, nurture creative expression through music and provide tech-skills training for future employability.

"Education needs wings and roots—technology and culture together lift communities," emphasised Sdr Ranjit Singh. Camp concluded with the serving of Guru ka Langar, embodying Nishkam's core values of Seva (selfless service) and Sangat (community unity). Nishkam is committed to forging bonds with the Sikligar community by actively supporting their children's educational journey while investing in future potential, blending academic support with cultural preservation and tech-innovation to elevate members of the marginalised Sikligar Community.



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Honing the Punjabi Language Skills

For Punjabis living in cities like Delhi, learning the Punjabi language and script is crucial for preserving cultural heritage and connecting with our roots. By embracing our mother tongue, we can pass on our traditions, values, and history to the next generation, thereby staying linked to our community's rich legacy.

Our Punjabi language programme is thriving! Nearly 70 students are learning Punjabi at both beginner and advanced levels across four different sections, from 5 to 6 PM and then from 6 to 7 PM. May Guru Angad Dev Ji bless our efforts and continue to inspire our students to connect with their heritage.

Students feel elevated when they are asked to honour their peers for everyday small achievements.



Nishkam's Transformative 10-Day Camp Shapes Young Minds for Life's Journey



Nishkam successfully concluded its annual Personality Development Camp on May 31, thus creating a lasting impact on 40 young participants through an innovative blend of character-building activities and practical life skills.

Making learning a joy at this Camp, Expert Educators of Nishkam engaged students in daily interactive sessions of 2-hour modules balancing fun with fundamental values for a diverse age group of participants aged 10-17 through tailored developmental activities and by focussing on core values of cultivated respect, empathy, humility and gratitude through experiential learning. Nishkam Teachers – Ranjit Singh Walia and S Ranjeet Singh - developed a Cognitive Development Track by enthusing students through brain-stimulating puzzles and reasoning challenges and by holding technology awareness discussions.

For Emotional & Spiritual Growth, a special screening of an inspirational Punjabi short film "Impact" was arranged. In a lecture, Capt. Yashpal Singh engaged students to prepare them for the real world challenges, a motivational talk and career guidance session was hosted by S. Gurpreet Singh Kapoor, while S Hardip Singh ji focused on the importance of nutrition for academic achievements. Young achievers Harbaksh Singh demonstrated how discipline in jump rope translates to life success, while S Inderpal Singh shared his remarkable journey from modest beginnings to serving with a Member of Parliament.

Participating students were unanimous in their appreciation for Nishkam for this exemplary initiative that aims to strengthen life skills through innovative and engaging exercises, to stimulate scientific temperament, yet retaining core cultural values. "The games made values real for us - not just textbook words," shared 12-year-old participant Jasleen Kaur.

In an era of digital distraction, the camp addressed critical gaps by strengthening emotional intelligence alongside academic skills, connecting Sikh spiritual values with modern challenges and providing relatable success role models. Building on the success of this Annual Camp, Nishkam plans to expand the program to rural communities and introduce parent-child bonding activities.

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