

Survival to Revival: Nishkam takes the lead in rebuilding flood-affected Punjab

The devastating destruction brought by the recent floods of the century in Punjab affected the lives of over 20 lakhs people, mostly farmers – our Annadatas - who lost their homes & livelihood and now face an uncertain future and unpredictable times ahead in all 23 districts of Punjab, impacting 2300+ villages.

About 5 lakh acres of lush, life-giving crops—wheat, rice, the fruit of months of back-breaking labour— were destroyed. 3200+ schools and 400+ Healthcare Centres were damaged. 8500 km of roads and 2500 bridges/culverts destroyed. Tens of thousands of homes—not just structures, but repositories of memories, of family, of safety—have been reduced to rubble and mud. The total accumulated losses in the 3 affected Districts of Punjab are thousands of crores, and the cost of rebuilding would be as high.

In keeping with the mission of selfless Sewa with a collaborative approach, Team Nishkam visited the flood-affected villages, specifically in the Malwa and Majha region, to support rebuilding and rehabilitation of flood-impacted brothers and sisters in Punjab. Nishkam distributed ration kits, medicines and cattle feed among the needy and helpless with the support of local partners and volunteers and has already identified scores of damaged houses for construction and renovation and allocated substantial funding for the purpose. In addition, Nishkam paid the discounted school fees amounting to Rs 1.77 lakhs to about 100 students to continue their studies uninterrupted.

Though the fields in Punjab are silent today. The homes of Punjabis are destroyed. The hope of lakhs of our Punjabi brothers is fading. But the indomitable spirit of Punjab and Punjabis cannot be broken by this natural tragedy and the floods. No doubt, the hands of our farmer brother who toil under the sun to fill our nation's granaries are bruised, and their resilience is being tested like never before, yet they are not despairing, and their strength and pride are intact. The reassuring part is that the legendary spirit of 'Chardi Kala' and the courage and faith of Punjab and Punjabis will surely restore the glory of the land of the 5 rivers, earlier than predicted by many.

We implore you, urge your compassion to stand with our brothers at this critical time. Let us offer them a helping hand. Let us come together to turn this tragedy into a testament of our collective compassion. Let us combine our efforts to help them rebuild not just houses, but homes—filled with hope once again.

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While providing cattle feed to affected people



Mobilizing the health: Medical Services to heal and cure



Our Volunteers standing tall on the ground zero in the flood waters

Humble Beginnings to the Skies: The Unstoppable Journey of an Aeronautical Engineer

In the quiet lanes of Samana a small town in Patiala, Punjab, where dreams often shrink to fit the confines of circumstance, a young boy named Gurpreet Singh dared to look up. His world was one of palpable hardship, where the rhythmic clinking of metal from his father's locksmith workshop—a traditional trade of the Sikligar community—was the soundtrack to a life of financial struggle. For many, the sky above was just the sky. But for Gurpreet, it was a canvas of infinite possibility, a realm of flight and engineering marvels waiting to be understood. His story is not just one of personal triumph, but a powerful beacon of what is possible when resilience meets opportunity, and when a community invests in its brightest minds, regardless of their starting point.

For Gurpreet, his dream was forged in adversity, and the concept of "humble beginnings" was a daily reality. As his family navigated poverty, the dream of becoming an aeronautical engineer seemed, by all accounts, a fantasy. When his father could no longer continue his work, the mantle fell to his mother, who took on part-time labour in a local plastic factory to keep the household afloat. Yet, amidst this struggle, Gurpreet's intellect burned brightly. His admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya was a pivotal turn, offering a quality education that became his sanctuary and his launch pad.

Here, his fascination with the intricacies of flight transformed into a focused ambition. He excelled academically, his grades a testament to a determination that refused to be dimmed. His teachers, recognising his extraordinary potential, became his first champions. It was through the guidance of his family and relatives that he learned of the Nishkam Scholarships, a program dedicated to empowering students from the Sikligar community. This was more than just financial aid; it was a validation of his dream, a message that his aspirations mattered.

Life transformed for Gurpreet when he was awarded the Nishkam scholarship, which effectively provided him with a launchpad to the future. It was the key that unlocked the door to a prestigious college and a degree in aeronautical engineering. This support was not a handout; it was an investment, and Gurpreet was determined to yield an incredible return. He understood the weight of this opportunity—it was a chance to break a generational cycle of poverty and to honour the sacrifices of his parents.

University life presented a new set of challenges. The coursework was demanding, the environment unfamiliar. Yet, Gurpreet's resolve only strengthened. He became a master of balance, juggling rigorous academic schedules with part-time work. He taught at a local academy, sharing his knowledge to fund his dreams. In a remarkable display of versatility, he even lent his voice to the airwaves as a part-time Radio Jockey at Aakashwani Patiala, proving that his drive was as multifaceted as his talents. This period honed not just his engineering mind, but his character, instilling in him a resilience that would become his greatest asset.

Graduating with distinction was not the end of the journey, but the beginning. Gurpreet's first breakthrough came with an internship at Droneverse Aviation, a leading name in drone technology. Yet, adversity had one more test. Relocating to Gurgaon, he faced the stark reality of having no money for rent. Once again, the Nishkam Foundation stepped in, providing crucial support at a critical juncture. This act reinforced a vital lesson in Gurpreet's life: that success is rarely a solo flight—it is supported by a network of belief and encouragement.

Today, Gurpreet Singh is a Centre Manager for Drone Technology & Business Development at Advect Skills in Noida. He is no longer the boy looking up at the sky from a small town; he is now an architect of the technology that defines it. He is recognised for his innovative thinking and problem-solving skills, actively contributing to India's growing aerospace sector.

What makes Gurpreet's story truly inspiring is that his gaze remains grounded in gratitude. He remembers his roots and is passionately committed to giving back to the community that nurtured him. His journey is a testament to the transformative power of education, but also to the profound impact of targeted support systems like the Nishkam Scholarship. They do not just fund education; they fuel potential and unlock human capital that might otherwise remain untapped.

Gurpreet Singh's life is a powerful narrative that challenges the very notion of limitation. It reminds us that talent is universal, but opportunity is not. It proves that with unwavering determination, the support of a believing community, and an unyielding commitment to hard work, no dream is too high to reach. From the echoes of a locksmith's workshop to the cutting-edge of aerospace, his journey screams a truth we all need to hear: your beginnings do not define your horizons. The sky is not the limit; it is only the beginning.



Name: Gurpreet Singh
Work: Centre Manager, at Advect Skills in Noida
Education: B.Tech. in Aeronautical Engineering
Hometown: Patiala, Punjab



Gem in the making, after attaining the skills



While working as an RJ at Aakashwani, Patiala



Have wings and can fly, Gurpreet during the training

Sales and Marketing course concluded with award of certificates

We are delighted to announce the successful completion of the Sales and Marketing Course, (July 12 - Aug 17) which finished with a certificate presentation ceremony recognizing the dedication and effort of 10 participants.

Over the duration of the course, attendees gained practical insights into sales strategies, digital marketing, customer relationship management, market research, and more. The training provided hands-on experience and real-world case studies to enhance their professional capabilities.

The certificate distribution ceremony marked a proud moment as participants were awarded certificates of completion in the presence of faculty, mentors, and fellow learners. Their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the program were truly commendable.

We extend our congratulations to all the graduates and wish them continued success in their careers!



Nishkam Enhances Employability with Soft Skills Workshop



Expert sharing the insight

In today's competitive job market, technical knowledge alone is insufficient. Recognising this, Nishkam recently hosted a three-day soft skills session from August 28th to 30th at NishkamBhawan to bolster the employability of its graduating vocational students.

The workshop, conducted by experts Mohit Kumar and Mayank Sharma from the NIIT Foundation, focused on the critical skills of resume-building and interviewing, with a special emphasis on leveraging digital tools and AI. Through interactive sessions, over 50 students from diverse educational backgrounds gained practical strategies for interview preparation, communication, and presentation.

As these students stand on the verge of their careers, the workshop provided them with invaluable insights and tools to excel and stand out to potential employers.



Mock Interviews in progress

Honing the Career Advancement of our future professionals

A session on Career Counselling and Personality Development was held on 11 August in Nishkam Bhawan. Nishkam Sewadar S. Ashok Singh opened the session attended by about 50 young and aspiring students, and highlighted career choices in today's tech-driven world. It could hardly be emphasised that the usefulness goes beyond mere orientation.

Such counselling sessions offer career guidance and are instrumental for career and professional development. In today's competitive environment, timely guidance and orientation could equip Nishkam students. During the interactive session, students' enthusiasm to learn about career portals and their passion for enhancing their communication and leadership skills were quite visible.

Nishkam is committed to its core mission of empowering minds with knowledge and education and elevating their lives through capacity building.



S. Ashok Singh Kinra



Enthusiastic students attaining the wisdom >>

Visit to Science Museum for exposure and learning

Nishkam Tuition Centre organized an Educational Excursion to Nehru Park & Science Museum on August 16 for 53 students. The event aimed to develop scientific temperament, appreciation for nature, and bonding.

The children were fascinated by a short movie, Human Biology, and a live science experiment show. They also enjoyed a 3-D movie with polar glasses and a Prehistoric Life walk at the Fun Science Gallery.

The initiative aimed to dispel ignorance and superstitions, sparking interest in science. The Science Centre provided an Education Officer to guide the students and enjoy two out of three shows free of charge. These initiatives strengthen the bond between Nishkam, its students, and teachers, shaping young minds towards knowledge and scientific thinking.



Sikligar Education Project: Outreach for awareness

Nishkam organised an outreach trip for Sikligar students in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to evaluate and enhance student enrollment and reduce dropout rates. The excursion included visits to Chuchela Kalan and Adarsh Inter College, where the Nishkam team interacted with school management to discuss measures for improving academic performance and attendance. The school administrations expressed support for Nishkam's community development initiatives for Sikligar students.

The team engaged with parents, emphasising the importance of education for family advancement and making targeted efforts to support students who had dropped out or had irregular attendance. Nishkam is committed to prioritising these cases for re-enrollment, inspiring and motivating students to continue their studies.

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FEMALES OUTNUMBER MALE STUDENTS.

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NISHKAM COMPUTER CENTRE UPDATE

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Salute to the spirit of
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Nishkam solicits donations in kind and cash for post-flood rehabilitation, including reconstructing destroyed homes, providing seeds, supplying medicines, and other essential supplies. **Please visit our FACEBOOK to check the flood relief measures undertaken by Nishkam.** [facebook.com/NishkamSikh](https://www.facebook.com/NishkamSikh)



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