



NISHKAM TIMES

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Nishkam is strengthening the embankment hopes in Ferozepur

In a determined effort to safeguard lives, livestock, and farmland along the vulnerable banks of the Sutlej River, when no one else has come forward to aid the struggling community, Nishkam has stepped up to assist. Mera Pind Research and Welfare Society has formally requested financial support from the Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council for urgent embankment strengthening work in Village Dona Matter, Ferozepur, Punjab.

Local villagers formed the Guru Flood Relief and Riverbank Protection Committee to address seasonal flooding. They have requested financial aid from Nishkam to construct a protective embankment along a vulnerable 700-foot section of the riverbank.

The project is estimated to cost ₹25–30 lakh, with village residents and farmers contributing ₹8–10 lakh through financial support and volunteer labor. This includes the use of personal machinery, such as tractors, trolleys, and other agricultural equipment, which significantly reduces the need for hired machinery and labor. Mera Pind Research & Welfare Society has committed ₹1,50,000 to the project, supporting its humanitarian efforts in the area.

Since September 2025, Nishkam has been offering flood relief in Punjab, focusing on emergency medical care, veterinary health, education, and housing repairs. By January 2026, they constructed nearly 300 feet of embankment, protecting over 500 families and agricultural land. The project, led by local engineers with Nishkam's oversight, highlights resilience, transparency, and community collaboration.

As the embankment project advances, we hope that timely financial support will complete the remaining section, protecting villages from recurring flood threats. A campaign is underway, and you can monitor its progress on our social media platforms, where we've shared videos. Access them below:



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"Don't cast shadows on anyone unless you are providing shade." – Terri Guillemets



Sunny's Rise: From Hardship to High Achievement through Scholarships

Sunny was born into poverty in Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Punjab, and faced significant challenges following his father's early death due to alcoholism. With limited resources at home and increasing responsibilities, he began working at a small hotel at the age of 13 to support his family. While other children of his age focused solely on school, Sunny balanced long working hours with his studies.

As the eldest son, he took on the responsibility of supporting his family by working in hotels and later pursuing a career in accountancy while continuing his education. He enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program through distance education, demonstrating discipline and determination. Subsequently, he learned VB.NET (Visual Basic .NET) and earned a Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA), marking a pivotal moment in his academic journey. He managed numerous small software projects across his city for various institutions, applying his innovative skill set.

Encouraged by this progress, he completed his MCA with vital support from scholarships awarded twice by Nishkam (funded by SHDF Scholarships). After graduation, he confidently applied for jobs and secured a position as a Web Developer at Affilired, a leading global digital company based in Spain, located in Chandigarh. From that point onward, he never looked back, successfully leading numerous projects across various multinational corporations. Moving from Chandigarh to Pune to Noida, he achieved significant milestones at ProofHub, Wipro, and LTI Mindtree Limited, among others. He earned many accolades and continues to update his knowledge and skills despite the rapidly changing trends, shifting from desktop screens to mobile apps.

His remarkable journey from poverty and personal loss to academic and professional success highlights the profound impact of education. With a determined, go-getter attitude, he approaches nature with empathy and care. Although born into a Christian family, he deeply values the spiritual aspects of Sikhism, which emphasize respect for nature. He has planted several trees wherever he has lived and has diligently cared for them. Additionally, he is a frequent blood donor and recently contributed financial aid for the Punjab floods. His heart is filled with compassion—an increasingly rare quality today. He expressed gratitude to all donors who contribute to improving others' lives.



Name: Sunny Attwal
Roll No: 20332

Software Professional
Work: LTI Mindtree Ltd., Noida
Hometown: Pathankot, Punjab



Certificates of Appreciation: For Blood donation, employee recognition etc.

Many hopefuls applied for Merit-cum-Means Scholarship for 2026-27

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Nishkam has announced its Merit-cum-Means Scholarship for the 2026-27 academic year, aimed at supporting academically deserving students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds. The initiative recognizes merit and economic need, allowing talented students to pursue education without financial burdens. Enthusiastic responses from various institutions resulted in numerous applications, highlighting the scholarship as a pathway to education and a brighter future. The deadline for applications was February 15, 2026. This program reflects Nishkam's commitment to empowering young minds and fostering a more inclusive society.

Donate to Help us break the barriers and open doors through Scholarships:

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Compassion in Action: How Nishkam is Lifting a Widow's Spirits

In the village of Akbarpur Barota, Sonipat, Haryana, a small act of kindness by donors through Nishkam has significantly impacted a widow's life. Nishkam Coordinator S. Tarsem Singh presented a cheque to 37-year-old Mamta Kaur of the Sikligar community. Struggling since her husband's death, Mamta, a mother of five daughters, has faced financial hardships with limited family support. Living with 70% disability and renting accommodation, she lacked a steady income to meet basic needs. Nishkam's financial aid provides Mamta with essential groceries and medicines, offering her security and hope. This gesture underscores the power of compassion in supporting vulnerable individuals, particularly in the Sikligar community.



Mamta with her five daughters

Anjali Kaur's excellence is inspiring many

Anjali Kaur, a Sikligar beneficiary, achieved an impressive 84% in her 9th standard exams despite facing challenges like limited educational resources and family hardships. Coming from a Sikligar family, her father works as a street vendor. Supported by Nishkam since her school days, Anjali received financial aid and school supplies, which alleviated her academic pressures and inspired her hope for the future. She expressed gratitude for Nishkam's support, believing it marks the start of greater achievements. Her success reflects Nishkam's commitment to empowering the Sikligar community through education and support. Her school feels proud of her success at Indian Public Inter College, Baraut, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh

<< **Anjali Kaur with her father in front of their roadside locksmith shop**



Nishkam Library: A Safe Space for Students to Grow and Thrive



Annual Impression

New Memberships:	153
Books Issued:	320
Visitor Record:	12888
Total Books in the library:	3500

Jan to Dec 2025

As a dental student with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree and preparing for a Master's entrance, the library is more than just a study space; it's a second home. Its peaceful atmosphere, organized resources, and comfortable areas enhance focus, especially during challenging times. The serene environment promotes concentration and supports my academic development and career aspirations. **Dr. Pooja Bohra, BDS, Library Member**



Library Member

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The Punjab Flood Relief & Recovery Initiative achieved significant success due to the unwavering support of volunteers, donors, and contributors. Their dedication enabled timely interventions, including the protection of livestock, provision of temporary shelter, and assurance of educational continuity for children. Ongoing efforts can be monitored through our social media channels. Funds are managed with structured reporting and regular audits to ensure transparency and accountability. On behalf of the flood-affected families in Punjab and the entire Nishkam team, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your contributions not only embody a moral obligation but also reflect our shared humanity on a profound level.



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