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## Scholarships worth Rs. 3.75 crores were transferred to 1644 students



**1644 Students**



**3.75 Crores**



**78%  
Female  
Beneficiaries**

Likewise every year we have received a record number of scholarship applications and after scrutinizing and finalizing everything delivered 1644 scholarships to meritorious students having family income of less than Rs. 2.5 lakh per annum, to meet a part of their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies. For the last two years due to Covid restrictions, we have been giving scholarships under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The scholarship worth Rs. 3.75 Crores have been disbursed directly into the savings bank account of the scholarship recipients by DBT mode for the FY 2021-2022. 1256 SHDF scholarships worth Rs. 3.03 Crore and 388 Nishkam MCM scholarships worth Rs. 71.70 Lakh were distributed in this financial year. If we talk about the demographic aspect, the majority of the girls from the villages of Punjab and neighbouring regions got the benefit. These students are studying various professional courses, such as Engineering, Nursing, BCA, B Sc, B.Ed. and IT etc. Their families are indulged in labour and farming work and for the last 20 years, several students taking benefits of the scholarships are working globally and locally. We feel obliged to our partner SHDF, USA and our esteemed donors. ***Without You, it couldn't be possible.***

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## 352 School students got scholarships worth Rs. 22.21 Lakh



**S. Harbhajan Singh (R)**



**S. Narinder Singh (L);  
Ms. Simmi Kakkar**



**The Scholars**



**S. Gopal Singh (L)**



**S. HS Khera**

On 15th May and 11 June 2022, the scholarship distribution events were held at Nishkam Bhawan, Delhi. 352 school students (Class 8 to 12) received their scholarship cheques worth Rs. 22.21 lakhs for FY 2021-2022. Nishkam Sewadars- S. Harbhajan Singh; S. HS Khera; S. Narinder Singh, Nishkam President and S. Gopal Singh, Gen. Secretary motivated and greeted the scholars. Students, who are brilliant with their academic performance but are financially deprived, are the main beneficiaries. They belong to underprivileged families and study in various government and aided schools in Delhi. With your generous support, the scholarship helps them to complete their studies and achieve their dreams. We thank our generous donors and the Relief Committee of Greater New York (USA) for crafting the young hopes vision.



# SUCCESS SPEAKS IMPACT

Vocational Education  
Success Stories



**Laxmi Kaur**  
Data Entry  
Operator  
NISCPR (CSIR)  
Pusa, Delhi

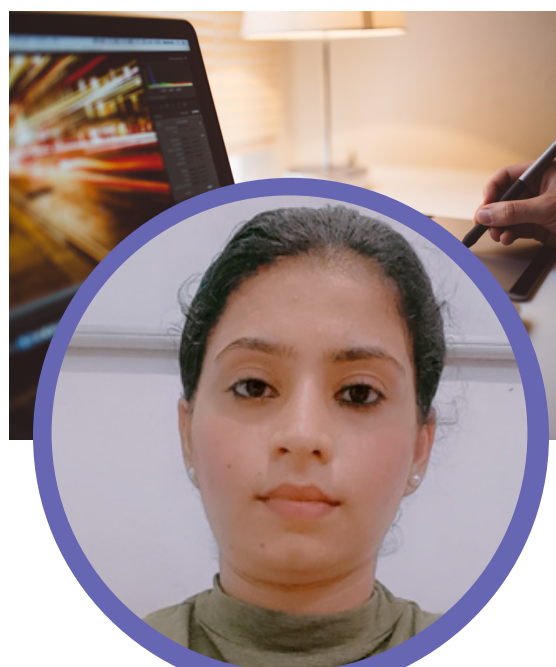
## Laxmi Creates a Bright Future for Herself!

Laxmi has seen a lot of struggles in her life and she wanted to become financially independent during her school days. The daughter of an Auto-rickshaw driver is among the middle of her seven sisters. She has seen a lot of challenging situations in her family, where her three elder sisters feel reluctant to move into public life independently, mainly because of financial dependencies on their husbands and they treat them as the liability in their lives.

She was a keen learner in her school days, after that she did BA and later pursued Diploma in NCERT Child Development and Education. She later learnt about Nishkam from her friend in 2014 and enrolled in the Computer centre for Typing and shorthand classes. She was wholly focused on the preparation for government jobs and devoted most of her time to brushing her skills from Nishkam's vocational courses. The training motivated her and she got a job at the Council Of Scientific And Industrial Research–National Institute Of Science Communication and Policy Research, NISCAIR (CSIR) Pusa, Delhi as a Data Entry Operator in 2017. For the last 5 years, her contract is getting renewed and she's offering her skills in the everyday environment. She feels blessed and thanks all who helped her in growing professionally and personally.

## Empowerment Through Technology

Kawalpreet belongs to a middle-class family settled in Delhi. She is a single child to her parent. Her father died when she was very young. Since she's been raised by her mother who works for a boutique through stitching and tailoring skills and some time as Beautician. The earnings were quite meagre to run the household and educate Kawalpreet at the same time. Despite the difficult situation at home, Kawalpreet managed to complete her schooling. She also learnt basic computer education from a local centre but carved her computer skills after getting enrolled in Nishkam Computer Centre- Delhi. She developed her interest in creativity and designing and enhanced her graphic designing skills. After coming from Nishkam she also does practice at home on her second-hand laptop which she has bought in instalments. In 2 months, she felt confident and wanted to do a job. She came across a friend who let her know about the wedding art film studio- Life Record Films, in West Delhi. She started her professional pursuit from that studio and is today learning and earning both through editing and designing skills. She feels thankful to Nishkam for providing her knowledge and skills which are the foundation of her career and confidence.

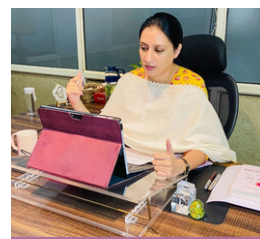
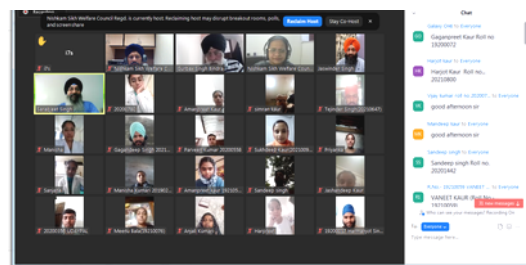


**Kawalpreet Kaur**  
Video Editor  
Life Record Films.  
New Delhi



# Webinar for future professionals

On 23 July 2022, we held a Webinar on Time Management, Communication Skills and Interview Techniques for our professional degree scholars. They are standing on the verge of giving job interviews and completing their degree courses. The webinar was based on how one can be successful in cracking the job interview by mastering Time management and Communication skills along with Interview Techniques. The event was intended to give the students a fair idea about the current hiring trends and the basic interview skills one must have to secure his/her dream job. This provided students with an opportunity to provide input to new ideas and share relevant resources. Dr Sarbjeet Singh Renuka, Professor of Journalism, PAU Ludhiana elaborated on his experiences in Time Management and Communication Skills. Ms Mandeep Kaur Tangra, an Entrepreneur motivated the students on Interview Techniques. More than 70 students attended the workshop and feel a positive impact on betterment. Big thanks to Prof. Jaswinder Singh (GNE College-Ludhiana) for successfully coordinating the wisdom session.



Ms Mandeep Kaur



Dr Sarbjeet Singh

**Can't wait another quarter**

*Announcing our monthly e-newsletter from September 2022*

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Your contributions and selfless deeds indeed need to be acknowledged in a broader way. We are sure of delivering more in every month's edition now.

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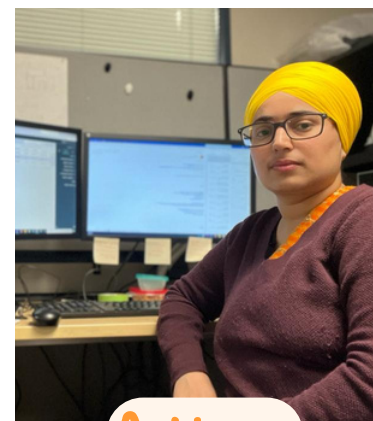
## Redefining success her own way

Born and raised in Sheikh Daulat a small village in Ludhiana, I felt a passion for computers when I was studying in school. However, I excelled in all subjects but computers seem a more attractive choice for me. I was the eldest child in my family - the most pampered child in my family but most left out in financial support. My younger siblings were also studying in school and my parents had to spare their hard earn money for their education and survival as well. In other words, you can say that my parent's pockets used to run dry during my college days.

With the scarcity of funds with rising expenses, many like me look for some financial support or go for a loan which is not that easy to get.

I secured distinction in the engineering examination but that was not enough. Most of the colleges charge high fees which are difficult to afford for underprivileged families. I was in hope of some help and just after one week of my pursuit I came across the scholarship advertisement on my college notice board. I also realized the difference in the upbringing of rural and urban children in approaching goals and the success rate. Being from a rural background where exposures to such things are quite low, I could see this opportunity as if it was exclusively meant for me. I applied for an SHDF scholarship at Nishkam and was pleasantly surprised to know that I was selected for the program. My tuition fee was paid with this generous help three times and I could complete my engineering degree with this scholarship.

Currently, I am working as Deskside Technician at Parkland Fuel Corporation, Surrey British Columbia, Canada. I was not from a rich family but with this scholarship, I was able to fulfil my dreams and support my family. Thank you SHDF and Nishkam for crafting a promising career for me.



**Achiever**

**Name: Harpreet Kaur**  
**Roll No: 20862**  
**Work: Deskside Technician at Parkland Fuel Corporation, Surrey British Columbia, Canada**  
**Education: B.Tech. Computer Science & Engg.**  
**Hometown: Sheikh Daulat village, Jagraon-Ludhiana**

## Health awareness camp in MGSN



Indian Red Cross Society, Mohali organized an awareness campaign on World Health Day (7 April 2022) at MGSN, Kharar with the aim of providing health care and hygiene tips to the elderly. The team of doctors led by Dr Gurveer Singh Puri imparted valuable tips for helping them stay comfortably in the homely environment at MGSN.

Similarly, Chandigarh University's Psychology Dept volunteers also visited to address the psychological issues of our elderly at MGSN. They uplifted the residents' morale and motivated them to live life in a lively way.

## Stationery Kits provided to needy



To promote education amongst the vulnerable sect of society, Nishkam provided books and stationery items to school children from the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families of Tilak Vihar- Delhi.

It has been observed with concern that the children studying from poverty-stricken families are forced to quit their studies due to financial constraints for school fees and expenditure on study material.

We have been relentlessly working towards the upliftment of the weaker sections of society through many welfare projects. One of the major focus areas has been to provide education assistance and scholarships to Below Poverty Line children of the region.

## Move & Revamp : Computer and Typing Center at Nishkam



**Computer Center**

**Typing Center**

After more than a decade, the Typing and Computer centres have been shifted to new and bright surroundings in Nishkam Bhawan. Earlier they were functional in the basement. In the new setup (2nd floor) the centre has established a fully air-conditioned computer lab with around 20 computers with the latest configuration and internet facility. These Labs are also equipped with the latest windows and software. The Typing centre has 13 typewriters and two computers as well. Many students from typing and computer courses got jobs or set up their own businesses and became their families' breadwinners. They mainly belong to underprivileged families. On average, around 200 students are studying in both centres and feel confident about their future.

## Let's craft more hopes

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