



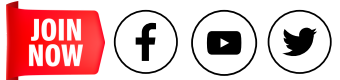
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1800+ Candidates appeared for the university level scholarships test

Nishkam in association with SHDF (Sikh Human Development Foundation, USA) conducted the university-level scholarships exams on 29 and 30 October in Punjab and New Delhi. More than 1800 professional degree/diploma students out of 2416 appeared for this year's scholarship intake. 943 students for renewal of scholarships appeared for interviews in Faridkot, Bathinda, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Ludhiana and New Delhi respectively. The deadline of one month was extended from 31 July to 31 August. Likewise every year the number of applicants is increasing and hereby we feel obliged to our dedicated members, organizers, volunteers and staff for the valuable support they extended for the success of the events for the scholarship programme.



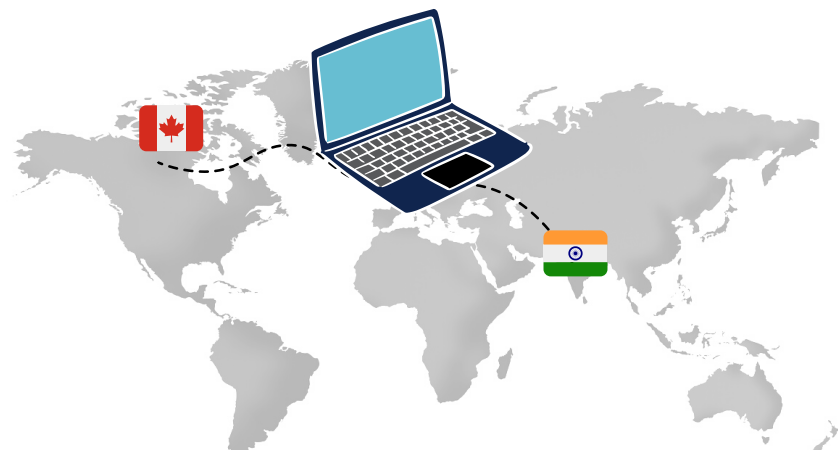
50 students financially supported



More than fifty school students from low-income families have been given scholarships of Rs. 2000 per year in an event held at Capt. Dr. Puran Singh Auditorium at Faridkot. Nishkam sponsored the said students among more than 200 students through a joint project with Guru Gobind Study Circle, Faridkot- a non-profit organization.

S. Harwinder Singh, Nishkam member and coordinator at Faridkot said, "With the help of school management and teachers, we have selected 50 students irrespective of caste, creed and religion from local villages. Over 90% of the students are from disadvantaged families whose income is very low and are facing financial hardships. They all are studying in govt. schools. (14 Aug)

Changing destinies from Canada to India: Laptop provided to Manpreet Kaur



(L to R) Nishkam Sewadars- S. DP Singh (Treasurer); S. BS Anand (V. President); Manpreet Kaur (Beneficiary) and S. Harbhajan Singh (Founder Member)

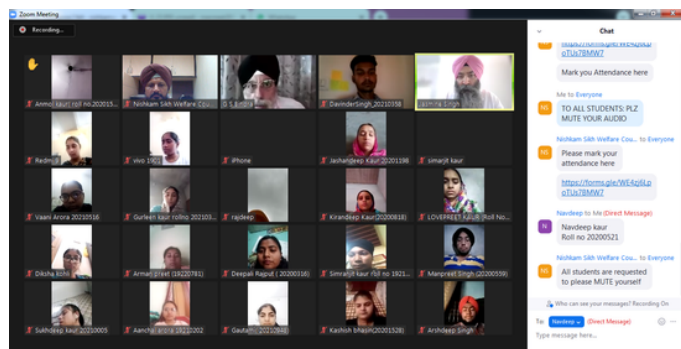
Not everybody is financially stable enough to buy a laptop and so is Manpreet who feels helpless while performing day-to-day presentations, project work etc in her M.Sc. Hons. in a Mathematics course. Born in a humble rural background of Chamkaur Sahib- Ropar, Punjab, her father is no more and her mother runs the household while struggling to make ends meet as a labourer. Manpreet who's taking a scholarship from Nishkam's merit cum means is also fighting the battle of poverty and diabetes at the same time. She shared her concern with Nishkam about the need for a laptop. After the verification process, Nishkam Canada addressed her problem, raised funds and later provided the laptop to her. Nishkam members visited her house and gave her a laptop. She feels empowered and successfully completed her master's course and now pursuing B.Ed. as well. She's also learnt Python and learning Database which will complement her mathematics studies and digital technology. We are thankful for the much-needed help to her while bridging the digital divide from Canada to India.

***It takes heart not just miles
to transform someone's life
for betterment.***

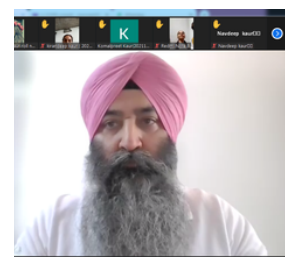
**Thank
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Webinar on Time management and Corporate etiquette

A webinar on 'Time Management and Corporate Etiquette' was organized on 8 October for our university-level scholarship recipients. S. Jasmine Singh, Senior Executive Director-CBRE India (Advisory & Transaction Services) addressed the students regarding Time management. Dr Etinderpal Singh, Deputy Director and Professor of Marketing at Apeejay School of Management, Dwarka- Delhi shared his experience on Corporate Etiquette. The voracious session of more than 180 minutes not only generated learning interest among the attendees but also left them curious. Brimming with hope and zeal the webinar has helped tomorrow's professionals who are studying in their final year degree programs and are on the verge of starting their professional lives. The session concluded with scholars sharing their experiences through the shared feedback forms. ***Experience the wisdom, read the report and watch the video: please click the icon***



Dr Etinderpal Singh



S. Jasmine Singh

 **SPECIAL
REPORT**

Stitching wings to fly independently

25 women were admitted to the second tailoring and cutting course at Lohara- Moga. Nishkam runs the Vocational Training Centre for Women where they provide training to underprivileged young girls and women in Cutting & Tailoring -Basic & Advance, Embroidery and certification courses for the last 11 months. The technical guidance provided by trainers during the training programme is useful and effective. 12 women passed out in recent times and above all women with no education have gained the skill of tailoring which helped them to earn a decent amount of money for their livelihood lifelong in a backward belt of the Malwa region of Punjab. (3 Aug)



Repairing and improving the Karnataka houses

The housing repair and rehabilitation grant of Rs. 6.89 lakh has been provided to 11 families at Belgaum- Karnataka. A team of local volunteers across the Karnataka region verified the need and after thorough verification, Demand Drafts were given to each family. These families are from the Sikligar community and Nishkam with your help is performing welfare activities for the last 2 decades. This help provides grants for the renovation of owner-occupied homes. (Sep. 2022)

Stationery kits distributed among the Sikligar children of Bagpat, UP

Education is every child's birthright. Unfortunately, there are too many kids who go to school but do not get basic stationery such as notebooks, pencils, erasers, pens, colour boxes, school bags etc. We with your help and the support of the local volunteers distributed the kits to the less privileged Sikligar students at Bagpat- Uttar Pradesh. Thanks to Ms. Manjeet Kaur for visiting and distributing the kits. These students are also attaining their school studies through Nishkam's Sikligar education initiative. The stationary kit fulfils their annual requirement. We aim to reach out to the maximum number of students so that their wish to study is fulfilled and not affected by a lack of stationery. (1-Sep)



Day for older persons celebrated



Enthusiasm and warmth marked the International Day for Older person celebrations at MGSN on 1- October. The programme was organised by the students of the law faculty of Chandigarh University, The inmates were hospitable and friendly and they welcomed them with their beautiful smiles. To break the monotony of their lives, they presented a few songs and danced for them. The scenario become emotional as well when the students realized that many of the residents were abandoned and deserted by their children and others who had left their families fed up with the humiliation and ill-treatment. This get-together imparted a big lesson among the new generation to take care of their elderly with love and respect. To ensure that what their need at this time of their lives is not so much money and luxuries but care and support which is the basic human need for life and Nishkam has been putting its best to provide it with your support.

Booster shot for Covid-19 vaccine



All senior citizens living in the MGSN who received the first and second doses earlier were administered the precautionary booster jab against Covid-19 on 30 September. The vaccination exercise was held in the premises of the MGSN on Friday. A team from Kharar's civil hospital administrated the dose under the supervision of S. Baljinder Singh, Judge- Mohali District.

Water cooler donated



Rotary Club Mohali donated the water cooler as it was much needed. We are proud to see the smiles on the residents. Thank you for your generosity and your hopes of alleviating the basic need like safe water for a better tomorrow. Hereby, we acknowledge the effort of S. Harjeet Singh (CA) a Rotary member at Kharar (22 Oct)

Computer course certificates distribution at Sri Muktsar Sahib



Nishkam with its implementation partner Excellent Computer Center in Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab has given certificates to 30 students who have completed a four-month basic computer training course. This initiative was taken for the students belonging to underprivileged families who expressed interest to learn basic computer literacy. For the last 11 months, the move of equipping the students with key computer skills without charging a single penny from their training has achieved its goal as many students after completing their courses are now working on their own and supporting their families financially. (8 Oct)



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