



1698 students appeared for the Interviews

College Level Scholarships

After successfully passing the written test, 1698 candidates appeared for scholarship interviews for the academic year 2022-23. The interviews were conducted in various educational institutions along with a cooperative approach from the local coordinators, volunteers and Nishkam members across Punjab and at Nishkam Bhawan in New Delhi. The interviewers came from different professional walks of life and enquired and assessed the students through general knowledge, awareness and the financial background of their families. The interviews of the renewal of scholarship students were held in Oct-Nov 2023. Nishkam in association with SHDF (Sikh Human Development Foundation, USA) is imparting scholarships to the needy and deserving students along with Nishkam's Merit cum Means scholarships initiative (MCM)



238 hopefuls appeared for Interviews

School Level Scholarships

After successfully holding the scholarship test on 19 Nov 2023, students studying in Class IX to XII appeared for the interviews. Students appeared well on time and brimming with enthusiasm. The main purpose of interviewing students was solely to assess the calibre of prospects from underprivileged families.

For those who feel that they need coaching classes, we asked them to get enrolled in Nishkam's Tuition Centre. Individual guidance has also been given to let them enrol in Computer and Typing courses and university-level scholarships after school term.

A big thank you to our dedicated volunteers and members for sparing their time for interviews and marking a day for selfless service on 28 January at Sukho Khalsa School, Delhi. Refreshment was served to all.



Empowering Future Through Digital Skills



Full Stack development with MERN stack

Aimed at enhancing employability skills tailored to industry requirements we have initiated a Full Stack development with MERN stack course for the IT students pursuing professional courses. This 7-month online course will equip professionals with the strong development skills required for web, mobile and cloud-native application development. According to a report from LinkedIn, the demand for full-stack developers has been increasing by 35% each year since 2015. With advancements in web-based, mobile, and desktop application development, Full-Stack Developers and Engineers have become highly sought-after assets in the software industry. For now, 5 students are crafting their futures.



Advanced Graphic Designing Course

14 students are currently updating their Graphic designing skills through this course. Earlier only 5 students were getting the online classes but now 9 more students got enrolled in the course. This seven-month course will enable learners to be job-ready and be the breadwinner for their families and self.

Empowering through Crash courses

Sikh Career Growth in association with Nishkam organized an enlightening crash course session for 6 days (1 to 6 Jan. 2024) at Nishkam Bhawan, New Delhi. More than 45 beneficiaries gained invaluable insights in English, Maths and Science subjects. These students belong to needy families and are studying in CBSE schools from the Tilak Vihar and neighbouring areas. The overwhelming interactive sessions organized for four hours per day facilitated the students with notes and solved the queries of individual students. Students got certificates in the end and a meal was served to all.



Inspiring the future hopes

An interactive session for recognizing and inspiring student beneficiaries' of Nishkam of Tilak Vihar and neighbouring areas was held on 20 January at Nishkam Bhawan. A once-in monthly session of around 4 hours comprised of showcasing of talent among students in creative pursuits, recognizing and honouring the exceptional talents in academic and sports fields, counselling them for professional courses after schooling and engaging activities such as quizzes. The primary objective of these sessions is to supplement the existing financial assistance, concessional coaching, music learning, and skill enhancement services provided by Nishkam. We aim to impart moral values, emphasizing service to humanity, and the spirit of sharing for social welfare.



Success Story

Shining like a Diamond

Jaspreet was born and brought up in a middle-class family in Delhi. Her father is a Mechanic who used to earn and feed the family of five from a mechanical workshop (Lathe machine). Her mother gives tuition classes at home. Jaspreet had a strong inclination towards being a Scientist and Professor in some prestigious institution right from her childhood.

An intelligent student, she scored merit in her studies. She got admitted to B.Tech. in Bio-Technology at Amity University, Noida. She scored distinction in the 12th standard. The most favorite subject (Biology) in her school days laid the foundation stone for her professional aspiration.

No matter how blessed you are on the education side, there's always a parallel force required in financial form to turn opportunities into reality. She was not aware of the financial crunch when she was admitted to Amity Univ., which is one of the renowned names among Indian universalities'. Her brothers were pursuing higher studies and they also needed money to pay their fees. This was a financial dent in the father's pocket. Her elder brother gave up education due to financial scarcity which put stress on young Jaspreet's mind.

"I wanted to overcome the fear of my family's financial condition and came to know about the SHDF scholarship from one of my neighbours. When SHDF through Nishkam came up with their scholarships for underprivileged students, word spread like fire especially in our area as we are near to the Nishkam office. While my course fee was more than one lakh yearly, SHDF paid quite a good scholarship amount which has lessened the burden from my father's shoulders. To manage the rest of my tuition fee, my father took a loan from relatives and friends." She shared.

Thereafter, she never looked back while stepping the ladder of success, she got admitted to Delhi Technological University (Formerly DCE) for an M. Tech in Bio-informatics. She received her Ph.D. degree from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT) in 2019. She then worked as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Tsukuba Japan. Her dedication and research mettle influenced her career ambition in Cancer genomics, personalized medicine, drug design, and discovery where she collected a lot of laurels and published many research papers. She is actively involved in international conferences participation/presentations.

Her joy knew no bounds when her childhood dream of becoming a 'Doctor' materialized. She now works as an Assistant Professor at Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-Delhi)

A versatile personality hopes to help many researchers. She is an awardee of the Har-Gobind Khorana Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award (IYBA) in 2020- Issued by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India. She's also enlisted in Researchgate and Google Scholar. Apart from her professional expertise, Jaspreet also plays soothing tunes on the violin.

Her story impacts a lot on a human psychic who judges very easily while belittling someone from a humble background and draws limitations, whereas the power of persona and efforts of an individual can outshine the stereotype fabrications and rewrite the glory chapters. Jaspreet thanked the support from SHDF and Nishkam which has helped her in shifting the standstill.



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Roll No: 18419

Work: Assistant Professor at Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-Delhi)

Education: Ph.D. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT)

Hometown: Delhi



Govt Award certificate



Merit with Gold Medal in M.Tech



Jaspreet while playing Violin in Blue scarf -Japan

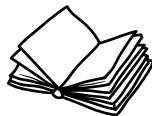
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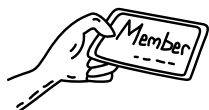
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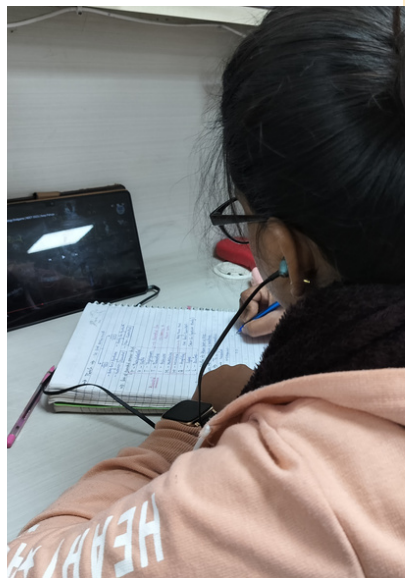
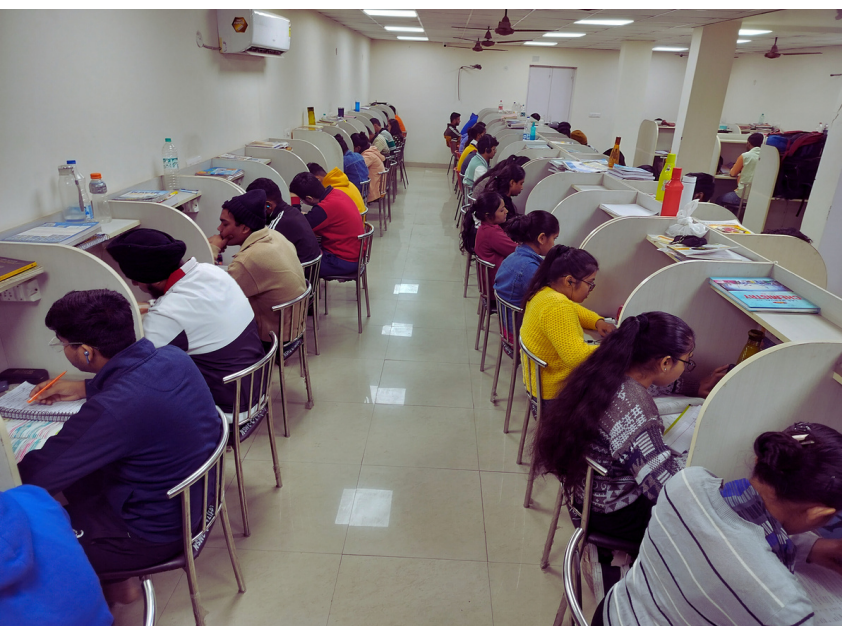
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