



### **NISHKAM TIMES**

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### 1350+ students appeared for the University level scholarships interviews

More than 1350 candidates appeared for the academic vear 2022-23. The interviews were conducted in various educational institutions coupled with a cooperative approach from the local volunteers and Nishkam members across Punjab and at Nishkam Bhawan in New Delhi. The interview panel mainly consisted of retired officers from the public/private sector, working professionals, researchers, teachers and social workers. They interviewed and assessed the students in order to find out their competencies, general knowledge and the financial background of their families. The interviews of the renewal of scholarship students were held when the written test was conducted for new students in Oct-Nov 2022. Nishkam in association with SHDF (Sikh Human Development Foundation, USA) is imparting scholarships to the needy and deserving students along with Nishkm's own Merit cum Means scholarships initiative (MCM)













### **Scholarship test for school students**





On 11th December, Nishkam conducted a scholarship test for school students of Class 7 to 12 at Sukho Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Delhi. More than 590 candidates belonging to underprivileged families and studying in government/aided schools across Delhi appeared for the test. It is a standardized exam for students seeking scholarships under Nishkam's School level scholarship programme. This exam is conducted to evaluate the capability and diligence of students. A record 746 applications were received for 2022-23.



## **SUCCESS SPEAKS**

## IMPAGT

Vocational Education Success Story





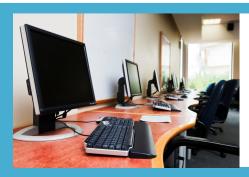
I am the first woman in my family who is going to step out for work.

**Amazon Catalogue** 

### **Challenging the Prejudices**

Born and brought up in an underprivileged family, Sangeeta is the torch bearer of the family's only hope who's completed 12th standard and right now pursuing an undergraduate degree in BA, English (Hons.) It sounds weird to many but this is the grim reality of India where there's a big gap in the mindset of socio-economical divide, patriarchy and taboos where it becomes difficult for a female to fill the gap for a change and gender equality while fighting poverty and existence. The community she came from expected her two elder sisters to drop out of studies together and get married, as was the custom for most girls her age in the community. Sangeeta doesn't want to be the scapegoat. She asked her father to let her stand on her own. Her father is an e-rickshaw driver and has health issues too. He understood his daughter's passion to study and encouraged her to pursue her professional dream. She got admitted to a computer course at Nishkam Computer Centre, Delhi. Despite the pushback from home, she somehow managed to attend the course regularly. She was performing well in her academics and excelled in the computer course as well. Not only that, but she also performed very well in learning the English language. Sangeeta's struggles and efforts paid off in February 2022. She has been hired in REQServe and started listing products on Amazon's e-commerce platform. Her family now proudly talks about their daughter. She's also a role model for her two younger sisters who want to attain Digital literacy and hone their communication skills to become self-sufficient in their lives. After spending one year in the same company she's got new responsibilities at work and she thanks Nishkam for paving a way for her success and making her independent while breaking the stereotypes around.

### **NISHKAM COMPUTER CENTERS**



### Delhi

Nishkam Bhawan B Block, Tilak Vihar Tilak Nagar

### Haryana

Nishkam Medical Center Model Town, Yamuna Nagar

#### **Punjab**

- Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
- Sri Muktsar Sahib
- Nishkam Faridkot
- Nishkam Moga (Lohara)

### Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji

The Prakash Purab (Birthday Celebrations) of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj, the 10th Guru of Sikhs and founder of Khalsa Panth, was celebrated with religious fervour, gaiety and enthusiasm in Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Sahib on 29 Dec-2022. Nishkam welcomed the *sangat* while displaying the information brochures exhibiting the various welfare schemes being run for the last 4 decades. A large number of devotees also bought Kachheras (One of the 5 *kakaars*) followed by stitching orders. People praised the welfare initiatives and some also donated on the spot.



### **Tribute to Chhote Sahibzaades by Sikligar Sikhs**



The Sikligar community of Sevli village of Sonipat, Haryana paid tribute to Chhote Sahibzaade on the martyrdom day at their local Gurdwara with great religious devotion. A special assembly was organized in Gurdwara comprising of Shabad Kirtan, Kavishri, Choreography etc. and speeches to highlight the great sacrifices of Sahibzaadas. Big thanks to our volunteer sewadars and teachers who are working tirelessly for more than 4 years in Sonipat, Haryana in coordinating the sikligar families in crafting the bright future of their offspring

## Nishkam and IPB India join hands for future retail bankers

Nishkam in association with IPB India (Institute of Professional Bankers) in Delhi initiated a 3-month Post Graduate Certificate Course in Retail Banking which is a mix of online & offline learning. It's a job-oriented course where a student can devote online learning for 4 to 5 hours every day. Nishkam can provide access to PCs, Internet and an airconditioned library and learning centre to support the student in his/her learning journey. Apart from that a scholarship of Rs 20,000 from Nishkam and from IPB India each viz. a total scholarship amount of Rs 40,000 out of the Rs 60,000 course fee shall be provided to a student which is the main attraction for any underprivileged family student to get enrolled and attain the success journey. This course is exclusively designed for Placement in Retail Banking.

According to the statistics, an additional 1.6 million skilled workforce will be required in the Banking, Financial Services & Insurance sector by 2022 alone and 73% of the hiring is expected to come from the private sector in India.



## Oral health care and awareness camp organized



An awareness session on oral healthcare for the elderly and children was organized on 31 Dec at MGSN. Oral Health Sciences Centre PGIMER Chandigarh's Expert Dr Debjit from the Dental wing of PGI Chandigarh informed the residents for focusing the importance of good oral health to overall health. The Camp was promoted by National Resource Centre for Oral Health Care of Children & Elderly under the National Oral Health Programme. The camp aware the students about common dental ailments especially tooth decay and gum diseases and measures to prevent them. It spreads awareness about maintaining good oral health. In addition to daily brushing and flossing, it is recommended to visit the dentist every six months.

### **Law Awareness Camp**



A Legal Awareness camp was conducted on the Rights of Senior Citizens at MGSN on 4 Nov. 2022. Dist. Judge Imanbir Singh Dhaliwal of Kharar along with his expert team delivered their expertise and made the residents aware of the said topic.



### **Tying the laurel**

Dedicated to the shahidi diwas a Dastarbandi competition was organized by the local sangat of BhagoMajra, Kharar, where our student Gagandeep Singh belonging to Orphanage -MGSN, Kharar won the participatory medal in DastarBandi competition.

# Nishkam bids farewell to long-serving staff



On Dec. 31, 2022, our long-standing staff members Ms Gyan Kaur and Ms Vidya Kaur got retirement after serving for more than 25 years. Their last day of service was 31st December 2022. We bade a fond farewell to these ladies who have served as helping staff in the pantry and housekeeping. The management shared their sincere gratitude for their devoted years of service at the institution and offered free medical service for them and their spouses along with a monthly pension and one-time financial relief as a token of respect.



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