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VISION

"A literate, healthy and self-reliant Community"

MISSION

*Identify and work with socially and economically backward people, especially girls and differently-abled;

> *Enhance people's skills, especially of the youth; *Promote community self-reliance through community participation.

ABOUT NIPUN

"NIPUN" - a Hindi word, meaning 'one who is skilled' - is a Non Government Organization founded by a group of socially conscious development workers in 2005.

Its primary aim is to enhance quality of life of the poor and the vulnerable children, youth and women are its target group, with physically and mentally challenged children and adult forming a priority category. Pre, Non-formal and Remedial Schools, Community Health Programmes and Promotion of Self Help Groups form its major strategies.

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WORLD AIDS DAY 2023

World AIDS Day 2023: Let Communities Lead

Aligned with the theme 'Let Communities Lead' for World AIDS Day 2023, the NIPUN Transgender Project hosted a special event on December 1st 2023. Symbolic items – Gamcha, Key Ring, Badge, Cap, and Candle – were distributed to 30 influential community leaders including Peer Educators within the transgender community and staff involved in this project, symbolizing unity and acknowledging their pivotal role.

The event included a counselling session, urging community leaders to actively collaborate in letting transgenders communities lead efforts to eliminate AIDS by 2030. Anchored in the World AIDS Day 2023 theme, the counselling emphasized community empowerment in addressing HIV/AIDS-related disparities.

An oath-taking ceremony solidified commitment, with community leaders pledging to lead their communities in achieving the objectives outlined in the theme. This underscored NIPUN's dedication to grassroots empowerment, ensuring leaders actively spearhead efforts to eradicate HIV/AIDS disparities within the transgender community. The event served as a powerful testament to NIPUN's ongoing commitment to building a more inclusive and informed future.



WORLD AIDS DAY 2023

NIPUN Celebrated World Aids Day with the Women's Group

In adherence to the World AIDS Day 2023 theme, 'Let Communities Lead', NIPUN organized an awareness program on HIV/AIDS for the women of J.J. Cluster Meera Bagh. Attended by over 80 women from the Mahila Mandal (Women's Group), the session, led by an experts, aimed to disseminate critical information on HIV/AIDS, emphasizing prevention, the availability of comprehensive treatment facilities in government hospitals, and addressing associated stigma.

By fostering a dialogue within the community, NIPUN strives to empower individuals with knowledge, dispel myths, and contribute to creating a supportive environment that aligns with the overarching theme of letting communities take the lead in the fight against HIV/AIDS. This program signifies NIPUN's commitment to community well-being and informed decision-making.



WORLD AIDS DAY 2023

World AIDS Day Celebration with High Risk Groups (HRGs)

In observance of World AIDS Day, NIPUN's team members in the Batala, Gurudaspur, Punjab project celebrated with fervor alongside the HRGs. Team NIPUN, graced the event, delivering an informative lecture on HIV/AIDS prevention and community engagement. The celebration highlighted NIPUN's commitment to the health of these communities, aligning with the World AIDS Day 2023 theme, 'Let Communities Lead'.

This event not only marked a day of awareness but also symbolized NIPUN's ongoing dedication to empowering communities to proactively manage their health and contribute to the collective fight against HIV/AIDS.



Sensitisation program for the Transgender Community

In continuation of the celebration of World AIDS Day, NIPUN organized an event on 13.12.2023 in South West district of Delhi, in collaboration with DSACS and with the support of NACO & USAID. The day commenced with an inaugural session by Dr. Kalyani Mishra from Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, who delivered a lecture on ART (Anti-retroviral Therapy). In her speech, she emphasized that ART effectively suppresses replication if taken at the right time. Successful viral suppression restores the immune system, halting the onset and progression of the disease, and reduces the chances of getting opportunistic infections—this is the objective of ART.





Adv. Sushil Kumar from Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DLSA), South West District, delivered a speech on the HIV Act of 2017. This act aims to prevention and control of the spread of provide for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It also safeguards the human rights of persons affected by the said virus and syndrome and addresses matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The act includes provisions for imprisonment if found to discriminate, testing of the patient without consent, leaking of confidential information about a patient, and the prohibition of disclosing the blood sample report publicly. It also provides for children living with HIV/AIDS with their parents, preference of government schemes for affected persons, and a 1097 Helpline for People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLHIV).

The events were predominantly attended by transgender communities (TGs) and other high-risk groups. The day concluded with quiz competitions and question-and-answer sessions, covering topics such as the four symptoms of TB. NIPUN Thanks DSACS, NACO & USAID for supporting us for this fruitful event.

Enhancing NIPUN's Targeted Intervention Project in Batala, Punjab

A mentoring visit was conducted by the Secretary of NIPUN to the Targeted Intervention project, implemented in collaboration with the Punjab State AIDS Control Society in Batala, Gurdaspur, Punjab. During the visit, he engaged with the beneficiaries alongside our team and provided feedback on how we can enhance our intervention for the betterment of our target group.



WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2023

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In a spirited celebration of World Disability Day 2023, our children, including all types of disabilities, participated in a vibrant drawing competition, echoing the theme "United in action to rescue and achieve the sustainable development goals for, with, and by persons with disabilities." The event showcased the diverse creativity of our children, fostering a sense of community and empowerment.

As prizes were distributed to the competition winners, the celebration highlighted our ongoing commitment to inclusivity and recognized the unique talents of every participant. This collective effort, inclusive of all types of disabilities, demonstrated our dedication to building an environment that champions diversity and contributes to the realization of sustainable development goals.



Cancer Screening Camp

Cervical, breast, and oral cavity cancers continue to cause millions of deaths worldwide each year, ranking as the top three most prevalent cancers in India. NIPUN, in collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre, organized an integrated cancer screening camp in the Kapashera Community of South West District, Delhi.

This community-based initiative aimed to provide comprehensive cancer screenings to individuals at higher risk. The camp included Clinical Breast Examination (CBE) for breast cancer, visual inspection for cervical cancer, and oral visual examination (OVE) for oral cavity cancer. A total of 48 participants, consisting of 6 men and 42 women aged above 30 years, attended the screening camp.





National Mathematics Day 2023

The National Mathematics Day is observed on December 22 every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.

The day is dedicated to promoting the importance of mathematics in various fields and encouraging mathematical research and education. It is a tribute to Ramanujan's remarkable legacy and the universal language of numbers.

Successful Inclusive Candle Making Training Empowers Women, Including Transgender Community, in Kapasheda, South West Delhi

NIPUN organized a highly successful Skill Development Training Programme in Candle Making for women in Kapasheda on December 6th and 7th, 2023, with the support from Canara Bank and facilitation by the Office of Deputy Commissioner, South West District, Delhi. This inclusive initiative aimed to empower 50 women, with a special focus on inclusive participation from the Transgender Community, by imparting practical skills in diverse candlemaking techniques such as Aroma Candle and Floating Candle.

The program garnered remarkable enthusiasm from participants, with many expressing a keen interest in potentially pursuing candle making as a promising career path.

The resounding success of the training underscores the positive impact of inclusive skill development in fostering career opportunities for all, including empowering members of the Transgender Community.



Bringing Warmth and Smiles: A Generous Gift from Ms. Smriti Malani to NIPUN's Little Ones

In a heartwarming gesture, Ms. Smriti Malani, a dedicated supporter of NIPUN, recently contributed thermal winter clothes to the children attending the Balwadi (Pre-School) at Meera Bagh, a slum community in Delhi NCR. As the region experiences an intense cold spell in the past few days, the situation has been particularly challenging for slum communities and their families, especially the young children trying to endure the harsh weather.

The distribution of these clothes was meticulously done, considering the age of each child and their specific needs. Over 110 children, aged 3 to 6 years, have directly benefited from this thoughtful act of kindness. Upon receiving their warm clothes, the children couldn't help but express joy through beaming smiles and a genuine sense of gratitude towards the well-wisher, Ms. Smriti Malani. NIPUN extends its heartfelt thanks to Ms. Smriti Malani and her supportive families for not only providing essential winter wear but also for gifting precious smiles to these young hearts.



Empowering Construction Workers: NIPUN's Day Care Center and Stress-Relief Initiatives in NOIDA

NIPUN is running a Day Care Centre in NOIDA catering to the children of hardworking construction workers. These dedicated individuals toil day and night at nearby construction sites, striving to secure their families' livelihoods. In a thoughtful initiative, NIPUN organized recreational activities for these workers, serving as much-needed stress relief and reinvigorating their spirits.



It's heartening to witness the positive impact of these activities, fostering not only relaxation but also a renewed sense of energy among the hardworking contributors to our community.

Successful Completion of Internship Program by SOIL Institute of Management Students at NIPUN

Management students from the SOIL Institute of Management recently concluded a six-day internship at NIPUN. Throughout this period, they proactively organized a series of sensitization and awareness programs covering essential topics such as Hand Wash, Community Sanitation, and Girl Child Education, among others.

In recognition of their dedicated efforts and successful completion of the internship, NIPUN has proudly presented Internship Certificates to all the participating students.



Hunar Ki Pehchan: A Proud Showcase by NIPUN's Differently-Abled Stars at Dilli Haat Pritam Pura

In a heartening display of talent and creativity, the children of NIPUN's Differently-Abled unit took part in an exhibition at Dilli Haat Pitampura, organized by Viklang Sahara Samiti with the support of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India. The young artists showcased a range of exquisite products, including Madhubani paintings, Warli art, clay models, cloth bags, masks, and more, all crafted by their skilled hands.

The exhibition, featuring various NGOs and government agencies, also witnessed cultural performances by the differently-abled beneficiaries. Ms. Ankita Anand, District Magistrate, North West District, graced the event as the chief guest and visited our stall. She lauded the dedication and skill demonstrated by our children in creating these beautiful products. Our stall was recognized among the top 5 by the organizers, earning us a well-deserved momento. It's moments like these that truly highlight the 'Hunar' (skill) and resilience of our extraordinary children.



School Exchange Program

A delightful visit was arranged by students from Bosco Public School, Sunder Vihar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, to our Education Center located at J.J. Cluster. Our children warmly welcomed them with traditional gestures, and a cultural program was organized.

The children engaged in interactive sessions, sharing their thoughts and experiences. As a gesture of goodwill, the students from Bosco Public School extended their generosity through a Secret Santa drive, presenting gifts to 160 children of NIPUN. NIPUN conveys heartfelt gratitude for their thoughtful support, appreciating their initiative to bring smiles to the faces of our children in the Meera Bagh project.

We deeply value their dedication and enthusiasm in spreading joy during this festive season. Thank you for being an integral part of our mission to make a positive impact on the lives of these children.



CHRISTMAS AT NIPUN



NIPUN - Swagat Kendra's Merry Christmas: Santa outfits, carols, and sweet celebrations!

The festive spirit radiated as the children of Swagat Kendra celebrated Christmas Day with boundless enthusiasm, donning Santa Claus attire and enchanting everyone with heartwarming Christmas carols.

To add sweetness to the joyous occasion, refreshments and delectable plum cake were shared with all, creating a magical and memorable Christmas celebration for our incredible Swagat Kendra family.

Christmas Joy at Our Day Care Center in Noida: A Heartwarming Celebration with the Little Stars of Construction Workers' Families!

Celebrating the magic of Christmas at our Day Care Center in Noida, where the children of our dedicated construction workers filled with the day joy and laughter! Amidst the construction hustle, these little stars shone bright with handmade ornaments. adorable carol performances, and bursting balloons that brought pure delight.



A heartfelt thank you to our amazing team and generous contributors who made this day unforgettable for these special kids. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of community spirit!

CHRISTMAS AT NIPUN



Joyful Christmas Celebrations with Shiksha Saheli: Santa crafts, special meals, and heartwarming moments!

Embracing the festive spirit. we joyously celebrated Christmas Day with the wonderful children of Shiksha Saheli project. Leading up to the festivities, our dedicated educators and children collaborated to craft delightful Santa Claus models, adding a touch of creativity and excitement the to upcoming celebration.

The day itself was filled with warmth and joy as the children enjoyed special meals, indulged in delicious cake, and savoured refreshing treats. It was a heartwarming occasion, creating lasting memories and spreading smiles.

CDifferent-Abled Delight: Christmas Celebration at Meera Bagh Project

Differently-abled beneficiaries from NIPUN's Special Unit celebrated Christmas Day joyfully at the Meera Bagh project location. They created paintings of Santa Claus and Santa masks, enjoying the day with singing, dancing, and reciting.



APPEAL



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