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### <u>VISION</u> "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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### SUPPORT

You can join our efforts by contributing your time, skills or money for strengthening and improving our programmes. You can also donate computers, books, toys, medicines, ration, furniture etc. for our various programmes. Please note that donations made to NIPUN are eligible for 50% tax exemption under Sec 80G of the IT Act.



### Art and Craft Activities through Volunteers

During the winter break, volunteers orchestrated engaging art and craft activities for Bridge Course children at the Empowering Girl Child Project. These activities aimed not just for creative expression but also as learning opportunities.

Around 75 children actively participated, immersing themselves in various artistic endeavours. The sessions provided a platform for these young minds to explore their creative potential while simultaneously imbibing essential skills beyond conventional academic teachings.

The dedication of the volunteers created an encouraging environment, fostering a space where these children could express themselves freely through art. Witnessing their enthusiasm and witnessing their talents flourish was truly inspiring.

This initiative reflects the Empowering Girl Child Project's ethos, demonstrating how unconventional educational methods can foster holistic growth and creativity among children beyond the confines of traditional learning environments.

#### **Celebrations at Day Care Centres**

Children of construction workers joyously celebrated the arrival of Nav Varsh 2024. NIPUN operates a Day Care construction Centre at sites. collaborating with IIFL and Mobile Creches to ensure the holistic development of children aged from birth to 14 years.

In response to their parents' request and in celebration of the new year, the children enthusiastically organized a vibrant cultural programme.





# विश्व हिंदी दिवस 2024 की हार्दिक शुभकामनायें!

विश्व आज हिंदी दिवस मना रहा हैं। हर साल 10 जनवरी को वैश्विक स्तर पर विश्व हिंदी दिवस मनाते हैं।हिन्दी भाषियों के लिए यह गौरव पूर्ण दिन होता। निपुण संस्था समाज के सर्वहारा वर्ग के साथ हिन्दी भाषा के प्रसार में संलग्न हैं।



#### Gyan Vighyan Utsav 2024

Quoting Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi, "Science is like that energy in the development of 21st century India, which has the power to accelerate the development of every region, the development of every state."

NIPUN organized Gyan Vighyan Utsav 2024 (Science Exhibition) on January 5, 2024, conducted by NIPUN's Knowledge Enhancement team in the South East District of Delhi. The primary objective of Gyan Vighyan Utsav 2024 was to foster a scientific attitude and research-mindedness, cultivating students' interest in science and technology.

Students presented static and working models designed for teaching scientific concepts, particularly tailored for students from class V to VIII. During the exhibition, students showcased various topics, including the Solar System, Parts of Plants, Plant Growth, Water Cycle, Solar Eclipse, Lunar Eclipse, and Speed Brake System.

The Science Exhibition provided a platform for students to apply their scientific knowledge, encouraging them to unleash their creativity. It also promoted collaborative learning, allowing students to work together in groups, sharing ideas and collectively implementing innovative projects. Appreciation certificates were awarded to all participating students, recognizing their contribution to the Science Exhibition.



## National Youth Day 2024 Utho, Jago Aur Tab Tak Mat Ruko jab Tak Lakshya Kee Praptee Na Ho Jaye

National Youth Day 2024 is celebrated on January 12th to honour the birthday of Swami Vivekananda, one of India's greatest spiritual and social leaders. The day is dedicated to inspiring young minds, promoting education, and encouraging community service. The theme for National Youth Day 2024 is "Arise, Awake, and Realize the Power You Hold."

NIPUN provides opportunities to youth and empowers them through various vocational training courses, educational activities aimed at instilling social consciousness, leadership, and responsibility. This is achieved through a variety of talks, events, and cultural activities.

On the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, trainees from the vocational training center organized a meeting. They paid tributes, garlanded his photo, and delved into his thoughts, values, and ideals. They also drew lessons on applying these principles in their lives.





**Bridge Course Education Programme** 

Sparks of Delight: Lively Lohri Celebrations at NIPUN's Vocational Education Center

The trainees at NIPUN's Vocational Education Center embraced the festive spirit as they joyfully marked the occasion of Lohri.

celebration The included the heartwarming gesture of distributing popcorn, rewari. peanuts. sweets and more. creating an atmosphere filled with the fire of joy.

NIPUN is actively executing an educational project under its Bridge Course Education programme, focusing on providing education to children who have either dropped out or never attended school. The primary objective is to empower these children and eventually integrate them into formal education system. The included image showcase the delighted faces of children from construction worker families, highlighting not only their educational journey but also the empowerment they gain through this programme.



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# WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2023

### Atmanirbhar Bharat Utsav 2024

Atmanirbhar Bharat Utsav 2024 took place at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, from January 3rd to 10th, 2024. This dynamic event served as a platform to highlight and celebrate India's strides towards self-reliance.

UMANG, a Self-Help Group (SHG) formed by the Transgender Community with the support of NIPUN. NIPUN, in collaboration with Delhi State AIDS Control Society and NACO, is actively implementing a Targeted Implementation project for the Transgender community in Kapashera and its adjoining areas in South West Delhi. Additionally, a similar initiative is undertaken in Batala, Gurdaspur, Punjab, with the support of PSACS.

During the Atmanirbhar Bharat Utsav at Pragati Maidan from January 3rd to January 10th, 2024, UMANG SHG participated in the Urban Square exhibition, showcasing a range of products such as paintings, colorful candles, tie & dye dupattas, cloth bags, etc. The exhibited items received high appreciation from attendees representing various walks of life. Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, presented participation certificates to the UMANG members involved in the exhibition.



## **Recognition for NIPUN Counselor's Outstanding Performance**

An evaluation was conducted by the Community-Led Monitoring Team for all the organizations/NGOs implementing the Targeted Intervention (TI) project with the support of the Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS). Feedback for the evaluation report was gathered from the target community, namely the High-Risk Groups, and for us it was the Transgender Community.

Ms. Asha, who works with NIPUN on the TI project, has been honoured as the best counselor for her proactive approach in addressing issues and supporting the community. The Team from USAID, NACO & DSACS applauded her efforts in bringing about positive change and improvement.



Empowering Voices Against Domestic Violence: Campaign Led by Ms. Sudha

An awareness campaign titled "Raise Voice to Stop Domestic Violence against Women" was organized by Ms. Sudha in Jhuggi Jhopari Basti, Meera Bagh & Bengali Camp. During the session, participants actively shared their perspectives and experiences related to ongoing domestic instances of violence within families, often attributed to financial crises. alcohol consumption, and the surrounding environment.



The discussion covered topics such as violence against women, protective laws, gender equality, gender discrimination, stereotypes, female foeticide, eve-teasing, and domestic violence. As a concluding action, participants marched through the basti, carrying banners while vociferously expressing their stance with the message "Gharelu Hinsa Band Karo" (Stop Domestic Violence).

May the consecration of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir herald a new era of peace and harmony throughout India, fostering unity, understanding, and love among people from diverse backgrounds.

At our Shiksha Sahelee unit in the South East District, Delhi children expressed their reverence by creating artistic representations of Shri Ram. Their spirited celebration infused the day with joy and enthusiasm.







## NIPUN Celebrates National Girl Child Day 2024 with Zest

National Girl Child Day, observed annually on January 24th, aims to raise awareness about the inequalities faced by girls in Indian society. It advocates for equal opportunities in education, healthcare, and nutrition while addressing crucial issues such as child marriage, discrimination, and violence against girls.

The NIPUN-Empowering Girl Child units passionately observed National Girl Child Day 2024 across project locations in Delhi and NCR on January 24, 2024. The day witnessed a series of awareness activities, including community meetings, street plays, drawing and poster campaigns, and discussions with mothers' groups on vital topics like nutrition, education, skill training, health, and the rights of girl children, addressing challenges like child marriage, discrimination, and violence against girls.

A significant number of children, youth, and women enthusiastically participated in these activities, pledging, "Aaj Ham Sabhee Sapath Lete Hai Ki Ladka-Ladkee Me Koi ĵMatbhed Nahee Karenge aur sabhee Ladkiyo Ko Padayenge Aaur unko Ladko jaise Poshak Aaahar bhee Denge."



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# Vibrant Republic Day Celebration at NIPUN's Empowering Girl Child Project

Republic Day was celebrated with full zeal at NIPUN's Empowering Girl Child project, which is dedicated to the empowerment of children who have either dropped out of school or never had the opportunity to attend.

The project focuses on enrolling and retaining these children in **Pre-Schools**, Remedial Non-Formal Education and Centers. with the ultimate goal of mainstreaming them into Government Schools while providing essential life skills training.

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In West Delhi, the children, along with their mothers, participated in cultural programs and proudly hoisted the National Flag to mark the 75th Republic Day.



## 75th Republic Day Celebration at Construction Sites!

In the lively settings of Greater Noida, the jubilant spirit of the 75th Republic Day shone bright as NIPUN's children, Day Care Workers, and the spirited Sathi Samooh (a group of parents) came together in enthusiastic celebration.

Echoes of patriotic tunes filled the air as the tiny tots dazzled with their delightful dances, showcasing their love for the nation. The Sathi Samooh members immersed themselves in the festivities, sharing joyful moments with their little ones while NIPUN proudly highlighted the children's achievements over the year.

Adding to the festivities, a delectable spread awaited all, featuring sumptuous delights like piping hot poori, flavorful sabzi, and crispy samosas, delighting both children and participating parents alike. The project, buoyed by the generous support of IIFL and Mobile Creches, continues to flourish and make a meaningful impact in the lives of children and families.





### Divyangjan community celebrates Republic Day

Celebrating the spirit of unity and patriotism, NIPUN's Divyangjan community came together to honor Republic Day.

Through heartfelt participation in various activities, they exemplified the values of inclusivity and empowerment.

Their presence added depth to the celebration, highlighting NIPUN's commitment to embracing the rights and dignity of every individual.

Enthusiastic Young Entrepreneurs Mark Republic Day!

With unbridled passion and fervor, the trainees of NIPUN Vocational Training Centre joyously celebrated the 75th Republic Day on January 26, 2024, in the heart of West Delhi. In a moment brimming with pride, the children of NIPUN proudly unfurled the National Flag, surrounded by budding young entrepreneurs eager to make their mark.

Amidst the jubilant atmosphere, the trainees shared their transformative learning journeys, reflecting on both triumphs and challenges encountered along the wav. Their conversations centered on the pivotal role of skill training in shaping the destiny of the young generation and the collective dream of fostering self-reliance through entrepreneurship in India. It was a celebration that not only honored the nation's heritage but also ignited a spark of innovation and determination within each participant, paving the way for a brighter, more empowered future.





Mahila Mandal's Celebrations

As India showcased a significant stride towards gender inclusivity in the country's armed forces, women officers marched on the Kartavya Path in Delhi on the occasion of India's 75th Republic Day.

NIPUN's Mahila Mandal also celebrated the 75th Republic Day with full enthusiasm and performed various cultural programs in their regional languages.











# Republic Day at Construction Sites

NIPUN's celebration of the 75th Republic Day extended to include the children of Day Care Centers situated at the Construction Sites at ATS Nobelty and ATS Dolce.

Amidst the bustling activity of construction, the vibrant spirit of the Republic Day festivities illuminated the sites as children joined hands with NIPUN in commemorating this significant national occasion.

Through engaging activities, colorful performances, and joyful camaraderie, the celebration encapsulated the essence of inclusivity and community spirit. Together, NIPUN and the children embraced the values of the Republic Day, fostering a sense of belonging and pride in their hearts.

### Vibrant Republic Day Celebrations at NIPUN's Shiksha Saheli Project

The children at NIPUN's South East Delhi project location joined in the celebration of the 75th Republic Day. NIPUN implements the Shiksha Saheli project, which focuses on children who have either dropped out of school or never had the opportunity to attend. The day was filled with vibrant cultural programs and sweet treats were shared among all participants.

NIPUN extends warm wishes to everyone for a very Happy Republic Day!



## Third Gender Celebrated Republic Day

NIPUN is implementing a Targeted Intervention project for the transgender community in Kapashera and its adjoining areas in South West District of Delhi with the support of Delhi State Control Society and NACO.

Republic Day 2024 was celebrated by the transgender community and other high-risk groups in Kapashera, South West Delhi.





## Promoting Handwashing in Slum Communities

NIPUN volunteers organized a handwashing campaign engaging children, youth, women, and differently-abled individuals within slum communities.

During this drive, volunteers demonstrated proper handwashing techniques, emphasizing its significance in preventing the spread of harmful germs such as bacteria and viruses that contribute to various diseases.

A total of 211 individuals were registered during the campaign, marking a significant step towards promoting hygiene awareness in these communities. Here are some highlights from the event.

### **NIPUN Organizes an Educational Trip for Young Entrepreneurs**

The objective of the educational trip was to enrich knowledge about Indian culture and history, coupled with moments of recreation. Thirty-five young girl entrepreneurs not only deepened their understanding but also embraced the day with enthusiasm. Amidst the January cold wave, the entrepreneurs embarked on their educational journey by paying homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, at his Samadhi in Rajghat.

During the visit, everyone delved into the life of Mahatma Gandhi, gaining profound insights into the principles of Satya and Ahimsa. Continuing the day, all participants visited India Gate and War Memorial, learning about the great heros of India. The group explored the National Crafts Museum & Hastkala Academy, celebrating India's rich, diverse craft and weaving traditions. Nestled at the corner of Pragati Maidan, opposite the majestic Purana Qila, the museum, designed by renowned architect Charles Correa, is a visual repository showcasing traditional architectural marvels.

The museum's open-air areas, galleries, and intricate displays of heritage crafts and textiles provided a comprehensive view of the making of handicraft and handloom artifacts under one roof. To conclude the educational trip, all entrepreneurs visited the Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple in New Delhi, exploring Hinduism's values and traditions through various media, from a large-format film to a multimedia water show.



### Workshop for Caregivers at NIPUN on Creating Teaching Learning Materials

Recently, a workshop was organized for the caregivers of NIPUN, who are actively engaged in conducting educational activities for children aimed at their holistic development. During the workshop, Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) were created for subjects such as Hindi, Mathematics, and English, aligning with the prescribed syllabus and curriculum.

These TLMs offer a variety of stimuli, enhancing the effectiveness of classroom teaching and promoting longer retention of information. The greater the number of sensory channels engaged in interacting with TLMs, the better the retention of information becomes.





Capacity Building Workshop for Caregivers/Educators at NIPUN

A Capacity Building workshop was recently held for the caregivers and educators of NIPUN, focusing on Class Management, Teaching Methodologies, Child Safety, and more.

The workshop emphasized active participation through storytelling, group presentations, and interactive games, ensuring engagement from all attendees. Led by Ms. Sudha, the workshop saw active involvement from 11 participants.

## NIPUN Inculcates Reading Habits Among Underprivileged Children

**NIPUN's** primary focus is to foster reading habits among children who have never attended school. dropped out of school, or are firstgeneration learners.

These children are enrolled in education centers offering Bridge Courses and Remedial Education under NIPUN's initiative Education for All.



It has been observed that a significant number of children aged 14-18 years struggle to read sentences in English and Hindi, as well as with even simple division.

# APPEAL



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