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OUR COMMITMENT

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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National Doctor's Day

Happy National Doctor's Day to the protectors of life! Your service is not just a profession—it is a calling of the highest order. In times of despair, you bring hope; in sickness, you bring relief. Today, we salute your selfless service and wish you continued strength, success, and happiness.



<u>Plastic Bag Free Day - Shiksha Saheli Project</u>

On the occasion of International Plastic Bag Free Day, the children of NIPUN's Shiksha Saheli project joins the global movement to raise awareness about the harmful impact of single-use plastic bags on our environment by moving around the community and sensitising them.

These seemingly small items contribute significantly to pollution, harming our ecosystems, choking water bodies, and endangering wildlife. At NIPUN, we believe that sustainable change begins with small, conscious choices. By saying no to plastic bags and opting for reusable cloth or jute alternatives, we take a meaningful step toward protecting our planet. Let's pledge to adopt eco-friendly habits and spread awareness within our communities. Together, we can reduce plastic waste and move towards a cleaner, greener future.



Plastic Bag Free Day - Umang Vocational Education Center

On this important day, the trainees of NIPUN's Umang Vocational Education Center, West Delhi participated in a Legal Awareness Session on the theme "Reduce Plastic, Restore Earth."

The session was facilitated by Ms. Adv. Rinku Parewa from the West District Legal Services Authority, functioning under the administrative control of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

The session emphasized the importance of reducing plastic use, understanding legal frameworks, and taking collective action to protect our planet.





School Chalo Abhiyan

Under the Bal Vatika Project, NIPUN organized an impactful Admission Drive in South West Delhi to promote early education and smooth school transitions for children of migrant families. A vibrant rally by mothers and children carrying placards energized the lanes, spreading the message of Education for All.

Our team counseled parents, helped with documentation, and guided them through the school admission process. We also collaborated with nearby MCD/Govt. Schools, introducing the Bal Vatika initiative and sharing details of eligible children for admission. A positive shift in community mindset! More parents are now sending their children to Bal Vatika centers, and many have successfully enrolled in government schools.

A big step forward in building an inclusive, educated future—one child at a time.



Monsoon Awareness Drive

To combat the rise of seasonal diseases during the ongoing rainy season, NIPUN conducted an awareness program on proper handwashing techniques, personal health & hygiene and community sanitation practices.

The session focused on preventing waterborne illnesses like diarrhea, which are especially common during this time of year. Through engaging demonstrations and interactive discussions, participants learned how simple hygiene habits can protect families and communities.



Creativity in Action at NIPUN - Bal Vatika!

Our little champs let their imagination run wild during free play activities! Using crayons and pencils, they created vibrant images and expressed their thoughts through colors and shapes.

Here are a few joyful glimpses of their creative journey!





Empowering Adolescent Girls through Life Skills

NIPUN successfully conducted a one-day workshop focused on essential life skills for adolescent girls, covering key areas like communication, personality development, self-confidence, and decision-making.

The interactive sessions encouraged the girls to express themselves, build positive self-image, and prepare for real-life challenges with confidence. Empowered girls today, empowered women tomorrow!





Celebrating World Youth Skills Day 2025

On the occasion of World Youth Skills Day 2025, we reflect on this year's theme — "Empowering Youth through Artificial Intelligence and Digital Skills" — which underscores the urgent need to align skill development with rapidly evolving technologies.

At NIPUN, we are proud to be contributing to this mission through our UMANG Vocational Training Centres in West and South West Delhi. These centres offer a range of courses including Computer Skills. Tally Accounting, Retail Management, Cutting & Tailoring, Fashion Designing. and Beauty Wellness. Each course is designed not just to build employability, but also to foster entrepreneurship and selfreliance among youth.

Today, our trainees marked the day with enthusiasm and purpose. They pledged to motivate their peers to enroll at NIPUN and take the first step toward a brighter, more skilled future. Through this collective spirit, we aim to create a ripple effect — inspiring more young individuals to upskill, unlock opportunities, and shape sustainable livelihoods.



<u>Dakhila Campaign - A Movement Towards Inclusive Education</u>

Under the Bal Vatika Project, NIPUN launched a focused School Admission Drive in South West Delhi to address the critical issue of out-of-school children, especially from migrant and underserved communities. According to recent estimates, nearly 4.5% of children aged 6-14 in urban poor settlements are out of school, and over 35% of children aged 3-6 do not receive any form of early childhood education. These numbers are even higher among seasonal migrant families who often lack access, awareness, and support.

To bridge this gap, our Dakhila campaign focused on a vibrant community rally with enthusiastic mothers and children holding placards moved through local lanes, spreading the message of "Shiksha Sabka Adhikar Hai" (Education is Everyone's Right). The rally created a visible wave of awareness about the importance of early learning and school readiness. Our team reached out to parents, especially first-generation learners, and provided doorstep counseling. We assisted them in preparing essential documents such as birth certificates, ID proofs, and residence verification—often key barriers to school enrollment.

NIPUN actively collaborated with local MCD and Government Schools, introducing the Bal Vatika initiative and sharing lists of children eligible for enrollment. Many schools responded positively, streamlining the admission process. We observed a significant change in community mindset. Parents who were earlier reluctant are now regularly sending their children to Bal Vatika Centres, recognizing their role in preparing children emotionally and cognitively for school.

As a result, dozens of children have successfully transitioned into formal schools this quarter alone. This Admission Drive is more than just enrollment—it's about restoring a child's right to learn, dream, and thrive. Together with the community, we're building pathways to an inclusive and educated future—one child at a time.



Opening Doors to Education!

NIPUN has been continuously working to sensitize communities about the importance of formal education by organizing a series of Admission Drives across slums and underserved areas. Through these efforts, we have reached families who had never considered enrolling their children in school due to lack of awareness, resources, or access. We are proud to share that, till date, 27 children between the ages of 6 to 10 years have been successfully mainstreamed into nearby MCD and Government Schools, enrolled in Classes 1 to 4. This achievement marks a significant shift in community attitudes towards education and a promising beginning for these young learners.

NIPUN has played a crucial role in nurturing these children through our preparatory learning programs, while also liaising with schools to ensure smooth admissions. Most importantly, our team has spent time counseling and building trust with parents, helping them understand the long-term value of education for their children. Each child's enrollment is not just a number—it's a step towards breaking the cycle of illiteracy and unlocking a future full of possibilities.



Spreading Awareness, Saving Lives!

NIPUN is actively working in the communities of South West Delhi, where a large section of the population comprises migrant workers, daily wage labourers, rickshaw pullers, and other vulnerable groups. These communities often face challenges related to limited access to health education, healthcare facilities, and information about life-threatening diseases.

In response to this, NIPUN recently organized an Awareness cum Sensitization Program focusing on the pressing issue of HIV/AIDS. The session aimed to educate community members about the modes of transmission, prevention methods, myths and misconceptions, and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment. Emphasis was laid on promoting safe practices, reducing social stigma, and encouraging individuals to seek regular health check-ups. Through interactive discussions and information-sharing, we aimed to equip participants with the knowledge to protect themselves and support others, building a more informed and compassionate community.

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Certificate Distribution Ceremony at NIPUN: Shaping the Future | Empowering Youth with Skills

We're proud to celebrate the achievements of 60 adolescent trainees who successfully completed a 6-month course in Tally & Accounting and Basic Computers at the NIPUN-Umang Vocational Training Unit.

The event was graced by Shri Pradeep Kumar, Founder & Secretary of NIPUN, who motivated the youth to pursue self-reliance and continuous growth. He shared that over 60% of the graduates have already secured employment, while others have taken bold steps to start their own ventures.

Few Glimpses of the Certificate Distribution Ceremony





<u>Mehndi ka Haath – Jankari ke Saath</u>

On the festive occasion of Teej, the mothers of children enrolled in our crèche—many of whom are hardworking construction workers—came together to celebrate with joy and solidarity at the Construction Site, ATS Dolce, Greater Noida.

They adorned their hands with Mehndi as a symbol of tradition and womenhood. To mark the occasion meaningfully, our crèche and day care workers organized a special awareness session on menstrual hygiene and personal health, empowering these women with vital knowledge for their well-being.

Celebrating festivals, spreading awareness, and standing by our communities—always the NIPUN way.



Safety First!

NIPUN recently conducted a Routine Safety Awareness Program to promote safe practices within homes, especially for families living in slum and JJ cluster areas. The aim was to educate parents and caregivers on common household hazards that can pose serious risks to young children and how simple preventive steps can make a big difference. The session used engaging visuals and interactive discussions to highlight key areas of concern. Participants were informed about the importance of electrical safety, advising them to keep irons, wires, and plug points out of children's reach. They were also educated on the dangers of fire hazards, especially in homes with gas cylinders, open flames, or hot stoves.

Another important aspect covered was the proper handling and storage of sharp tools and objects, emphasizing that children should never have access to items like knives, blades, or scissors. The session also addressed the threat of insect and bug bites, common in poorly ventilated areas, and the safe usage of chemical products like pesticides and cleaners, which should always be stored away from children's reach. Special attention was given to water safety, warning families about the risks posed by buckets or tubs filled with water, especially for toddlers. The need for caution around stairs and steps was also stressed, along with the dangers of hot food, utensils, and scattered household items that could cause burns or injuries. Through this awareness drive, NIPUN is working to prevent accidents before they happen and create safer environments for children to grow, learn, and play. Small changes at home can protect young lives—and it starts with awareness.

Health //

The Greatest Wealth is Health!

To raise awareness about the prevention of vector-borne diseases, NIPUN organized an interactive activity for children under the Empower Girl Child Project in the J.J. Clusters of Meera Bagh, West Delhi. The session focused on sensitizing young learners about simple preventive measures to protect themselves and their families from diseases such as dengue, malaria, and chikungunva.

A key highlight of the activity was a creative enactment on the Do's and Don'ts related to vector-borne diseases. The children showcased common risk practices and shared effective prevention tips, making it easier for the community to understand and remember. This child-led performance not only informed but also empowered them to become health ambassadors in their homes and neighborhoods.

To build on the learning, a hands-on demonstration was conducted on how to prepare a natural mosquito repellent using household ingredients like coconut oil, aloe vera gel, and eucalyptus or other essential oils. The practical session taught the children how to stay protected using accessible, cost-effective solutions.

The session also emphasized key points for prevention and control, like Wearing protective clothing; Eliminating standing water in and around the home; Covering water tanks and containers with tightly fitted lids; Changing water regularly in flower vases, plant pots, and bird baths

The activity proved to be a successful step in educating not just the children but the wider community, reinforcing the message that prevention starts at home. With increased awareness and small behavioral changes, we can build healthier and more resilient communities.





Nurturing Childhood, Empowering Mothers!

NIPUN is running Day Care cum Creche Centers across slums and JJ Clusters in Delhi/NCR with the support of #MobileCreches for children aged o-6 years, providing a safe and caring space where their growth and development are prioritized. Our centers focus on Quality Early Education Where Interactive and play-based learning that builds foundational skills and prepares children for formal schooling. Daily meals and snacks designed to meet the dietary needs of growing children and promote healthy development. Periodic medical screenings to track children's health and identify any early signs of illness or developmental delays.

Routine measurement of height, weight, and other indicators under growth monitoring to ensure children are growing as per their age milestones. Special Diet for Malnourished Children with customized nutritional support and supplements for children identified as undernourished, helping them recover and thrive. In parallel, these centers create opportunities for mothers to pursue income-generating activities, boosting their confidence and enabling them to improve their family's socio-economic conditions. Once ready, children are mainstreamed into nearby MCD or Government schools, ensuring they continue on the path of education.

Together, we're laying the foundation for a healthier, more educated, and empowered community-starting from the very beginning.











NIPUN IN MEDIA

An article was published in a reputed newspaper about the NIPUN Launches a "Dakhila Campaign" to promote Inclusive Education Among Migrant Children in South West Delhi.

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HUMMER NEWS

NEW DELHI: As part of its ongoing Bal Vatika **NIPUN** has Project. launched intensive an Dakhila Campaign in South Delhi. aimed enrolling out-of-school children-particularly from migrant and underserved families-into formal education systems. This initiative seeks to address alarming gaps in early childhood education and school readiness across urban poor communities.

According to recent studies, nearly 4.5% of children aged 6–14 in urban slums remain out of school, while over 35% of children aged 3–6 are deprived of any form of early education. The situation is further exacerbated for seasonal migrant families, who often lack access to necessary documentation, awareness, and institutional support.

The Dakhila Campaign addresses these barriers through a multi-pronged approach:



The campaign kicked off with a vibrant community rally, where mothers and children marched through neighborhood lanes holding placards bearing messages such as "Shiksha Sabka Adhikar Hai" (Education is Everyone's Right) and "School Chalo". This initiative generated significant awareness about the importance of school enrollment and early learning.

NIPUN's team conducted home visits and one-on-one counseling with parents particularly first-generation learners—guiding them through the school admission process and helping them prepare critical documents such as birth certificates, Aadhar cards, and proof of residence.

In partnership with local MCD and Government schools, NIPUN introduced the Bal Vatika program and shared details of children ready for enrollment. This facilitated a smoother admission process, with several schools showing active cooperation.

The campaign has also contributed to a notable behavioral shift among parents.

Many are now consistently sending their children to Bal Vatika Centres, recognizing their value in preparing children socially, emotionally, and academically for school. As a result, dozens of children have successfully enrolled in formal schools in the current quarter alone and have also given employment opportunities of their parents considering the safety environment of our Bal Vatika centers.

"The Dakhila Campaign is more than an admission drive-it's a mission to ensure every child has the right start in life," said Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Secretary at NIPUN. "We believe that early education lays the foundation for lifelong learning, and through community engagement and systemlevel partnerships, we are working towards an inclusive and empowered future." NIPUN remains committed to its vision of ensuring quality education and holistic development for every child. regardless of their socio-economic background.

SNAPSHOT OF WORK



APPEAL



NIPUN continues its efforts to achieve its vision i.e. literate. and self-reliant healthy Community through its various programmes. Your support shall strengthen the drive.

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