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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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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.

Vocational Training Center Shines at Navrang Utsav 2023

On the 4th of November 2023, NIPUN celebrated the 6th Annual Navrang Utsav 2023, brought together trainees from courses in Self-Employed Tailoring, Beauty and Wellness, Basic Computer, and Tally and Accounting. The event commenced with a vibrant display of cultural performances by the trainees.

The primary aim of this event was to honour the entrepreneurial spirit, foster cultural diversity, and set the stage for the futures of young entrepreneurs who had successfully completed their training in Computer, Beauty & Wellness, Self-Employed Tailoring, and Tally and Accounting. These individuals, now on the path to professional careers, having joined BPOs, retail stores, boutiques, beauty salons, or even establishing their own ventures, securing a respectable livelihood. During the event, the trainees also set up stalls showcasing products such as candles, diyas, clothing, and more, gaining valuable experience in profit generation and marketing skills.

NIPUN extended its heartfelt congratulations to all these enterprising individuals for their accomplishments and provided valuable information about government schemes, including support for startups, Mudra loans, and assistance for MSMEs offered by the Government of India. The festivities concluded with a warm vote of thanks, marking a successful and inspiring Navrang Utsav 2023.



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DIWALI AT NIPUN

Patakha Lena Band Karo Campaign - NIPUN's Initiative to Raise Awareness

NIPUN is actively engaged in hosting community gatherings, informative discussions, and spirited rallies to promote the 'No Firecrackers' campaign. Children enthusiastically roam through the J.J. Clusters, chanting slogans like 'Patakha Lena Band Karo, Pradushan Ko Kam Karo,' spreading the message of environmental responsibility."

Rangoli Ke Rang Diwali Ke Sang

NIPUN organised a vibrant Rangoli Making event across Delhi & NCR's project locations on Dantroyodashi. The event saw enthusiastic participation from children of construction workers, street and working children, differently-abled individuals, and girls. Rangoli making, an integral part of Diwali celebrations, added a festive touch to the occasion. Despite Diwali being known as the Festival of Lights, the vibrant hues of Rangoli plays a significant role in enhancing the festive spirit.

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NIPUN's beneficiaries showcased their creativity with innovative ideas, incorporating flowers, colors, diyas, glitters, and other decorative elements to embellish their Rangoli creations.





NIPUN - Empowering Girl Child Project Celebrated DIWALI 2023



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NIPUN Parivar's Joyful Celebration of Deepotsav 2023

On November 11, 2023, NIPUN joyously celebrated Deepotsav 2023 with the NIPUN Parivar. This annual event serves as a platform to commemorate the organization's successes, achievements, challenges, strategies, future plans, and sustainability. Veteran social workers Shri Pradeep Kumar, Founder Secretary, and Ms. Madhu Aggarwal, Board Member of NIPUN, inaugurated Deepotsav 2023 by lighting the lamp in the presence of the NIPUN Parivar.

During the inaugural address, the Secretary of NIPUN urged everyone to expand outreach, enhance the quality of work, manage time effectively, and empower the underprivileged to become self-reliant. Recognition was given to individual and project team efforts, dedication, and impactful work in promoting literacy, health, entrepreneurship, providing livelihood opportunities to youth, mainstreaming dropouts, especially girls, and raising awareness about duties, responsibilities, and doorstep service delivery for beneficiaries.

Ms. Madhu Aggarwal motivated team members to put in more effort for better outcomes and increased outreach. Staff shared their successes and challenges with enthusiasm, and on the auspicious occasion of Diwali, NIPUN management presented tokens of appreciation to all attendees.



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NIPUN-PSACS Celebration

Festive

NIPUN-PSACS Project Team's Festive Celebration in Batala, Gurdaspur, Punjab was organised.

The NIPUN-PSACS project team in Batala, Gurdaspur, Punjab, celebrated Diwali 2023 with tremendous enthusiasm.

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Program Manager, extended the festive spirit by distributing Diwali gifts to the staff and hosting a lunch for both the team and the high-risk group.





Bal Mela - Nurturing Future Citizens with Joy

The NIPUN-Shiksha Saheli project in South East Delhi celebrated Children's Day with great enthusiasm.

Children and caregivers from Non-Formal Education units participated, showcasing vibrant teaching-learning materials on subjects such as Hindi, English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science.

At the Bal Mela, children engaged in educational fun using various teaching materials and enjoyed playful games.

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Empowering Female Construction Workers: NIPUN-Day Care Center's Outreach

Caregivers from NIPUN-Day Care Center took the initiative to educate female construction workers at NOIDA's construction sites. The focus was on imparting knowledge about the crucial aspects of growth monitoring, primary immunization, essential tips for lactating mothers, maintaining personal health and hygiene, and providing proper supplementary nutrition for children aged from birth to 3 years.

In the interactive session, caregivers emphasized the importance of following guidelines for handwashing and personal hygiene for the entire family. A total of 29 mothers actively participated, seeking clarification on their doubts and dispelling myths surrounding primary immunization.

NIPUN's World Toilet Day Initiatives: Fostering Community Awareness and Behavioral Change

World Toilet Day, observed annually on November 19th, spotlights the global sanitation crisis affecting 4.2 billion people without access to proper facilities. This year's theme, "Sustainable Sanitation and Climate Change: Connect the Dots" emphasizes the crucial role sanitation plays in environmental resilience. The day addresses key issues, including the push for universal access to safe toilets, the impact of sanitation on public health, the importance of gender-sensitive solutions, and the need for responsible waste management to achieve environmental sustainability.

NIPUN actively participated in observing World Toilet Day by organizing a series of impactful awareness programs. These initiatives included engaging rallies, group and individual counseling sessions, and door-todoor visits. The primary objective was to sensitize the community and encourage them to abandon open defecation practices.

Additionally, the program focused on promoting proper disposal methods for sanitary pads and fostering a sense of responsibility for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene, both in individual households and community toilets. NIPUN's commitment to raising awareness underscores its dedication to addressing crucial sanitation issues and fostering positive behavioral changes within the community.





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NIPUN's Thrilling Sports Day: Cheers to Young Achievers!

Celebrating with zest, NIPÚN organized a vibrant Sports Day for over 100 children attending our Remedial & Bridge Course Education Centers.

The event featured lively competitions like the Flat Race, Balloon Race, Math Race, Spoon and Race, more. Winners while received prizes. all participants were proudly handed participation certificates. Cheers to these young stars for making it а day of fun, fitness, and camaraderie!

Art and Craft Activities

The NIPUN Day Care Centre, catering to the children of construction workers, engaged the tiny tots in creative art and craft activities.

With the assistance of caregivers, the children crafted vibrant items like greeting cards, lamps, photo frames, and clay artworks. The beneficiaries of the Bridge Course units proudly displayed these creations for all the children and their parents.

The event was a huge success, with enthusiastic participation and enjoyment from both children and parents alike.



ChildrenHealthCamp:MonitoringChildGrowthandWell-beingatNIPUNSwavalambanEve Clinic

Recently, a health camp was conducted at NIPUN Swavalamban Eye Clinic, catering to children aged 3 to 14 years who are part of our Swagat Kendra project.

The majority of these children either dropped out or have never attended school. Dr. Kalyani Mishra, a highly qualified and experienced child specialist, led the camp, focusing on monitoring the children's growth.



During the health check, 23 children were identified with anemia, leading to dedicated counseling sessions with their parents. Personalized diet charts were provided to address the specific health needs of these children. The camp aimed to ensure the overall well-being of these young learners under the thoughtful guidance of Dr. Mishra.

Recognition for Work in Eye Care

NIPUN continues its dedicated work for the urban poor, from children to senior citizens, focusing on Eye Care. Partnered with Mahavir International, Delhi (MID), we conduct Mobile Eyecheckup camps in J.J. Clusters and urban slums, alleviating the struggles of the impoverished in Delhi/NCR.

NIPUN takes pride in leading efforts to support the underprivileged. Founder Secretary, Shri. Pradeep Kumar, has been honoured with an invitation from Mahavir International, Delhi, on 25.11.2023, at Shri Satya Sai Auditorium, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. He was recognized on Eye Care Day with a Certificate of Appreciation for expressing gratitude to the families of eye donors and key stakeholders.



Effective Storytelling Methods at NIPUN's Preschool Center for Enhanced Language Development

NIPUN's Preschool Center, located across the project area, incorporates storytelling as one of its teaching methods. Storytelling is a highly beneficial activity for young children, particularly in fostering their language development. While children learn language through various methods such as repetition, listening, alphabet recognition, phonetics, and handwriting practice, the latter three can sometimes be perceived as tedious and frustrating.

However, children readily engage in storytelling activities, actively listening and even participating enthusiastically in conversations. NIPUN's storytelling methods have proven to be vibrant ways to enhance the grasping power of our children.



GLIMPSES OF THE MONTH



APPEAL



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