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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.

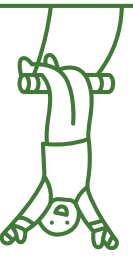
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HIGHLIGHTS



Puppet Shows at Bal Vatika!

NIPUN organised two interactive puppet shows for the children of Bal Vatika on 30th August 2025. The shows aimed to promote the importance of education and regular schooling in government schools while keeping the sessions fun, engaging, and memorable. The performances, conducted by Jagdish Natt and team, focused on important topics such as nutrition, hygiene, child health, the consequences of dropping out, and the promotion of girls' education. In addition to the shows, individual and group counselling sessions were held to guide parents on school admissions and child development. A list of children eligible for government school admission was also prepared to ensure no child was left behind. A total of more than 400 children and 100 community women attended the shows.

The puppet shows achieved significant impact: 20 parents agreed to admit their children in Govt./MCD schools, and 52 children were identified for smooth enrolment. Parents and community members gained greater awareness of health, nutrition, and immunization services, while children and parents developed positive attitudes toward learning, discipline, and health practices. The initiative also strengthened the promotion of girls' education and equal learning opportunities. Overall, the puppet shows successfully supported the objectives of Bal Vatika, reinforcing holistic child development and fostering stronger educational foundations in the community.



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Empowering Dreams: Rishu Kumari's Journey to Entrepreneurship

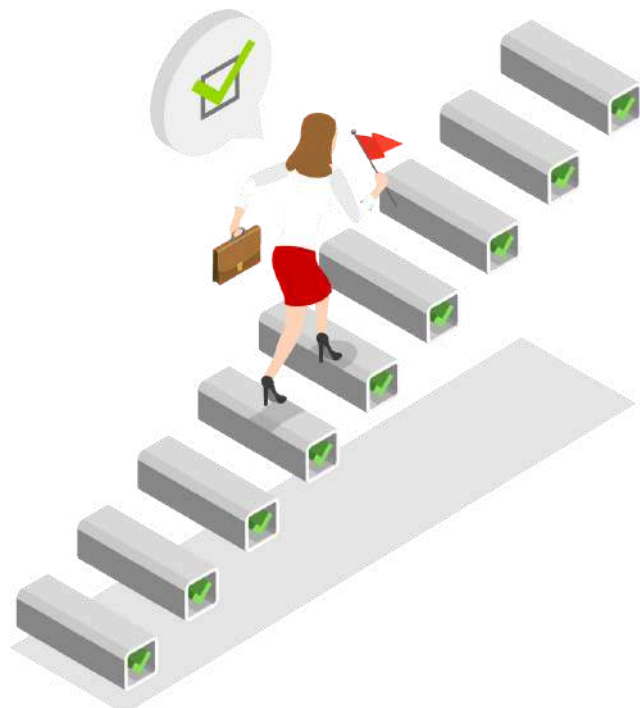
Rishu Kumari, a 18-year-old from Kapashera, has grown up in a rented home with her parents and six siblings. Despite completing her education up to the 12th grade from a government school, her family's financial constraints made it impossible for her to pursue further studies. Similarly, her elder sisters were unable to complete their education, and their father had to arrange their marriages by taking loans.

Rishu always had a passion for beauty and wellness, but the absence of a training center in Kapashera left her disheartened—until February 2025. That month, NIPUN, in collaboration with Vision Builders, inaugurated the Umang-II Vocational Training Center, offering courses in self-employment tailoring, beauty & wellness, and computer skills. During NIPUN's mobilization drive, Rishu learned about the programs and enrolled in the Beauty & Wellness course the very next day. Meeting the instructors filled her with excitement and hope. Under the guidance of her teachers, Rishu has demonstrated remarkable dedication and eagerness to learn. As of 6th March, she has been mastering skills such as mehndi application, facials, threading, and other beauty treatments. Her instructors have praised her commitment and passion.



Today, Rishu is already putting her skills into practice. During festivals, she applies mehndi for women in her neighborhood, and she also works at a nearby beauty parlor, offering services such as facials and threading. By dedicating 4–5 hours daily, she earns approximately Rs. 500–800 per day, providing support to her family and gaining confidence in her abilities.

Rishu's family is immensely proud of her progress, and she dreams of opening her own beauty parlor one day and becoming a successful entrepreneurial woman. Her journey exemplifies how access to skill development can transform the lives of young women, empowering them to pursue their passions and achieve financial independence.



TEACHERS' DAY

Teachers' Day Celebrations

At NIPUN's Empowering Girl Child, Bal Vatika & Day Care Centres, learning begins not with textbooks, but with lullabies, care, and gentle guidance. This #TeachersDay, we celebrate and thank our incredible caregivers, facilitators, and crèche workers — the true heroes behind every smile and every step of progress. Your love, patience, and dedication nurture not just young minds but tender hearts, building brighter futures every single day.

Happy Teacher's Day to all our guiding lights at NIPUN!



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If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me.”

-APJ Abdul Kalam

Celebrating the Guiding Lights – Teacher’s Day at MCD School, Kapashera!

On the occasion of Teacher’s Day, the Bal Vatika Team from NIPUN had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate with the teachers, principal, and staff of MCD School, Kapashera. The event was a beautiful expression of gratitude towards those who shape young minds and inspire curiosity. As we believe, “Teachers don’t just teach – they inspire, ignite curiosity, and brighten young minds!” this day was dedicated to honoring their immense contribution.

Bal Vatika is a nurturing initiative by NIPUN that focuses on early childhood education and holistic development. It provides a safe and stimulating environment where children from underprivileged backgrounds can learn, grow, and build confidence. Through structured activities, nutrition support, and emotional care, Bal Vatika aims to create a strong foundation for lifelong learning and well-being. The celebration included a small token of respect presented to the teachers along with handmade greeting cards created by the children from Bal Vatika. The team also shared snacks with everyone to mark this special day. The warmth and affection shown by the school’s staff left a lasting impression on the visiting team.

The school extended a heartfelt welcome to the team. The principal and teachers greeted them with warmth and appreciation, offering a bouquet as a token of gratitude. A young student’s welcome performance added a charming and joyful touch to the event, making it even more memorable. This visit strengthened the rapport between NIPUN’s Bal Vatika team and the school community. It also opened avenues for discussions on future collaboration to enhance educational support for children. With over 50+ Bal Vatika students already enrolled and more expected by the end of the month, the partnership continues to grow, reinforcing NIPUN’s commitment to empowering children through education.



TEACHERS' DAY



Children Celebrate Teachers' Day!

This Teachers' Day, we celebrated the real heroes shaping young minds across all our project locations! From construction sites to informal settlements, our children—children of construction workers, rag pickers, daily wage labourers, and more—honored their teachers with love, gratitude, and joy. Here are a few beautiful glimpses from the celebrations that reflect the spirit of learning, care, and togetherness.



A vibrant, colorful illustration of a library scene. At the top, a string of triangular bunting flags hangs across the frame. The title 'Celebrating LITERACY DAY' is prominently displayed in the upper center, with 'Celebrating' in a teal script font and 'LITERACY DAY' in large, bold, dark blue block letters. On the left, a young boy with red hair sits atop a wooden bookshelf, reading a red book. On the right, a young girl with dark skin and curly hair sits on another bookshelf, reading an orange book. In the center, two girls stand: one in a purple sweater holding a small orange book, and another in a pink cardigan holding a large blue book. In the foreground, four children are sitting on the floor. From left to right: a girl with dark skin and curly hair in a light blue shirt reading a blue book; a girl with brown hair in a purple shirt reading an orange book; a boy with brown hair in a blue shirt reading a red book; and a girl with dark skin and curly hair in a yellow cardigan reading a blue book. A small jar of jam sits on the floor near the boy. The floor is light blue and scattered with books, including one open book in the center. Large potted plants with green and red leaves are placed around the room. The background is a soft, light yellow.

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Celebrating International Literacy Day with the Kapashera Community!

On the occasion of International Literacy Day, NIPUN organized a powerful Street Play performed by the renowned Asmita Theatre Group, aimed at spreading awareness about the importance of education and child health in the Kapashera community. The community, comprising ragpickers, daily-wage labourers, tailors, and gig workers, faces challenges like high school dropout rates and malnutrition. Many children have never been admitted to school, while others leave early. In this setting, street plays serve as a meaningful way to engage and educate families, offering messages that are relatable and easy to understand. Our Secretary,

Sh. Pradeep Kumar addressed the gathering, highlighting NIPUN's Bal Vatika project and urging parents to enroll their children in school while ensuring they stay healthy and safe.



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Free Health Check-up Camp – A Resounding Success!

On 7th September 2025, NIPUN's Bal Vatika project in South West Delhi, in collaboration with Mahavir International, organized a Free Health Check-up Camp for the local community mainly focusing on the parents of the children of our Bal Vatika. The initiative aimed not only to provide medical check-ups but also to raise awareness about health and well-being among underserved populations.

A total of 234 patients attended the camp, including 75 males and 159 females. Key health services provided included 232 eye check-ups, 40 blood pressure screenings, 5 blood sugar tests, 6 ECG tests, 56 Spectacles and 3 cataract (Motiyabind) screenings. During the camp 100 nutrition kits were also handed over to needy women.

In addition to these health services, individual counseling sessions were conducted for patients, helping them understand their health conditions and guiding them on preventive measures. The camp also focused on sensitizing the community about the importance of regular health check-ups, nutrition, and hygiene, ensuring a lasting impact beyond the day of the event. The overwhelming response reflects the community's trust in NIPUN and highlights the urgent need for accessible healthcare.

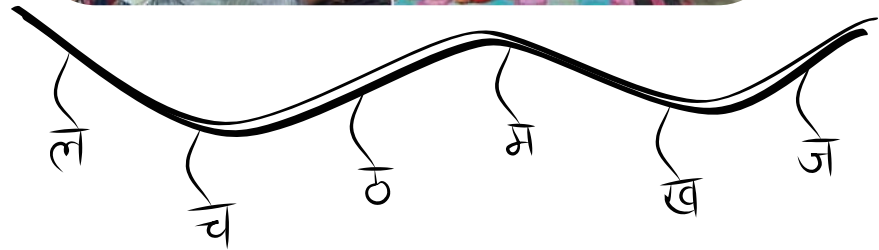


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Awareness on Dowry Prohibition Act

On September 4, 2024, NIPUN, with the support of the West District Legal Services Authority operating under the Administrative Control of the High Court of Delhi, organized an awareness program on Dowry Prohibition Act at the Day Care Center in Nihal Vihar, West Delhi.

The event was attended and benefited by 20 adolescent girls and women from the community.



आप सभी को हिन्दी दिवस की की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं!

हिंदी दिवस हमें याद दिलाता है कि भाषा एक अनमोल धरोहर और एक ज़िम्मेदारी है। हिंदी को पोषित करके हम अपनी परंपराओं, कहानियों, इतिहास और ज्ञान को जीवित रखते हैं।

हम सभी अपनी राष्ट्रभाषा के प्रति जागरूकता फैलाने, उसे सीखने को प्रोत्साहित करने और उस पर प्रतिदिन अपने काम को करने में शामिल करे और देश को विकसित भारत बनाये।

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Fun and Educational Events at Bal Vatika

On 12th September 2025, NIPUN organized interactive puppet shows for the children at Bal Vatika to promote the importance of education and regular school attendance in government schools—all while making the sessions fun, engaging, and memorable. The performances covered important topics such as nutrition, hygiene, child health, the risks of dropping out, and the promotion of girls' education. To complement the shows, individual and group counselling sessions were held to guide parents on school admissions and child development. The Secretary of NIPUN appealed to the community to mainstream their children into Govt./MCD schools and informed them about the support available through Bal Vatika centers.

The event made a significant impact. 12 parents agreed to admit their children in government schools, and 19 children were identified for smooth enrolment. The sessions helped raise awareness among parents and community members about health, nutrition, and immunization services. Children and parents alike developed positive attitudes toward learning, discipline, and healthy practices. The campaign also reinforced the importance of girls' education and equal learning opportunities. Overall, the puppet shows successfully supported the objectives of Bal Vatika by promoting holistic child development and strengthening the community's educational foundation.



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Building Focus and Emotional Strength – Awareness Program by NIPUN

On 3rd September 2025, NIPUN, in collaboration with the West District Legal Services Authority under the Administrative Control of the High Court of Delhi, organized an insightful awareness program on Building Focus and Emotional Strength at its Vocational Training Center in West Delhi. The session was attended by 40 trainees, who actively participated and gained valuable guidance to enhance their mental resilience and concentration.

This initiative reflects NIPUN's commitment to supporting the holistic development of its trainees, empowering them not just with skills but also with emotional well-being.



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Heartiest Congratulations!

We are proud to share that Mx Rashi Sahu, a dedicated Peer Educator from NIPUN's Targeted Intervention project for Transgenders, has successfully completed the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) conducted by the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).

The program, supported by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under the SMILE Scheme, was held from 21st August 2025 to 4th September 2025 in South East Delhi. This achievement is a testament to Rashi's commitment, hard work, and aspiration to create positive change. We at NIPUN extend our warmest congratulations and wish them continued success in their journey of empowerment and entrepreneurship!



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Sensitising Parents on Child Safety and POCSO Act

Ensuring the safety and well-being of children is a top priority at NIPUN's Bal Vatika Project. Many children in underprivileged communities face risks of abuse and neglect, making it essential to educate parents about child protection.

In this context, a Parents-Teacher Meeting was recently conducted to sensitize parents on important issues such as child abuse, the POCSO Act, and practical measures to keep their children safe. The session provided parents with guidance on recognizing signs of abuse, understanding legal protections available to children, and adopting strategies to create a safe environment at home and in the community.

Through interactive discussions and awareness-sharing, parents were empowered to take an active role in safeguarding their children. Initiatives like these help foster a secure, supportive, and nurturing environment, ensuring every child at Bal Vatika can grow, learn, and thrive.



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Success Story - From Struggle to Opportunity: Tamanna's Experience at NIPUN

Tamanna says that by enrolling at the NIPUN Vocational Training Center, she not only got the opportunity to learn new skills but also benefited from the scholarship provided, which eased her parents' worries about college fees. Her father works in whitewashing at homes, and it would have been difficult for him to pay such a large amount at once. Without the scholarship, either she wouldn't have been able to enroll or the family would have had to borrow money to pay the fees. She is grateful to NIPUN for supporting both her vocational and academic education. Thank to Vision Builders!



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POSHAN ABHIYAN

Week-Long Nutrition Awareness Drive Conducted Under Poshan Abhiyan

A week-long event focusing on nutrition awareness was organized under the Poshan Abhiyan initiative under Bal Vatika project. The campaign was inaugurated by Dr. Kalyani Mishra, Senior Medical Practitioner – Mother & Child Care. The event centered on crucial topics such as maternal and child nutrition, ensuring digital access to beneficiaries, and addressing childhood obesity. Our dedicated educators actively engaged with mothers, guiding and encouraging them to regularly include nutritious foods like millets, green vegetables, pulses, milk, and bread in their children's diets. The campaign highlighted the importance of a balanced diet for both physical and mental development.

Special emphasis was placed on the essential role of mothers in ensuring proper nutrition during early childhood, while also raising awareness about the severe impacts of malnutrition. Demonstrations on preparing supplementary nutritious meals were conducted, which were well-received and appreciated by the community. Several exhibition stalls were set up, showcasing fresh vegetables, nutritious foods for pregnant women and senior citizens. Additionally, a stall on junk food was displayed, educating participants about its harmful effects on health. The community was also sensitized on good hygiene practices, such as washing hands regularly—especially after using toilets—and avoiding single-use plastics. The week-long event concluded on 13th September 2025, benefitting more than 400 community members of South West Delhi.



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Building Safe Spaces for Children and Staff

At NIPUN, our commitment to safeguarding children goes beyond education—we strive to create environments where every child feels safe, respected, and protected. Working with underprivileged children, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds and child labor situations, we ensure that through our crèches, pre-schools, and bridge course programs, they are not only mainstreamed into government and MCD schools but also nurtured in spaces free from exploitation and abuse. On 20th September 2025, a one-day intensive training session on POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) and Child Protection Policy was organized for our staff under the Bal Vatika Project at Indian Social Institute, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Charu Makkar, Child Protection Professional and Former Member, CWC & JJB.

The session began with pre and post-assessments, which revealed a stark reality: exploitation and harassment are not limited to girls but affect boys as well. Alarming, more than 53% of children in India face some form of exploitation, underscoring the urgent need for robust preventive mechanisms. Participants were introduced to the Child Protection Act, POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, 2012), and the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015—key legal frameworks that safeguard the rights of children. Discussions centered on identifying signs of abuse, institutional responsibilities, and procedures for reporting and redressal. Real-life case studies and interactive exercises helped the staff connect legal provisions with on-ground realities. With over 40 participants, the training strengthened our organizational child protection framework, equipped staff with practical knowledge, and reinforced our resolve to ensure safe spaces for both children and staff. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants and to Ms. Makkar for leading such an insightful and impactful session. Together, we continue to work towards a future where every child can learn, grow, and thrive—free from exploitation and fear.



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Building Awareness, Spreading Protection

The dedicated workers and staff of NIPUN recently attended a Training of Trainers on POSH and Child Protection Policy. Taking this knowledge forward, our team has already disseminated the learnings within the community, with a special focus on empowering women and adolescent girls of Kapashera. More than 87 beneficiaries have been benefitted through these trainings

At NIPUN, we believe that informed communities are safer, stronger, and more resilient.



Science Comes Alive at NIPUN!

Our young learners at the Remedial Education Center, V.P. Singh Camp (South East Delhi) recently organized an exciting Science Exhibition to showcase their curiosity, creativity, and understanding of the world around them.

During the exhibition, children demonstrated a variety of fascinating models, including Layers of the Atmosphere, Kidney Function, Formation of Day and Night, Water Cycle, Human Organs, and more.

Each student explained their models confidently, making complex scientific concepts simple and fun for everyone.



Through such hands-on learning experiences, NIPUN encourages children to explore, experiment, and develop a love for science, nurturing their innovative and analytical skills from an early age.

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NIPUN Empowers Mothers with Nutritional Awareness

As part of the Poshan Maah initiative in September 2025, NIPUN, in collaboration with Mahaveer International, organized an awareness program for expecting and lactating mothers in South West Delhi. The session, conducted by a resource person and her team, engaged participants through interactive discussions and video presentations, highlighting the importance of proper nutrition during pregnancy and lactation.

Mothers were encouraged to increase their food intake during pregnancy, include whole grains, sprouted grams, fermented foods, milk, meat or eggs, and ensure a generous intake of vegetables and fruits. They were also advised to avoid food taboos and superstitions and to regularly take iron, folate, and calcium supplements from the 14th–16th week of pregnancy through the lactation period. To extend practical support, nutrition kits were distributed to all 35 participating mothers, making the session both informative and impactful.



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Spreading Awareness, Saving Lives

NIPUN recently organized a sensitisation and awareness program on HIV/AIDS for the general public of Kapashera, complementing our ongoing work with high-risk groups. This intensified IEC campaign was conducted following the guidelines of NACO and the State AIDS Control Society, aiming to educate, prevent, and reduce stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. Through interactive sessions, discussions, and informative materials, the program reached out to the community, reinforcing the importance of safe practices, early testing, and compassionate support for those affected.

At NIPUN, we believe that awareness is the first step towards prevention and inclusion.



NIPUN Conducts Training on Child Protection and POSH to Build Safe Spaces for Children and Staff

BUREAU

New Delhi, Sept 21: NIPUN, a Delhi based leading NGO working for the welfare of underprivileged children, organized a one-day intensive training on POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) and Child Protection Policy under its Bal Vatika Project on 20th September 2025 at the Indian Social Institute, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The session was facilitated by Ms. Charu Makkar, Child Protection Professional and Former Member, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) & Juvenile Justice Board (JJB). The training highlighted critical issues of child exploitation in India. Pre- and post-assessments revealed a concerning reality—that both girls and boys are vulnerable to exploita-



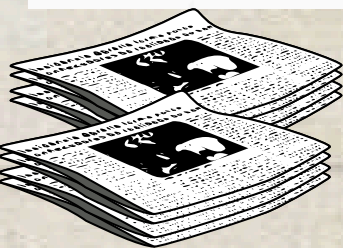
tion and harassment, with more than 53% of children in the country reported to face some form of exploitation. Over 40 participants engaged in discussions on vital child protection laws, including the Child Protection Act, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and the Juvenile Justice

Act, 2015. The session emphasized the legal obligations of institutions, identification of abuse, and reporting mechanisms, complemented by real-life case studies and interactive exercises. Through this initiative, NIPUN reinforced its organizational commitment to strengthening child protection



frameworks, enhancing staff capacity, and ensuring safe and inclusive environments for children. Speaking on the occasion, NIPUN representatives reiterated: "Our mission is not only to provide quality education and care but also to guarantee that every child we serve grows up in a safe, nurturing, and

abuse-free environment." NIPUN expressed gratitude to all participants and to Ms. Charu Makkar for leading the impactful session. The organization continues to work relentlessly towards creating a just and caring world where every child can learn, grow, and thrive free from exploitation and fear.



From Crisis to Classroom: The Bal Vatika Impact on Ram Murti's Family

Ram Murti, a 40-year-old woman from Badaun district in Uttar Pradesh, moved to Kapashera, Delhi, two years ago in search of work, along with her husband, Bhura Ji, and their five children. She hoped to provide better educational opportunities for her children.

Initially, Ram Murti struggled to find employment. Eventually, she began working in nearby households, doing cleaning, cooking, and dishwashing. Her husband, Bhura Ji, started working as a labourer, earning a daily wage. However, due to a lack of documentation linking the children to their native village, they were unable to secure admission in government schools. To continue their learning, Ram Murti enrolled three of her children in local coaching classes near their home, paying a monthly fee of ₹1,500.

Affording this fee was extremely difficult for her, especially since the family's financial condition was so strained that even providing two full meals a day was a challenge.



Due to these hardships, her eldest son, Karan (17 years old), could not get admission to a government school for the same reason. Seeing the financial burden on the family, he discontinued his education and started working as a child labourer at a local dhaba to support his parents.

The situation began to improve after the Bal Vatika Center was established in her locality. During a community mobilisation drive, NIPUN staff motivated her, and Ram Murti enrolled her two daughters—Varsha (11 years old) and Gauri (5 years old)—in the center's bridge course and preschool, respectively.

With access to education and nutritious meals at the Bal Vatika, Ram Murti felt a great sense of relief. Both daughters have now been successfully enrolled in a nearby government school with support from NIPUN. They were mainstreamed to Delhi Nagar Nigam Prathamik Vidyalaya, Kapashera Village – I, and continue to attend the Bal Vatika center after school.

Varsha now dreams of becoming a teacher after completing her education.



A Mother's Determination and a Child's Transformation – The Journey of Karishma and Shruti

Karishma, a 25-year-old resident of Kapashera, Delhi, originally hails from Madhubani district, Bihar. Her parents had migrated to Delhi 26 years ago in search of better livelihood opportunities and settled in a rented house in Kapashera. Karishma was born and raised there, received her education locally, and in 2019, she married Vikram, who worked as a delivery executive with Amazon. On 25th August 2022, Karishma gave birth to a beautiful daughter named Shruti. Initially, everything was going well — Shruti was healthy and growing normally. However, a few months later, Vikram lost his job, leading to a severe financial crisis in the household. With no external support, Karishma took up work as a domestic helper from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily to sustain her family.

During this time, Shruti was looked after by her father, who, in an attempt to keep her calm, would play cartoons on a mobile phone for hours. Over time, Karishma began to notice troubling changes in her daughter. Shruti became unusually quiet, unresponsive, and eventually stopped speaking altogether. Her health also began to deteriorate. Deeply concerned, Karishma took Shruti to Kalawati Hospital, Delhi, where doctors carefully studied her history. After a thorough evaluation, they diagnosed that Shruti's health and behavioural issues were caused by excessive exposure to mobile phone screens. The doctors advised Karishma to enrol her daughter in a crèche or play school, where she could interact with other children and develop in a healthy environment.

However, Karishma, already struggling financially, was disheartened to find that local play schools charged Rs. 3000– Rs. 4000 per month— a cost she simply couldn't afford. Feeling helpless and worried about Shruti's future, she was on the verge of giving up. It was during this difficult phase that Ms. Punita, in-charge of NIPUN's Bal Vatika Center-III in Kapashera, met Karishma during a community mobilization activity. Upon learning about Shruti, she informed Karishma about the free services provided by the Bal Vatika crèche center. Encouraged and hopeful, Karishma enrolled Shruti at the Bal Vatika III Center on 7th February 2025. In the beginning, Shruti remained silent, unresponsive, and refused to eat even basic meals like khichdi or suji kheer. She did not participate in any activities and was diagnosed as malnourished during a routine health check-up at the center. Understanding the urgency, the crèche teachers took special care of Shruti, focusing on her mental, emotional, and physical development. Gradually, through interactive classroom activities, patient encouragement, and regular nutritious meals, Shruti began to respond. Her fear reduced, and her willingness to engage with others slowly increased.

Now, after four months, Shruti has shown remarkable improvement. Karishma happily shares that her daughter has started trying to speak a few words, attempts to recite rhymes she hears in class, and plays at home. Her eating habits have improved — she now enjoys suji kheer, khichdi, boiled chana, and milk at the center. Karishma expressed her heartfelt gratitude to NIPUN and the Bal Vatika team. She now goes to work with peace of mind, knowing her daughter is in a safe and nurturing environment. Shruti's journey is a shining example of how timely intervention, community support, and a mother's determination can bring a child back on the path of healthy development.

STORIES OF CHANGE



Success Story: Empowering Migrant Families Through Education in Kapashera

Kapashera village, located in South West Delhi, is home to a large number of migrant workers from states such as Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and West Bengal, who have come in search of better employment opportunities. While the parents worked hard to make ends meet, their childrens' education, nutrition, and safety often remained neglected due to a lack of awareness and access to support systems.

Under the Azim Premji Foundation - supported initiative, NIPUN launched an awareness campaign in the community to sensitize families on the importance of early education, child protection, and nutrition. During interactions with the migrant families, a concerning pattern emerged: many children were not attending school.

Parents revealed that they were unable to enrol their children in government schools due to the lack of required documentation, such as local address proof or birth certificates. Even more worrying were the concerns around child safety, including fears of child trafficking, kidnapping, and abuse — issues that deeply affected the migrant families.

Understanding the gravity of the situation, NIPUN Management, took proactive steps and wrote letters to the District Magistrate, the Municipal Corporation, and local government school authorities, inviting them to visit the Bal Vatika Center in Kapashera to witness the ground realities and the efforts being made.

Responding to the invitation, a teacher from the Municipal Corporation Primary School in Kapashera Village visited the Bal Vatika Center. She was impressed by the facilities and the supportive environment provided to the children. As a result, the school accepted the admission of Aditi, a 7-year-old girl, directly into Class II, with the support of the NIPUN team and submission of minimal documentation.

This achievement became a milestone for the community, instilling hope among other families who were hesitant due to the lack of paperwork. It also set a positive example of collaboration between civil society, government institutions, and the community.

Parents and the Bal Vatika team collectively expressed their heartfelt gratitude to NIPUN, and the Azim Premji Foundation for making this possible. What began as a challenge rooted in exclusion has now become a success story of empowerment, inclusion, and collective action.

APPEAL

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

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