# **UTSAV FOUNDATION**

Celebrating the Festival of Life





## **Raj Nehru**

## President, Utsav Foundation

## Message

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on the achievements of Utsav Foundation for the year 2023-24, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. This year has been a testament to the power of collective effort, resilience, and unwavering commitment to our mission of empowering underprivileged children through education and skill development.

Our journey over the past year has been both challenging and rewarding. We have successfully enrolled and supported over 350 students in their educational pursuits through open schooling. These young minds are not only receiving quality education but are also being equipped with advanced IT and digital skills, preparing them for a bright and promising future. Our IT Lab continues to be a beacon of hope, bridging the digital divide and opening doors to endless possibilities for our students.

One of our proudest achievements this year has been the 100% pass rate in the Class 10th and 12th board exams. This remarkable success is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our experienced and committed teachers. Their unwavering support and guidance have enabled our students to excel academically and pursue higher and technical education, paving the way for honorable and dignified livelihoods.

In addition to academic support, we have continued to prioritize the health and well-being of our students. Our midday meal program has ensured that our children receive nutritious meals, promoting their physical health and enabling them to focus on their studies.

Our Viksit Bharat project is another cornerstone of our vision for the future. This initiative aims to support students across educational institutions by funding their internship ideas that promote ideation, skilling, and startups. By fostering innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, we are helping shape a brighter future for India.

We are also immensely proud of our Moksha project, where we perform the last rites of abandoned bodies with dignity and respect. This initiative reflects our deep commitment to human dignity and compassion, extending our care to those who have no one else.

Our efforts are closely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities). By fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment, we are contributing to a more equitable and prosperous future for our community.

These achievements would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors, partners, and volunteers. Your belief in our mission and your unwavering support have been the cornerstone of our success. Together, we have made a significant impact on the lives of these young individuals, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty and build a better future.

As we move forward, we remain committed to expanding our reach and enhancing our programs. We aim to touch more lives, provide more opportunities, and create a lasting impact on the communities we serve.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Together, we are making a difference, one child at a time.

Warm regards,



## OUR VISION

To transform and empower the Weakest, Poorest and the most Vulnerable children and youths of our society into a respectable citizen and help them to live a life dignity through with sustainable livelihood.





## OUR MISSION

To develop model education and skill development centers near the slum areas and provide quality education enablement through open schooling and job related skilling for a sustainable and dignified living



## A Journey of Transformation and Empowerment

## **Inception and Growth**

Utsav Foundation embarked on its transformative journey on June 19, 2016, in a humble single-room setup in the village of South City 1, Silokhra, Gurugram. The foundation's mission was clear – to provide 'Free Education & Free Skilling' to underprivileged children, granting them the means to lead a respectable life and empowering them as responsible citizens. Over the years, with unwavering support from well-wishers, contributors, and project sponsors, the foundation has evolved from its modest beginnings to a well-equipped 6-room center. Furnished with audio-visual aids, including LCDs, computers, speakers, music systems, and blackboards, the center ensures a conducive learning environment for its students. Despite the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, Utsav Foundation adapted and continued its educational endeavors through online platforms, simultaneously extending a helping hand to underprivileged families with food drives and continuous ration distribution.



### **Enrolment and Expansion**

What started with just 10 students has burgeoned into a family of 350 students as of December 2023. Utsav Foundation's commitment to academic excellence and holistic development is underscored by its free provision of books. notebooks. stationery, uniforms, and the encouragement for students to dream big. The center's growth is not only in physical infrastructure but also in its recognition by receiving an 80G a statutory certificate and compliance certificate in July 2021. The government. along with the corporate sector, has extended support towards the noble its championed by the NGO. Hon'ble Governor of Haryana Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya Ji and Sh. Mool Chand Sharma, the Higher Education Haryana, made Minister of generous donations of 5 lac rupees and 2.5 lacs respectively to the center, exemplifying their commitment to providing the resources and support necessary for its growth and success

This backing from government officials underscores their dedication to aiding the center in fulfilling its mission of eradicating through education povertv for underprivileged. Furthermore, the corporate sector has also demonstrated its recognition of the cause, with Concentrix formally backing the initiative under its CSR program since November 2021. This support has been further bolstered by collaborations with Roop Automotive, Roop Polymers, Hitachi Pvt. Ltd., and other benevolent contributors, all of whom are dedicated to assisting the center in achieving its goals of uplifting marginalized communities through education.





## **Mobilization and Impact**

The foundation's outreach extends beyond the walls of its study center. Utsay Foundation initiated a mobilization drive in slum areas, engaging with parents to emphasize the value and necessity of education. The goal was to children mainstream formal education, offering them an opportunity for a brighter future and a life of dignity. The counselors of Utsav Foundation played a pivotal role in transforming the perception education these of families. introducing them to a new environment emphasizing discipline, values, hygiene, and integrity.



## **Challenges and Triumphs**



Upon admitting children to the center, it became evident that their initial knowledge and learning capacities lagged significantly behind ageappropriate standards. Teachers faced the challenge of educating children aged 10 or more who were admitted to kindergarten due to their inability to read and write.



Many lacked basic literacy, numeracy skills, and even the understanding of grammar, alphabet, or mathematics.

Overcoming this hurdle required a well-constructed approach and an unconventional procedure.

Teachers adopted a play-way method, focusing on building a basic conceptual roadmap in the students' minds. The dedication and perseverance of the teachers bore fruit as the students showed remarkable improvement in their communication, reading, and writing skills. Through rigorous efforts, the foundation witnessed tremendous growth in the learning abilities of all students, showcasing their enhanced productive capabilities.

#### **Major Events of 2023**



In the year 2023, Utsav Foundation has surged ahead, achieving significant milestones in its relentless pursuit of empowering underprivileged children through education and skill development. The inauguration of a cutting-edge Computer Lab and AI Lab marks a pivotal moment in the foundation's commitment to preparing students for the challenges and opportunities presented by the evolving job market. These state-of-the-art facilities have been meticulously designed to provide students with hands-on experiences and essential technological skills that are increasingly indispensable in today's digital landscape.

The introduction of Spoken English Courses stands as another remarkable stride forward. Recognizing the pivotal role that effective communication plays in unlocking broader career prospects, Utsav Foundation has implemented programs aimed at enhancing students' language proficiency. By focusing on spoken English skills, the foundation not only seeks to bridge communication gaps but also endeavors to empower students with the confidence and linguistic capabilities necessary for success in various professional arenas. The ability to articulate thoughts and ideas fluently in English opens doors to a myriad of opportunities, ensuring that the students are well-prepared to navigate the globalized and competitive landscape of the professional world.

Moreover, the centre recently unveiled a Yoga Centre, marking a pivotal moment in its dedication to enhancing the well-being of the community. Beyond merely introducing a physical space, this significant event underscored the foundation's profound commitment to nurturing health, harmony, and inner balance across all age groups. At the heart of the newly established Yoga Centre lies the provision of yoga certification courses tailored to meet the diverse needs of individuals.





These visionary initiatives exemplify the foundation's adaptability and responsiveness to the ever- changing educational landscape. By providing cutting-edge facilities and courses, Utsav Foundation is not only imparting skills but also instilling a sense of confidence and self-belief in its students. These initiatives are an investment in the futures of the children, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty, access meaningful opportunities, and contribute to the broader social fabric.

In a momentous event, the Hon'ble Governor of Haryana Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya Ji visited the Utsav Foundation center during the year. He graced the occasion by releasing the annual progress report, engaging with the students, and admiring the creative experiments, art, and craft showcased by the talented students. In an inspiring speech, the Governor motivated the students to work hard and wished for a healthy future for each of them. His encouraging words resonated with the students, who were elated to hear such uplifting sentiments. As a gesture of support, Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya Ji also made a generous donation of 5 lac rupees to the center, further bolstering Utsav Foundation's mission. This visit added a new dimension to the foundation's journey, leaving a lasting impact on both the students and the entire Utsav community.

In essence, the endeavors undertaken by Utsav Foundation in 2023 are not just about providing education; they represent a commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped with the tools necessary to thrive in an increasingly dynamic world. Utsav Foundation's holistic approach ensures that its students not only meet the demands of the contemporary job market but also emerge as leaders, innovators, and contributors to the betterment of society at large. As the foundation continues to script success stories, it invites partners, supporters, and advocates to join hands in this transformative journey, fostering a brighter and more equitable future for the underprivileged youth it serves.

## **Charting the Future**

Utsav Foundation stands as a testament to the transformative power of education and skilling in the lives of underprivileged children. The journey from a single room to a multifaceted center is not just a tale of physical expansion but a commitment to nurturing minds and shaping a brighter future. As Utsav Foundation continues to make strides in education, skilling, and community upliftment, it extends an invitation to more supporters to join hands and be part of this remarkable journey toward empowerment and social change. The foundation remains dedicated to its mission, fostering a community where every child has the opportunity to thrive and build a self-sufficient and empowered future. Top of Form Top of Form

### **Academic Brilliance Unleashed:**

#### Utsav Foundation's 100% Success Stories Illuminate the Path to Excellence

Utsav Foundation has recently celebrated a remarkable achievement with a 100% success rate in the examinations, conducted through the NIOS board, for students in classes 3rd, 5th, and 8th. This outstanding feat is a testament to the dedicated efforts of both students and teachers, reflecting the unwavering commitment to academic excellence at the center. Among the shining stars of success are individuals like Chaya from the 3rd class, and in the 5th class, the trio of Ankita, Atul, and Samima. Additionally, the success story extends to the 8th class with outstanding performances by Javed and



Success starts with challenge not comfort zone

These students have not only excelled in their examinations but have done so with flying colors, bringing immense pride to both the teachers and the entire Utsav Foundation community. Their accomplishments highlight the tangible results of hard work, perseverance, and the holistic educational approach fostered by the center.

Furthermore, the success narrative extends to the new students enrolled in the 10th class - namely, Sainur Khatun, Shilpi Verma, Sathi Das, and Serina Khatun. These students, diligently preparing for their exams conducted by the NIOS board in March, have showcased unparalleled dedication and commitment to their studies. Their efforts have resulted in an outstanding achievement, with a commendable 100% success rate in all of their examinations. These students, fueled by a burning desire to turn their dreams into reality, have diligently studied and burned the midnight oil to achieve this milestone. Their success not only brings joy to the individual students but also serves as a source of pride and satisfaction for the entire Utsav Foundation team. It exemplifies the transformative power of education and the positive impact it can have on the lives of underprivileged students who, with determination and support, can overcome challenges and achieve academic excellence. Enrolling 68 students in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) stands as one of the most remarkable achievements for Utsav Foundation this year. This significant milestone highlights the foundation's commitment to providing alternative avenues for education and empowering students from diverse backgrounds. By partnering with NIOS, Utsav Foundation has opened doors to education for those who may have faced challenges in traditional schooling systems. This accomplishment not only reflects the dedication and hard work of the foundation's team but also signifies a profound impact on the lives of the enrolled students.

#### Students enrolled in the Open Basic Education (OBE):

CLASS - 3RD



Rachna Kumari

Enrollment No:
005114234144



Parvez Alam

Enrollment No
00511423A137



**Enroll. No** :- 00511423A23



MONIKA KUMARI

Enroll. No :005114234149



**S K SAMIM**• Enroll. No :00511423A146



ANUPAM SARDAR

Enroll. No :00511423A126



ROHIT RANA

Enroll. No :-



TAJMUL MIA

• Enroll. No :-



ROHIT DAS

Enroll. No :00511423A164



SAIMA KHATUN

• Enroll. No :
00511423A020



VISHNU

• Enroll. No :-



SURYA BASAK

Enroll. No :00511423A155



SUSHMA KUMARI

Enrollment No:
00511423A141



SUBHASHREE BHUIMALI

Enrollment No:



NOOR ISLAM
Enroll. No :00511423A002



AYAN HAQUE

Enroll. No :00511423A139



BALAL HUSSAIN

• Enroll. No :
00511423A163



PUSHPA KUMARI

Enroll. No :00511423A166

CLASS - 5TH



SHIWAM KUMAR

• Enrollment No:



**KARIMA KHATUN**Enrollment No:



BABITA

● Enroll. No :
O0511423B085



**ENTIRE MAJHI**• ENTIRE MAJHI
• ONSTITUTE MAJHI



**TAJMIN**• Enroll. No :005114238176



**SAMIM ALI**Enroll. No :00511423B097



**KARINA**• Enroll. No :
00511423B168



MANWI KUMARI

• Enroll. No :-



SIMARAN KUMARI

Enroll. No :00511423B173



Enrollment No:



MIRA PARVIN

Enrollment No:
005114238091



CHAYA

Enroll. No :00511423B001



ROKAIYA KHATUN

Enroll. No :-00511423B167



BHAVANA

Enroll. No :O05114238159



VIKAS

Enroll. No :-00511423B137



RONI MAJHI

Enroll. No :005114238177



ABHINANDAN KUMAR

Enroll. No :-00511423B130



RUBEL AKTAR

Enroll. No :-00511423B122



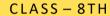
ATIUR RAHAMAN

Enroll. No :-



RIYA KHATUN

Enroll. No :00511423R121





SUBOJIT

Enrollment No:
00511423C094



TANNU DIWAKAR

Enrollment No:



SUNARU ISLAM

Enroll. No :-00511423C080



JINAT PARVEEN

Enroll. No :00511423C095



GAURAV KUMAR

Enroll. No :-



MUSKAN

Enroll. No :-00511423C106



ANKITA BASAK

O0511423C024



RESHMA KHATUN

Enroll. No :-00511423C098

## NIOS

## (NATIONAL INSTITUTION OF OPEN SCHOOLING)

CLASS - 10TH



TUSI DAS

Enrollment No: 050262232166



ARJUN KUMAR

Enrollment No: 050262232141



MAYANK

Enroll. No :-050262232138



NISHA SURANG

050262232137



ALTAF RAJA

Enroll. No :-050262232036



MD JABED ALI

Enroll. No :- 050262232033



GORAV SARKAR

Enroll. No :-050262232077



KAJAL KUMARI

Enroll. No :KAJAL KUMARI



ROUSHANI KUMARI

Enroll. No :-050262222505



ISHAN

● Enroll. No :-



SHILPI BAISHYA

Enroll. No :-

### NIOS (NATIONAL INSTITUTION OF OPEN SCHOOLING)

CLASS - 12TH



Through NIOS, these students have the opportunity to pursue their academic aspirations and unlock their potential, laying the foundation for a brighter future. Utsav Foundation's success in enrolling students in NIOS exemplifies its unwavering dedication to ensuring access to education for all and marks a significant step forward in its mission to empower individuals and uplift communities.

# Advanced Ankuram Information Technology Centre at Utsav Foundation – Roop V. K. Jain Foundation

## Fostering Technological Advancement

The inauguration of a cutting-edge Computer Lab and AI Lab at Utsav Foundation marks a significant milestone in the organization's commitment to equipping students with the necessary skills to thrive in today's rapidly evolving job market. These state-of-the-art facilities represent a forward-thinking approach to education, offering students hands-on experiences and essential technological skills that are increasingly indispensable in the digital age.

The inauguration of these labs was a momentous occasion, presided over by the esteemed Hon'ble Governor of Haryana Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya Ji, in October 2023. His presence underscored the significance of the event and highlighted the government's support for initiatives aimed at fostering innovation and education in the region. The Governor's endorsement added a sense of gravitas to the occasion, emphasizing the importance of preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the future. The Computer Lab and Al Lab have been meticulously designed to provide students with access to cutting-edge technology and tools. Equipped with state-of-the-art computers, software, and hardware, these labs offer a dynamic learning environment where students can explore the latest advancements in computing and artificial intelligence.



From web designing and graphics to computer courses, AI robotics, coding, and Python, a diverse range of courses are offered to cater to the varied interests and career aspirations of students.

The curriculum is carefully crafted to impart both theoretical knowledge and practical skills, ensuring that students graduate with a comprehensive understanding of emerging technologies and their applications. Through hands-on projects and real-world simulations, students gain valuable experience and develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary for success in today's digital landscape.

One of the most significant advantages of these labs is their accessibility. While primarily intended for students of Utsav Foundation, the courses offered in the Computer Lab and AI Lab are open to any individual interested in enhancing their technological proficiency. This inclusivity reflects the foundation's commitment to democratizing access to education and empowering individuals from all walks of life to pursue their aspirations and build brighter futures.

By providing students with access to cutting-edge technology and comprehensive training, the Computer Lab and AI Lab at Utsav Foundation are not just preparing them for the jobs of today but also empowering them to shape the jobs of tomorrow. As the digital revolution continues to transform industries and reshape economies, the skills and knowledge gained in these labs will be invaluable assets, enabling students to become responsible citizens and active contributors to society. Inaugurating these labs is not just a symbolic gesture; it is a tangible investment in the future success and prosperity of the students and the community as a whole.

## **Yoga Centre at Utsav Foundation:**

## A Pathway to Holistic Wellness



Amidst the hustle and bustle of modern life, finding moments of peace and tranquility can often seem like an elusive dream. Recognizing the importance of promoting holistic well-being, Utsav Foundation recently inaugurated a Yoga heralding a new chapter Centre. commitment to uplifting the community. This momentous occasion marked not just the introduction of a physical space but also a profound dedication fostering to harmony, and inner balance among individuals of all age groups.

Central to the ethos of the newly inaugurated Centre is the provision of voga certification courses tailored to suit individuals of all age groups. Whether young or old, beginner or advanced practitioner, the center offers a diverse range of programs designed to cater to the unique needs and aspirations of each participant. Moreover, in alignment with its core values of inclusivity and social responsibility, Utsav Foundation extends its benevolence to the underprivileged children in the community by providing free yoga courses at the center. This initiative aims to democratize access to the transformative benefits of yoga, ensuring that all members of society have

the opportunity to enhance their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. The benefits of practicing yoga are manifold and extend beyond the physical realm. For children, engaging in yoga fosters holistic development by promoting concentration, discipline, and emotional regulation. Through regular practice, children cultivate a sense of self-awareness and mindfulness, laying a strong foundation for lifelong well-being. Additionally, yoga helps improve flexibility, strength, and coordination, thereby enhancing overall physical fitness and reducing the risk of injury.

Similarly, for adults, incorporating yoga into daily life can yield profound benefits for mental and physical health. The practice of yoga has been shown to alleviate stress, anxiety, and depression, promoting mental clarity and emotional resilience. Moreover, yoga fosters a deeper connection between mind, body, and spirit, facilitating a sense of inner peace and harmony. From improved flexibility and posture to enhanced cardiovascular health and immune function, the holistic benefits of yoga are undeniable.

The inauguration of the Yoga Centre at Utsav Foundation was further enriched by the generous support of Sh. Mool Chand Sharma, the Higher Education Minister of Harvana. Recognizing the importance of promoting holistic wellness within the community. Minister Sharma donated 2.5 lacs to the center, facilitating them with the resources and support needed to thrive. This act the philanthropy underscores collective commitment to nurturing the health and wellbeing of individuals across all strata of society. As the curtains rise on this new chapter, the Yoga Centre at Utsav Foundation stands as a beacon of hope and healing, inviting individuals to embark on a transformative journey toward holistic wellness. Through the practice of yoga, participants are empowered to cultivate a deeper sense of self-awareness, resilience, and inner peace. With each breath and each posture, they take a step closer to unlocking their full potential and embracing a life of vitality, balance, and well-being.



#### **The Mid-Day Meal Initiative at Utsav Foundation**

At the heart of Utsav Foundation's mission lies the holistic well- being and nourishment of its students and staff. One crucial aspect of this endeavor is the provision of a nutritious mid-day meal prepared by ISKCON temple; a practice made possible through the generous sponsorship of Concentrix. Each day, the center ensures that all attendees, both students, and staff, are provided with a wholesome meal that not only satisfies their hunger but also nourishes their bodies and minds.

The provision of mid-day meals serves as a cornerstone of Utsav Foundation's commitment to ensuring that every individual, regardless of socio-economic background, has access to basic necessities. By partnering with ISKCON temple, the center can deliver nutritious meals that adhere to high-quality standards, promoting overall health and well-being among its beneficiaries.

Beyond the nutritional benefits, the mid-day meal program also fosters a sense of community and camaraderie within the center. As students and staff gather to share a meal together, bonds are strengthened, and a supportive environment is cultivated. This communal aspect of dining together encourages social interaction and provides an opportunity for individuals to connect on a personal level, fostering a sense of belonging and inclusivity.





Moreover, the provision of mid-day meals plays a vital role in supporting educational outcomes. Research has shown that access to nutritious meals can significantly impact cognitive function and academic performance, ensuring that students have the energy and focus needed to engage effectively in learning activities. By addressing hunger and nutritional deficiencies, Utsav Foundation empowers its students to thrive academically and realize their full potential.

In essence, the sponsorship of mid-day meals by Concentrix underscores Utsav Foundation's unwavering dedication to the holistic development of its community. Through this initiative, the center not only addresses the immediate needs of its beneficiaries but also lays the foundation for a brighter and more prosperous future for all.

## **Teacher Empowerment:**

#### Utsav Foundation's Training at the 2nd Principal's Educational Conference 2023

The training session for teachers of Utsav Foundation held at IILM University during the 2nd Principal's Educational Conference 2023 marked a significant milestone in their professional development journey. With a focus on aligning teaching methodologies with the new education policy, the session provided a platform for educators to gain valuable insights and practical strategies to enhance the quality of education imparted to their students.

The conference served as a forum for teachers to engage with key concepts and principles outlined in the new education policy. Through interactive workshops, presentations, and discussions, educators delved into various aspects of the policy, including its emphasis on holistic learning, skill development, and learner-centric approaches. The sessions facilitated a deep understanding of the policy's objectives and implications, empowering teachers to adapt their teaching practices to meet the evolving needs of their students. One of the highlights of the training session was the opportunity for teachers to share their experiences and exchange ideas with fellow educators. Through collaborative dialogue, teachers gleaned insights into innovative pedagogical approaches and best practices from their peers. This collective exchange of knowledge and expertise fostered a spirit of camaraderie and collaboration among educators, enriching the learning experience for all participants.



Furthermore, the training session equipped teachers with practical tools and resources to implement initiatives outlined in the new education policy. From incorporating project-based learning and experiential activities to promoting critical thinking and creativity, educators gained actionable strategies to create engaging and inclusive learning environments. By embracing these initiatives, teachers envisioned a transformative shift in their educational practices, one that prioritizes the holistic development and well-being of their students.

Overall, the training session at IILM University served as a catalyst for professional growth and innovation among teachers of Utsav Foundation. Armed with a deeper understanding of the new education policy and a repertoire of effective teaching strategies, educators emerged inspired and empowered to nurture the next generation of learners. As they return to their classrooms, they carry with them the promise of a brighter future, where education is not just a means of imparting knowledge but a catalyst for positive change and transformation.

# Utsav Foundation's Visit to IIT Delhi's Open House 2023 <u>Exploring Innovation</u>



The visit of teachers and students from the Utsav Foundation to IIT Delhi for the Open House 2023 was an enriching experience that offered a glimpse into the world of cutting-edge research and innovation. The Open House at IITD is an annual event that stands as a testament to the institution's commitment to fostering scientific inquiry and technological advancement. As the single biggest day for showcasing a wide array of innovative research and product development projects, it serves as a platform to celebrate the ingenuity and creativity of the academic community.

The event commenced with an inaugural lecture, setting the stage for an inspiring day ahead. Hundreds of students, including those from Utsav Foundation, gathered to witness the unveiling of groundbreaking projects and to immerse themselves in the scientific atmosphere of the prestigious institution. The lecture aimed to ignite curiosity and passion for learning, encouraging students to explore the frontiers of knowledge and innovation.

For the teachers and students of Utsav Foundation, the Open House at IIT Delhi offered a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the fruits of academic research and technological innovation. As they navigated through the exhibits, they were greeted with a mesmerizing display of the latest advancements in various fields, ranging from robotics and artificial intelligence to renewable energy and sustainable technologies. Each project showcased the dedication, creativity, and expertise of the researchers and students involved, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

The Open House served as a real treat for technology enthusiasts, students, and visitors from other technical institutes, as well as school children, industries, and the general public. It provided a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration, fostering connections between academia, industry, and society at large. For the students of Utsav Foundation, it was an eye-opening experience that broadened their horizons and sparked their imaginations.

As they marveled at the ingenuity and complexity of the projects on display, the students gained valuable insights into the possibilities offered by science and technology. They were inspired to pursue their interests and passions, fueled by the realization that they too could make meaningful contributions to the world of innovation. The visit to IIT Delhi's Open House was not just an educational outing; it was a transformative journey that instilled a sense of wonder, curiosity, and ambition in the hearts and minds of all who participated.



## **EMPOWERING THROUGH SPORT:**

## Utsav Foundation's Triumph in Cricket

The students of Utsav Foundation recently showcased their sporting prowess in the KPL (Kashmir Premier League) cricket tournament, clinching the runner-up trophy and eliciting immense pride and joy within the center. Beyond the thrill of competition, their participation in cricket symbolized a triumph of teamwork, dedication, and resilience. Cricket, as a sport, offers multifaceted benefits to participants, transcending mere physical activity to instill valuable life skills.



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RESULT

29/10 (all out)(13.0 Ov)

Utsav Kids

30/0 (2.4 OV)

Utsav Kids won by 10 wickets





Participating in cricket fosters physical fitness and overall well-being among students. The dynamic nature of the sport requires agility, coordination, and stamina, promoting healthy lifestyles and combating sedentary habits. Moreover, cricket encourages teamwork and collaboration, as players must communicate effectively, strategize, and support one another to achieve success. These experiences cultivate essential interpersonal skills such as leadership, cooperation, and sportsmanship, which are invaluable both on and off the field.

Engaging in physical sports like cricket also nurtures mental resilience and emotional well-being. The challenges and setbacks inherent in competitive sports teach students to persevere in the face of adversity, building resilience and grit. Moreover, the camaraderie and sense of belonging fostered within a team environment promote mental health and emotional bonding among participants. Cricket provides students with an outlet for stress relief and self-expression, fostering a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment.

Participation in sports like cricket is integral to holistic education, complementing academic learning with valuable lessons in character development and personal growth. Through sports, students learn the importance of discipline, dedication, and determination, qualities that are essential for success in all aspects of life. As such, initiatives like the KPL not only promote physical activity but also cultivate a culture of excellence, teamwork, and resilience within the Utsav Foundation community.

In conclusion, the students of Utsav Foundation's remarkable achievement in the KPL cricket tournament highlights the transformative power of sports in education. Beyond the thrill of victory, their participation exemplifies the values of teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship instilled through cricket. By embracing physical activity and sporting endeavours, students not only enhance their physical fitness but also develop essential life skills that pave the way for success in the classroom and beyond. Top of Form

## Utsav Foundation's Collaborative Medical Camp with Artemis Hospitals





The integration of a medical camp within the premises of Utsav Foundation marks a significant step towards prioritizing the health and well-being of both students and staff. Through a collaboration with Artemis Hospitals, the center aims to provide comprehensive healthcare services, ensuring that individuals have access to essential medical screenings, consultations, and treatments.

By hosting a medical camp on-site, Utsav Foundation underscores its commitment to promoting a culture of good health and well-being within its community. The center recognizes that a healthy body is fundamental to overall success and endeavors to empower individuals with the resources and support needed to prioritize their health.



The medical camp serves as a proactive measure to address any potential health concerns among students and staff, offering preventive screenings for conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and nutritional deficiencies. Additionally, individuals have the opportunity to consult with healthcare professionals and receive personalized guidance on maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Moreover, the collaboration with Artemis Hospitals ensures that participants have access to high-quality medical care and expertise. The medical team brings with them a wealth of knowledge and experience, enabling them to deliver comprehensive healthcare services and address a wide range of health-related issues.

At Utsav Foundation, the focus on good health extends beyond the physical realm to encompass mental and emotional well-being as well. The center recognizes the interconnectedness of mind, body, and spirit and endeavors to provide holistic support to individuals in their pursuit of optimal health.



In essence, the establishment of a medical camp in collaboration with Artemis Hospitals reflects Utsav Foundation's unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of its community. By providing accessible healthcare services and promoting a culture of wellness, the center empowers individuals to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives, ultimately contributing to their overall success and happiness.



## <u>Utsav Foundation's Commitment to Skill Development</u>

Utsav Foundation stands as a beacon of skill development, fostering a culture of growth and empowerment among its students through a diverse array of courses and initiatives. With a commitment to nurturing talent and unleashing potential, the center offers a wide range of courses spanning various disciplines. From IT courses to yoga sessions, pottery workshops to art and craft classes, students are provided with opportunities to explore and develop their skills in areas of their interest.

One notable event that underscores the emphasis on skill development at Utsav Foundation is the Diwali Mela organized by the center. During this festive occasion, students showcase their creativity and craftsmanship by selling handcrafted diyas and tealight candle holders. These items, adorned with intricate designs and vibrant colors, reflect the students' dedication and artistic flair. Through this initiative, students not only hone their artistic skills but also gain practical experience in entrepreneurship and marketing.

Furthermore, the center promotes the "Earn and Learn" program, a unique initiative that allows students to pursue their studies while also earning a stipend from the center. This innovative approach not only fosters financial independence among students but also instills a strong work ethic and sense of responsibility. By balancing their academic pursuits with practical work experience, students gain valuable skills that prepare them for future endeavors in the workforce.



The impact of skill development initiatives at Utsav Foundation extends far beyond the confines of the center. Graduates emerge equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and abilities to succeed in various fields, contributing to their personal growth and societal development. Whether pursuing careers in technology, wellness, or the arts, students are empowered to carve their paths and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

In conclusion, skill development lies at the heart of Utsav Foundation's mission, empowering students to realize their full potential and thrive in an ever-evolving world. Through a holistic approach to education and innovative initiatives such as the Diwali Mela and the Earn and Learn program, the center nurtures talent, fosters creativity, and prepares students for success in both their personal and professional lives. As students embark on their journeys, they carry with them the invaluable lessons and experiences gained at Utsav Foundation, poised to make a positive impact wherever they go.

## **Spotlight on Excellence:**

**Celebrating Outstanding Student Achievements** 



#### Tanu Diwakar: The Karate Triumph

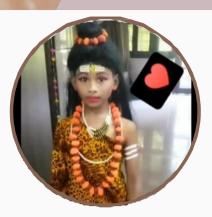
Tanu Diwakar, a 14-year-old student from Haryana, demonstrated remarkable prowess in karate by representing her state at the 5th KMSKFI National Karate Championship 2023. Held at the prestigious Common Wealth Games Village Sports Complex in New Delhi on May 28th, 2023, Tanu clinched the gold medal in the under 34kg weight category in Kumite, a dynamic sparring discipline in karate. This victory showcased her exceptional skill, dedication, and determination on the national stage.

Adding to her accolades, Tanu also secured a silver medal in the All India Karate Champions Trophy 2023, held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, on May 14th, 2023. Organized by the Doz'n Play Association and approved by the Khel Karate Federation India, this event served as another testament to Tanu's prowess in the sport.

Tanu's outstanding achievements have filled her teachers, fellow students, and the entire Utsav Foundation community with pride. Her dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship exemplify the values instilled at the center, inspiring others to pursue their dreams with passion and commitment.

Kumite is a core component of karate, involving controlled, simulated combat between practitioners. It tests their speed, technique, timing, and spirit, making it an essential aspect of karate training. By honing their skills through kumite, practitioners develop self-discipline, focus, and confidence, essential attributes both in and out of the dojo. Engaging in karate and other martial arts offers numerous benefits for students. Beyond physical fitness, it promotes mental discipline, emotional resilience, and character development. Through rigorous training and competition, students learn the value of hard work, perseverance, and respect for oneself and others. Moreover, karate fosters a sense of camaraderie and community, providing students with a supportive network of peers and mentors.

For Tanu, her success in karate is just the beginning of her journey. With her sights set on greater heights, she hopes to continue pursuing her passion for the sport and representing her state and country on the international stage. Through dedication, hard work, and unwavering determination, Tanu embodies the spirit of Utsav Foundation, inspiring others to strive for excellence and pursue their dreams with courage and conviction.



#### **Ansh's Divine Dance:**

#### Capturing the Essence of Shiva Tandav

Ansh, a student from class 1st at Utsav Foundation, has captured the hearts of his peers and teachers with his remarkable talent for performing the Shiva Tandav dance. Despite lacking formal dance training, Ansh embodies the essence of Lord Shiva through his spontaneous and captivating performances. Donning the attire of Bhagawan Shiva, he mesmerizes audiences with his rendition of the Shiva Tandav, displaying an innate understanding of rhythm and movement.

The Shiva Tandav dance is a sacred form of dance associated with Lord Shiva, one of the principal deities in Hinduism. It is believed to symbolize the cosmic cycle of creation, preservation, and destruction, known as the Tandava. The dance is characterized by its dynamic and powerful movements, reflecting the divine energy and ferocity of Lord Shiva.

For Hindus, the Shiva Tandav holds deep religious significance, representing the cosmic dance of creation and destruction. It is believed that through the Tandava, Lord Shiva maintains the balance of the universe and embodies both the benevolent and destructive aspects of existence. Devotees often perform the Shiva Tandav as a form of worship and devotion, seeking blessings and divine grace from Lord Shiva.

Ansh's spontaneous performances of the Shiva Tandav showcase his natural talent and creativity. Despite his young age, he demonstrates a remarkable ability to synchronize his movements with the rhythm and pace of the music, forming his unique dance moves inspired by the divine energy of Lord Shiva. His intuitive choreography and genuine expression embody the spirit of the Shiva Tandav, captivating audiences and evoking a sense of reverence and awe.

Through his performances, Ansh not only entertains but also inspires others to connect with their spiritual essence and embrace the beauty of Indian culture and mythology. His passion for dance and devotion to Lord Shiva serve as a shining example of the power of art to transcend boundaries and touch the soul. Ansh's journey as a young choreographer reminds us that talent knows no age and that the divine presence can manifest through the purest of hearts and the simplest of gestures.

#### Manan Thakur's Journey in Robotics and Coding



Manan Thakur, a sixth-grade student attending computer classes at Utsav Foundation, embodies the impressive capabilities of young minds when equipped with appropriate resources and guidance. Through the foundation's computer lab, Manan has delved into the world of robotics and coding, mastering block coding and Python programming languages at a remarkably young age. Despite being in the early stages of his academic journey, Manan has shown exceptional progress in these complex fields.

With access to state-of-the-art facilities and dedicated mentors at Utsav Foundation, Manan has quickly grasped the fundamentals of robotics and coding. His enthusiasm and passion for learning have driven him to explore advanced concepts and techniques, surpassing expectations for his age group. Through hands-on experimentation and project-based learning, Manan has not only acquired technical skills but also developed

problem-solving abilities and critical thinking.

The supportive environment at Utsav Foundation has played a pivotal role in Manan's rapid progress. Encouraged by his mentors and peers, he has embraced challenges with confidence and perseverance, overcoming obstacles along the way. The foundation's emphasis on experiential learning has allowed Manan to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios, further enhancing his understanding and skills.

Manan's journey highlights the transformative impact of quality education and innovative learning environments. By nurturing curiosity and providing access to cutting-edge technology, Utsav Foundation has empowered Manan to explore his interests and pursue his passions. As he continues to excel in robotics and coding, Manan serves as an inspiration to his peers and a testament to the potential of every child when provided with the right opportunities for growth and development.

#### Utsav Foundation Alumni Thrive in the Professional Arena

Several students from Utsav Foundation have embarked on their professional journeys, securing jobs at various esteemed establishments. Among them, Ikbal Hossain has found employment at Utsav Foundation itself, showcasing the trust and faith in the organization's mission. Ruhel Miah has ventured into the corporate world, landing a job at Munjal Trading Co., while Deepak Verma has embraced the fitness industry with a position at The Pulse Fitness. Aman Saifi and Nisha Saifi have found roles at PVR Cinema and Soci in Star Mall respectively, demonstrating their diverse career interests. Rachna Kumari has chosen the retail sector, working at E-Mall Plaza, while Sumit Sharma is furthering his academic pursuits by studying Bachelor of Arts.

These students' successful transition into the workforce is a testament to their dedication, perseverance, and the skills they have acquired through their time at Utsav Foundation. The foundation has played a pivotal role in nurturing their talents, honing their skills, and instilling in them a sense of independence and self-reliance. Through various training programs, workshops, and mentorship initiatives, Utsav Foundation has equipped these individuals with the necessary tools to thrive in their chosen fields.

Moreover, Utsav Foundation's emphasis on holistic development has empowered these students not only with job-specific skills but also with essential life skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. By fostering a supportive and conducive learning environment, the foundation has instilled confidence in these individuals, enabling them to navigate the complexities of the professional world with ease.

Furthermore, Utsav Foundation goes beyond merely providing skills and education; it also assists in marketing these students to potential employers, ensuring that those who choose not to pursue further studies can still easily find employment opportunities. Through networking events, job fairs, and partnerships with local businesses, the foundation actively promotes its students' capabilities and connects them with suitable job openings. This proactive approach not only enhances the students' job prospects but also strengthens the foundation's ties with the community and fosters a supportive ecosystem where individuals can thrive professionally. By bridging the gap between education and employment, Utsav Foundation fulfills its commitment to empowering students with the tools they need to succeed in the workforce and contribute meaningfully to society.

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As these students carve their paths in their respective careers, they serve as role models for their peers and inspiration for future generations of Utsav Foundation. Their success stories underscore the transformative impact of education, empowerment, and opportunity provided by organizations like Utsav Foundation in uplifting individuals and communities, paving the way for a brighter and more inclusive future.

In essence, the journey of these students from Utsav Foundation to the professional world symbolizes the culmination of their hard work, resilience, and the unwavering support of the foundation. Their achievements not only reflect their individual capabilities but also highlight the effectiveness of Utsav Foundation's holistic approach to education and skill development. As they continue to excel in their respective fields, they stand as living testimonies to the transformative power of education and the invaluable impact of organizations like Utsav Foundation in shaping brighter futures for all.

#### **Utsay Foundation's Contribution:**

#### Building Community and Culture in Palwal

On January 5th, 2024, Utsav Foundation demonstrated its commitment to community development by donating Rs. 11,000 towards the construction of the Pracheen Nanddas Baba Mandir in Palwal, Haryana. This generous contribution reflects the foundation's dedication to supporting local initiatives that promote cultural heritage and spiritual well-being.

The Pracheen Nanddas Baba Mandir holds significant importance for the residents of Palwal, serving as a center for religious gatherings and cultural events. By contributing towards its construction, Utsav Foundation has not only helped advance the completion of the temple but has also strengthened community ties and fostered a sense of unity among locals.

This act of philanthropy exemplifies Utsav Foundation's values of compassion and social responsibility. Through initiatives like these, the foundation continues to make a positive impact on the lives of individuals and communities, uplifting spirits and enriching the cultural fabric of society.

## Uplifting Lives Beyond the Classroom:

#### **Building Community and Culture in Palwal**

Utsav Foundation's commitment to the holistic development of its students extends beyond the classroom, reflected in its dedicated efforts to guide and support them after their studies at the centre. Recognizing the importance of maintaining momentum and providing a continuous support system, the foundation has instituted a platform for these students, ensuring they remain connected and inspired as they navigate the path toward higher education. This initiative aims to be a beacon of hope, offering constant guidance and advice to these individuals as they consider their future educational pursuits.

A crucial aspect of this post-study assistance involves facilitating counselling sessions with skill-based universities. Utsav Foundation is actively working to establish collaborations with colleges, ensuring that students have access to higher education opportunities aligned with their skills and interests. The foundation recognizes that each student is unique, possessing distinct talents and aspirations. By tailoring the support to the individual, Utsav Foundation seeks to empower students to make informed decisions about their academic journey.

Furthermore, the foundation is forging partnerships with employers and organizations to create avenues for employment for these young individuals. The focus is not just on imparting education but also on making them employable, bridging the gap between education and practical application. By connecting students with potential employers, Utsav Foundation strives to open doors to opportunities that may have otherwise seemed unattainable. This multifaceted approach not only encourages students to strive for excellence but also instills in them a newfound hope and confidence as they embark on a transformative journey toward building their careers

As the students take gradual steps toward learning and knowledge acquisition, it becomes increasingly evident that they possess the potential to become what they aspire to be. The words of Harry Edwards, urging us to "teach our children to dream with their eyes open," resonate deeply within the ethos of Utsav Foundation. Despite facing numerous challenges and obstacles, the foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to reaching new heights, not just for itself but with the aspiration of uplifting others as well.

In the face of adversity, Utsav Foundation holds on to the belief that something better awaits on the horizon. The courage and determination embedded within the organization drive its pursuit of future goals, inspiring others to join in the transformative journey. The foundation's philosophy emphasizes that one doesn't need deep pockets or immense wealth to make a difference; all it requires is a compassionate heart. The road may present itself as rocky and lengthy at times, but with resilience as a guiding force, prosperity becomes attainable wherever the journey leads.

Utsav Foundation serves as a testament to the power of education, resilience, and community engagement in uplifting the underprivileged. By offering not just academic support but also post-study guidance and employment opportunities, the foundation becomes a catalyst for change, fostering hope, and empowering individuals to realize their dreams. As Utsav Foundation continues its impactful journey, it invites others to join hands in creating a brighter future for those in need.

#### FESTIVAL OF LIFE – AN INITIATIVE FOR KARMIC SERVICES

The ancient Hindu practice of Asthi Visarjan, which involves immersing leftover ashes in flowing waters, holds deep significance in Hindu tradition. The word "Asthi" refers to the remnants of cremated bodies, while "Visarjan" signifies the act of immersion. Hindus believe that performing this ritual in sacred rivers, particularly the Ganges, helps the departed souls attain liberation or "moksha." Sadhguru, a spiritual leader, explains that releasing the ashes into a river symbolizes the end of earthly existence and signals the soul's journey towards spiritual liberation.





Amidst the "Festival of Life" project, an endeavor dedicated to karmic services, the Utsav Foundation team has encountered a poignant reality. In various cremation grounds, the mortal remains of unfortunate souls often remain unclaimed, depriving them of the essential final rites crucial for their spiritual journey. Utsav Foundation staunchly advocates for the rights of every individual to undergo these rituals. Recognizing the broader societal interest and the importance of preserving ancient rituals, the foundation is committed to facilitating the immersion of unclaimed ashes.

Venturing into crematoriums across Gurugram, the Utsav Foundation team retrieves unclaimed ashes, ensuring their proper immersion at designated locations, such as Gad Ganga/Haridwar, while adhering to the prescribed rituals through engaged Pujaris and Pandits. This noble endeavor has seen the successful immersion of more than 500 remains to date. The core mission is to offer karmic services, ensuring that no soul is denied its path to salvation, ultimately seeking "Moksha" for the departed.

#### How we do it:

- Each journey is met with care and mindfulness, as the foundation strives to provide a final resting place that is dignified and respectful.
- The Utsav Foundation's Karmic seva extends to the crematorium, where they compassionately take care of unclaimed ashes to ensure dignified last rites. Our service begins by respectfully collecting the mortal remains and ashes, preparing them for immersion at the sacred Ganga in Haridwar. Following the traditional rituals, our team engages with local pujaris to perform the necessary rites, ensuring that each soul finds peace and closure in its final journey. Recognizing the logistical challenges posed by transportation, the team identified the need for a dedicated vehicle to mortal remains transport from crematoriums to the final immersion sites. Gratefully, Mr. Ravinder Singh benevolent well-wisher. stepped forward to donate a vehicle, not only for this specific task but also for other charitable activities. The act of selfless service brings immense joy and inner growth to these devoted workers, and Utsav **Foundation** expresses heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Rana for his invaluable contribution. It serves as a testament to the collective effort towards preserving traditions and providing solace to souls on their spiritual departed journey.

In conclusion, the Utsav Foundation's initiative to facilitate the proper immersion of unclaimed ashes exemplifies their commitment to upholding Hindu traditions providing compassionate support to those in need. Through their dedicated efforts and the generosity

individuals like Mr. Ravinder Singh Rana, the foundation continues to make a profound impact on the spiritual well-being of communities, ensuring that every soul receives the reverence and respect it deserves on its journey towards liberation.

Utsav Foundation has successfully completed 565 immersions of unclaimed ashes till 2024. Our main mission is to provide Karmic services so that no one is deprived of the salvation and to help them attain "MOKSH" Cremation: Shiv Shamshan Bhomi Atul Kataria Chowk Sector-17

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