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Amar Jit Singh Sodhi
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Dear Amarjit ji,

I am pleased to learn about the flagship operation of the Sikh Human Development Foundation Inc., USA. Its mission to provide scholarships to very bright but financially handicapped students in Punjab and neighboring states, to help them complete their professional education, is indeed praiseworthy. In my view, while education has always been a movement from darkness to light, higher professional education has now become a major requirement for effective participation in the rapidly changing job market in India. The demand for highly skilled educated workers in the service and manufacturing sectors is rising rapidly in the country. This unprecedented opportunity poses a challenge to the country to ensure that the best brains do gain access to knowledge and education, their families' weak financial status notwithstanding. For, it is terrible to waste human talent.

I am delighted that your foundation has pioneered financial support from USA to open doors to professional education for deserving and needy students in India and help them rise to a life of dignity and fulfillment. It is a noble thought and a noble deed. I do believe that there is a clear connection between the education of our youth and the future of our nation. Your foundation is helping us build our future, student by student.

You have my blessings and full support for this worthy cause.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Khushwant Singh". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Khushwant Singh