

Message from Narinder Singh, President of the Nishkam Council

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Though the 'Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council (Regd.)(Nishkam), New Delhi' was set up in 1984, and the 'Sikh Human Development Foundation (SHDF) U.S.A.' in 1999, i.e. 15 years later, the two organizations share a common inspiration and goal derived from the daily sikh prayer, viz. "*sarvat da bhalla*" (**Welfare of all**), that is to serve all humanity, without any distinction of any kind whatsoever. In order to serve humanity, Nishkam takes up projects in educational, medical and vocational fields, whereas the SHDF has chosen the route of higher professional education for talented and needy students in India, and is providing them with the needed financial support to meet the funding gap in the cost of higher education.



Nishkam is delighted to join hands with SHDF in this noble endeavor, by providing the much needed support and supervision in India. Indeed, there is remarkable synergy flowing out of this collaboration, and the program has seen impressive growth in the past four years. The SHDF now plans to progressively raise the number of annual scholarships to 500 over the next few years. Nishkam is working with SHDF to make this happen. We are well organized and ready to fully support this goal. We wish SHDF all the success in their endeavor of poverty alleviation and human development.

Narinder Singh