

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



Nai Disha
Educational & Cultural Society



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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE TEAM

Nai Disha is an organisation founded on the ethos that everyone, regardless of their socio-economic background, deserves a fair chance at a better future. Through education, empowerment, and holistic development, our mission is to provide underprivileged children, youth, and women with the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty and change the trajectory of their lives.

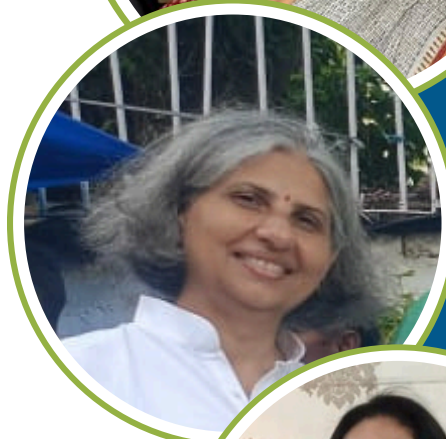
Often, the aspirations of students and women are constrained by the harsh realities of financial instability. Nai Disha steps in and acts as a mentor to nurture these dreams. For students, we offer specialised initiatives to equip them with quality education and employability skills. Our women are provided a platform to learn valuable skills such as stitching and cooking, helping them step up the financial ladder and become self-sufficient.

Though this year presented some challenges, testing our resilience and adaptability, Nai Disha remained robust. We were able to continue our growth despite disruptions. Nai Disha has successfully expanded projects like the MCG School which introduced regular computer classes and library sessions for 150 students and the Chinmaya Mission Gurugram center that enrolled over 100 students in vocational training courses.

We would like to thank our trusted donors, partners and teachers who made it possible to materialize Nai Disha's goals. Looking ahead, we envision to replicate our successful modules, extend our reach to more deserving communities and fostering a culture of giving back.



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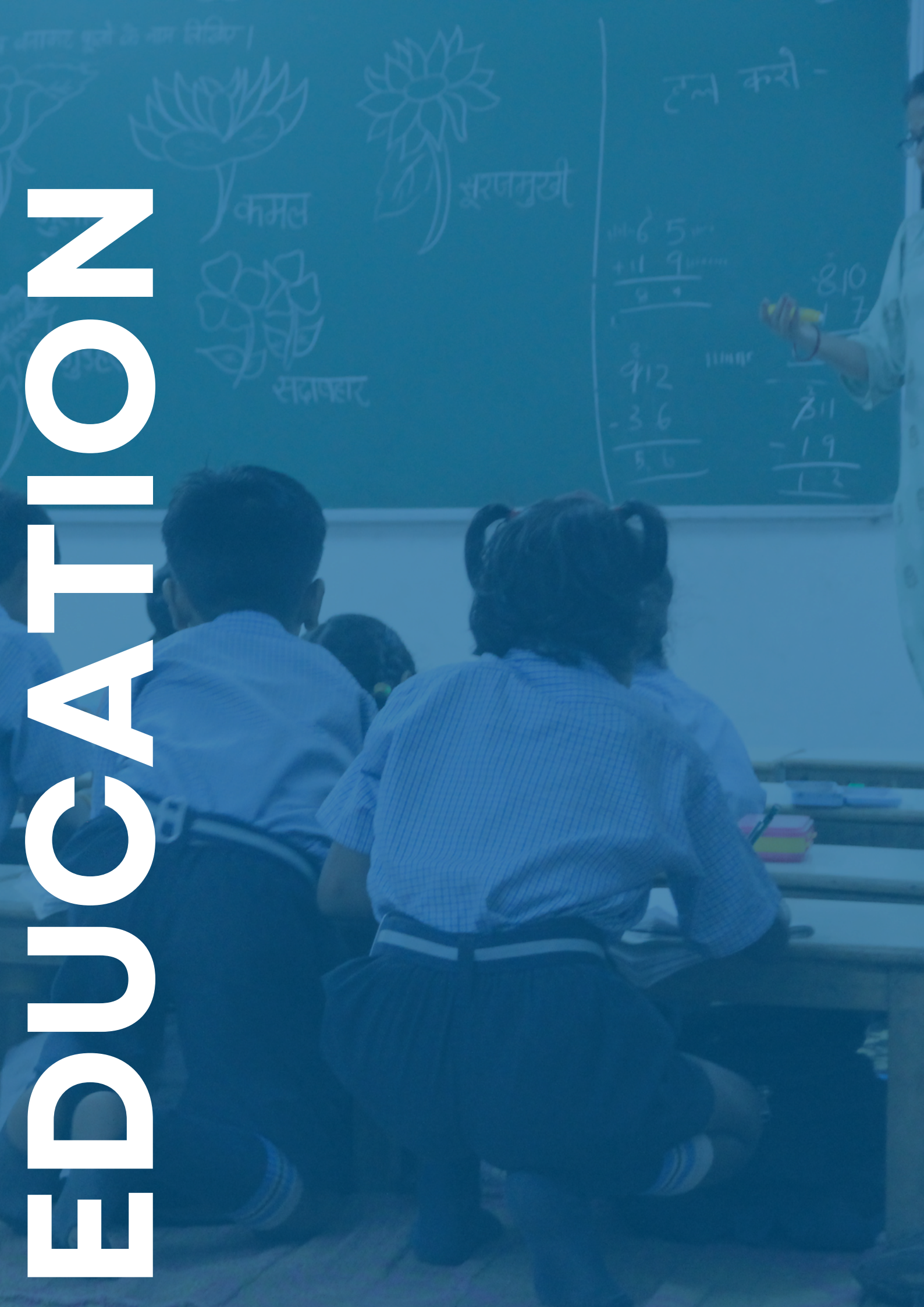
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Education Overview

At Nai Disha, we focus on building a strong primary foundation while bridging learning gaps through two key programs: Open School and Mainstream School. The **Open School** offers self-paced learning for students aged 8 and above.

The **Mainstream School** provides mentoring support up to senior secondary and offers free primary tutorial classes after school to help students overcome financial and social challenges

Our Beneficiaries

All stats	Open School	Mainstream	NIOS STATS	8TH	10TH	12TH
Opening 2023	215	233	Enrolled	6	10	9
New Admisson	109	42	Exam given	5		
Phased out	37	59	Exam cleared	5		
Mainstream	52					
Closing 2024	235	274				
Girls & Boys	G- 100 B- 135	G-152 B-122				
Ratio girls and boys	20:27	76:61				

Learning at Open School

We collaborated with **STEAM vision foundation** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths). Modern skills are developed through hands-on learning in sectors like Coding, 3D Prototyping, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and many more. This program helps promote; **Critical thinking, Creative thinking, Communication and Collaboration.**

Excursions

The intent of our excursions is to expose our children to various experiences to develop their knowledge!



- For **primary children**, trips included; Zoo and Rail Musuem,



- **Middle school** children were taken to the science museum



- The **NIOS children** had an outing to the Museum of Illusions

Bhandari Scholarship



Bakshi Scholarship



Chowdhary Scholarship



Mehrotra Scholarship

Student Achivements

This year a whopping **28 student** were awarded scholarships

In May 2023, **16** of our deserving 6th to 8th-class children won scholarships and a further **12 scholarships** granted to our 9th - 12th class



Events

Open School

Sports day



Sports Day successfully fostered team spirit and enhanced team-building skills among the children

Religious Festivals

Christmas



Diwali



Eid

At Nai Disha, our festivals are inclusive of all religions and cultures!

Open School

Bal Vihar Summer Camp

At the heart of Nai Disha, lays the fundamental need to enhance the potential of our students. This year, we have continued this ethos through our Summer camp which accommodated **150 students over the holidays**



This camp was designed to imbibe moral values in children. Students participated in various activities to understand and engage in the importance of morality.

Such activities included; **Art, yoga, storytelling and learning about the vital role of freedom fighters**



This program was essential in showcasing and developing skills that go beyond academics, playing a crucial role in shaping our children into well-rounded individuals.



Teachers of Nai Disha

Teacher Workshops

The Teachers at Nai Disha are instrumental to the function of this school, so we make sure they are up to the best standards

What was done?

With the help of our education partner, Karadi Path, teachers were provided with extra support through English lessons

Teachers Training and Accreditation workshop were held to help them understand the **pedagogy, processes and learning materials.**



PTM

- The purpose of the parent- teacher meeting was to inform parents of their children's; strengths, weakness and achievements
- Alongside tracking the academic progress, general development was discussed such as; health and attendance



Teacher's Day

On the 5th of September we celebrated Teacher's day. We were able to commemorate our hardworking teachers



Our Learning Initiatives

The 'Talk to Me program' was launched on the 28th of July to strengthen student's spoken English skills.

This program occurs twice a week and involves; **Live vitrual classes, educational videos and interactive educational games.** 13 students have been admitted into this program and have great made progress.

Mentoring sessions

Mentoring sessions(Care and Share meetings) are held every second Saturday of the month for our mainstream children.

Students look forward to our monthly meeting, as this connection with their mentors gives them a deep sense of belonging, security, and comfort. Our dedicated team of volunteers engages with the students to understand their needs and aspirations, offering motivation and meaningful guidance

Along with mentoring sessions , we also conduct workshops to give the children exposure on life skills, vocations etc. which are relevant for them.

Mainstream



Student Achievements

Mainstream

Sports Achievements

In the 34th Taekwondo Delhi State Championship, the children successfully earned; 7 gold medals, 11 silver medals and 8 bronze medals.



On June 4th, 19 children took their Taekwondo belt test. We are delighted to share that all of them passed with good marks and received their next level belts!



Education Achievements

In collaboration with Rotary Club of South Delhi, 5 mainstream girls earned scholarships, under their 'Beti Bacho Beti Pado' campaign.



Health

Physial Welfare



On the 29th of October our annual **health camp** took place. **This camp is open to all children, youths and women**

Thank you to the doctors from different specialties, including general medicine, pediatrics, ENT, dermatology, and dentistry, from Maulana Azad Medical College and Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, for volunteering their services



Physial Welfare for Girls

Courtesy of the Rotary Club of South Delhi, we organised a Cervical cancer vaccination drive for our **open school** girls



Mental/ Emotional Well-being

Mental health counselors were introduced to help children with welfare related concerns



Mid-day meals everyday!



Daily Refrehments!



GIRLS PROTECTED FROM HPV

Education



CHILDREN EXAMINED



WOMEN RECEIVED CHECK-UPS

Youth



Youth of Nai Disha

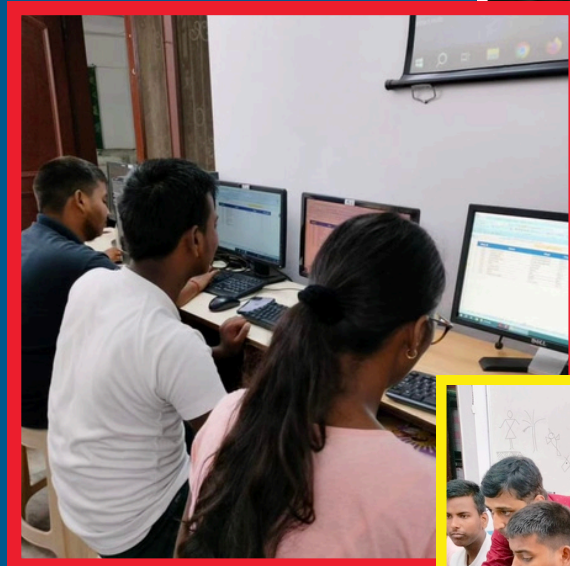
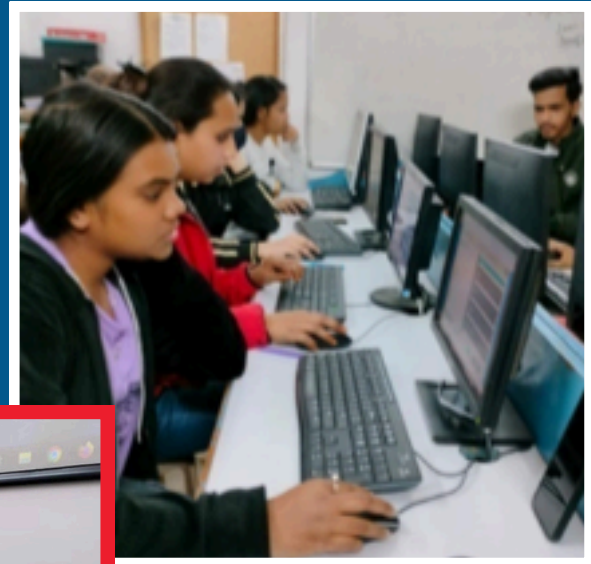
Nai Disha provides consistent guidance and support to youth in their **studies, skill development, and job opportunities**, helping them succeed in higher education and employment.

Currently 235 youths are in our program and 74 students have graduated

Skill Support & Development

We launched the **NIIT program** for their Basic and Diploma course. The course is open to all the youth of Nai Disha and the community.

17 children have been enrolled in this program and did their exam in January.



Achievements

Congratulations to our Youths for all their hard work!

Internships

- Vikas received an internship for Dance
- Harishankar got an internship for gardening
- Sahabuddin, Sanjana, Bhagwati, Hira, Sahil Kumar, Lalit Narayan and Kareena all support the evening remedial program!



Higher Education

Special recognition can be given to Neha Mishra. Despite all hardships, she graduated from Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan, securing two gold medals in Maths and Economics



Women Empowerment



Women Empowerment

Our women's empowerment program is dedicated to helping women to become **self-reliant and live with dignity**.

Admission July 2023 - April 2024	No. of students in October 2023 exams	Cleared exam	No. of students in April 2024 exams	Cleared exams
90	13	13	19	19

Skill Development

Heart to Hand Initiative

In this program, we empower women by teaching them **crafting, sewing, needlework, and crochet** to create beautiful handicrafts and lifestyle products.

Nai Disha connects these skilled women with buyers and European markets, where their products are sold in stores, local exhibitions, and personalized gift packages. Currently, we support a team of **85 women through this program**.



Stitching courses

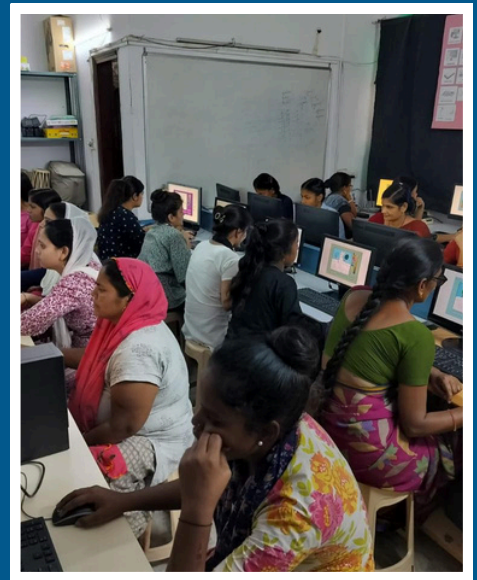
Thanks to Singer's support, we are able to run in-house stitching courses. We provide hands on experience using professional sewing machines, this exposure helps women develop their skills and become more employable.

468 women and young girls have benefited from this course!



Education

Whilst working with these women, we recognised how illiteracy is a major barrier preventing progression. To address this, we frequently hold sessions to teach reading and writing along with basic computer skills.



Health

We conduct routine health checkups with qualified doctors who provide gynecological care and offer guidance on diet and nutrition.

Events

To honor our brilliant ladies, Nai Disha organised an outing for Women's day.

63 ladies of Women Empowerment program enjoyed a day out at Sanjay Van park celebrating Women's Day.

They participated in wonderful games. Amidst the chance to win prizes and sharing food and stories together, they found a welcome escape from their daily routines



Achievements

Women's Empowerment Success stories

Fatima's Story

Fatima enrolled in our stitching course after completing classes in our 10th class division. She has now been employed by a Boutique where she customizes and alters products.



“

The best thing about Nai Disha is the comfortable environment. I feel confident bringing any concerns to the team

”



Soni's Story

Before joining Nai Disha, Soni had only basic sewing skills. After 13 years with us, she has significantly advanced her expertise and is now a valued member of our overseas team, exporting crafts and merchandise domestically and internationally

“

Working at Nai Disha feels less like a job, It feels like leisure, they have become my family

”

22 Ladies got their Diploma certificates after completion of their six months stitching course.

Sewing machines were given to 2 girls who were in need to carry on their practice and start their work from home.



New Centers of Nai Disha

With all your support and guidance, Nai Disha has been able to accomplish so many new things this year !

In our efforts to reach more children and youths, We have opened four new centers!

- **MCG School Gurugram:** We have established a computer center for primary school children at the Municipal Corporation School in Sector 49, Gurugram.
- Currently, 100 students are benefiting from this facility.
- In addition to computer education , Nai Disha has introduced library classes aimed at improving English language proficiency



- **Chinmaya Mission Gurugram:** At Chinmaya Mission Nai Disha is dedicated to empowering youth through comprehensive computer education.
- The center offers an NIIT certified Computer Course covering both basic & advanced levels. Additionally specialized skills training in graphic designing & Tally are also available
- **100 children /youth** are enrolled at the center & actively using the computers to develop their digital skills.
- The program aims to make the youth more employable & prepare them for the job market.



New Centers of Nai Disha

Faridabad Education centre: The Nai Disha Faridabad project is dedicated to preparing children to be mainstreamed into regular schools, ensuring each child has the right to study.

- 150 children aged 5-15 years are enrolled at Faridabad center, most of whom come from families where parents are first-generation learners facing significant financial constraints.
- These challenges make it difficult for them to provide necessary materials such as uniforms and books. To address these needs ,Nai Disha offers substantial support.
- After school , these children come to our center, where they receive refreshments followed by remedial classes.
- Our focus is on their holistic growth, ensuring that their energy and enthusiasm are channeled positively through fun and experiential learning activities that reinforce basic foundations and concepts.
- We have successfully integrated children into a nearby private English medium school, providing them with a strong educational foundation.
- In addition to academic support, our center provides computer classes and various co-curricular activities, fostering comprehensive development and contributing to their overall well-being and future success.



New Centers of Nai Disha

- **Kakar Majra computer centre:** The centre provides free computer education to ladies & children of less privileged background.
- **49 children** were enrolled in the year 2023-24



Distributions:

250 children of Open school program were provided 2 sets of summer uniform



The annual shoe distribution drive was a success,

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