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Vision

Empowered and self sustaining Rural Community

Mission

To develop women and youth by imparting skills through vocational & computer training, health care, social awareness and sports activities.

Values

Passion for 'Sewa' (Selfless Service)
Ethical, Transparent & Accountable Functioning.

KEY **INITIATIVES**

Women Empowerment

3,967
WOMEN TRAINED

Youth skills Development

5,571
YOUTH SKILLED

Village Health Management

48,144
BENEFICIARIES FROM HEALTH CARE

BPCCDP

9
MODEL VILLAGES DEVELOPMENT

Hockey Nursery

100
Players Under-14 BEING TRAINED

MEHAR BABA
CHARITABLE TRUST

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Swift action **and MBCT's earlier WaSH initiatives** helped fight the pandemic

A.S. Chatha

I remember the times when we initiated the WaSH program in the schools in 184 villages of District Fatehgarh Saheb. Many people scoffed at it when we trained people on how to wash their hands. It was so simple process and thanks to our persistence and excellent work by our volunteers, that the habit caught up with sizeable population in these villages. Lo and behold, when the pandemic stuck, and health authorities worldwide emphasised the importance of keep our hands washed and sanitised. And people in our villages already knew about it...thanks to MBCT's efforts.

H.S.Mejie

Since 2020 when the lockdown happened and the the world came to a standstill, it posed more challenges for the MBCT staff and volunteers, because it is in such times, organisations like MBCT who have been working at the grassroot level had a critical role to play to assist in the health initiatives to contain the spread of Covid. My best wishes to everyone at MBCT for rallying together and helped in reviving the working in the post-pandemic period.

Surinder Pal Kaur

I think everyone at MBCT deserves a big round of applause for the resilience they have shown in working with the health authorities, District Administration, and the people to tide over the challenges of the pandemic. The entire year had been challenging and it is creditable that we could continue to work and perform. The health initiatives of MBCT have stood in good stead for the people just because they had been adequately trained and informed. They felt empowered in combating Covid19, which has taught us many lessons especially to continue to have hope, value our relationships as well as being grateful for what we have.

Jatinder Cheema

Gradually the life is coming back to normal though vigilance is the key to keeping ourselves healthy, strong and immune. The protocol of sanitising and washing our hands regularly and wearing a mask in public places should be followed religiously. This is the only way to contain this air-borne virus and keep ourselves and others safe. At the same time, we at MBCT have our deepest sympathies those who lost their near and dear ones. That could not be prevented but staying vigilant and ready for any such eventuality is the best defence. Let us get back to business, learn new skills, and support our families.

UNDP Goals Action **Award** 2020

United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) acknowledged the social work being carried out by Mehar Baba Charitable Trust under the Sustainable Development Goals. UNDP recognised MBCT with its Sustainable Development Goals Action Award 2020 for general social upliftment of rural areas and empowerment of women.

Mr Vikas Verma, Regional Head (North) for UNDP presented the Award to the MBCT Trustee Thakur Singh Mejie at a ceremony held on 9 October in Chandigarh.

8 March 2021: On the International Women's Day 2021, Amrit Kaur Gill (IAS) Deputy Commissioner Fatehgarh Sahib District presented certificates to MBCT staff/artisans in recognition of the work done during the Covid Pandemic.

15 August 2020: On Independence Day SDM Bassi Pathana Jaspreet Singh (PCS), presented award of recognition & appreciation to Trustee Thakur Mejie for efforts & contribution of Mehar Baba Charitable Trust during the COVID 19 Pandemic.

CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES

Canada
Supports MBCT initiative

Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) has supported MBCT's "Digital Empowerment of Rural Women of Punjab" project

The project aims at increasing the social status and decision-making power of women in rural Punjab, India, through a program of economic empowerment and skills training via Digitalization; helping women navigate through the new digitized world by bringing a revolution in learning process and grassroot business growth in rural areas.

Canada has always been keeping a close watch on the commitment of each volunteer of MBCT and the way the the life of villagers in 187 villages of District Fatehgarh Saheb are being transformed through well-structured programs executed in a well planned manner.

MBCT was selected for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) project 2020-22 "Digital Empowerment of Rural Women of Punjab" with a grant of CAD$36,268 (INR 20.16 Lac) for a period of 16 months in the villages of District Fatehgarh Sahib.

The Trust initiated this project in collaboration with the High Commission of Canada In India and the INUS Global Charity, USA.

The aim of the project is to improve the social status, economic empowerment, skills and decision making power of more then 500 rural women belonging to 50 village of the this District in Punjab.

"Digital Empowerment of Rural Women of Punjab"

PHASE 1
TEACH

TOT on online content sharing (4 months)

Project supported by

Activity supported by the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives
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Canada

International Partner

INUS GLOBAL CHARITY
Power to Empower

A Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) funded project

The phase I of the project aims at Training of Trainers (TOT) on basic computer skills and digital training methodology and develop an online content sharing platform for trainers to provide e-learning of vocational skills training for rural communities.

Trained 18 professional Master Trainers on Basic of Computer Skills and digital training methodologies.

Key Achievements

PHASE I: TEACHTOT on online content sharing

Reached out to 150 - 200 rural women and men across 5 villages for project awareness

Trained 18 professional Master Trainers on basics of computer skills and digital training methodology

Prepared digital content for training- 40+ videos and 70+PPTs in both English & Punjabi languages.

35 Internal Training sessions, 13 activities & assignments & 5 workshops by industry experts

Launched E- Learning Mobile App

The app is designed to help students practice, learn and understand concepts of vocational skills in an in-depth and easy-to-grasp manner. This app features online classes, video lessons on practical demonstration, course study material, and one-on-one mentoring to help students learn better.The app covers lectures and learning videos under all various vocational courses and allows features for managing student's data, curriculums, schedules, and communication.

Skill Workshops

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A workshop on photography and photo editing skills was conducted by Abhishek (Scientist, ISRO) with his team members Swati & Surya. The workshop was a part of CFLI TOT sessions. The participants were taught on basics of photography and image editing using a mobile application (pixlr) through interactive activities and competition. The participants have shown great interest and enthusiasm during the session.

DIGITAL

CFLI Project Digital Empowerment of Rural Women of Punjab - Training of Trainers TOT. Webinar meeting on Emerging Teaching Pedagogical Trends and Case Based Learning was conducted by Dr Monika Aggarwal, Phd Panjab University Chandigarh. In the webinar she emphasized on effective teaching methodology through interactive storytelling activities for participant's engagement.

***Mia Yen**, the then Consul General of Canada in Chandigarh visited MBCT to award Certificates of completion of Phase I and to start REVIVE the Phase II of the Canadian Fund for Local Initiative- CFLI*

Capacity Building

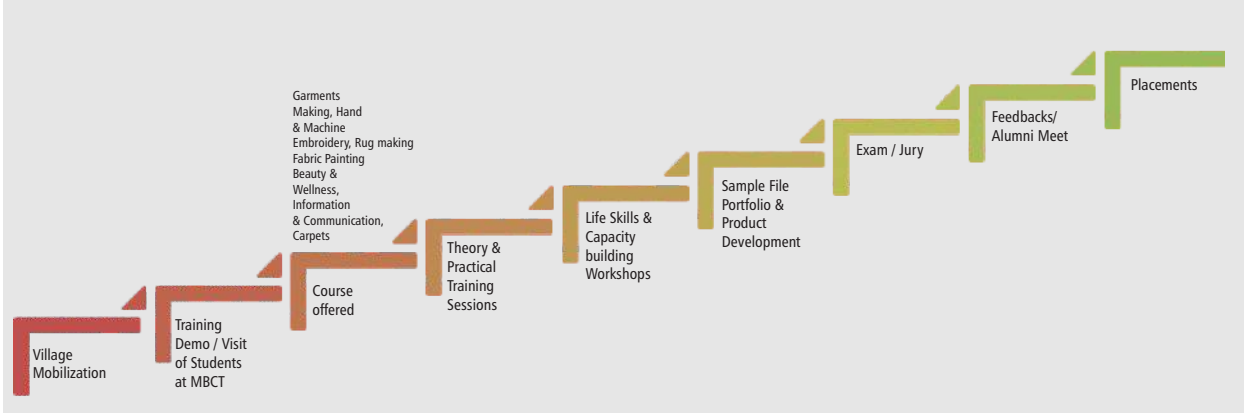
VILLAGE MOBILISATION FOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The MBCT Learning Model has been structured to complete the cycle of social-economic development through capacity building, starting from identifying the geographical area of a village, MBCT initiates reach-out programs for mobilization through information and awareness by engaging with village leaders and other influencers.

Various Skill building programs train the youth and women to make them capable of either getting employment or starting their own entrepreneurial journey. MBCT has a strong network of organizations that mentor and offer employment opportunities and internship as well as help them in setting up their own enterprises.

Village Mobilization work in progress at village Nandpur & Kalour

MBCT Training & Employement Generation Methodology



Uplift Every Woman to **discover** her fullest potential

In the year 2020-21, 149 women/ girls were trained from vocational training centre. MBCT is committed to uplift every woman to discover her fullest potential. A comprehensive approach covering personal growth and life skills, vocational training, financial literacy, opens up newer vistas for women to be self-reliant, boosting their confidence and improving their quality of life.

MBCT's women empowerment programme enables free skills training including product material; the learners graduate with a portfolio of their work. Soft skills training including personality develop-ment, interpersonal communication, business & marketing as well as customer service enableing women to explore a range of employment opportunities.

Health literacy helps women emerge more confident and capable to start own ventures. Qualitative support is provided through linkages with industry, alumni meets, private enterprise exposure & hand holding for own businesses. MBCT has helped more than 75% women to become self-reliant.

3,967
Women trained in various skills training programs

75%
Women earning their livelihoods

16
Boutiques

12
Beauty Salons in Bassi Pathana run by MBCT Alumni

37
Self Help Groups formed

No. of Women Trained in 2020-21

Cutting & Tailoring	53
Embroidery: Hand & Phulkari work	69
Beauty & Skin Care	27

The phulkari artisans draw on the empowering narrative of Phulkari as a symbol and celebration of life to encourage the women of rural Punjab to acquire new skills through reviving old talents, to enable them to rediscover the self-confidence and self-esteem required to earn by their own industry and initiative, and to direct their personal agenda towards claiming their rightful place as productive and valued members of society.

MBCT Trainees and SHG members making PPE Kits During Covid-19 Pandemic.

PRESERVING TRADITIONAL
Phulkari

A Self Help Group of Rural Women Artisans

phulkari makers
BASSI PATHANA

To enhance earning capacity of the trained rural women, MBCT supports a Self Help Group viz. Phulkari Makers of Bassi Pathana for reaching out to a global market.

The Phulkari Makers of Bassi Pathana is a financially independent self-group which evolved organically out of the vocational training initiatives at Mehar Baba Charitable Trust in the year 2008. The Phulkari artisans draw on the empowering narrative of Phulkari as a symbol and celebration of life to encourage the women of rural Punjab to acquire new skills through reviving old talents, to enable them to rediscover the self-confidence and self-esteem required to earn by their personal agency towards claiming their rightful place as productive and valued members of society.

The group is working with 100-150 women artisans and offers ethnic Contemporary designs in phulkari bags, stoles, dupattas, apparels, home decor, giftings stationery, lifestyle accessories etc.

The world is passing through the most testing times ever experienced since 1920 & 1930s.Need of the hour is to stay at home to overcome the C-19 pandemic and at the same keep the economy moving.

"Phulkari Makers Bassi Pathana" supported by Mehar Baba Charitable Trust have taken a lead and the famous Phulkari artisans have started producing face mask from the safety of their homes. They are supplying cotton masks to their local community & giving free to the needy.
These artisans from rural Punjab need applause for their selfless service to the nation in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. STAY INDOORS STAY SAFE!

PPE Kits

The Phulkari Makers Bassi Pathana start production of PPE Kits for Punjab

Mr. Manish Bagrodia of Winsome Knitwears gave a surprise visit to MBCT Premises as a knight in shining armour & offered to give job order to the rural Artisans to produce PPE Gowns, caps, masks & shoe covers. 14 Artisans of MBCT's Phulkari Makers Bassi Pathana a SHG are gainfully employed having started production, Manish Bagrodia was present to flag off the production. Join in support of MBCT in keeping rural women healthy & independent.

Corporate Orders

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PMBP is impacting lives of more than 150 women artisans and their families. PMBP is a self sustaining rural artisans enterprise which has clientele in India and abroad.

INSPIRING STORY

I have started freelance door-to-door beauty practice in my town after learning this course. I got to do many facials and Mehandi work for my client. –Liza, Basics of Skin Care & Hair Dressing

I have started taking stitching orders after learning this course and started to earn also. My family feels very proud of me.–Nasreen, Cutting & Tailoring

I have attended many beauty workshops and seminars in this project and I wish to open my own salon in my village from this learning – Karamjeet Kaur, Basics of Skin Care & Hair Dressing

YOUTH
Skills Development

With the aim to make the youth employable, MBCT skilled 154 youth in Basic Computer Skills & Soft Skills during 2020-21, Till date 5,571 students have been trained in various skills programmes.

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MBCT Trustee Gen. Surat Singh Sandhu interacted with Computer Learning Centre students.

MBCT Trainer Lakhvir Singh taking TOT session with trainers for Digital Skills.

97 students of MBCT were awarded certificates for successfully completing the PMKVY-2.0 & Punjab Tourism allocated skilled training courses in Traditional Hand Embroiderer, Inline-Checker & Hand Embroidery (Phulkari); Mukesh Kumar and Nancy Goyal from Punjab Skills Development Mission (PSDM) team Fatehgarh Sahib presented the Diploma Certificates.

Catching Them young

MBCT Hockey Nursery

Many young hockey players have been selected as National Probables by the Sports Authority of India. Players gain skills and expertise, and develop sportsmanship spirit.

The MBCT Hockey Nursery is a unique initiative for Rural Children providing expert hockey coaching to 100 players in the age group of 4 to 14 years. The regular practice along with the experience of participating in various tournaments help children to become competent players and get selected by eminent academies for continuing their training.

Hockey Nursery Bassi Pathana has suspended its coaching activity to prevent spread of COVID-19 virus. All of 125 hockey trainees have been advised to stay at home & carry on at home some stationery position fitness exercises and skill training. STAY HOME. BE SAFE

Harendra Singh Former National Hockey Coach and now Team Leader with Round Glass Foundation and Ashfaq Technical Lead visited Mehar Baba Charitable Trust at Basi Pathana.

MBCT helps the Needy

MBCT distributing Groceries - Atta, Dal, Mustard Oil, Rice, Sugar, Tea, Salt and Biscuits to the needy families in Bassi Pathana & villages around in district Fatehgarh Sahib .

IMPROVING Women Health & Nutrition

A joint project of MBCT with Panjab University Chandigarh (Dept. Public Admin) & University of Cambridge UK for 89 VTC trainees.

"TIGR2ESS" Nutrition Intervention of Rural Women of Punjab - This is a joint project of Mehar Baba Charitable Trust, Panjab University Chandigarh & Cambridge University. The objective is to bring about awareness among rural women on Nutritional Food & Healthy eating habits. The trainees gave live demonstration of nutritional recipes and offered the same to the visiting Panjab University faculty and other guests to taste and give their comments.

Managing Trustee Hassan Singh Mejie along with Dr Monika Aggarwal distributing certificates to the participants.

Workshop on Immunity

Workshop & Presentation on Immunity & LIVE demonstration of easy-to-cook food recipes were shared by nutrition experts Dr Jaswinder Kaur, Dr Namit Kumar,

Dr Bharti Garg, Prof Ramanjeet Kaur Johal & Gurpreet Kaur from PU. The Faculty from University of Cambridge UK present were Prof. Sumantra Ray, Dr Lyn Haynes, Dr Luke Buckner & Dr. Jorgan.

Workshop on Nutrition

Seven workshops on Nutrition were held by team of Panjab University. A Live cooking Nutrition workshop for the rural women conducted by Dr Jaswinder Kaur & Gurpreet from Panjab University, Chandigarh Panjab University at Mehar Baba Charitable Trust.

IMPROVING **health**

MBCT Health Road shows in villages every month and weekly Diabetes and Hypertension Clinics at MBCT.

48,144
people were benefitted as of March 2021

Village Health Management Program	Commenced	Camps	Beneficiaries
Health Awareness Road Show	2007	295	24,242
Special Health Clinic	2008	382	582
Eye Camps (OPD's)	2005	33	14,581
Cataract Eye Surgeries	2005	33	3,032
Breast & Cervix Cancer screening Camp	2009	3	742
Multi Speciality Camp	2006	12	3,924
Special Medical Case	2007		23
Pulse Polio Camp	2008	11	1018

** Statistical data as of 31 March 2021*

Global Health Handwashing Day

On the Global Hand Washing Day a Workshop cum awareness campaign was held by Mehar Baba Charitable Trust, Bassi Pathana jointly with Rotary Club Sirhind and the Department of Public Health, Fatehgarh Sahib. The workshop was conducted by Vinod Sood JE Water & Sanitation. The students of MBCT performed a skit on Hand Washing.

The COVID-19 pandemic provides a stark reminder that one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of a virus is also one of the simplest: hand hygiene. To beat the virus today and ensure better health outcomes beyond the pandemic, 20 seconds handwashing with soap must be a priority now and in the future.

Mehar Baba Charitable Trust collaborates with Division of Public Health, University of Utah, Salt Lake City USA and School of Public Health (SPH), PGIMER, Chandigarh in a unique Indo-US partnership focused on Rural Health and Development.

Workshop on Menstrual Hygiene Management

MBCT organised a Workshop with NGO "Mission Uditi" on menstrual hygiene to break the silence and spread awareness on safe menstrual practices in Rural Punjab. Asaavari Kaur & Khushi Shah conducted a zoom meeting with the students of MBCT vocational training centre or Learning Centre, Bassi Pathana. This is in continuation of programme started in 2018 which is funded by US based charity, Virasat, in Salt Lake City.

Media & Publications

Capt.Amarinder Singh Following
5,461 Tweets

Capt.Amarinder Singh @capt_amarinder · Jun 8
Large number of women in Bassi Pathana in association with NGO Mehar Baba Charitable Trust, who earned their livelihood by making Phulkaris, are now making Gowns & Masks for #CoronaWarriors. Happy that they've attracted big order from a renowned firm.

Phulkaris to PPE kits
Fatehgarh Sahib: A large number of rural women in Bassi Pathana, who earn their livelihood by making phulkaris, in association with NGO Meh...
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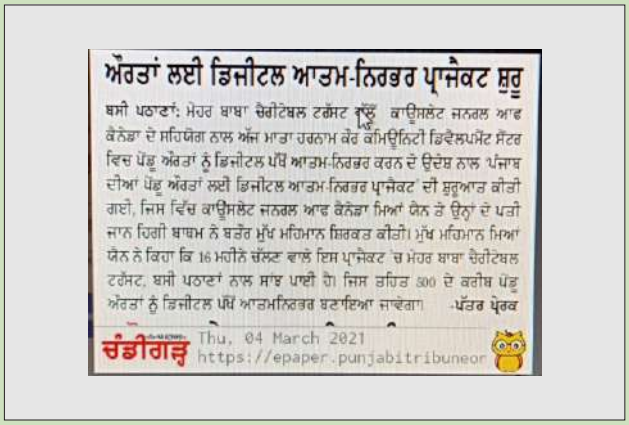

ਔਰਤਾਂ ਲਈ ਡਿਜੀਟਲ ਆਤਮ-ਨਿਰਭਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ

ਬਸੀ ਪਠਾਣਾਂ: ਮੇਹਰ ਬਾਬਾ ਚੈਰੀਟੇਬਲ ਟਰੱਸਟ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਾਊਂਸਲੇਟ ਜਨਰਲ ਆਫ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਦੇ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਨਾਲ ਅੱਜ ਮਾਤਾ ਹਰਨਾਮ ਕੌਰ ਕਮਿਊਨਿਟੀ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਵਿਚ ਪੇਂਡੂ ਔਰਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਡਿਜੀਟਲ ਪੱਖੋਂ ਆਤਮ-ਨਿਰਭਰ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਉਦੇਸ਼ ਨਾਲ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀਆਂ ਪੇਂਡੂ ਔਰਤਾਂ ਲਈ ਡਿਜੀਟਲ ਆਤਮ-ਨਿਰਭਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟ ਦੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਊਂਸਲੇਟ ਜਨਰਲ ਆਫ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਮਿਆਂ ਯੈਨ ਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਤੀ ਜਾਨ ਹਿਗੀ ਬਾਥਮ ਨੇ ਬਤੌਰ ਮੁੱਖ ਮਹਿਮਾਨ ਸ਼ਿਰਕਤ ਕੀਤੀ। ਮੁੱਖ ਮਹਿਮਾਨ ਮਿਆਂ ਯੈਨ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ 16 ਮਹੀਨੇ ਚੱਲਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਇਸ ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟ 'ਚ ਮੇਹਰ ਬਾਬਾ ਚੈਰੀਟੇਬਲ ਟਰੱਸਟ, ਬਸੀ ਪਠਾਣਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਾਂਝ ਪਾਈ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਰਹਿਤ 500 ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਪੇਂਡੂ ਔਰਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਡਿਜੀਟਲ ਪੱਖੋਂ ਆਤਮਨਿਰਭਰ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। -ਪੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰੇਰਕ

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ਬੱਸੀ ਪਠਾਣਾਂ, 24 ਫਰਵਰੀ (ਖੰਨਾ): ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੈਰਾਂ ਤੇ ਖੜ੍ਹਾ ਕਰਣ ਦੇ ਉਦੇਸ਼ ਲਈ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕੋਰਸਾਂ ਦਾ ਅੱਜ ਡੀ.ਸੀ ਫਤਿਹਗੜ੍ਹ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਅਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਕੌਰ ਤਿੰਨ ਵਲੋਂ ਮੇਹਰ ਬਾਬਾ ਚੈਰੀਟੇਬਲ ਟੱਰਸਟ ਦਾ ਦੌਰਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਡੀ.ਸੀ ਅਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਕੌਰ ਤਿੰਨ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੈਰਾਂ ਤੇ ਖੜਾ ਕਰਣ ਦੇ ਉਦੇਸ਼ ਲਈ ਵੱਖ ਵੱਖ ਕੋਰਸ ਚੱਲਾਏ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂਕਿ ਆਧੁਨਿਕ ਯੁੱਗ ਤਹ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੈਰਾਂ ਤੇ ਖੜ੍ਹਾ ਹੋ ਸਕਣ। ਇਸ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਕਿੱਤਾਮੁਖੀ ਸਿਖਲਾਈ ਕੇਂਦਰ, ਸਰਨਿਤਾ ਸੈਂਟਰ, ਫੁਲਕਾਰੀ ਮੇਕਰ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਕਮਿਊਨਿਟੀ ਸਰਨਿਤਾ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਆਦਿ ਦਾ ਨਿਰੀਖਣ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕੀਤੀ। ਇਸ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਟੱਰਸਟ ਵਲੋਂ ਟਰਡੀਸ਼ਨਲ ਪੋਰ ਇੰਮਬਰੋਡਰ (ਫੁਲਕਾਰੀ) ਕੋਰਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਾਮਾਨ ਤੇ ਕਿੱਟਾ ਵੰਡੀਆ ਗਈਆ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਐਸ.ਡੀ.ਐਮ ਪਵਿੱਤਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਨਾਇਬ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਅਰਜੁਨ ਗਰੇਵਾਲ, ਪ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਧਾਲੀ ਆਦਿ ਟੱਰਸਟ ਦੇ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਹਾਜਰ ਸਨ।

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NGO gets foreign funds for initiative

Fatehgarh Sahib: The Federal Government of Canada has selected Mehar Baba Charitable Trust, an NGO from the district, for Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). It received $36,268 (Rs 20.16 lakh) for its project "Digital Empowerment of Rural Women of Punjab". The trust is running the project in collaboration with High Commission of Canada in India and the INUS Global Charity, US. "The aim of the project is to increase the social status, economic empowerment, skills and decision-making power of more than 500 rural women artisans belonging to 51 villages of the district during the Covid crisis," said Robin Gupta, manager of the Trust.

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children, NGOs to hold fair

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A group of like-minded people, who want to make a difference in the lives of underprivileged by giving their creativity and talent a professional platform, has come up with the idea of the Open Market.

At the Open Market, NGOs from across the region have come together to showcase their unique hand-made products that are in sync with the spirit of Diwali.

City NGO Hamari Raksha focuses on educating children from poor backgrounds. The facilitators use theatre, dance and art to make learning an enriching and absorbing experience. At the Open Market, the NGO will bring art works in various mediums and techniques created by the children along with planters, book-marks, coasters, diaries, table lamps. "Art is a rewarding way for children to express and learn a range of skills and concepts," said Anuradha Sharma, director, Hamari Raksha.

Another NGO, Chhoti Si Asha, strives to create sustainable livelihoods for underprivileged women in the slum areas of Chandigarh. They are running an initiative Stitch-a-living, where slum women are trained to create handbags and home accessories and a market is created for their products. "Each product is a result of perseverance and hard work," said Gagan Chawla of the NGO.

Children's clothes made by women from minority communities under the umbrella of Sardarni Kartar Kaur Charitable Trust are a result of the NGO's vision to help women by honing their abilities. "Bumble Bee has been set up to give a platform to these women to sell children's clothes they create," said Geetanjali Gupta of the NGO.

NGO members with products to be sold at the market. *Express*

Samarpan Foundation is a charitable not-for-profit entity, and in Chandigarh, it runs kitchens for underprivileged children, serving them food daily. "We have earrings, key chains, bracelets, decorative hangings, candles... created by our women groups," said Ravee Pandher of the foundation.

Women empowerment is a thrust area for the Phulkari Makers Bassi Pathana, which is keeping alive the tradition of Phulkari. For the Open Market, they have developed hand-embroidered stoles, table-runners, coasters, book-marks.

NGO Jagriti works for empowerment of rural women in the three valleys of Kullu district and develops products from local fruits. The Open Market will be organised at Casa Bella Vista, Sector 10, on October 31 and November 1.

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The fair will be organised at Casa Bella Vista in Sector 10, Chandigarh, on October 31 and November 1 from 11.30am

Samarpan Foundation

Location | Chandigarh

What | Foundation runs samarpan kitchens for underprivileged children, serving them nutritious and healthy food daily, and providing basic health care and hygiene training. It also sponsors education of children and vocational training centres

On offer | Ear-rings, key chains, bracelets,

Who | Made by women groups from foundation

them
Geetanjali Gupta of NGO

Punjab Diary

Women stitch PPE kits and masks in Bassi Pathana.

Phulkaris to PPE kits

Fatehgarh Sahib: A large number of rural women in Bassi Pathana, who earn their livelihood by making phulkaris, in association with NGO Mehar Baba Charitable Trust have started stitching PPE kits, gowns and masks for frontline Covid warriors. Impressed with the quality of their products, a renowned firm has placed a huge order with them. Among other things, the artisans specialise in making reusable three-layered protective fabric face masks. Robin Gupta of the trust said this exemplary work of the rural women was being appreciated widely.

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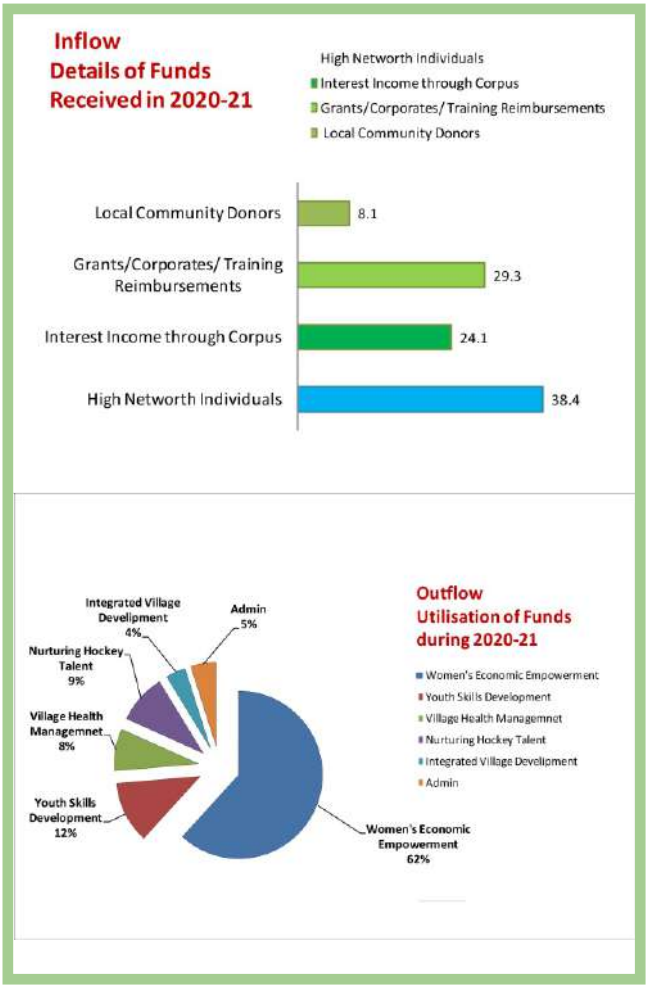

Abbreviation:

CFLI: Canada Fund fot Local Initiative
LKNS-VTC: Lala Kanwal Nain Saluja School of Fashion Designing - Vocational Training Centre
SCSS-LC: Sardar Gopal Singh Shergill - Learning Center
BPCCDP: Bassi Pathana Community Collaborative Development Project
NABARD/PMKVY: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development/ Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

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