

BEDI FOUNDATION



NEWSLETTER

April 2022 - October 2023

Qilewale family in 1940 in Dera Baba Nanak

Baba Gobind Baksh Singh Bedi

DOB:
DOD: 7-10-1906



Baba Inder Singh Bedi
Date of birth: 22-02-1905



Baba Anrik Singh Bedi
Date of birth: 23-10-1907



Baba Jagjit Singh Bedi
Date of birth: 03-06-1909



Baba Ram Singh Bedi
DOB:
DOD: 11-05-1947



Bibi Rachal Kaur
Date of birth: 27-11-1910



Baba Darbara Singh Bedi
Date of birth: 05-02-1913



Baba Kirpal Singh Bedi
Date of birth: 06-03-1915



Baba Iqbal Singh Bedi
Date of birth: 06-05-1916



Bibi Kundan Kaur
Date of birth: 07-06-1918



Baba Prithal Singh Bedi
DOB: 28-12-1919



Bibi Shanta Kaur
Date of birth: 15-07-1921

Qilewale Bedis 14th Peerhi in later years in Delhi



Baba Inder Singh Bedi
DOB: 22-2-1905
DOD: 06-06-1986



Baba Jagjit Singh Bedi
DOB: 03-06-1909
DOD: 03-10-1992



Baba Darbara Singh Bedi
DOB: 05-02-1913
DOD: 18-08-1998



Babal Kirpal Singh Bedi
DOB: 06-03-1915
DOD: 02-02-1995



Baba Iqbal Singh Bedi
DOB: 06-05-1916
DOD: 25-02-2001



Baba Prithal Singh Bedi
DOB: 28-12-1919
DOD: 18-08-2013



Silai Skill Centre

A New Initiative by Bedi Foundation



Annual Academic Achievement Awards

To meritorious students of GGSS School, DBN



Supplementary Teaching Support

English, Math, Punjabi



SCHOLARSHIPS

For further studies to Needy & Meritorious Girl Students



COMPUTER LAB

Set up at GGSS School on 13 May 2022



VISIT TO GGSS, DBN

For familiarization and Impact Analysis

Bedi Foundation

Understanding, Spreading, Serving
'Oneness'



Bedi Foundation is a charitable trust established by Late Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi, son of Late Baba Ram Singh Bedi of Mulk Raj Mohalla, Dera Baba Nanak (DBN). The family is known as Quilewale Bedis and the trust is now managed by the Grand Children of Late Baba Ram Singh Bedi.

The Foundation is executing several charity projects in Dera Baba Nanak, where lie the roots of Quilewale Bedis. They owe their ancestry to Guru Nanak Dev, the first guru of the Sikhs. From amongst descendants in the 13th generation of the great Guru, came Baba Ram Singh Bedi whose present

descendants are the proud trustees and members of Bedi Foundation.

The projects close to our hearts are the many charitable projects we are doing in Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School (GGSSS), Dera Baba Nanak (DBN). This

school comprises of 700 students and is from Grade 6 to Grade 12.



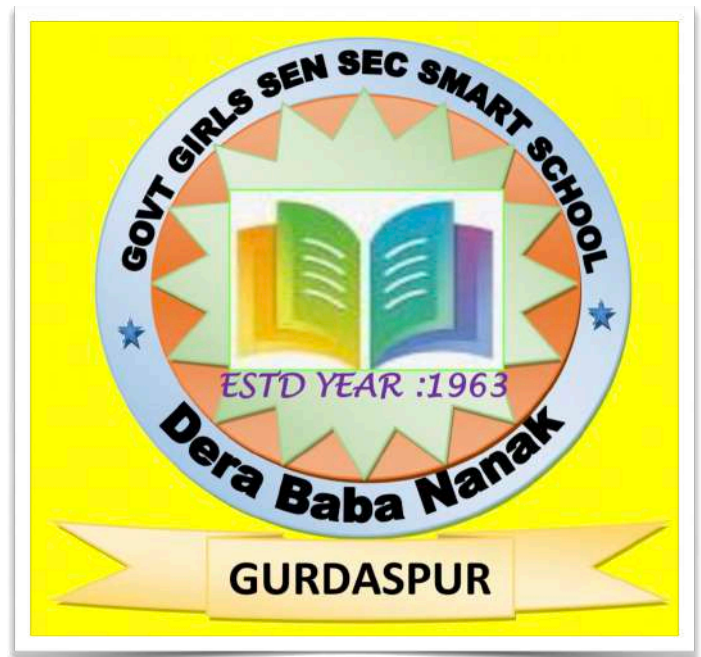
Herein we owe gratitude to the Department of Education, Punjab Government and the Principal of GGSSS Mrs Rupinderjit Dhaliwal for enabling us to render support for supplementing education effort, motivating the achievers and helping the needy students. The Foundation's intention is to empower the girls studying in this school and to give them the resources which they can use to reach greater heights and fulfil their dreams.

Visit to GGSSS, DBN By Bedi Foundation Members

26 November 2022

Bedi Foundation arranged a trip on 26 Nov 2022, for a group of its members, to pay obeisance at the Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara, Pakistan and during this visit the Group made a staging halt at Dera Baba Nanak.

The members utilized this opportunity to visit Devi Mata Mandir (Bedian da Mandir) and the Ancestral plot area at DBN. They also visited the DBN School to see the projects being executed by the Foundation at Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Dera Baba Nanak. The members were conducted around the school by the Vice Principal, Mrs Sodhi and by our Sponsored English teacher Ms Sakshi Marwah. The group was shown the IT classroom which has been fully equipped with over 30 computer systems by



the Foundation. The members of the group also went around the classrooms and had one on one chat with the children in the school to feel the positive impact that our sponsored teachers are bringing about through their supplementary support to the School. It was heartening to see the girls with rural background conversing fluently in English, Hindi and Punjabi. Foundation has sponsored three teachers for supplementing teaching effort in Maths, English and Punjabi. The members of the Group also met the achievers who had been awarded by the Foundation with cash awards for their meritorious academic achievements.

Our sincere gratitude to the Principal Mrs Rupinderjit Shaliwal and staff of the school for making the school a model school in the Gurdaspur District.



Computer Lab

13 May 2022

On 13 May 2022, a Computer Lab was set up at GGSSS, DBN. This lab is being used by the school for:

- ▶ Conducting Khan Academy Math classes by teacher Ms. Paramjit Kaur.
- ▶ Conducting classes for teaching MS Office by teacher Ms. Sukhinder Kaur.
- ▶ Typing, painting and HTML coding classes by Mr. Jagjit Singh.



Computer Lab Maintenance

The AMC of the computer lab is being handled by a local contractor. Donations for upkeep and upgradation are solicited.



Supplementary Teaching Support

Under an MOU with the Govt. of Punjab for executive education related projects in GGSSS, DBN, Bedi Foundation has sponsored teachers in English, Math & Punjabi for supplementing education effort in the school.



- ▶ In February 2022, **Sakshi Marwah**, an English teacher was sponsored and employed by the Foundation to supplement the effort to teach English language to the students from Grade 6 to 12. Sakshi did a wonderful job but had to leave in December 2022 due to her marriage. She's planning to migrate to Australia. As her replacement we recruited **Sunaina Mahajan** and she was equally good and helped raise the standard of English speaking in the school. She has not an excellent offer for relocation to Bangalore and we are therefore now on the lookout for a new English teacher which we hope to employ shortly.
- ▶ We have also employed **Sukhjit Kaur**, a Math teacher and she is supplementing the education effort for improving the standard of Math. She's a confident young girl and is proving to be an asset.
- ▶ Foundation was advised by Baba Rajinder Singh Bedi, a Philanthropist of DBN, that we must also help the girls stay connected to their Punjabi roots. Therefore, in April 2023, **Maninderdeep Kaur** was sponsored and recruited by the Foundation for supplementing the efforts in the school for improving the standard of Punjabi language.

The three sponsored teachers are bringing about a remarkable improvement amongst the students in the three subjects.

Click on the YouTube link to listen to a detailed conversation with each teacher about their experience till now: <https://www.youtube.com/@bedifoundation2491>

CORPUS DONATION APPEAL

We appeal to family and friends to sponsor English/ Math/ Punjabi supplementary teaching support for students of the school to make them proficient in these subjects. Help us create a Corpus to sustain this project for a long term basis.

A Corpus donation of INR 1-2 lacs from each Donor is solicited.





Sukhjit Kaur, Math Teacher



Maninderdeep Kaur, Punjabi Teacher

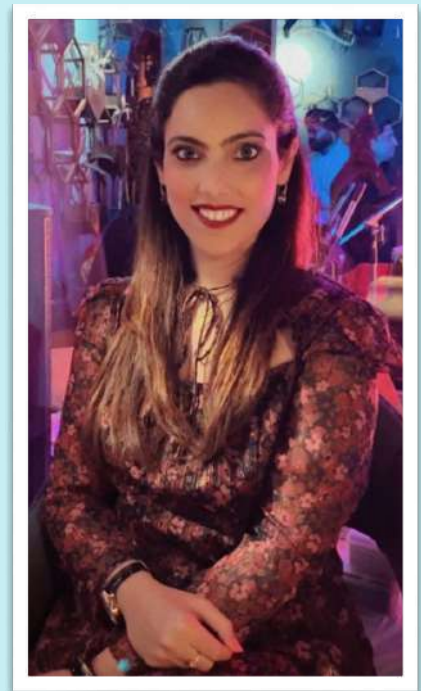


Sunaina Mahajan, English Teacher

Mentoring Program for the Teachers

In June 2023, a mentoring program was organised by the Foundation for 1 month for our sponsored teachers, Sunaina Mahajan (English) and Sukhjit Kaur (Math).

Sahiba Kapoor, a BA (Hons) Polsc, MA (Polsc), B.ED, former PGT Teacher at Carmel Convent School, New Delhi was the mentor. She mentored our teachers on how to better perform in school and what different teaching methods they can use with their students. Her focused areas were calculation techniques, phonics, picture based & activity based sentence formations, etc.



Sahiba Kapoor

Annual Award Ceremony

14 Nov 2022

To encourage meritorious students, Foundation disburses Academic Achievement Annual Awards, sponsored by our esteemed donors. Each award comprises cash prize of Rupees Twenty Thousand, a Plaque and a Certificate. For the Academic Year 2022-23, the Awards distributed were as follows:

- ▶ **Late Baba Ram Singh Bedi Memorial Academic Achievement Award** was awarded to **Sharanjit Kaur** for being First in the order of merit in Class 10 in the Punjab Board Examination. This award was sponsored by **Mata Parshotam Kaur Bedi**.
- ▶ **Late Baba Darbara Singh Bedi Memorial Academic Achievement Award** was awarded to **Mehakpreet Kaur** for being First in the order of merit in English Language in Class 6. This award was sponsored by **Bawa Manvinder Singh Bedi & Bawa Harjit Singh Bedi**.
- ▶ **Late Dr Bakhtawar Singh Memorial Academic Achievement Award** was awarded to **Tamina** for being First in the order of merit in Science Stream of Class 12 in the Punjab Board Examination. This award was sponsored by **Dr Manmeet Singh, Late Mr Parmeet Singh and Dr Rameet Singh**.
- ▶ **Late S Narinder Singh Khanna Memorial Academic Achievement Award** was awarded to **Sehnazpreet** for being First in the order of merit in Math in Class 10. This award was sponsored by **Mrs Harmesh Khanna, her son Saurabh, daughter Anchal & their spouses Harkamal & Ashutosh**.



DONATION APPEAL FOR MEMORIAL AWARDS

It is an earnest appeal by the Foundation that each Quilewale family should institute an Annual Academic Achievement Award to be presented to a meritorious student of GGSSS, DBN. This will encourage the girls of the school further and improve the standard of education in this ancestral town.



College Education Scholarship to Vaishali

July 2022 till July 2025

Vaishali, an Achiever of Class 12 Board Exam, is now on a Scholarship Program sponsored by Bedi Foundation and is pursuing BSc from RR Bawa DAV College, Batala.

Vaishali scored 92.4% in Class 10 Board Exam and later 96.6% in Class 12 Board Examination in 2021.

She received Dr Bakhtawar Singh Memorial Award from Bedi Foundation for her Class 12th Board Academic Achievement.

Unfortunately, she had dropped out from further college studies due to dire financial hardships and domestic reasons. Having learnt of her hardships, Bedi Foundation sponsored her college education for pursuing B.Sc (Non Medical) under graduation 3 years degree course in RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala. She is now in Year 2.

**Thank you donors Ishaan & Divya Bedi,
Vikram & Praneet Sodhi for helping
us in this charity endeavour !**



So many girls every year with a good score pass out from Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, yet many are unable to continue their higher education due to lack of funds. By receiving a donation, these girls can get higher education they rightly deserve. **With a mere donation of INR 30,000 per year, you can educate a needy girl with college education.**



College Education Scholarship to Aarti

July 2023 to July 2025

Aarti, a student of GGSSS is now on a Scholarship Program sponsored by Bedi Foundation and is pursuing BEd Under Graduation 2 years degree course in Govt. College of Education, Faridkot.

Aarti scored 91.84% marks in Class 10 and 70% in Class 12 Punjab Board Examination in 2019. She wanted to pursue further studies and enrolled herself in Govt. College of Education, Faridkot for a BEd 2 years course. However, due to dire financial hardships and domestic reasons, she had to drop out after the 1st year.

Bedi Foundation learnt of this situation and offered a scholarship to Aarti to pursue her 2nd year and complete her college education.



This Scholarship was sponsored by our donor, Mrs Parshotam Kaur Bedi.

We are hopeful that Aarti shall be able to get a gainful employment post her BEd course. We wish her the very best for her bright future.

“WHEN WE EMPOWER GIRLS HUNGRY FOR EDUCATION, WE CULTIVATE WOMEN WHO ARE EMBOLDENED TO EFFECT CHANGE WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND GLOBALLY”

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MEGHAN MARKLE

Silai Skill Center

A New Initiative by Bedi Foundation

We are pleased to announce that our Foundation has commenced a Skilling Course of Apparel Designing and stitching in GGGSS, DBN, wef 01 Sep 2023.

The Principal of the School, Mrs Rupinderjit Dhaliwal, was kind enough to give us a large room in the school, where the 'Silai Skill Center' has been established. The sewing machines and embroidery machines have been purchased with generous donation from Dhanwant Kaur Phull (Mother of Harmesh Khanna), our foundation member. We have employed an experienced teacher, Mrs Prakash Kaur to impart stitching and embroidery skills to the students.

We had been advised by the Principal that in addition to creating college education avenues for the girls of this school, we must also create skill avenues for mediocre students so that such girls attain the capability for self reliance. Our skilling course shall endeavour to empower these girls to create livelihood for themselves and also be a support to their families.



Foundation's endeavours to skill atleast 100 girls every year and make them proficient in tailoring and embroidery. To run this project on sustainable basis, we need support of our members and friends. Do kindly help in this drive of fund collection for this project. Any donation upwards of INR 5000 is most welcome.



Girl Child Empowerment Conversation Series

Season 2: Jan 2022 - Sep 2022

Season 3: Jan 2023 and ongoing

In 2001, the Foundation started an Online ‘Girl Child Empowerment Conversation Series’ hosted by Jyoti Sandhu, an Educationaist Coordinator and a member of Bedi Foundation. In January 2022 we aired 9 episodes and in 2023 we have aired 8 episodes till now.

The intention behind this series is to spread the message of ‘importance of girl child education’, and how parents, teachers or the society play an integral role in encouraging children, especially girls to study and make education an important part of their lives. Another intention is to encourage the girls studying in this school to participate in quizzes, inter school debates, conversations, etc organised by the Foundation so that they are able to



build on their confidence and language skills.

While we did many episodes with school girls participating, we also held many conversations with the sponsored teachers recruited by the Foundation, to understand their experience, their strategies and their methodologies of impact analysis.

Our episodes can be accessed on our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@bedifoundation2491>



In Conclusion, Our Appeal

We have one world and that is ours, and when we are fortunate enough to have so much, we have the opportunity to heal our world.


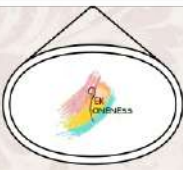

In the spirit of spreading and serving 'Oneness', rise up to give back to the society a part of what the Divine has bestowed upon you.

Help us give the girls of Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Dera Baba Nanak a future they rightly deserve, by giving them education opportunities and skills, empowering them and their families.

Alone we can do little,
Together we can do so much!

—
Hellen Keller

Sharing some of our appeal mailers... which can be further accessed on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/BediFoundation/> and Instagram Handle: https://instagram.com/bedifoundation?igshid=OGQ5ZDc2ODk2ZA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Support The Education of a Girl Child

Support the Education of a Girl Child, studying in Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Dera Baba Nanak, Punjab.


For a duration of 1 year

What is included in the donation:
Books, stationery, uniform, bag, fees and personal hygiene.

What you will receive:
The photograph and profile of your sponsored girl followed by regular progress reports.

Donation: INR 10,000/-

Donations are 80G Tax Exempted * www.bedifoundation.org * Registered for CSR Donations


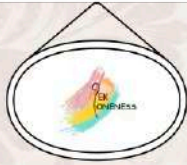

Proficiency in English Language


Duration: 6 months or 1 year

Help a girl become proficient in English language - speaking and writing.

Donation: INR 2,000 per month

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Higher Education

Duration: Yearly or for 3 Years


So many girls every year with a good score pass out from Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, yet many are unable to continue their higher education due to lack of funds.

We at Bedi Foundation have made it our mission to sponsor their higher education.

Your donation will include their college fees and living expenses.

Donation: INR 30,000 per year

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Academic Achievement Awards for Meritorious Girls

Duration: Yearly

Bedi Foundation runs annual academic achievement awards where we honour the achievers with a reward of Rs 20,000 plus a plaque. The achievers have to meet the stipulated criteria. Award is generally sponsored by the donor in memory of a loved one.

Presently we have:

- Dr. Bakhtawar Singh Memorial Academic Achievement Award
- Late Baba Darbara Singh Bedi Memorial Academic Achievement Award
- Late Baba Ram Singh Bedi Memorial Academic Achievement Award
- Late S Narinder Singh Khanna Memorial Academic Achievement Award
- Late Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi Memorial Academic Achievement Award

What you will receive:

The photograph and profile of the achiever and participation opportunity in the award ceremony.

Donation: INR 30,000 per year



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**English/ Math/ Punjabi
Supplementary Teaching Support**

Duration: 1 Year

Sponsor English/ Math/ Punjabi supplementary teaching support for all students of Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Dera Baba Nanak, through supplementary tutors.

What you will receive:
Half yearly impact analysis report from the sponsored teacher.

Donation: INR 2,000 per month

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Apparel Designing & Stitching Skilling Course

Even though education is integral for children, supplementing skilling increases employability for the students. Bedi Foundation in conjunction with the Principal of Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Dera Baba Nanak is starting with an Apparel Designing and Stitching Course for the students in the school. This course will aim to provide the students with a skill that will enable them to attain employability, entrepreneurship and financial gains, thereby empowering them.

We hope to skill at least 100 girls per year.

Though the infrastructure (classrooms) will be made available by the school, we are looking for sponsors for:

Donations:

- Yearly donation for sponsoring a child: INR 15,000
- Start up donation for equipping the institute: INR 20,000 as a one time donation (we require 10 such sponsors)
- Salary support for a local teacher: INR 3,000 per sponsor per month (we require 6 such sponsors)

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