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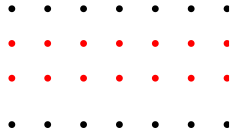


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## Message from President



**Rajiv Khajuria**  
**President**  
**National Development Foundation**

Dear Friends,

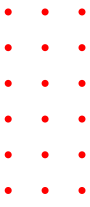
I am writing this with great satisfaction and contentment that the National Development Foundation NDF, which has started its journey as MCC from the Rajouri district, has completed three decades of Community service by successfully bringing positive changes in the lives of children and youth and contributing to Nature preservation. I appreciate the opportunity to thank the J&K Government for its continuous support and patronage. Serving communities for three decades was not possible without the active participation of the communities themselves. I thank everyone who supported NDF in its three-decade journey.

In 2022-23, we celebrated three decades of community work. NDF's main Focus in 202-23 remained on **Education and Child protection** and the research work at The Kishtwar High Altitude National Park, which the Hon'ble LG J&K Sh Manoj Sinha, among other senior officers, appreciated on record.

I assure the NDF Welwishers' beneficiaries and partners that we will continue to work dedicatedly with the same zeal and expect all possible support from all stakeholders in the best interests of the communities we work for.

**(Mr. Rajiv Khajuria)**





## Acknowledgement

We thank our community representatives, PRIs, volunteers, members of different civil societies' and NDF board members for their continued support during the year. We place on record our appreciation of the contribution made by our employees at all levels. Our consistent growth was made possible by their hard work. We thank the Government of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Particularly the Police, School Education Department, Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of School Education Jammu, Mission Vatsalaya, Department of Social Welfare, Unicef, Department of Wildlife Protection, and other government agencies for their support. We look forward to their continued support in the future.

We also thank our research partners, Jawaharlal Nehru University, the University of Kashmir, and the Central University of Jammu. We thank the district administration of various districts of Jammu and Kashmir, where we have our operations/interventions.

My special Thanks to The Children, youth and communities we work for; without their active participation, achieving the desired results is impossible.

**Arti Sharma**  
**(Chief Executive Officer)**



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## About Us

National Development Foundation (NDF) is a grassroots NGO that has been working for the last three decades, focusing on Children, Youth, and Women on Education, Child Protection, WASH, health, DRR, and environmental & wildlife Protection. The organizations familiar with the local situations and has an extensive presence in various districts across Jammu & Kashmir. NDF has brought positive changes in the lives of Children, Youth and Communities it worked for and has done a commendable job during the last three decades. Government, communities, and supporters have appreciated and recognized our work, and it is on our website: [www.ndf.net.in](http://www.ndf.net.in).

NDF works with the target communities' active participation and close collaboration with the Government and has signed MoUs with the state Govt. / DM of the districts it works with to give impetus to the mission. Apart from this, many Government circulars are in place to facilitate the programmes and activities of the NDF. NDF won the best NGO State award by NYKS Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India in 1996-97. In addition, NDF received many state- and district-level awards and appreciation from The Government

Partners/Donors of NDF include various Departments and Ministries of Govt. of India, the J&K Govt., UNICEF, the European Union, Charities Aids Foundation, Central University of Jammu, Kashmir University, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, etc.

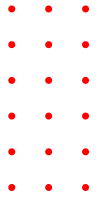
## Our Approach

We explore opportunities to create developmental and conservation models through our programmes with the active participation of Govt. and the communities we work for. Such models are then used as demonstrations and examples of what can be achieved, and we advocate for their replication and wider take-up by the Government and other service providers. We work to improve systems, supplement existing schemes and link marginalised communities to such projects mainly run by the Government.

## Our Mission

To create an environment where everyone exercises their rights with dignity and lives in harmony with nature.





## Our Vision

To empower communities, particularly children and youth, to realise their rights, creating opportunities for their development and conservation of nature and natural resources.

## Our Belief

National Development Foundation (NDF) believes sustainable change is impossible without the Civil Society's proactive involvement in the development process, particularly among Children, Youth and Women. National Development Foundation works with them to make them partners in its mission. We believe that community involvement can transform the dynamics of any civil society intervention. The participation of community members ensures that programmes respond directly to their priorities. By empowering community members, we see a range of practical benefits, including increased capacity and skills of local community members, greater beneficiary engagement, increased information sharing, and better programme outcomes for both the organisation and the beneficiaries.

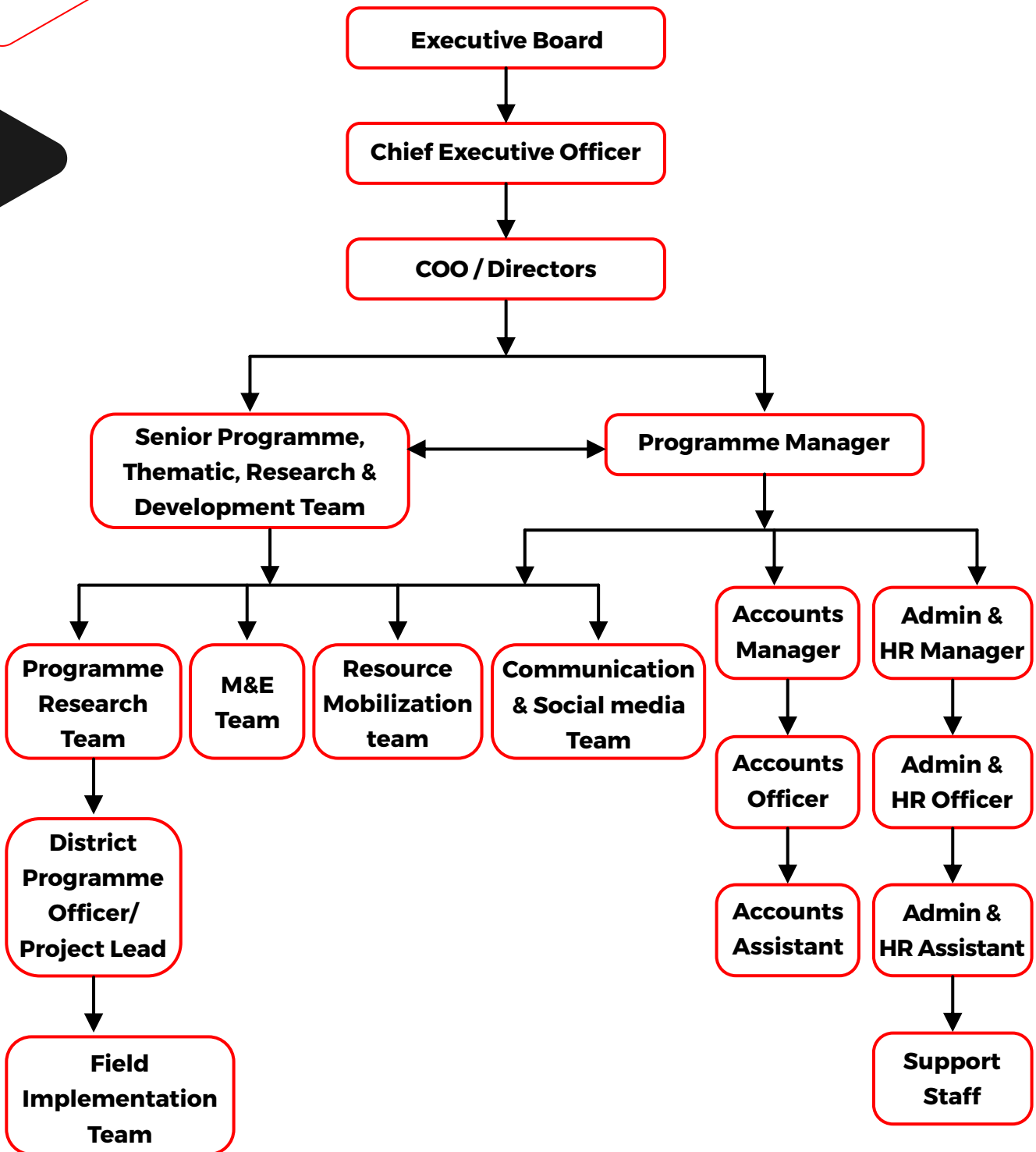
## Our Values

**Credibility:** We work efficiently with optimum utilisation of resources and are accountable to communities, partners, and donors. We set the highest standards of personal commitment toward our work.

**Proactive:** We set high goals, work proactively to achieve them, and are committed to improving our quality of work.

**Innovation:** We are open to new ideas that can bring sustainable changes in the lives of the communities we work for, particularly Children and youth and Nature Conservation. We learn from the past and improve/organise for the future.

# Organizational Chart



# Children and Youth Empowerment

(Child Protection, Education, WASH Youth Empowerment & Skill Development, and Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Response)

## a. Child Protection:

Nation Development Foundation works and collaborates with various Government and non Government stakeholders in creating a protective environment for children free from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation, and neglect; strengthening community-based child protection mechanisms through effective implementation of child protection policies, legislation, services, and schemes; advocating and influencing legal and policy reforms in line with Global Conventions on the Rights of the Child ratified by Govt. of India in the state of J&K; and utilising a child rights programming framework keeping in mind the cross-cutting themes of child participation, non-discrimination and best interest of children while working with and for children for the realisation of their Rights.

We are strengthening health systems & nutrition services for all children and women. Effective implementation of health/medical schemes; preventing child marriage & reducing adolescent pregnancies; providing infrastructure and health services to improve the health status of communities.





## b. Education:

National Development Foundation, NDF collaborate with various Government and non-governmental stakeholders and works towards ensuring every child, especially the most marginalised those in greater danger of being left behind like girls and children with disabilities, enjoy their right to equitable and quality Education from early learning opportunities to secondary Education so that they reach their full potential; work for effective implementation of education policies, legislations, schemes and services; strengthening policy and legal reforms in line with the right to Education and providing infrastructure to improve education services.



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## c. Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH):

National Development Foundation, NDF aims to improve general public health and transform the lives of communities by improving their access to safe Water, sanitation and hygiene; work and build partnerships with Government and non-governmental stakeholders to empower and enable communities to demonstrate sustainable WASH solutions to influence policy; improve access to water supply by leveraging government resources; construct toilets to stop open defecation for universal toilet use at households, school, institutions, and public places; improve hygiene practices by promoting knowledge and motivating change on main hygiene behaviours; strengthening linkages between government WASH facilities/schemes and communities, and promote safe waste management and disposal.



### **d. Youth Empowerment and Skill Development:**

National Development Foundation, NDF aims at creating a pool of young and independent people from a section of eligible and underprivileged youth and women through skill upgradation and livelihoods in accordance with market requirements to aid economic growth; skill up-gradation through vocational training of deserving and most marginalised youth and women; Gender equity and women empowerment; development and empowerment of youth and adolescents by utilising their limitless energies and potential through, Camping, Leadership programmes, Sports, cultural, literary and other youth activities which can inculcate among them a sense of patriotism, selfless service, the dignity of labour, fraternity, brotherhood and overall discipline in a broader sense.



### **e. DRR and Emergency Response:**

National Development Foundation, NDF aims to build resilience and reduce the vulnerability of communities, especially children, youth, and women, by improving community preparedness for emergencies.

In the aftermath of natural disasters; work and collaborate with Government and non-governmental stakeholders to reach out to the most marginalised & needy families affected by natural disasters to respond to their immediate essential needs and long-term rehabilitation; to promote and build leadership among children, youth, and women through community-based approaches enabling them to participate in the decision making process to respond effectively to humanitarian crises; and provide child-friendly spaces to cater to the children's psychological, nutritional, medical and protection needs.



## Nature, Wildlife and Climate Change

### a). Himalayan Wildlife and Environment Protection:

National Development Foundation, NDF aims to work with a wide range of stakeholders to conserve and protect Himalayan Wildlife and critical ecosystems for continued social, economic and environmental benefits. This programme of NDF focuses on environmental protection, conservation and awarenessbuilding partnerships with Government, research institutions, educational institutions and civil society organisations. NDF aims to effective implementation of environment & wildlife-related policies & legislation. To achieve the overall objectives of nature and wildlife conservation, we aim to work closely with communities, several leading scientists, conservationists, educators and experts from varied professional backgrounds with a passion for the conservation of nature and natural resources. As part of this programme, the focal area of our work will be Northern India in general and the Western Himalayas in particular. Ecotourism initiatives in natural areas and key wildlife habitats will be promoted as means for nature conservation and for providing alternate sources of livelihood.



### b). Climate Mitigation and Adaptation:

National Development Foundation, NDF aims to focus on various climate mitigation and adaptation strategies for reducing the impacts of climate change. This will be achieved by organising focused awareness programmes on different latest climate adaptation and mitigation strategies for Himalayan communities, through watershed development and tree planting drives and by promoting environmentally sustainable practices. Demonstration of environment-friendly pilot projects and policy and advocacy with the Government for strengthening environmental policy and frameworks will be key areas of our work. The main Focus of the climate adaptation and mitigation programme of NDF is creating awareness among a wide range of stakeholders about conserving nature and natural resources in their immediate vicinity. Healthy natural ecosystems will be promoted as a natural solution to deal with Climate Change at a regional level. Sustainable agricultural practices will also be promoted as a likely climate adaptation and mitigation strategy.

### c). Water and Wetlands:

National Development Foundation, NDF aims to document wetlands and wetland biodiversity of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh through on-the-ground research and citizen science initiatives. To achieve this, NDF will focus on developing strategies for conserving protected areas, especially National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, and Wetland Conservation Reserves of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The programme will also focus on developing an alternate model for conservation within and outside protected areas. One of the key components of this programme will be biodiversity monitoring and conservation planning. This activity will generate knowledge through applied research and outreach activities. The programme aims to improve the management of biodiversity and ecosystems through various outputs to influence existing policies and conservation planning.



## Current Donors and Partners



## 2022-23 in Brief

The year 2022-23 was historical as NDF has completed thirty years of serving communities in need in Jammu & Kashmir (07.09.1992 - 07.09.2022).

During this year, the National Development Foundation J&K Jammu strengthened early childhood care and Education efforts as envisioned in National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020. This year, the NDF Team distributed 8000 pre-primary activity books to 8000 children, of which 3915 (48.93%) were girls and 4085 (51.06%) were boys. Apart from Education, the primary focus remained on child protection and the research project in the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park.

## a. Children & Youth Empowerment

### Strengthening ECCE in Govt. Schools:

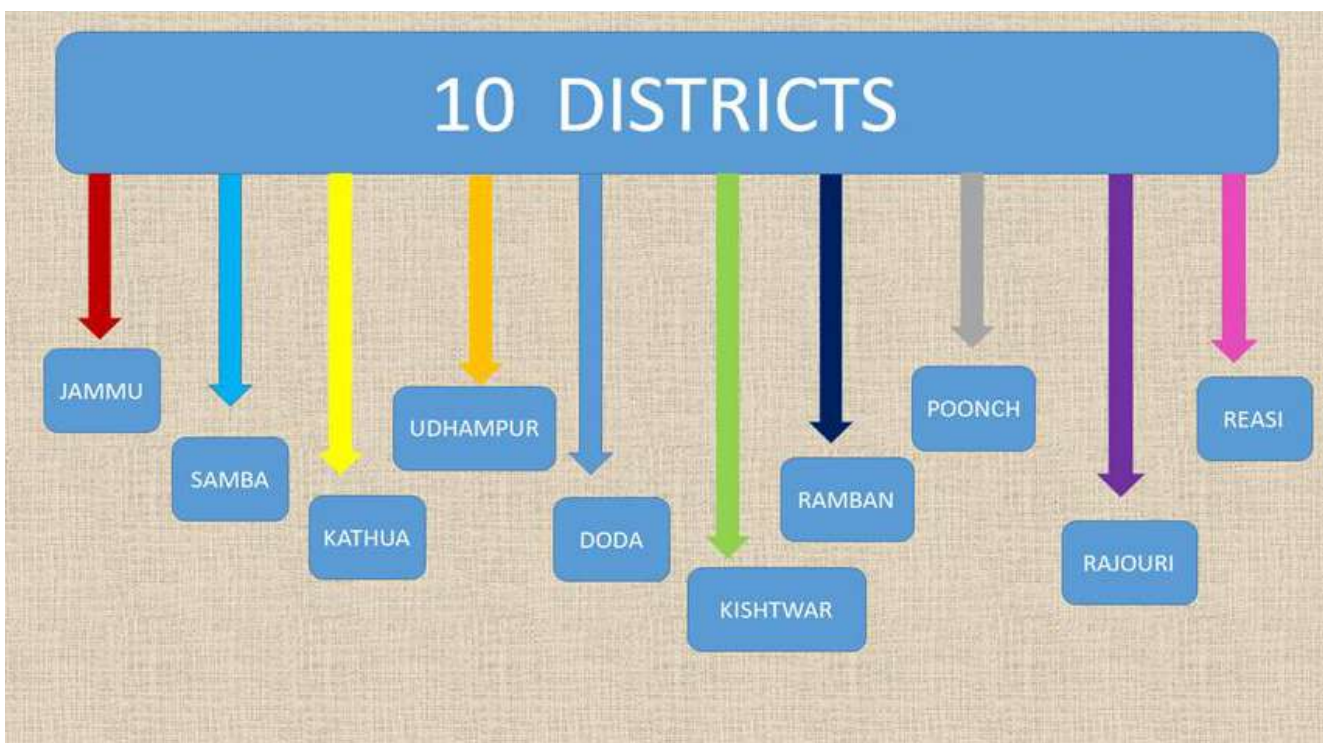
After the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 came into force, J&K's school Education department took the bold decision of establishing Pre-primary wings (kindergartens), thus strengthening the Early Childhood Care and Education ecosystem as envisioned in the National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020. NDF also joined hands with the School Education department and worked on the significant challenge of enrolment and retention in Govt—schools, especially in pre-Primary. The major challenge was that no content was available for pre-primary classes; Samagra Shiksha developed the content in the shape of pre-primary workbooks for pre-primary 1, 2 & 3 with the active participation of teams from SCERT, Directorates of School Education of both Jammu and Kashmir, National Development Foundation and Partners with the technical support from Unicef India. NDF also printed these books and became the IST organisation that provided books to more than 8000 children enrolled in pre-primary classes in government schools of the Jammu division directly through schools by the Education Facilitators engaged by the organisation. The details of the books disseminated by NDF are hereunder.

- Pre-School Activity Book-1 Vol-1 (3-4 yrs Children) ----- 4000 Books.
- Preschool Activity Book-2 Vol-1 (4-5 yrs Children) ----- 2000 Books.
- Preschool Activity Book-3 Vol-1 (5-6 yrs Children) ----- 2000 Books.

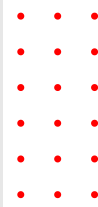
Before disseminating the books, the NDF organized the training of education facilitators of the Jammu Division on how to provide hand holding support to teachers and deliver Preschool Activity Books developed by the Department of School Education J&K to 8000 children in all ten districts of Jammu Division. Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Coordinator of the Divisional Resource Centre for Pre-Primary Education in Jammu and Dr. Sarita Sharma, Assistant Coordinator of the Divisional Resource Centre for Pre-Primary Education in Jammu, acted as Resource Persons and imparted training to the Facilitators.

Mr. Rajiv Khajuria, President National Development Foundation, in his address, called upon the Education Facilitators that apart from delivering Preschool Activity Books they shall also facilitate the meeting of the School Management Committee and brief the concerned Corporator/Councilor or Sarpanch/Ward Member about the delivery of books in their area to ensure community participation and engagement with the school for strengthening ECCE component as enshrined in NEP 2020. This will also increase school enrollment, added Mr. Khajuria.

## Pre School Activity Books Intervention Area



Apart from reaching out to 8000 children by providing them with Preschool Activity Books in the school setup, NDF also raised awareness among the School Management Committees of the five schools in each district of Jammu Division.



## Dissemination

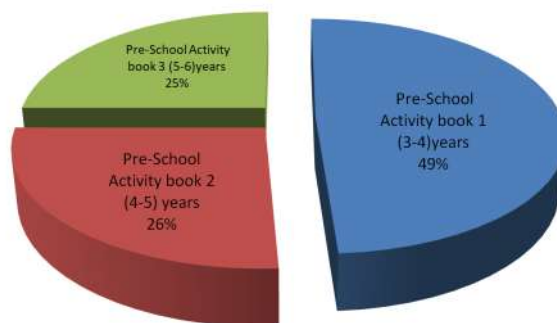
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### Distribution of Total Books Delivered- (Age wise)

Apart from our delivery plan, our education facilitator also liaises with the school education department, providing them with the list of schools with the highest number of enrolments.

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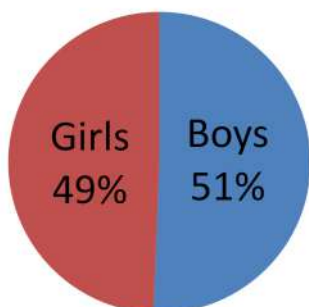
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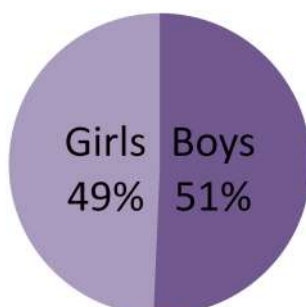
### Distribution of Books Delivered: (Gender Wise):

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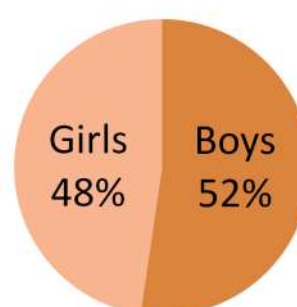
Activity Book 1



Activity Book 2



Activity Book 3



## Facilitated the Educational Household Survey (Talaash)

National Development Foundation J&K Jammu joined hands with Samagra Shiksha and UNICEF to facilitate the ongoing Talaash Survey for identifying, enrolling, and mainstreaming out-of-school children.

School Education Department's Samagra Shiksha Directorate requisitioned NDF to conduct Talaash survey in the Municipal Limits of the Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Corporations. To conduct this survey, NDF recruited 50 volunteers and deputed them with the nodal officers nominated by the education department both at Jammu and Srinagar.

NDF Education Team, and the Nodal Officers, Amit Jagotra (ZNO Jammu Zone), Mr. Vikas Khajuria and Mr. Mudassar from Samagra Shiksha, sensitized the volunteers on the Talaash app before sending them to the field. During the induction training, Sh. Ajit Sharma, coordinator Samagra Shiksha, elaborated that Talaash survey is for identifying and mainstreaming OOSC between the ages of 6 to 18 years and informed that this has

To ensure the quality of the survey and handholding support to the School Education Department, NDF placed a team of experts to ensure a hassle-free Talaash survey in the best interest of the children in Jammu and Kashmir. NDF, as per the requisition given by the CEO of Jammu and Srinagar, engaged 50 volunteers from Jammu and 20 from Srinagar.



Before sending our field Volunteers to different areas to conduct the Mobile based education survey, i.e. Talaash survey, A one-day training / handholding support workshop was conducted during which the experts from the Samagra Shiksha Department acted as resource persons and provided training on Talaash App to 50 Volunteers of Jammu on 2nd of July 2022 at Tawi Conference Hall Udheywala Jammu and 20 volunteers at Srinagar.

NDF facilitated the School Education Department to reach 70000 households in Jammu and Srinagar. Project Director Samagra Shiksha Sh. Deep Raj Kanethia JKAS, coordinator Quality Sh. Ajeet Kumar Sharma and Assit. Coordinator Quality Sh. Syed Fayaz Ahmed thanked the NDF for boosting the survey and providing technical support to DNOs.



## Dissemination of Foundational Learning Study 2020

To work on the action plan for making India Nipun Bharat by 2026-2027 and to discuss the required strategies, A workshop on 11th Nov was held at National Development Foundation, Tawi Conference Hall, Ram Janki Enclave.

During the workshop, Project Director Samagra Shiksha School Education Department, Er. Deep Raj Kanethia, while addressing, said that J&K UT will achieve Universal Foundational Literacy and numeracy at the end of Grade III by 2026-27 through a National Mission, i.e. the National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat).

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The Officers from SCERT, CEO Offices and DIETs of all the districts of Jammu Division participated in the workshop. Ajeet Sharma, coordinator of Quality Samagra Shiksha and Syed Fayaz, Assistant Coordinator of Samagra Shiksha, acted as Resource Persons and disseminated the outcome of the foundational learning study 2022. In his address, Rajiv Khajuria, President/CEO of the National Development Foundation, highlighted the priority given to foundational numeracy and literacy in National Education Policy 2020. He emphasized that future schooling and lifelong learning for children is impossible without attaining foundational literacy & numeracy.

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### J&K to achieve Foundational Literacy & Numeracy at end of Grade-III by 2026-27: Kanethia

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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## DNOs review workshop on mainstreaming of OoSC held

In collaboration with the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, the School Education department and Unicef, NDF organised a workshop at Tawi Conference Hall Udheywala Jammu to review the progress on enrolment and mainstreaming of out-of-school Children in Jammu & Kashmir. Around 30 participants from all ten districts of the Jammu division comprising DNOs and Education Officers who are Nodal Points in their respective districts on enrolment and mainstreaming of Out-of-School Children participated. Vikas Khajuria, Assistant programmer, Dr Jagdish Raj Panotra, and Dr Pourash Sharma Nodal officers from the Directorate of School Education Jammu also participated and interacted with the DNOs.



Ajeet Sharma, the coordinator of Quality Samagra Shiksha, advised DNOs to enrol children on Portal and not to see progress through the Portal. Syed Fayaz, the Assistant Coordinator of Quality Samagra Shiksha, discussed procedures regarding the age-appropriate admission process as per the RTE Act 2009. He informed that special training centres will be established on a need basis.

A group exercise was also organized in which participants deliberated on the challenges faced on the ground and the way forward. Samagra Shiksha also facilitated the DNOs by awarding them Certificates of Appreciation for their role in conducting the web-based Talaash Survey. A special certificate of appreciation was also awarded to National Development Foundation for their outstanding work and support during the Talaash Survey. Bilal Mir Dy. Director Planning Samagra Shiksha J&K distributed the certificates.

## Traning of Education Functionaries on Mobile Based App (Talaash)

After the surveyor and planner found technical glitches while surveying the Talaash mobile app. Two days of training for resolving these glitches were held, i.e. on 11th June and 12th June, named as technical workshops for DNOs for both Jammu and Srinagar Division. Members of the Velocity Team conducted technical sessions. (Velocity Tech Solution, the technical developer of the Software)



### Jammu Division:

NDF conducted a day technical workshop of DNOs of Jammu division on Talaash

- Application for enrolment and mainstreaming of Out-of-School children on 08th June 2022 at (NDF Office) Shakuntla Bhawan Udheywala Jammu.

- Mr. Nitin Srivastav and Mr. Harsh Agarwal from Velocity team, Bangalore, gave the session to the DNO, ZNO's and other staff from education department for using Talaash application.

### Srinagar Division:

NDF conducted one day technical workshop DNO's of Kashmir division on Talaash Application for enrolment and mainstreaming of Out of School children On 11th June, 2022 at Samagra Shiksha Office Srinagar. Mr. Nitin Srivastava and Mr. Harsh Agarwal from Velocity team, Bangalore gave session to the DNO'S, ZNO's and other staff from education department for using Talaash application.

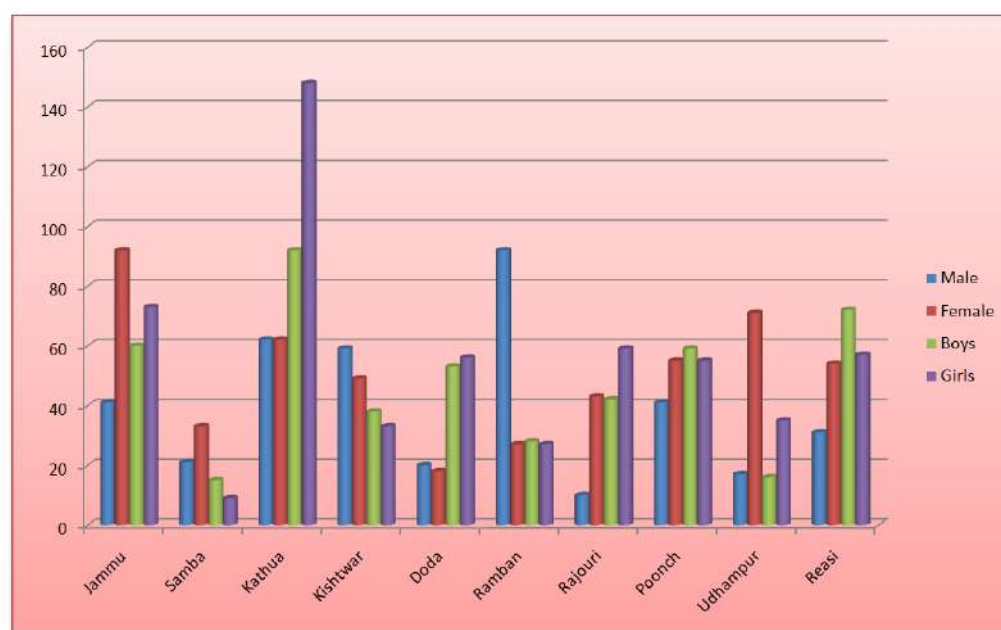
### Key Points in technical training:

- Technical glitches were resolved by the team.
- Online and offline working of the application was explained.
- Login problems were resolved.
- Proper household code training was given.

## Community Mobilization Meetings

District	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
Jammu	41	92	60	73
Samba	21	33	15	9
Kathua	62	62	92	148
Kishtwar	59	49	38	33
Doda	20	18	53	56
Ramban	92	27	28	27
Rajouri	10	43	42	59
Poonch	41	55	59	55
Udhampur	17	71	16	35
Reasi	31	54	72	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>552</b>

50 Community Mobilisation meetings were conducted in 50 schools of 10 Districts of Jammu Division to sensitise the community about school readiness skills. The meetings were attended by parents, children, sarpanches, corporators, and SMCs. The total number of beneficiaries sensitised during the 50 community mobilisation meetings was more than 2000. In these meetings, the importance of the holistic development of a child was targeted, and SMCs motivated to create a child-friendly environment. Priority was also laid on the pre-primary education of children aged 3-6 years.





In December 8 more Community Mobilisation meetings were conducted in the Jammu division. The details given below:

Dated	District	Participants	M	F	B	G
21.12.22	Udhampur	92	46	17	5	24
22.12.22	Reasi	90	23	21	19	27
23.12.22	Samba	92	21	23	29	19
23.12.22	Jammu	88	13	17	11	47
23.12.22	Kathua	70	11	13	5	41
27.12.22	Jammu	65	23	18	13	11
28.12.22	Samba	73	19	16	28	10
29.12.22	Jammu	82	36	25	10	11
		<b>652</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>190</b>

During these meetings, six hundred fifty-two parents, teachers, community members, students, SMCs, and other PRIs were sensitised.

These community meetings/campaigns were conducted by our consultants with the help of our core staff. They mostly focused on increasing enrolments in Govt. school.

During these campaign PRIs, some community members raised the issue of the less community linkage with the Government schools. The connection between government school teachers and community members needs a boost. Parental and community involvement in schools will help improve the quality in several ways advocated in these campaigns. Community members are responsible for supervising school administration, e.g. attendance and punctuality of teachers, attendance of students, abolition of corporal punishment and physical and mental harassment, regular health checkups for children and many more.



**Community Mobilization Campaign in Jammu Division**



## Key Achievements of the Education Initiatives

NDF has successfully achieved all of its set targets – qualitative and quantitative. The highlights are:-

- Distributed 8000 pre-primary activity books to 8000 children, of which 3915 (48.93%) were girls, and 4085 (51.06%) were boys.
- 30 Education Officers & DNOs from all ten districts of the Jammu division Capacitated on Mainstreaming of OoSC.
- A 50,000-household survey was conducted in Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Limites.

### b. Nature Wildlife & Climate Change

#### Research Project, i.e. Preparation of PRI-Based Geo-Referenced Biodiversity Assessment, Documentation and Conservation Plan of Wild Flora and Fauna of Kishtwar High Altitude National Park (KHANP)

National Development Foundation continued working on a prestigious project, i.e., preparing a PRI-based geo-referenced biodiversity assessment, documentation, and conservation plan of wild flora and fauna of Kishtwar High Altitude National Park (KHANP). The project is in partnership with following consortium partners:

- University of Kashmir
- Central University of Jammu
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
- Local Settled / Nomadic Communities of Kishtwar

The project's primary objective is to document and assess the park's biodiversity, contributing to our understanding of the unique ecosystems thriving in high-altitude regions.

NDF has submitted reports to the Department of Wildlife Protection department, which are appreciated on record by the Hon'ble LG of J&K, among other senior officers.

The NDF research team is focusing on the following aspects of the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park that are mentioned below.

**1. Bird Diversity Assessment:** The project focuses on identifying and documenting the avian species present within the national park. Bird surveys, including point counts, transects, and mist netting, are being conducted to record species diversity, population sizes and migratory patterns. The collected data will contribute to understanding the park's role in avian conservation and migration.

**2. Mammal Species Inventory:** The research project aims to establish a comprehensive inventory of mammalian species inhabiting the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park. Field surveys, camera trapping, and DNA analysis techniques are being employed to identify and document mammal species, their population densities and habitat preferences.

**3. Flora Composition and Distribution:** The study involves comprehensive vegetation surveys across different habitats within the park. Botanical techniques such as transect sampling, quadrat analysis and species identification are being utilized to determine the diversity, distribution and abundance of plant species. The collected data will aid in understanding the park's ecological processes, plant community dynamics and potential threats to vegetation.

**4. Insect Biodiversity Assessment:** The project includes an assessment of insect biodiversity within the park. Various sampling techniques, such as sweep netting, pitfall traps and light trapping are being employed to capture and identify insect species. This research will contribute to knowledge of insect communities, their ecological roles and potential indicators of environmental change.

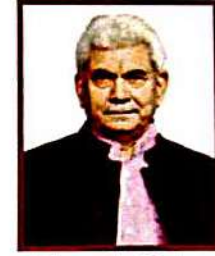
**Conservation implications of Kishtwar Project:** Presently the field research team based at the research station at Loharna in Dacchan area of Kishtwar is collecting all the research data. This collected data will undergo rigorous analysis to determine species richness, abundance, and diversity indices. Statistical models and Geographic Information System (GIS) will be utilized to understand the spatial distribution patterns of the studied taxa. The research findings will provide valuable insights into the ecological health of the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park and will aid in formulating conservation strategies to safeguard its biodiversity. The final DPR of the project will have all the information about various ecological aspects of the park and will have specific recommendations for conservation and management of the park.

**Education, Awareness and Capacity Building:** Simultaneously along with research in the park, in order to build capacity for the future the field researchers regularly visit the local educational institutions and conduct various education and awareness programmes related to the wildlife of Kishtwar High Altitude National Park. In order to build the capacity of the frontline staff of the National Park, the local staff actively participates in various research activities being conducted in the area. This will ensure the future sustainability of the ongoing research activities at Kishtwar High Altitude National Park.



## Message from Governor

Lieutenant Governor  
Jammu and Kashmir



Manoj Sinha

### Message

I am happy to know that the Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K, with technical support from the National Development Foundation has embarked on a prestigious research project at Kishtwar High Altitude National Park.

I gather that the document titled "GIS - Based Land Use and Ecosystem Resource Mapping of Kishtwar High Altitude National Park", with detailed ecosystem resource mapping using state-of-the-art GIS based spatial analysis presents valuable information about the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park.

Protection of Wildlife and its habitats has been part of our cultural ethos since time immemorial. It is crucial to have extensive information repositories of baseline and advanced data on the protected areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

This report shall provide information on location, geocoordinates, spatial extent, and other thematic layers such as land cover, vegetation, soil, geomorphology, lithology, slope, aspect, elevation, drainage, and accessibility of the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park.

Jammu & Kashmir has unique geography and supports a rich diversity of rare and endangered flora and fauna, unique to the Himalayas. The Department of Wildlife Protection is mandated to protect and improve the wildlife habitats.

Such a scientific study will be beneficial for the park managers. It will also be helpful to anyone who wishes to know more about Kishtwar High Altitude National Park and its ecological resources.

The result of this report are encouraging and shall prepare the Department of Wildlife Protection for better conservation and management of Kishtwar High Altitude National Park which is important for the rare wildlife species and various ecological services it provides to the downstream communities.

In future, our conservation activities should be designed to protect our wildlife and generate employment opportunities for the local youth through various ecotourism activities.

I congratulate the Department of Wildlife Protection and National Development Foundation for bringing out this much-needed publication, and extend my best wishes to them for their future endeavours.

*Manoj Sinha*  
(Manoj Sinha)



## NDF COMMEMORATES THREE DECADES OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

National Development Foundation (NDF) J&K, Jammu, celebrated thirty years of community services by organizing a Mehfile-Sangeet at Tawi Conference Hall, Udheywala. Mayor Jammu, Sh. Chander Mohan Gupta joined the celebration as Chief Guest, while Excise Commissioner J&K, Sh. Pankaj Sharma presided over the function.



Sh. Farooq Qesor SSP, Sh. Rameshwar Jamwal Sr. Advocate High Court Jammu, Sh. Vikram Garg, Chartered Accountant, NDF Board Members, Ms. Nilly Pachnanda, Sh. Jatin Anand, R C Puri, Deeraj Sharma, Surbhi Sharma, all Sr. Staff/Staff of NDF & ex-employees of NDF also graced the occasion. Ajay Kumar & party presented a variety of music programmes. Founder President of NDF, Sh. Rajiv Khajuria gave a detailed, brief account of the history of NDF. He thanked the Govt communities and civil society, who contributed to making the NDF programmes successful.

A detailed presentation of the work done by NDF in Child Protection, Education, Wash, DRR, Health and Environment protection. Sh. Pankaj Sharma, Sh. Farooq Qesor, Sh. R C Puri and other dignitaries and board Members also spoke. The mayor congratulated NDF on the successful completion of thirty years. He termed NDF a sincere and transparent organization that has benefitted child, youth and communities in Jammu & Kashmir, particularly on the Actual Line of Control. He complimented the leadership of its Founder, President Rajiv Khajuria and called upon NDF to expedite its work. He assured NDF of the full support of JMC and UT Government and said that we need civil society organizations like NDF that supplement the efforts of the Government.



## School Readiness Camp for promoting Parent-Teacher Engagement held



**NIPUN BHARAT SAMRA, MAY 16** A School Readiness Camp for promoting Parent-Teacher Engagement and NIPUN BHARAT MISSION at Universal Education was held today at the Government Office, NEH GGSMS East Kohliwala, Jammu. Around 30 Parents and 10 Children apart from the School Staff of Govt. Girls Middle School participated in the camp. The camp was organized in collaboration with the Director of School Education Jammu and the District Director of Sanagra Shiksha J&K. The camp focused on the concept of Early Childhood Education and the role of parents in the overall development of children. The camp aimed at strengthening the partnership between parents, teachers and education as envisioned in the National Education Policy 2020. The camp focused on the participation of Parents of Pre-Primary Classes and the role of parents in the overall development of children. The camp was held in a room at the Government Office, NEH GGSMS East Kohliwala, Jammu. The camp was held in a room at the Government Office, NEH GGSMS East Kohliwala, Jammu. The camp was held in a room at the Government Office, NEH GGSMS East Kohliwala, Jammu.

## J&K to achieve Foundational Literacy & Numeracy at end of Grade-III by 2026-27: Kanethia

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Project Director Sanagra Shiksha School Education Department, Dr. Deep Raj Kanethia while addressing a workshop at Jammu, said that J&K UT will achieve Universal Foundational Literacy & Numeracy at the end of Grade-III by 2026-27 through a National Mission, i.e. the National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat).



It is impossible without attaining foundational literacy & numeracy, which has been accorded the highest preference in National Education Policy 2020. He shared that L&JK, Chief Secretary, and Principal Secretary of Education have given clear-cut instructions that NIPUN Bharat Mission shall be a great success by ensuring that all children in Jammu & Kashmir attain proficiency in learning with understanding and numeracy. This is also a flagship programme of the Government of India and will help achieve SDG 4.1.1. The project Director complemented the role of civil society, particularly the National Development Foundation and UNICEF, for joining the Education Department to ensure foundational numeracy and literacy a reality for the children in Jammu & Kashmir. He detailed that National Education Policy 2020 also promotes voluntarism and the role of Civil Society Organisations to ensure inclusive and quality education for all children.

## NDF volunteers join Talaash Survey on OOSC

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: National Development Foundation (NDF) J&K Jammu in collaboration with Sanagra Shiksha and with support of UNICEF joined hands with School Education Department to facilitate carrying Talaash survey for identification, enrolment and mainstreaming of Out of School Children (OOSC).



He called upon the volunteers to undertake quality survey as per the guidelines of the app and Sanagra Shiksha. NDF Officers along with Anil Jagota (ZNO Jammu Zone), Vikas Khajuria and Mohanar from Sanagra Shiksha motivated the volunteers on Talaash app. Aji Sharma, Coordinator Sanagra Shiksha in his address elaborated that Talaash survey is for identification and mainstreaming of OOSC between age of 6 to 13 years. This survey is helping government to identify such children who have been enrolled or dropped out for one or other reason will be identified and educated in appropriate classes in the school in same institution. It is a self-reliance survey and up to till now more than 30 thousand students have been identified as OOSC. This survey is being conducted by the J&K Sanagra Shiksha with the support from Directorate of School Education Jammu, UNICEF and National Development Foundation. J&K Jammu.

**Kaviner for combing operation to free valley from scourge of terrorism**  
**Decries Kashmiri leadership for playing negative role**  
**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Kaviner has been seen in the valley for combing operation to free valley from scourge of terrorism. He decried the role of Kashmiri leadership for playing negative role in the valley.

## DNOs review workshop on 'Mainstreaming of Out of School Children' held

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: District Directors of Sanagra Shiksha Department of School Education J&K, in collaboration with the National Development Foundation with support from Unicef, organized a workshop at Tawi Conference Hall, Udhvayala Jammu to review the progress on enrolment and mainstreaming of Out of School Children in Jammu & Kashmir.



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Appreciation for their role in conducting the second Talaash Survey. A special certificate of appreciation was also awarded to National Development Foundation for their outstanding work and support during the Talaash Survey. The workshop was held in a room at the Government Office, NEH GGSMS East Kohliwala, Jammu. The workshop was held in a room at the Government Office, NEH GGSMS East Kohliwala, Jammu.

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• • • 30 Education Officers & DNOs from all ten districts of the Jammu division Capacitated on Mainstreaming of OoSC.

• • • A survey of 70,000 households was conducted in Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Limites.



## NDF Edu facilitators to reach out to 8000 Children in Jammu Division

**TNN BUREAU** JAMMU: To strengthen the government's efforts on early childhood care and education as envisioned in National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, National Development Foundation (NDF) Jammu in collaboration with Director of Sanagra Shiksha J&K; Directorate of School Education Jammu and in partnership with UNICEF India organized the training of Education Facilitators of Jammu Division.

These facilitators are engaged by NDF to deliver pre-school activity books developed by the department of School Education J&K to 8000 children in all the 10 districts of Jammu Division. Jasvinder Kour Coordinator Divisional Resource Centre for Pre-Primary Education in Jammu and Dr. Sarita Sharma Assistant Coordinator Divisional Resource Centre for Pre-Primary Education in Jammu acted as Resource Persons and imparted training to the Facilitators.

Rajiv Khajuria President CEO National Development Foundation in his address called upon the Education Facilitators that apart from delivering Pre-School Activity Books they shall also facilitate the meeting of the School Management Committee and brief the concerned Corporator or Sarpanch about the delivery of books in their area to ensure community participation and engagement with the school for strengthening ECCCE component as enshrined in NEP 2020.

**Place:** Jammu  
**Date:** 10-10-2023  
**-sd/ Sunny Kumar**



**FORM No. 10BB**  
[See rule 16CC and 17B]

Audit report under clause (b) of the tenth proviso to clause (23C) of section 10 and sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 12A of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of a fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution which is required to be furnished under clause(b) of the tenth proviso to clause(23C) of section 10 or a trust or institution which is required to be furnished under sub-clause(ii) of clause(b) of section 12A

We have examined the balance sheet of NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION [name of the fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution] as at 31-MAR-2023 and the Income and Expenditure account or Profit and Loss account for the year ended on that date are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations to the best of our knowledge and belief which are necessary for the purposes of the audit.

In our opinion, proper books of account have been maintained at the registered office of the above named fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution at the address mentioned at row 11 of the Annexure:

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to explanations given to us, the particulars given in the Annexure are true and correct subject to following observations or qualifications

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view

- (i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named Institution as on 31-MAR-2023 and
- (ii) in the case of the Income and Expenditure account or Profit and Loss account, of the income and application or profit or loss of its accounting year ending on 31-MAR-2023

subject to the following observations/qualifications

- (1) Column 4 of TDS schedule have amounts on which tds is applicable and deducted. The total expenditure is as per income expenditure account.

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

For O.P. Garg & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
(Firm Regn No.: 0001194N)



(VIKRAM GARG)  
Partner  
Membership No: 097038

Place :Jammu  
Date : 10-Oct-2023  
UDIN : 23097038BGWFBV5725

**NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, NDF**  
**1st Floor, Shakuntala Bhawan, Ram Janki Enclave, Udhewala, Jammu (J&K)**  
**Abridged Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2023 (All amount are in INR)**

	For the Year Ended 31st March-2023
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>	13,63,743.00
<b>Current Assets, Loan and Advances</b>	
Cash & Bank Balances:	1,69,862.53
Loans and advances	9,47,972.00
Grant receiveable against works executed	6,42,276.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>31,23,853.53</b>
Unsecured Loans	9,20,000.00
Current Liabilites	52,29,966.50
Reserve & Surplus	-30,26,112.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,23,853.53</b>

For O P. Garg & Co.

Chartered Accountants



CA Vikram Garg  
 Partner

M. No. 097038

DATE: 10/10/2023



*Arti Sharma*  
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Chief Executive Officer

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, NDF

1st Floor, Shakuntala Bhawan, Ram Janki Enclave, Udheywala, Jammu (J&K)

*Abridged* Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on 31.03.2023 (All amount are in INR)

	For the Year Ended 31st March-2023
<b>Income</b>	
Restricted Income (Grant/Donations)	90,01,000.00
Unrestricted Income (Grant/Donations)	2,91,000.00
Other Incomes	115,300.64
	<b>94,07,300.64</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Programme Implementation Expenditure	1,03,71,775.00
Administrative and Other Expenditure	7,31,904.86
	<b>1,11,03,679.86</b>
<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>-16,96,379.22</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,07,300.64</b>

*Abridged* Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended on 31.03.2023 (All amount are in INR)

	For the Year Ended 31st March-2023
<b>Receipts</b>	
Opening Cash and Bank Balance	21,85,620.75
Grants	90,01,000.00
Donations	2,91,000.00
Other Income	55,856.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,15,33,477.39</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
Programme and Administrative cost	1,07,50,176.86
Payables Paid	2,87,310.00
	<b>1,10,37,486.86</b>
Fixed Assets, TDS, Advance	3,26,128.00
Cash and Bank Balance at the end of the year	1,69,862.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,15,33,477.39</b>

For O.P. Garg & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

CA Vikram Garg  
Partner

M. No. 097038

DATE: 10/10/2023



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