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Develop Context Based Solutions for Holistic Development of Children from Varied Backgrounds

Workshop on ECCE Leadership & Capacity Building of Education Officers on FLN

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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 is empowering communities 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 more than 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 2023-24, NDF's main Focus 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's Wellwisher' 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.



RAJIV KHAJURIA

Acknowledgement



Arti Sharma
Chief Executive Officer
National Development Foundation

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
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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 organisation is 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 has worked for and has done a commendable job during the last three decades. Government, communities, and supporters have appreciated and recognised our work, and it is on our website, 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 Government / 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.

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, which the Government mainly runs.

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.

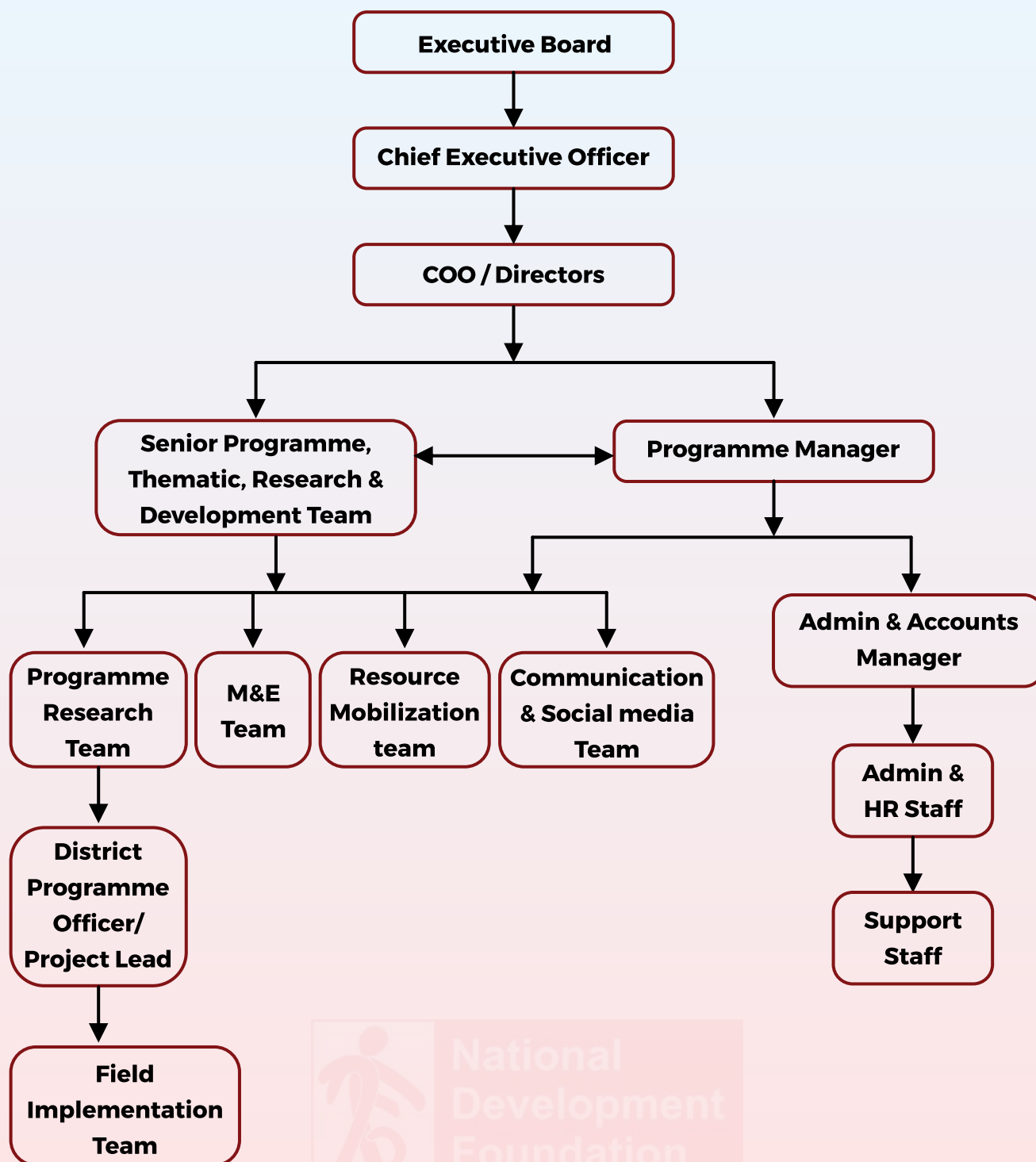
Proactive:

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:

National 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 and nutrition services for all children and women, effectively implementing health/medical schemes, preventing child marriage and reducing adolescent pregnancies, and 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.

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 awarenessamong 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.

d) Snow Leopard Conservation Programme

Snow Leopard *Panthera uncia*, the smallest member of the genus *Panthera* is the most elusive cat inhabiting cold and rugged mountain landscapes of Great and Trans Himalayas in western Himalayas. Its secretive behaviour, camouflage, and adaption to extreme environmental conditions makes it one of the most charismatic species in the world. The snow leopard is found across the high mountains of twelve countries of South and Central Asia and India has the third largest share of snow leopard distributional range. In India, the snow leopard is found in the Union territories of Ladakh, and Jammu & Kashmir, the states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh in Western Himalayas and the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim in the Eastern Himalayas. However, currently the species is facing various threats such as habitat loss, poaching and human-wildlife conflict.

Through our snow leopard research and conservation programme, National Development Foundation (NDF) is dedicated to safeguarding the snow leopard population and preserving their unique habitat in the Himalayan landscape.

At NDF, we have embarked on a comprehensive research and conservation initiative with support from the Department of Wildlife Protection, Government of J&K. This programme has a special focus to protect the snow leopard and their fragile habitats. Currently our programme is focusing on following key areas:

1. Research: As part of our research activities for snow leopard, we conduct extensive field research to understand the behaviour, ecology and population dynamics of snow leopards at Kishtwar High Altitude National Park. Through camera trapping, satellite tracking, and genetic analysis, we gather crucial data to inform our conservation strategies.

2. Community Engagement: We recognize the importance of involving local communities in conservation efforts. Therefore NDF community experts work closely with villagers, herders and other stakeholders to raise awareness about the importance of snow leopards and mitigate human-wildlife conflicts through innovative solutions.

3. Habitat Protection: Preserving the snow leopard's habitat is essential for their long-term survival. We collaborate with government agencies and local authorities to implement land-use planning measures and promote sustainable land management practices.

4. Capacity Building: We train local researchers, conservationists and wildlife officials to enhance their skills in snow leopard monitoring, research techniques and community outreach. By empowering local stakeholders, we ensure the sustainability of our conservation efforts.

5. Advocacy and Policy: We advocate for stronger legal protection and policies to safeguard snow leopards and their habitat. Through partnerships with national and international organizations, we strive to influence policy decisions and secure funding for conservation initiatives.



Current Donors and Partners



Annual Report

2023-24 Overview

In 2023-24, the National Development Foundation, on a pilot basis, operationalised a three-tier Community-Based Child Protection Mechanism in district Rajouri as envisioned in Mission Vatsalya and provided mechanisms established under the Juvenile Justice Act.

In the Education sector, NDF worked on strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education, Foundational Literacy & Numeracy, Parent-Teacher engagement, Early Identification of Disabilities and Early Warning Systems for students at risk of dropping out as envisioned in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The first-ever Research Project of the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park and the key Wildlife Programme, i.e., the Snow Leopard Conservation Programme, gained momentum in 2023-24.



Education

With the active collaboration of the Government and other stakeholders, the National Development Foundation in 2023-24 implemented various initiatives that promoted equitable excess and gender-responsive Early Childhood Education, facilitating Mainstreaming of Out of School Children, access to quality education and student well-being in our ten targeted schools of Jammu and Samba district: Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is an essential part of the educational and developmental landscape in India, and it has been receiving increasing attention in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) as well. NDF's focus is on providing children with a strong foundation during their formative years, ensuring their holistic development in a child-friendly environment.

Key achievements of ECCE in Jammu and Kashmir

NDF, in collaboration with the Education Department, organised two workshops on ECCE leadership for Education functionaries to enhance the quality and delivery of early education services, particularly for education officials, administrators, and key stakeholders in the Jammu division. The goal is to equip these functionaries with the knowledge, leadership skills, and tools to effectively implement ECCE programs, monitor progress, and influence positive change in their local contexts.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has aligned its efforts with national ECCE policies, focusing on implementing programs under:

- National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasises the integration of ECCE into the formal education system.
- Mission Vatsalya to support the holistic development of children under the age of six. The NEP 2020 also envisions pre-primary Education as a key component of formal Education, which has led to plans for enhancing the infrastructure and quality of ECCE services across the region.





Key achievements of ECCE in Jammu and Kashmir

- Strengthen Leadership Skills:** Enhance the leadership capacity of education officials to drive ECCE initiatives in their districts and schools.
- Policy Awareness:** Familiarise functionaries with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's ECCE framework and its implementation strategies.
- Capacity Building:** Develop their understanding of the holistic development needs of children aged 3-6, including cognitive, social, emotional, and physical aspects.
- Innovative Approaches:** Introduce best practices and creative approaches to tackle the challenges of delivering ECCE in diverse and complex contexts, such as rural or conflict-affected areas.
- Community Engagement:** Encourage leadership in community mobilisation and awareness around the importance of early childhood education.
- Data-Driven Decision Making:** Foster a culture of using data to monitor the implementation of ECCE programs and make informed decisions.

During the workshop, the Director of School Education, Jammu Sh. Ashok Kumar Sharma JKAS, along with President NDF, Sh. Rajiv Khajuria and all other Education officers released the IEC material (information education and communication) regarding the ECCE leadership (Early Childhood Care and Education).

School Readiness Camps in ten schools of Jammu and Samba District in preparing Children for Formal Schooling

School Readiness Camps are designed to help children transition smoothly from preschool or home environments to formal school settings. These camps run in ten schools i.e. GGHS Bazar Qasaban, GMS Upper Paloura, SRML HSS Parade, GMS Chak Changerwan and GHS Muthi, CGMS Bari Brahmana, GHS & GPS Palli, GMS Dollian, GMS Barjani and GHS Meen Sarkar with focus on preparing young children in key developmental areas such as cognitive skills, language, social-emotional development, and physical coordination.

A total of 956 participants, including 440 adults and 516 children, were sensitised in these camps.

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Involving Parents

- Involving parents in these camps and activities within the camp strengthened the bond between home and school. Parent-teacher engagement and school readiness camps provide a strong foundation for children's transition to formal schooling.
- Through our intervention, we ensure active parental involvement in learning that extends beyond the classroom. Preparation camps prepare children for the physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges of school. Both strategies can significantly improve early learning outcomes and set the stage for lifelong educational success.

A total of 83 teachers (20 male and 63 female) were sensitised on ECCE and Foundational Literacy & Numeracy (FLN) pedagogy during the School Readiness Camps.



Key achievements of FLN in Jammu and Kashmir

The capacity-building of education officers in foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) programs aims to improve their skills, knowledge, and effectiveness in supporting educational goals. It is crucial for enhancing the quality of Education, especially in early learning years, where literacy and numeracy form the bedrock of future learning. On August 5th, 2023, NDF organised a workshop on FLN capacity building for education officers. This workshop aimed to:

- Enhance capacity of participants to improve their effectiveness & impact in FLN sector.
- Discuss the importance of FLN skills for children's future learning.
- Share the findings of the FLS study, which highlighted the need for improvement in FLN skills across Jammu & Kashmir.
- Training on how to effectively implement education policies, especially those related to improving literacy and numeracy outcomes in schools.

Around 89 Education officers were sensitised in this workshop, of which 46 were males and 43 were females. During the workshop, The Project Director, Sh. Deep Raj Kanethia, JKAS, Samagra Shiksha, J&K, along with President NDF, Sh. Rajiv Khajuria and all other Education officers released the IEC material (Information Education and Communication) regarding the Capacity building of FLN (Foundational Literacy and Numeracy).



Early Identification Camps

In collaboration with the Education Department and the Directorate of Health Services Jammu, NDF conducted screening camps for Early Identification of Disabilities in ten schools across Jammu and Samba districts. These camps screened a total of 580 students. The camps followed a three-phase approach:



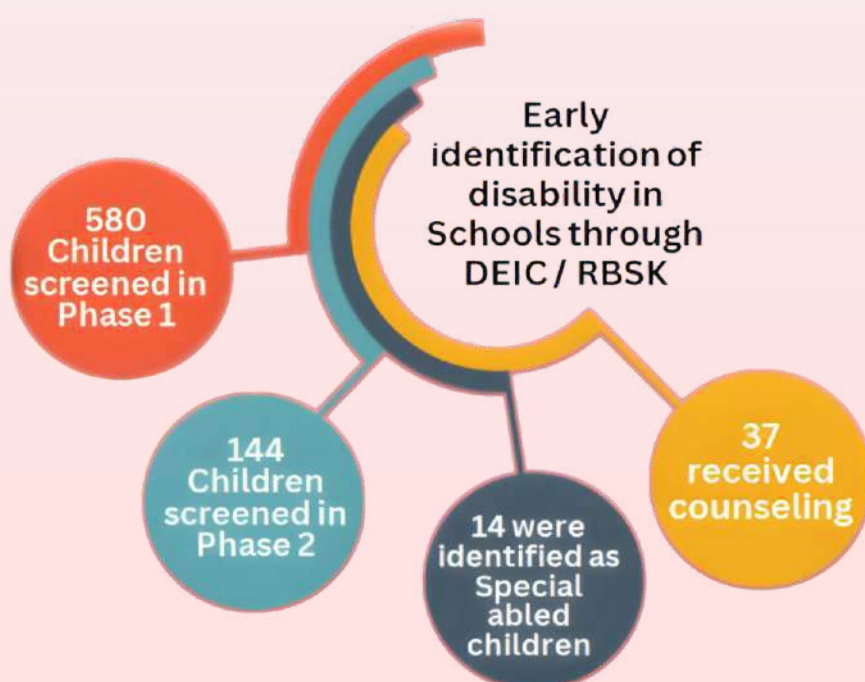
Phase 1: The NDF team, regular teachers, and special educators assessed students for potential disabilities. 580 students across ten target schools in Jammu & Samba.

Phase 2: A more in-depth evaluation for shortlisted students conducted by special educators. One hundred forty-four students emerged as children for the Second Phase of the screening camp. Out of which, 50 students were shortlisted for the 3rd Phase.

Phase 3: Screening and diagnosis by doctors for students identified in the third Phase. After the second round of screening, 50 students were identified for Phase 3. Out of the 50 students, 14 were referred to the District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) for specialised intervention. Thirty-seven students received counselling for Speech and language disability or Learning Disability.

By actively involving both teachers and parents, we aimed to create an environment that promotes the overall development and well-being of these identified children.

Children Identified after Phase 1, 2 & 3 of Screening Camps in Jammu





Rollout the Early Warning System for Students at Risk of Dropping Out

National Development Foundation conducted a one-day consultative rollout workshop on an Early Warning system for students at risk of dropout on November 16, 2023, at The Royal Auditorium, Amar Singh Club, Jammu.

Around 100 Education Functionaries were sensitised in this workshop. The workshop mainly focuses on how to implement and strengthen the Early Warning Systems in J&K to prevent dropout rates.

During the workshop, a brief about the Early Warning System (EWS) tool for students at risk of dropping out was discussed, which was the first in Jammu and Kashmir. The resource person, Mr. Ganesh Nigam, briefed the session on how to identify students who are likely to disengage from school and eventually drop out. By using a combination of real-time data and predictive analytics, these systems allow educators and administrators to intervene before a student reaches a crisis point.

Following this rollout workshop, the National Development Foundation (NDF) conducted a one-day teacher training workshop on Early Warning Systems (EWS) for students at risk of dropping out. The workshop involved approximately 20 teachers from ten targeted schools in Jammu and Samba.

The workshop focused on equipping teachers with the tools and strategies to effectively identify and support students at risk of dropping out. The key objectives were to:

- **Enhance understanding of EWS:** Provide teachers with a comprehensive knowledge of EWS concepts, components, and implementation strategies.
- **Identify at-risk students:** Teach teachers how to identify early warning signs through academic, behavioural, and socio-emotional indicators.
- **Develop intervention strategies:** Equip teachers with effective intervention strategies to address the needs of at-risk students.
- **Foster collaboration:** Promote collaboration among teachers, counsellors, administrators, and parents to ensure coordinated support for students.



Parents Teacher Meeting

A parent-teacher meeting is an opportunity for parents and teachers to come together and discuss a child's academic progress, behaviour, and any other relevant concerns. It's a valuable time for collaboration to ensure the child receives the best support both at home and at school. NDF, in their current intervention in 2023-24, facilitated 30 parent-teacher meetings in 10 target schools of Jammu and Samba Districts.

A total of 648 Parents (217 male and 431 female) and 120 teachers were present during the parents-teacher meeting.

Chadha to strengthen Government Child Protection Mechanism & Services in J&K

TT CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, DEC. 27: Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India called upon to strengthen Mission Vatsalya and Child Protection Mechanism and service delivery in Jammu and Kashmir. He was speaking in workshop organized by the National Development Foundation Jammu, in collaboration with the District Administration Jammu and the Directorate of Mission Vatsalya J&K organized a One Day Convergent Workshop for Strengthening Child Protection Mechanism as envisioned in Mission Vatsalya and the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act 2015. Around 120 participants from the Department of Police, Education, Labour, Health, Mission Vatsalya, Mission Poshan, Care Givers and Civil Society Organizations attended the Programme. Ms. Harvinder Kour, JKAS, Director Mission Vatsalya and Sandeep Soointra, Additional DC Jammu attended the workshop as Guests of Honour and addressed the participants highlighting the efforts of District Administration &



Mission Vatsalya for the Care & Protection of the Children. The Technical Session was facilitated by Mr. Hilal Bhat, Child Protection Specialist J&K, UNICEF India while the Panel Discussion on the Roles and Responsibilities of Stake Holders is facilitated by Dr. Nancy Mengi, Head Social Work Department Central University of Jammu, Sh. Rameshwar Singh Jamwal Sr. Advocate / President Criminologists Society, Sh. Amit Kumar JKAS, ALC Central, Labour Commissioner Office, J&K, Jammu and Bilal Rashid Mir, Dy. Director Samagra Shiksha J&K. Mrs. Atri Sharma, CEO NDF welcomed the partici-

pants and gave brief introduction about the objectives of the Programme. Ms. Nisha Pandita, APO NDF conducted the stage while the Panel Discussion was moderated by Mr. Sunny Kumar, Programme Manager NDF. Mr. Rajiv Khajuria, President National Development Foundation presented the key note address detailing the Roles & Responsibilities of various Stake Holders for Strengthening Child Protection Mechanism. Mr. Khajuria emphasized that all Departments have schemes and mechanisms for Children, the need of the hour is to cement convergent action to support and sustain children in difficult circumstances. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, Addl. Secretary MWCD, Govt. of India in his address said that Government of India is open to support all proposals of Mission Vatsalya for building a robust infrastructure for the children in need of Care & Protection and the children in conflict with law. He asked the Mission Director Vatsalya to involve the Civil Society Organizations like National Development Foundation to strengthen the Child Protection Mechanism at Village, Block & District Level. He asked the Mission Director Vatsalya to hold similar workshops for promoting convergent approach at district level also. He asked that Govt. of India will provide additional funds if required for the leftover sponsorship cases if any. He emphasized that Prime Minister of India has a vision of reaching to all children particularly those in difficult circumstances so that no children is left behind. He complimented the work and efforts of National Development Foundation for bringing all stakeholders to one platform to cement the convergent actions to support and sustain the children who need Care & Protection.

Director Education Pitches for Strong ECCE Leadership among Education Officers



TT CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, AUG. 04: Director School Education Jammu Ashok Sharma Pitched for strong leadership among Education Officers, Particularly CEOs ZEOs and HOIs, for effective implementation of early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) as envisioned in National Education Policy 2020. He was speaking after inaugurating a one-day ECCE leadership workshop with Education Functionaries organised in Collaboration with the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of

National Development Foundation and called upon the participants to share the learnings of this workshop with fellow Colleagues and implement in their schools. Mr. Rajiv Kumar Khajuria, President National Development Foundation, termed Early Childhood care and education as the basic Right of Children, without which the Right to free and compulsory Education Cannot be effectively realised. He said that coming up with the NEP 2020 Govt of India has clarified ECCE as the fundamental right of Indian Children.

School Education Jammu by The National Development J&K Jammu in partnership with UNICEF INDIA at the Institution of Engineers Channi Jammu. Around 60 education officers from the School Education department and SCERT J&K Participated. Sh. Ajeet Sharma Coordinator quality Samagra, Sh. N P Singh, Head ECCE SCERT; Sayeed Fayaz, Assistant Coordinator Quality Samagra, Ms. Jaswinder Kour, Coordinator Pre-primary; Dr. Sarita Sharma, Assistant Coordinator Pre-Primary and Mr. Sunny Kumar Programme Manager National Development Foundation, acted as resource persons and interacted with the participants and also addressed their queries.

Director Education Ashok Sharma, in his address while pitching for the ECCE leadership among education officers, called upon for the coordinated efforts and joint working of Aanganwari centres and kindergartens of the school education department. He informed that Govt. is opening 100 Kindergartens in each district this year. Many are already working and delivering good results, added the director. He called upon the teaching community to dedicatedly work to make govt schools premier institutions of learning. He said that those who are doing good work and teaching will be rewarded, but those whose results are not good and rare not taking their work seriously will be dealt with strongly. He appreciated the role of the National development foundation in organising the children and youth for National character building. He assured full support of the School Education department for the positive work NDF is doing in the best interest of the Children.

Jagdeep Padma AO Samagra In his address apprised about various initiatives of Samagra Shiksha with a special focus on ECCE. He also highlighted the Outcomes of Three years of NEP. CEO Jammu Mr Suraj Singh Rathore lauded the role of the

ECCE Leadership Workshop for Educational Administrators held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A capacity-building workshop on Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) Leadership for the Cluster Heads/HOIs of the Government Schools of Jammu and Samba was held here on Tuesday at the Teli Conference Hall, Udhewala, here.

The workshop was organized by the National Development Foundation Jammu in collaboration with the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of School Education Jammu and in partnership with UNICEF India. Around 60 Educational Administrators participated in the workshop.

Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT



Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT speaking at a workshop.

Divisional Office Jammu, inaugurated the workshop in the presence of Rajiv Khajuria, President National Development Foundation (NDF) and Atri Sharma, CEO NDF. The afternoon session was presided over by Jagdeep Padma, Chief Education Officer Jammu, Jaswinder

Peren and highlighted the government's achievements with regard to ECCE. He sensitized the HOIs to their role and responsibilities in delivering the ECCE component effectively in J&K. Rajiv Kumar Khajuria, President NDF in his address, said that the Cluster Heads/HOIs are the Education Leaders, and their understanding and leadership will determine the quality of ECCE component delivered through the Pre-Primary classes of the kindergartens established in the government schools after coming up of National Education Policy 2020. Jagdeep Padma said that the National Education Policy 2020 has laid importance on the universalization

of Early Childhood Care & Education by the year 2030 target to ensure that all students entering Grade 1 are school-ready.

Prof. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT, in her address, called upon the Educational Leaders to work on the domains of holistic development of children and social towards developing social behaviour, good habits and basic life skills among children.

She emphasized that early years of education are crucial and lays the foundation for lifelong learning in children. She complimented the role of the National Development Foundation for collaborating with the School Education Department for the effective delivery of ECCE and FLN.

Community Mobilization Camp for School Readiness held at Ranbir Hr Sec School

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JAMMU, MAY 23

In collaboration with the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of School Education Jammu, SRML Hr. Sec. School Jammu and in partnership with UNICEF India, National Development Foundation organized a one-day School Readiness Camp for Community Mobilization, promoting Parent-Teacher Engagement and Retention. Around 100 participants participated, including parents, community members, teachers and students. Ajeet Kumar Sharma, Coordinator Quality Samagra Shiksha, was Chief Guest, while Principal Sri Ranbir Hr. Sec. School Anjali Gupta and President of National Development Foundation Rajiv Khajuria attended the programme as guests of honour. Communication Officer NDF Anam Deep, Addl. Programme Officer Amit Kaula, Education Facilitator Nisha Pandita and the Faculty of the



School were also present. Sarita Sharma, Assistant Coordinator Pre-Primary, conducted the proceedings and coordinator Pre-Primary Jaswinder Kour gave a detailed report on the activities of the kindergarten of SRML Hr. Sec. School Jammu. Anjali Gupta, Principal, in her address, thanked the National Development Foundation for choosing

Pre-Primary Institution in Jammu Division and called upon the parents and community members present on the occasion to admit more children to the school. He lauded the efforts of the School Education Department for their specialized focus on ECCE, FLN and NIPUN Bharat Mission.

Ajeet Sharma, Coordinator Quality Samagra Shiksha, requested the staff members deal with the ECCE and FLN to adopt the new pedagogy by motivating the children to meet society's expectations and achieve the fixed target by the FLN. He addressed the parents and requested them to get the benefits of all the Government Schemes that the Government of India and JK UT are providing their kids for better quality education. He also thanked the society for their overwhelming response to getting their children admitted to the Government Schools and getting all the benefits of ECCE.

Workshop held on 'EWS for Students at Risk of Drop Out'

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JAMMU TAWI, NOV 16 School Education Department, Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K in collaboration with National Development Foundation Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir Association of Social Workers and UNICEF organized a One Day Consultative Rollout Workshop on Early Warning Systems (EWS) for Students at Risk of Dropping Out at Royal Auditorium, Amar Singh Club, Bikaner Chowk, Jammu. Around 100 Education Officers and Members of NDF & JKASW participated. The Programme was presided over by Administrator Samagra Shiksha Jagdeep Padma while Bilal Rashid Dy. Director Planning Samagra Shiksha participated as Guest of Honour. Prominent among others spoke on the occasion included Atri Sharma,



Raj Kumar Chadha, Vijay Singh and Onil Bhat (All Coordinators Samagra Shiksha), Rajiv Khajuria (President NDF), Danish Aziz (Education Specialist UNICEF India) and Ashfaq Matoo (Executive Director JKASW). Raj Kumar Chadha presented welcome address while Nisha Pandita (Team Member NDF) acted as Stage Secretary.

Ganesh Nigam (Education Specialist UNICEF India) was the main Resource Person who sensitized the participants on various National and International Practices on Early Warning Systems. Jagdeep Padma Bilal Rashid expressed satisfaction with the ideas shared by Ganesh Nigam and assured that after discussing this with Project

Director Samagra we will definitely incorporate this in the Education System so that we can prevent the children from dropping out in Jammu & Kashmir.

Rajiv Kumar Khajuria (President NDF) in his address thanked Project Director Samagra Deep Raj Kanethia and all stake holders for the successful implementation of the workshop.

Child Protection

The National Development Foundation, with a collaboration of the Government, stakeholders and communities, successfully implemented a pilot programme to strengthen child protection mechanisms in Jammu and Kashmir. Highlights of the project's key achievements and lessons learned are:

The project addressed critical gaps in child protection mechanisms. It built three-tier Child Welfare and Protection Committees at the district, block, and village levels, focusing on capacity building, community engagement, and the establishment of child-friendly spaces.

Training programs for police officers, JJB, CWC, and DCPU officials enhanced their understanding of child rights and protection, leading to improved confidence in delivery services. The formation of Block Level Child Welfare and Protection Committees and village-level child Welfare and Protection Committees fostered community ownership and participation.

Key achievements include the following:

Forming/re-invigorating of Child Welfare and Protection Committees (CWPC).

- Training of a range of stakeholders on child welfare and protection.
- Establishing a child-friendly police station.
- Conducting child rights camps and sensitization of about 19,000 community members.
- Facilitating a central government commitment to provide sponsored support for children facing adversity.
- Highlighted the need to address knowledge gaps on alternative care mechanisms and the importance of sustainability through continuous effort.

Despite challenges, including the dissolution of Block Development Councils (BDCs) and Panchayats, the project demonstrated the power of collaborative efforts. The National Development Foundation's expertise, UNICEF Support and government stakeholders' commitment converged to create a lasting impact.



Lessons learned from this project underscore the importance of several key factors in strengthening child protection mechanisms. These are:

- Collaboration is crucial for effective child protection, as it fosters a cohesive approach among stakeholders, ensuring a unified response to child protection issues.
- Capacity building and community engagement are essential, as they empower government officials, police officers, and community members to recognise and address child protection concerns.
- Addressing knowledge gaps on alternative care mechanisms is vital, as it ensures that children receive appropriate care and support.

By integrating these lessons, future initiatives can strengthen child protection systems, ensuring the well-being and dignity of vulnerable children.

Future Directions: Building on the project's success, future initiatives should focus on the following:

- Strengthen child protection mechanisms,
- Build capacities,
- Enhance community engagement,
- Create child-friendly spaces,
- Address emerging challenges,
- Scale up successful interventions



Key Statistics

- 19000 community members sensitised (i.e. the indirect reach which is targeted through IEC material and indirect awareness modes)
- Two hundred fifty government officials trained.

Stakeholder engagement: National Development Foundation, UNICEF, different departments of the Government of Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), and communities, including women and children.

This initiative paves the way for sustainable child protection mechanisms, safeguarding children's well-being and dignity through collaborative efforts.

Capacity building of police officers on child-friendly procedures

Capacity building of police officers on child-friendly procedures is vital for protecting children's rights, safety, and well-being. Effective training enables officers to respond sensitively to child-related cases, minimising trauma and harm and fostering trust and child participation. It addresses the unique needs of child victims, witnesses, and offenders, promoting a child-centred approach prioritizing prevention and early intervention. Benefits include improved investigations, enhanced child protection, increased community trust, and better outcomes for children, families, and communities. Investing in capacity building ensures a safer environment for children, aligns with international standards and best practices in child protection, and supports collaborative efforts with social services.

The project planned and delivered various activities to contribute to this area of study. These activities and accomplishments are described below:

Training of police officers/other key stakeholders on child-friendly policing

Sixty police officers enhanced their understanding of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 through a joint training initiative supported by the District Administration, Police Office, and Child Protection Unit in Rajouri. The program, inaugurated by SSP Mr. Amritpal Singh, aimed to sensitize officers on the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act. Expert resource persons, including Mr. Rajiv Khajuria and Ms Nimisha Srivastava, led the training. The training focused on

- a. Procedures for dealing with Children in Conflict with Law (CCL).
- b. Recording and reporting of juvenile cases.
- c. Role of JJBs and CWC.
- d. Unique needs and vulnerability of children.
- e. Required communication skills & Do's and Don'ts for police officers when dealing with children, and
- f. Collaborative approaches. The platform brought together police, the Child Welfare Committee, the Juvenile Justice Board, and District Child Protection Unit to strengthen child protection mechanisms, focusing on police roles.

The collaborative effort fostered a unified approach to safeguarding children's rights and well-being in the district.





Convergent Workshop to Strengthen the Child Protection Mechanism

The National Development Foundation (NDF) is committed to safeguarding the rights and well-being of children in Jammu and Kashmir. A one-day convergent workshop was organised in December 2023 to bring together government officials, civil society organisations, and experts in child protection. The workshop aimed to promote a collaborative approach and enhance understanding of the Juvenile Justice Act, Mission Vatsalya, and child rights.

Key Achievements

- ⦿ **Enhanced Awareness:** Successfully raised awareness among stakeholders about child rights and protection mechanisms.
- ⦿ **Strengthened Capacities:** Trained over 100 individuals on the Juvenile Justice Act and child protection principles.
- ⦿ **Improved Collaboration:** Fostered collaboration among government agencies, civil society organisations, and communities for effective CPM implementation.
- ⦿ **Advocacy Success:** Secured commitments from government officials to strengthen CPM and allocate necessary resources.

The National Development Foundation remains dedicated to safeguarding the rights and well-being of children in Jammu and Kashmir. Through our efforts, we have made significant strides in strengthening the Child Protection Mechanism and creating a more child-friendly environment. We are committed to continuing this work in the coming years to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

An IEC material is released during the valedictory function Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, along with President NDF, Sh. Rajiv Khajuria and all other officers released the IEC material regarding the Child Protection Mechanism, which includes:

1. The brochure on Mission Vatsalya also features a protection mechanism available in J&K at the district level.
2. The pamphlet features the Do's & Don'ts of Police as per the Juvenile Justice Act on one side and UNCRC articles on the other.

Key Meetings with Stakeholders

Meeting with Chief Secretary, J&K:

Rajiv Kumar Khajuria, President of the National Development Foundation (NDF), met Chief Secretary Sh. Atal Dulloo to discuss NDF's activities in Jammu & Kashmir. They focus on promoting Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and Functional Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) in line with the National Education Policy 2020. They also work on strengthening the Child Protection Mechanism under Mission Vatsalya and the Juvenile Justice Act 2015.



Meeting with Addl. Secretary MWCD Govt of India:



Rajiv Khajuria President National Development Foundation NDF Jammu J&k called on Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha Addl. Secretary MWCD Govt of India at Shastri Bhawan New Delhi and briefed him about Child Protection, Educational activities undertaken by the NDF and also discussed measures to Strengthen CP Involving Civil Society.

Meeting with NGOs for School Capacity Building:

DC Jammu, Sh. Sachin Kumar Vaishy organised a meeting with various NGOs, including NDF, to discuss improving school education quality, enhancing learning outcomes, and capacity building for school heads and teachers.



Meeting with Joint Director SCERT:



Rajiv Khajuria met Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, recently elevated as Joint Director of SCERT, congratulating her and expressing confidence in her capabilities from their previous collaboration in the Selection Committee under Juvenile Justice Rules.



Symposium on Child Rights at Govt. Degree College

NDF, in collaboration with the Directorate of School Education, has organised symposium at Govt. Degree College Darhal, Rajouri district that focused on child rights and are aimed at raising awareness and fostering dialogue among various stakeholders. This Symposium brought together educators, local leaders, parents, and child rights advocates to discuss critical issues affecting children in the community. Topics ranged from the importance of Education and health to combating child labour and ensuring safe environments for all children. Around 200 attendees were sensitised by this symposium program.

The symposium also highlighted the role of legislation and local policies in safeguarding children's welfare. By empowering attendees with knowledge and tools, NDF aims to cultivate a community-wide commitment to uphold and advocate for the rights of children, ensuring that their voices are amplified and their needs are met. The culmination of this event not only fosters a deeper understanding of child rights but also strengthens collaborative efforts to create a more protective environment for children in the region.

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 the following consortium partners:

1. University of Kashmir.
2. Central University of Jammu.
3. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).
4. Local stakeholders

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, which 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 utilised 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 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 the 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 Systems (GIS) will be utilised 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 the 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.

Snow Leopard Conservation Programme

Snow Leopard *Panthera uncia*, the smallest member of the genus *Panthera*, is the most elusive cat inhabiting cold and rugged mountain landscapes of the Great and Trans Himalayas in the western Himalayas. Its secretive behaviour, camouflage, and adaption to extreme environmental conditions make it one of the most charismatic species in the world. The snow leopard is found across the high mountains of twelve countries in South and Central Asia, and India has the third largest share of the snow leopard distribution range. In India, the snow leopard is found in the Union territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir, the states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh in the Western Himalayas and the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim in the Eastern Himalayas. However, currently, the species is facing various threats, such as habitat loss, poaching and human-wildlife conflict.

Through our snow leopard research and conservation programme, the National Development Foundation (NDF) is dedicated to safeguarding the snow leopard population and preserving their unique habitat in the Himalayan landscape.

At NDF, we have embarked on a comprehensive research and conservation initiative with support from the Department of Wildlife Protection and the Government of J&K. This programme has a special focus on protecting the snow leopard and its fragile habitats. Currently, our programme is focusing on the following key areas:

1. Research: As part of our research activities for snow leopards, we conduct extensive field research to understand the behaviour, ecology and population dynamics of snow leopards at Kishtwar High Altitude National Park. Through camera trapping, satellite tracking, and genetic analysis, we gather crucial data to inform our conservation strategies.



2. Community Engagement: We recognise the importance of involving local communities in conservation efforts. Therefore, NDF community experts work closely with villagers, herders and other stakeholders to raise awareness about the importance of snow leopards and mitigate human-wildlife conflicts through innovative solutions.

3. Habitat Protection: Preserving the snow leopard's habitat is essential for their long-term survival. We collaborate with government agencies and local authorities to implement land-use planning measures and promote sustainable land management practices.

4. Capacity Building: We train local researchers, conservationists and wildlife officials to enhance their skills in snow leopard monitoring, research techniques and community outreach. By empowering local stakeholders, we ensure the sustainability of our conservation efforts.

5. Advocacy and Policy: We advocate for stronger legal protection and policies to safeguard snow leopards and their habitat. Through partnerships with national and international organisations, we strive to influence policy decisions and secure funding for conservation initiatives.

Our impact:

Since the inception of our project, we have made significant progress in snow leopard conservation in Jammu & Kashmir. Our field team at Kishtwar High Altitude National Park is the first to provide photographic evidence about the presence of snow leopards in the area. Currently, this project is being implemented in partnership with the Department of Wildlife Protection and the Government of J&K. At the same time, by collaborating with local communities and universities, we have increased awareness about the importance of preserving this iconic species.

Join Us:

You can support NDF's snow leopard research and conservation efforts by volunteering, donating or spreading awareness about our cause. Together, we can ensure a brighter future for snow leopards and the Himalayan ecosystem they call home.

Black-necked Crane Book Released

Black-necked Crane, by Sh. Pankaj Chandan, Sr. Conservation Scientist/Director National Development Foundation and co-authored by Dr. Asad Rafi Rahmani, Sr. Nature Scientist and Pr. Scientist Advisor NDF released by Sh. Suresh Gupta, Pr. Secretary Culture & Tribal Affairs J&K Government, Ms. Rashmi Singh, IAS and Sh. Rajiv Khajuria, President NDF.

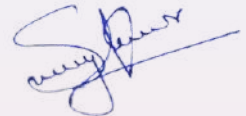


Reach 2023-24

- 22 HOIs & 61 Teachers trained in Early Warning System.
- 105 Education Officers trained on FLN Leadership.
- 2132 Students and 460 Parents from 10 schools provided hand-holding support for school readiness and home-based learning.
- 580 students screened for Early Identification of Disabilities.
- Facilitated 20 PTMs in our target schools.
- 58 police officers trained in child-friendly policing.
- 20 PTM held in our target intervention schools.
- 58 police officers trained in child-friendly policing.
- 200 students were sensitised to child rights and child protection through school and college events.
- Facilitated Platforms for 125 officers to promote a convergent approach to strengthen Child Protection Mechanism.

Place: - Jammu

Dated: 23-12-2024



Sunny Kumar
Programme Manager

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-2024** 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-2024** 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-2024**

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.

Place : Jammu
Date : 14-Aug-2024
UDIN : 24097038BKAMMP4587

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


(VIKRAM GARG)
Partner
Membership No: 097038



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, NDF
1st Floor, Shakuntala Bhawan, Ram Janki Enclave, Udheywala, Jammu (J&K)
Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2024 (All amount are in INR)

ASSETS		For the Year Ended 31st March-2024
Fixed Assets:		12,70,677.00
Current Assets, Loan and Advances		
Cash & Bank Balances:		4,42,395.99
Loans and advances		9,01,138.00
Total Assets		26,14,210.99
LIABILITIES		
Unsecured Loans		9,20,000.00
Current Liabilites		40,88,489.50
Reserve & Surplus		-23,94,278.51
Total		26,14,210.99

For O.P. Garg & Co.

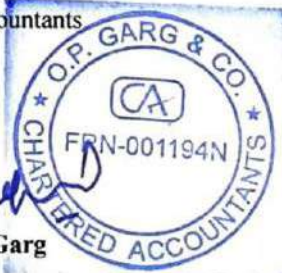
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DATE : 14/08/2024



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Chief Executive Officer



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, NDF
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Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on 31.03.2024 (All amount are in INR)

		For the Year Ended 31st March-2024
Income		
Restricted Income (Grant/Donations)		70,57,919.84
Unrestricted Income (Grant/Donations)		9,00,097.64
Other Incomes		799568.00
		87,57,585.48
Expenditure		
Programme Implementation Expenditure		67,36,018.00
Adminstrative and Other Expenditure		13,89,736.02
		81,25,754.02
Excess of Income over Expenditure		6,31,831.46
Total		87,57,585.48

Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended on 31.03.2024 (All amount are in INR)

		For the Year Ended 31st March-2024
Receipts		
Opening Cash and Bank Balance		1,69,862.53
Grants		70,57,919.84
Donations		9,00,097.64
Other income		49,817.00
Other receivables		7,64,248.00
Total		89,41,945.01
Payments		
Programme and Administrative cost		78,17,846.02
Payables Paid		4,32,634.00
		82,50,480.02
Fixed Assets, TDS, Advance		2,49,069.00
Cash and Bank Balance at the end of the year		4,42,395.99
Total		89,41,945.01

For O.P. Garg & Co.
Chartered Accountants

Signature
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CA Vikram Garg
Partner
M. No. 097038



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Bal Ji Raina
Accounts Manager

Signature
Arti Sharma
Chief Executive Officer



DATE : 14/08/2024

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