

# Nirmaan : A Flashback



“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”

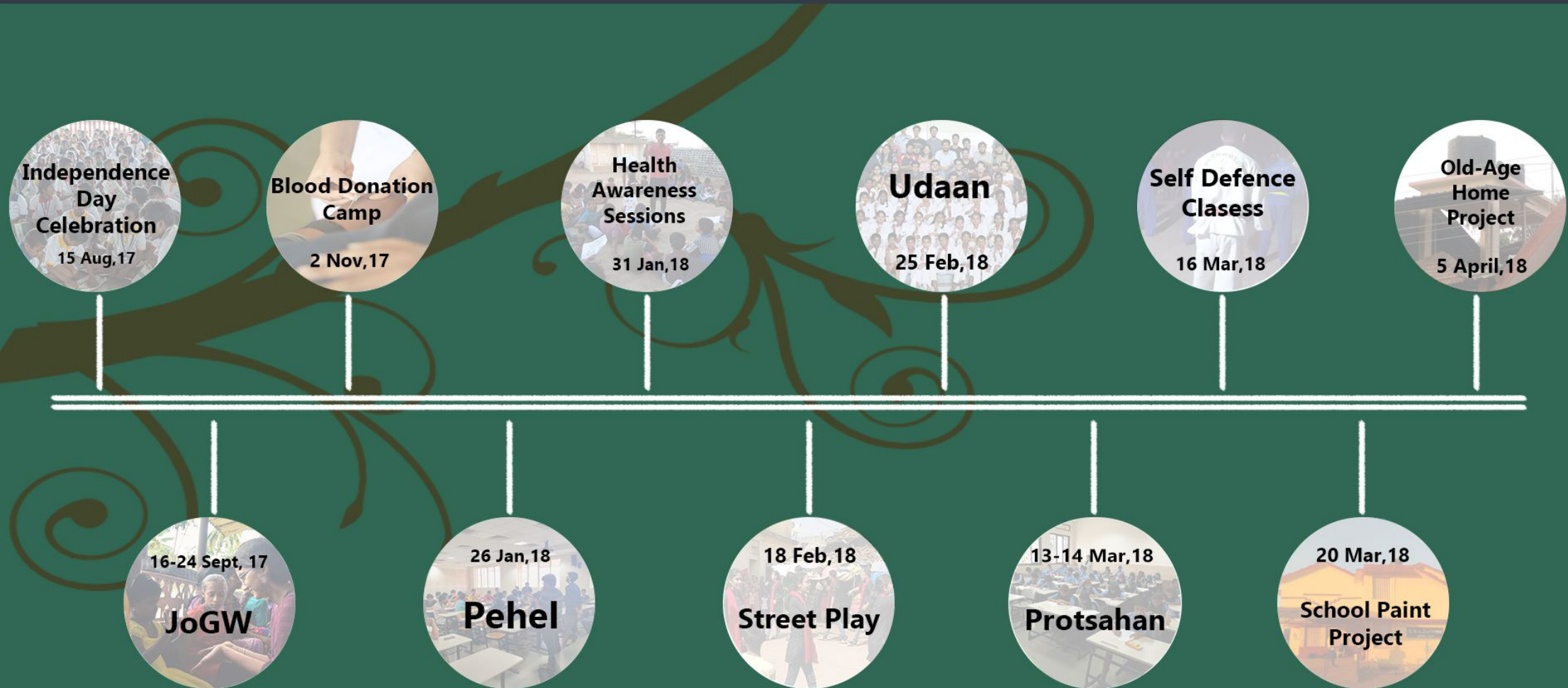
There is a special kind of calmness in every act of kindness. The moment you realize that you can be a part of something which entails bringing a change in the society we owe so much to, you tend to see every little detail with the greatest gratitude. As a volunteer, you develop a sense of deep-rooted knowledge of your privilege and you stop taking the comforts of life for granted.

More than this, by taking part in social work, you become a member of a society that depends on its community for its constant support and inputs. This is what Nirmaan molds you into. Being a Nirmaanite, you get to experience how joy and satisfaction is really a necessity and not a luxury. You interact with people from various backgrounds and you face situations and conditions which make you empathetic towards numerous faulty frameworks that prevail in today's society. As a result, the will to bring a change is amplified which in turn drives more such people.

With projects and initiatives spanning across a range of social issues, from sanitation to education, from health awareness to self-defense, from events designed to bring smiles to activities which provide everyone with the necessary moral boost, Nirmaan works throughout the year to bring a change and to make the people around us more empathetic and sensitive to the concerns of those who lack appropriate resources and opportunities.



# Timeline





## JoGW

The most important and longest event organised by Nirmaan is the Joy of Giving Week. This week-long event is a combination of various activities ranging from fun with special kids to sharing emotional moments with the usually neglected old people living in old age homes to thanking various important people who make our lives simpler with their services to permanent beach clean-ups. These events not only make the old people or the special kids or the underprivileged people smile but it also has a great impact on our lives. As the name suggests, the events in this week aim to spread joy and a few of these activities are joyfest, gift of joy, beach clean-up drive, special school visit, meal of joy, message of joy and old-age home visit.

## Udaan

A lot of talented people aren't given a chance to showcase their skills, just because of them being different from the social norm. Keeping this in mind, Nirmaan, Goa chapter, in association with Spree (the annual Sports Fest of BITS Pilani, Goa), organises Udaan, a sports event for differently abled children. Udaan is such a platform where children with disabilities relish their sporting dreams. A number of activities such as badminton, judo, shotput are held every year. Along with sports activities, Udaan also provides a platform for these kids to boost their morale by organizing career counseling sessions, sign language workshops, and plain interactive sessions, with the aim that no child is ever left behind in expressing their beautiful ideas.

## Events

## ACM - All Chapters Meet

The scale of people impacted directly and indirectly by Nirmaan is in lakhs. ACM is the event where Nirmanites from all the chapters participate in events ranging from informal chats, team lunches, and several fun games and external speakers, formal workshops and brainstorming sessions. This meet is an opportunity for the Nirmaan's student chapters to get in touch with various leaders, social workers and social entrepreneurs, etc. and to pick up useful skills in this field.

## Streetplay

8 plays, 5 places, 1 day! Shocking, right? But this was possible all because of the 3 months of efforts put in by the street play team, here at Nirmaan. This groups of dynamic volunteers covered topics ranging from family planning to drug abuse, informing people of the solutions to such problems by an innovative and eye-catching technique. The happiness in the eyes of people and their positive reviews, combined with the responsibility of creating awareness is both the fuel that drives the volunteers.



# PCD

(Participative Community Development)

Community development is a process in which people from different parts of the society come together on a common platform to take collective actions. Other than the popularly known street plays, many more activities were also conducted which included the Cloth and Paper collection drives, book donation campaign and many more. These are good ways to involve our fellow BITSians.

## Emp - Ops

(Employment Operations)

To help women who wish to support themselves or their families, the volunteers of Employment operations, or Emp-Ops, teach them the process of making some handicraft items like diyas, paper bags, and some other decorative items. We also help them in selling these items in the local market. We put up a stall during Waves to sell this attractive handicraft work to students from outside the campus as well.

### Verticals

## H-Ops

(Health Operations)

Every human being has the right to good health services. For community well being, volunteers of health operations, or H-Ops, work to get health services for free or at lower costs for those who cannot afford them. We also organise Blood Donation Camp once every year in collaboration with Goa Medical College. This camp sees a large participation of students and professors from our college every year.



## Teach Zari

Every child deserves education to become a kind and successful human being in future. Volunteering to this cause, 5-6 members of our team go to Zuarinagar each day to teach these kids. We also organise fun activities on Sundays and have special celebrations on various occasions like Independence day, Raakhi, Children's day, etc. Along with helping these kids with their school subjects, we teach them moral values and good habits. To motivate people to keep their surroundings clean, we had a clean-up drive in Zuari last semester.

## Project Lamani

Being one of its kind, project Lamani works towards the overall upliftment of living condition in the colony of Lamani. With activities ranging from Children's day celebration on campus to an employment awareness and menstrual awareness sessions, to imparting of education to the area's students, this team of energetic volunteers surely define the true spirit of Nirmaan, that of an overall development and support.

## Verticals

## Ignite

Another part of knowledge operations is the project Ignite, wherein the volunteers of this vertical aim towards imparting education at an orphanage near the college campus. With weekly visits to the students, Ignite aims towards preparing the children with stronger bases in subjects like mathematics, science and english so as to strengthen their future and a deeply interactive environment to make the children feel welcome.

## Shiksha

Education is a right, right? But it still is a big privilege for many kids in rural areas. Now, what if you could help a kid get free education by devoting just 2 hours a week? That's exactly what Shiksha does. Shiksha mainly focuses on preparing class 5th students to crack Javahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Scholarship Test (JNVST), which is one of the most competitive exams for students of this age. At JNVs, the government bears all student expenses that a child might need from class 6th-12th. This opens new doors for the selected kids as they are now free to pursue their interests without any care for their past social or financial problems.



# School Paint

Healthy learning comes from a healthy and maintained environment but when we saw the conditions of Government High School, Zuarinagar, a lack of basic amenities is what we found. To spark a change, Nirmaan gave the school a lively makeover along with a promise to provide any further assistance required to help the little ones have a future as bright as those freshly-painted walls.

## Old Age Home

Like everyone, the elderly population also deserves to be respected and taken care of appropriately. On our visit to an old-age home near Bogmalo during JoGW, we noticed that the place had some issues like leaking overhead water tank, cracks in the walls and rusted main gate. With the aim to improve their lives, our team with the help of some external sources, got the water tank rebuilt and a new gate was installed.

### Initiatives

## Protsahan

Protsahan is a way to motivate children to study more and to appreciate the talented and hardworking children. In this initiative, students going to 9th and 10th standards had to attempt a one hour exam which was based on their school curriculum. Out of a total of 350 students who appeared for the exam, top 5 students will be provided free coaching course in future.

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