Gopali Youth Welfare Society

IMPACT REPORT

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GOPALI YOUTH WELFARE SOCIETY

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About Us

Gopali Youth Welfare Society is a registered non-governmental voluntary organization, primarily managed by some students of IIT Kharagpur under the guidance of its esteemed professors, with the support of local members from Gopali.

It was established in 2002 with a mission to improve the living standard of the people of Gopali, a village 5 km from IIT Kharagpur. Registered in 2004 under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act of 1961 with Reg. No. S/IL/23893, it has been advancing with the twin objectives of making the youth and society aware and ensuring socio-economic welfare for underprivileged and weaker sections of the society.

Through its programmes of free education, social awareness campaigns and vocational training, GYWS has seen many lives changed for the better.

Vision

Mission

Gopali Youth Welfare Society is changing lives of people in and around Kharagpur by providing quality education to underprivileged children and ensuring a life of dignity for adults by conducting relevant skill development programs.

We aim to build a network of autonomous student-run centers across India, to provide them with a platform for ensuring the fulfillment of Sustainable Development Goals for the weaker sections of the Society.

Founder Speaks

There is a natural law, a divine law that obliges us to believe the sufferings of the distressed and the destitute. A service for the poor is a supreme virtue and the great channel through which the mercy of God is passed on to mankind.

As members of GOPALI YOUTH WELFARE SOCIETY, the board and staff of Society are committed to adhering as closely as possible to its intentions, as reflected in our guiding principle. GYWS is a rural-based registered organization, by and for the people. Despite the many ups and downs, it has pulled on with real favor to serve the disadvantaged and underprivileged, . Our journey would not have been smooth if it was not for the support by the wholehearted participation and cooperation from the community as well as from the other partners (agencies) who have helped a lot to sustain the activities.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all, who in whatever capacity, might have contributed to one's might to sustain our noble endeavour. We earnestly hope the coming year will be fruitful and meaningful.

Mrinal Kanti Bhanja
(Founder and President)

OUR JOURNEY

2002

GYWS was **established** in 2002 with a mission to improve the living standards of the Gopali like villages.

2004

Registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act of 1961.

2008

GYWS embarked on an education program **Jagriti Vidya Mandir** in a rented building, focused upon providing quality education.

2012

2 acres of land was purchased, foundation of Jagriti Vidya Mandir.

2017

GYWS came up with the initiative named **LIGHT** to reach to masses all over India, to reciprocate similar models of social upliftment throughout the nation.

2019

GYWS successfully got registered under **GuideStar** India's largest and most reliable NGO information repository.

2020

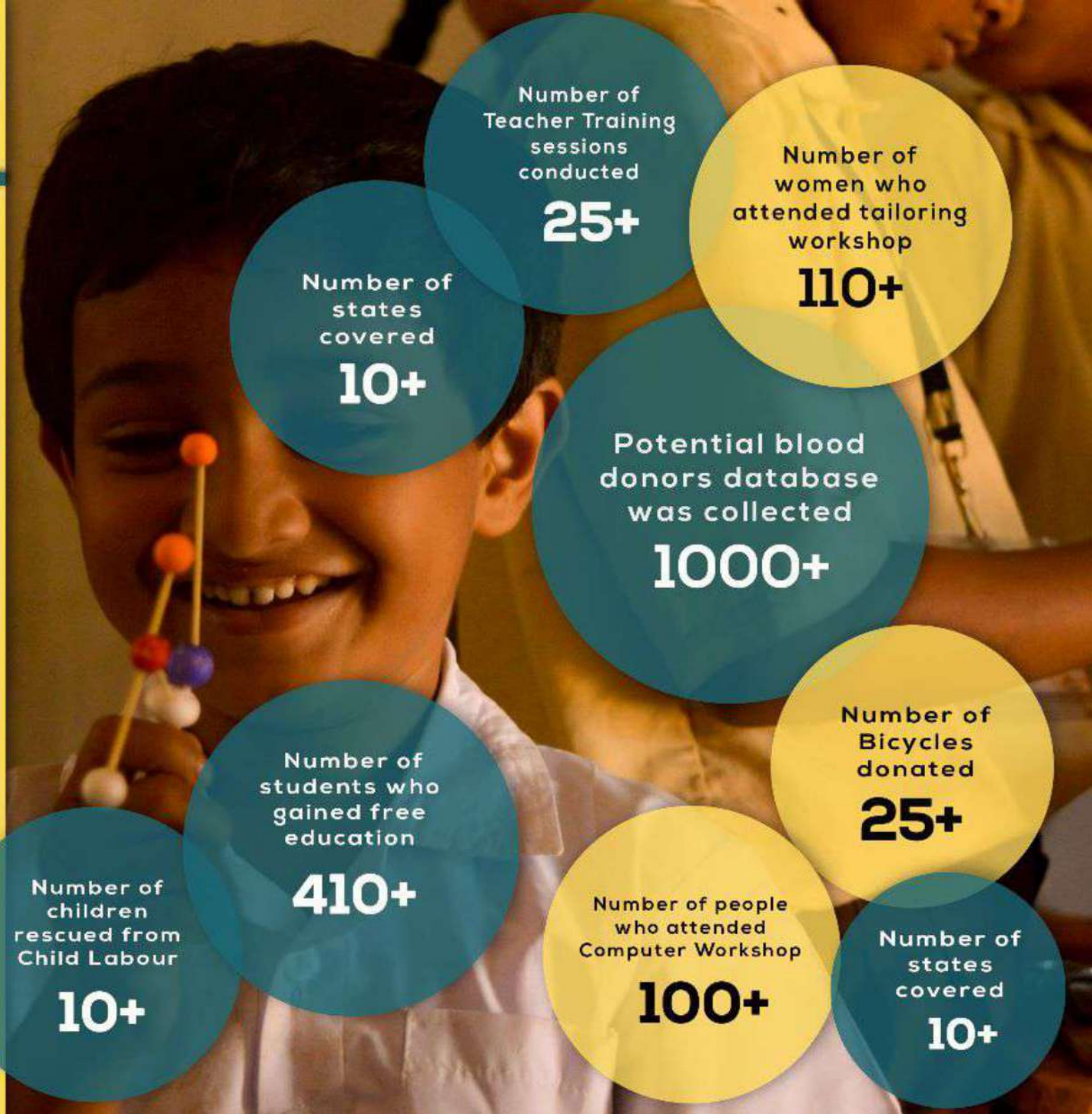
Construction for a **residential hostel** began with an aim to overcome the challenges faced by the students regarding transportation and low attendance.

2022

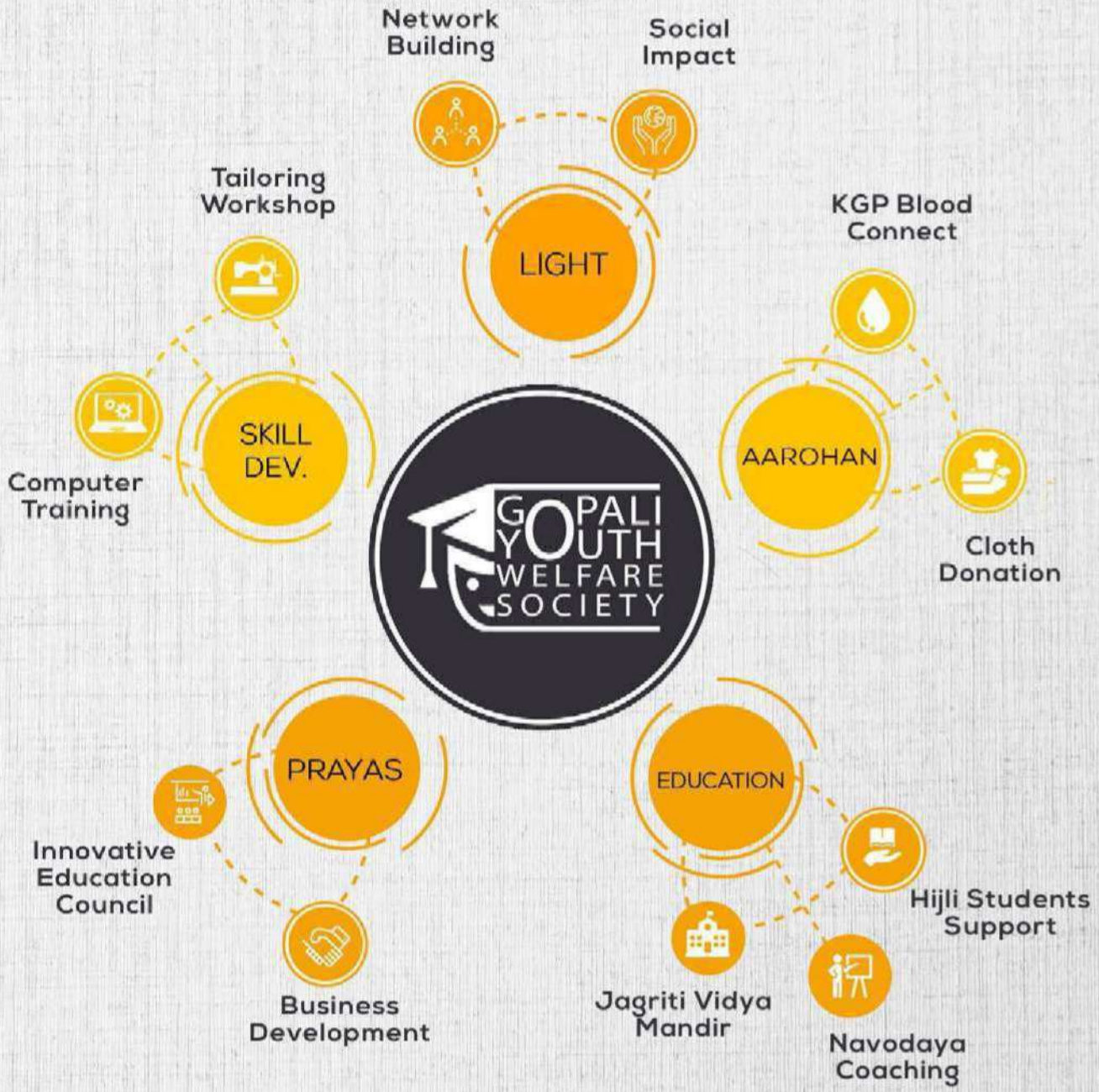
Inauguration of JVM hostel with the goal of providing an environment conducive for all-round development and holistic growth of the students.

WE ARE WORKING ON

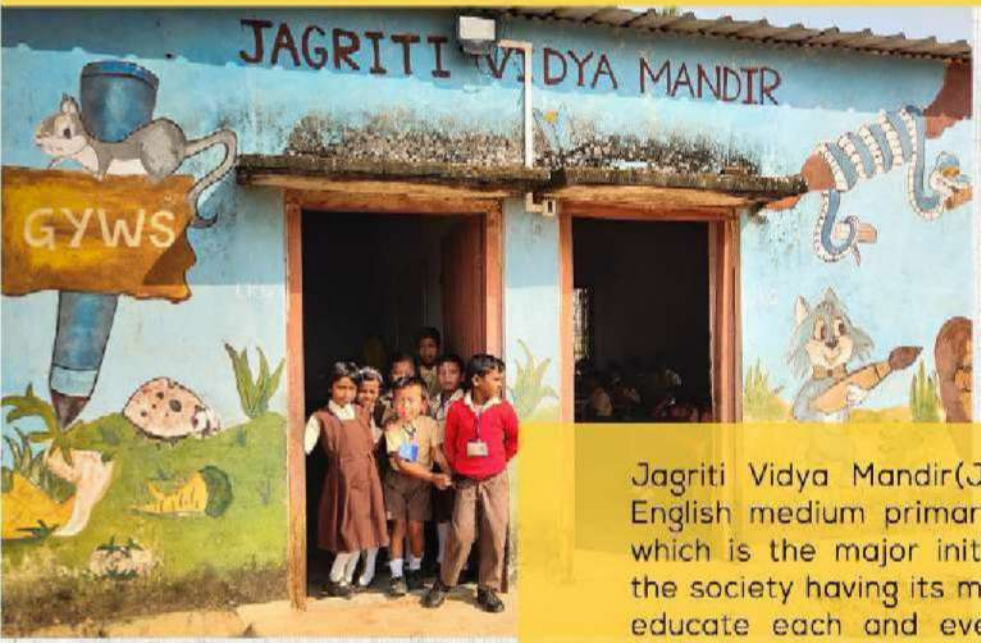
1. Child Education
2. Women Empowerment
3. Blood Donation
4. Teaching Quality
5. Child Abuse Prevention
6. Innovative Teaching
7. Skill Development
8. Farmer Training
9. Expanding Our Reach
10. Light: Improving gross enrollment ratio



OUR INITIATIVES



Jagriti Vidya Mandir



Jagriti Vidya Mandir(JVM), an English medium primary school which is the major initiative of the society having its motto: "To educate each and every child for a better tomorrow" with the aim to provide quality education to underprivileged children absolutely free of cost.

What We Do...

NAVODAYA PREPARATION

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya is still a dream for underprivileged kids. It provides them with a free of cost learning environment with a brilliant quality of education. We at GYWS conduct weekly tests, regular assignments with basic Mental ability skills structured directly for their preparation for Navodaya, in order to monitor their improvements and make them live their dreams.

TEACHERS TRAINING

Some Post Graduates and Research Scholars Students worked as interns of Gopali Youth Welfare Society to train teachers. They improve the teacher's knowledge and skills of how to teach and interact with students more effectively. They also introduced some innovative teaching methods from which students will learn some difficult topics with ease.

RECREATIONAL VISITS

A trip with your friends erases the boredom of classroom lectures and gives students the opportunity to visit new places. We keep on planning school trips including picnics and visits to IIT Kharagpur. It awakens students' interest and lets them learn by having a hands-on experience.

Hostel Inauguration

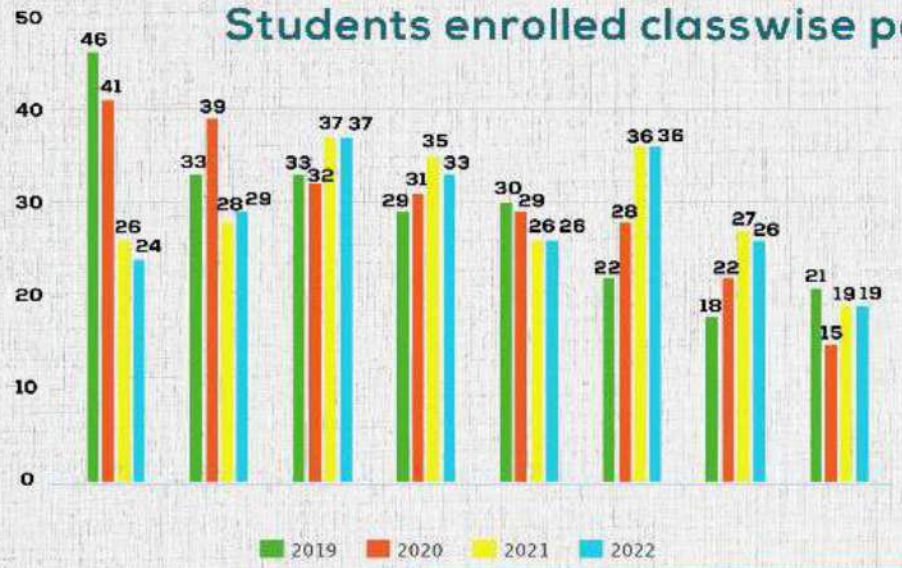
On March 6, 2022, GYWS inaugurated its hostel. The occasion was graced by local MLA Mr. Paresh Murmu and SDO Mr. Imajul Hussain as the Chief Guests. Professors DK Maity, Damodar Maity, Bhaskar Bhowmick, H. R. Tiwari,and Kingshook Bhattacharyya, Members of the Advisory Committee of GYWS,which comprises IIT Kharagpur Professors, also joined the inauguration.

Through funds raised with the help of IIT Kharagpur Alumni, this hostel shall serve as a home to approximately 100 students. Hygienic meals, playground facilities, male and female wardens looking out for the child's needs along with students of IIT as mentors would ensure a happy stay and a safe learning environment for these children.

GYWS continues to provide quality education to 240+ underprivileged children at their school Jagriti Vidya Mandir, which runs up to Class 5. Many of these children cannot focus on their education owing to non-conducive environments at home and ack mentors to guide them on their journey to become independent. GYWS' step comes as a relief for such students who can now continue learning while living comfortably at their Hostel.

The Foundation of Hostel was laid back in 2020, and it currently serves home to 70 students providing them with four nutritious meals a day. With this, GYWS continues on its mission to develop an ecosystem for the youth to provide them with skills, resources, and motivation to achieve sustainable development goals while catering to the needs of the people of Gopali and ensuring a bright future for the children of Gopali.

Students enrolled classwise per year



Life Stories

Children are as pure as the souls within them. Their cultural performances at the annual program (AASHAYEIN) of JVM are equally pure & innocent. While the parents, teachers and special Invitees are treated to a grand spectacle of colours, vibrancy, life and zest, what is most commendable in this program is the sincere effort of teachers and GYWS members involved in the preparations which result in such a perfect presentation. I wish the students, teachers, staff & administration of JVM all the best in all their endeavours. My special appreciation and gratitude to the GYWS members.

Seema Singh
Associate professor , HSS
IIT Kharagpur

JVM PASSOUT

I am a student of class 6 studying in hijli school. I really enjoy going to school. I like studying as well as playing and dancing. I want to study hard and become a pilot. The teachers in JVM teach in an easy and understandable way. I loved going to JVM and it was an amazing school.

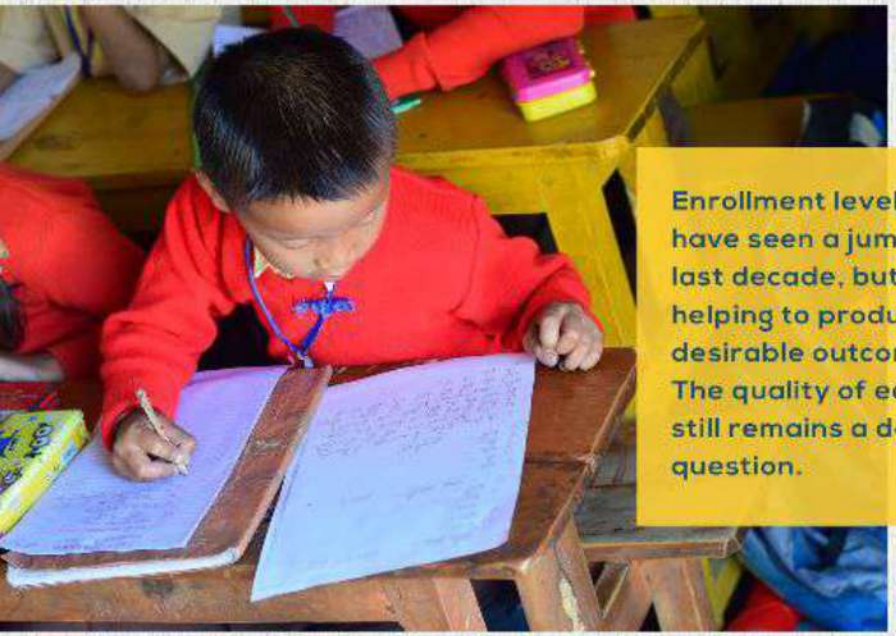
~ Sneha Mahto

JVM STUDENT

I am currently a student of class 2nd in JVM. The best thing about JVM is it's discipline and support of teachers. I want to become an IPS officer in future and my teachers are helping me by improving my favorite subjects, Maths and English to reach my goal. I love studying in JVM.

~ Puspa Rai

ARE CHILDREN LEARNING?



Enrollment levels in school have seen a jump over the last decade, but is it helping to produce desirable outcomes? The quality of education still remains a doubtful question.

ASER Annual Status of Education Report

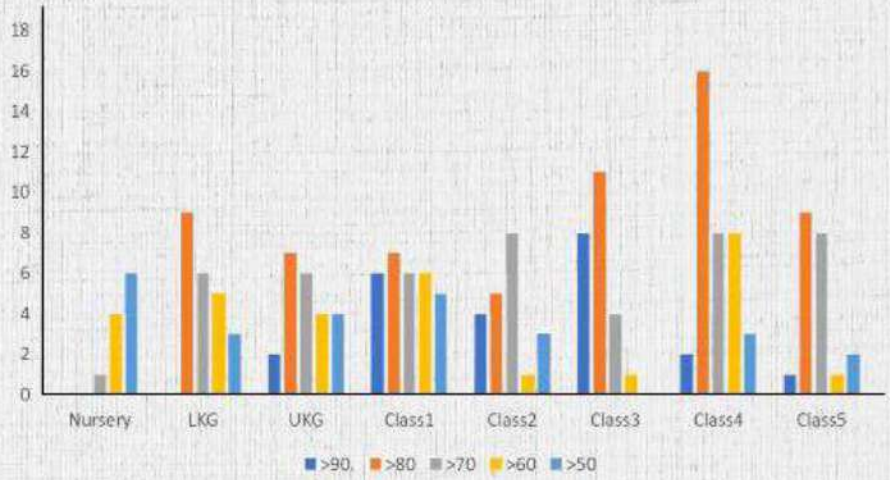
This is an annual survey that aims to provide reliable annual estimates of children's schooling status and basic learning levels for each state and rural district in India.

Children in the age group 5-16 are tested in basic reading and arithmetic. Simple tests are conducted in the school itself after which students can be grouped seperately according to their performances and taught accordingly.

The Arithmetic and Reading are progressive tools. For example, the Arithmetic graph for JVM Class 3 students (green coloured) means that there is no one (0%) who cannot recognize numbers (0-9), 35% students can recognize numbers (0-100) but cannot do subtraction, 52% students can do subtraction but not division and 13% can do division. These results are on the basis of the tests conducted in the year 2019.

For more details: http://www.asercentre.org

ATENDANCE OF JVM FOR THE ACADEMIC SESION 2022



STUDENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

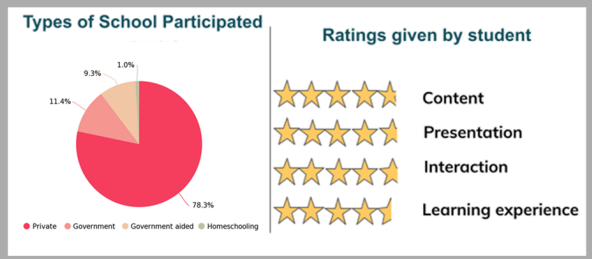
RISE

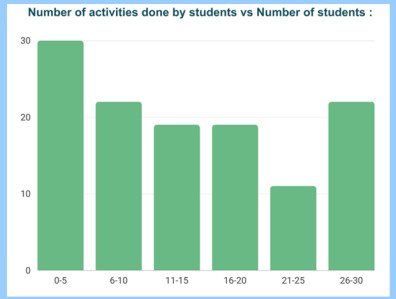
(Reform and Innovate School Education)

RISE (Reform and Innovative School Education) is an initiative of Gopali Youth Welfare Society where we work on the aim to reform the education system by shifting it towards an Organic Learning approach and ensuring Holistic Development.Under RISE, we develop activity based learning methods and help schools shift gradually towards student centric teaching methods while providing teachers with necessary resources and training.We, at GYWS, try to ensure overall development of every child and make learning fun by these methods.

Parents As Co-Educators

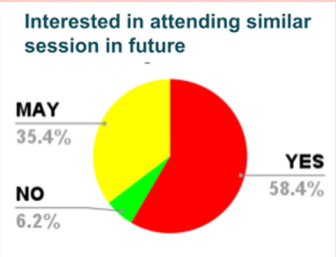
We initiated Parents As CoEducators program with an aim to solve the above problems. The program involved the parents unlike other online education solutions which would not only reduce the screen time of students but also enhance the relation between parent and child.

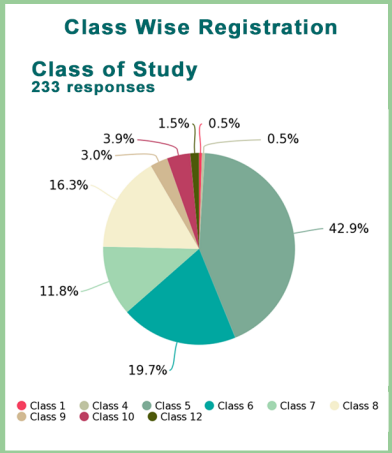




DAKSHA : AI Workshop

Our first workshop under DAKSHA program - Introduction to AI/ML workshop aimed to introduce basic concepts and understanding of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning among school students from classes 7-10. The program was conducted in online mode in microsoft teams from 14-2-22 to 18-2-22 and the following sessions were taken each day.





Vedic Maths

Vedic Mathematics is a collection of Techniques/Sutras to solve mathematical arithmetics in an easy and faster way. It consists of 16 Sutras (Formulae) and 13 sub-sutras (Sub Formulae) which can be used for problems involved in arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, conics.

AASHAYEIN

DATE : 27th March 2022

To celebrate the annual day of Jagriti Vidya Mandir and to provide a platform for the students to showcase their talents as well as display our progress to the parents and the governing body

Activities of participants:

Event was conducted on the Parade ground of EFR 3rd Battalion. The Annual Day was based on the theme: 5 Elements of Nature. Several guests marked their presence, among whom were SDO Azmal Hossain, Nava Kumar Das, Prof Manjira Sinha, Prof Goutam Sen and Subhash Chandra Das, Assistant Commandant, EFR 3nd battalion. Along with that, parents were also invited.

The auspicious evening started with Devi Vandana.This was followed by several dance shows and music performances.The students also performed various skits to explain the theme to the audience. Children spoke monologues in Fancy dresses. The evening was concluded with a dance by all the students to the song- Aashayein. In addition to this, prizes and certificates were distributed to the students for their participation in various activities.

Students came to know about the significance of the five elements of nature. Also,performing in front of a large audience helped them in boosting their morale and confidence. Aashayein was one of the first events which was conducted in the offline mode since the outbreak of Covid-19. This event also helped the students in making the transition from online to offline after a span of 1.5 years easier.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Aashayein, the Annual day function of JVM gives a chance to all the students to participate in various co-curricular activities and cultural events. It helps to bring out the talent of the students and develop an interest in extracurricular activities along with the development of several social values like cooperation, team spirit and confidence.

ALUMNI MEET

Alumni Meet's primarygoal is spread the reach of our NGO, by pitching the alumni and explaining them about initiatives of the society. In the three days event we put the stall near the Kalidas auditorium. We explained to the alumni about the initiatives of our society who visited our stall. We also requested alumni to visit our school JVM, and 4 alumni visited our school. In school we showed them our classroom and our newly constructed hostel and asked their suggestions to improve the conditions in school.

LOGO LAUNCH EVENT

The new logo of Gopali Youth Welfare Society was launched on 9th June, 2021.

ACTIVITY

An online competition was organized based on riddle solving and 10 participants were awarded amazon gift cards worth Rs. 150 each(total Rs. 1,500). The purpose of the competition was to involve followers in some activity and henceforth increase the reach.

Gopali Youth Welfare Society

OUTPUT OF THE PROGRAM

The Logo Launch event was a success, the post reached close to 7,500 people, and stood as the highest commented post of our page with close to 120 comments. We also received close to 51 entries out of which 10 were awarded. The purpose of taking people through the journey of GYWS was also fulfilled.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenditure

UDYAT

PRAYAS

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JVM

HOSTEL

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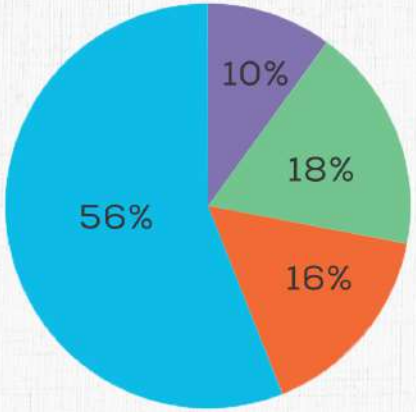

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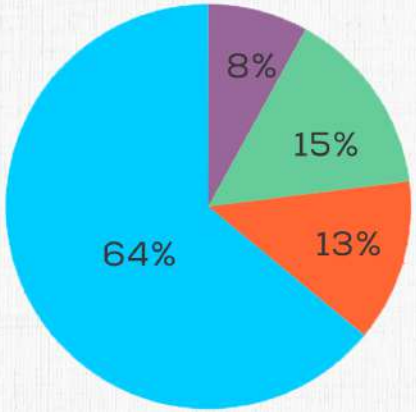

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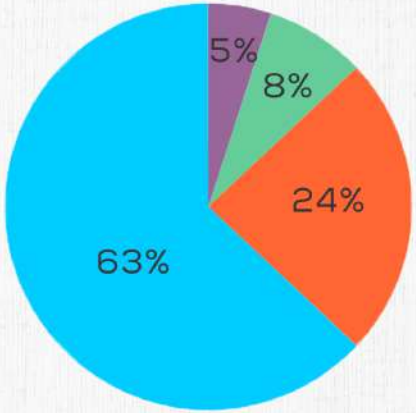

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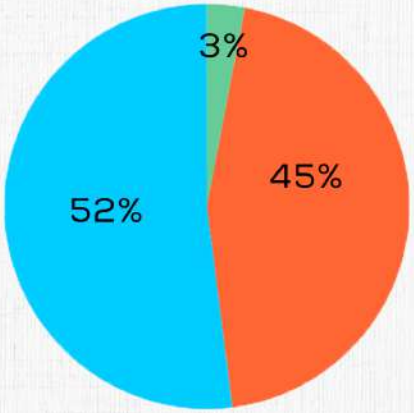

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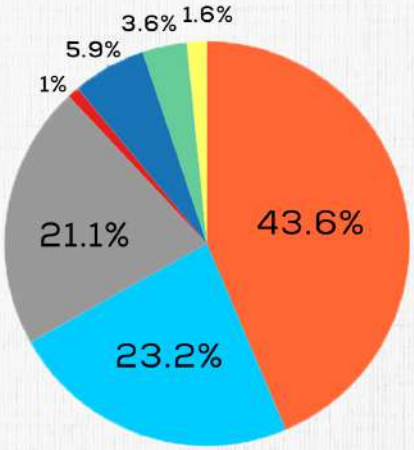

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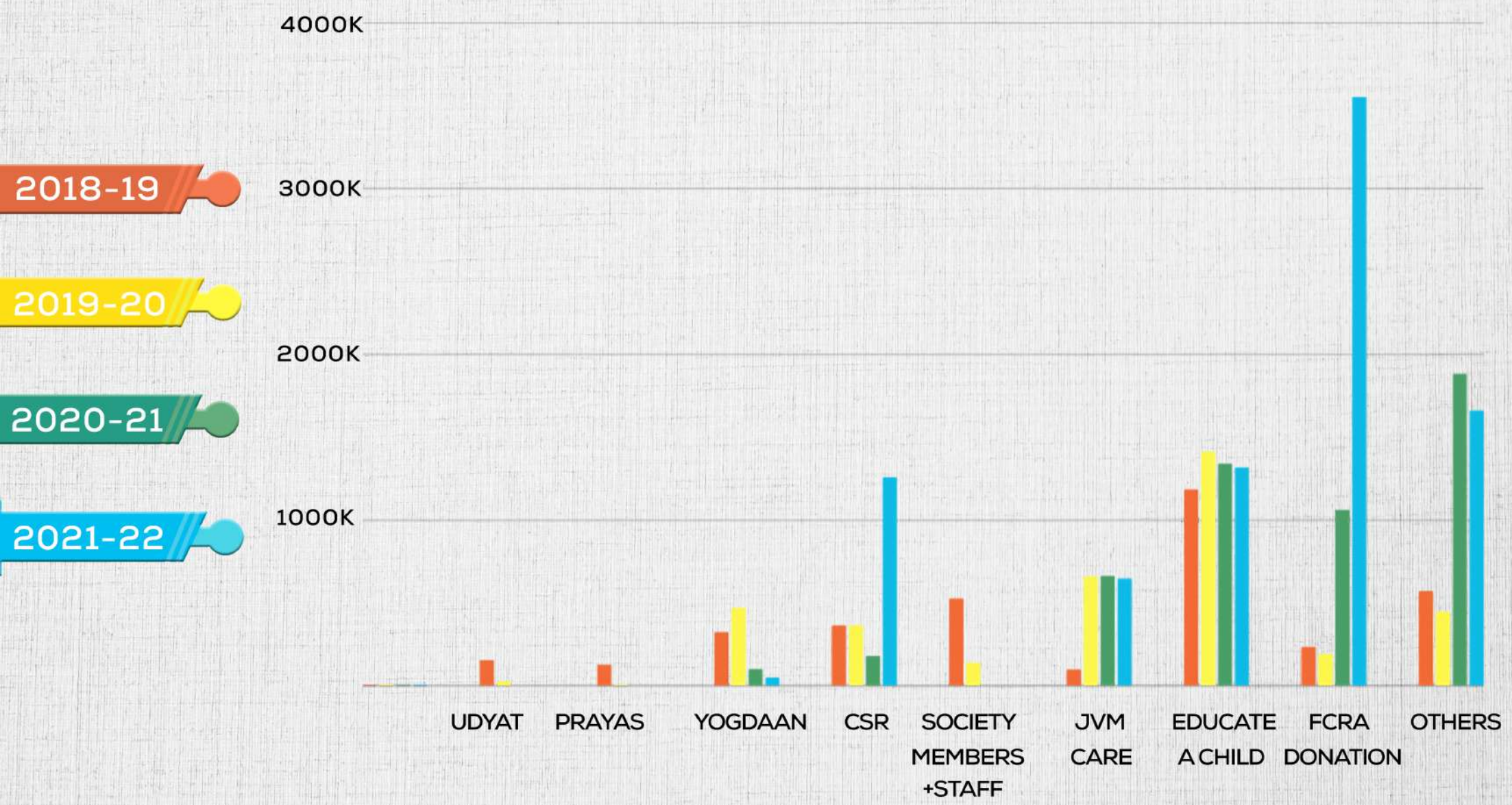
FINANCIAL REPORT

Donations



If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else

1. GYWS got certified by **GuideStar India**, an organization that certifies NGOs based on their level of transparency & public accountability.

2. LIGHT, an expansion team of GYWS which helps to build a network of socially motivated students have **16 centres** in **10 states** in

3. Empanelled in **National CSR Hub** by Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

4. GYWS has successfully increased its reach through social media (Facebook and Instagram) and currently has **18k** followers on the Facebook page.

5. The activities of GYWS are recognized and appreciated by the entire academic community of IIT Kharagpur. Praise for GYWS has come from all quarters, including **alumni, professors,** and **students.**

6. GYWS got registered under **TechSoup**, an online platform to connect companies with non-profit organisations to avail Technological based solutions from the company.

7. GYWS laid the foundation for a completely residential hostel with an aim to overcome the challenges faced by the students regarding transportation and low attendance .And Inaugurated the **JVM hostel** with the goal of providing an environment conducive for all-round development and holistic growth of the students.

ACHIEVEMENTS

PRAYAS

Program Associating Youth and Society

PRAYAS aims to transform the youth's perception by making them cognizant about the existing social challenges and opportunities. PRAYAS through its initiatives aims to inculcate a feeling of social responsiveness among the people to engender new opportunities for uplifting the underprivileged sections of the society.

Skill Development

CLOTHING AND STITCHING CENTER

Running under the tailoring project of the Skill Development team it aims to employ women of Gopali village who have done the tailoring training course (period of 6 months). The center provides a platform for exploring their skill in tailoring, stitching and marketing of products as well, enabling them to achieve employment and well-settled livelihood and help them keep track of the marketing environment and increase revenue.

COMPUTER TRAINING

With an aim to provide computer education to underprivileged youth, we conduct computer training workshops. So far **112** students have completed these workshops, thus creating employment opportunities for them.

Life Story

My name is Mausumi Dolai. I was a part of the tailoring workshop by GYWS. I was taught skills like stitching and cutting for a period of 2-3 months. We were taught these skills very efficiently and I am able to stitch blouses and other clothes on my own now. I am grateful to GYWS for the workshops. I plan to use these skills professionally and start a living soon.

TAILORING WORKSHOP

This workshop helps to impart vocational skills to the women of Gopali village and help them to generate a livelihood to support their family. **110** people have been benefited by this workshop in last 3 years.

CLOTH DONATION

An annual program for cloth donation to underprivileged people.
We collect clothes from the students of IIT Kharagpur and distribute among the ones who cannot afford them.

RURAL INNOVATION PROGRAM

GYWS organised this five day program in association with the MHRD Institution Innovation Council - IIT Delhi. The objective of the program was to provide ground level exposure to the students of some of the nation's best universities regarding the socio-economic problems of rural India by providing them with an opportunity of real-life one to one interaction with the rural people.

GREENOVATION

The motto is to educate and help local farmers in adopting modern sustainable farming techniques. These techniques help farmers to increase their earnings from agricultural practices.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

Observing the International Day of Forests on 21st March 2022, PRAYAS had planted 15 tree saplings near Jagriti Vidya Mandir with the assistance of 27 students of Jagriti Vidya Mandir boarded in the hostel under the guidance of 14 volunteers from Gopali Youth Welfare Society. The trees planted were all fruit trees such as sweet lemon, sapodilla, guava, mango, lychee, Java plum which would be used for serving the children in the hostel in the distant future. This tree plantation drive was part of the Global Warming Program of PRAYAS.

LIVE PROJECT

We conducted a survey with National Student Service in nearby area of Kharagpur so as to analyse ground level realities and to provide sustainable development of underpriviledge section of society.

LIFE STORY

I am Nisa Rai. I have been fortunate to be a part of the tailoring workshop conducted by GYWS. I have been learning to tailor here for the past 5 months and have learnt a lot throughout the time including sewing kurtas, frocks etc. The teachers here are very cooperative and always willing to teach different techniques. This has provided me with a means of livelihood and save and earn money for my family. I also plan to start a business with the knowledge I gained here.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The vision of Skill Development is to fulfill the need of the skilled manpower across Gopali village by providing tailoring workshops and basic computer training.

THANK YOU

Words of APPRECIATION

Having attended some GYWS events, the determination of the students to make a change amazes me. This is worth applause that they have taken the initiative to work for the underprivileged. I feel privileged to have such students in the campus who seek to give back to the society.

Prof. Partha Pratim Chakraborty
Former Director, IIT Kharagpur

I would like to recognize GYWS at IIT Kharagpur at which I found out about when I visited PAN IIT GLOBAL CONFERENCE 2012 and what I said was about, you have got to establish a cause you would like to give back to and I'm extremely happy this organisation exists within IIT KGP.

Mr. Roy Da Silva
(IIT Kharagpur, '74 Batch)
Former President, IIT Foundation

The fact that a group of students of IIT Kharagpur run a fully-fledged NGO leaves me filled with immense pride. As an advisory committee member of GYWS and having closely observed all their activities, I can personally speak of the hard work they put in and the level of commitment they show.They are breaking the trends which see IiTians aiming at bagging high salary jobs as soon as they enter the campus. These people are contributing back to the society and their contribution is making a difference.

Prof. NR Mondal
Ex-Professor Ocean Engineering and Naval Architecture
Ex-Dean SA, IIT Kharagpur

Since its establishment in 2002, GYWS has successfully launched and carried out several training and development activities in and around the Gopali. In the past we have established rural libraries providing vocational training to the people from under-privileged sections of society beside carrying out several awareness generation programmes. We will strive to continue with this program while expanding out base.We have been helped in the endeavours by our advisory members and the local population.We express our gratitude to them and our well wishes.

Ms. Suparna Mondal
Ex-President

I was happy to see the diverse activities being taken up by GYWS. The social commitment being continuously shown by the students of IIT Kharagpur to share knowledge and time with the inhabitants of Gopali and its surroundings is laudable. I was also impressed with the details of expenditure for the last few years which they have displayed on the website.I wish them all the best and send my good wishes.

Mr. Sailesh Gandhi
Former Chief Information Commissioner, Government of India

THANK YOU

Message from OUR ADVISORS

"Atmana Mokhsartham Jagat Hitayacha".. The words from Swami Vivekananda inspires us in every initiative and action even in this twenty-first century. We are tirelessly fostering the message to our students that- we cannot reach to our goals without caring others. Today it seems very unknown and forgotten statement in the society full of selfish material achievements, hatreds to 'others' and individualism. We at GYWS have taken up this challenge to ensure equity and equality to the future society. We are also engaging us in defining and determining tomorrow with technology advancement and appropriation. We dream to live in a society building a sustainable earth with equitable opportunities. I am happy to be associated with GYWS..

Dr. Bhaskar Bhowmick
Faculty, RMSoEE,
IIT Kharagpur

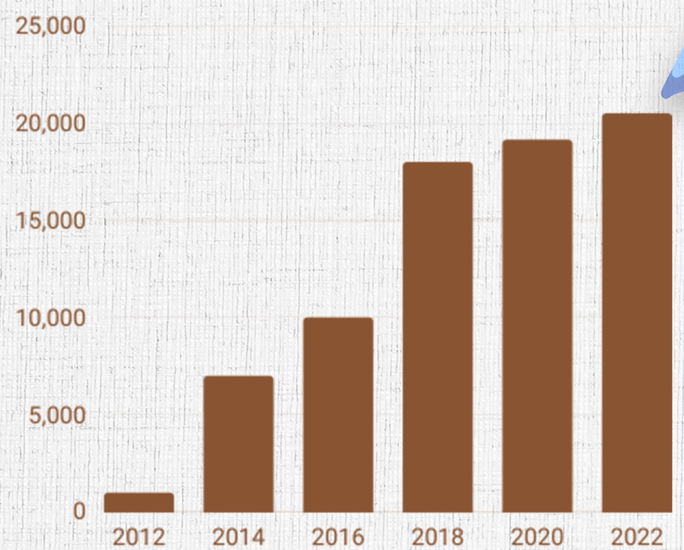
Gopali Youth Welfare Society (GYWS), run mainly by IITKharagpur students, is striving for betterment of children and surrounding people since its inception by not only helping them with food, clothing and shelter but also providing prope r scientific education, guidance and care for children in the best way possible.I have seen the never ending energy of ts student volunteers for planning toimplement their novel ideas for the improvement of livelihoods of the surrounding people..I am confident that student members of this society will be successful in showing way to others by their path breaking ideas.

Damodar Maity,
Professor, Department of
Civil Engineering, IIT Kharagpur

I am really happy to learn that society is working towards the all-round development of youth and women in the locality though they started with the objective of providing free education to the underprivileged children. I am happy to learn that student's bodies are taking several steps to make the system transparent from a financial point of view and following standard approval procedures for any new initiative or procurement.The lessons learnt from the previous year will definitely help the next year's team members..Finally, I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Executive Committee members, advisors and other team members of GYWS a great success in their endeavour in years to come.

Dr. Dipak Kumar Maiti
Chief Advisor, GYWS,
Professor and Former HOD,
Department of Aerospace Engineering,
IIT Kharagpur

Our Reach



FACEBOOK LIKES

From 2012, after creating our page, the likes of GYWS on Facebook has increased linearly. We have around 21k people following our page.

IIT changemakers for village

SUBHANKAR CHOWDHURY

Kharagpur: A village about three kilometres from the IIT Kharagpur campus will learn from engineering students techniques that will probably change age-old practices and train them in new techniques.

A group of IITians, who have taken education beyond the hallowed campus to turn a village around, has set its sight on an initiative called "greenovation", that could be a game-changer in the lives of poor farmers.

The Gopali Youth Welfare Society, an organisation of about a hundred IIT students, has engaged postgraduate students of the agricultural and food engineering department to arm farmers with the technique.

The students recently completed a two-day training for farmers of the village, one of the students said.

"The training took place at the Precision Farming Development Center at IIT Kharagpur. Farmers learnt about new and innovative low-cost techniques that may boost their income," said Hemant Kumar, a second-year postgraduate student.

Farmers attending the workshop were acquainted with techniques of micro-irrigation and drip irrigation that require less water.

"The present irrigation technique (flood irrigation) uses a lot of water. If the use of water could be reduced, it would bring down the cost of farming. We also taught them how to use organic manure, which costs less than inorganic farming," Kumar said.

Precision farming is an approach where inputs are utilised in precise amounts to get an increased average yield, compared to traditional cultivation techniques, he added.

Mrinal Bhanja, a villager who has been associated with the society since its launch, said a large number of villagers are junking farming as the cost is on the rise and they don't have access to modern sustainable farming techniques.

"We have observed that vast agricultural lands in the village are lying unused because of this shortcoming. Therefore we thought of engaging IIT students. We will soon do an assessment on how they have been benefited," Bhanja said.

A teacher of IIT Kharagpur said with little industrial activity in and around the village, the villagers rely on farming for a living.

The society was set up in 2002 with a mission to improve the living standards of the people of Gopali.

Its flagship initiative is Jagriti Vidya Mandir, an English-medium primary school started in 2008 that provides free education to children from financially poor background.

Under the Greenovation project, students have started creating a garden for the school.

"Kids can enjoy their lunch break and play games in the garden. In winter, they can also have classes here," said Nishanth, an IIT Kharagpur student.

The welfare initiatives of the society are funded by IIT Kharagpur alumni.

"The initiatives are acts of social service by IIT Kharagpur students with a motivation to give something back to the society," said Partha Pratim Chakraborty, the director of IIT Kharagpur.

"The determination of the students to bring about a change amazes me. I feel privileged to have such students on the campus."

A student of IIT Kharagpur interacts with villagers

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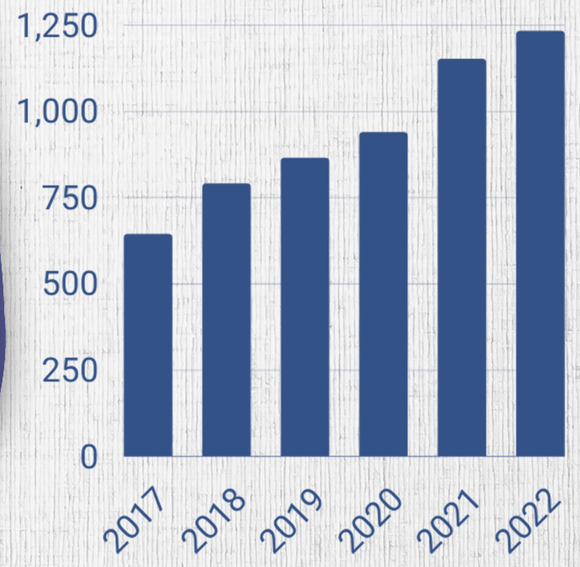

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