

Gopali Youth Welfare Society

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Impact Report *2016-17*

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SECTION A: ACTIVITY REPORT

Vision and Mission:

When some students of IIT Kharagpur and local people of Gopali village came together in 2002 to form Gopali Youth Welfare Society, they were aiming at enhancing the overall quality of life in the village of Gopali, 5 km from IIT Kharagpur campus. Today, 14 years later, we do seem to have come a long way as far as education and economic condition of Gopali village is concerned.

In 2008, GYWS achieved a milestone with the establishing of the school, Jagriti Vidya Mandir, which now runs up to class V. Currently around 200 students are getting free English-medium education as well as an atmosphere of all-round development at JVM.

The ultimate aim of GYWS is to ensure socio-economic welfare of underprivileged and weaker sections of the society while simultaneously encouraging the youth for social work.

The approach:

- GYWS has a School Review Committee (SRC), the main administrative body of JVM that decides the general functioning of the school, the syllabus and appoints the teachers.
- The advisory committee, which has several IIT professors on it, takes the important decisions, especially those related to passage of bills.
- The sponsorship team works on generating sponsorship. Industries, corporates, alumni etc. are contacted for this purpose.
- Finance Team works checks the flow of money and ensures that the contributions are properly channelized.
- Sponsorship Team together with the SRC ensures proper documentation of each and every event to maintain transparency.
- EaCH Team works for the adoption of the students under EaCH and sending all the performance report to the concerned person.



Methodology:

Initiatives:

- 1. Child education:** In 2008, GYWS started its school 'Jagriti Vidya Mandir' aiming at providing free English-medium education to the economically challenged children. The school, which now runs up to class V, was initially conducted in a leased building. Today, GYWS has succeeded in not only constructing its own school building which has 6 classrooms right now, but also in providing transport facilities to students who come from far away.
- 2. E-Samadhan:** E-Samadhan is one of our very ambitious projects, which helps people find their way out of infinitely long and cumbersome government schemes. It's not very uncommon to come across a naïve villager who is unable to benefit from some government scheme despite fitting the criteria. Under E-Samadhan, we solve their grievances and make the villagers aware of their rights.
- 3. Laptop Sessions:** A movement of GYWS to integrate technology into classroom teaching . With the belief that just manual teaching is not enough . Fun and Interaction is also a significant part of learning . Pushing Digitization into classrooms , members of GYWS visit Jagriti Vidya Mandir on weekly basis . For 2-3 hours , animated course materials / Presentations are illustrated to students , followed by a small test .
- 4. KGP BloodConnect:** The motive behind launching this project was to ensure that nobody succumbs to the unavailability of blood. Here, if you are a part of KGP family, we encourage you to enroll under BloodConnect and donate blood when need arises. We have also contacted Dr. B C Roy Hospital, to serve our database to people living in campus other than students.
- 5. Yogdaan:** Yogdaan is the annual donation drive during which all the students including UG, PG as well as Ph. D and Research Scholars of the campus show their support to us by donating some amount to GYWS.
- 6. Child Labor Rescue Program:** You don't have to think very hard to recall an incident when a kid brought you your morning tea at some dhaba. Did it occur to you that they will have to do these odd jobs all their life to sustain themselves because they are not getting even their primary education? GYWS has come to rescue of several such child laborers found working in various canteens around IIT Kharagpur campus.





- 7. Innovate to Teach:** This year we purchased a projector, for JVM, to have interactive study sessions for the students. These sessions will be taken by the Research Scholars of IIT Kharagpur. In addition to this, the Vice-President of Technology Students' Gymkhana, the student body of IIT Kharagpur, donated an iPad to ensure that we do not face difficulty in conducting these sessions.

- 8. Tuition classes and Sunday coaching classes 'Udyat':** Every Sunday morning, a group of 15 members of our society, conduct tuition classes to students from class II to class VI of JVM for Mathematics, Science and English. Later, tests will be conducted for the assessments. This helps them to prepare for entrance tests for JNV and so like institutes, once they pass out from JVM. In future, we plan to conduct free tuition to children of nearby villages those who are not from JVM.

- 9. Teachers Training Program:** Every Saturday evening, a group of 10 members of our society, conduct Training sessions for teachers of JVM. The motive behind this is to develop teaching skills and soft skills of the teachers. In coming months, we plan to provide basic computer knowledge to them so that they can pass the same to the students.

- 10. Social Cell:** In collaboration with Technology Students' Gymkhana, the student body of IIT Kharagpur, GYWS has started a new Social Internship program for UG First and Second Year students as well as MBA Students during the winter break of the institute. The willing students will be provided internships in various NGO across India during their one month winter break and summer break.

Events:

- 1. Annual Medical Camp 'Aarogya'**- It is conducted as a two day event so that maximum people could benefit from it. The students of JVM, villagers of Solador village and workers of IIT campus have their health check-ups done at the camp. Needless to say, the camp is a huge success.

- 2. Annual function 'Aashayein'** – Aashayein is the annual function of JVM and this year it was bigger and better than ever before. The lively and vivid performance of the JVM kids left everyone awestruck.





3. **Independence Day 2016-** The students of JVM celebrated Independence Day with the true spirit of patriotism. The celebration was joined by GYWS members as well, to encourage the same spirit.

4. **Sports Day:** On August 27, 2016, we organized "Balakalakaar" in association with AISEC IIT Kharagpur a special edition of sports day this year for the students of JVM. All the students actively participated in various activities and races, and won prizes.

5. **Teachers Day:** To honor the great teacher Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, and to thank our beloved teachers who work so hard for JVM, we had a small Teachers Day celebration on September 5, 2016, in the school campus. The students recited poems, danced and presented gifts to their teachers. Members of GYWS also presented gifts to the teachers as a token of thanks.



SECTION B: IMPACT REPORT

Impact on IIT Kharagpur students:

- 1. KGP BloodConnect:** Within a week of its launch, KGP BloodConnect came to rescue of a person admitted in B C Roy hospital. The person was in dire need of B- blood group, and one person who had enrolled himself for BloodConnect came forward to donate blood. We also made an awareness video emphasizing on the need of blood donation. The video was liked by a lot of students of IIT Kharagpur.
- 2. SF Stall-** During spring fest , GYWS has its own stall in the arena, and the stall attract a fair amount of visitors. Students of IIT Kharagpur and nearby colleges are attracted to the stall alike. Some of them are interested in teaching at the school, some want to give some donation, some want to join GYWS and some want to extend the chapter of GYWS to their own institutions/colleges.

Impact on IIT Kharagpur Professors:

- 1. Educate A Child:** Under EaCH, professors adopt economically challenged students of JVM and sponsor them for one academic year. Over the years, many professors have come forward for this and most of them go for renewals as well, which means they sponsor the whole primary education of one student. Currently 149 students are adopted under EaCH.
- 2. Participation in GYWS events:** The IIT Kharagpur professors constantly keep attending GYWS events that are organized at JVM or in IIT campus. Their participation is one of the best source of motivation for us.

Impact on industries:

Many corporates have come forward to help us in realizing our goals. Tiara Foundation helped us to get land for our school. We often approach industries for help, particularly for school construction, and have received commendable support from them. Now that we have been empanelled in the National CSR hub by TISS we are expecting even better sponsorship from corporates.

Impact on alumni:

GYWS has an alumni board, which consists of all the pass-outs who had ever been a part of GYWS. They show their support to GYWS by giving monthly donations as well as their valuable suggestions. Other than GYWS alumni, other alumni of IIT Kharagpur also come forward from time to time to donate for GYWS. Some of them are regular donors and donate every month or on a yearly basis.





Impact on villagers:

GYWS conducts bi-annual surveys, in which apart from collecting information about the children of school-going age, we also ask people about their general well-being and the problems they are facing. The parents are extremely happy about the fact that despite the sorry state of their financial condition, their wards are getting English-medium education. One can feel the gratitude in their eyes, when the villagers see their child in school uniform, all set to go to the school.

Through E-Samadhan, many villagers are now more aware of the various policies and they now well know how to approach the government procedures to get their work done.

Health camp that we organize every year creates awareness among the villagers.

Moreover, GYWS is helping the women of the village become independent by teaching those skills and providing them with job opportunities. This not only increases the self-esteem of the women and makes them more aware but also creates extra source of income in the household.





SECTION C: GROWTH REPORT

We have worked hard and achieved so much more for the people we work for. The following is a brief report showing our growth.

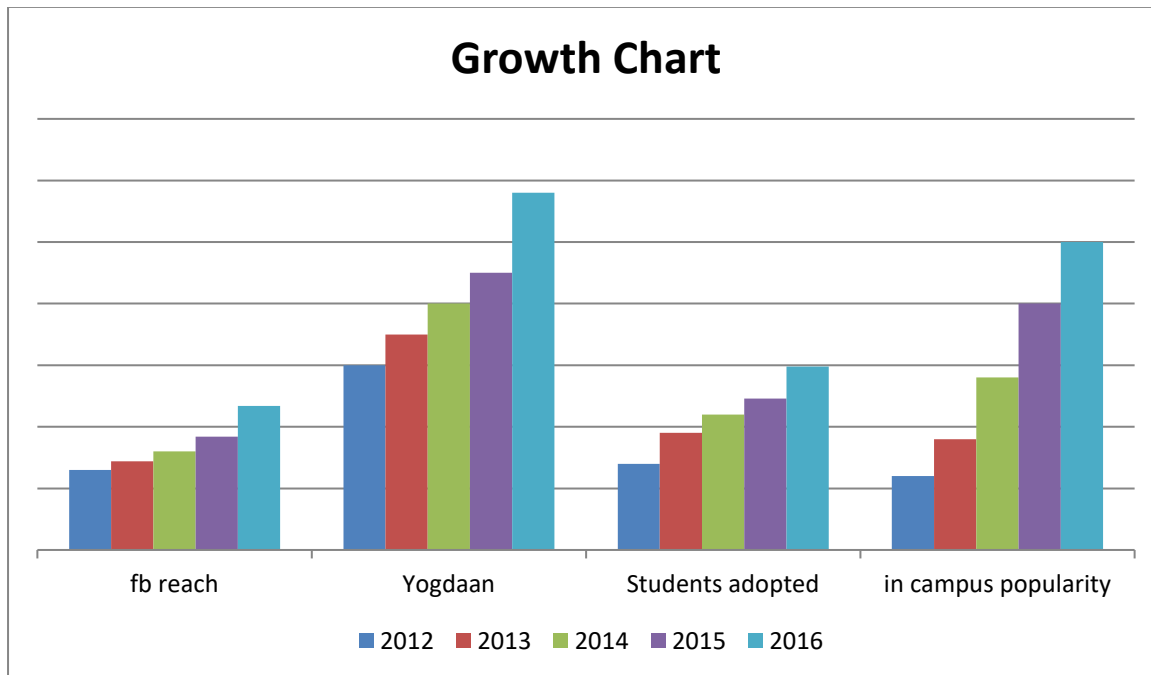
A lot changed:

- Just two years ago we used to run our school in a rented building. Now we have shifted our school to our own campus. Classes are scheduled in two sessions to accommodate all children.
- We have been empanelled in the National CSR hub by Tata Institute of Social Sciences.
- Aashayein 2016, annual day of JVM was conducted at IIT KGP itself for the second time . Huge audience was present there to appreciate the performance of the children.
- Some members of GYWS came forward and made a team which hoped to make IIT Kharagpur campus child labor free. Till now, 11 child labors have been freed from various eateries and canteens. GYWS has ensured that they get their primary education.
- We have successfully provided transport facility for 100% of the strength of our school.
- We successfully started e-Samadhan, an initiative taken in collaboration with 3 Ben Tech. Air Sqn to solve any government related issues of the nearby villagers through RTI act.
- We have recently started a blood donation database in IIT KGP. It will ensure that anyone who is in need of blood gets it as soon as possible. We have been in touch with B C Roy hospital so that they can contact us whenever in need of blood.



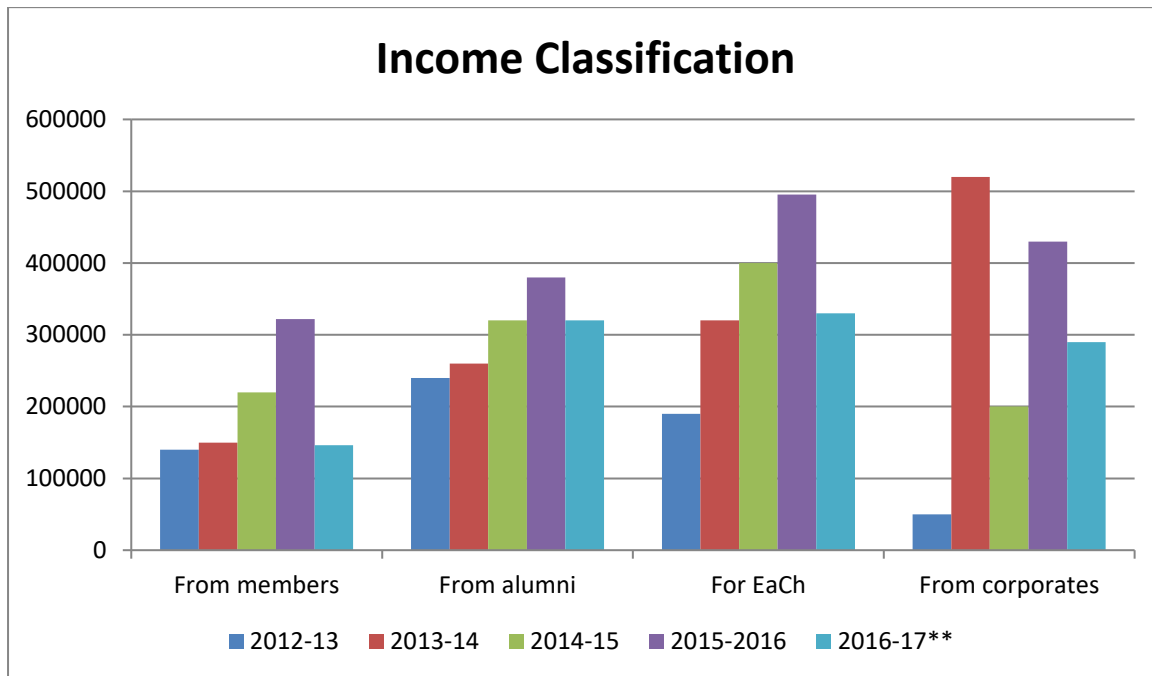


Growth Chart:



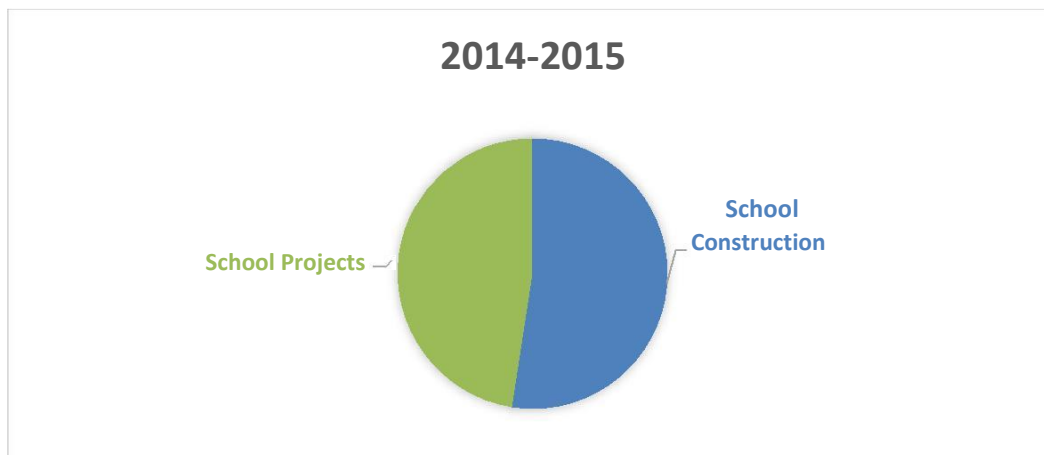
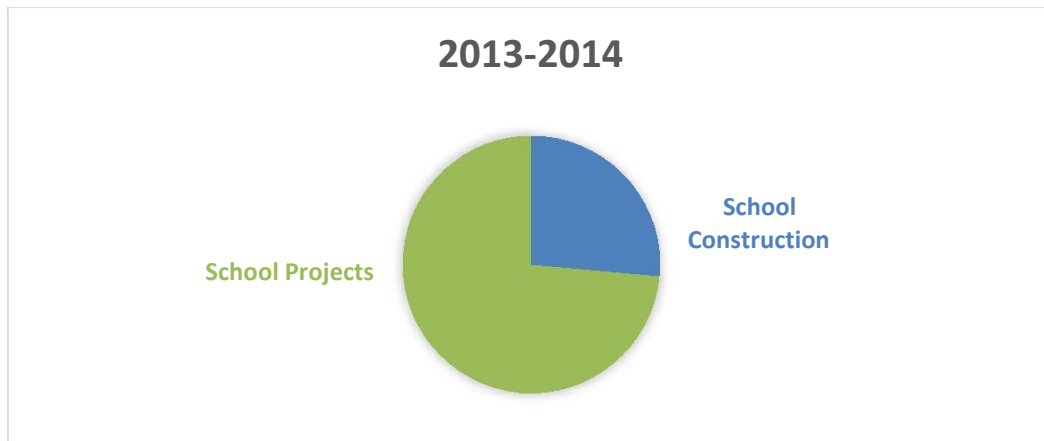
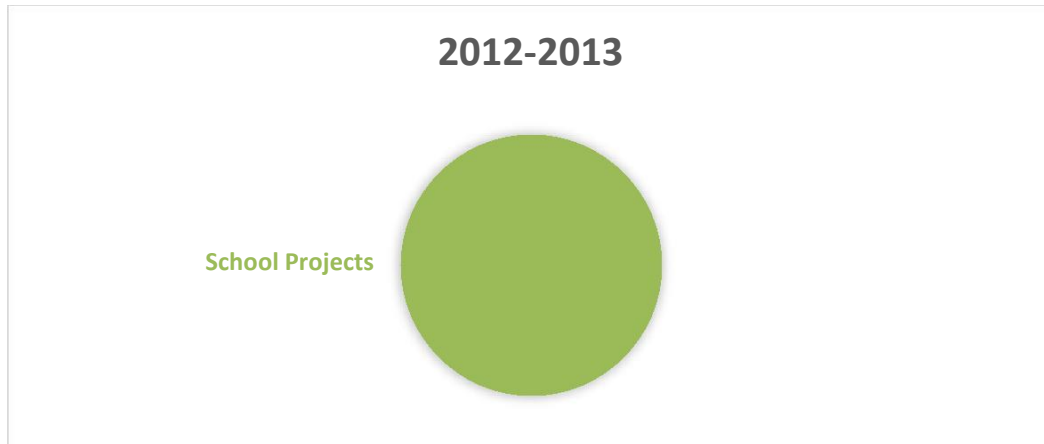
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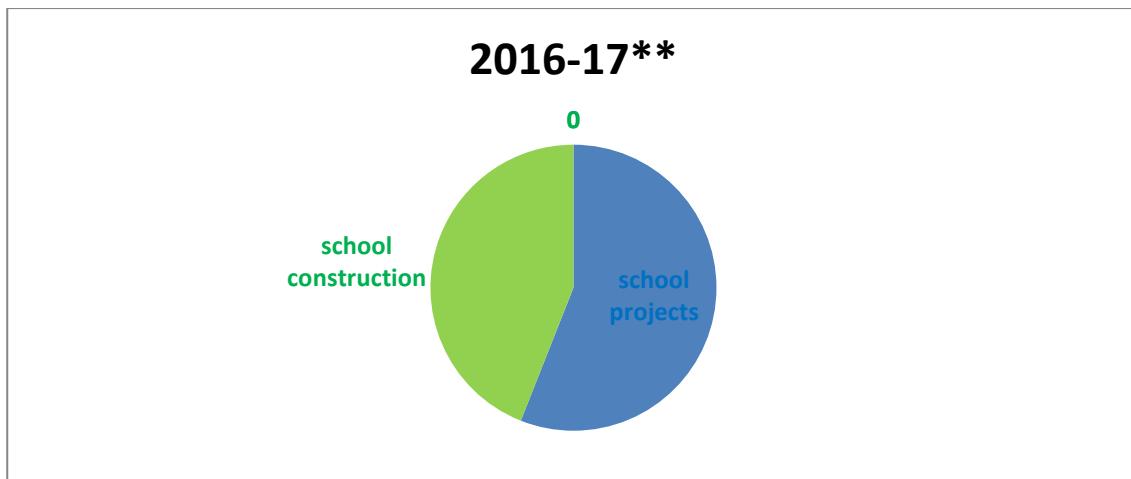
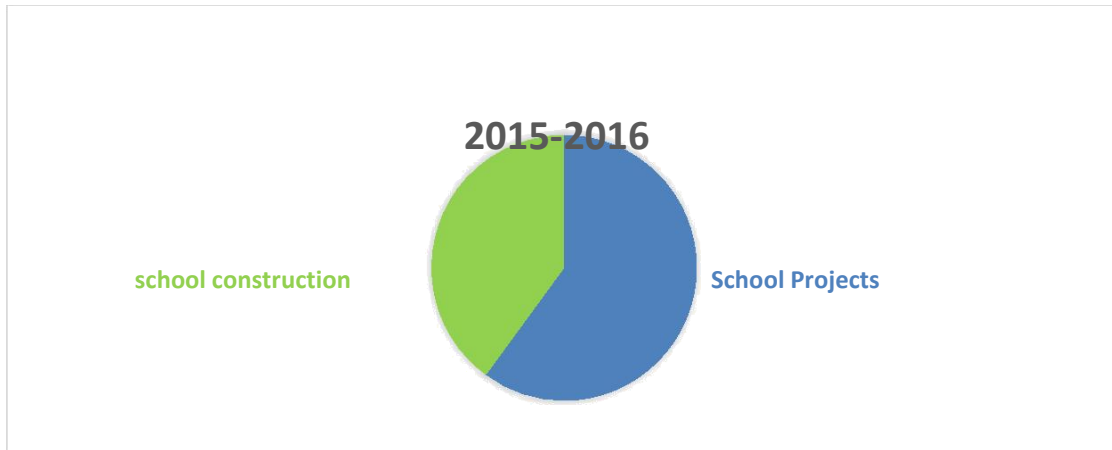
Income Classification:





Where we spent our money over the years:







Testimonials:

"I would like to recognize Gopali Youth Welfare Society at IIT Kharagpur, which I found about when I visited PANIIT. I am extremely happy that this organization exists right within IIT Kharagpur."

Dr. Roy Da Silva
President, IIT Foundation
Board member, PANIIT
Recipient of IIT Kharagpur's Distinguished Service Award 2012



"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. Hope to see GYWS as well as other students come forward with more such initiatives."

Prof Parth Pratim Chakrabarti

I really appreciate the initiative of the students by forming a society like GYWS which is contributing to the society and helping the underprivileged children. Its really commendable that students are putting such efforts even after having busy academic schedule. The initiative of organizing annual function "Aashayein" to appreciate all the members and children is also appreciable. I hope they continue impacting our society in the future and increase its scope.

Aman Gupta
Placed at Microsoft





It brings a great deal of joy to my heart when I see the smiles that GYWS brings to the faces of children in Gopali. I feel blessed to have supported a child's studies, and express my gratitude to GYWS for giving me the opportunity to do so. I hope that I get opportunities like this in the future where I can bring a difference in someone's life. I urge the students at IIT KGP to devote their leisure time to such selfless activities, and wish GYWS all the very best for their future endeavors.

Harshit Gupta
Founding Member, Meghamala, the IIT Kharagpur Cloud



"A year back, I was talking to Kashi Kazi and the conversation changed my whole perception about this society. He had adopted a child from the village while he was still in college. Everything falls pale in comparison to this sheer act of selflessness. I believe GYWS sends a very powerful message, inculcating the habit of giving back to the society in our own ways. And this is a value I want the future generations to grow up with. Good work GYWS and I hope you continue to inspire more people in the future."

Sabyasachi Mishra
CIMA Global Business Challenge 2015 National Finalists



GYWS in News:

Times of India

IITians run school to bridge social divide

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Kolkata: A short ride from the hallowed portals of IIT Kharagpur, nestled in a grove of eucalyptus trees, is a quaint little school, pulsating with energy and cheer. At first glance, it would seem like just another primary school in this tribal region of West Midnapore. What's unique is that it is run by IIT students.

This is no corporate social responsibility activity — the IITians call it "emotional responsibility".

Students of IIT Kharagpur started Jagriti Vidya Mandir at Tangsol, about 5 km from the institute, in 2008. Even today, reaching this English-medium school is an uphill task — quite literally. Our car burches and groans up the unimprovable stichra road. Every day, IITians

was founded in 1951 but it remained oblivious to the underdevelopment that surrounds the campus. Some of our seniors realized this and set up Jagriti Vidya Mandir in 2008, said Vidya Kumar, a geology and geophysics student. "Life within the walls of IIT is comfortable, the world outside is a stark contrast. It is this contrast that motivates us."

Social worker's ideas, P 8

Today, the school has moved to a permanent 2-acre campus. The four classrooms and a guard's quarters have been funded from Yogdaan, a donation drive organised by IITians and the Tara Charitable Foundation. The guard's quarters is, in fact, a low-cost experiment by civil engineering students, who used bamboo instead of steel. The classroom walls have been painted by Spectra, the IIT-

Kg Arts Society. "We even did the land survey ourselves," said physics student Dhaninsh Ashud. "The school is our baby. We even arrange for transport (buses) to fetch the children, gushed Harshita Chaudhary one of the 25 IITians who form the school review committee. The 19-year-old from Bihar's Patna said, "All my life, I have been a bookworm striving to crack IIT. Now I want some of these children to grow up a cracker IIT."

The school caters to all the needs — food, uniform, books, stationary, school bags — though the "educate a child" scheme where donors fund a child's education. Several IIT professors and alumni have "We low CBSE syllabus and in to apply for affiliation so the school can be elevated to P level," said Arundhanti Kumar, review committee member

Sanmarg

शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य की अलख जगा रहे हैं आईआईटी के छात्र

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The Telegraph

IITians take education beyond hallowed campus

CLASSES HERE, COACHING THERE

Students of IIT Kharagpur have started a school in a remote area of West Midnapore to provide quality education to underprivileged children. The school, named Jagriti Vidya Mandir, is run by IIT students and aims to bridge the social divide by providing access to education and healthcare.

Dainik Sarkar

बुद्धिमान लोगों को हमेशा भौतिकवादी होने की जरूरत नहीं

मैनेजमेंट फंडा
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ANNEXURE:



Independence Day



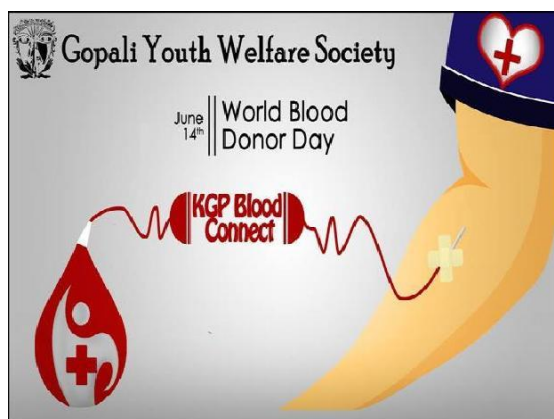
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