

# Gopali Youth Welfare Society

A Non-Governmental organisation

## Impact Report 2017-18

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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, 15 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 establishment of the school, Jagriti Vidya Mandir, which now runs up to class V. Currently around 230 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 in 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 function 'Aashayein 2017':** 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.
2. **Independence Day 2017:** 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.
3. **Sports Day:** On August 28, 2017, we organized sports day for the students of JVM. The children showed up with lot of excitement and enthusiasm at such a young age, ready to put in their all efforts to win. Various games and activities were conducted by our members and prizes and sweets distributed to the winners.
4. **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, 2017, 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.
5. **Saraswati Puja;** 'Basant Panchmi' marks the auspicious day in Hindu tradition when new students start the journey of their education while old students pay respect and obeisance unto Goddess Saraswati seeking her blessings. This day is celebrated considerably in West Bengal and we hope to teach the children importance of this day and seek the blessings of this Goddess along with our students.





## PRAYAS Activities:

1. **Agriculture Greenovation:** A step towards self-sustainability by working over the barren land near the JVM campus by focusing on developing and promoting locally adapted integrated farming systems and other on-farm and off-farm livelihoods. Proposes to establish a Self-Sufficient Agricultural School for the rural poor of nearby villages, which aims at providing practical and entrepreneurial education that enables graduates to achieve financial success.
2. **Tailoring Program:** Basic tailoring and stitching training program has been conducted at GYWS office at Gopali. During the program 70 ladies enrolled till March, 2018. A step to empower the under privileged ladies of Kharagpur. After training certificate provided to all the candidates. For the next session, advanced tailoring course will be conducted to get self-employment.
3. **Computer Training Program:** This year Gopali Youth Welfare Society conducted a six month Computer Training Program at the village Gopali for people from all age groups. Final Test for the same was conducted recently at the GYWS office. Over 100 students enrolled till March, 2018. This course was successfully executed in three batches daily by skill development team and other members of different teams. A step in connecting under privileged mass to digital India.
4. **Cloth Donation Drive:** The Live Project Team of Prayas collected clothes from the students of IIT Kharagpur and distributed them among the villagers of Pal Dharai. 110 Villagers were benefitted from this noble cause.
5. **Helping Hands:** Prayas Team in collaboration with DYFI conducted a Drawing competition and quiz competition. During the program, more than 80 Children age of 5-15 years participated.





## 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:**

Initially 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 2017, 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.

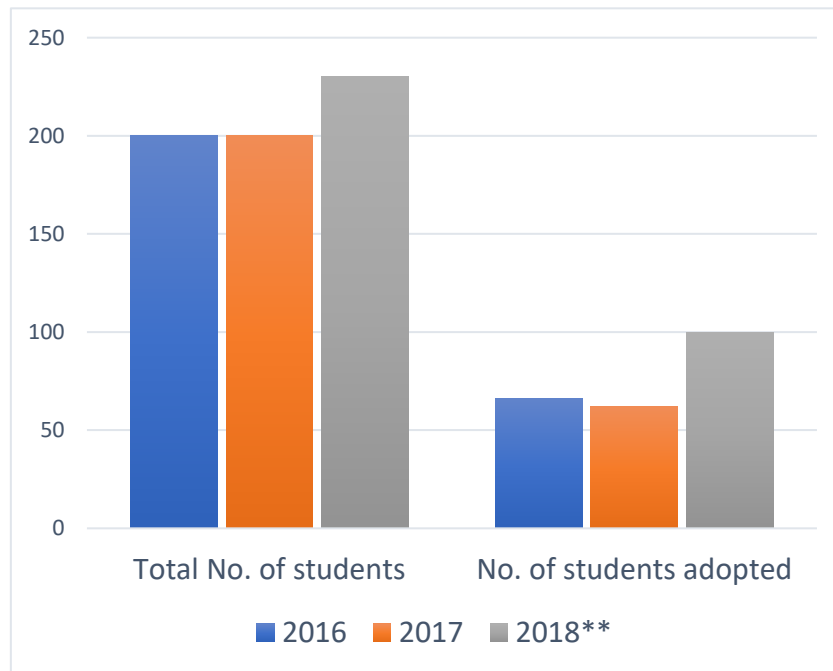
We have successfully provided transport facility for 100% of the strength of our school. We successfully started e-Samadhan, an initiative taken in collaboration with 3 Ben Tech. Air Sqn to solve any government related issues of the nearby villagers through RTI act. We have recently started a blood donation 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.

We have gained popularity in campus which can be seen from the tremendous support from the student community in the events like Cloth Donation Drive and Yogdaan, an annual donation drive.

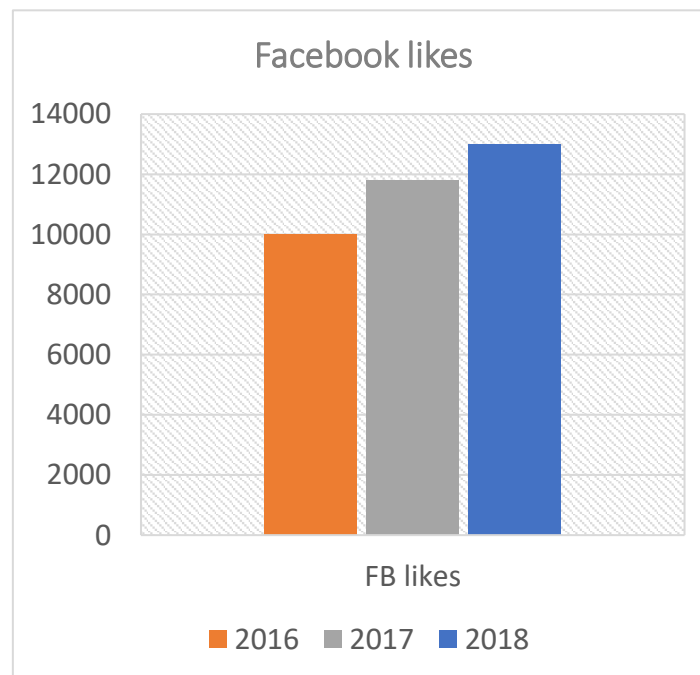




### Growth Chart



Growth Chart of Facebook Likes shows increasing popularity of GWYS on social media platforms.

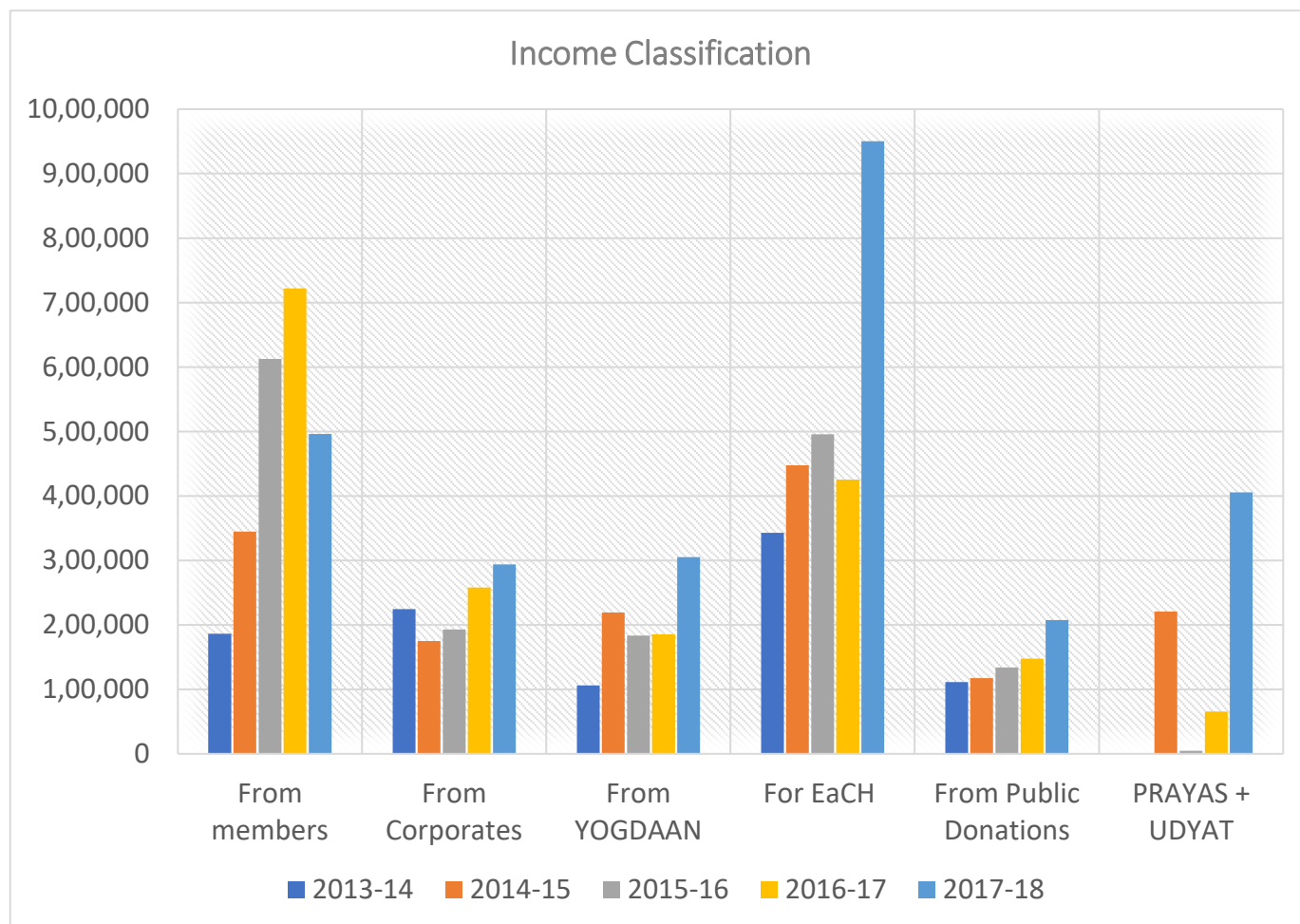


**NOTE:** As per April 1 of every year





### Income Classification:



**NOTE:**

Funds from Members include donation from past and present members of GYWS

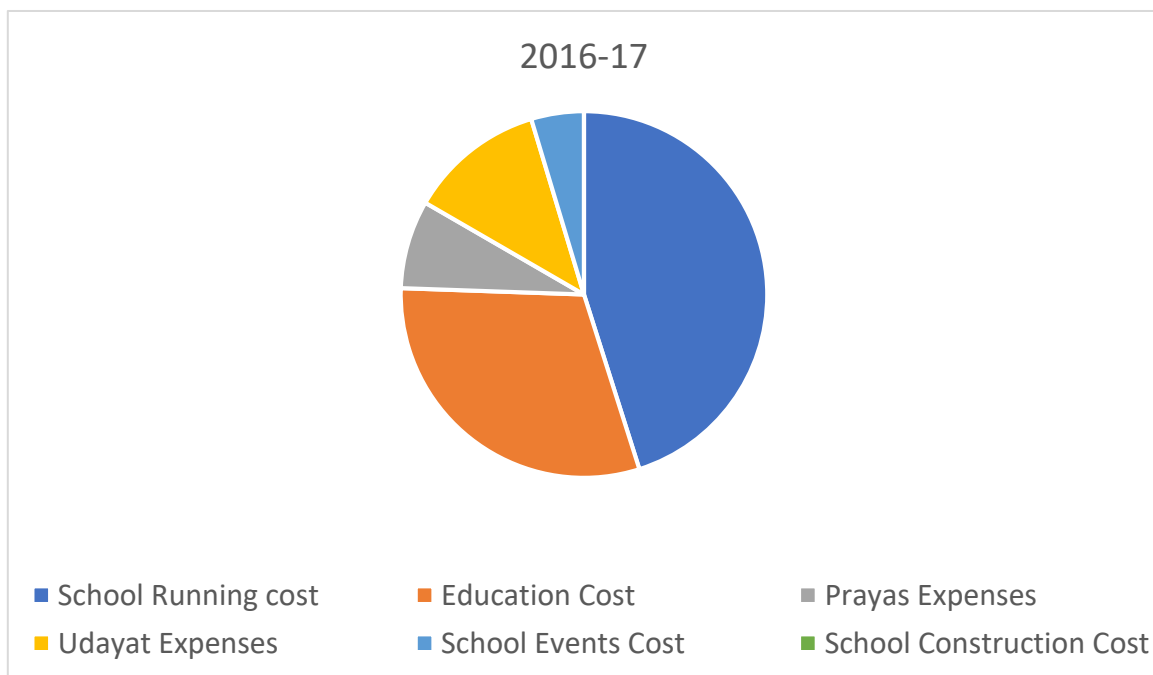
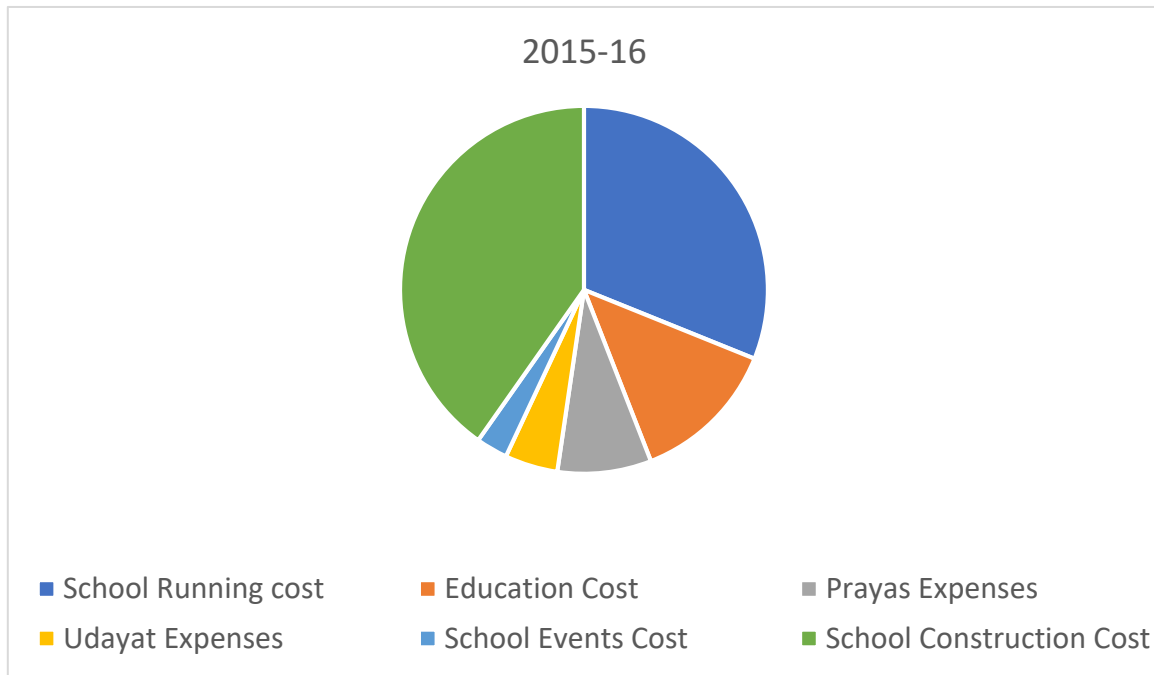
Funds from Each include donation from esteemed alumni and professors of IIT Kharagpur.

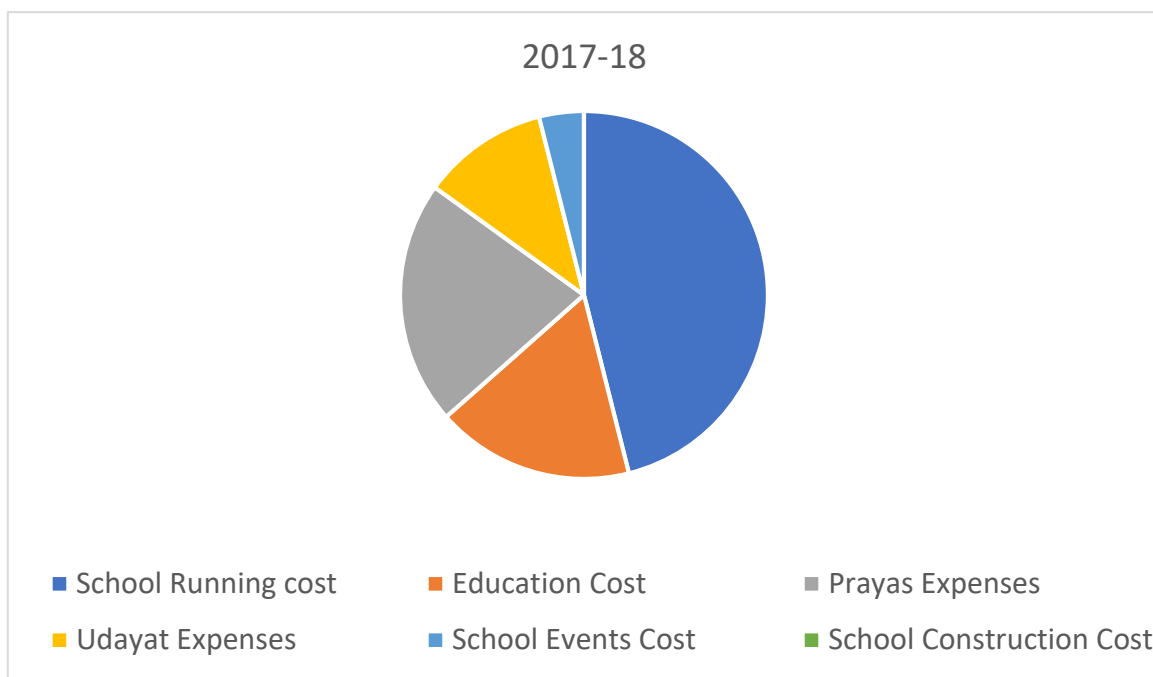






**Where we spent our money over the years:**





**NOTE:**

School running cost includes of electricity cost, salary of teaching and non-teaching staff, Maintenance cost of school.

Education Cost includes cost of books, stationary, dress, printing, transportation for students.





## Testimonials



The society is fortunate to have some young Samaritans who have always committed themselves for the humanitarian cause of uplifting the condition of the poor and enlightening the future generation, let all of us join our hands together to make this endeavor, envisaged to help the needy aspire for a better future, become a success.

**Prof. Madhusudan Chakraborty**  
(Former Director, IIT Bhubaneswar)

Gopali Youth Welfare Society (GYWS) was established with the objectives of making people aware of problems faced by the modern society. It also aims at helping people's social, economic and cultural development and encouraging them to find out solutions to their problems on the basis of locally available resources.

**Mr. Mrinal Kanti Bhanja**  
(Founder, Gopali Youth Welfare Society)





"I was happy to see the diverse activities being taken up by the Gopali Youth Welfare Society. The social commitment being continuously shown by the students and faculty 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 (IIT Bombay, '63 batch)**  
**Former Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Government of India.**

"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 campus."

**Mr. Roy Da Silva (IIT Kharagpur, '74 batch)**  
**Former President, IIT foundation**







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A social initiative by the students of IIT Kharagpur



### GYWS in News



Dainik Jagran, Kharagpur



Times Of India

### शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य की अलख जगा रहे हैं आईआईटी के छात्र

खड़गपुर: खड़गपुर आईआईटी के छात्रों ने एक नए पहलू से समाज सेवा करने का फैसला किया है। वे नौनिहालों के भविष्य संवारने के लिए एक स्कूल खोलने का फैसला किया है। यह स्कूल नौनिहालों के भविष्य संवारने के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है।



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Sanmarg



Sangbad Pratidin

Hindustan Times, Kolkata

# গোপালি ইয়ুথ ওয়েলফেয়ার সোসাইটি সমাজ সচেতনতায় নাটক নিয়ে পথে আইআইটির পড়ুয়ারা



নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা, খড়গপুর: পড়াশোনা করাটা অবশ্যই সবচেয়ে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বিষয়। কিন্তু তার বাইরেও সমাজের জন্য কিছু করা প্রয়োজনা আর সেই বোধ থেকেই খড়গপুর আইআইটির বেশ কয়েকজন পড়ুয়া সমাজের জন্য কিছু করার উদ্দেশ্যে গোপালি ইয়ুথ ওয়েলফেয়ার সোসাইটি নামে একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান তৈরি করেছেন। এই প্রতিষ্ঠানে আইআইটির প্রায় দেড়শো জন ছাত্রছাত্রী রয়েছেন। এই মুহূর্তে তাঁরা শিশুদের ওপর যৌন নির্যাতনের বিষয়টির ওপর সবচেয়ে বেশি গুরুত্ব দিয়েছেন। কর্মশালার পাশাপাশি পথনাটিকার মাধ্যমে সচেতনতা বৃদ্ধি করার চেষ্টা করছেন তাঁরা। এজন্য এই সোসাইটির দশ জনকে নিয়ে শিশুর অধিকার রক্ষা টিম নামে একটি দলও তৈরি করা হয়েছে। মূলত এই দলটি শিশুদের উপর যৌন নির্যাতন নিয়ে সর্বব হয়েছো। এরকমই একটি পথনাটিকা শনিবার সকালে খড়গপুর আইআইটি চত্বরের প্রদর্শিত হয়। বিদ্যালয় প্রাঙ্গণ থেকে শুরু করে নিজের বাড়িতেও কিভাবে শিশুরা যৌন নির্যাতনের শিকার হয় সেটাও

সুন্দরভাবে ফুটিয়ে তোলা হয়েছে। শিশু অধিকার রক্ষা টিমের প্রধান তথা খড়গপুর আইআইটির গবেষক ছাত্র রাজশ্রী দেবনাথ জানিয়েছেন, এই সময়কালে শিশুদের ওপর যৌন নির্যাতনের ঘটনা প্রায়ই নজরে পড়ে। শুধুমাত্র পথনাটিকার মাধ্যমে দায় সেরে ফেলা নয়। বরং অভিভাবকদেরও পরামর্শ দেওয়া হচ্ছে শিশুদের ওপর এই ধরনের ঘটনা ঘটলে কি করা উচিত।  
—ছবি সৈকত সাঁতরা

## চলবে ২৯ তারিখ পর্যন্ত একলব্যের মডেল প্রদর্শ




**Scaling A CLASS APART**

**GOOD SAMARITANS** IIT Kharagpur students are running an English-medium school for the underprivileged

and some students of IIT Kharagpur also donate to GYWS, mainly through standing instructions form," said Gite.

IIT-KGP has not just ensured that the hood underprivileged kids get free education in an English medium school but have also rescued 13 child labourers in the area and got them admitted into various schools. "We rescued these kids found working in local canneries. The rescued children have been enrolled in nearby government schools and the expenditures of their education is borne by GYWS."

"We constantly keep track of their progress in school and maintain contact with the children and their families," said Sowath Vaidya, a second-year IIT-KGP student of geology and geophysics.

Under GYWS, the students are also engaged in "Pravara" - a project aimed at providing employment and empowerment to rural women, under which women from Gopali are trained to make paper bags from old newspapers.

"These are sold in the market, and the revenue is then given to the women to return. We collect newspapers from our hostels and residences within the campus and give them to these women to make attractive and trendy paper bags," said Jainwal.

Another popular project run by GYWS is 'Sambadhar'. "Many villagers do not know how to get their government-issued work done. Like how to apply for an Aadhar card, BP, card or a voter ID card. We have a dedicated team to help and guide them on what steps to take to solve their problem. If the problem persists, the team directly approaches the concerned government official and conveys their grievance directly," said Bansal.

Also from time to time, GYWS runs conducts awareness health workshops, rallies and camps on maternal health, iron fits and eye checks.

"Students get enrolled in GYWS. I know when I pass out and get busy with my career, our juniors will be equally passionate about GYWS and one day our school will be fully residential. It will help underprivileged children to study in an English medium school under CBSE for free till class XII," said another student engaged in the project.

"We now have enough space to run only eight classes at a time. We are now aiming at expanding the infrastructure and get facilities for all classes. Our primary section does not have any furniture yet. In future, we would also have hostel so that the school can be a residential one," Gite added.

But where are the students getting so much money? "Through GYWS, the students of IIT-KGP have been running Kharagpur Child (KAC) scheme where interested donors can adopt and fund a child's education, including costs for books, stationary, uniform, transport etc. for an entire academic year."

"We have 13 donors, who are sponsoring the education of our students for an amount of 10000. These donors include the Alumni of Kharagpur professors of Kharagpur as well as some senior citizens. And the members



## Affiliations



Tiara Foundation Sciences



Tata Institute of Social



Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan



3 (B) Tech Air Sqn NCC

## Sponsors



India Forgings & Engineering



Ganges Jute



KE-Technical Textile



Century Extrusions



Telco Construction Equipment Company



Sankalpa Ind



Lepton





## ANNEXURE:



Independence Day



Teachers Day



Sports Day



Aashayein- The Annual Day



Helping hands



Tailoring Program