Impact Report

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SECTION A: ACTIVITY REPORT

Vision and Mission:
When some students of IIT Kharagpur and localites 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, 5kms from IIT Kharagpur campus. Today, 12 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 VI. Currently around 185 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). SRC 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.
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 upto class V, was initially conducted in a leased building. Today, GYWS has succeeded in not only constructing its own school building which has 4 classrooms right now, but also in providing transport facilities to students who come from far away.

2. **Paperkraft**: We have got a project that gives employment and which is eco-friendly. What more can you ask for? Under paperkraft project, student volunteers go and collect old newspapers from IIT hostels. These newspapers are provided to the women of Gopali, who make paper bags out of it, which are then sold. This is our one attempt at generating women-empowering employment.

3. **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.

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.

5. **Yogdaan**: Yogdaan is the annual donation drive during which students of the campus show their support to us by donating some amount to GYWS.

6. **Tuition classes and Sunday coaching classes ‘Udyat’**: Apart from the regular school classes, GYWS provides Sunday coaching classes. Teachers are also trained in specific areas on Sundays. In future, we are planning to organize computer classes for 10th and 12th pass students and also for women.
7. **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.

**Events:**

1. **Annual Medical Camp ‘Aarogya’** - This year it was 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 had their health check-ups done at the camp. Needless to say, the camp was 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 2014** - This year the Independence Day was more special than ever for JVM students as well as GYWS members. The students got an opportunity to perform at Bidhan Chowk, IIT campus. The performance was much applauded for.
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.

2. **SF Stall**: During spring fest 2014, GYWS had its own stall in the arena, and the stall attracted a fair amount of visitors. Students of IIT Kharagpur and nearby colleges were attracted to the stall alike. Some of them were interested in teaching at the school, some wanted to give some donation, some wanted to join GYWS and some wanted 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.

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. Now that we have been empanelled in the National CSR hub by TISS we are expecting excellent 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.

Moreover, GYWS is helping the women of the village become independent by teaching them 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 one year 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 2014, annual day of JVM was conducted at IIT Kgp itself. This ensured that we have a large audience. Director, IIT Kgp was the chief guest. In his brief speech, he ensured that he will extend to GYWS and JVM all the help he can.
- Some members of GYWS came forward and made a team which hoped to make IIT kharagpur campus child labor free. Till now, 12 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 to over 80% of the 180 strong 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.
Growth Chart:

Income Classification:
Where we spent our money over the years:

2012-2013

School Projects

2013-2014

School Projects

School Construction

2014-2015**

School Projects

School Construction
“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  
Director, IIT Kharagpur

“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 N R Mandal  
Dean, SA, IIT Kharagpur
“Most of us come here, get educated, land a good job and leave, but we hardly do anything for the villages around the campus. I appreciate the GYWS team for taking the initiative and working for the service of the underprivileged in the area. I hope the institute does more to support their activities.”

Rinshul Chandra
Vice President, TSG, 2012-2013

“Within the closed walls of Kharagpur, we IITians just don’t channelize our efforts to technology. GYWS has bloomed as a perfect example. The hard work put in for revolutionizing a generation of underprivileged – catering to their needs, is a commendable task. I believe the torch-bearers would continue with their diligent efforts. It’s time we all ‘Earn a Smile’!”

Surbhi Narain
Gen Secretary, Social and Cultural, TSG, 2012-13
Steering Team Member- Spring Fest 2014

“GYWS is the society I wish I was a part of during my stay in KGP. The work they do is selfless, yet outstanding. They are efficient, responsible and a well-knit team. Most of the members I know are highly motivated towards making a positive impact on society. At the same time, they have their share of enjoyment as a group, thanks to the jovial nature of senior members. Meaningful work, inspiring members and a fun place to be at – I would advise everyone in KGP to give GYWS a shot, if they can.”

Sanat Mehrotra
Editor, The Scholars’ Avenue, 2012-13
Governor, The Debating Society, 2012-13
we help KGP BloodConnect

Jagriti Vidya Mandir

we help Women Empowerment

e-Samadhan

we help