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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.



A photograph showing several young children, likely Indian, looking through a metal railing. They are smiling and making hand gestures like peace signs. The background is dark.

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



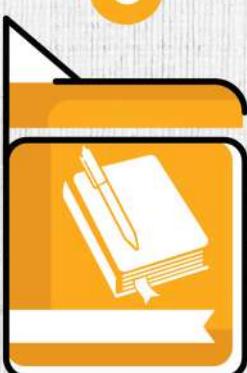
There is a natural law, a divine law that obliges us to believe the sufferings of the distressed and the destitute. A service for the poor is a supreme virtue and the great channel through which the mercy of God is passed on to mankind.

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



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

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



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



GYWS successfully got registered under GuideStar India, one of India's largest and most reliable NGO information repository

WE ARE WORKING ON

1 Child Education

2 Women Empowerment

3 Blood Donation

4 Teaching Quality

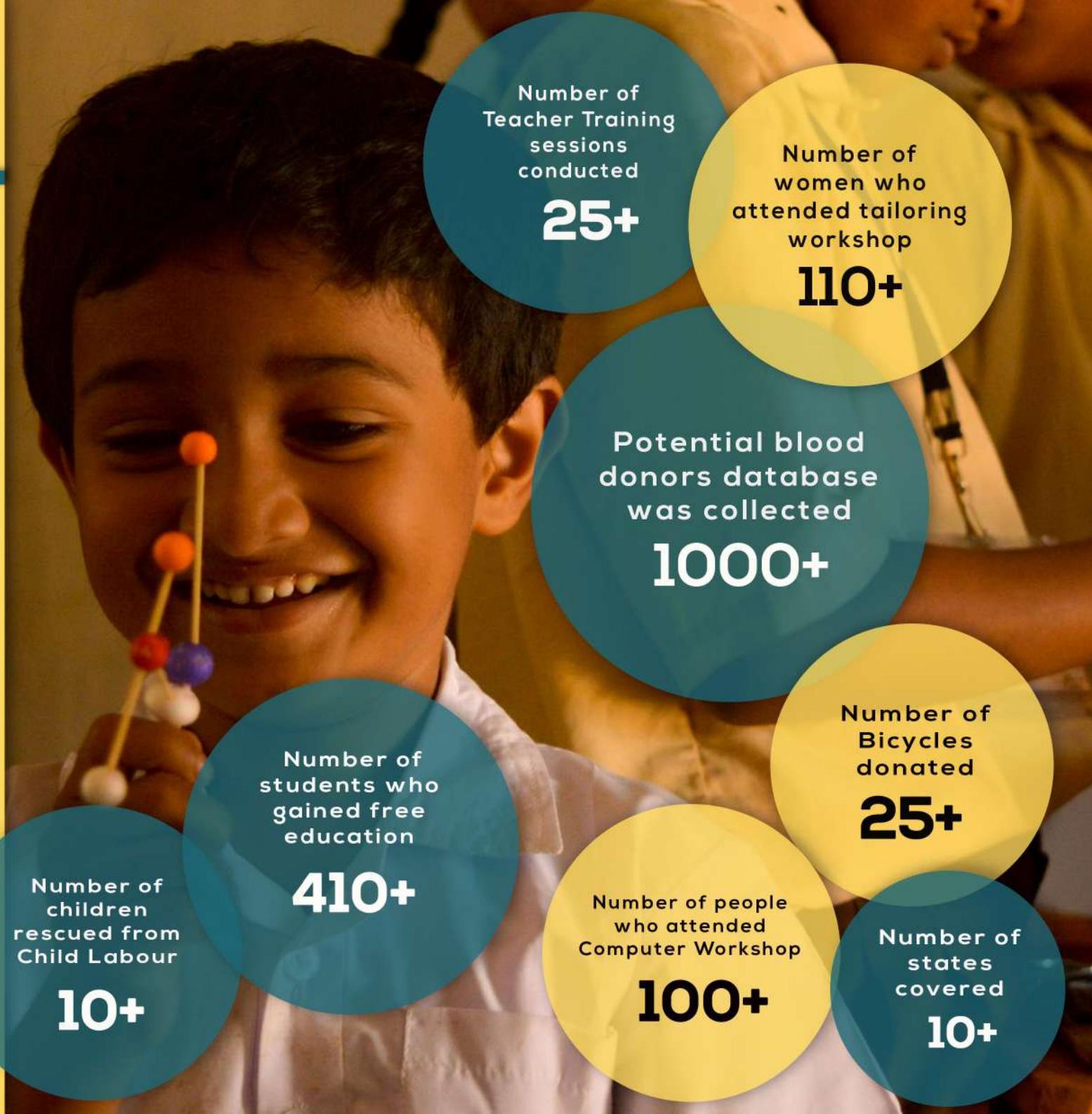
5 Child Abuse Prevention

6 Innovative Teaching

7 Skill Development

8 Farmer Training

9 Expanding Our Reach



Number of Teacher Training sessions conducted

25+

Number of women who attended tailoring workshop

110+

Potential blood donors database was collected

1000+

Number of Bicycles donated

25+

Number of students who gained free education

410+

Number of children rescued from Child Labour

10+

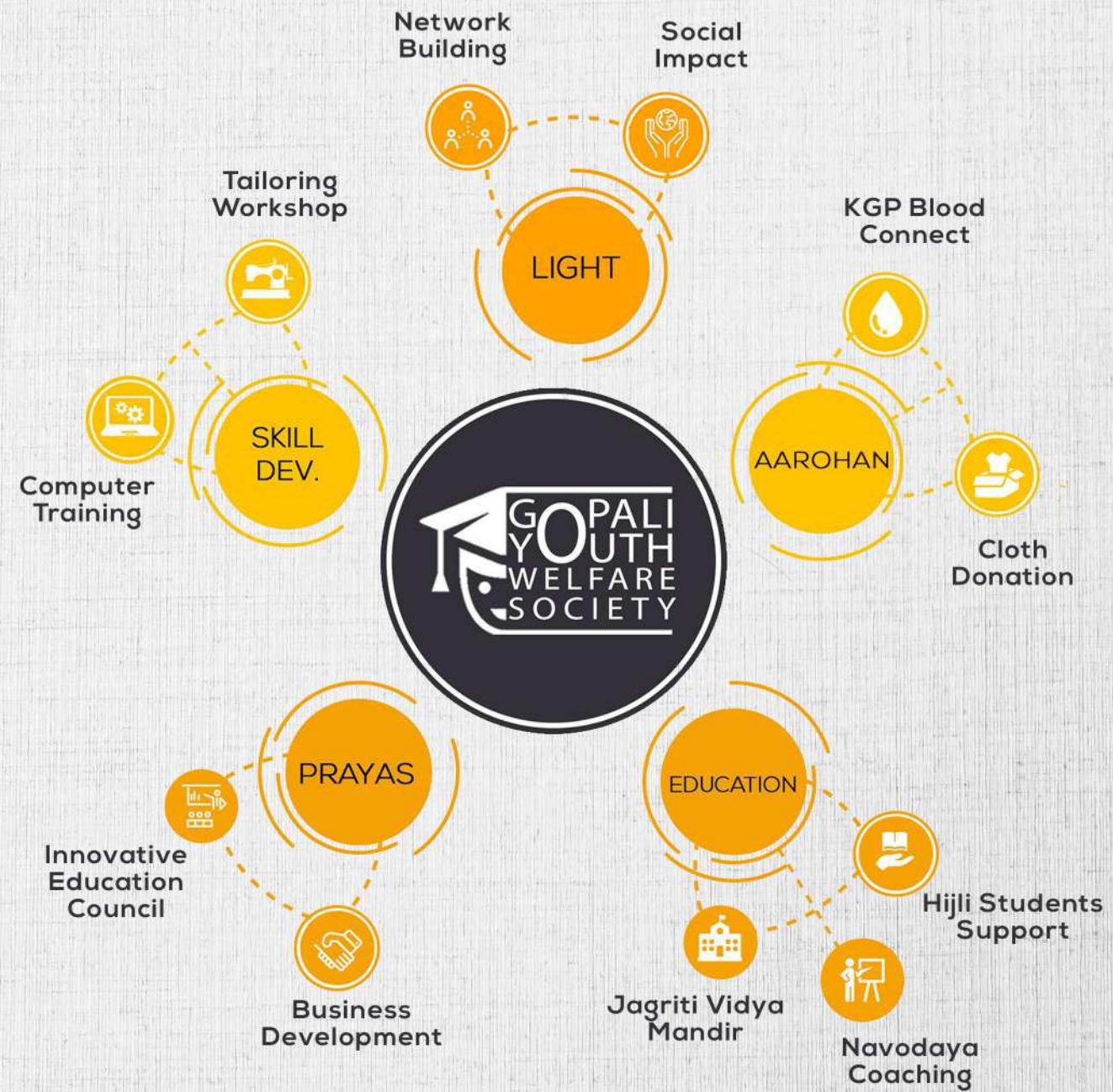
Number of people who attended Computer Workshop

100+

Number of states covered

10+

OUR INITIATIVES



Jagriti Vidya Mandir



What We Do...

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.

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.

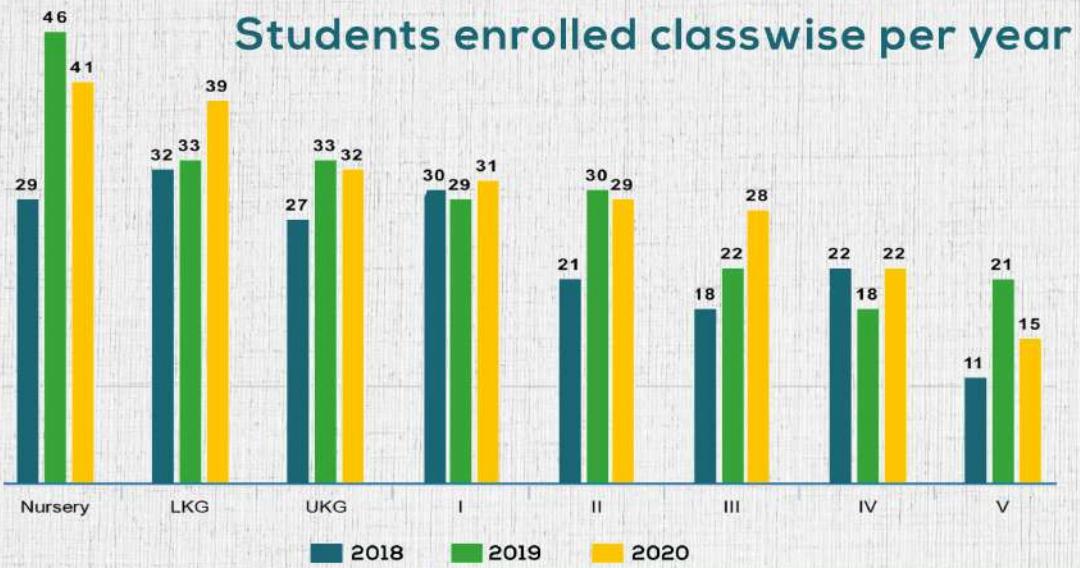
TEACHERS TRAINING

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.



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?



ASER Annual Status of Education Report

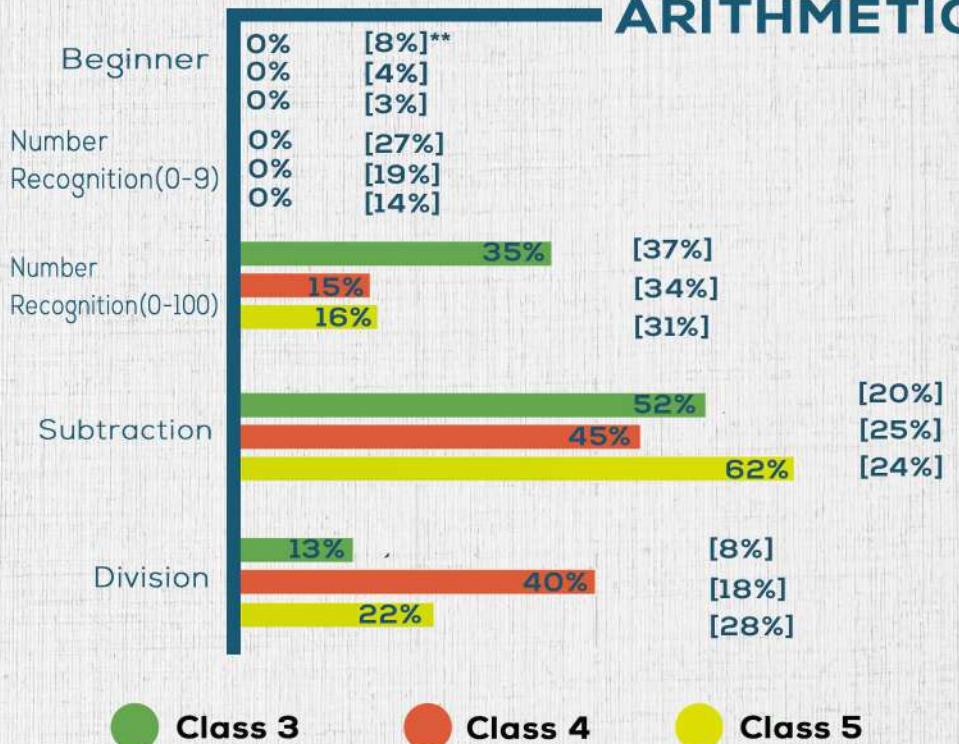
This is an annual survey that aims to provide reliable annual estimates of children's schooling status and basic learning levels for each state and rural district in India.

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 separately 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>

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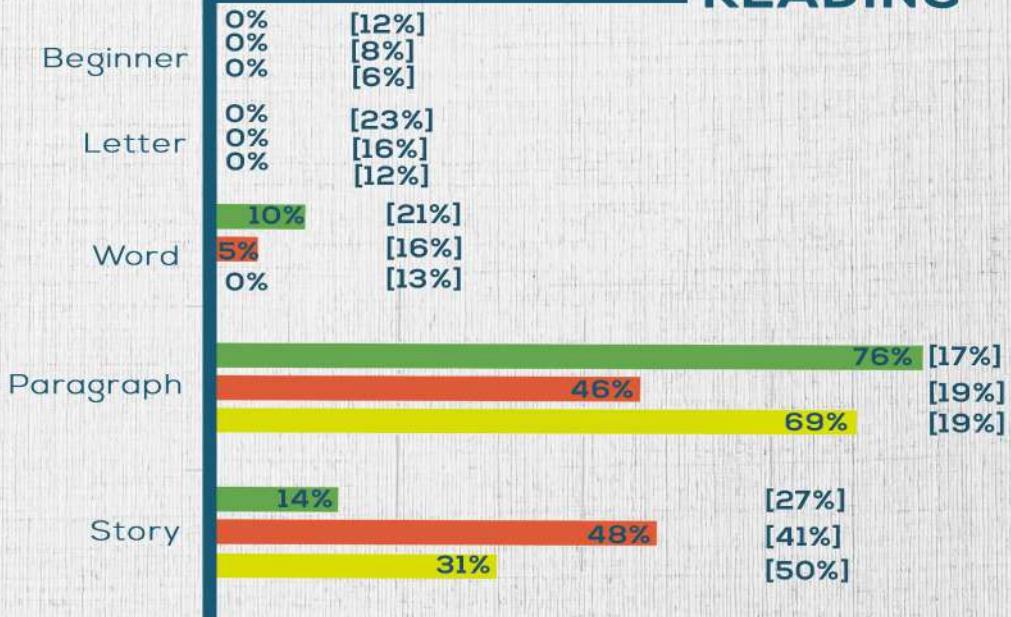


Class 3

Class 4

Class 5

READING

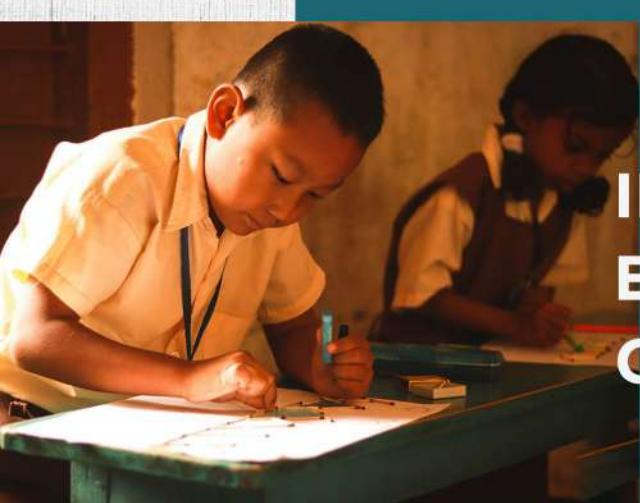


** [X%] shows the average data of rural students across India

ACTIVITY BASED LEARNING

Smart classes provide children with amusing experiences and make learning more fun and interesting. They also provide alternate teaching methods improving overall teaching standards at the school. This lets students imagine more effectively and creatively. The learning content for smart classes is provided by Bodhaguru, an Ed-Tech company.

SMART CLASSES



INNOVATIVE EDUCATION COUNCIL

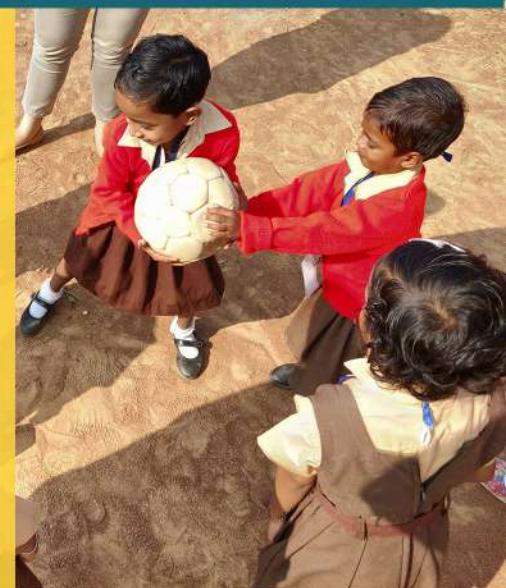
Focused on achieving overall development of the child, we conduct one quick daily activity in the school based on Motor Skills, Logic & Intellectual Thinking and Social Emotional Development. This helps the child to learn and adapt to different situations quickly and smartly.

ZERO PERIOD

With aim to reform our education system by shifting it towards an organic learning approach and ensuring holistic development of every child, we developed booklets based on activity-based learning methods, to make learning and teaching fun, and ensure overall development of every child.



Extracurricular Activities teach students values and skills for life, be it leadership, confidence and sense of togetherness. Art, craft, dance and sports also bring colours to a child's life. Under these, the stress is on developing life-skills which otherwise are not covered in academic curriculum. They fulfill the overall development of the child building them for the future.



CCA ACTIVITIES

AAROHAN

It is an initiative started and coordinated by Gopali Youth Welfare Society to create avenues and platforms for the students and societies of IIT Kharagpur to contribute in their own unique way towards the growth of Kharagpur

Kshitij Visit

It is important to put what we learn into practice. We understand the importance of education when we get to see its output and when we are able to use our knowledge to build something useful. The students came to the campus at around 10. They were a group of 5 boys and 5 girls of classes IV and V accompanied by 2 teachers. We helped them see the arena. The students got to see the number of events like sand rovers, robowars, auto expo and enjoyed and learned a lot.



TAdS



The Technology Adventure Society of IIT Kharagpur organises a number of adventurous activities for the students of JVM. The students get a good opportunity to participate in events like Lasertag, Meltdown, Archery, Zorbing. This event provides us a platform to acquaint the IIT KGP community with GYWS and the work it does.

Children's Day Eve



On November 14 every year, Children's Day is celebrated all across India. The day emphasises on the importance of giving love, attention and affection to children. Mother Teresa Hall of residence of IIT Kharagpur did a donation drive, where they distributed our children with food items, notebooks and stationeries.

LiGHT

Living in Greater Horizons Together



Expanding Our
Reach

- Light Gaya
- Light Samvedna
- Light Chennai
- Light Wardha
- Light Gwalior
- Light Jaipur
- Light Raipur
- Light Sukhmani
- Light Palakkad
- Light FFI
- Light Kurukshetra

PRAYAS

Program Associating Youth and 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.

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.

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.

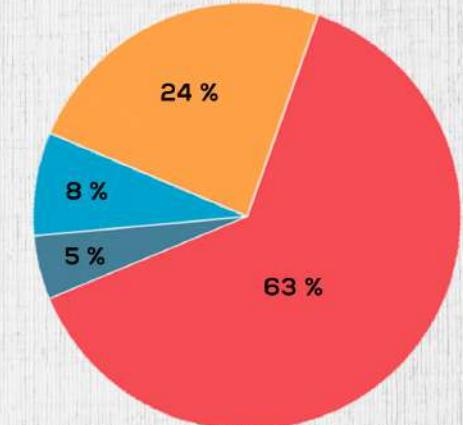
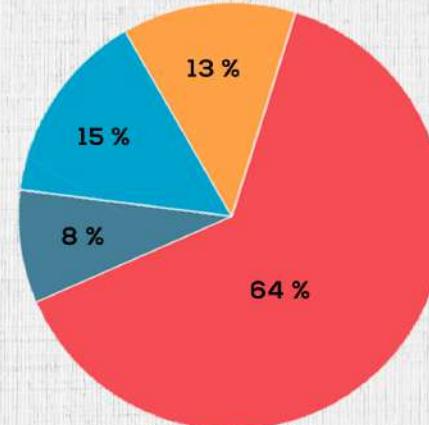
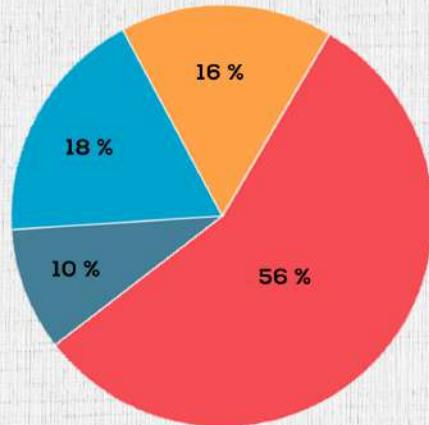
TAILORING WORKSHOP

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.

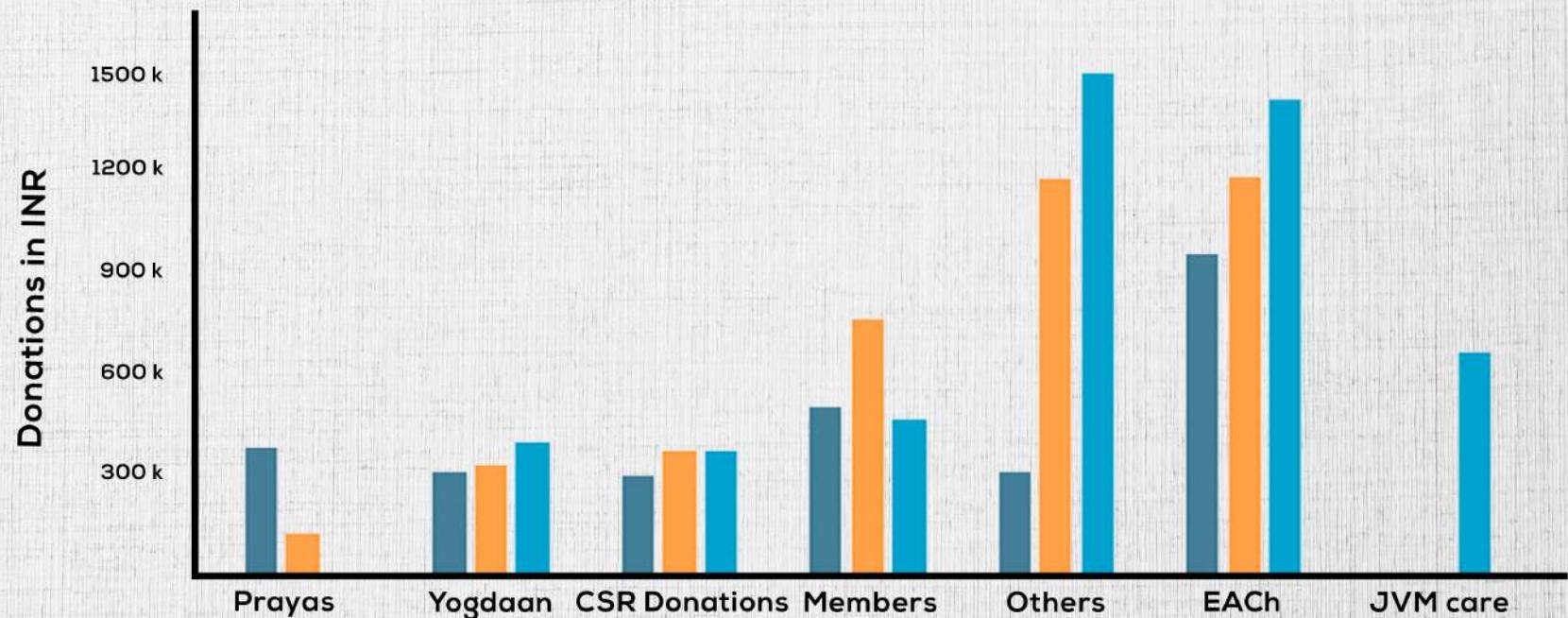


FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenditure



Donations



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



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



LIGHT, an expansion team of GYWS which helps to build a network of socially motivated students have **11 centres** all over INDIA.



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



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



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**.



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

ACHIEVEMENTS

THANK YOU

Words of APPRECIATION

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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

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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

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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

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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 underprivileged sections of society beside carrying out several awareness generation programmes. We will strive to continue with this program while expanding our 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

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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

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"Atmana Mokhsar�am 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

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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 proper 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

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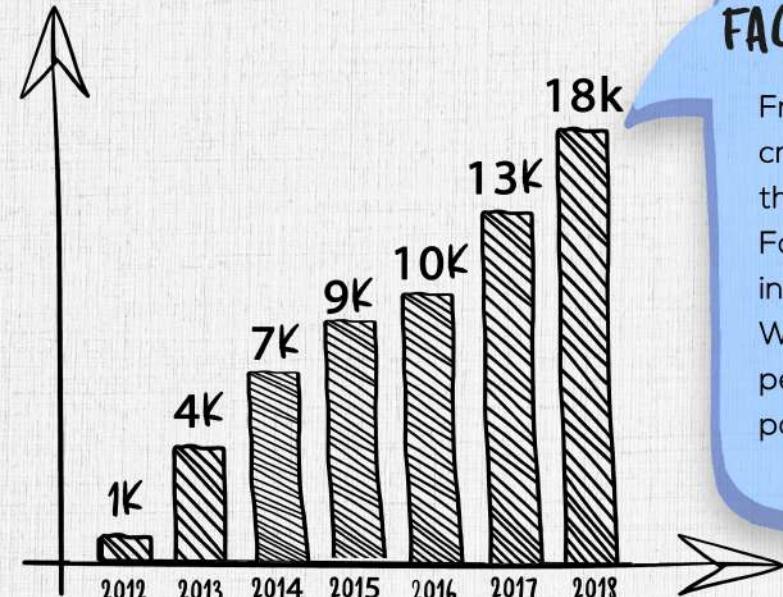
I am really happy to learn that society is working towards the all-round development of youth and women in the locality though they started with the objective of providing free education to the underprivileged children. I am happy to learn that student's bodies are taking several steps to make the system 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

Message from **OUR ADVISORS**

Our Reach



FACEBOOK LIKES

From 2012, after creating our page, the likes of GYWS on Facebook has increased linearly. We have around 18k people following our page.

REACH IN INDIA

We are constantly trying to spread the work which we are doing by establishing LiGHT centres across the country. We also conduct Helping Hands, an annual donation drive to spread the word.



RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL MEDIA

Our efforts have been recognized by leading national daily like Times of India, Hindustan Times, Dainik Jagran, The Telegraph and many more.

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

GYWS is active on Instagram and posts photos very often. We have around 800 followers on Instagram



Other Platforms :

OUR SUPPORTERS

We are very grateful to all our donors, from our Corporate Sponsors and Foundations to the Alumni and students of IIT Kharagpur and other Individual donors who contributed so generously to help build a future for these underprivileged children and bring a smile on their faces,

THANK YOU.



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Because

“ We make a living by what we get,
But we make a life by what we give ”



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