



IMPACT REPORT 2023-24

“ IITians Empowering Youth for a Better Tomorrow ”



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About GYWS

Gopali Youth Welfare Society is a registered non-governmental voluntary organization, primarily managed by the 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 standards 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.



Mission

We exist to improve the social and economic condition in and around Kharagpur and inspire and guide the youth to replicate our learnings across the nation.

Vision

We aim to develop an ecosystem for the youth to provide them with skills, resources, and motivation to achieve sustainable development goals.

OUR JOURNEY

Registration

Registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act of 1961.

Foundation

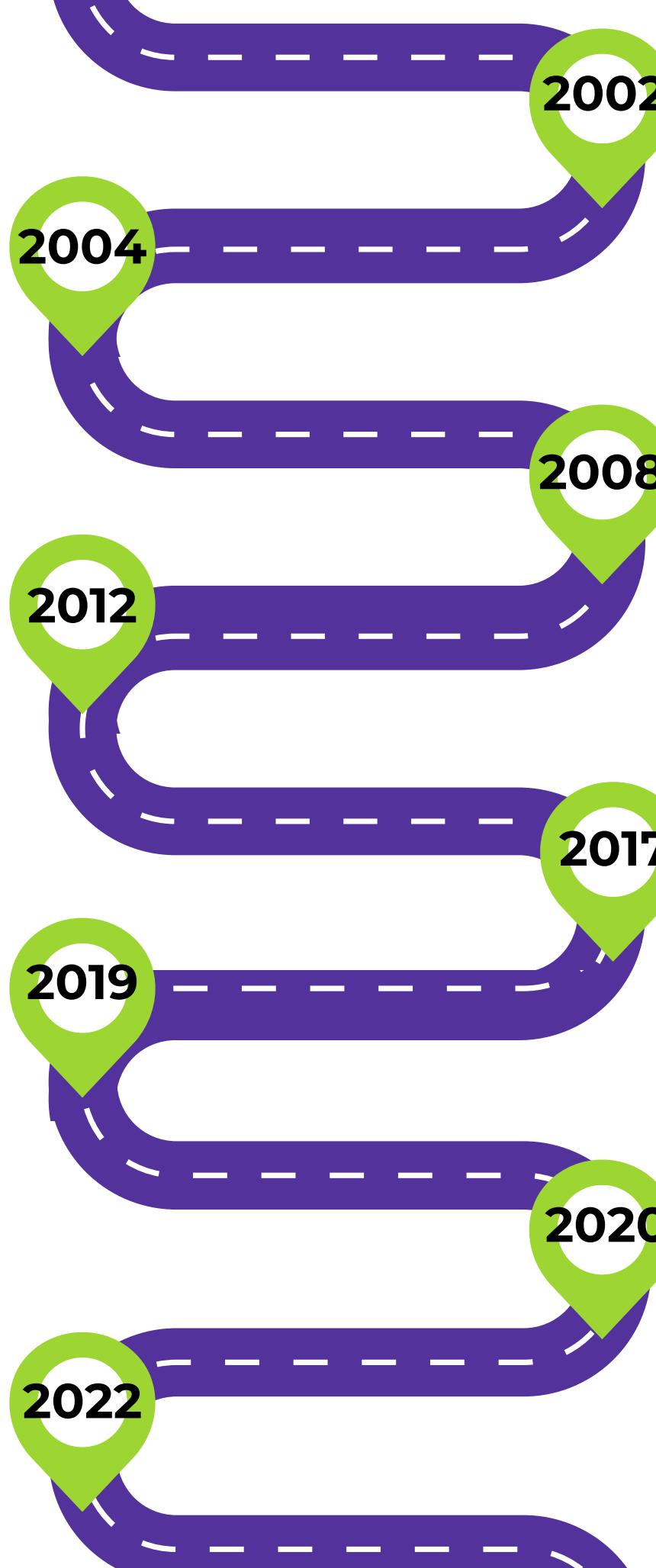
2 acres of land was purchased for foundation of Jagriti Vidya Mandir.

LiGHT Registered

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

Hostel Inauguration

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



Establishment

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

JVM School

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

LiGHT

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.

Hostel Construction

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

What Are We Working On?



10+

Number of children rescued from Child Labour

410+

Number of student who gained free education

100+

Number of student who attended Computer workshop

1000+

Potential Blood donors database was collected

420

Potential Blood donors database was collected

10+

Number of states covered

25+

Number of teacher Training Sessions Conducted

25+

Number of bicycles donated

JAGRITI VIDYA MANDIR

SCHOOL

L.N.TODI
MEMORIAL HALL OF LEARNING
ENDOWED BY MR. KISHAN TODI
ALUMNUS (1970 BATCH)
I.I.T., Kharagpur



GYWS



What we do?

Our school **Jagriti Vidya Mandir** is a boon for the underprivileged children of gopali village. Since its establishment, there has been several efforts at providing quality education to them with the motto "To educate each and every child for a better tomorrow". With a dedicated faculty, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and a rich curriculum, JVM provides students with an environment that encourages both intellectual growth and personal enrichment.



JVM - Jagriti Vidya Mandir

Navodaya Preparation

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Tuition Management

Since some students may not be able to catch up with what is taught in normal school classes, they need to be paid extra attention. Many of them are also not able to get a good study environment in their homes due to various reasons, so for such students, we started this initiative in which coaching teachers take tuition classes for students during the evening in JVM itself for **free of cost** and interested students get benefitted by it. We regularly receive updates about class teachings, which follow the school curriculum.

JVM - Jagriti Vidya Mandir

JAM Initiative

The 'Just a Minute' (JAM) initiative was launched with a mission to strengthen the **English conversation skills** of JVM students. Under this program, we collaborate closely with dedicated teachers, designing engaging activities aimed at improving students' ability to converse fluently and confidently in English. Through interactive sessions and meaningful discussions, we strive to create an environment where young minds can express themselves effectively. The impact of this initiative is evident in the progress we observe in the students' conversational skills.

Teachers' Workshop

To improve **teaching pedagogy** and **English communication**, we conduct workshops for teachers in which we introduce new teaching methodologies to the teachers and make them aware of the techniques used by great teachers in the present and in the past which they implement in classrooms. We conducted **demo classes** and **communication classes** to analyse their teaching skills and bring improvements so that students can get maximum benefit from advanced teaching methods

Special Events

We also conduct many special events and activities, for example, **sports day**, **teachers' day**, **independence day** and **children's day** etc., where children participate in a lot of activities and get exposure to a wide variety of things which helps them in building life skills and sportsmanship leading to overall personality development.

Hostel

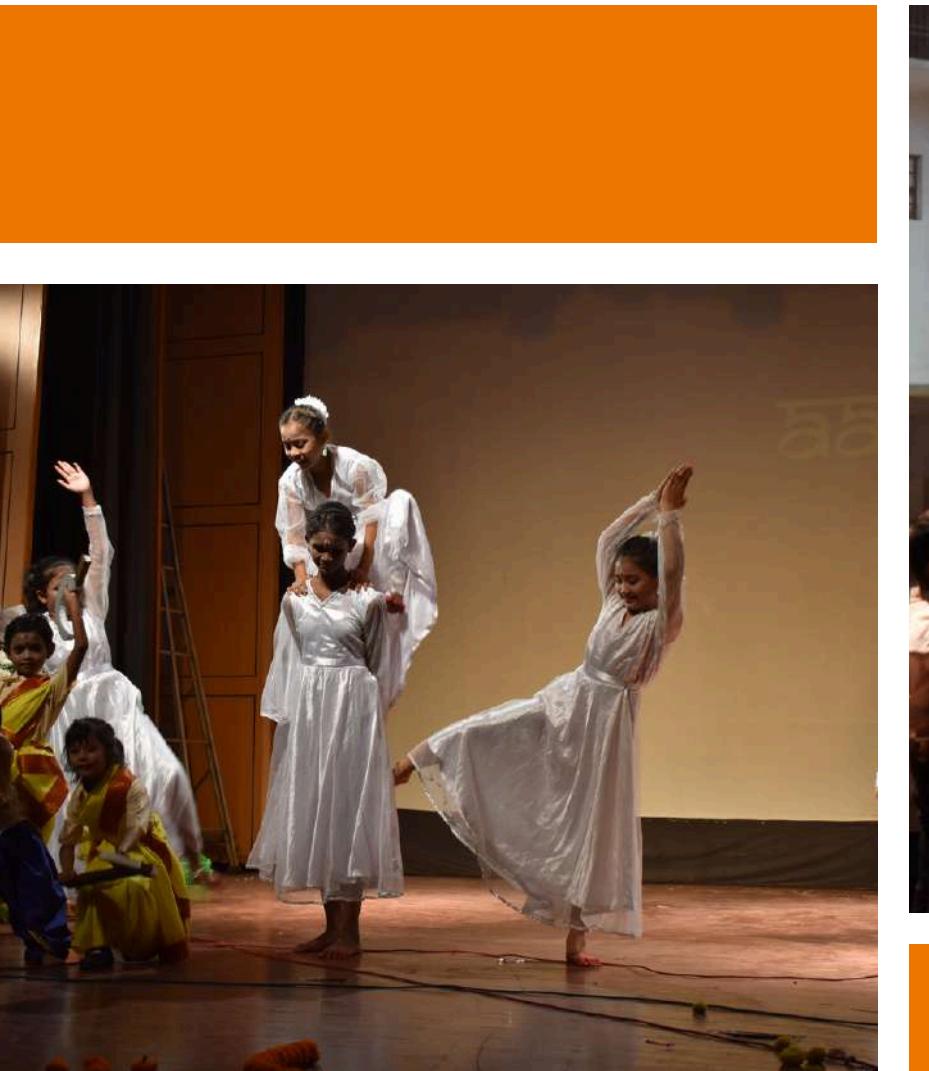
Hostel Inauguration

Established on **March 6, 2022**, our hostel at **Jagriti Vidya Mandir** serves as a secure haven for our students, providing essential facilities for comfortable living and an ideal study environment. Over the past year, we've witnessed remarkable progress and numerous developments that have enhanced the hostel experience.

Hygiene and Mental Care

To guarantee the well-being of our students, we maintain a strong focus on hygiene and health. Three dedicated cleaning staff members, one cook, and a security guard ensure that the hostel remains a clean, safe, and orderly space. In addition, we keep a well-stocked inventory of medical supplies in the hostel. Furthermore, our students receive medical check-ups from a visiting doctor once every week who provides care and support to address any health concerns.





Aashayein

From mesmerizing dance sequences to soulful musical renditions and gripping theatrical acts, each performance was a testament to the dedication and creativity of the young performers. Several guests marked their presence, among whom were **Prof. Goutam sen**, **Prof. Nar Singh Devra**, **Prof. Santanu Panda**, **Prof. Rabibrata Mukherjee**, **Prof. Bhaskar Bhowmik**.

On **24th March**, We Organized the Annual Day of JVM, Aashayein 2024, where our talented students from Jagriti Vidya Mandir took center stage at IIT Kharagpur's **Kalidas Auditorium** to showcase their skills and celebrate the theme of "**Praneta**" – honoring professions and embracing diversity.



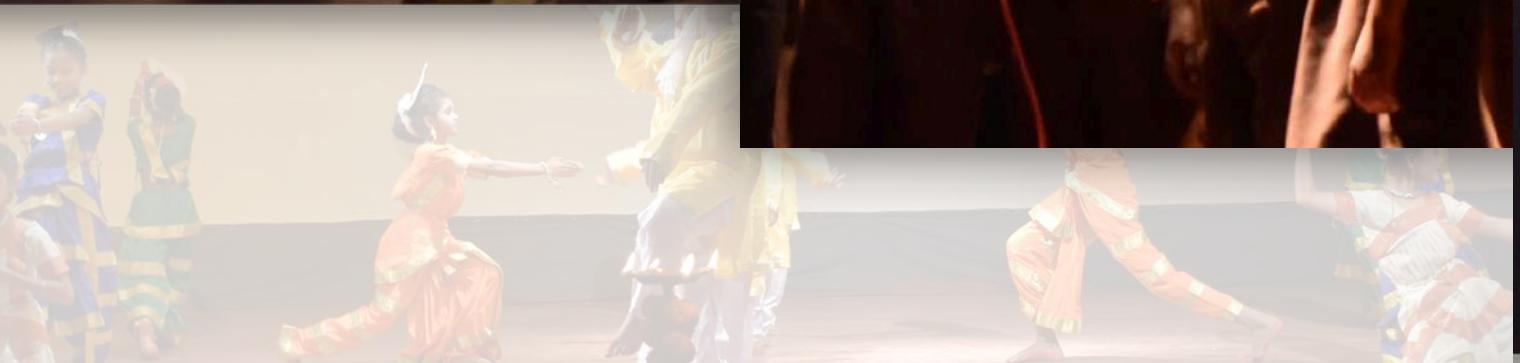
Aashayein



The special evening kicked off with a Lamp Lighting Ceremony, setting a positive tone for the event. Students wowed the audience with lively dance performances, beautiful music, and entertaining skits explaining the theme. What truly set this event apart was its theme of "**Praneta**" – celebrating professions and promoting unity and appreciation for the diverse roles individuals play in society. From **doctors** to **artists**, **engineers** to **farmers**, students beautifully depicted the essence of each profession, showcasing the

richness of India's occupational landscape. A prize distribution ceremony followed, honoring the Academic excellence of the students at JVM. The night ended with all students dancing to the song "**Aashayein**", spreading joy and happiness. It was a day filled with love and laughter, leaving lasting memories for everyone involved. Students, teachers, and guests will treasure these memories for years to come, highlighting the unity and joy at the school.







INITIATIVES

Yogdaan

-The Annual Donation Drive

Following its successful conduction in 2023, **YOGDAAN**, the Annual Donation Drive of GYWS, was organized again. This time, our aim was to provide **transportation facilities for school children in need**. The contribution of IIT Kharagpur Students was crucial in making a big difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

The donation drive began on **January 11th** and continued until **January 19th**. Our team members visited each hall room to room on the given dates to collect donations. Their support marked a significant contribution towards providing adequate transportation facilities for children in need. We managed to raise a hefty amount of **INR 3.88 Lakhs**, making it the record highest amount collected with respect to the previous year's Yogdaan.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill

Rs. 3,88,347.89

Total Amount Collected

Rs. 75,000

Amount spent on
Transportation per Month

5000+

Number of Students
Reached

190+

Students Utilising Van in
JVM

2,226

Unique Donations
Obtained

Reform and Innovate School Education (RISE)

Parents as Co-Educators : PaCE

The Parents As Co-Educators (PACE) program was designed to strengthen the **parent-child bond** and reduce **children's screen time**, which remained high even after returning to pre-pandemic routines. By engaging students in enriching activities through videos, PACE enhanced emotional well-being, fostered holistic development, and promoted creative and analytical skills, offering a constructive alternative to boredom during vacations.

Schools across India implemented PACE, empowering students and their parents to connect while developing essential skills. The program, aimed at children from **Class UKG to Class 5**, provided five activity videos weekly, covering various topics and skills, encouraging **one activity per day**. This approach stood out by actively involving parents, enhancing the **parent-child relationship** and reducing screen time through interactive learning experiences.



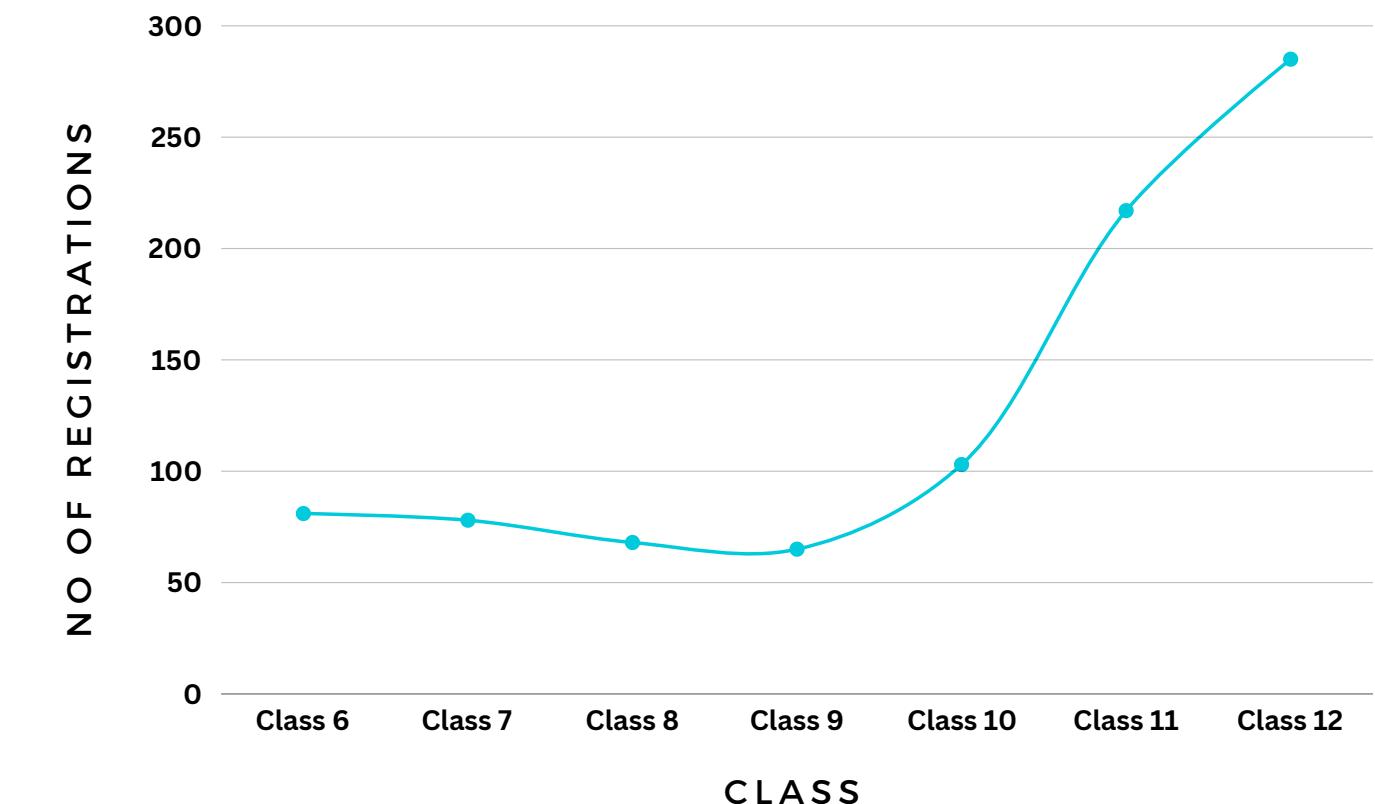
Reform and Innovate School Education (RISE)

Exploring Careers through Engaging Learning : ExCEL

ExCEL 2023 proved to be a transformative event in career exploration, engaging students from **Grades 6 to 12** over **two dynamic days**. Through an interactive approach, the event sparked curiosity and engagement among participants, offering insights into a wide array of career opportunities. Schools were integral to its success, actively shaping the event's agenda with their support and feedback, ensuring it met the diverse needs of **over 980 registered attendees** from various educational backgrounds, including Government schools, Private institutions, and Homeschoolers.

More than just an event, ExCEL 2023 represented a journey of empowerment, providing students with essential tools to navigate the evolving landscape of career choices. This initiative fostered inclusivity and accessibility, equipping the future generation with the confidence and knowledge needed to become informed leaders ready to make their mark on the world.

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989

Total number of registrations



120+

Total views on YouTube



401

Total number of students who received certificates

Reform and Innovate School Education (RISE)

DAKSHA - AI/ML Workshop

The DAKSHA program recently held a successful 3-day online workshop focused on **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and **Machine Learning (ML)** for students in **Grades 8 to 12**. This initiative aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, addressing the growing importance of AI and ML in education and the job market. The workshop provided students with essential skills for future careers, starting with an introduction to AI and its real-world applications and career opportunities on Day 1. Day 2 covered Machine Learning and an introduction to Python programming, while Day 3 featured a session on **ChatGPT tricks** and prompts, followed by an engaging rapid robotics session led by **Mr. Ayashkanta Mishra**.

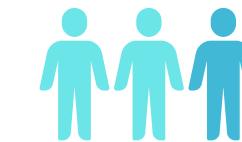
The workshop included interactions with IITians, knowledge-based quizzes, and supplementary resources to enhance understanding. This comprehensive approach improved technical proficiency and promoted a forward-thinking mindset among students. With impressive participation of over **870 registrations**, including students from various educational backgrounds, the DAKSHA workshop effectively equipped the next generation with critical AI and ML skills, fostering creativity and innovation for a tech-driven future.

873



Total Number of Registrations

202

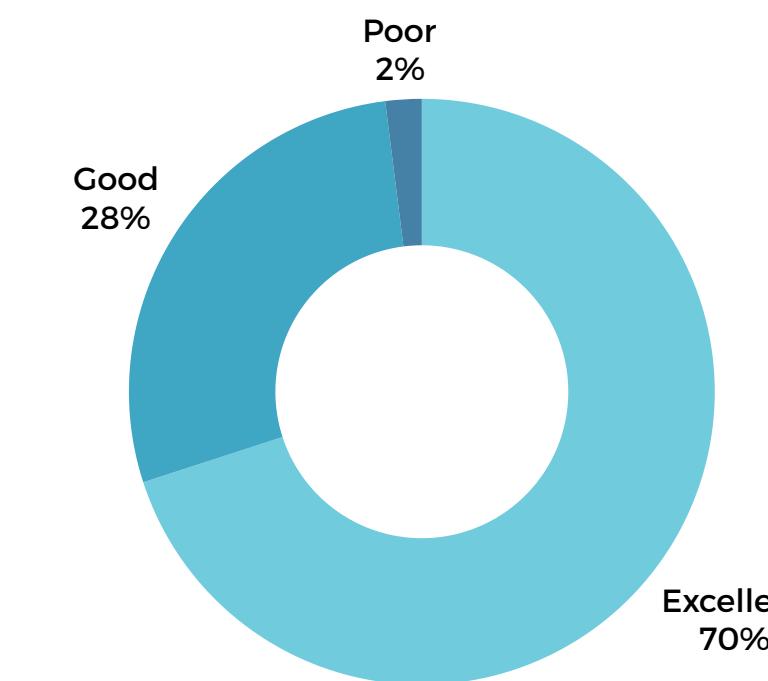


Total Number of students who received certificates

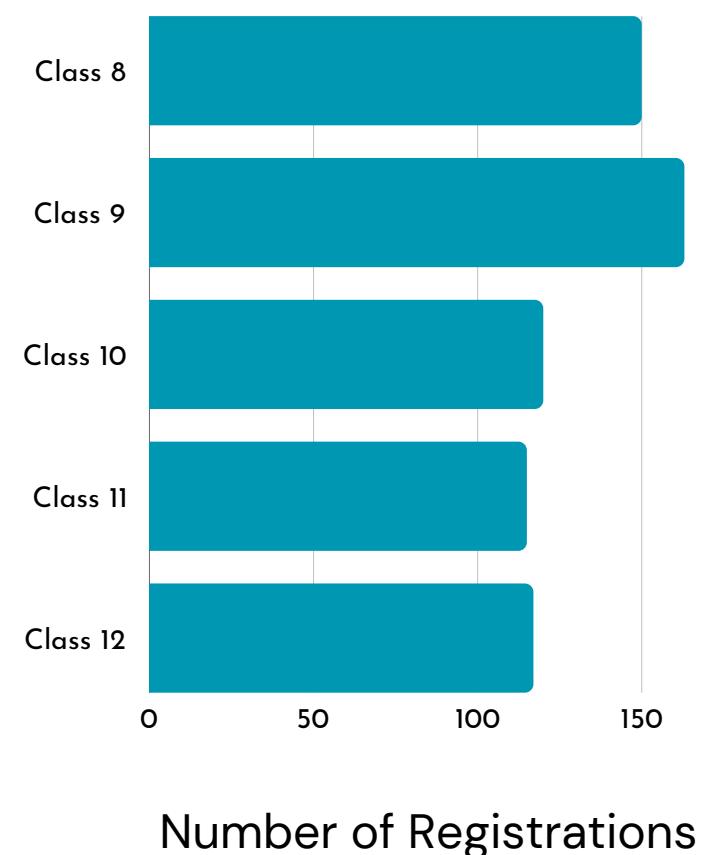
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International Registrations



Overall Ratings Given By Students



Number of Registrations

Reform and Innovate School Education (RISE)

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SciNovate

The **SciNovate** program successfully enhanced science education by offering hands-on learning experiences and exploring **real-world applications** and career opportunities in scientific fields. Designed to foster a stronger interest in science, the program made education more interactive and practical. Implemented in three phases, SciNovate began with Phase 1 at **Kendriya Vidyalaya**, where students received innovative science project ideas and learned underlying scientific principles, sparking curiosity and preparing them for a science exhibition. Phases 2 and 3 involved engaging science experiments at **St. Agnes** and **Jagriti Vidya Mandir**, aligning with the students' curriculum to reinforce classroom learning and make abstract concepts tangible.

The program's outcomes were significant, with Kendriya Vidyalaya students delving into intriguing projects that deepened their understanding and appreciation of science. At St. Agnes and Jagriti Vidya Mandir, hands-on experiments created a dynamic and collaborative learning environment, promoting a deeper understanding of scientific concepts and encouraging peer learning. By blending practical experimentation with theoretical knowledge, SciNovate made science education more engaging and accessible, instilling a renewed passion for scientific exploration and laying a solid foundation for students' future academic and career pursuits in science-related fields.



Reform and Innovate School Education (RISE)

Zero Period

The “Zero Period” program significantly improved students' motor skills, with **Class 2** students showing a remarkable **41% increase** in throwing accuracy, highlighting the effectiveness of hand-eye coordination activities. This improvement underscores the program's success in developing essential motor skills through targeted activities.

The program also fostered positive behavioral and emotional changes, with social and emotional development activities leading to better conduct, increased emotional awareness, self-regulation, and social skills among students. Additionally, incorporating meditation activities enhanced peer interactions, fostering better communication, empathy, and mutual understanding. Overall, the “Zero Period” program has been highly beneficial, addressing various aspects of student development and contributing to their holistic growth and well-being.



Dev-A-Web

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1500+

Total Number of Registrations



4.8/5

Teacher's
Knowledge



4.8/5

Doubt
Clearance



4.6/5

Homework
Assignment



4.7/5

Course
Content

In this 21st century, knowing that skill is the building rock for every company and industry, we aimed to offer free web development courses from **Class 7 to Class 12** and also college students.

The event was sponsored by **AlgoZenith** and around **1500 students** registered. They could build up their **HTML, CSS, Javascript, Bootstrap** etc., which bestowed their creativity and advanced problem solving abilities.

The event also included an extra class by Mr. Jitendra Kumar on **Git** and **GitHub**. The workshop concluded with an assigned final project with the skills taught.

The event helped to acquire a solid grip of the coding languages and boosted their coding skills with both theoretical knowledge and practical experience.



LiGHT: Living in Greater Horizon Together



Mission

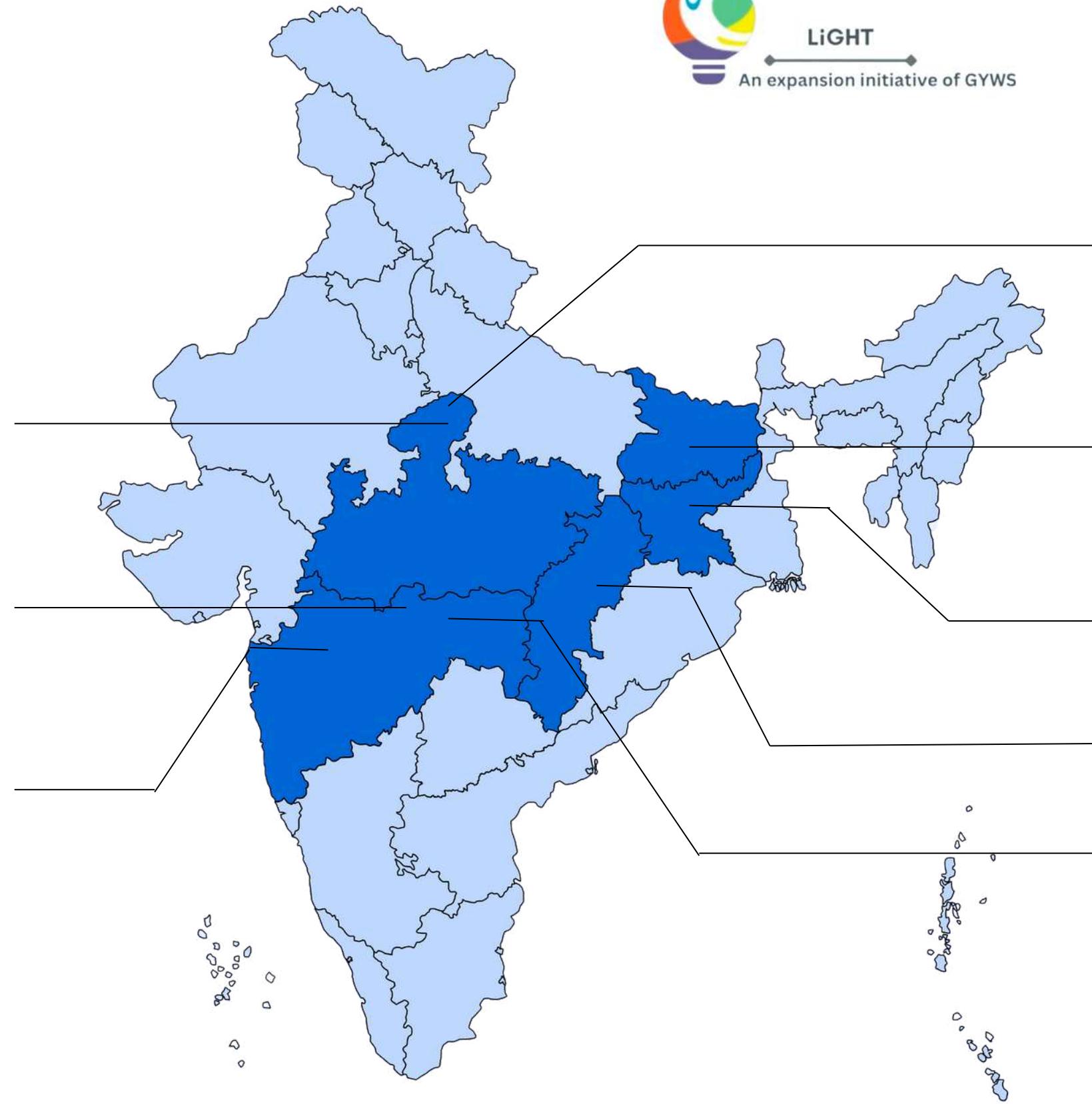
LiGHT exists to deliver Gopali Youth Welfare Society's learnings, expertise & experience to involve Youth in social problem solving to the youth throughout the nation.

Vision

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.



LiGHT Centers



 LiGHT Thatipur

 LiGHT Akola

 LiGHT Samvedhana

 LiGHT Sithouli

 LiGHT Gaya

 LiGHT Sindri

 LiGHT Raipur

 LiGHT Wardha

LiGHT CENTRES



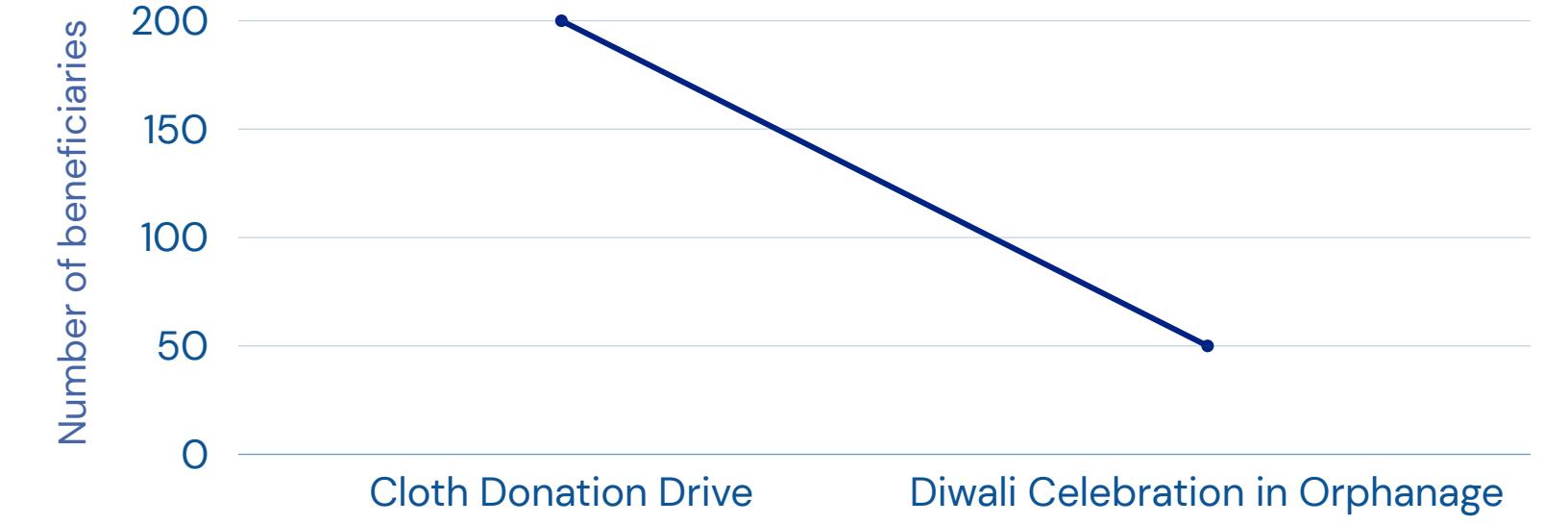
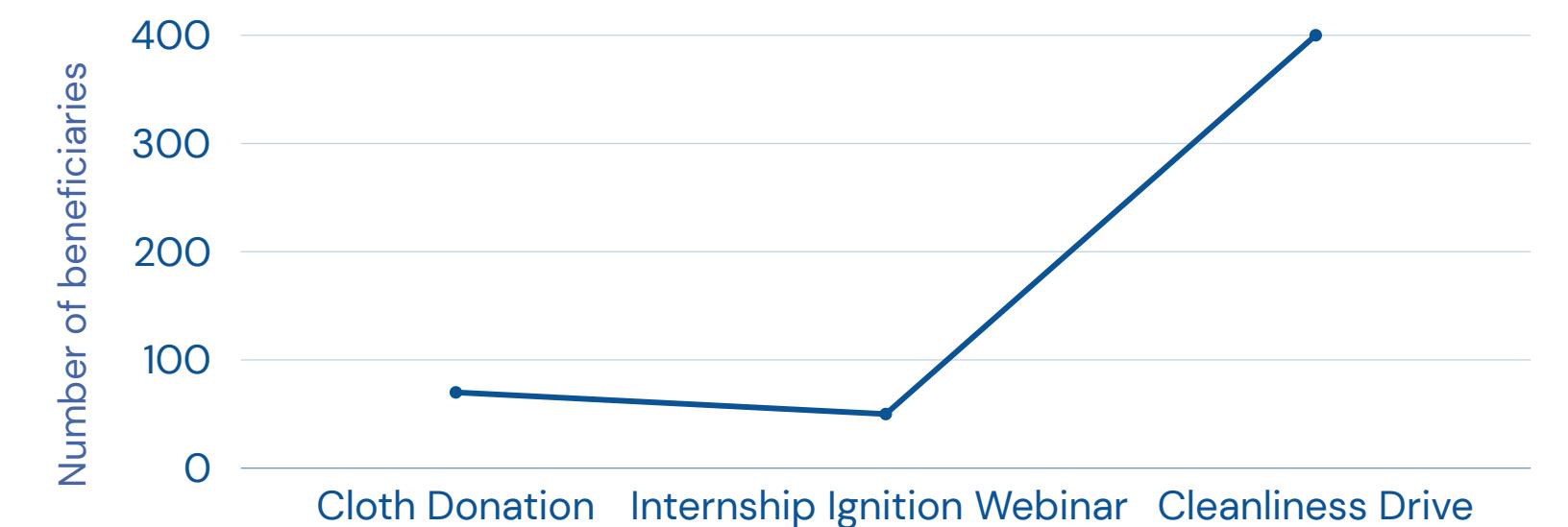
LiGHT
Akola



LiGHT
Raipur



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Gaya



LiGHT CENTRES

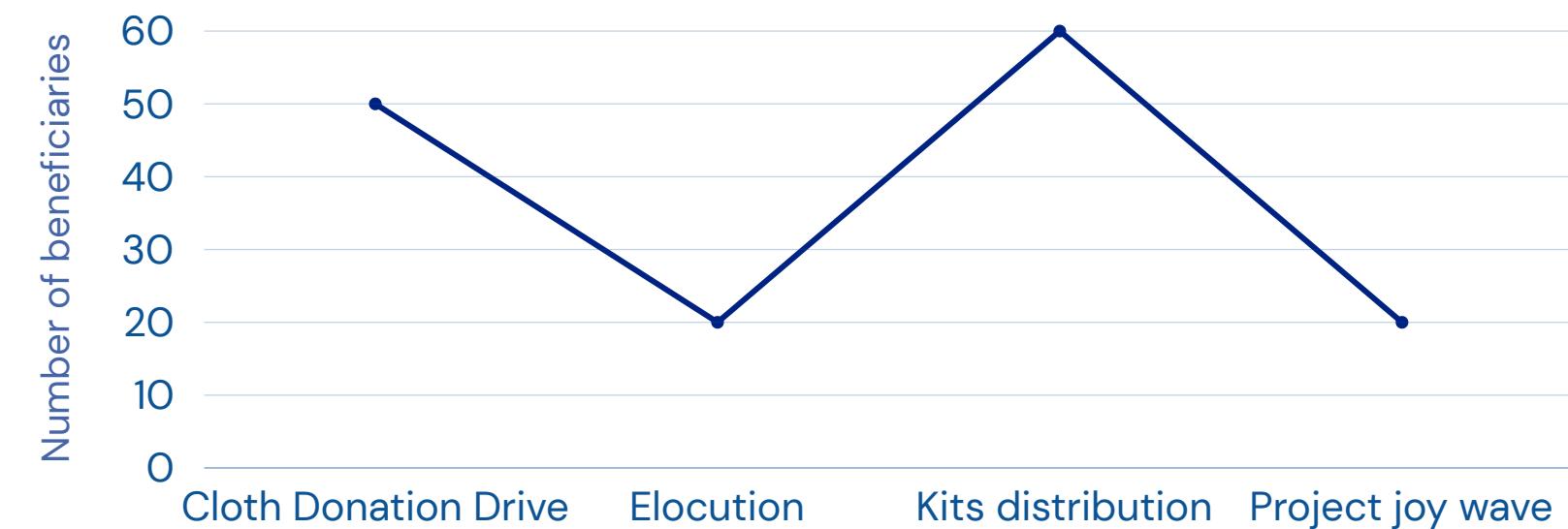
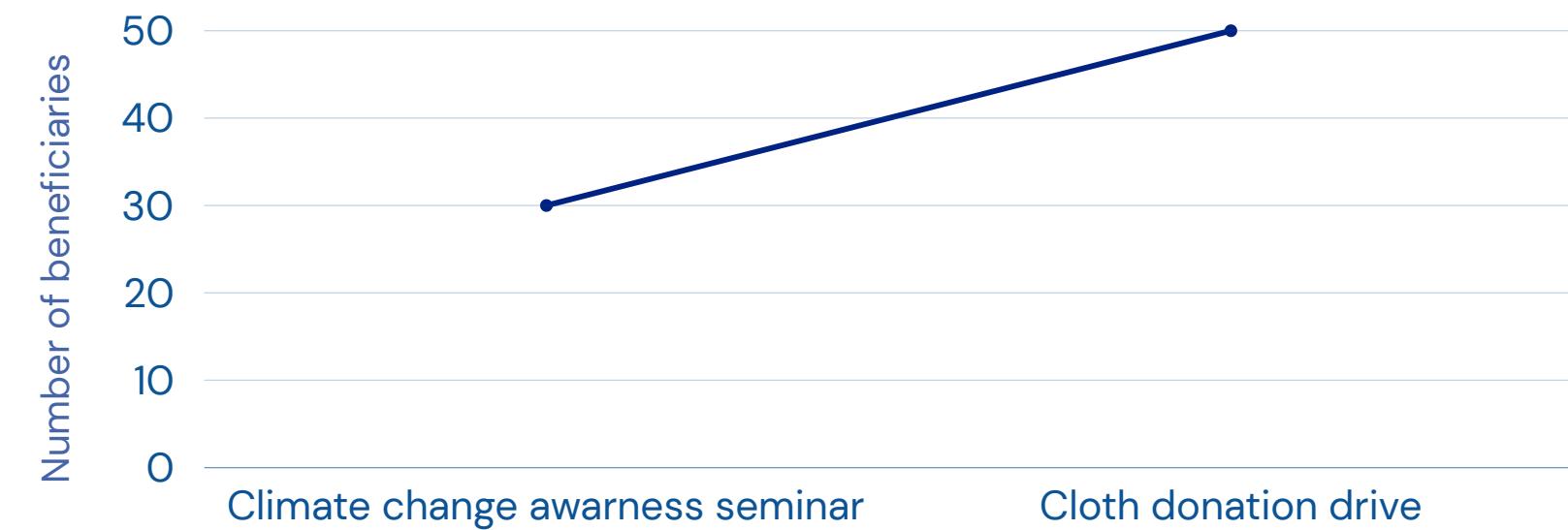
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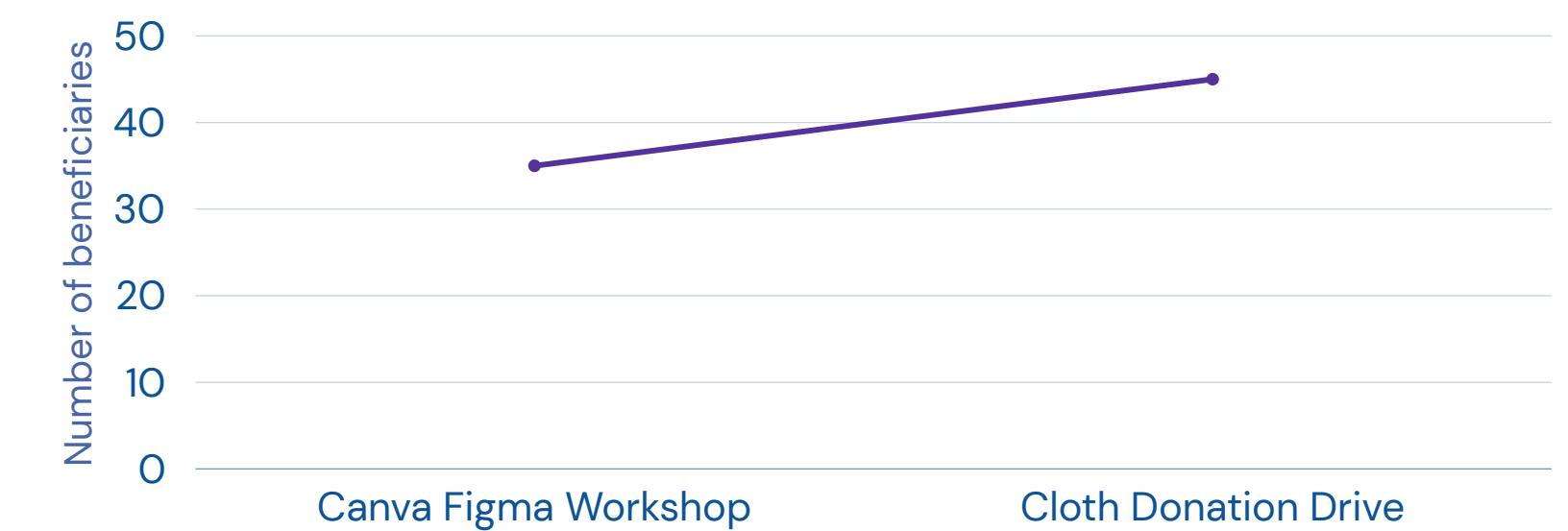
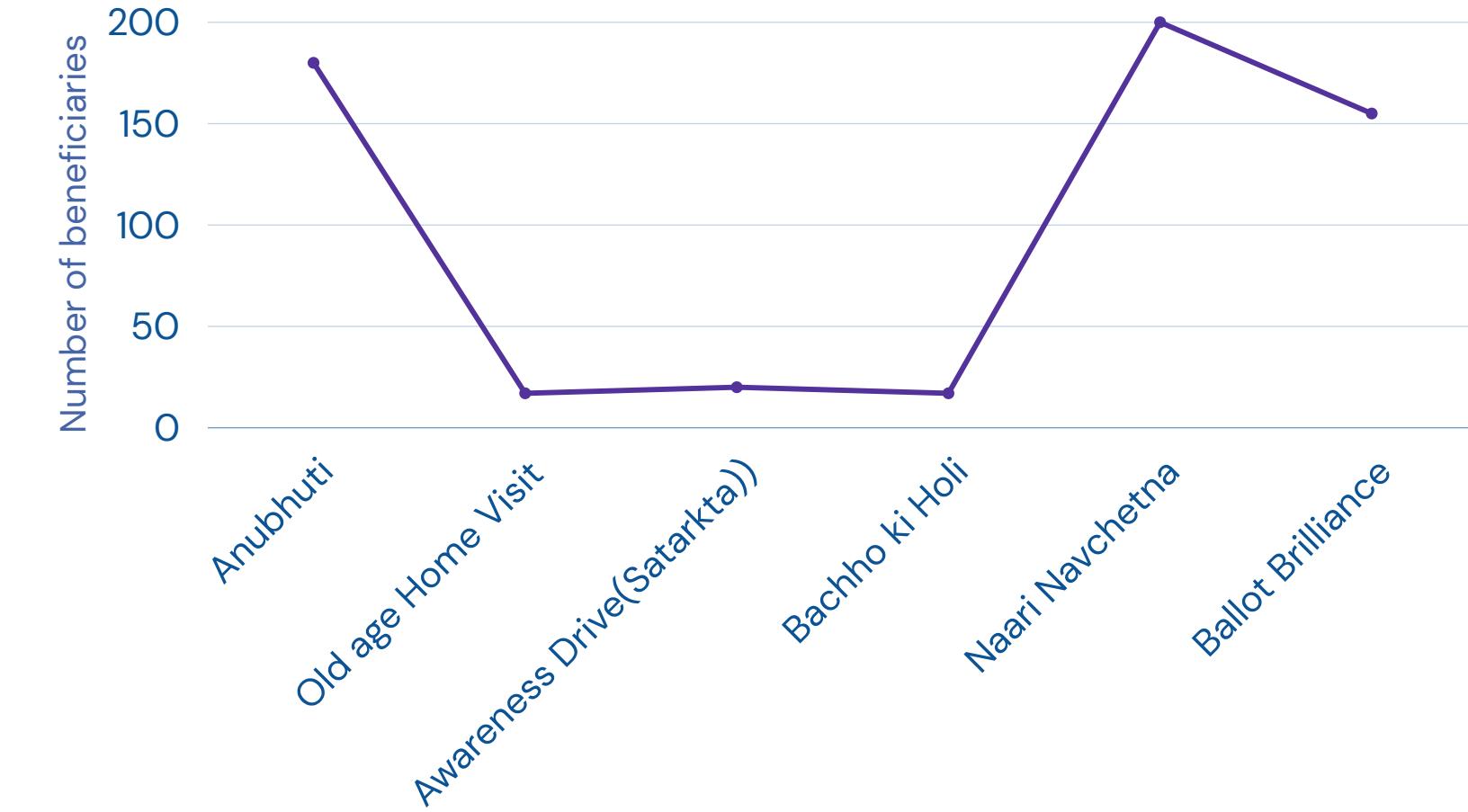
Miscellaneous



LiGHT
Sindri



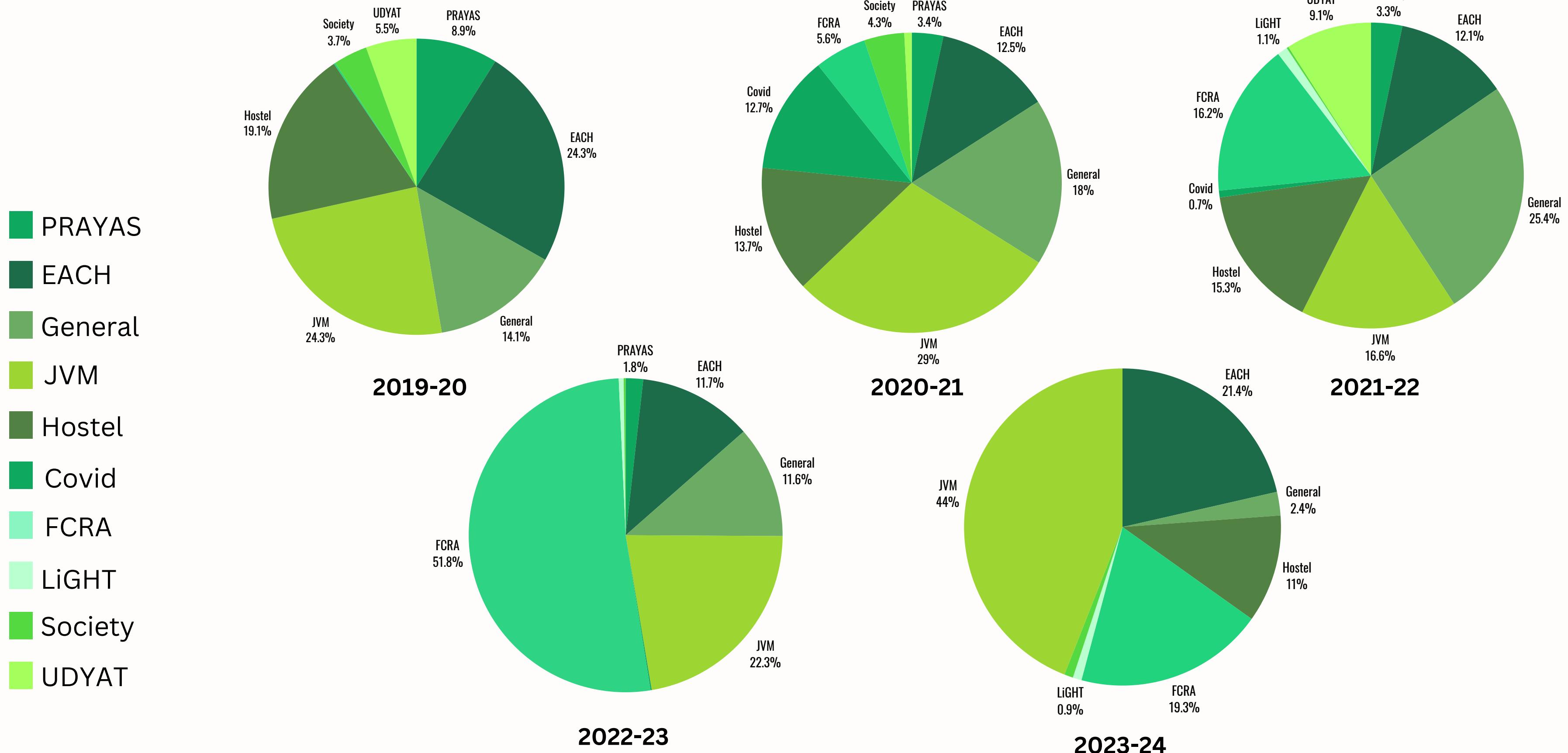
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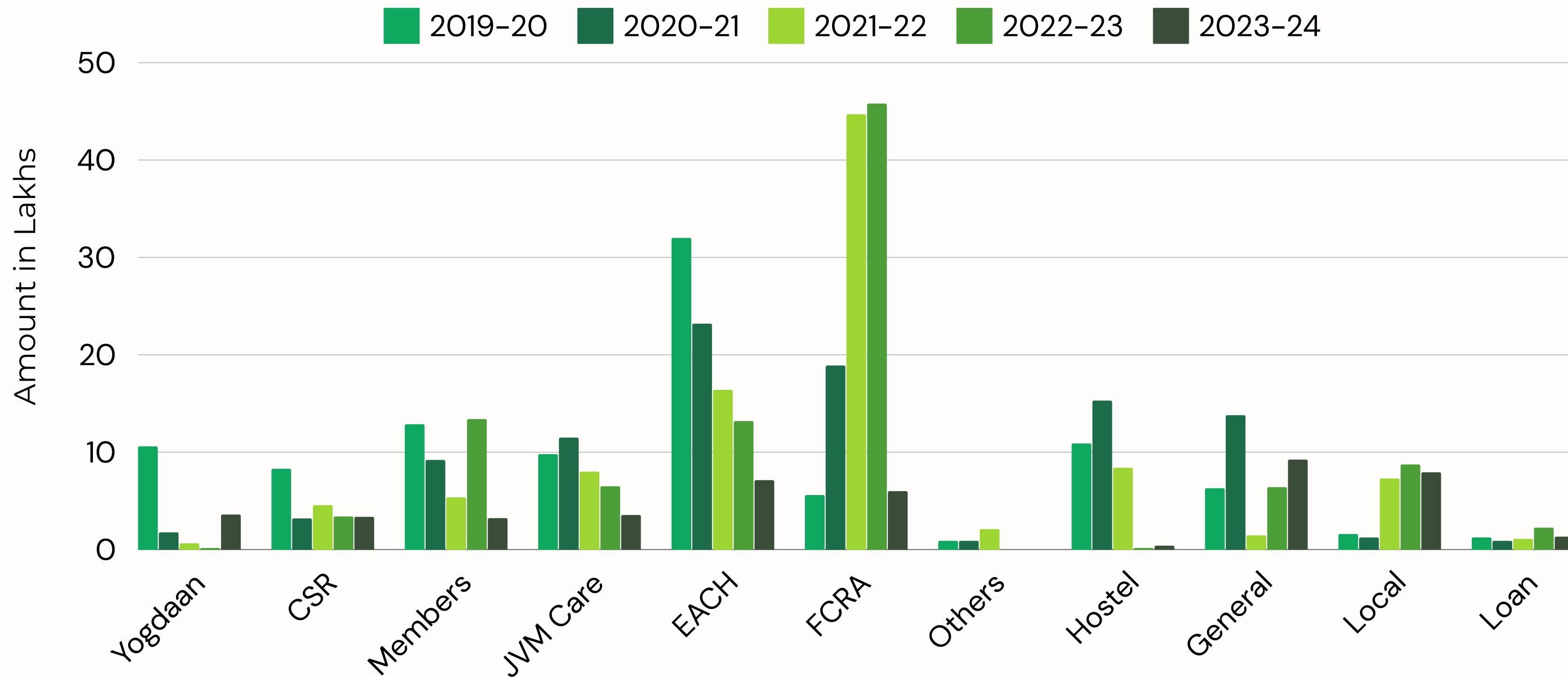
A group of approximately ten young children, mostly boys, are standing together indoors, smiling at the camera. They are wearing school uniforms consisting of orange or red long-sleeved shirts and brown trousers. Some children have their arms around each other. In the background, there is a window with horizontal bars and a wall with some markings. The overall atmosphere is happy and positive.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

Financial Report - Expenditure



Financial Report - Donations



Achievements

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.

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.

"The greatest achievement is not in personal success, but in contributing to the welfare and happiness of others."

– MK Gandhi



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



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



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



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



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

MISCELLANEOUS



Feeding India By Zomato

GYWS has collaborated with Zomato under its iconic "Feeding India" initiative wherein **75 individuals (65 students and 10 staffs)** are being provided with **4 meals a day** since October 2023.

Till now more than **99,000+ meals** have been served with **9000+ meals** being served **every month!** Each of these nutritious meals provided by Feeding India is energizing the minds and bodies of our JVM students, enabling them to focus on their studies and bringing out their hidden talents, also ensuring that the dedicated staff has the energy to nurture and educate our future leaders. These nutritious meals not only help the JVM students focus better on their studies but have also motivate the school staff to continue with their crucial work in education and guidance uninterrupted.

This partnership is aiding GYWS in making a sustained effort into addressing the **hunger and shortage of food** that various school-based communities face. Food Security is one of the foremost goals of the society wherein it is striving to ensure that proper and nutritious food is provided to all the school communities so that they don't have to face the burden of hunger in their path to enlightenment.

GYWS is extremely grateful to Zomato India for this collaboration and is looking forward to such collaborative initiatives with other organizations as well. This will create a large-scale effect and help combat the dire situations most of the educational institutions of our country are currently in.

99000+

Number of meals
served till yet

9000+

Number of meals
served per month

65

Total number of
students getting served

4

Number of meals
served in a day



Words of Appreciation



**Professor
Partha Pratim Chakraborty**

**Former Director
IIT Kharagpur**

"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."



Mr. Shailesh Gandhi

**Former Chief Information
Commissioner, Gol**

"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. Roy Da Silva

**(IIT Kharagpur, '74 Batch)
Former President,
IIT Foundation**

"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."



Words of Appreciation



Professor NR Mondal

**Ex-Dean SA,
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."



Ms. Suparna Mondal

Ex-President

"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 expending 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."



Professor Goutam Sen

**Assistant Professor
Industrial & Systems Engg. Department
IIT Kharagpur**

"As an Advisory Professor, I am proud to be associated with Gopali Youth Welfare Society (GYWS). The commitment of the students in addressing socio-economic issues and providing quality education to underprivileged children is truly inspiring. GYWS's initiatives, particularly through the Jagriti Vidya Mandir school, have created a lasting impact on the community of Gopali. The students' passion for social change, combined with their organized approach to executing projects, is remarkable. It's heartening to see such dedication towards community development, and I look forward to supporting GYWS in its continued mission to uplift society."

Message from our Advisors



Dr. Bhaskar Bhowmik

Faculty, RMSoEE, IIT Kharagpur

"Atmana Mokhsarham Jagat Hitayacha".. The words from Swami Vivekananda inspires us in every initiative and action even in this 21st 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. Damodar Maity

**Professor, Civil Engg. Dept.
IIT Kharagpur**

"Gopali Youth Welfare Society (GYWS), run mainly by IIT Kharagpur student, 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 to implement 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."



Dr. Deepak Kumar Maity

**Chief Advisor, GYWS
Professor & HOD, Aerospace Dept.
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."

Our Reach



Since its inception in 2012, our Facebook page for GYWS has experienced steady growth in likes, now boasting a dedicated following of **more than 20000 individuals**.

We are dedicated to expanding our impact nationwide through the establishment of LiGHT centers and annual donation drives such as **Helping Hands**. These initiatives allow us to effectively communicate our mission and extend support to communities in need.

Our endeavors have garnered recognition from esteemed national publications such as **Times of India**, **Hindustan Times**, **Dainik Jagran**, **The Telegraph**, and numerous other media houses, underscoring the impact and reach of our efforts.

Our Supporters



Thank You

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 generously to help build a future for these unprivileged children and bring a smile on their faces.

Our Affiliations

IIC, IIT Delhi

An initiative by MHRD

