

IMPACT REPORT 2022-23



Gopali Youth
Welfare Society

IITians Empowering Youth for 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

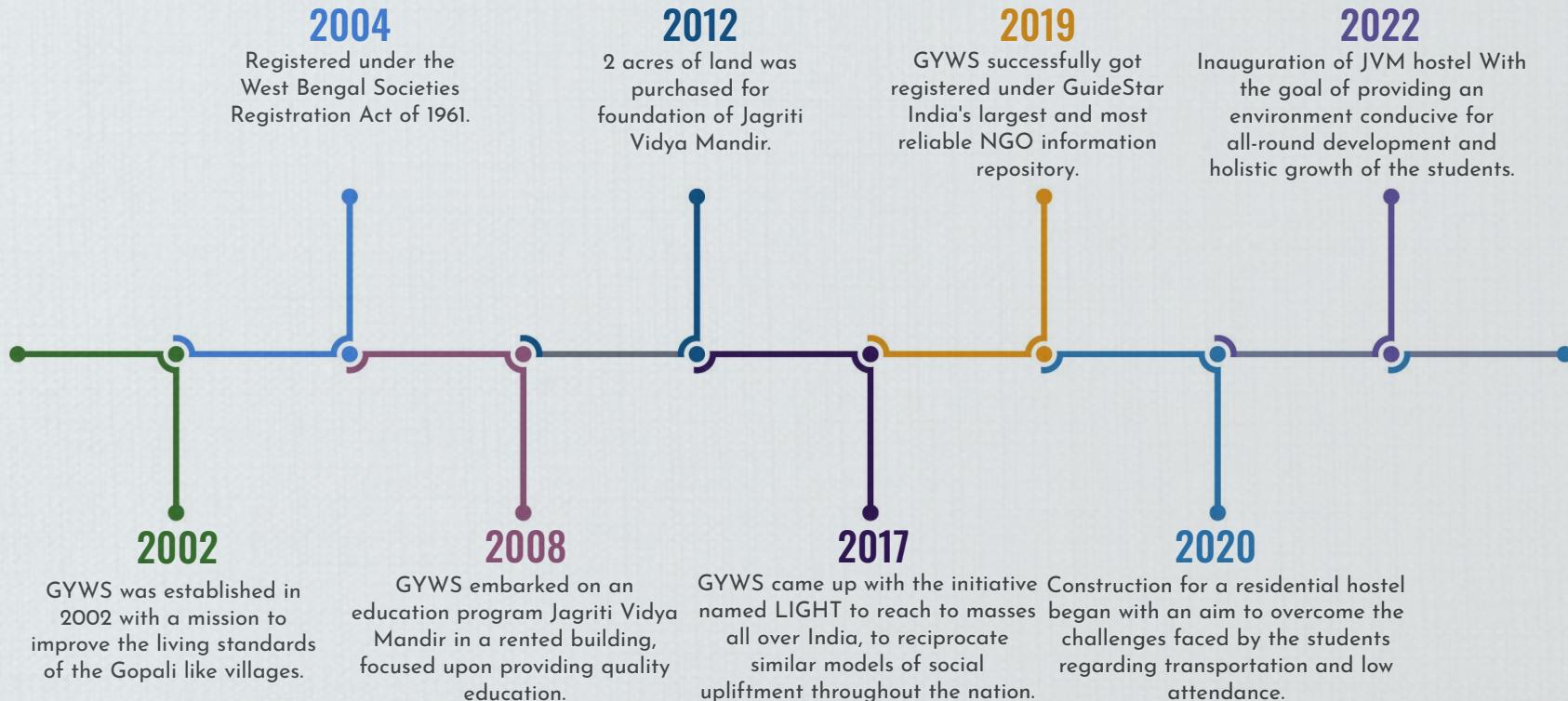
We exist to improve the social and economic condition in and around Kharagpur and inspire and guide the youth to replicate our learnings across the nation.

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



What are we 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

10 | Light: Improving Gross Enrollment Ratio

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

JVM - Jagriti Vidya Mandir

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.

Navodaya Preparation

IIT students conduct special classes for JVM students of class 5 under JNV initiative to prepare them for JNVST which can get them admitted to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, the dream school for those students coming from neglected corners of India. JNV provides one of the best quality education to poor children at almost free of cost, with one of the best hostel facilities allowing their all rounder development therefore being quite suitable for our JVM students.



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 take regular updates about whatever is being taught in the classes. Their curriculum is same as that of school only.

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.

Accommodations and Beddings:-

Our hostel currently accommodates approximately **45 boys and 20 girls**, all diligently cared for by our dedicated team of **4 hostel wardens**. To ensure the utmost comfort, we've introduced some significant upgrades, including the installation of pedestal fans for improved ventilation, water purifiers for clean drinking water, and the provision of **46 beds for boys and 30 beds for girls**.

Hygiene and Medical 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.

Nutrition and Feeding India

Initiative:-

To cater to the nutritional needs of our students, we've initiated a partnership with Zomato's Feeding India program. This collaboration generously supplies groceries and nutritious meals four times a day to our hostel students. We recognise that proper

nutrition is essential for their academic and overall well-being.

Student Engagement and Activities:-

Ensuring holistic development is at the core of our hostel's mission. To ensure the hostel students maintain excellent overall health, we conduct many sports events like cricket and badminton tournaments. Students enjoy a lot while participating in these activities, and it also develops good sportsmanship among them. We also engage them in many cultural activities like drawing competitions, poem recitation and mimicry, which teaches them to collaborate, leading to overall personality development. We also conduct some activities like showing movies on laptops and taking quizzes so the students feel energised.

Aashayein



Aashayein is an annual event organised by GYWS to celebrate the Annual Day of Jagriti Vidya Mandir (JVM), where numerous students showcase their talents via captivating performances. The event was conducted on the grounds of JVM on 26th March 2023, spanning around 3 hours, in which students participated in various cultural activities displaying magnificent performances. The parents of the children were honoured, recognising their valuable support in shaping the students into future

leaders. It provided students with a respite from their usual school routine while equipping them for the approaching academic session.

The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the diya, symbolising the beginning of the proceedings. This year's Aashayein event theme was Navras, the nine emotions: Sringaar, Vibhatsa, Hasya, Raudra, Veera, Karuna, Bhayanaka, Shaanta, and Adbhuta.

Navras represent the nine human emotions that we experience in our daily lives. We celebrated Aashayein by embracing these emotions.

Adbhut (Wonder): Children have a natural sense of wonder and curiosity about the world. When they explore and discover new things, they see their surroundings as "adbhut" - amazing and marvelous

Bibhatsa (Disgust): It's essential to shield

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Bibhatsa (Disgust): It's essential to shield children from things that could be disgusting or repulsive, as they are still developing their sense of appropriateness.

Shanti (Peace): Cultivating peace in children is necessary for their emotional well-being and helps them grow into healthy, happy, and well-adapted individuals.

Karuna (Compassion): Karuna involves understanding and sharing the feelings of others, especially those experiencing sorrow or suffering.

Hasya (Laughter): Hasya brings joy and humor to life, fostering positive and cheerful interactions among children and others.

Raudra (Anger): While anger is natural, teaching children to manage and express it constructively helps develop emotional intelligence and healthier relationships.

Veera (Courage): Encouraging bravery empowers children to face challenges, stand up for their beliefs, and overcome obstacles.

Bhayanka (Fear): Supporting children in managing fears helps build emotional strength and resilience.

Shaanta (Tranquility): Instilling calmness and peace in children helps them manage stress and find inner balance and well-being.

The programme started with a dance performance on Saraswati Vandana by the students of class 5th. Then the students performed a skit explaining all nine emotions and their impact on a student's life. The students showcased the nine emotions through captivating dance performances and heartfelt poem

recitations during the event. The dance performances were performed between the skit, elaborating on the nine emotions.

All the event arrangements were solely managed by the members of the society, starting from decoration to transportation, ensuring a smooth experience for all attendees. They collaborated on various aspects of the events, assuming responsibilities such as anchoring, crafting an engaging script for the skit, meticulously arranging costumes, lights, and sound system, and ingeniously preparing all the fascinating props.

Teachers and office staff were offered gifts, and the top student performers in academics and students with the highest attendance were awarded certificates. The event was cherished with unforgettable memories, and the children, along with their parents, returned home with a beautiful smile.



Yogdaan

Yogdaan 2023 is an Annual Donation Drive organized by GYWS in IIT Kharagpur. The objective of Yodhaan 2023 was to raise funds to provide nutritious food to the hostel children. This donation drive spanned for 8 days, starting from 19th January 2023 to 25th January 2023. In this drive, we visited the rooms of each Hall on the campus to collect donations from the students. Our efforts aimed to raise funds to ensure the children in care would receive nourishing meals. Many students actively contributed to this Donation Drive, motivating and encouraging others to join and show their support for the cause. A successful effort helped us to arrange 14,500+ meals for the hostel students of JVM and made a big difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

“

Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference.

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14,500+

Meals Sponsored

76

Children at JVM Hostel
got nourishing meal

1000+

People in KGP reached

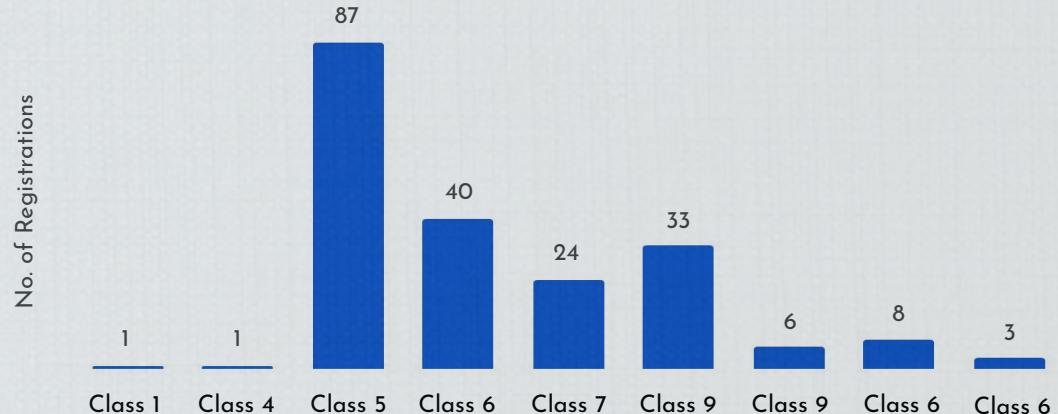


Reform and Innovate School Education (RISE)

RISE (Reform and Innovative School Education) is an initiative of Gopali Youth Welfare Society where we work on the aim to reform the education system by shifting it towards an Organic Learning approach and ensuring Holistic Development. Under RISE, we develop activity based learning methods and help schools shift gradually towards student centric teaching methods while providing teachers with necessary resources and training. We, at GYWS, try to ensure overall development of every child and make learning fun by these methods.

VEDIC MATHS WORKSHOP

This Workshop helped the students to learn Vedic Sutras, which are quick techniques to improve their Maths calculations. It also improves Speed and Accuracy in Calculations. This 3 Day Workshop was conducted by "SMART SKILL" company from 22nd July 2022 to 24th July 2022. The students from Class 5th to Class 8th were targeted in the Workshop. The Workshop was conducted on Microsoft Teams and there were a total of 3 sessions of 1 hour each day.



203

Total number of registrations

250+

Total Views on Videos

86

Total number of students who received certificates

Reform and Innovate School Education (RISE)

ZERO PERIOD



The Event was conducted from 18th October 2022 to 19th November 2022. In this Event, Various activities were conducted in the first 30 minutes of the start of the day for Classes. Fun activities were conducted during this Event to engage students in Learning. The Workshop was aimed for the students from

Classes Nursery to 5th. Booklets, Kits and Training to teachers were provided to conduct these activities. The Teachers also noted the performance and feedback of their students. The Event helped the students to develop gross motor skills , fine motor skills, logical and intellectual thinking, social and emotional development.

DAKSHA 2023

The event was conducted in two phases from 23rd January 2023 to 25th January 2023 and 9th March 2023 to 10th March 2023. The Phase 2 of this event was conducted in association with YOGDAN. It was the second edition of DAKSHA program to equip school students with the knowledge and skills which are necessary to make informed financial decisions, and to empower them to build a solid financial foundation for their future. The workshop was aimed for students of classes 7th to 10th. The Following topics were covered in the workshop: Basics of finance and banks, mortgage, mutual funds, savings, good financial habits and ways to manage money.

The Event was conducted on MS Teams and Google Meets. This Event was also recorded and uploaded on the YouTube channel of GYWS. Each day, a certain set

Reform and Innovate School Education (RISE)

of interesting topics were explained by the students of IIT Kharagpur, followed by a Doubt Session. The Tasks pertaining to each day's lesson were also given to the students to ensure their knowledge retention. The Event concluded with an Evaluation Assessment, and the participants who attended this Assessment have received their certificates.

120+

Schools were Contacted.

94

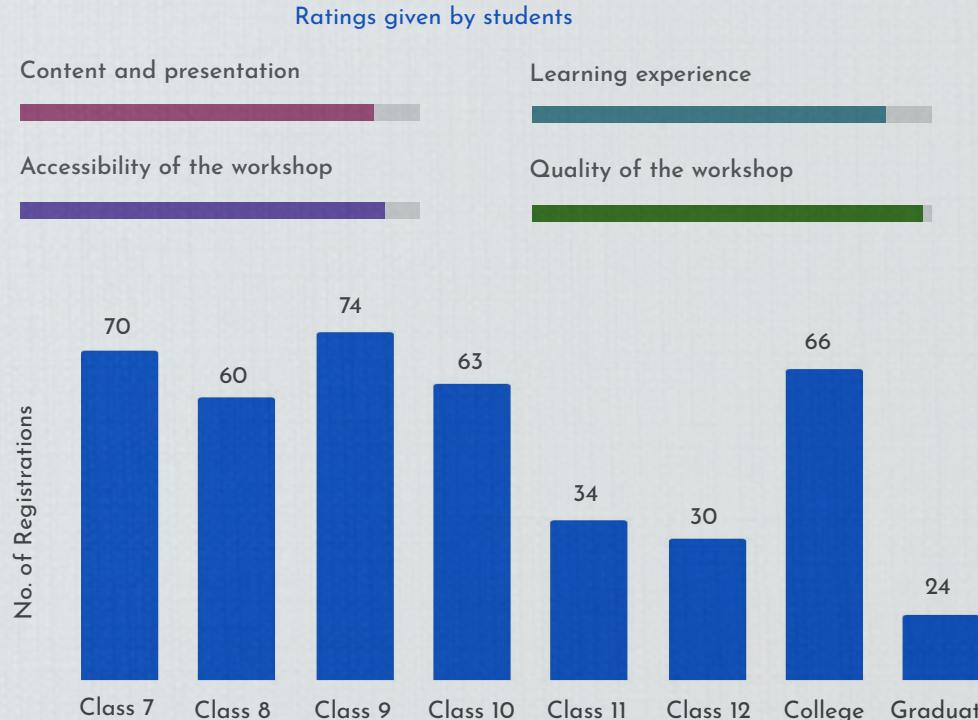
Total number of students who received certificate

420

Total number of registrations

50+

New Youtube Subscribers added



LiGHT

"He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own"
-Confucius.

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

In order to give them a platform for ensuring the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals for the weaker sections of society, we aim to create a network of independent, student-run centers across India.



Our Events

We adopt annual plans of activities for the following year, and plan events according to them. Also, each month monthly goals are set, which help us to keep moving towards our annual goals, along with some possible new, additional activities, depending upon the situation and the current status. We have been accelerating its development activities by taking up specific issues like Poverty alleviation, rural development, water and sanitation, environmental issues and also Events for benefit for students are also conducted etc.





Plantation Drive

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." Plantation Drive was conducted on 22 August, 2022 in the campus of ITM Gwalior in which 25 plants were planted and took the oath to take care of them.



Ujjwal Health Camp

LiGHT Gwalior Sithouli's free health checkup camp named Ujjwal Health Camp has benefited around 40 people including students & staff of Madhav Andhashram, parents and some localities.

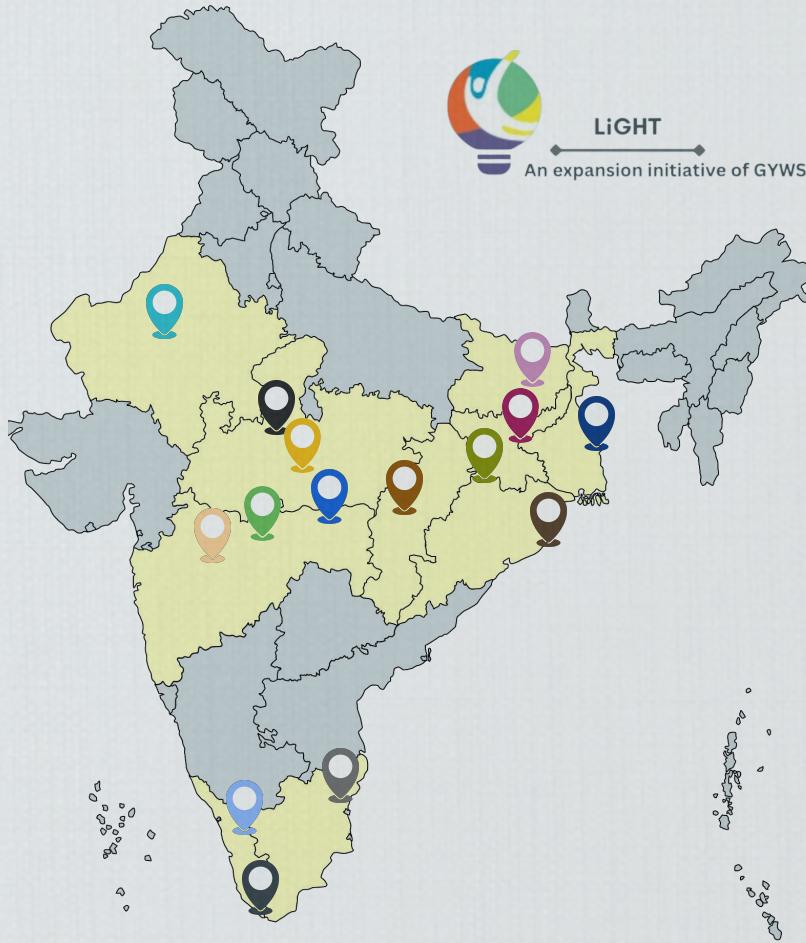


Notebook Donation

The Team members made Notebooks by spiral binding the residual assignment pages and visited a Urdu , 'Municipal Corporation Urdu Medium High School, Shahbajar, Aurangabad', donating 82 notebooks to needy and studious students.

LiGHT Centers

- LiGHT Samvedna
 - LiGHT Gaya
 - LiGHT Chennai
 - LiGHT Raipur
 - LiGHT Jaipur
 - LiGHT Wardha
 - LiGHT Gwalior Sithouli
 - LiGHT Gwalior Thatipur
 - LiGHT Bhubaneswar
 - LiGHT Sindri
 - LiGHT Akola
 - LiGHT Nadia
 - LiGHT Rourkela
 - LiGHT Bhopal
 - LiGHT Trichy
 - LiGHT Palakkad



Financial Report - Expenditures

UDYAT

PRAYAS

GENERAL

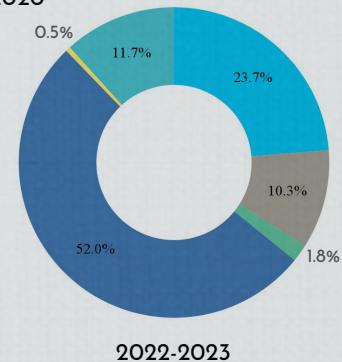
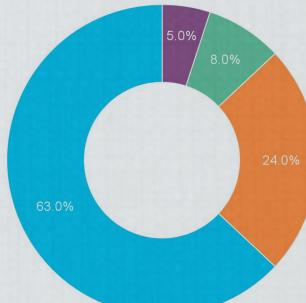
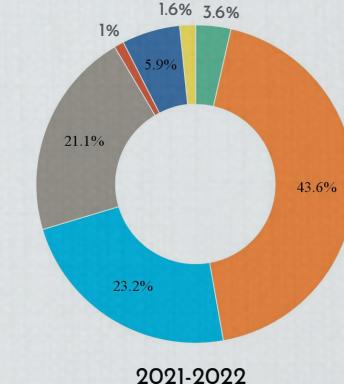
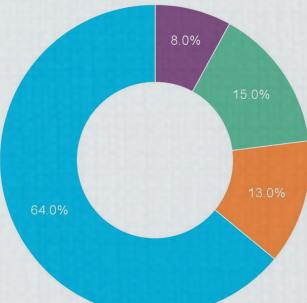
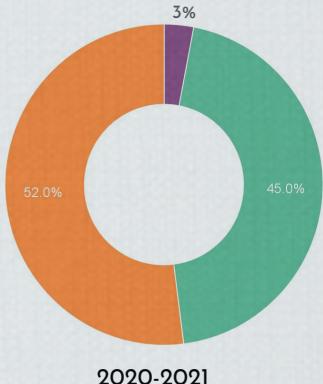
JVM

HOSTEL

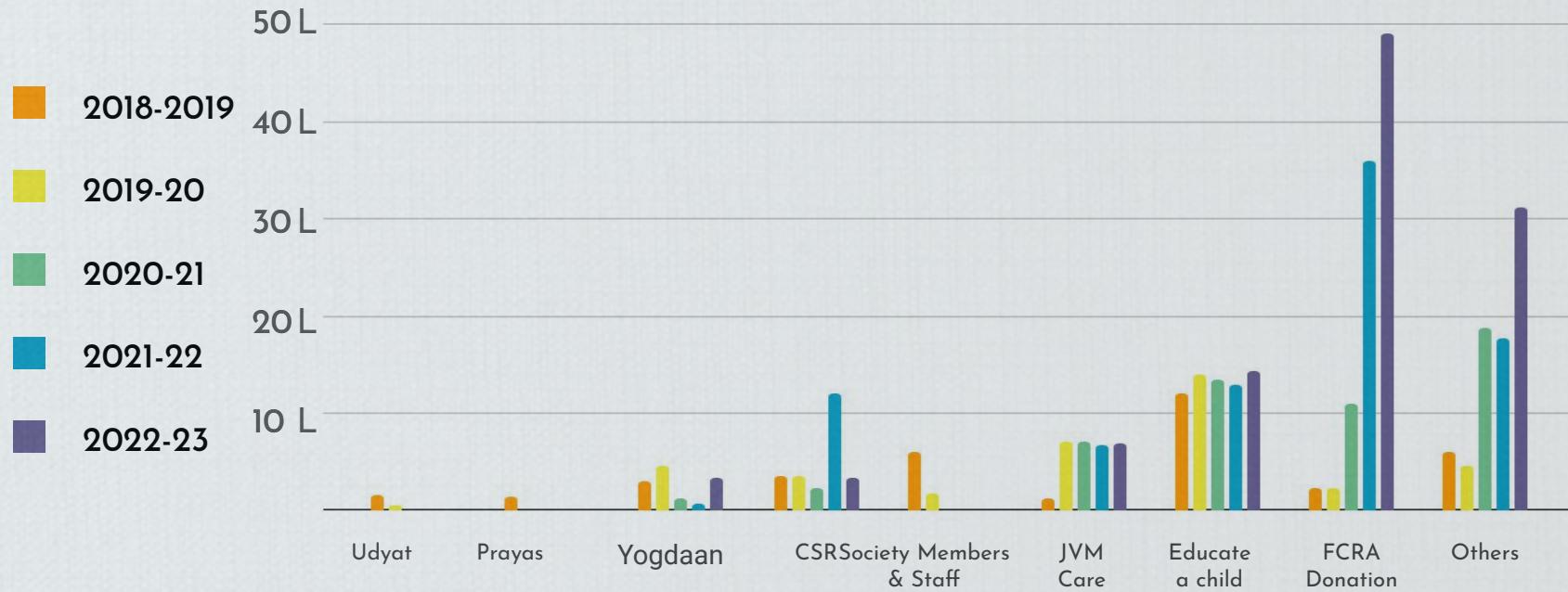
COVID

FCRA

LIGHT

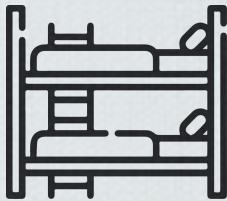


Financial Report - Donations



Achievements

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



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.



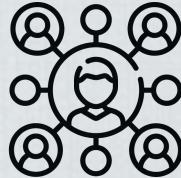
The activities of GYWS are Recognized and Appreciated By the entire Academic community of IIT Kharagpur. Praise for GYWS has come from all quarters, including **alumni**, **professors**, and **students**.



Achievements



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



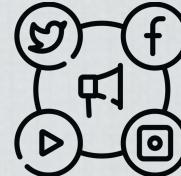
LIGHT, an expansion team of GYWS which helps to build a network of socially motivated students have **16 centres in 10 states**



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



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



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

Words of Appreciation



Prof. 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.



Prof. NR Mondal
Ex-Professor Ocean Engineering and Naval Architecture. 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.



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



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.



Mr. Sailesh Gandhi
Former Chief Information Commissioner,
Government of India

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.



Message from our Advisors



Dr. Bhaskar Bhowmick
Faculty, RMSoEE, IIT Kharagpur

"Atmana Mokhsaratham 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. Damodar Maity
Prof. Department of
Civil Engineering, 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. Dipak Kumar Maity
Chief Advisor, GYWS,
Prof. and HOD, Department of
Aerospace Engineering,
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.

Women in GYWS



Mrs. Labna Thapa
Teacher at JVM

I'm excited to share my journey as a teacher at JVM. I have been teaching at the school since 2009, and through all these years of my service at the school, I have learned many things. I have interacted with many students, and each one of them had an impact on me. I became a better teacher, a better guide, and more importantly, a better person. I have seen the growth of the school from a rented site with inadequate space, and a restricted environment to a school with better classrooms, playgrounds, and all basic amenities for the children. This phase has been very inspiring for me and still motivates me every day to give a better future to the kids. GYWS has taught me determination toward work which gives me a lot of satisfaction and has helped me grow. I got to explore my capabilities at GYWS and I would like to thank GYWS for making me the confident, dedicated, and strong woman I am now.



Mrs. Nibedita Das
Teacher at JVM

I joined JVM as a teacher in 2011 and I am very proud to be able to deliver better teaching and education to the children to date at JVM. We have walked through the worst and best stages of JVM as a team of teachers and the way we tackled the problems and went forward with hope is truly inspiring. All these have taught me to grow as a team. We are always encouraged to come up with and implement new programs and initiatives for the well-being of children. I work here to my potential learning and developing skills and this helped me realize my self-worth and gain self-esteem. I actively take lead in any new programs and organize them successfully. GYWS has instilled in me such qualities of a leader. I am very happy to be able to add value to such an organization.

Women in GYWS



Ms. Gopi Sravani
Ex-Governing Body Member

I've started out my journey 3 years ago in GYWS as a very curious and enthusiastic second-year team member and the organisation has seen me emerge as a potential Leader who holds the capacity to lead a team of more than 200 Student Volunteers along with my other respective Governing Body members in fulfilling the mission and vision of Society. Leading teams where your motto is to drive enthusiasm and intent of people towards Social Impact has been challenging yet very impactful on hundreds and thousands of lives and that has been my motivation to keep striving for the best for the organisation. I'm grateful to the kind of organisation that has been built by my seniors and our Founder which enables and inspires young girls and women in the organisation to actively take leading roles in doing our best towards social welfare.



Ms. Devaki Nandana
Ex-Governing Body Member

Throughout my stay at KGP, GYWS has played a major role in shaping me as a confident spokesperson and team player. It has provided me with an encouraging space to deliberate and execute ideas out of the box. I truly cherish the time spent with the team that selflessly contributes back to society, sticking to the institute's motto, "dedicated to the service of the nation."

Everyone in the team has the true spirit to achieve greater goals for society and respect for individuals. This always motivated me to push my limits and lay the foundation for PRAYAS. It was an immensely challenging task to build a new venture from scratch. I take the privilege of being part of GYWS where I got to interact with women of diverse backgrounds ranging from rural women to donors abroad. Huge shoutout to the initiatives of GYWS, which constantly strive for women's empowerment in the rural areas near the IIT Kharagpur campus through education, employment generation, and upliftment of the underprivileged. Heartfelt gratitude to all the team members, school teachers of JVM, the office staff of PRAYAS and GYWS, and Mrinal Da for constantly supporting and empowering the women of the society.

Our Reach



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.



From **2012**, after creating our page. the likes of GYWS on Facebook has increased linearly. We have around **20k** people following our page.

GYWS is active on Instagram and posts photos very often. We have around **1.4k** followers on Instagram



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

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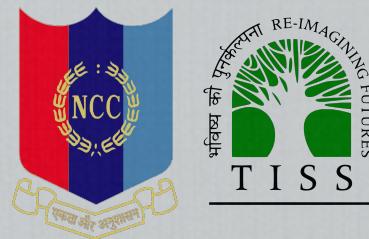


Thank You

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

Our Affiliations

IIC, IIT Delhi
An initiative by
MHRD



HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

Just **Scan and Donate** because

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



Gopali Youth
Welfare Society

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