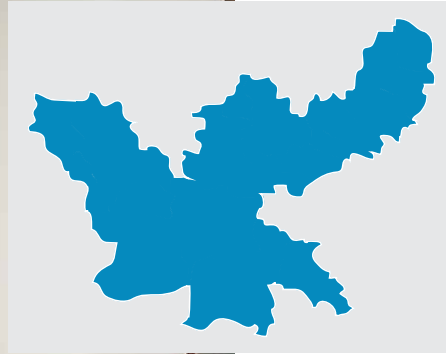




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Towards A Brighter Future  
Stories From Ugam World

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Ugam now  
reaches all

24

Districts

261

Residential  
Girls Schools  
(KGBVs, JBAVs)

In Jharkhand !

Drop a pebble in the water,  
And its ripples reach out far;  
And the sunbeams dancing on them,  
May reflect them to a star.



## Jharkhand

Jharkhand Education Project Council and Ugam Education Foundation now collaborate for the Transformation of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in the State.

Under the leadership of **Ms Kiran Pasi (IAS)** and with great support from **Ms Anupa Tirkey**, Ugam expanded its work to all the **261 KGBVs/JBAVs of Jharkhand**.

Under the project Ugam undertakes activities with the students, Alumni students, wardens, teachers of KGBVs/JBAVs and District Coordinators.

## Key Activities

- A partnership with Jharkhand Education Project Council to work with KGBVs/JBAVs of all 24 districts of Jharkhand
- We believe the journey of learning and empowerment for girls starts in a KGBV and needs to continue long after they pass out.
- Kickstarted our Sashakti Fellowship program in Dumka districts.
- Unique and innovative visits to KGBVs/JBAVs by Alumni- **Visits to additional districts of Saraikela Kharsawan and Chatra**
- **75+ classroom sessions by Ugam Sashakti Fellows and team members**
- **Teacher workshop** on use of Mind Maps
- New issue of our periodical Urja created
- Joy and learning in sessions with girls in KGBVs/JBAVs
- 3 day residential retreat for Fellows
- Teacher Workshop on Use of Mind Maps
- Warden Leadership Sessions

# KGBV Alumni support Student Learning and Leadership

## Why Alumni ?

to create a **self-sufficient ecosystem** within each district and KGBV  
to build **local, sustainable leadership by women**,  
to ensure every empowered KGBV Alumna girl facilitates the **empowerment of others**

## Who?

**Young women who have completed class 12 from a KGBV/JBAV.**

## 175 KGBV Alumni from 5 districts

### How Many?

Since May 2021 Ugam has worked with and trained 175 KGBV Alumni from 5 districts: **East Singhbhum, Ramgarh, Hazaribagh, Ranchi and Dumka.**



## What did they learn?



**1000+ hours** of Capacity Building using **phygital medium.**



**Expert trainers**



**Assignments, projects, homework and fun**



**Negotiate with families**



**Manage time**



**Overcome fears**



**Travel independently**



Girls drew their **self portraits** and shared their qualities. Many of them shared— अपने आप के बारेमें कभी सोचा ही नहीं था।



Many of the Alumni girls were **Baal Sansad members** so they were excited to support the KGBV Baal Sansad members with reflection and planning.



**Vimla from Ramgarh and Sephali from East Singhbhum taught Remedial English** to girls in KGBVs in Dumka district.



## Unique Visits to KGBV 57 Alumni girls visited 45 KGBVs in 7 districts

The most unique aspect was the residential nature of their visits. Alumni girls stayed in the KGBV Hostel and interacted with girls, wardens and teachers.



## Sessions with Girls 500+ classroom sessions facilitated by Alumni

**180 classes erupted with joy** while singing मोटोराम हलुआई, वाह! टमाटर, I am a little teapot and Peel Banana

Alumni girls worked hard to prepare charts and lesson plans for this activity



## Menstrual Hygiene Awareness sessions 1000 girls

overcame their shyness and asked questions in the session



## Our Hero KGBV Patrattu

A chart paper with rules for a library, hand written by a student; colourful books lined, stacked and strung from different corners of a room, a simple mat on the floor and groups of girls huddled, laughing and poring over a story book.

Scenes from the KGBV Patrattu School Library today.

It wasn't the same six months ago.

Sabitaji, the warden of KGBV Patrattu would often

say, "Books are the means of travel for our rural girls in KGBVs."

Sabitaji would notice with sadness how the girls would show little interest in reading beyond their textbooks for exam preparation.

Her most pertinent questions to the Ugam team were – "how to inspire these girls to read? How to build a reading environment? How to enable joyful reading?"

These questions became critical to both the academic and socio emotional wellness of the girls in the post covid scenario.

Sabitaji and Ugam team together decided to make the school library a space for and of learning and joy.

Sabitaji shared the idea of a library with the Baal Sansad. Several discussions, question answer sessions took place to identify the need and importance of a library.

Baal sansad members- Soni, Nitu and Muskan took the lead. They distributed responsibilities, co-created rules and prepared a framework for the library. With sheer hard work the team brought the library from an idea to a reality.

On one chart pasted in the library the girls wrote "this



library is of girls', for girls and made by girls” This represents the fundamental thought behind this library. They prepared a time table, and formats for better functionality of the space.

Every Saturday they organise events with role plays, storytelling sessions, and poem reading.

Sabita ji says this initiative together with Ugam team has resulted in bringing joy, confidence, expression and learning for the girls.



Get a glimpse of this beautiful library please scan the QR code to watch this video:



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