



उkti

Towards A Brighter Future
Stories From Ugam World

NEWSLETTER | AUGUST 2022



As you start to walk on the way,
the way appears.”

- Rumi

We realized this in the past few months.

As we walked from **60 KGBVs in 5 districts to 160 KGBVs/JBAVs in 17 districts**, we floundered, felt overwhelmed and yet the path was paved with the warmth from the Wardens, the encouragement from dynamic district leaders and most importantly with the smiles from the girls.

It has been and continues to be fascinating to observe how the growth in each individual has created a collective, creative energy that has paved the way ahead. It is this energy that feeds us as we work through the challenges and continue our journey.



Ugam now reaches all

17
Districts

150+
residential Schools
for Girls
(KGBVs and JBAsVs.)

In Jharkhand !

Ugam Approach

Even with improved access to secondary school girls continue to remain disempowered. We believe it is the nature of transition from adolescence to adulthood and their empowerment during this process that are, critical for improved outcomes at the individual, community and societal levels.

Unless adolescent girls and young women are empowered through the **three pillars of shiksha, shakti and abhivyakti (learning, health and wellness equity and voice and agency)**, a longer term, sustainable change is not possible.

Key Activities



160
KGBVs/JBAVS visited in
17
districts

Transforming KGBV program launched in Bokaro, Dhanbad, Palamu, Gumka, Jamtara, Latehar districts among others.



29
meetings with
District Officers and
100+
wardens participated in
meetings and workshops with
Ugam team



2500 girls in 50
grade 6 classrooms
participated in remedial
Hindi and English sessions!



74 classrooms = 3700
adolescent girls
participated in sessions on Menstrual Hygiene
and awareness



180
Master Trainers
(District Resource Group)
attended **training on Hindi,
English and Math teaching in
Dumka.**



110
Schools have **started
robust libraries**



130
classrooms enjoyed **singing
songs and listening to stories** to
encourage expression

Sashakti Fellows



45
Sashakti Fellows in their Year 2 of the Fellowship.
**10 days residential retreat for Sashakti Fellows to reflect,
consolidate and learn.**

**Ugam grows
its team:**
Devi and Amrita
(our Sashakti Fellows) along
with Vandana Kanak and
Sneha Pathak join Ugam team
as staff members.

Our Sheroes- Sashakti Fellows

Here are some thoughts from our Sashakti fellows:

बच्चियाँ इंगलीश क्लास में थोड़ी सी डरी हुई थी लेकिन जब वे पहेली के माध्यम से छोटे-छोटे शब्द पढ़ना सीखी तो उनका आत्मविश्वास बढ़ गया।

रोशनी तीर्की, जिला पलामू



इस केजीबीवी में छात्रायें खूब अच्छे से पढ़ती हैं पर अपने भविष्य को लेकर दुविधा में हैं। उन्हें जानना है कि उनके पास कैरियर के क्या क्या विकल्प हैं।

शेफाली सोरेन, जिला गुमला

केजीबीवी चंदनकियारी के वार्डन मैम और सारे टीचर्स हमारा प्लान सुनकर खुश हुए। सारे बच्चे भी लायब्रेरी को नया रूप देने के लिए उत्सुक थे।

प्रिया महतो, जिला बोकारो

केजीबीवी बंदगाँव एक पहाड़ के पास बना है और चारों तरफ हरियाली है। हम जिस रास्ते से आये वह रास्ता जलेबी कि तरह गोल गोल घूम रहा था। मैंने ऐसा रास्ता पहली बार देखा।

बिशाखा मुर्मू, जिला पश्चिमी सिंहभूम

Our humble appeal for support as we grow to reach more girls, more schools and more districts! We are now registered and visible on Benevity and Techsoup by the name Ugam Education Foundation!

We Thank Our Donors

- Parle Biscuits Pvt Ltd
- SNL Bearings Ltd.
- Fluid Control Pvt Ltd
- Aptech Ltd
- Marcellus Investment Managers Pvt Ltd.
- ADCL Fafeco Engineering Pvt Ltd
- Foster Foundation
- Drishti HR
- Nihal Trust
- India Development Services, USA
- Gandhi & Associates
- Hem Agrawal
- Gaurang & Padmapriya Desai
- Mrs Suhas Gandhi
- Trio Jewels Foundation
- Varsha and Anish Desai
- Hemang and Sejal Desai
- Our anonymous donors

A special thank you to:

Our donors thorough **Benevity**

Vikram and Sheetal

We are very proud to be associated with

Ujwal Impact Advisors

A special thank you to:

Ujwal Thaker,

Shridhar Sethuraman,

Sekhar, and Ramya Rajgopalan

Our volunteers: Archana Kacker,

Sunish Bansal, Arindam

Our Gratitude to:

State Team: Ms. Kiran Kumari Pasi, Dr. Abhinav Kumar, Mr Shahbaz Alam, Ms. Anupa Tirkey.

District Teams: The District Collectors and Education teams (DEO, DSE, ADPO, Gender Coordinators)

KGBV School Teams: Wardens and Teachers

Girls in KGBV/JBAV classrooms are a joy to interact with and they fill us with hope for the future