

Garul & Chandrawati Dewan Foundation

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



Bridging the digital divide!

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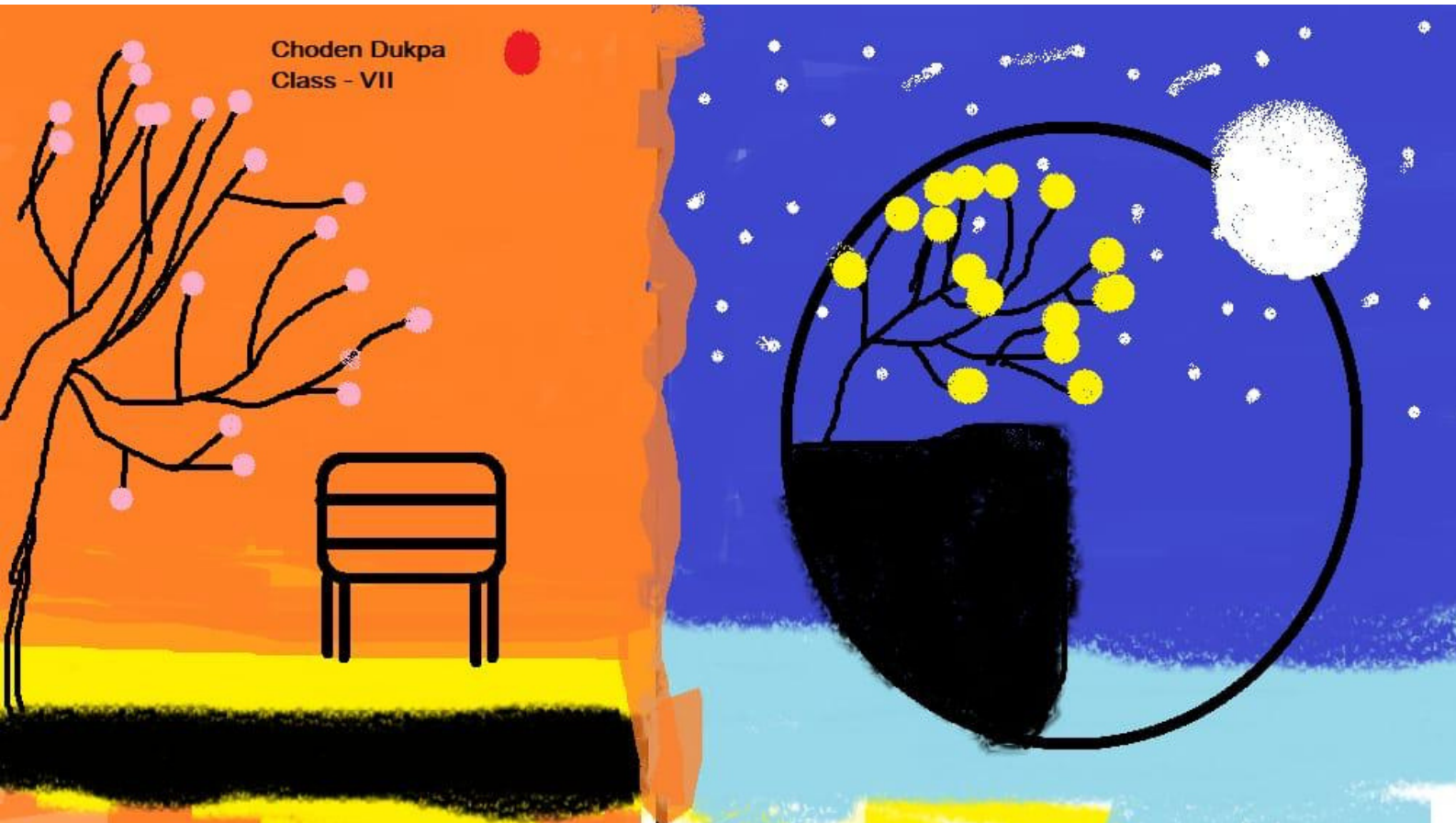
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Chairman's Message

I am honored to stand before you to present the Annual Report for the year 2023 on behalf of the Garul and Chandrawati Dewan Foundation. This year has been nothing short of a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence. The pages of our report bear witness to remarkable achievements, thriving collaborations, and steadfast support from individuals, organizations, and our dedicated team. It is a narrative of progress in the realms of advancing computer education and nurturing community development.

The year 2023 was marked by significant milestones, made possible through the collaborative efforts of our stakeholders. We extend our sincere appreciation to all those who stood by us, providing unwavering support that fuels our mission. As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, we eagerly anticipate and envision another year of transformative endeavours that will contribute to the betterment of our communities.

In the spirit of gratitude and collaboration, we express our sincere thanks to our partners, donors, and the dedicated team at Garul and Chandrawati Dewan Foundation. Your collective efforts have not only fuelled our progress but have also laid the foundation for a future marked by continued positive change. Together, let us embark on another year of purposeful endeavours, making a difference that resonates in the hearts and lives of those we touch.

Rohit Kumar Dewan
Chairman & Trustee

About Us

Garul and Chandrawati Dewan Foundation is a Public Charitable Trust, in Darjeeling, West Bengal. With a profound commitment to community empowerment, the Foundation has successfully pioneered 29 community computer learning centres. These centres have become invaluable educational hubs, providing transformative opportunities to ~1500 children from rural and urban areas. The Foundation has facilitated over ~1 Lakh hours of comprehensive computer training, fostering digital literacy and skill development among the youth we serve, since our inception in May 2021.

OUR MISSION

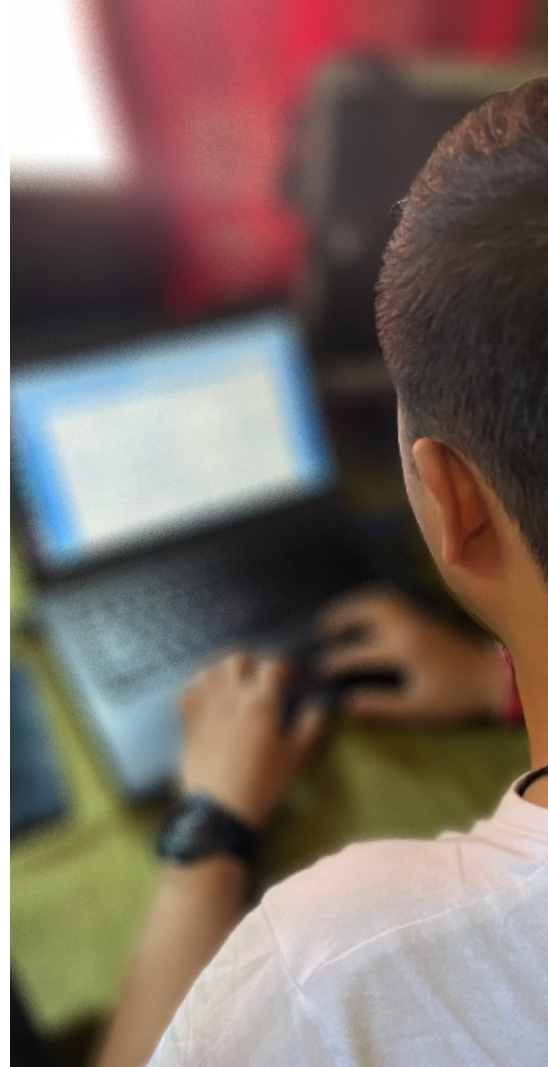
Our mission is to transcend the digital divide, extending our reach to the unreachable and forging opportunities where none currently exist.

OUR VISION

By 2030, we envision empowering 1,00,000 children with indispensable computer skills, encompassing coding, animation, and professional certifications. Grounded in integrity, collaboration, and innovation, our goal is to equip today's youth for tomorrow's technology-driven world. Through the establishment of accessible computer learning centers in every village, we aspire to eliminate disparities and offer equal opportunities, fostering an environment where every child, irrespective of their background, can flourish in the digital era.

OUR PROJECT

- We set up a community computer learning centre in the village/school, with the help of the local Samaj and School.
- The Samaj/School provides us with the space and volunteers and takes ownership of the assets created, ensuring the project's sustainability.
- The lessons are taught through video tutorials, eliminating the need for a computer teacher to be physically present in the classroom.
- Tests are conducted after the completion of each module and certificates are awarded to successful students.





31,332

HOURS OF TRAINING

647

STUDENTS

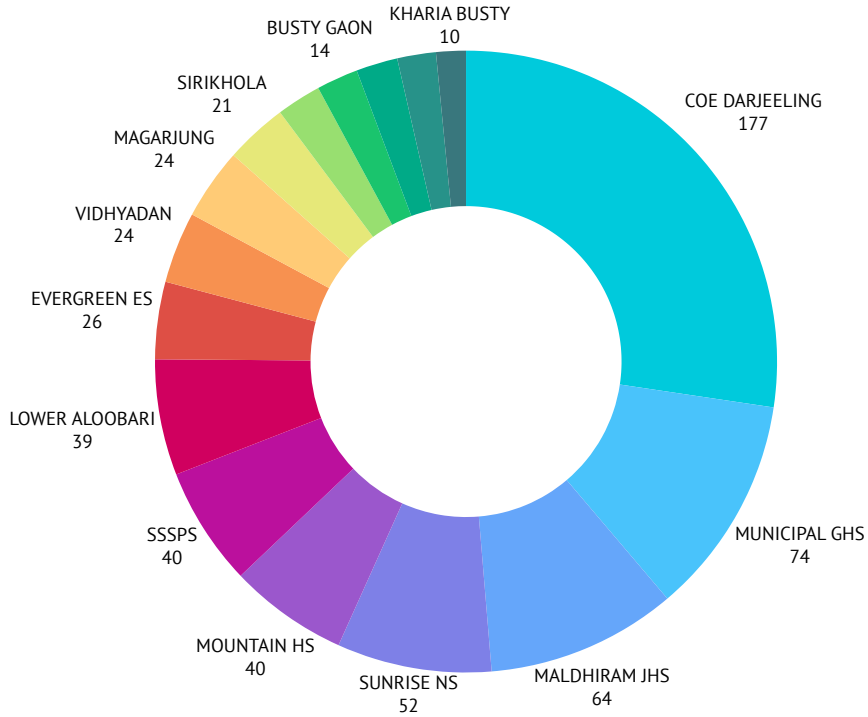
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CERTIFICATES DISTRIBUTED



Impact Snapshot

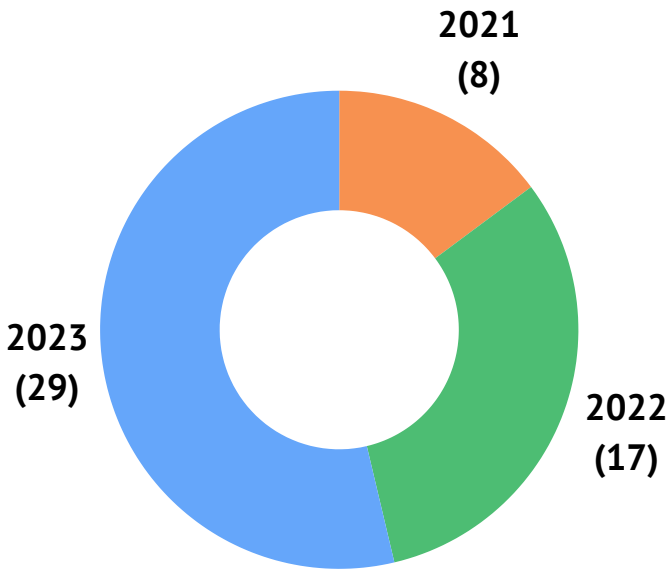
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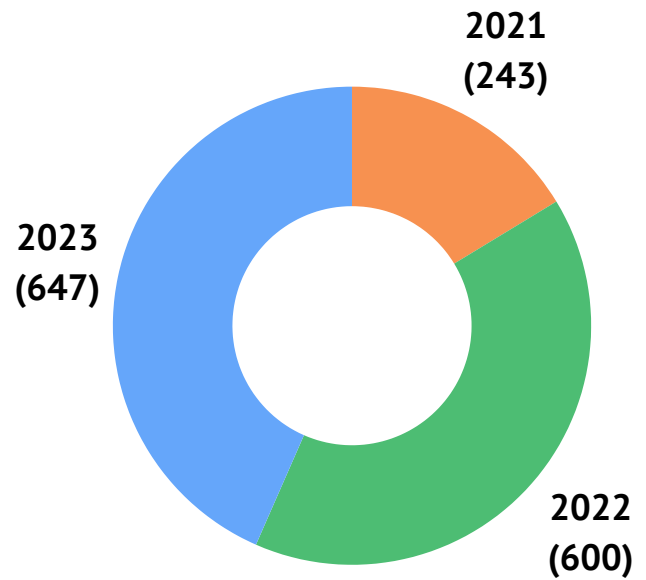
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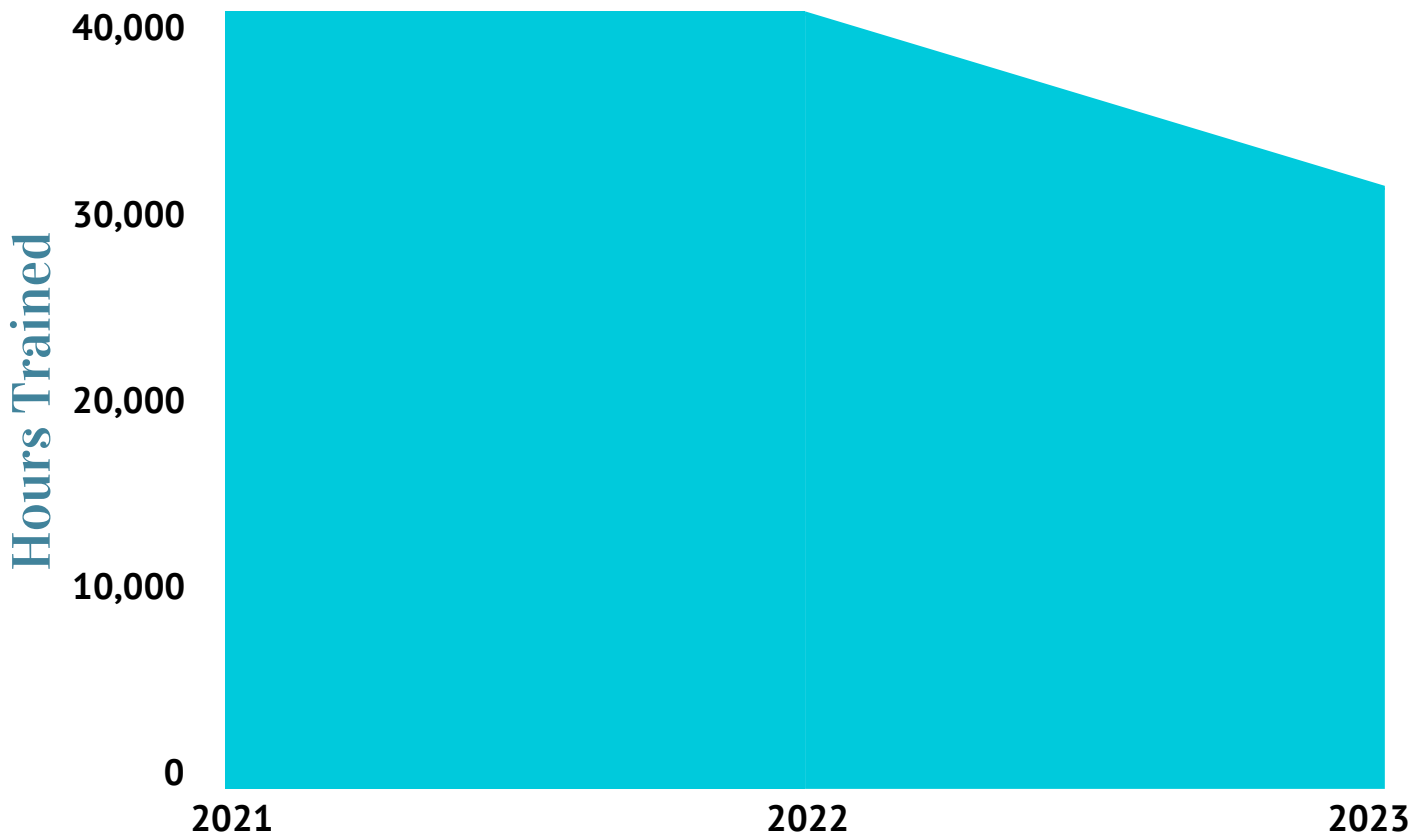
Chronicle of Our Impact



Computer Centers



Students



Key Highlight's - 2023

ADVANCING DIGITAL EDUCATION:

- **Phase 3 Launch:** In a significant milestone, we initiated Phase 3 of our program, introducing Tsheyang Tamang to Digital Marketing and E-Commerce Professional Certification, Priyanka Tamang, Nishant Ghatani, and Phuchung Sherpa to the Google Cyber Security Professional Certification, Marben Lama to Graphic Design, and Kritika Sharma to Data Analytics Professional Certification Course.
- **Internship Opportunities:** Tsheyang Tamang, upon completing her course, secured a valuable 4-month internship with Trade India, facilitated by the generous support of Sandip Chhettri, CEO of Trade India. This serves as a tangible illustration of the real-world impact of our programs.
- **Certificate Distribution:** A moment of pride as 521 students were awarded their certificates from Computer Shiksha.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT:

- Through collaboration with the *Inner Wheel Club of Darjeeling*, a successful community computer learning center was launched at the *Darjeeling Muslim Welfare Society* premises.
- A new community computer center, made possible by the generous donation of *Mr. Alfred Tamang*, was established at *Lower Kharia Busty, Kurseong*. We extend our deepest gratitude to *Shri Anit Thapa*, Chief Executive Officer of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, for gracing the inaugural ceremony.
- Collaboration with *Lets Green Darjeeling* resulted in the successful launch of a community computer learning center at *Lower Aloori Primary School* in Darjeeling.
- We strategically relocated the *Ghoom Khasmal Samaj's* community computer learning center to *Mountain Heritage Academy*, ensuring uninterrupted community access.



Celebrating New Leadership

ENHANCING OUR VISION AND IMPACT

It is with great pleasure that we announce the welcomed addition of two distinguished individuals to the Board of Trustees at the Garul and Chandrawati Dewan Foundation! Joining us in our mission are Prashant Rai, Chief People Officer at Spandan Sphoorty Financial Limited, and Sandip Chhettri, the CEO of Trade India.Com.

Their shared commitment to philanthropy, unwavering dedication to community development, and extensive expertise in their respective domains make Prashant and Sandip invaluable assets to our esteemed Board. With their inclusion, our resolve to continue making a meaningful impact in the lives of those in need has never been stronger. Together, we are poised to intensify our efforts in empowering the youth in our communities through computer literacy, championing the cause of bridging the digital divide.

Join us in extending a warm and enthusiastic welcome to our newest trustees! Together, let's forge a path towards a brighter, more compassionate future for all.

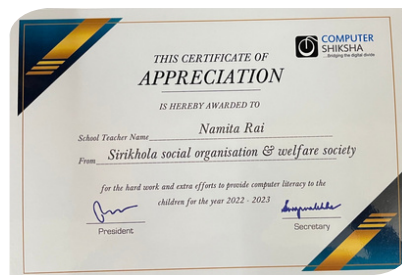


PRASHANT RAI

SANDIP CHHETTRI

Celebrating Individuals

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Namita Rai and Sirikhola Social Organisation Welfare Society, representing the Sirikhola Center in Rimbick, Robin Khawas and Vidhyadhan Academy from the Upper Mamring Center and Sarup Sawliz Rai from the Maldhiram Jr High School center, who has been honoured with the Certificate of Appreciation from Computer Shiksha. Their exemplary dedication has earned them the esteemed Certificate of Appreciation from Computer Shiksha, a recognition that underscores their steadfast commitment and tireless efforts in advancing computer education.



To each of these individuals, we express our sincere appreciation and recognition for your unwavering commitment and diligent efforts. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed, and we encourage you to maintain the same level of excellence that you have consistently demonstrated.



Your significant contributions have been instrumental in advancing our shared goals. Your dedication and perseverance stand as an inspiration to others, reflecting the highest standards of professionalism. We value your continued support and are deeply grateful for your invaluable contributions. Rest assured that your hard work is a driving force behind our collective success. Together, we can persist in making a meaningful difference and achieving remarkable outcomes.



Partnerships & Collaborations

Our foundational partnership with Computer Shiksha has been nothing short of a cornerstone since our inception in May 2021. The twelve sponsored centers, born out of this collaboration, stand as beacons of our shared commitment to bridging the digital divide, showcasing the transformative power of collective efforts.

Glenary's Darjeeling, through its generous funding, empowered us to establish a crucial learning center in Busty Gaon. The steadfast support of Edwards Foundation Darjeeling has fostered a nurturing environment for technological education at Sri Sathya Sai Primary School, marking a significant milestone in our educational initiatives.

Our commitment to community enrichment finds expression in our partnership with Hayden Hall, where the cultivated partnerships and established community continue to inspire and drive our mission forward.

Let's Green Darjeeling has significantly contributed to our educational endeavours, enriching the learning experience for our students in Lower Aloorbari Primary School, and the Inner Wheel Club of Darjeeling has played a crucial role in shaping the educational landscape through their significant contributions in setting up the community computer learning center at the premises of Darjeeling Muslim Welfare Society.

A special note of gratitude extends to Nimesh Subba and Krishnaraj Tamang from the UK for their generous donation of laptops, and to Shri Rajeev Rai for ensuring their safe transport to Darjeeling. Their unwavering support is invaluable and has made a lasting impact on the success of our mission.

Furthermore, our thanks extend to Miss Kakoli Chowdhury and Alfred Tamang, whose commitment to education has sparked a positive revolution in our classrooms. Their dedication is integral to the success of our mission, and we are grateful for the positive impact they bring to our educational initiatives.



Darjeeling Dialogues

Empowering Youths through Insightful Conversations

Darjeeling Dialogues, a dedicated platform for inspiring and motivating youth through engaging online and offline talks, continues to evolve as a catalyst for positive change. In November 2022, we marked the inception of Darjeeling Dialogues with a symposium themed "Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's World." Our focus was on the evolving landscape of employment trends and the essential preparations required for success in the digital era.

At the heart of Darjeeling Dialogues is a welcoming community that transcends disciplinary boundaries. We are united by a shared passion for giving back to society, mentoring youths, reshaping perspectives, and contributing to a better world for future generations. Together, we form a community of like-minded individuals driven by the common goal of inspiring young minds to dream big and illuminating the path to realizing those dreams.

Throughout the year, Darjeeling Dialogues curated a series of impactful webinars, featuring distinguished speakers from various domains.

These webinars served as insightful platforms, providing practical knowledge and fostering a culture of continuous learning. Each session aimed to equip the youth with skills, perspectives, and motivation necessary for navigating the challenges of the modern world.

Darjeeling Dialogues remains committed to its mission of empowering youth through knowledge-sharing and mentorship. As we reflect on the past year's achievements, we look forward to continuing our journey of inspiration and transformation in the years to come.

PREPARING TODAY'S YOUTH FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

DARJEELING DIALOGUES

HOW AI IS CHANGING THE NATURE OF WORK AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE

26TH
MAY 2023
01 pm - 02 pm

RAGHAV GUPTA
VICE PRESIDENT - IT
TradeIndia.Com

THE AI SERIES!

PREPARING TODAY'S YOUTH FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

DARJEELING DIALOGUES

LIFE SKILLS 101: "HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE"

29TH
APRIL 2023
12 noon - 01 pm

VIVEK PRADHAN
Senior Manager Sales Training
Nestle | Dabur

IN CONVERSATION WITH!

PREPARING TODAY'S YOUTH FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

DARJEELING DIALOGUES

Dare to Dream BIG!

25TH
MARCH 2023
11 am - 12 noon

Bharat Bhusan Darnal
Motivational Speaker

IN CONVERSATION WITH!

PREPARING TODAY'S YOUTH FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

DARJEELING DIALOGUES

"MAKE YOUR PASSION YOUR PROFESSION"

18TH
FEBRUARY 2023
02 noon - 03 pm

In conversation with!

Neetu Singh
Entrepreneur
Miles N Smiles Treks & Tours

PREPARING TODAY'S YOUTH FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

DARJEELING DIALOGUES

MOUNTAINS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(with special emphasis on carbon credits & climate change jobs)

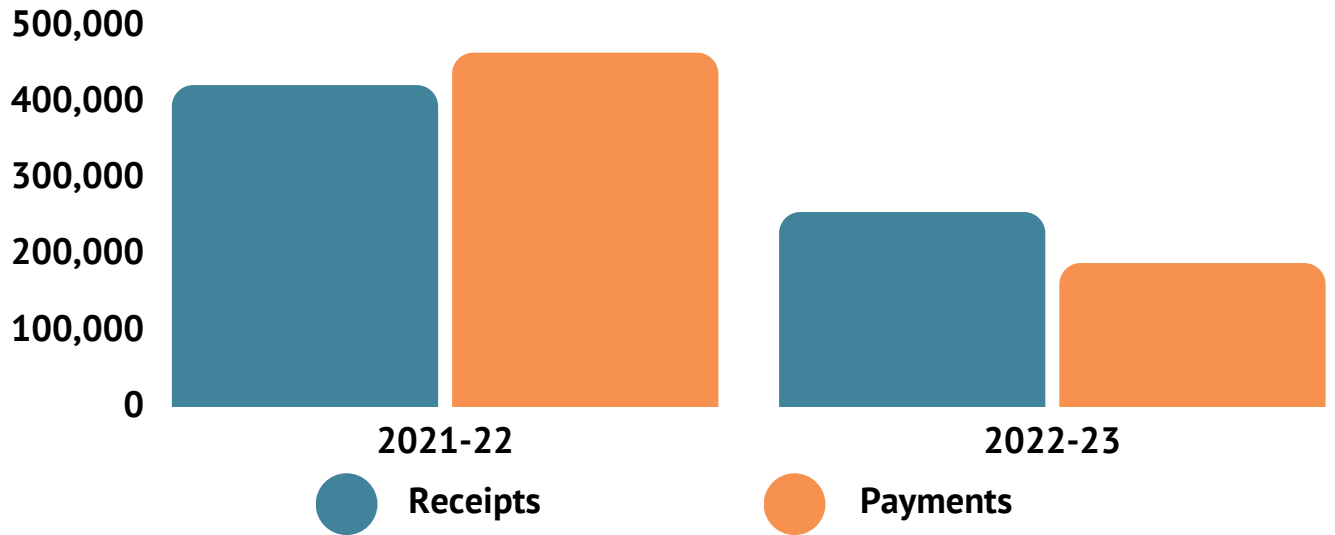
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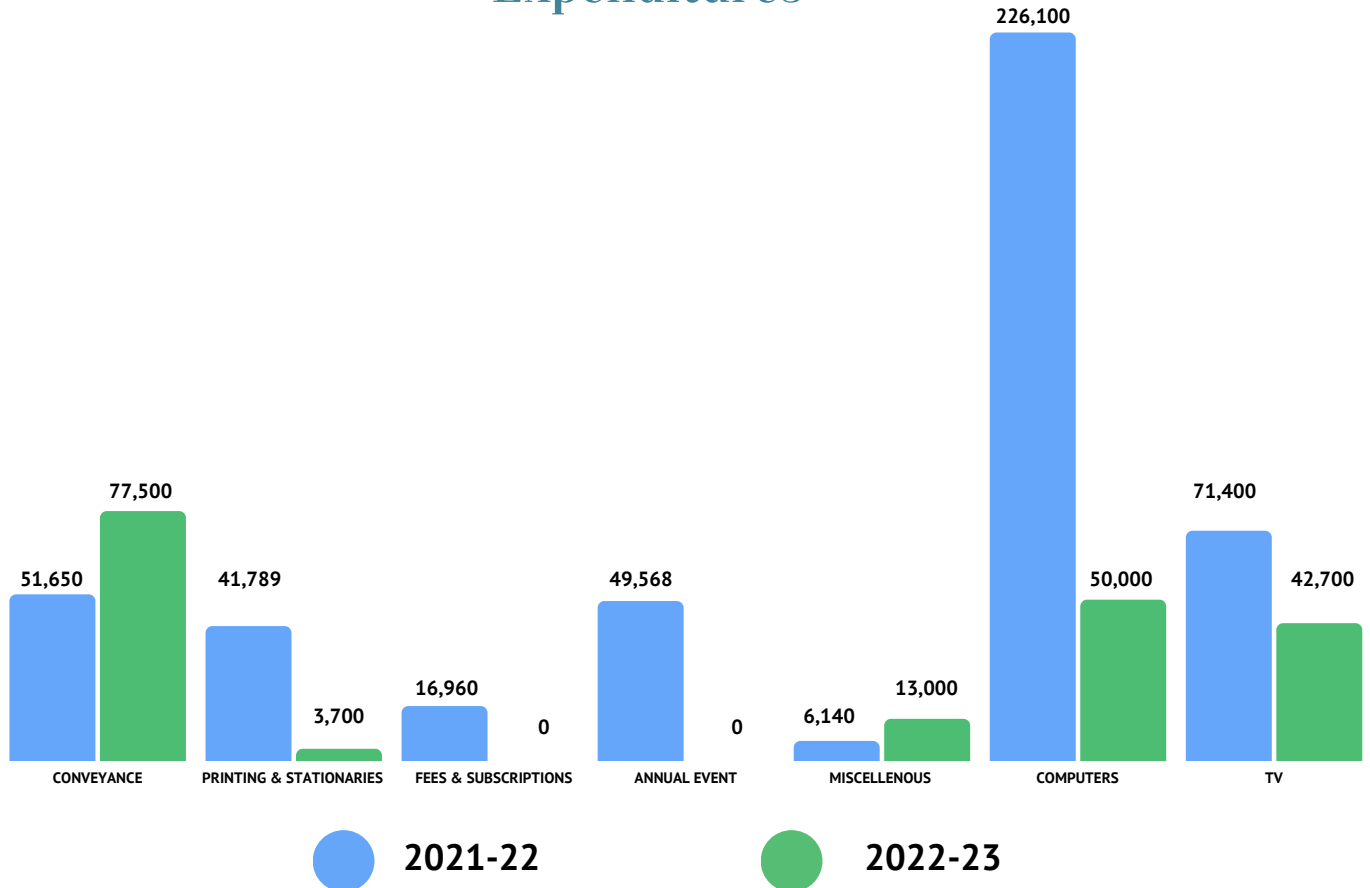
Vikram Kothari
Head Partnerships
Fair Climate Fund India

Financial Report

Receipts & Payments



Expenditures



Testimonials



Since the implementation of GCDF's program in my school, the discernible distinction of our students in terms of computing and digital proficiency has been a source of satisfaction, validated by feedback from various sources, particularly parents and guardians.

Witnessing the dynamic interactions in the computer classroom, where students engage in friendly competitions, challenging each other with questions like "can you do this?" or "can you make/draw this?" is a testament to the curiosity and competitiveness instilled by the program. This environment not only fosters a spirit of learning but also strengthens the depth of understanding.

A striking illustration of the program's positive impact is evident when a class 3 student, hailing from a family unable to afford a smartphone, not only participates but excels in digital drawing and other activities competitions. Such instances underscore the transformative influence of GCDF within our community.

In expressing gratitude, I extend heartfelt thanks to GCDF for their invaluable contribution to bridging the digital divide and empowering learners across diverse backgrounds.

Dipendra Khati
Principal, Evergreen English School

It is a boon to those underprivileged children who do not have any options to get the knowledge about the computer. The parents are also very thankful for providing such kind of compassion -

Rabin Khawas,
Teacher, Vidyadan Academy

In my observation, some of the students had explored their creativity while using the computer. At first, all the students were afraid of using the computer, but now they are enjoying and exploring the deeper things. And I also observe their confidence in social life while interacting with each other. -

Abhisek Thapa,
Teacher, Mount Carmel School

Children were able to develop basic skills. Encourages a love for learning and improves communication skills -

Taruna Rai,
Teacher, Sr Sathya Sai Primary School

Mentors are always ready to help us whenever we come across any problem during computer classes -

Bijayata Tamang,
College Student

These classes empower you to stay competitive and adaptable in an increasingly digital landscape -

Nishant Ghatani,
Volunteer

Meet Our Trustees



Rohit Kumar Dewan
Chairman & Trustee

Rohit Dewan served in the British Gurkha Rifles for 20 years, rising through the ranks to retire as a Warrant Officer Class 2 (WO2). Following this distinguished military career, he spent another 15 years with the Gurkha Reserve Unit in Brunei.

Binayak Dewan
Managing Trustee

With a career spanning over two decades encompassing versatile experience in corporate social responsibility, the development sector, business management, and customer service, Binayak brings a wealth of expertise. His proficiency extends across strategic leadership, impactful stewardship, and transformative growth.



Prashant Rai

Trustee - GCDF & Chief People Officer - Spandan Sphoorty Financial Ltd.
With a focus on driving HR strategy, talent management, learning, and capability development, Prashant has played a key role in implementing effective HR practices and innovative human capital strategies. His expertise lies in building effective people practices through technology.

Sandip Chhetri
Trustee - GCDF & CEO - TradeIndia.com

Sandip leads the vision and strategy of India's largest B2B marketplace. With more than 20 years of expertise in e-commerce, digital marketing, and product development, Sandip has played a pivotal role in propelling the platform's growth and innovation.



Dewasish Dewan
Trustee - GCDF & Manager - Digital Innovation Team

With over 8 years of experience in sales, Dewasish serves as a Sales Manager at Robosoft Technologies. He possesses a comprehensive understanding of the outsourcing ecosystem and has successfully overseen end-to-end sales processes.

Annexures



Annual Report 2023: Empowering Minds Through Digital Education

12 Community Computer Learning Centers Donor: Computer Shiksha

Our association with Computer Shiksha has been a cornerstone of our success story since the inception of our operations in May 2021. The 12 centers sponsored by Computer Shiksha serve as exemplars of the organization's commitment to bridging the digital divide.

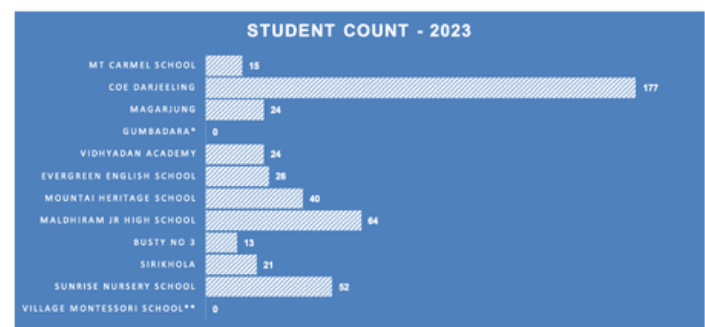
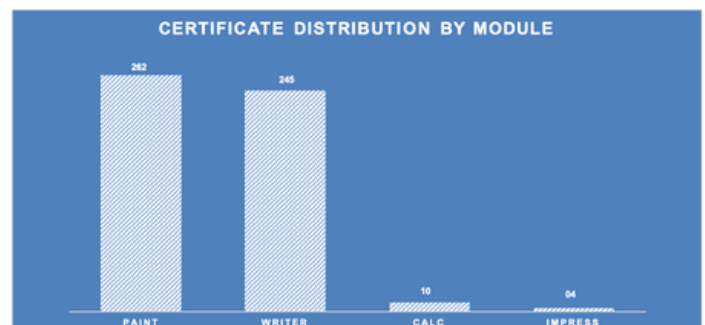
Comprehensive Impact: The 12 community computer learning centers sponsored by the visionary organization Computer Shiksha, have stood as beacons of progress, collectively illuminating the path toward digital empowerment. These centers have become hubs of learning, impacting the lives of 456 students through a staggering 27,869 hours of training in the year 2023, solidifying our joint mission to bridge the digital divide in the communities we serve.

Innovative Teaching Methodology: The integration of Computer Shiksha's video tutorials has revolutionized the learning experience across all our 20 centers. Designed to progress from basics to advanced levels, these tutorials are broadcasted on TV screens provided in each center. Students watch and practice simultaneously, ensuring a hands-on and immersive learning journey.

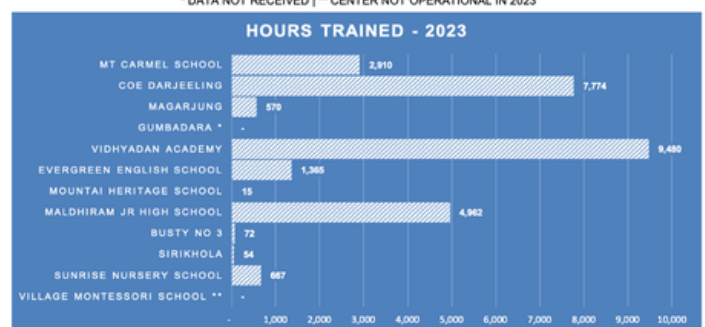
Exam Success and Certificate Distribution: In 2023, all our centers conducted examinations for various modules, a testament to the structured learning environment we have cultivated with the support of Computer Shiksha. A total of 521 certificates from Computer Shiksha were proudly distributed, signifying the achievement and dedication of our students.

Scale of Impact: In the year 2023 alone, a total of 647 students across all our centers, sponsored by Computer Shiksha and funded by other generous donors, leveraged these tutorials. The cumulative training hours reached an impressive 31,332, showcasing the widespread and profound impact of this collaborative initiative.

As we reflect on the milestones achieved in 2023, we extend our gratitude to Computer Shiksha and all our donors for their unwavering support and to the dedication of our students, voluntary teachers, School and Samaj functionaries. Together, we are not just teaching technology; we are fostering a future where digital skills empower individuals and communities to thrive in the ever-evolving landscape of the digital age.



* DATA NOT RECEIVED | ** CENTER NOT OPERATIONAL IN 2023



ANNEXURE

176
HOURS OF
TRAINING

10
STUDENTS

Annual Report 2023: Empowering Minds Through Digital Education

Location: Lower Kaharia Busty, Kurseong

Donor: Alfred Tamang

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Shri Alfred Tamang for his generous funding, which has been instrumental in establishing and sustaining this invaluable center. His commitment to community development is evident in the transformative impact the center has had on the lives of its residents.

In the quaint community of Lower Kharia Busty, our Community Computer Center has become a catalyst for change, weaving a narrative of digital empowerment that resonates with the spirit of progress. Established in September 2023, this center, funded by the benevolence of Shri Alfred Tamang, has swiftly become a cornerstone for learning, bridging the technological divide in the heart of Kurseong.



Honourable Presence at Inauguration: The inauguration of our Computer Center was graced by the esteemed Chief Executive Officer of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, Shri Anit Thapa. His presence underscored the significance of our mission in Lower Kharia Busty and showcased the collaborative efforts towards building a digitally empowered community.

Training Impact: The inaugural year witnessed the enthusiasm of 10 dedicated learners who collectively invested 176 hours in the pursuit of computer training. These aspiring individuals, representing the community's thirst for knowledge, embraced the opportunity to navigate the world of technology, laying the groundwork for a brighter future.

Module 1 Completion: A testament to the dedication of our students, the completion of Module 1 - MS Paint marked a significant milestone. These newfound skills not only enhance their digital proficiency but also open doors to a myriad of possibilities in the digital landscape.

Building Foundations for Tomorrow: As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, we are inspired by the potential for growth and impact that lies ahead. The Community Computer Center in Lower Kharia Busty is not just a place of learning but a symbol of community resilience and the collective pursuit of knowledge.

ANNEXURE

240
HOURS OF
TRAINING

14
STUDENTS

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Location: Busty Gaon, Margret's Hope Tea Garden, Kurseong
Donor: Glenary's, Darjeeling

In the picturesque setting of Busty Gaon, within the serene Margret's Hope Tea Garden, our Community Computer Learning Center has emerged as a beacon of knowledge, providing a gateway to digital empowerment. Since its inauguration in August 2022, this center, generously funded by Glenary's Darjeeling, has been transforming lives by imparting crucial computer skills to the local community.

Center at the Heart of Busty Gaon: Nestled within the Margret's Hope Tea Garden, our center stands as a testament to the belief that education knows no boundaries. The strategic location in Busty Gaon ensures accessibility for the local community, providing a platform for residents to enhance their digital literacy and embrace the opportunities offered by the digital era.

Training Impact: The impact of our efforts is evident in the accomplishments of the past year. A cohort of 14 enthusiastic learners dedicated a collective 240 hours to delve into the realm of computer training. As they navigated through the intricacies of technology, they not only gained practical skills but also unlocked new

avenues of opportunity in the digital landscape..

Glenary's Darjeeling: A Pillar of Support: We extend our sincere gratitude to Glenary's Darjeeling, whose generous funding has been the cornerstone of our success. Their commitment to community development has made it possible for us to establish and sustain this vital learning center, enabling us to bridge the digital divide in Busty Gaon.

Looking Ahead: As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, we look forward to the future with optimism and determination. The coming years hold the promise of expanding our reach, enriching more lives, and fostering a culture of continuous learning within Busty Gaon.

Join Us in this Journey: To our vibrant community, we invite you to join us in celebrating the strides made in digital literacy at Busty Gaon's Community Computer Learning Center. Together, let us continue to uplift and empower, ensuring that no one is left behind in the transformative journey of technology.



ANNEXURE

837
HOURS OF
TRAINING

40
STUDENTS

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Location: Sri Sathya Sai Primary School, Darjeeling
Donor: Edward's Foundation, Darjeeling

In the heart of educational excellence at Sri Sathya Sai Primary School, our computer center has been a beacon of digital empowerment since its inception on May 20, 2022. Supported by the generous funding from the Edwards Foundation Darjeeling, our mission is to cultivate a generation adept in the language of technology.

Training Impact: In the past year, our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to deliver a comprehensive training program, clocking an impressive 837 hours collectively. This effort has not been in vain, as 40 students have emerged from the program equipped with essential digital skills, laying the groundwork for their future success in an increasingly technology-driven world.

Module Milestone: Our focus on structured learning reached a significant milestone this year as students completed Module 1 - MS Paint. This foundational module not only honed their creativity but also introduced them to the fundamental concepts of digital tools, setting the stage for their continuous journey into the realm of technology.

Partnership for Progress: Looking ahead to the new session in 2024, we are excited to announce our collaboration with school authorities to

introduce Module 2 - Writer from the Open Office suite. This strategic initiative aims to expand the horizons of our students, delving into word processing skills and enhancing their proficiency with essential office applications. This step reflects our commitment to staying abreast of technological advancements and ensuring our students are well-prepared for the challenges of the digital era.

Gratitude and Acknowledgment:

The success of our computer center would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the Edwards Foundation Darjeeling. Their commitment to educational initiatives has been instrumental in creating a nurturing environment for technological education at Sri Sathya Sai Primary School.

As we reflect on the achievements of the past year and look forward to the promising prospects of the coming sessions, we extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated students, committed educators, and our invaluable partners. Together, we are shaping a future where digital literacy is a cornerstone of academic excellence at Sri Sathya Sai Primary School.





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Location: Lower Aloobari Primary School
Donor: Let's Green Darjeeling

In the pursuit of bridging the digital divide and fostering educational empowerment, Let's Green Darjeeling embarked on a transformative journey, leaving an indelible mark on the academic landscape of Darjeeling. The beacon of change shone brightly on the Lower Aloobari Primary School, where a tripartite agreement was forged on the 30th of March 2023. This collaborative effort brought together the visionary *Garul and Chandrawati Dewan Foundation*, *Let's Green Darjeeling*, and the dedicated *Lower Aloobari Primary School*.

The culmination of this partnership materialized on the 4th of April 2023, with the inauguration of a computer center at Lower Aloobari Primary School. The ceremony, led by the esteemed Chairman of the District Primary School Board, Shri Bijay Rai, was a testament to the collective commitment towards fostering digital education. The event was a symphony of hope, resonating with the promise to close the digital gap and make technology education accessible to all.

Within the walls of Lower Aloobari Primary School, the impact of this endeavour has been profound. Currently, 29 students from the primary division and 10 students from Madhyamic Siksha Kendra are actively participating in computer classes. Recognizing the importance of balancing traditional curriculum demands, the school authorities have allocated one session per day to each class. Though progress has been deliberate, the students are steadily advancing, laying a solid foundation for future educational endeavours.

In our pursuit of excellence, we organized a donor visit on the 1st of August 2023, graced by the presence of the remarkable Miss Kakoli Chowdhury. Her unwavering commitment to education has been the driving force behind a positive revolution in our classrooms. During the visit, Miss Chowdhury witnessed the tangible impact of her generosity as students enthusiastically engaged in interactive computer-based lessons.



Donor visit

One of the most heartening aspects of the visit was the genuine connection forged between Miss Chowdhury and the students. Her sincere interest in their aspirations and dreams left an indelible mark on everyone present. It was evident that the Chowdhury family firmly believes in the potential of each child and is dedicated to supporting them on their educational journey.

As we approach the new session in 2024, we are committed to intensifying our efforts. Collaborating closely with the school authorities, we aim to enhance the pace of the computer literacy program and introduce engaging events to enrich the learning experience. The journey towards educational empowerment continues, and with the steadfast support of Let's Green Darjeeling, we are confident that this partnership will pave the way for a brighter, digitally inclusive future for the students of Lower Aloobari Primary School. Together, we are sowing the seeds of knowledge, nurturing the aspirations of young minds, and cultivating a legacy of learning.





ANNEXURE

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Location: Darjeeling Muslim Welfare Society

Donor: Inner Wheel Club of Darjeeling

The year commenced with the successful inauguration of the Community Computer Learning Center at the premises of Darjeeling Muslim Welfare Society on 3rd September 2023. This achievement stands as a testament to our shared commitment to community enhancement and digital literacy.

Over the past year, the learning center has provided a total of 966 hours of training. This impressive commitment signifies the dedication of our team and the enthusiasm of the learners. The diverse curriculum covered essential digital skills, empowering participants with the tools they need to thrive in today's technologically driven world.

Throughout the reporting period, the learning center has had the privilege of engaging with a cohort of 14 students. Each individual underwent personalized training, designed to equip them with essential computer knowledge and skills, fostering confidence in navigating the digital landscape.

The tailored curriculum ensured that students completed Module 1, focusing on the fundamentals of MS Paint. In the upcoming year, they are poised to delve deeper into their educational journey. The curriculum will extend to cover Writer, Calc, and Impress of the Open Office Suite, paving the way for progressive learning. As part of their growth trajectory, students will advance to migration tutorials, mastering MS Word, MS Excel, and MS PowerPoint.

Your generous support has played a pivotal role in the operational success of the learning center. The synergy between Garul and Chandrawati Dewan Foundation and the Inner Wheel Club of Darjeeling has enabled us to make significant strides in our mission to bridge the digital divide.

We express our deepest gratitude to the Inner Wheel Club of Darjeeling for your continued partnership and support. Your commitment to community welfare and digital literacy has been instrumental in making our shared vision a reality. As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, we look forward to the future with optimism and a renewed sense of purpose. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.





Annual Report 2023: Empowering Minds at Hayden Hall Computer Centre

In the dynamic landscape of Hayden Hall, the year 2023 marked a significant chapter in the journey of our computer center. Embarking on a mission to empower individuals with digital skills, our center has become a hub for learning and growth.

Throughout 2023, the computer center at Hayden Hall had several significant events and achievements. The year started with the opening of center in Hayden Hall on May 2, 2023. Later, on August 18, 2023, a ceremony was held to distribute certificates to 88 hard-working students who had earned them.

Under Phase 3 of our Project (SOAR), 8 students pursued professional certifications in cutting-edge fields such as Digital Marketing, Cyber Security, Graphic Design, and Data Analysis. One of our students completed her training, and we were able to secure a 4-month internship for her with Trade India. This exemplifies the real-world impact of our programs.

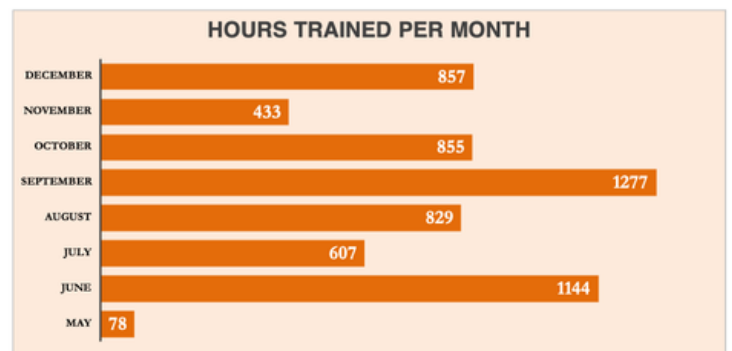
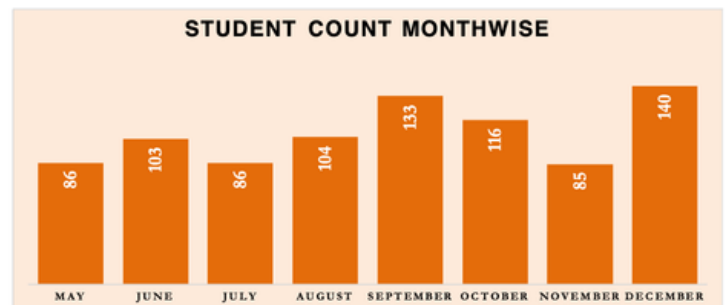
In December, we hosted a 2D Animation Bootcamp, where 30 students acquired new skills in the field of animation, nurturing both their technical and artistic abilities.

Throughout the year, 177 students chose Hayden Hall as their destination for computer skills development. From May to December, we conducted 6080 hours of comprehensive training, providing valuable learning experiences for our students.

As we reflect on the milestones of 2023, we look forward to the future with a sense of purpose and commitment. The success stories of our students, the partnerships forged, and the community built at Hayden Hall inspire us to continue our mission of empowering minds and transforming lives through digital education.

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