



# GIFT-A-SMILE

20<sup>th</sup> January 2018

*A service initiative to provide quality education to the underprivileged children*

# Presence in India

- ▶ Presence in 20 states
- ▶ 435 free schools (including slum, tribal and rural schools) in 1300+ villages
- ▶ 58,904 students



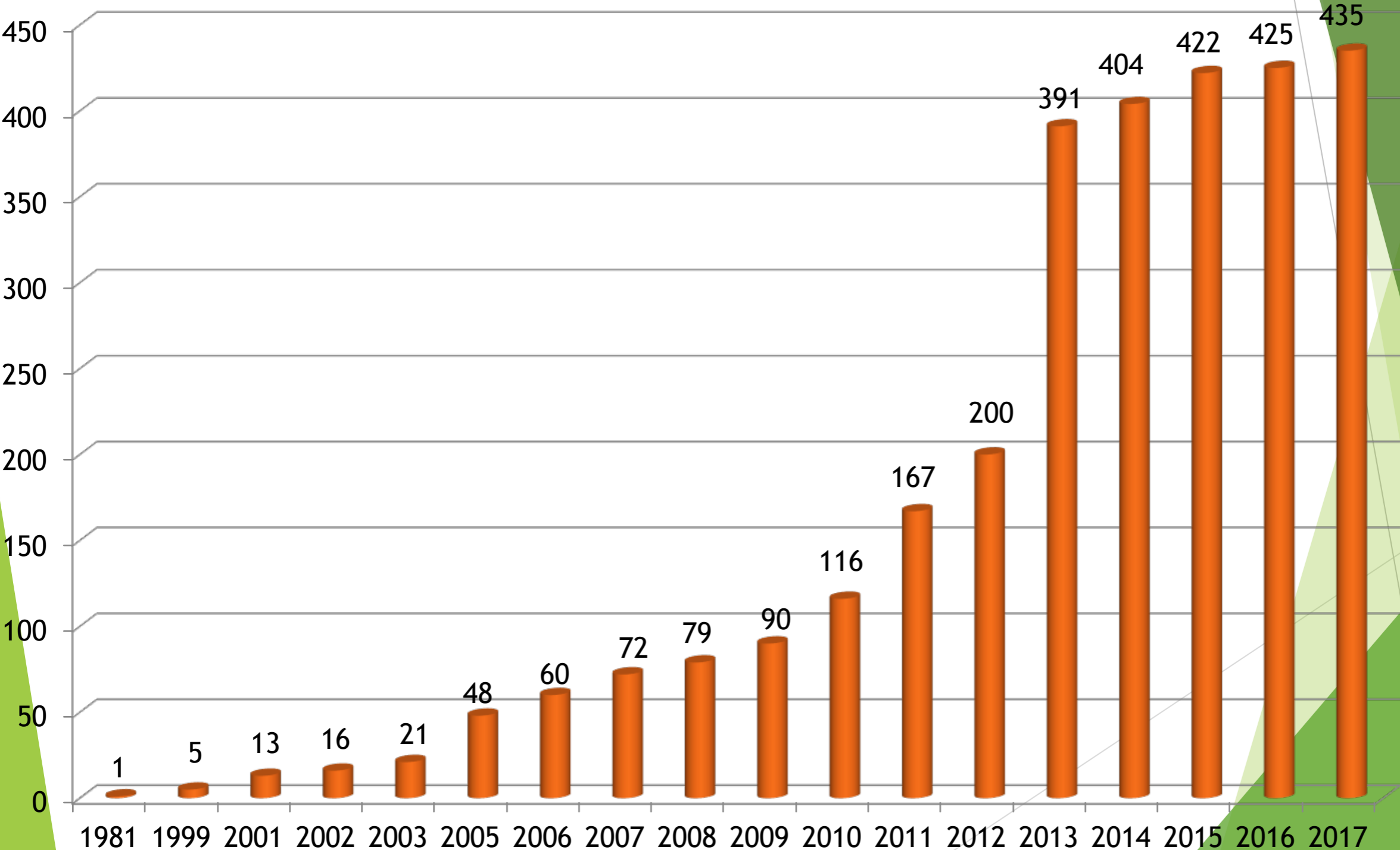
# Project cares..

- ▶ Free transportation
- ▶ Free medical checkups
- ▶ Safe and well ventilated classrooms
- ▶ Festival celebrations in school
- ▶ Free uniforms, bags, books and midday meals



# Gift a Smile Free Schools

► Growth Chart for Schools



# Dharavi & Other School Video

- ▶ Dharavi slum school, Mumbai is located in one of the largest slums of India.
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9c7qavSFG-A>
- ▶ “The students actually reach there earlier than us, in their uniforms, and the excited looks on their faces when they see us is so heart warming”.  
  
-- Sreedhara Dudhane, Volunteer and Housewife
- ▶ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=169&v=TCOY-IAt5X0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=169&v=TCOY-IAt5X0)

# HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES - 2017



# Excellence by Students in Sports

- Bangalore School team wins Inter-school Football championship
- Sankra, Chhattisgarh school win interschool event in scouts, culture and 200 m race

## International Day of Yoga

- ▶ More than 20,000 students participated in this year's International Day of Yoga



## Teacher Training

- 341 teachers across 10 states trained in holistic teaching
- Rural Happiness program for all new teachers and Advanced programs for other teachers across many states

# Building Infrastructure

- ▶ Completion of Construction of 2 schools in Maharashtra and commencement of construction of 5 more schools in Maharashtra, West Bengal and Odisha
- ▶ Bore-well in Kerala school
- ▶ Water tank and water connections in Barwatoli, Jharkhand
- ▶ Science Lab in Bangalore and Computer Labs in Bangalore and Guntur, AP Schools
- ▶ Collaboration with Food4Thought Foundation in 19 States for Libraries



## Community Development

- Advanced meditation program for parents in Jharkhand
- Community gets together to rebuild school in Rajghat, Assam after storm

# Challenges

- Construction and repairs of many more schools required
- Transportation for students so that more children can join our schools
- Low teacher salaries make it difficult to obtain teachers for new schools/classes
- Teaching aids for maximum schools not available

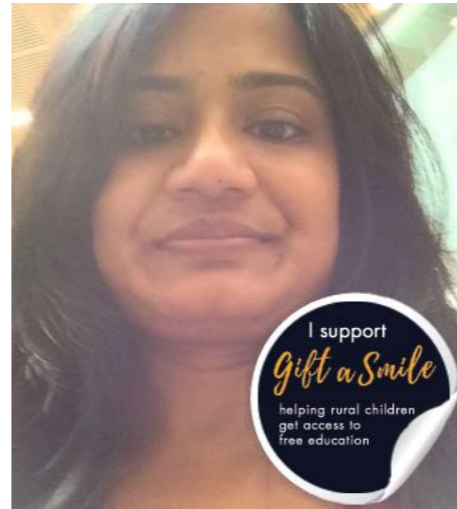
# We appreciate team support



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# Come.. get involved

- ▶ Direct debit of £1 a day or £10 a month.
- ▶ Send updates via newsletters to donors (3-4 hours a month)
- ▶ Join as a Project Manager for Gift a Smile (4-5 hours a month, create regional coordinators to organise fundraising events)
- ▶ Provide ideas and plan a community based fundraising activity (Team and Support will be provided. 1-2 hours a week)
- ▶ Participate in the annual IAHV British 10K Run and raise funds for 'Gift a Smile' - Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018



School Computer Lab



Cultural program





Art excel - holistic teachings



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