



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
GANGA VALLEY EDUCATIONAL TRUST



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Is the Ganga Valley Educational Trust (GVET) a registered body with due certifications?

Ganga Valley Educational Trust is a duly Registered Public charitable trust in the state of Uttarakhand. GVET is certified with 12A and 80G certificates under Income Tax provisions.

In addition, it is also registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to receive donations under CSR.

What does GVET primarily do?

GVET operates a school called Happy By Nature.

Where is the Happy By Nature School located?

The school is located in a remote village named Bhakra, Near Devidhar, Dunda. Dunda is a small town on the road from Dehradun to Gangotri. The nearest city is Uttarkashi, about 20 kms away, which is also the District Headquarter. The school is 125 kms (5 hours by road) from Dehradun City and 150 kms (6 hours by road) from Jolly Grant Airport.

The school is located at: <https://goo.gl/maps/xfbJqsoGmt53HVx6>

Who are the beneficiaries of the school?

Happy By Nature School provides education to children from underprivileged families living in the remote villages near Devidhar. Approx 70 children, both boys and girls from nearby villages are enrolled in the school from Class Prep to 8th.

What are the benefits enjoyed by your beneficiaries?

The beneficiaries enjoy the benefit of an efficiently managed, privately operated, affordable school. They have access to good quality education using the latest technologies and other co-curricular activities. The children study in a safe, secure environment. These facilities are available to children at a very nominal fee.

What are GVET's sources of income?

The Trust operates mostly on the strength of donations we receive from various benefactors through the Vidya-Daan campaign. We are in the process of reaching out to foundations, organizations, and corporates as well.

Are your children required to make payments/fees?

Yes, the children pay a very nominal fee to the school. A large part of the academic expenses are borne by the Trust.

What is the procedure followed to admit a student?

We admit children from nearby villages based on an age-appropriate assessment test.

What are the common professions of the guardians /parents?

Most children come from families where the parents / guardians are engaged in farming, running small shops or in jobs like masonry and other skilled labor work. Some are teachers and contractors.

Does the school allow fee waivers to the beneficiaries?

Yes, while we insist on full and timely payment of the fee, no child is ever denied education for not failing to do so. There is also a provision to enroll children under RTE. Additionally, there are generous sibling discounts.

Are you eligible to receive donations from foreign nationals?

Yes, GVET is approved to receive foreign funding under the FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, under the Income Tax provisions by the Government of India.

As an Indian national. what tax benefits are applicable, if I were to donate to your cause?

For every rupee donated to GVET, a certificate under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act is issued, which entitle you to a 50% tax exemption.

I am living in another country overseas. How should I go about donating?

Indian Passport holders are considered Indian national. You can donate to us and avail the tax benefits. Such donations must be from an Indian Bank account.

For non-Indian citizens, donations must be made to our FCRA Account. You are subject to the tax laws of the country you reside in. You can write to us for our banking credentials.

Does the school impart spiritual education?

Yes, we strongly believe in rooting our educational philosophy in the Indian value systems. Therefore, spiritual awareness is an integral part of our curriculum.

Is GVET affiliated with any religion or religious organization?

We have no affiliation with any religion or religious organization.