



PROJECT REPORT

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BACKGROUND

Children from under privileged background studying in BMC schools are not provided certain skills, essential for their future. To brighten and secure their tomorrow, Bhavishya Yaan (BY) – as the name suggests, the “vehicle” to take them to a better future – programme was conceptualised. It was first identified as to what was lacking in BMC Schools. With the medium of instruction being in vernacular language, the children faced serious challenges after completing schooling as, after SSC, pretty much all the subjects are taught in English. Also, importantly, from a protected school environment, they are suddenly put into a situation where they have to interact with children from various social strata, with most, having much better language proficiency. Furthermore, the children had no exposure to technology. In today’s world where computers, tablets and mobile phones are common, the children faced a serious handicap. Coming from humble background, with parents typically working as vendors, BMC sweepers, drivers, peons, house help and other such jobs, the parents themselves lacked the much required life skills. Also, the BMC schools do not have any classes on life skills. Importantly, over the years, after BY was launched, there are many other NGO’s such as Nanhi Kali, Salaam Bombay, Save the Children etc who are in the school. They too are looking for the same time slots. This necessitates BY to not only be up to date but more importantly, ensure that the outcome of the programme speaks for itself.



OBJECTIVES

What we aim to achieve, post SSC:

- Be better equipped for pursuing further education
- Being aware of the wider opportunities in today's world
- Get better employment
- Reducing school drop outs

WHY POST SSC

BY is a gradual process and the results visible in the long term. The various skills imparted takes time to be effective. Language, especially, is not easy to learn, more so given the background of these children. They speak in their mother tongue at home and with friends. Teachers too only communicate with them in the vernacular language, which is also the medium of education. It has been observed that as younger children have less inhibitions, they try and speak in English. As they become older, they become more aware of the environment, feel shy and hesitate to converse in English.



PROCESS

Therefore, English, computers and life skills were identified as the skills to be imparted to the BMC children. Bhavishya Yaan (BY) then retained two NGO's – **Vidya** for teaching English & Life skills and **Infotroope** for computer skills.

In addition to these, mentoring, counselling, workshops and outings are also part of BY. Over a period of time six BMC schools were identified and gradually, children right from the first standard were taught English, computers from the third standard and life skills from the fifth onwards.

BY is allowed to engage with the children either before their BMC school starts or after their school classes are over. Unlike the regular school sessions, the BY sessions are only for three hours. Within those three hours, English, computers as well as life skills have to be taught.

There are three English teachers: one teaches standards 1 to 4, another teaches 5th to 7th, and the third teaches the remaining three classes. There may be minor differences from school to school. Therefore, the teaching time is spread across first to tenth standards. For computer classes, there are two teachers for standards third to tenth. Additionally, due to time constraints, life skills are taught once a week.

A very important point to note is that the programme is entirely voluntary and following as per the rules and regulations of the government and BMC is very clear that children are not to be forced to attend the BY sessions.

PROJECT VISION: Empower our students with Future Readiness



Finishing School: Preparing Students for the Next Step

For the past few years, about 150 students graduate from schools under the Bhavishya-Yaan program. In fact about 500 students in the last 4 years have become part of the Alumni pool.

To support them in their transition beyond SSC, we have introduced the Finishing School program. This initiative helps alumni with career counseling, goal setting, and understanding the college environment, equipping them with the tools needed to navigate the next stage of their academic and professional journey.

MEDIA COVERAGE



Monthly meet-ups further strengthens this support system.

On selected Saturdays, alumni participate in sessions focused on grooming, presentation skills, confidence-building, networking, and problem-solving—critical aspects that shape their personal and professional growth.

Scholarships: Breaking Financial Barriers

Recognizing the financial challenges that many of our alumni face, Bhavishya-Yaan provides scholarships to deserving students.

- For general courses, students securing at least 60% in their academics receive financial aid covering book fees and admission costs.
- For professional courses such as engineering, MBA, Medicine, MSc, MCom etc continued support is provided throughout their academic journey as student continue to excel in studies, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder their pursuit of excellence.

Internships: Real-World Exposure

Understanding the importance of industry exposure, we facilitate internships for alumni who have completed 18 years of age.

These internships offer :

- Practical insights into work environments, helping them develop professionalism,
- Adaptability,
- Strong work ethic.
- Time management
- Learning additional skill set

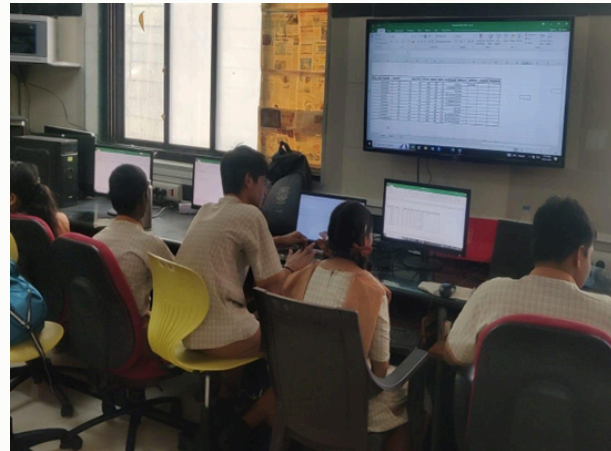
By the time they enter the workforce, they are well-equipped to thrive in corporate, technical, and entrepreneurial roles.

Branding: Branding opportunities are offered at the Bhavishya Yaan center, with every classroom being sponsored by a donor.

ENHANCING FUTURE SKILLS WITH SPEEDLABS

The Rotary Club of Bombay has partnered with Speedlab, India's fastest-growing hybrid education company.

We are exploring a new format with SpEedlabs to enhance computer skills, incorporating AI, robotics, and other advanced technologies in addition to providing basic computer training. Several BY kids were selected to attend a Robotics camp in Mumbai alongside students from various schools in the city.



IMPLEMENTATION

Exploring MS Office and MS Paint

Mastered Basic Document Creation: Learned to create and format simple documents in MS Word.

Gained Presentation Skills: Designed presentation slides in PowerPoint and applied transition effects to enhance visuals.

Explored Spreadsheet Functions: Created tables and used basic math functions in Excel to prepare report cards and invoices.

Enhanced Creativity: Developed drawings and artwork using MS Paint, expressing their artistic ideas digitally.

Developed Digital Literacy: Acquired foundational skills in using essential MS Office tools for academic and real-world applications.

Learning to code using Scratch

Explored Motion Blocks: Learned to move sprites in different directions and control their speed.

Discovered Looks Blocks: Changed sprite costumes, colors, and added visual effects to enhance animations.

Understood Control Blocks: Used loops, wait commands, and conditional statements to add interactivity.

Created Basic Animations: Designed simple projects with moving characters and visual changes.

Developed Logical Thinking: Understood how to sequence blocks to create functional programs.

Exploring AI and ML

Created Audio Models: Trained models to recognize and classify sounds using audio samples.

Built Object Detection Models: Used images to train models for identifying specific objects in real-time.

Developed Pose Detection Models: Trained models to detect and classify human poses or movements.

Applied AI Concepts: Gained hands-on experience with machine learning by training and testing their own models.

Understood Data and Training: Learned the importance of data collection, labeling, and its impact on model accuracy.

Explored Real-World Applications: Discovered how AI can be used in sound recognition, object tracking, and motion detection.

Assembling & Coding of Robots

Built an RC Car: Developed hands-on engineering skills by assembling a remote-controlled car using robotics kits.

Learned Basic Programming: Wrote block-based code to control the car's movements, including forward, backward, and turning.

Programmed Complex Tasks: Created a program to make the RC car trace a square path, enhancing logical thinking and sequencing skills.

Integrated Sensors in Robotics: Used an ultrasonic sensor to detect obstacles and programmed the car to stop automatically.

Applied Problem-Solving Skills: Designed and tested solutions for real-world challenges like obstacle detection and navigation.

- The NMJ School is setting up an AI lab in collaboration with SP Jain, who has generously committed to donating 38 tablets for the project this year.

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTION

Vakils and other IT companies volunteered for the Employee Volunteers Contribution program.

- Students worked in teams to present their robotics projects effectively to the volunteers.
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- Students showcased their robotics assembly and coding to the volunteers.

How these visits helped students:

- Taught student HTML and basics of coding.
- Provided opportunity for the students to participate in company's training sessions for future learnings.

- Hands-on Learning: Students practiced MS Office applications like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint on computers, improving their typing and formatting skills.
- Real-World Application: They learned to create tables, charts, and presentations, helping them understand how to use these tools for school projects and daily tasks.

How these visits helped students:

- Shared their experiences and career insights, encouraging students to refine their skills for future opportunities.
- Students interacted with professionals and got exposure to real-life applications of various projects.

Likewise an **employee engagement program** has been put in place for BY to encourage employees to be more involved and motivated in their work. This program aims to improve communication, increase collaboration, and foster a positive work environment.

Internship Program for BY Alumni: A Pathway to Success

Our internship program is designed to provide BY alumni students with hands-on experience in a real-world work environment. Whether you are interested in honing your skills in IT, gaining insights into the manufacturing process, diving into the world of chartered accountancy, or developing your training abilities, our program has something for everyone.

Benefits of Participating in our Internship Program

Real-World Experience: Our internship program allows BY alumni students to apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical setting, giving them a deeper understanding of their chosen field.

Networking Opportunities: Through our program, students have the chance to network with professionals in their industry, potentially opening doors for future career opportunities.

Skill Development: Interns have the opportunity to develop and enhance their skills, making them more marketable to potential employers.

Mentorship: Our program provides interns with mentorship from experienced professionals, guiding them through their internship experience and beyond.

Success Stories from BY Alumni

Many of our BY alumni participants have gone on to secure full-time positions at the companies where they completed their internships. Their success stories serve as a testament to the effectiveness of our internship program in preparing students for the workforce.



The impact of ~~Bridge Year~~ (BY) is evident after students complete SSC, as many are pursuing further studies. In college, students communicate in English, showing improvement over time despite being out of their comfort zone.

This exposure has made students aspirational, with dreams of excelling in life beyond their parents' achievements. It is worth noting that, like in any school, there will be a small group of high achievers, a majority of average students, and some who perform at a lower level.

Some bright children have pursued careers in engineering and IT, finding employment in companies like Infosys and L&T Infotech.

Others have found opportunities in industries such as pharmaceuticals, hospitality, entertainment, and retail. Some have chosen to become teachers or work in sports and entertainment.

Those who are still exploring their options are developing vocational skills by attending institutions like ITIs. Overall, these children are utilizing their talents and passions to carve out successful careers in a variety of fields.

Building Careers, Creating Impact

Today, Bhavishya-Yaan alumni are making a mark across various industries, working as IT & Electrical Engineers, Analysts, Teachers, Technicians, Financial Adviser, HR professionals, Designer, Pharmacist, Hospitality Executive, Bankers, Marketing Executive, Yoga Coach Sports Coach, and more.

They have secured positions in leading companies such as, LTI Mindtree, Infosys, KPMG, Reliance, Yes Bank, Kotak Bank, Indian Hotels, JLL Property managers, Thomas Cook Cinematographer, SEBI, SBI, ~~ST~~, etc.

More importantly, many of them return to their alma mater to give back—teaching subjects, coaching in yoga and sports, and mentoring the next generation of students. This cycle of learning, growth, and contribution ensures that the impact of Bhavishya-Yaan continues to multiply.

~~Last year~~ in 2024 we provided internships to 11 students. This year in 2025 - internships to 5 students (of this one has been converted to a job) and jobs to 3 students

IMPACT



Student attendance and Expense

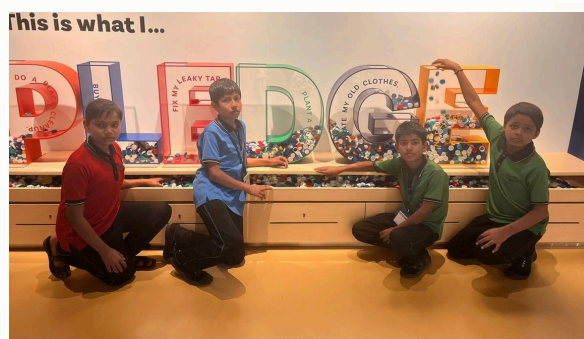
Bhavishya-yaan (English class)
 School wise enrolment 2019 to 2025
 (Managed by: Vidya Foundation)

Year-wise student enrollment count for English class

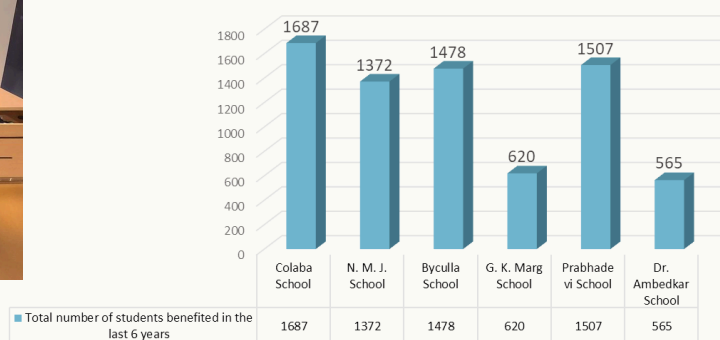
Sr. No.	School Name	Year					
		2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
1	Colaba School	514	163	144	Temporary closed	470	396
2	N. M. J. School	247	74	257	257	267	270
3	Byculla School	304	80	80	368	203	443
4	G. K. Marg School	140	70	80	Temporary closed	157	173
5	Prabhadevi School	172	216	265	298	280	276
6	Dr. Ambedkar School	152	53	75	135	150	Closed down

Year	Student Count
2019-2020	1529
2020-2021	656
2021-2022	901
2022-2023	1058
2023-2024	1527
2024-2025	1558

Note: Colaba School was temporarily closed due to reconstruction of existing structure. There was no room in the new schools they moved to. Dr. Ambedkar School closed down due to re-development of BBD Chawl.



Total number of students benefited in the last 6 years for English Class by Vidya



Bhavishya-yaan (Computer class)
 School wise enrolment 2019 to 2025
 (Managed by: Info Tutors)

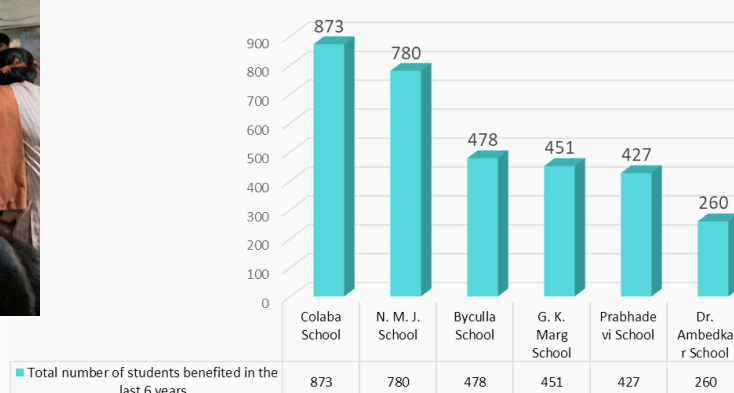
Year-wise student enrollment count for Computer Class

Sr. No.	School Name	Year					
		2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
1	Colaba School	208	Pandemic (Lockdown)		289	147	229
2	N. M. J. School	258		206	125	191	
3	Byculla School	142		127	88	121	
4	G. K. Marg School	114		130	78	129	
5	Prabhadevi School	131		198	98	NA	
6	Dr. Ambedkar School	82		110	68	Closed	

Year	Student Count
2019-2020	935
2020-2021	Closed
2021-2022	Closed
2022-2023	1060
2023-2024	604
2024-2025	670



Total number of students benefited in the last 6 years



BY Expense Overview

for RY 2023-24 and 2024-25

Bhavishya Yaan All 6 School Expenses from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 (RY: 2023-24)

Particulars	Worli Sch	Byculla Sch	Colaba Sch	G.K. Marg Sch	N M Joshi Sch	Prabhadevi Sch	Total
Vidya Integraetd Develop for Y & A	1,443,773	1,093,484	1,378,676	1,343,094	1,103,025	1,065,635	5,983,914
Computer Coaching	550,542	600,523	600,000	550,000	600,000	600,000	2,950,523
Nutrition Exp	200,702	70,260	83,415	179,465	102,021	232,880	668,041
Total (A)	2,195,017	1,764,267	2,062,091	2,072,559	1,805,046	1,898,515	9,602,478
AMC	50,622	37,996	34,869	51,448	37,996	37,996	200,305
Art & Dance	-	-	-	14,060	-	-	14,060
Function Expenses	13,418	-	-	-	3,652	-	3,652
Gifts & Presentation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc Un Forseen Exp	-	50,750	2,580	-	-	-	53,330
Internet Charges	-	-	1,920	1,920	-	-	3,840
Printing & Stat	7,425	2,970	27,333	10,263	15,685	6,008	62,258
Rep Maint & General Exp	96,261	50,414	50,924	29,874	38,904	13,794	183,910
Travel & Conveyance	12,300	27,240	18,385	18,300	25,160	12,000	101,085
Snacks on Event	-	-	12,000	-	-	-	12,000
Total (B)	180,026	169,370	148,011	125,865	121,397	69,798	622,440
BY Capital Expenditure	-	-	19,989	-	-	-	19,989
Event expense (All Sch.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	363,700
Total (C)	-	-	19,989	-	-	-	383,689
Gross Total (A+B+C)	2,375,043	1,933,637	2,230,091	2,198,424	1,926,443	1,968,313	10,608,607

Bhavishya Yaan All 5 School Expenses from 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025 (RY: 2024-25)

Particulars	Expenses					Total
	Byculla Sch	G.K. Marg Sch	N M Joshi Sch	Prabhadevi Sch	Colaba Sch	
Vidya Integraetd Develop for Y & A	914,537	1,016,581	873,202	996,090	926,197	4,726,607
Computer Coaching	630,000	315,000	630,000	660,000	472,500	2,707,500
Nutrition Exp	51,485	161,410	111,091	159,475	-	483,461
Total (A)	1,596,022	1,492,991	1,614,293	1,815,565	1,398,697	7,917,568
AMC	44,545	41,300	56,935	37,382	-	180,162
Art & Dance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Function Expenses	2,990	-	146,924	-	-	149,914
Gifts & Presentation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc Un Forseen Exp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internet Charges	-	12,980	-	-	-	12,980
Printing & Stat	11,149	-	6,059	6,018	1,140	24,366
Rep Maint & General Exp	14,957	17,823	6,844	19,671	-	59,295
Travel & Conveyance	24,800	13,008	13,240	12,000	-	63,048
Snacks on Event	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total (B)	98,441	85,111	230,002	75,071	1,140	489,765
BY Capital Expenditure	-	-	12,050	-	-	90,378
Bhavishya Yaan Project (All Sch.)	-	-	-	-	-	899,904
Total (C)	-	-	12,050	-	-	990,282
Gross Total (A+B+C)	1,694,463	1,578,102	1,856,345	1,890,636	1,399,837	9,397,615

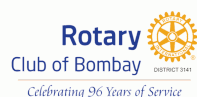
Gratitude

At the core of every successful community initiative is a sense of gratitude and appreciation for those who support and uplift others. The generous donation to the Bhavishya Yaan Project serves as a reminder of the power of giving and its ability to bring about positive change. By expressing our sincere thanks to you, we not only acknowledge your generosity, but also hope to inspire others to follow your example and make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

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