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DBM Codeavour 6.0 International



DBM India successfully participated in the Codeavour 6.0 International event, where students from our Udaan program at both centers participated with great enthusiasm.

The event featured two tracks in which Udaan students collaborated in groups to develop innovative models aimed at creating a better future. Projects included the Smart Plant Watering System, Smart Waste Bin, and Trash Master 2, among others. The students had to use their knowledge of what they have learned at the **DBM Tinkering Lab** and showcase their coding skills by designing models to make our environment safer and more sustainable.

This inspiring event was attended by distinguished guests, including Mr. Devendra Singh Varma (MAFFFL), Ms. Leena Srivastava, Mr. Girish Saive, Mr Ronak Jogeshwar, as well as parents and principals from various schools in M-Ward.



The esteemed judging panel consisted of Mr. Inderjeet Singh Matta, CEO IMFS, Ms. Lekha Bajpai, CTO, Aspire for Her and Mr. Raosan Singh, TISS, who commended the students for their outstanding presentations.



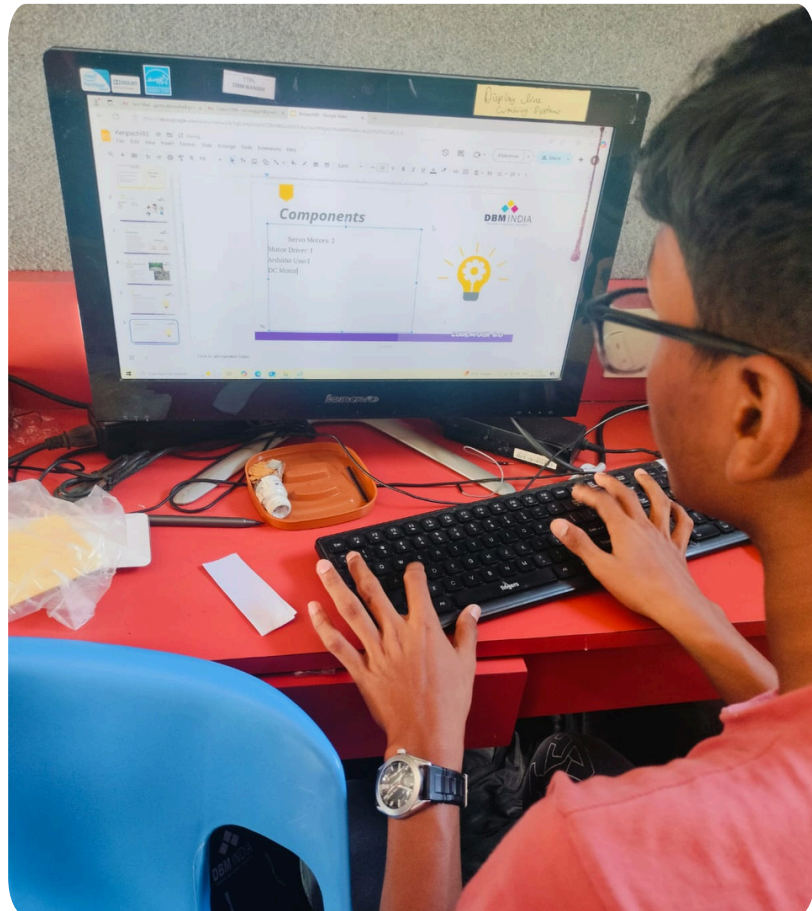
Our Udaan students exceeded expectations by showcasing their models with exceptional creativity and dedication, making the event a resounding success. The Judges selected the 3 best teams to go for Nationals, one each from class 9, 10 and 11, while the runners up in each category were given certificates and prizes.



Behind the scenes- Udaan Students preparing for the CODEAVOUR 6.0 International Event



DBM India's Udaan students actively prepared for the prestigious Codevaur Event by creating innovative models that address real-world problems. Their preparation involved brainstorming ideas for a better tomorrow, conducting research, and developing prototypes. Each student or group was asked to come up with ideas and it was amazing to see them researching on youtube etc, to come up with innovative ideas to solve the pressing problems of the community around them. These ideas were then vetted by DBM Udaan mentors for viability and practicality. They then proceeded to make the models.



With the guidance from experienced mentors, the students focused on technical skills, design thinking, and presentation techniques.



Ration Distribution- Supported by Jewelex

Despite the remarkable growth in the Indian economy, there are certain sections of society to whom the benefits of this growth have not reached. They are still struggling to make both ends meet. These vulnerable sections of the society become more hard pressed if the breadwinner of the family either becomes ill or dies, in both cases the family that is left behind is totally crippled economically.

DBM has been working on the overall development of the M East Ward. This area has a maximum number of such people/ families who are living in dire need. So we were pleasantly surprised when one of our very compassionate and consistent donor partner - Mr. Piyush Bhai Kothari and Mr. Hoshang bhai Irani from Jewelex India Pvt. Ltd. (JIPL) approached us to help identify such vulnerable families so that they can be supported with ration kits so that they at least have two square meals a day.

DBM due to its vast network of connections in the M East ward was able to soon identify 100 such needy families. With the support of JIPL, we are now committed to provide monthly Ration Kits containing essential staples like rice, wheat flour, ghee, salt, sugar and other basic necessities, to them.

The inaugural event saw the presence of Mr. Pyush Kothari and Mr. Hoshang Irani, who joined DBM in making this meaningful contribution. This distribution will continue on a monthly basis to ensure ongoing support for these families.



M-Power Achievers

Ever since the M Power Library and Study Centre has come up in Deonar, It has given a big boost to higher education on that entire M ward. Hardly 4.5% of youth go for higher education in this ward which is way below the Mumbai average. Further all other NGOs are focussed on school education and this DBM center run in collaboration with TISS is the only center which helps the youth of M ward for higher studies beyond 11 and even for all competitive exams.

From 2017, when it was started, the center has enabled many of the needy but bright slum youth to achieve their dream careers. With regularity, every year some 15-20 youth get into prestigious jobs like MPSC allied, engineering, banks or complete their degrees like engineering etc. Last year we had the distinction of one of our students qualifying for Indian Engineering Service (IES), the first ever to clear a UPSC exam in the entire M ward. This year, in another first, one of our girl students has cleared her CA exams, becoming the first ever CA from The M ward!

We are proud of their achievements and thank our DBM team members who have helped and guided these students at the Study Center. Credit also goes to our donors- **Vashi Parivar Foundation**, who have consistently supported us in our endeavor to help the students of M ward to dream big and achieve it!!

Achievers of the Month

The M-Power Library cum Study Centre



thus proudly celebrates the incredible success of four achievers who have reached remarkable milestones in their academic and professional journeys in December- January 2024

- **Satyam Tiwari** - Cleared the prestigious RBI Exam.
- **Diksha Poojari** - Achieved the esteemed title of Chartered Accountant.
- **Saurabh Yamgar** - Successfully completed his Bachelor of Engineering.
- **Sohel Ansari** - Earned the globally recognized Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) certification.

Their achievements are a testament to their hard work and dedication, and DBM India is honored to have been a part of their journey. These students have expressed heartfelt gratitude to the DBM and its staff for the unwavering support and resources that helped them achieve their dreams.

Congratulations to our stars!

Pune Centre Update

PUNE CENTRE SHIFTS TO A NEW PLACE

Last month we shifted our Pune DBM Centre to a more spacious, accessible and central location. The initial response from the interested students has been very heartwarming.

The Pune DBM is led by our indefatigable **Col. Alexander** and **Maj. Bevli**. Both are highly committed to benefit as many underserved women as possible. Both had a long and distinguished career first in the Army and then in corporate life and are now devoting their golden years in social service.

Their long experience, dedication and commitment is evident in the quality vocational training that the Pune DBM is providing to the beneficiaries. Two of our recent beautician course students from Pune, are working with Urban Company and earning around 50,000/- pm. (see their stories below).

We are hopeful that under their able leadership, DBM will benefit more and more youth, especially women in the new year!



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