

Empower Library & Study Centre – A Haven for Young Minds

DBM India, in collaboration with Vashi Parivaar Foundation, inaugurated its new Empower Library cum Study Centre in Deonar. This facility not only marks our shift to a new location but also symbolizes our commitment to creating better opportunities for the community.



The inauguration was graced by our Chief Guest, Shri Jayant Lapsia. The event was also attended by Mr. Madan Dodeja, Ms. Shweta Dodeja, Shrichand Dodeja and other members of the Vashi Parivaar Foundation, as well as Mr. Paramjeet Singh, Ms. Farheen Peshimam, and members of the DBM family together celebrating a new chapter for the Centre.



The library is thoughtfully equipped with a wide range of course and exam-related books, along with computers and digital access for students who may not have such resources at home.

By providing a quiet and supportive environment, the centre empowers learners to prepare for competitive exams and academic milestones that can shape their future.



Adding warmth to the occasion, local youth participated in the inauguration, embracing this valuable space that now belongs to them. With access to books, study material, and a calm environment, they carry with them the promise of pursuing their dreams and building a brighter tomorrow.

This marks yet another step in DBM India's journey of expanding its reach to nurture and guide the underprivileged youth. By creating access to knowledge, resources, and a supportive environment, we aim to empower young minds and work towards a brighter, self-reliant future.

The Udaan Chapter...

Learning in Action: A Month of Discovery

This month, students engaged in hands-on activities, collaborative projects, and creative exercises—turning lessons into experiences that inspire curiosity and confidence.

• Group Projects & Research:

Deonar students explored Animal & Human Rights, staged a Moot Court on Jallikattu, and researched pollution issues with practical solutions. Bandra's Class 11-12 designed websites and e-commerce products, and also presented on the Mumbai Waste Management Crisis. Senior students at Deonar worked on Sustainable Business Ideas, proposing eco-friendly ventures like tote bags, coconut shell products, and organic fertilizers.

• Hands-on Science & Math:

From tinkering with electric motors to applying Fleming's Rule, exploring plant reproduction outdoors, and conducting Chemistry practicals on crystal defects and solid states—students connected theory to real life. Math came alive through activities like triangle role play, vector addition outdoors, and even a courtroom-style Tangent Theorem trial, making abstract concepts interactive and fun.

• Peer Teaching & Collaboration:

Students taught one another complex topics like binomial distribution, pair of straight lines, and similarity of triangles, building teamwork, confidence, and deeper understanding.

• Skill-Building & Awareness:

Career guidance sessions with mentors helped Class 12 students explore real opportunities. GK sessions on Mahatma Gandhi & Bhagat Singh, and debates on political parties encouraged awareness and critical thinking. A session on Demat Accounts & SIPs introduced students to financial literacy.

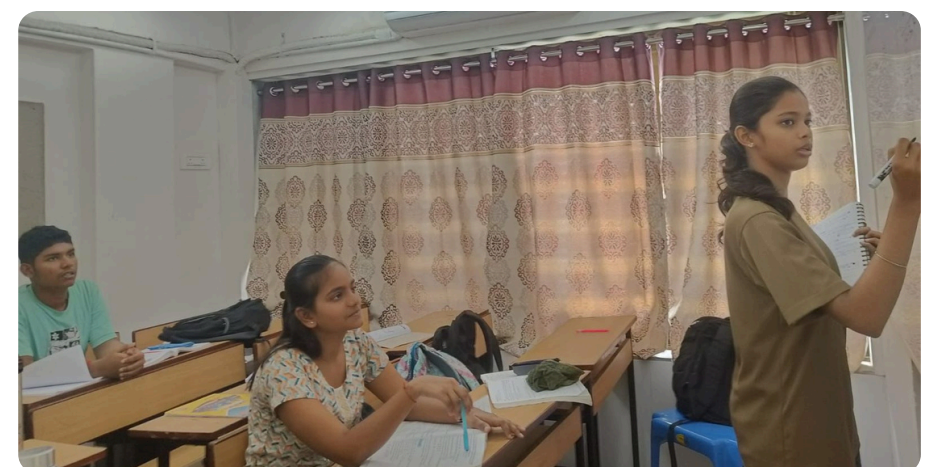
• Creative Expressions:

Advertisement-making on trade, book reading circles at both centres, and Vedic Maths workshops by volunteers all enhanced creativity, vocabulary, and problem-solving in engaging ways.

• Well-being & Reflection:

Students practiced meditation, engaged in newspaper discussions, and shared perspectives—shaping focus, empathy, and social awareness.

These activities showcase Udaan's commitment to experiential learning, where students don't just learn subjects—they live them, connect them to the world, and prepare for brighter futures.



Spotlight on Excellence



Celebrating Student Excellence – Rafiya Shines!

Rafiya our Udaan Student of Class XII (Commerce) has brought immense pride with her outstanding achievements:

- 2nd Prize – Storytelling Competition
- 2nd Prize – Handwriting Competition
- 3rd Prize – Speech Competition

Her remarkable accomplishments have also been featured in the newspaper, further recognizing her talent and dedication.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Rafiya and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

Proud Moments – Julekha & Riddhi Shine Internationally!

Julekha and Riddhi two of our Udaan Students were selected for the Gear Up Girls International Leadership Program and attended a 7-day camp at the Sangam World Centre, Pune. This prestigious centre is one of only five in the world, and out of numerous applicants, only 40 students were chosen—making it a proud moment for DBM India to have our students among them.

The camp was packed with enriching activities, where the students honed skills in leadership, teamwork, communication, project planning, emotional resilience, and explored Sustainable Development Goals. They also visited Soilsens to learn about eco-friendly initiatives. Mentors like Tuhina Banerjee-Khushi and Tamanna Sengupta guided the sessions, while songs, ice-breakers, and group activities made the experience fun and memorable.

This incredible opportunity helped Julekha and Riddhi build confidence, enhance their personalities, and grow as young leaders, ready to make a positive impact on their communities.



New Batch Inaugurations

Shaping Careers in Healthcare – GDA Batches Begin

DBM India, in collaboration with **Mumbai Aviation Fuel Farm Facility Pvt. Ltd. (MAFFFL)**, proudly inaugurated new GDA Batches at Khar and Trombay Centres, marking an exciting start for aspiring healthcare professionals.

At **Trombay**, Chief Guest **Mr. Satish Patankar**, CEO of MAFFFL, highlighted the importance of discipline and a fulfilling nursing career. **Mr. Devendra Singh Verma** guided students on balancing family and career. MAFFFL has been supporting various initiatives of DBM since the last few years and this year alone it has supported 200 women for the para nursing course. Mr. Patankar appreciated the efforts of DBM in empowering the underserved women.

At **Khar**, **Mr. Devendra Singh Verma**, Company Secretary from MAFFFL, inspired students on building a successful healthcare career, while Ms. Farheen Peshimam engaged them with activities on balancing personal life and work.

At both the centres, the senior GDA Batch students showcased hand-crafted projects on key healthcare topics, and presented projects on Skin, Brain Health, Bio-Medical Waste Management, and Hand Hygiene, with the Hand Hygiene project declared the winner. The alumni students shared real-life experiences to motivate the incoming batches.

Both inaugurations concluded with a strong emphasis on skill development, patient care, and career growth, inspiring students to pursue excellence in healthcare.



GDA Batch Send-Off at Trombay Centre

The Trombay Centre hosted a send-off ceremony for the GDA batch, marking a milestone as students begin their internship journey.

Ms. Sana Malik, MLA of Anushakti Nagar, inspired students to excel in nursing and congratulated those already placed in reputed hospitals and extended best wishes to the entire batch with “All the Best” cards. She has been very supportive of our efforts in skilling and placing the local women in jobs.

The GDA project exhibition recognized the project on Layers of Skin as Best Project, celebrating creativity and dedication. The day concluded on a proud note, honoring the hard work and achievements of the students.



Pune Centre Update



- **Spoken English Session – Effective Communication**

This month, students participated in a Spoken English session focused on Effective Communication. They practiced speaking confidently and articulately through discussions and interactive exercises, strengthening their verbal skills.

- **Extempore Exercise – My Best Friend**

Students took part in an extempore session on the topic “My Best Friend”. This activity encouraged quick thinking, self-expression, and improved their ability to speak confidently in front of a group.

- **Digital Learning Platform Session**

DBM India Pune students explored the Digital Learning Platform, gaining hands-on experience with online learning tools. This session helped them adapt to modern learning methods while enhancing their technical and digital literacy.

- **Orientation for New Admissions**

An orientation session was conducted for newly admitted students, including Combo Beautician and LCF courses. The session introduced students to the DBM India learning environment, programme structure, and opportunities, helping them feel welcomed and prepared for their journey ahead.



Awareness Session at Turbhe centre

Bullying Awareness Session – GDA Students

Recognizing the importance of addressing bullying, a focused session was conducted for our GDA students to raise awareness about this critical issue.

The session began by exploring commonly used slang and inappropriate words, helping students understand the definition of bullying and its three key characteristics: deliberate action, repeated behavior, and power imbalance.

Students also reflected on workplace bullying, broadening their perspective beyond the classroom, and shared personal experiences, discussing incidents they had witnessed or faced.



Alumna Inspires Future Nurses

Our proud alumna, **Ishita**, currently working as a **Nursing Assistant at Lilavati Hospital**, recently visited the GDA students at Trombay Centre to share her inspiring journey.

During the motivational session, she offered practical tips on cracking interviews, shared insights from her day-to-day experiences in the healthcare field, and encouraged students to remain dedicated, confident, and focused as they prepare for their own professional paths.

Her visit not only motivated the students but also gave them a real-life perspective on building a successful career in nursing.



Health Camp Sessions

A health camp was organized at Alfa English School, providing comprehensive health assessments for the students. Check-ups included height, weight, SpO₂ levels, oxygen saturation, body temperature, and blood pressure, offering a complete overview of each child’s well-being.

Our regular health camps in the non-aided schools of M.E. Ward are complementary to our Mid-Day Meal program and aim to identify malnourishment so that additional nutritional supplements can be provided in needy cases.

Such initiatives not only support regular health monitoring but also help students concentrate better in class and maintain good attendance, fostering a stronger, healthier, and more productive future for the community.



Bhiwandi Centre Update

DBM India and Vashi Parivaar Foundation (VPF), hosted a certificate distribution ceremony for students who successfully completed the latest batch of the Warehouse Associate Course at our Bhiwandi Centre. Alongside this, we proudly inaugurated the new batch of the Warehouse Associate Course, marking the beginning of another exciting learning journey.

The event was graced by Ms. Sweta Dodeja, Ms. Megha, and Mr. Girish from VPF. Together, we celebrated the students’ achievements and inspired the new batch to embark on their journey with enthusiasm, dedication, and confidence.

It was heartening to see that most of our students had got good placements in the nearby warehouses and other offices. We are extremely grateful to the VPF for providing this opportunity for the local youth.





Tech Mahindra Foundation Visits Trombay Centre

The Tech Mahindra Foundation's Ascent Project, led by Mr. Becher, visited our Trombay Centre. He engaged with GDA students, observed classes, and witnessed project demonstrations.

The visit highlighted DBM India's efforts in empowering underprivileged youth, showcasing our mobilization strategies, diverse courses, and the students' active participation.

Teachers Day Celebration

This Teachers' Day, students at all DBM India centres celebrated their mentors with creativity and gratitude.

At Khar, a cake-cutting ceremony added a sweet touch, while **Pune** students expressed appreciation through colorful handmade cards.

At Trombay, role-play activities gave students a taste of teaching, highlighting professionalism, respect, and classroom etiquette.

Read to Rise Centre hosted a fun session where students dressed as teachers, expressing admiration through engaging activities.

Bandra, Deonar, Chembur, DBM Tinkering lab and Bhiwandi centres also marked the occasion with interactive celebrations, fostering respect, joy, and gratitude for teachers across all locations.



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