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Dear Well-Wishers and Supporters,

A Month of Progress, Purpose & Possibilities

New beginnings, meaningful milestones, and continued progress marked another chapter in DBM India's journey.

From strengthening our programmes and creating new opportunities to celebrating the dedication of our team and the achievements of our communities, every effort reflected our shared commitment to creating lasting impact.

As we look back on the moments that shaped this chapter, we are reminded that meaningful change is built through consistent efforts, collective action, and the belief that every small step can lead to a bigger difference.

Here's a glimpse of the people, achievements and moments that made this chapter special at DBM India.

Happy Reading!

Team DBM India

DBM India’s New Redesigned Website



A new look. A clearer story. The same purpose — now brought to life in a new digital space.

We are delighted to announce the launch of the DBM India website, redesigned to better reflect who we are, the work we do, and the communities we serve.

Over the years, DBM India has grown across programmes, centres, partnerships and impact.

Our new website brings this journey together in one place — making it easier for our students, alumni, donors, partners, supporters and well-wishers to discover our work and stay connected with our mission.

The website features a fresh, contemporary design, improved navigation and dedicated spaces to explore our Education, Employment and Empowerment initiatives, along with our centres, impact, stories and opportunities. More than a digital makeover, it is an effort to tell our story in a way that is simple, engaging and closer to the people whose lives are at the heart of our work.

This launch is also a reflection of the many people who have contributed to DBM India’s journey — our team, partners, donors, volunteers, alumni and, most importantly, the communities who continue to inspire us.

As we step into this new digital chapter, our purpose remains unchanged: to create opportunities, empower lives and build pathways towards a more self-reliant future.

Explore the new DBM India website and discover the stories, people and impact behind our journey.

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A New Beginning at Wadala



A new location. A new batch. And many new dreams taking shape.

We are delighted to announce the inauguration of our new Wadala Satellite Centre and a new General Duty Assistant (GDA) batch, in collaboration with Sahiaaru Foundation. This milestone brings us one step closer to making skill development and employment opportunities accessible to more young people in the community.

What makes this achievement even more special is the dedication of Team DBM, which made it possible to establish a new centre and launch a course in such a short span. Every new centre represents more than just a learning space — it represents hope, opportunity and the promise of a better future for young people and their families.

The centre was inaugurated in the presence of **Mr. Mahesh Shah, Ms. Indira Shah with Mr. Alok Roy, Advisor- DBM India**, along with Nasim and Jyoti, community workers from Apnalaya.

Adding a heartfelt touch to the occasion, three GDA alumni from our Trombay Centre — Ranjana, Jency Lawrence and Rabiya Shaikh — joined the celebration to share their journeys. Today, they are employed at MPCT Hospital, H. N. Reliance Hospital and SRCC Hospital, respectively, having taken meaningful steps towards financial independence and supporting their families.

Their journeys are a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. As the new batch begins its own journey, we hope these stories inspire every student to believe in their potential and work towards a future filled with dignity, confidence and independence.

One new centre, many new beginnings — and countless possibilities waiting to unfold.

UDAAN Achievers: Young Minds, Big Dreams



At UDAAN, we celebrate achievements both inside and beyond the classroom. Our students continue to explore their talents, take on new challenges and make us proud.

- 🏑 **Zulekha Shaikh – Mumbai District Hockey Champions**

Zulekha Shaikh, a UDAAN 3.0 student studying in Grade 11 at St. Andrew's College, represented her team at the Under-17 Hockey Tournament organised by the District Sports Office, Government of Maharashtra. After competing in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals, her team emerged as the Mumbai District Champions (Nehru Cup). They will now represent Mumbai at the Regional Level.

- 🏎️ **Sumeet Kharkar – Engineering in Action**

Sumeet Kharkar, a Mechanical Engineering student from Baghubhai College, has been selected as a member of Team Hyperion for the Morphine Motor Sports (MMS) Go-Kart Competition. He contributed to the design and manufacturing of the go-kart, gaining valuable hands-on experience in engineering and teamwork. Team Hyperion will represent the college at the competition in Coimbatore this October.

- 🎤 **Rafia Qureshi – A Voice to Remember**

Rafia Qureshi, a UDAAN 3.0 student, secured First Rank in the Hindi Elocution Competition held at R.D. National College on the occasion of Hindi Diwas. Her achievement was also featured in the newspaper, making the moment even more special.

Three students. Three different journeys. One shared spirit — to dream, explore and achieve. We are immensely proud of our UDAAN achievers and look forward to seeing them reach even greater heights.

"Different dreams, different paths, one belief — every young person has the potential to achieve."









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उपप्राचार्य डॉ नफ्सत अलवनी जी तथा कार्यक्रम की संयोजिका प्र. अंजना त्रिजन ने सभी अतिथियों का स्वागत-अभिनंदन किया। प्रथम, द्वितीय, तृतीय तथा दो प्रोत्साहन पुरस्कार क्रमशः रफिया खलिद कुरेशी, जेबा खान शेख, शुभांगी तिवारी, मनसवा चुडेसमा तथा माधवी डा को प्राप्त हुए। सुनिश्चित कार्यक्रमों एवं कनिष्ठ महाविद्यालय की विभागाध्यक्ष श्रीमती संध्या यादव ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापन किया। बी ए द्वितीय वर्ष की छात्राओं रोशनी यादव तथा सबनी खटकर ने कार्यक्रम का सफल संचालन किया। बी ए प्रथम वर्ष की छात्राओं अमरीन एवं अलीना के मधुर स्वागत गीत से कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ हुआ। तीनों निर्णायकों ने परिणय में रहने वाली प्रतियोगिताओं के लिए विद्यार्थियों का मार्गदर्शन किया और उन्हें पुस्तकें पढ़ने एवं हमेशा शुद्ध हिंदी के उच्चारण के लिए प्रेरित किया।

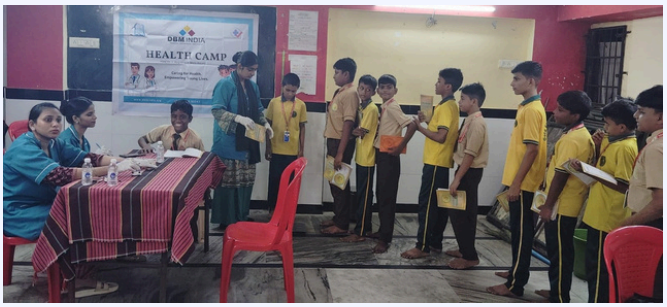
Health Check-Ups Continue Across Schools

Our commitment to the health and well-being of children continues across the non-aided schools of Mumbai's M-East Ward.

As part of DBM India's ongoing health camps, 353 students recently benefited from health check-ups across three schools.

What makes these camps especially meaningful is that they were conducted by our GDA students, giving them valuable hands-on experience and an opportunity to put their classroom learning into practice. These practical experiences are an important part of DBM India's efforts to prepare our students for the workplace with greater confidence and real-world exposure.

Creating healthier communities while preparing our youth for the world of work — two meaningful impacts, one initiative.







Helping Young Minds Think About Their Future

A career journey often begins with a simple question: "What do I want to become?"

At National School, DBM India organised a Career Awareness Session for students from Standards 5 to 9, in collaboration with **NIQ Company volunteer Ms. Lopita Das.**

Through interactive one-on-one conversations, students had the opportunity to share their educational backgrounds, interests, aspirations and thoughts about their future careers. The session encouraged them to reflect on their strengths and begin thinking about the possibilities that lie ahead.

With 25 students participating, the interaction provided a meaningful space for young minds to express themselves, explore their aspirations and gain greater awareness about the world of careers.
Sometimes, helping a child discover their future begins simply by asking them what they dream of becoming.





From ₹3,500 to ₹20,000: Sadiya's Journey of Courage & Dreams

"A girl with a dream, who turned her passion into a profession."



Sadiya Imtiyaj Khedekar's journey is a story of determination, self-belief and the courage to keep moving forward — even when the path was not easy.
She began her working journey at a small school with a salary of just ₹3,500. With limited support at home, Sadiya chose to invest in herself. She saved from her modest income, self-funded her ECCEd course and managed her own travelling expenses, refusing to let circumstances decide her future.

Her mother remained her strongest pillar — her first teacher who taught her to believe in herself and keep going.

After completing her ECCEd, Sadiya secured her first job with a salary of ₹10,000. She continued learning, completed a Drawing & Colouring course with an A+ grade and 85% marks, and pursued her passion for art and teaching.

Today, Sadiya works as an Art & Craft Teacher at C P Goenka International School, earning ₹20,000 a month. The girl who once faced questions about the value of pursuing education now has a journey her whole family proudly celebrates.

From a ₹3,500 first salary to a ₹20,000 profession she loves, Sadiya's story reminds us that when determination meets opportunity, a dream can become a new reality.

"She started with little, dreamed of more, and never stopped moving forward. Today, Sadiya stands as a reminder that determination can turn a humble beginning into a life of dignity, confidence and independence."

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