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*A moment to refresh, reload,
and restart, together.*



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Young Entrepreneurs Summit



Yuvarambh 2026 is not just a summit—it's a launchpad where young people turn ideas into real entrepreneurial action.

Bright Future invites you to Yuvarambh 2026 our flagship youth dialogue and action platform, on 16–17 February 2026 at Mumbai. Yuvarambh brings together youth, partners, donors, policymakers, and ecosystem enablers to reimagine inclusive livelihood pathways for young people.

Yuvarambh 2026 positions entrepreneurship as a viable and dignified pathway, especially for first-generation and underserved youth. Through hands-on sessions, mentorship, and real-world exposure, Yuvarambh 2026 will help young people explore entrepreneurship, strengthen their ideas, and build the confidence to take their first steps. We invite you to be part of this journey.



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MANTHAN 2026: PAUSING TO REFLECT, RECONNECTING TO LEAD

At the start of the year, Bright Future brought together team members from across locations for Manthan 2026, our annual residential retreat. Over three days, the team paused from day-to-day responsibilities to reflect on the past, reconnect with one another, and realign with our shared mission, strengthening collaboration across roles and geographies.

A key focus of Manthan was leadership and values. Through facilitated discussions, including an i-culture Quest, our leadership team, **Dr. Arpeeta Bhatia** and **Mr. Santosh VK**, led the team to revisit what guides our work, Integrity, Collaboration, Accountability, Respect, and Equity, along with a shared aspiration for Excellence. These conversations reinforced that strong impact begins with clarity of values and consistent choices in how we work with young people and with one another.

The retreat also included team-building activities and cultural performances that encouraged trust, collaboration, and a sense of belonging, offering the team a chance to refresh, reload, and restart together. Manthan 2026 concluded with renewed clarity and energy, reaffirming Bright Future's belief that investing in people is essential to creating meaningful and sustainable impact.





BUILDING STRONGER TEAMS FOR STRONGER YOUTH OUTCOMES

On January 31, 2026, Bright Future's Program Team came together for a focused team-building session aimed at strengthening how we deliver impact on the ground. Led by Program Head Dr. Arpeeta Bhatia along with Program Managers, the session began with a Bright Spots reflection, recognising team members who consistently go beyond their roles and setting a shared understanding of what excellence looks like in practice.

A key highlight was the KRA–KPI Bright Future Program Team Web activity, which helped teams visualise how different roles, social workers, facilitators, and operations managers are deeply interconnected. Through this hands-on exercise, the team examined how collaboration, clarity of roles, and accountability directly influence programme quality and outcomes for young people.

The session created space for honest reflection, problem-solving, and co-creating practical actions to strengthen implementation. It concluded with a renewed commitment to collaboration, accountability, and continuous improvement. By investing in strong internal alignment, Bright Future ensures that its programmes are delivered with consistency, care, and effectiveness, maximising impact for the communities and young people we serve.





BRIGHT FUTURE CENTRES CELEBRATED 77TH REPUBLIC DAY WITH PRIDE ACROSS INDIA



Bright Future India celebrated the 77th Republic Day on 26 January 2026 with vibrant celebrations across its centres nationwide, bringing together aspirants, alumni, staffs, community members, and key stakeholders to honour the values of democracy and the Indian Constitution.

The celebrations featured flag hoisting, patriotic songs, speeches, and cultural performances led by aspirants, who reflected on constitutional duties, national unity, and the role of youth in building an inclusive nation. Several centres also organised community awareness rallies to promote civic responsibility.

A key highlight was the recognition of frontline workers, including police personnel, sanitation workers, and fire brigade staff, honoured for their dedicated public service. Their interactions with aspirants inspired values of leadership, integrity, and service.

The celebrations concluded with collective pledges, reaffirming Bright Future's commitment to nation-building through youth empowerment and active community engagement.

National Youth Day Celebrations

Bright Future celebrated National Youth Day across centres through meaningful community engagement activities that empowered young people and amplified their voices. In collaboration with partners, aspirants participated in awareness sessions, group discussions, rallies, and street plays focusing on youth leadership, social responsibility, and important themes such as climate change and sexual and reproductive health.

These activities strengthened communication skills, confidence, and civic awareness among aspirants while increasing Bright Future's visibility in the community. The celebrations created a strong impact by encouraging youth participation, learning, and collective action for positive social change.





Parents' Engagement & Trust Building

Parents' meetings were successfully conducted across multiple Bright Future centres to strengthen engagement with families and create awareness about the program. During these meetings, parents were oriented about Bright Future's vision, the Badi Soch Program, course structure, skill development, and placement support. Detailed discussions were held on students' progress, career opportunities, and long-term growth pathways, helping parents gain clarity and confidence about their children's future. Interactive activities and one-to-one conversations encouraged open dialogue, trust, and mutual understanding.

Parents shared positive feedback, expressed emotional support, and appreciated the guidance provided by the centres. Overall, these meetings reinforced strong collaboration between parents, aspirants, and the organisation, supporting students' holistic development and career readiness.

YAC & Alumni Engagement Across Centres

YAC and alumni meetings were conducted across multiple centres to strengthen youth leadership, community engagement, and alumni involvement. Through interactive activities, discussions, and knowledge-sharing sessions, participants reflected on teamwork, purpose, and social responsibility. The meetings focused on community mapping, identifying local needs, planning upcoming batches, and encouraging active youth participation in centre activities.

Alumni shared experiences, ideas, and practical insights, contributing to stronger community outreach and awareness initiatives. Overall, these engagements fostered collaboration, leadership, and a deeper sense of connection between youth, alumni, and Bright Future.





Exposure Visits – Learning Beyond Classrooms

On World Day of War Orphans, aspirants from the Dwarka Centre visited DAVO Old Age and Orphan Home to promote empathy, care, and social responsibility. The aspirants interacted with elderly residents and orphans, listened to their life experiences, and spent quality time building emotional connections. They also donated food and essential items, fostering a sense of kindness, gratitude, and compassion. The visit helped aspirants develop important life skills beyond academics.

As part of its experiential learning approach, Bright Future organized a series of exposure visits in January 2026 across Mumbai. Aspirants were exposed to real-life settings including tourism sites, retail outlets, MSME expos, airport kitchens, postal services, and community organizations. The visits enabled youth to understand industry practices, public service systems, branding, entrepreneurship, and workplace discipline. Hands-on observation and interaction with professionals helped bridge the gap between theory and practice. Several aspirants also benefited from interview shortlisting and placements. Overall, the exposure visits enhanced learning, motivation, and employability among participating youth.

Badi Soch – Entrepreneurship in Action

Our Badi Soch aspirants recently visited Business Jatra 2026, gaining valuable exposure to the real world of entrepreneurship. Through insightful speaker sessions, students learned about different business structures, types of enterprises, and the entrepreneurial mindset required for planning, decision-making, and running a business. The sessions offered clarity on how entrepreneurs think, strategize, and manage businesses while building sustainable ventures.

The visit also provided hands-on learning through interactions with business support organizations and over 150+ business stalls, where students observed live customer engagement, product pitching, pricing, branding, and marketing strategies.

Aspirants explored budgeting, costing, product positioning, and value creation while directly engaging with business owners and collecting useful contacts for future reference. Overall, the exposure visit successfully bridged classroom learning with real-world practice, strengthening students' confidence and understanding of entrepreneurship. Similar experiential learning opportunities will be planned for other batches as well.



MoU Signings and Strategic Partnerships

Bright Future successfully signed multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with educational institutions, schools, and employers to strengthen career guidance, skill development, and placement support. MoUs were signed with Anjuman Islam College, Shivaji Technical School and Degree College, Parag Vidyalyaya, Sahyadri Vidyalyaya (Bhandup West), and Saheen School under the Buniyaad Program.

The organisation also partnered with Shiravane Marathi School (MoU to be signed shortly) and employers including PRB Suzuki Showroom, Worli, along with two additional employers for skill training and banking-related opportunities. These collaborations aim to bridge the gap between education, skills, and employment by providing structured career planning and industry exposure to students.



Shirisha's Journey – From Aspiration to Achievement

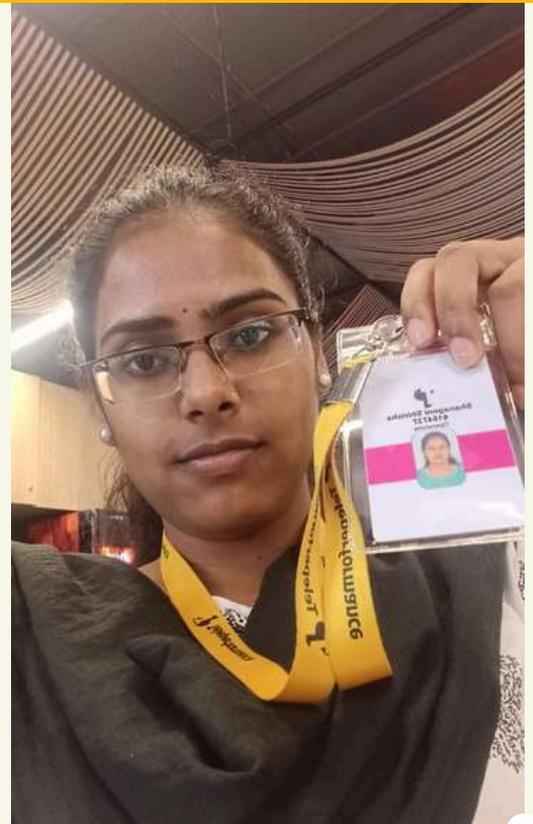
Shirisha, a graduate with big dreams, was searching for a stable job opportunity. She attended many interviews, but repeated rejections due to limited interview skills made her journey challenging. However, she remained focused, positive, and determined to build a career in a corporate company.

Through a friend's reference, Shirisha came to Bright Future. From the beginning, she was clear about her goal and worked sincerely to improve herself. During the training, she gave special attention to communication and interview skills. She participated actively in every session, practiced regularly, and showed strong commitment toward her personal and professional growth.

After successfully completing the training program, Shirisha achieved a proud milestone. She got placed at Teleperformance with a salary of ₹20,000 CTC per month. This success filled her with confidence and happiness.

Her family felt extremely proud of her achievement and shared heartfelt gratitude to Bright Future for the guidance, support, and platform that helped Shirisha transform her aspiration into a meaningful career success.

Success Story



BRIGHT SPOT FEBRUARY MONTH

CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE WHO POWER OUR PURPOSE

This January, our Program Team continued Bright Spots, a meaningful monthly moment where we pause to recognise the people who quietly shape Bright Future every day. It's a space to notice the dedication, care, and commitment that often go unseen but make all the difference.

Across centres and teams, colleagues showed up with patience, creativity, and a deep sense of responsibility towards young people. Some contributions were visible in classrooms and communities, while many happened behind the scenes, through planning, coordination, and consistent support. Bright Spots allows us to acknowledge all of it.

This month, we celebrate team members whose sincerity and dedication stood out through thoughtful engagement, reliable support, and everyday presence rooted in genuine care. Their efforts strengthened our programmes and inspired those around them.

Bright Spots is more than recognition. It's a reminder that our impact is driven by people, people who believe in the mission, support one another, and contribute in ways both big and small. As we close the year, we look forward to continuing this culture of appreciation in the months ahead.



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“Mang kar toh dekho”

Retail Fundraising Campaign Together for Youth Futures



Every young person deserves a fair chance to learn, grow, and build a secure future. Yet many continue to face barriers to education, skills, and employment, not because of a lack of potential, but because opportunities remain out of reach. At Bright Future India, we work to change this by supporting young people through education, career guidance, and skill-building.

To strengthen this effort, Bright Future India has launched its Retail Fundraising Campaign, with a collective goal of **One crore by 31st March**. The funds raised will directly support students' learning journeys, on-ground programmes, and long-term interventions that help young people move from uncertainty to confidence.

Your support can make a real difference. By contributing, you become a partner in creating opportunities and enabling young people to turn their aspirations into action.

If you would like to collaborate, support, or be a partner in change, we invite you to join us. Donate today and help us build brighter futures, together.

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