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## Aasmaan Girls: Helping 100 Young Women Continue Their Education

For many young women, the journey of education is often interrupted by financial challenges. Through the **Aasmaan Girls initiative**, Bright Future supports young women who are determined to continue their education and build meaningful careers. *This March, we are working towards supporting 100 girls, ensuring that financial barriers do not stop them from moving forward.*

Each girl requires ₹10,000 to continue her learning journey, covering essential academic needs such as course fees, study materials, and skill-building opportunities. Many of these young women are the first in their families to pursue higher education, carrying not just their own dreams but also the hopes of their families.

This month, we invite our partners, donors, and well-wishers to come together and support an Aasmaan Girl. Your contribution can help a young woman continue her education and move closer to the future she is working so hard to build. Sometimes, a small act of support is all it takes to keep a dream alive.



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## PLAY FOR A PURPOSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

On 1 February, Bright Future's volunteer community came together for a Badminton Charity Tournament, turning a day of sport into a meaningful way to support young people. With over 150 volunteers and participants, the event reflected the spirit of **"Play for a Purpose"** — where every game was played with a shared intention to contribute to a larger cause.

The tournament was part of Bright Future's efforts to create engaging volunteering spaces where supporters can come together, connect, and contribute in different ways. Activities like these allow volunteers and well-wishers to stay involved with the organisation while also helping raise resources that support Bright Future's work with youth.

Beyond the matches and friendly competition, the event also saw generous contributions from participants. One such gesture was the donation of a laptop, which will support a young person in their learning journey.

The day was a reminder that when a community comes together with purpose, even a game can become a powerful way to volunteer, contribute, and support brighter futures for young people.





## YUVARAMBH 2026: TURNING YOUTH IDEAS INTO ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTION

Bright Future hosted Yuvarambh 2026, its flagship youth platform, on 16–17 February at Acres Club, Chembur, Mumbai. Centred around the theme “Badi Soch – Building Entrepreneurial Pathways for Youth in a Changing India,” the two-day event brought together 100 young people along with mentors, educators, entrepreneurs, and ecosystem leaders. The platform was designed to help young people explore entrepreneurship as a realistic and dignified livelihood option in today’s changing economy.

Many young people are interested in starting their own ventures but often lack access to the right guidance, networks, and resources to take their ideas forward. Yuvarambh created a space where youth could directly engage with people who have experience in building businesses and initiatives. Through open conversations and shared experiences, participants gained practical insights into what it takes to start and sustain a venture.

The event included hands-on workshops on idea discovery, validation, and basic business planning. Participants were encouraged to first identify real problems from their communities and then think about solutions that could turn into sustainable ventures. Mentorship circles, peer discussions, and an ecosystem panel with representatives from incubators, MSMEs, corporates, and grassroots entrepreneurs helped young people understand different aspects of the entrepreneurial journey.

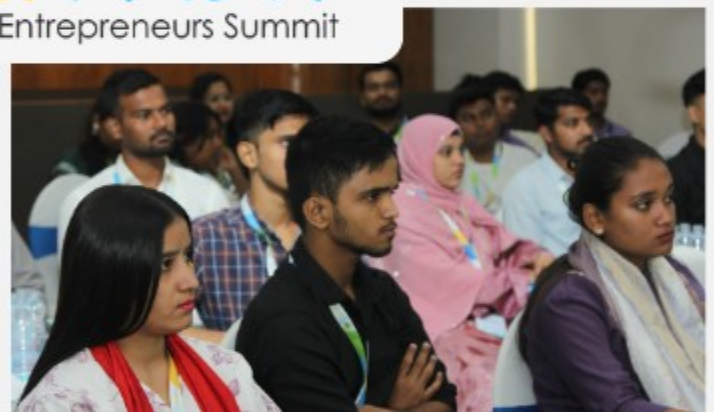
Selected participants also presented early-stage ideas during youth pitch sessions designed as learning and feedback spaces. Engagement zones showcased student ventures and captured insights on youth interests and mentorship needs. Yuvarambh 2026 reinforced Bright Future’s commitment to supporting young people with the guidance, connections, and opportunities they need to turn their ideas into meaningful livelihood pathways.





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Young Entrepreneurs Summit



## Building Stronger Communities Through Stakeholder Collaboration

Bright Future continues to strengthen its work by building meaningful collaborations with local stakeholders across different centres. Over the past month, several engagement meetings were held with community partners, including **ASHA workers, employers, educational institutions, and local organisations**, in centres such as Turbhe, Kandivali, and Balanagar. These meetings created spaces for open dialogue, helping stakeholders better understand Bright Future's mission and explore how collective efforts can support youth development and community wellbeing.



These interactions focused on identifying local needs, strengthening partnerships, and encouraging stakeholders to play an active role in supporting young people. The discussions reflected a shared belief that lasting social change requires collaboration between community members, institutions, and organisations. With stakeholders showing strong interest in working together, from raising awareness about programmes to supporting youth skill development, these efforts have set the stage for deeper partnerships that will expand opportunities for young people in the communities we serve.

## Expanding Opportunities Through New Partnerships



This month has been marked by significant progress in strengthening Bright Future's ecosystem through **multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with employers, schools, and institutional partners**. These collaborations play an important role in expanding access to career awareness, skill development, and placement opportunities for the young people we work with. By building strong relationships with organisations across different sectors, we continue to create pathways that connect youth to real-world opportunities.

Through these partnerships, Bright Future is able to deepen its outreach in schools through career awareness initiatives, strengthen skill-building programmes, and build stronger placement linkages with employers. Each partnership represents a shared commitment to supporting young people as they navigate their education and career journeys. As our network of partners continues to grow, it strengthens our ability to create meaningful and sustainable opportunities for youth across the communities we serve.

## Career Khoj: Helping Students Discover Their Future Pathways

This month, Bright Future expanded the reach of its **Career Khoj sessions** under the **Buniyaad Initiative**, engaging with students across multiple cities, including Mumbai, Delhi, Pune, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad. Conducted in partnership with schools, these sessions **reached over 10,000 students** from **Grades 7 to 12**, creating an important space for young people to explore their interests and start thinking about their future careers at an early stage.

Through interactive activities, discussions, and career interest assessments, students were introduced to different career pathways and encouraged to reflect on their strengths, aspirations, and goals.

Tools such as the Career Interest Assessments and the RIASEC model helped students gain clarity about their personalities and the types of careers that might suit them best. Activities like the Dot exercise and group discussions made the sessions engaging and allowed students to openly share their thoughts and ambitions.

As part of this initiative, Career Khoj was also conducted in **rural Maharashtra across schools in Solapur and Dharashiv districts**, engaging 277 students over two days. Implemented in **partnership with Sorigin Group**, the sessions helped students explore their strengths, interests, and different career personality types through structured activities. For many students, this was their first opportunity to reflect on career possibilities beyond the limited options visible in their immediate surroundings.

The enthusiastic participation from students, along with the positive response from school leaders and teachers, highlighted the growing need for structured career awareness at the school level. Many schools have expressed interest in continuing these sessions and expanding them further in the coming months. By reaching students early and guiding them to think beyond traditional career choices, the Career Khoj initiative is helping young people make more informed decisions about their education and future pathways.



## Strengthening Support Through Parent Engagement

Bright Future regularly organises Parents' Meetings across multiple centres to build stronger connections with families and ensure they remain actively involved in their children's career journeys. These meetings provide parents with a deeper understanding of the programme, the importance of the first job, and the skills and discipline required for young people to succeed in the professional world. They also create an opportunity to discuss placement processes, career pathways, and the role families can play in encouraging aspirants to stay committed to their goals.



The sessions are highly interactive, with parents sharing their experiences and reflecting on the positive changes they observe in their children after joining the programme. Activities and open discussions help strengthen communication between parents, aspirants, and the Bright Future team. By involving families in the process, these meetings help create a supportive environment that encourages young people to pursue their aspirations with confidence.

## Youth Voices Guiding Community Action



Bright Future recently convened a **Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) meeting**, bringing together young leaders to share their perspectives on issues affecting youth and their communities. The discussion created a platform for open dialogue, where members shared ideas on strengthening youth engagement, planning activities with alumni, and organising community-based initiatives that can create meaningful opportunities for young people.

The meeting highlighted the importance of youth leadership in shaping programmes and community efforts. Members actively contributed suggestions on strengthening initiatives such as Peer Learning Circles (PLC) and expressed their willingness to support future activities, including connecting local leaders and identifying community spaces for events. These conversations continue to play an important role in ensuring that youth voices remain central to the initiatives designed to support them.

## Strengthening CSR-NGO Partnerships Through Dialogue

Bright Future's founder, **Kishor Palve**, recently participated in a CSR-NGO roundtable **hosted by SoulAce**, a thoughtfully curated space that brought together leaders from both sectors to exchange perspectives and experiences. The discussion highlighted the realities that CSR teams navigate, such as compliance requirements, timelines, and internal expectations, while also opening up conversations about the challenges NGOs face on the ground.

For those interested in social impact, this dialogue offers an important reminder: meaningful change comes not just from funding, but from strong relationships built on transparency, trust, and shared purpose. When CSR partners and NGOs openly understand each other's constraints and ambitions, collaboration becomes more effective and sustainable. Conversations like these are crucial for building partnerships that can create deeper and more lasting impact in communities.



## Skill-Building Sessions with Cognizant Foundation

Two insightful sessions were conducted for aspirants by the **Cognizant Foundation** team, focusing on strengthening their career readiness and professional skills. One session focused on interview preparation, resume building, and career guidance, where experts shared practical insights on industry expectations, how to present oneself confidently in interviews, and how to create impactful resumes that highlight relevant skills and achievements.



In another engaging session, aspirants learned about the effective use of LinkedIn as a professional networking platform. Participants gained hands-on understanding of creating strong profiles, building meaningful professional connections, and using the platform strategically to explore opportunities and expand their career networks. These sessions provided valuable guidance and left aspirants better prepared and motivated to navigate their professional journeys.

## Connecting Youth to Employment Opportunities

Bright Future organised multiple placement drives across different centres to connect aspirants with employment opportunities and industry exposure. Students participated in recruitment processes that included interviews, screenings, and HR interactions with employer partners from sectors such as retail, e-commerce, services, logistics, and training organisations. These drives provided young people with a valuable platform to showcase their skills and begin their professional journeys.

Placement drives were conducted across centres including Kandivali, Khar, Worli, Ahmedabad (Khokhra and Ellis Bridge), Hyderabad (LB Nagar), Bengaluru (Hosa Road) and other locations, in collaboration with colleges and employer partners such as Tech Mahindra, Wipro, D-Mart, PVR, Blinkit, Zepto, Swiggy Instamart, Secure Parking, and others. The initiatives saw enthusiastic participation from aspirants and resulted in several successful placements, strengthening the bridge between education and employment.



## World Cancer Day: Building Awareness, Inspiring Responsibility

On the occasion of **World Cancer Day**, awareness sessions were organised across multiple centres to educate aspirants about cancer prevention, early detection, and the importance of healthy lifestyle choices. Experts and volunteers from organisations such as the Indian Cancer Society and **Ashraya Foundation** conducted interactive sessions covering topics like early warning signs of cancer, breast and cervical cancer awareness, the harmful effects of tobacco, and the importance of nutrition, yoga, and stress management.



Through activities such as discussions, awareness charts, assessments, and one-on-one health consultations with medical professionals, aspirants actively engaged with the topic and deepened their understanding. Informational materials and health guidance were also shared, empowering participants to take informed steps for their own well-being and to spread awareness within their families and communities. These sessions highlighted that awareness and timely action can play a crucial role in saving lives.

## World NGO Day: Celebrating Collaboration and Social Impact

World NGO Day was celebrated across centres with activities that highlighted the role of civil society in driving community development and social change. In Delhi, an NGO Meet was organised bringing together more than 20 NGOs and social organisations to encourage dialogue, share experiences from grassroots work, and explore opportunities for collaboration. The discussions focused on youth empowerment, community engagement, stakeholder partnerships, and strengthening collective impact.

In Pune, the occasion was marked through a creative poster-making activity where aspirants showcased their skills while highlighting the importance of NGOs and their role in building a better society. Through discussions and creative expression, the celebration provided a platform to recognise the efforts of non-profit organisations and inspire young people to contribute to positive social change.



## A Visit that Showcased Grassroots Impact



Volunteers from different organisations recently visited the Ghatkopar centre along with Founder Kishor from Bright Future, offering them a closer look at how community-based programmes are creating opportunities for young people. The visit provided a meaningful space for dialogue, where volunteers interacted with **aspirants, parents, alumni, and Youth Advisory Committee members** to understand the real impact of these initiatives.

Hearing alumni share their journeys, from completing courses to building their careers, was especially inspiring and highlighted the long-term change these programmes create. For visitors, the experience offered a powerful reminder of how grassroots efforts, community engagement, and youth leadership can come together to build stronger futures for young people.

## Facilitating Access to Government Welfare Schemes

Community registration drives were organised across centres to support residents in accessing important government welfare schemes such as **Ayushman Bharat Yojana** and **E-Shram Cards**. With the support of local stakeholders, teams conducted awareness and registration camps to guide community members about the benefits of these schemes and assist them with the application process. The initiatives received a positive response from residents, with over 70 Ayushman Cards issued in the community and around 80 registrations completed for E-Shram and Ayushman schemes during the drives. These efforts helped increase awareness about social security and healthcare benefits while ensuring that eligible families and workers could access essential government support.



## Community Health Camp and Stakeholder Engagement

Health awareness and medical support activities were organised across communities in Yerwada (Pune) and Nallasopara in collaboration with local stakeholders. In Yerwada, an awareness session was conducted with the support of **Ashraya Foundation**, where participants received health guidance, one-to-one consultations with a gynecologist, and basic health check-ups. Based on medical advice, some participants were also provided with essential medicines and supplements.



In Nallasopara, a community health camp was organised with the support of the local leader committee, offering services such as HIV/AIDS testing, eye check-ups, and blood sugar screenings. The initiative received encouraging participation from community members. Alongside the camp, a stakeholder meeting was also held where partners expressed their commitment to support skill-based training for youth and provide space for future training programmes, strengthening collaboration for community development.

## Exposure Visits: Bridging Learning with the Real World

### Exposure Visit to HDB Financial Services

A group of aspirants from the Ghatkopar centre participated in an industry exposure visit to HDB Financial Services at their Nerul branch, gaining insights into the functioning of the financial sector. Students learned about the role of an NBFC, various financial products such as personal and business loans, insurance services, and the loan processing cycle including documentation, credit evaluation, and repayment systems. The visit provided practical exposure to workplace processes and introduced students to potential career opportunities in finance, sales, credit analysis, and operations.



### Exposure Visit by MSW Students, Meghalaya University

Students from the MSW Second Year program at Meghalaya University visited the Bright Future Govandi Centre on 20 February 2026 to gain practical exposure to community development initiatives. During the visit, they interacted with Youth Advisory Committee members, alumni, and staff to understand youth development and community engagement practices. The students also raised ₹1,200 through fundraising and appreciated the impact of the centre's work, expressing interest in volunteering with Bright Future Govandi in the future.



### Exposure Visit to Athena BPO Pvt. Ltd.

A group of 25 participants from the Bhandup Centre visited Athena BPO Pvt. Ltd. on 9 February 2026 to gain practical exposure to the corporate work environment. During the visit, participants were introduced to the organization's operations, work culture, and departmental functions through a guided tour of the office floors. A key highlight of the visit was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Athena BPO Pvt. Ltd. and Bright Future India, aimed at creating opportunities for training, exposure, and employment for participants.



### Exposure Visit to Axis Max Life Insurance Ltd.

Aspirants from the Khokhra, Ahmedabad centre participated in an exposure visit to Axis Max Life Insurance Ltd., where they were introduced to the insurance industry and career opportunities within the sector. The session, led by Mr. Palak Raval, Assistant Vice President (Gujarat), included an engaging discussion on the difference between goals and dreams, along with insights into life insurance, term insurance, and career pathways in the industry. The visit concluded with an office tour, giving aspirants a glimpse of the professional work environment.



### Educational Visit to Museum

Aspirants from the Vile Parle centre visited the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya to gain exposure to India's rich history and cultural heritage. During the visit, they explored galleries showcasing sculptures, paintings, manuscripts, coins, and historical artifacts, helping them understand different historical periods and the evolution of trade and economic systems. The visit was interactive and educational, encouraging curiosity, observation, and group learning among aspirants.

### Exposure Visit to Cognizant Technology Solutions

Aspirants from the Dwarka centre participated in an exposure visit to Cognizant Technology Solutions in Noida, where they gained insights into the IT industry and emerging technologies such as AI tools. During the visit, professionals shared guidance on job readiness, resume building, and career opportunities in the technology sector. Aspirants also participated in interactive discussions and explored different workspaces within the organisation, making the visit an inspiring experience that strengthened their confidence and motivation to pursue careers in the corporate sector.



# BRIGHT SPOT

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## Celebrating the People Who Power Our Purpose

This month, Bright Spots continued to shine a light on the many ways our teams are strengthening the Bright Future journey for young people. From energising the Yuvarambh event to thoughtful mentoring conversations and seamless coordination across centres, the spirit of collaboration and ownership was clearly visible.

What stood out this month was the willingness of program team to step forward, support one another, and find creative ways to keep young people engaged and motivated. Small actions, from an encouraging word to a well-planned session, created meaningful moments of learning and confidence for our youth.

Bright Spots reminds program team that every thoughtful effort, big or small, contributes to building a stronger and more supportive ecosystem for the young people we serve. It is these everyday acts of commitment that continue to move our mission forward.



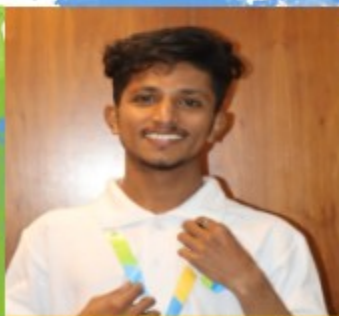
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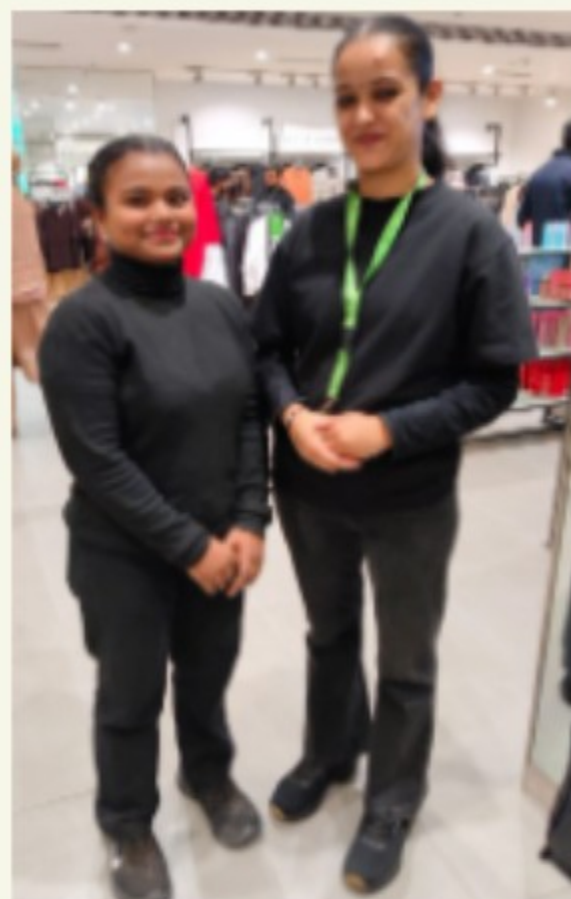
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## From Aspiration to Independence: Anushka's Journey

## Success Story

**Anushka Kumari**, from Dwarka in Delhi, always had a strong desire to learn computer skills and become financially independent. Growing up in a family of five, with her father working as a contractor and her mother managing the household, opportunities to pursue these aspirations were limited. When Anushka joined Bright Future's ITES programme, she approached the course with dedication and curiosity. Her commitment to learning, regular attendance, and willingness to build new skills quickly set her apart. Along with technical training, the programme helped her develop confidence, communication skills, and the ability to present herself professionally.

Like many young women, Anushka also faced challenges along the way, including hesitation from her family when she began pursuing job opportunities. With the support and guidance of the Bright Future team, she was able to navigate this phase and move forward with confidence. After gaining initial work experience, Anushka continued to aim higher and recently secured a role as a Sales Associate at Trent Limited, where she now manages customer interactions, inventory, and daily store operations. Today, Anushka stands as a confident young professional and a source of inspiration for other aspirants, demonstrating how the right guidance, opportunities, and belief can help young people shape their own future.



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