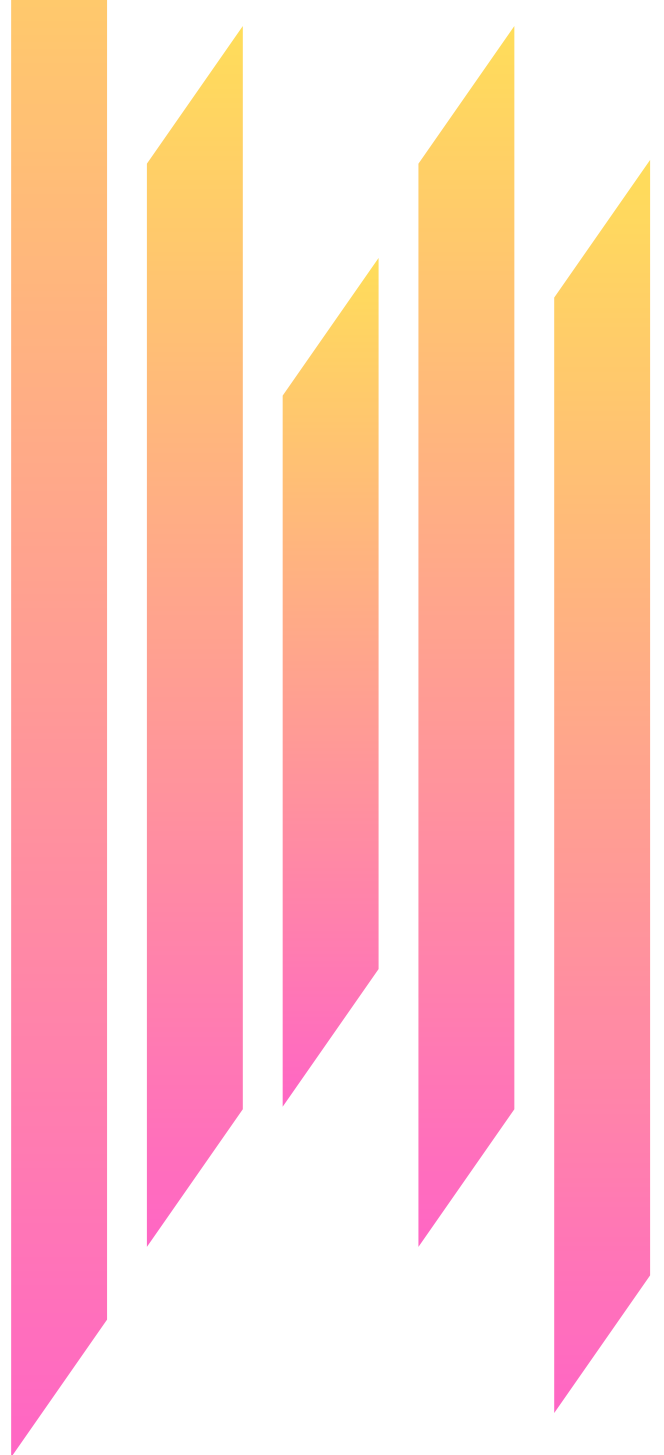




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# ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



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# A Message from Our Founder



Greetings from UCatapult Foundation!

Our dream is simple, we want every child, no matter their background, to have easy access to quality education, the freedom to dream big, and the chance to become valuable members of their families and communities. By leveraging technology, we've been making education more accessible.

As we look back on the past year, I'm excited to share our journey and the impact we've made. In 2023-24, we reached over 13,500 students across Bihar and Maharashtra. We've been able to bring technology-driven education to life by collaborating with CEO ZP schools in Dharangaon block, Jalgaon & Dharashiv block, Dharashiv district in Maharashtra.

Despite facing challenges, our commitment has led to the development of several key projects. We introduced STEM literacy programs for primary students (classes 1-5), a cluster leadership enablement program for Headmasters, and a Teachers Enablement Program to upskill primary and middle school educators.

We are also excited to announce the official launch of our 8-year online after-school program in Maharashtra, in collaboration with Zilla Parishad schools, under the aegis of Digital Machaan.

Looking forward, we remain driven by love, compassion, faith, commitment, and resilience. With your continued support, we can bridge the educational divide and unlock the full potential of rural India's future leaders.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

**Prema Mishra**

Founder, UCatapult Foundation

# Vision

We envision a world where digital classroom bridge the economical gap, offering every rural passionate learner an equal opportunity to excel and build a bright future for themselves, families and their communities.

# Mission

We are on mission to reach every rural passionate learners through LIVE After- school Program. We offer career guidance, foundational courses ,language courses, vocational skills and scholarships. Through our mentorship program we help students complete school to successful career.



## About Us

UCatapult Foundation -a Nonprofit organization- is pioneering **Digital Machaan (Online After school program )**- using digital infrastructure or technology to deliver services through LIVE Online classes to educate secondary & senior secondary rural passionate learners.

UCatapult Foundation (in collaboration with different organizations ) helps students secure admission to various colleges -via their Scholarship programs - and also offers mentorship programs throughout their college life including career guidance and more.

We are proud to be incubated at NSRCEL/IIMB, a renowned center dedicated to nurturing social entrepreneurship. This strategic collaboration has provided us the golden opportunity to constantly innovate and design impactful educational solutions tailored specifically for learners in rural India.

# Maharashtra Chapter

## April 2023 - March 2024

**APRIL - JUNE 2023**



Our first collaboration with local Government Officials (2023-24) - Jalgaon District, Maharashtra

**1**

**2**

**JULY - SEPT 2023**



**OCT TO DEC 2023**



We conducted leadership and teachers' training sessions both offline and online.

We distributed 9000 STEM books to 100 Zilla Parishad schools in Dharangaon and Chalisgaon blocks in Jalgaon & and to Asharam shala school in Parli block, Beed district.

**3**

We introduced STEM education across school clusters, ensuring no student was left behind through innovative solutions. A total 100 ZP schools were onboarded for this program.

**4**

**JAN TO MAR 2024**



We conducted activities and assessments and engaged all the students offline with the support of their school teachers.

# Collaboration

## CEO ZP Schools, Jalgaon

In 2023-24, we embarked on our first collaboration with local government officials in Jalgaon District, Maharashtra. This partnership was a significant milestone, bringing together our vision with the insights and support of local leaders. By working closely with these officials, we were able to integrate our educational programs more effectively into the community. This collaboration marked a new chapter in our mission, strengthening our efforts to make quality education accessible to all students in the region.



# Collaboration with CEO ZP Schools, Dharashiv

In December, we celebrated a significant milestone with our second collaboration in the Dharashiv aspirational District, in Maharashtra. Working alongside local government officials, we reached 97 eager Class 8 students, fine-tuning our programs like Foundation courses, scholarship coaching etc.

This partnership allowed us to connect deeply with the community, ensuring our efforts were both meaningful and lasting. It reaffirmed our commitment to delivering quality education to every child in Dharashiv district.



# Our Initiatives

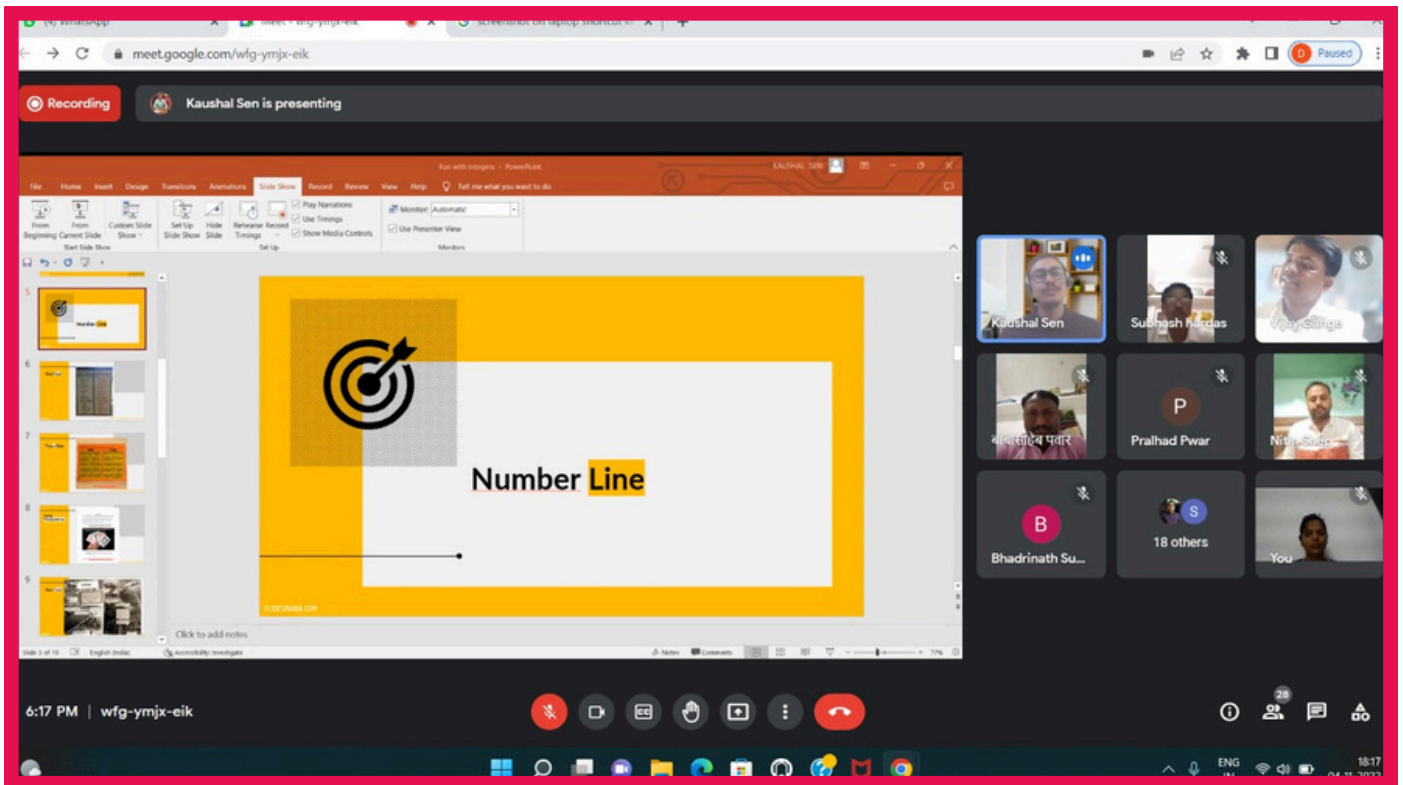
## Cluster Leadership Development Program



In the past 8 months, our Cluster Leadership Development Program has made significant strides. We conducted a needs assessment across 100 rural schools to identify leadership and STEM education challenges. Subsequently, we developed a comprehensive curriculum covering essential topics such as effective communication, school improvement, and STEM innovation. Our training workshops, held both online and offline, engaged 100 headmasters and 150 teachers, enhancing their leadership skills and STEM practices. We also focused on boosting digital literacy. As we conclude this phase, we are seeing promising improvements in STEM education practices and digital literacy among participants.

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## Capacity Building for Headmasters and Teachers



In our commitment to improving educational standards, we launched a comprehensive capacity-building program for headmasters and teachers. This hybrid training initiative encompassed a broad spectrum of topics, including subject enrichment, team building, life skills, and formative years. Additionally, we provided training in performing arts, foundational courses, strategic leadership, and physical education. By integrating both in-person and online sessions, we aimed to enhance the professional skills of educators, foster effective leadership, and enrich the overall educational experience in our partner schools. This program has significantly contributed to the development of a more skilled and motivated teaching workforce.

# STEM Literacy Program



UCatapult Foundation has successfully implemented a STEM literacy program in Dharashiv block, Jalgaon.

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance education quality, we introduced a hybrid STEM program for ZP schools, focusing on classes 1-5. This initiative involved live sessions conducted in the regional language, complemented by engaging activities designed to reinforce learning. Our approach included assessing student proficiency, providing targeted reading materials, and training teachers in innovative STEM teaching methods.

The program has shown promising results, with improved student engagement and learning outcomes in STEM subjects.

# 100 Libraries | 9,000 Books for Classes I-V | 12,000 Dreams, and Counting!

In June 2023, UCatapult Foundation launched a mission to create 100 STEM libraries in rural Maharashtra, aligning with the NIPUN Bharat mission. By collaborating with government officials and Pratham Books, we addressed digital access issues by providing Marathi STEM books and utilizing our Digital Machaan platform for hybrid learning. Despite initial funding challenges, a successful crowdfunding campaign raised INR 7,50,000 in September 2023. On December 27th, we distributed 9,000 books in Dharangaon and Chalishgaon, celebrating with students and local education leaders. This initiative marks a significant advancement in STEM education for rural students, made possible through the support of our generous donors.



# Zilla Parishad Schools, Dharangaon, Jalgaon

Images of schools where we proudly contributed 9,000 STEM books—90 books per school—in collaboration with Pratham Publications, after students completed their online reading sessions.



# Field visit - Jalgaon District

On my second visit to Jalgaon District ZP schools, I had the chance to meet with students eager to join our after-school program. I spoke with students from classes 7 to 10 about the incredible power of technology in today's world. I shared how our platform can open doors to new learning opportunities and encourage them to take full advantage of these resources. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm and curiosity about embracing technology to enhance their education.



# Field visit - Dharashiv District

After completing our scholarship coaching from December to March, I visited Dharashiv Block for the first time. I gathered feedback from all stakeholders and had meaningful discussions with government officials, students, teachers, and parents. These conversations provided insights into their challenges and highlighted how our platform has positively impacted their involvement and support for their children's education.



# Our Impact



**110+**

**Headmasters  
inspired**

**110+**

**Schools digitally  
engaged**

**130+**

**Libraries  
enriched**

**5200 +**

**Live sessions  
conducted**

**12000+**

**Children  
engaged so far**

**13+**

**Districts  
covered**

# Incubation completion

Education has the power to create lasting impacts and empower individuals to reach their aspirations. We planted seeds of hope, determination, and hard work in 2020, and now it's time to reap the rewards. We're proud to announce that UCatapult Foundation has been selected for incubation by NSRCEL at IIM Bangalore's Women Startup Initiative. It's been an incredible experience learning from mentors like Suresh Bhagavatula, Nagaraja Prakasam, Krishnan Iyer, Aaquib Hussain, Anurama Suresh, Malavika R Harita, Rimjhim Ray, Anand Sri Ganesh, and the NSRCEL team. We're on a mission to empower rural students with education through our full-time virtual school for rural India. We're excited to continue making strides in 2023 and beyond. .



# Current session...

## April 2024 - March 2025

APRIL - JUNE 2024

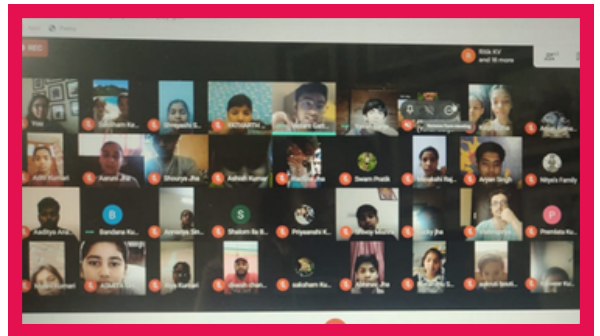
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We collaborated with the local government in Dharashiv District in Maharashtra and onboarded 550 students in the live virtual classes.

JULY - SEPT 2024

2



We will onboard 1000 more students from Jalgaon and Dharashiv district for their regular classes, competitive exams, digital skills training, scholarship coaching in the live virtual classes.

OCT TO DEC 2024

3



We plan to launch a new chapter in Bihar in collaboration with the local government and onboard 1000 students.

JAN TO MARCH 2025

4



We plan to launch a new chapter in Jharkhand in collaboration with the local government and onboard 1000 students

# What services do we offer to our students?

We, at UCatapult Foundation, recognize the pivotal role that employment prospects play in motivating communities to prioritize their children's education. With this understanding, we are excited to announce the official launch of our 8-year online after-school program in Maharashtra, in collaboration with Zilla Parishad schools.

This model, based on the 3+2+3 structure (3 years of school, 2 years of college, and 3 years of university), aims to support students academically from 8-12th std and mentoring them during graduation until they secure employment.

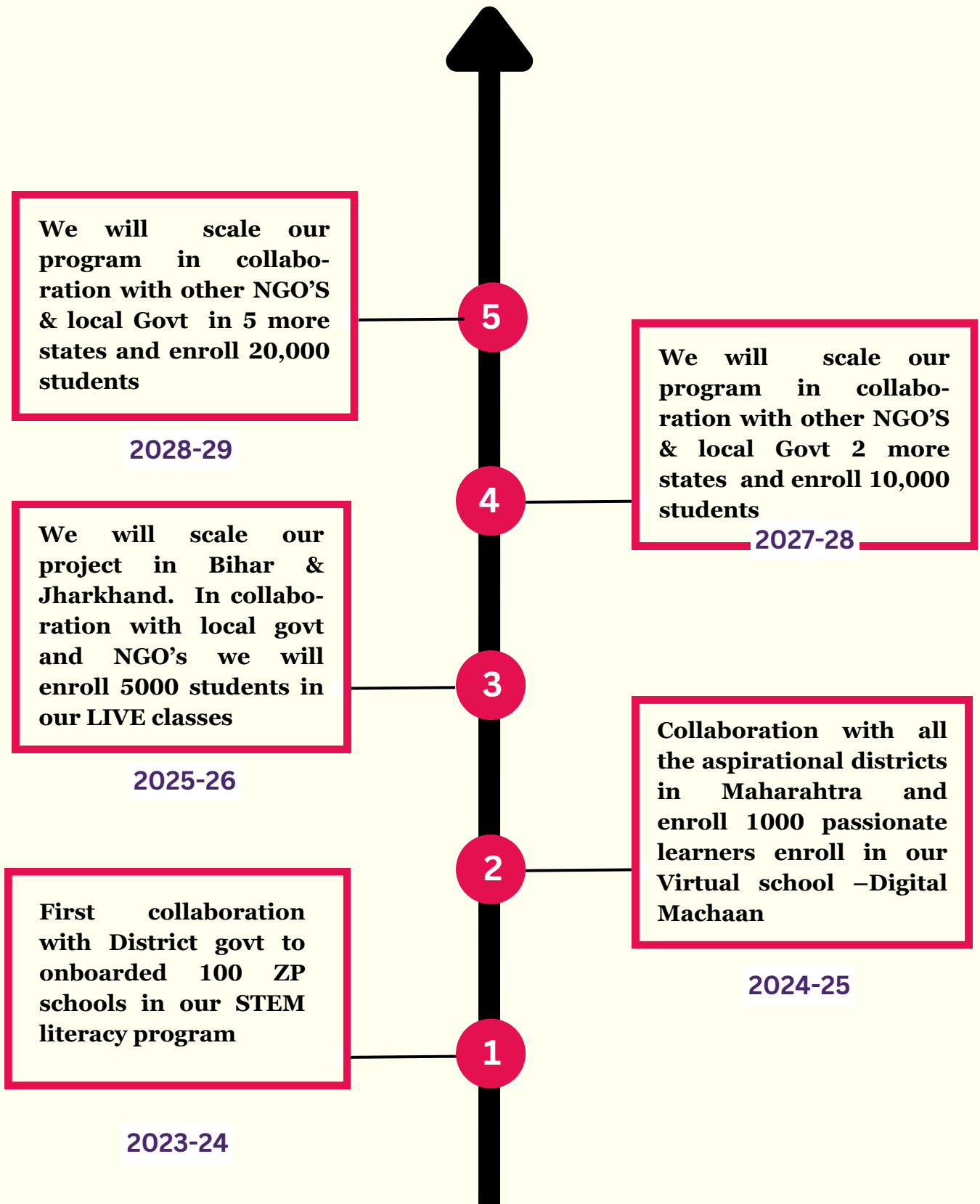
- We plan to target a minimum admission of 1000 students and provide laptops to each of them to enhance their learning experience.
- The program will cover students from classes 8-10

- The Curriculum will be aligned with School Boards and SCERT/NCERT guidelines.
- For students of classes 8-10, the emphasis will be on career guidance, Spoken English, academics, vocational skills and equipping them with digital literacy.

- The Junior college phase of the after- school program will offer scholarships, mentorship, academic support, paid internships, vocational skills and will prepare students for NEET/IIT JEE exams in collaboration.

- The senior college phase of the after-school program will provide scholarships, mentorship, academic support, career guidance, vocational skills and Spoken English training.
- We will ensure a 100% placement rate for our graduates.

# WAY FORWARD...



# Testimonials

## By Teachers



**Headmaster Mhd Aqeel**  
Paldi, Maharashtra



**Aman Kumar**  
Shaheed Major Arvind Bazala  
Pathshala, Begusurai, Bihar

## By Students

Two of our students from Jalgaon shared their experience of learning in Digital Machaan



# Collaborations

## District Collaboration



## NGO'S Collaboration



## Corporate Collaboration



## Edu.Company Collaborations



## Educational Institute Collaboration



# Donors



**Ms Rekha Kheruka**  
**Director Borosil**



**Mr Ajit Nayak**  
**EVP, HCL Technologies**

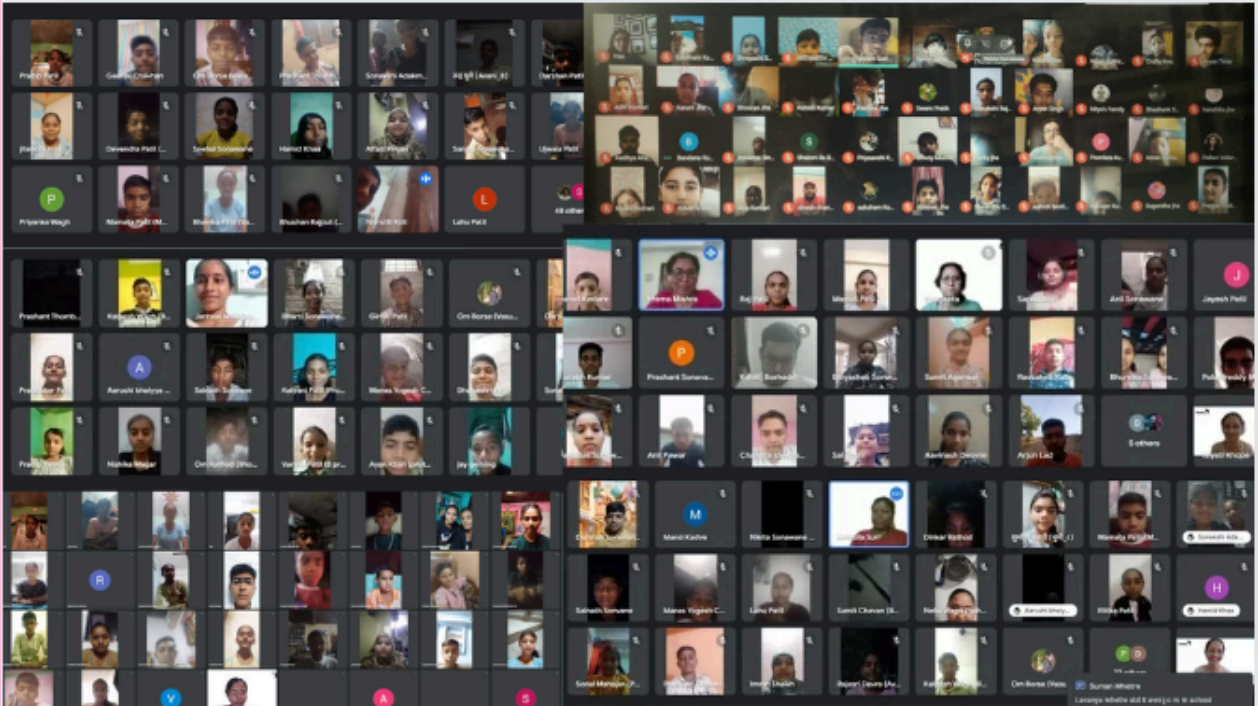


**Dev Batra**  
**Lyxel&Flamingo**



**Aaruni Jha**

# Join Us



Interested in knowing more about Digital Machaan, or in supporting our cause?

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