

Art Appreciation Award DBM India and Thakersey Foundation

Thakersey Foundation and DBM India proudly hosted the Art Appreciation Awards on 24th March 2026, an evening dedicated to celebrating creativity, passion, and the transformative power of the arts.

Art has the unique ability to inspire, move hearts, and bring communities together. This special evening was a tribute to that very spirit—honouring exceptional artists and contributors from the fields of visual and performing arts.



The evening was graced by **Chief Guest Mr. Cheong Ming Foong (Consul-General, Singapore Consulate, Mumbai)** and **Guests of Honour Ms. Brinda Miller (Kala Ghoda Arts Festival)** and **Ms. Nidhi Choudhari, IAS (NGMA, Mumbai)**, along with esteemed guests including Mr. Ranjit, Ms. Nazneen, CA L.S.Chandrasekhar, Ms. Shweta Dodeja, Mr. Satish Patankar (CEO MAFFFL), Mr. Jitender Kumar (CFO MAFFFL), Mr. Devendra Singh Varma (CS MAFFFL), Mr. Zubin Billimoria, Mr. Chandan Churiwala (CEO ACRE) and Mr. Kulwant Singh.



Celebrating the spirit of art that inspires, connects, and uplifts communities.

We extend our sincere gratitude to **Mr. Raoul Thakersey from the Thakersey Foundation** for his invaluable support in making this celebration possible.

Young Achiever Awards

Celebrating emerging talent, we honoured young artists taking their first steps into the world of art—

- Ms. Rituja Sonawane,
- Mr. Rohit Athavele,
- Ms. Septhel Anna Eldho,
- Mr. Mohammad Riyaz,
- Mr. Sachin Lalso Banne, and
- Mr. Sarabjeet Singh (Pianist)

Their journeys reflect promise, passion, and the future of artistic excellence.



Lifetime Achievement Awards

The evening's highest honour celebrated legends whose contributions have left a lasting legacy—

- Ms. Lillete Dubey,
- Mr. Satish Vyas, and
- Mr. Anup Jalota.

Their journeys continue to inspire generations of artists.



Distinguished Artist Awards

Recognizing excellence across disciplines, this category honoured artists in music, performance, and visual arts. Awardees included

- Mr. Ojas Adhiya,
- Ms. Pratibha Singh,
- Mr. Jaswinder Singh,
- Ms. Kavita Seth,
- Mr. Feroz Abbas Khan,
- Mr. Prithvi Gandharv,
- Mr. Nitin Dadrawala,
- Mr. Yogesh Rai,
- Mr. Anirban Mishra,
- Mr. Gajanan Kabade,
- Mr. Deepak Sonar,
- Mr. Prakash Waghmare

each contributing meaningfully to the cultural fabric through their art.



The Art Appreciation Awards 2026 beautifully brought together emerging talent and celebrated icons—highlighting the continuum of artistic excellence.

We were also proud to have the presence of DBM Trustees—**Mr. Joginder Singh Uberoi, Mr. K.K. Jhunjunwala** along with **Mr. K.P. Singh**, who hosted the evening beautifully.

Curated with dedication by **Mr. Paramjeet Singh** and **Ms. Farheen Peshimam**, the event reflected DBM India's commitment to nurturing creativity and building a culturally enriched community.

Holistic Learning at DBM Udaan Centres

At the Udaan Centre, learning goes beyond textbooks—fostering curiosity, creativity, and real-world understanding through engaging, student-led activities across subjects.

- In **History**, students explored Trade and Industry through a group research activity on entrepreneurs, presenting their contributions and understanding their role in shaping industries. This enhanced research, teamwork, and presentation skills.
- In **English**, students analyzed “Planner” by A. R. Ammons, engaging in discussions on themes, imagery, and literary devices, followed by creative reflections and visual interpretations—encouraging critical thinking and personal expression.
- The **Physics** classroom came alive with presentations on mobile phone components—camera, display, and motherboard—where students connected theory to real-world technology through collaborative research and PPT presentations.
- A hands-on **Biology** activity enabled students to study leaf morphology using real specimens—examining structure, venation, and texture—strengthening observation skills and scientific thinking through experiential learning.
- In **Marathi**, the Chitravarnan activity encouraged students to describe images creatively, enhancing vocabulary, expression, and confidence in communication.
- **Beyond the Classroom-** Learning extended beyond academics with the launch of the Summer School Program for graduating Udaan students. In Bandra, students engaged with The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch—a powerful session on dreams, purpose, and living a meaningful life.
- **Creating Future-Ready Learners-** Through interactive, practical, and thought-provoking activities, Udaan Centre continues to nurture confident, skilled, and socially aware individuals—ready to take on the future.



Udaan Student Achievements

Our scholars continue to make us proud:

- **Prathamesh Malage** (VFX & Animation) created an impressive 3D environment project
- **Salmi Yadav** (Optometry, ITM) secured 3rd prize for developing an innovative Dynavision Reaction Time Model for athletes

Certificate Distribution Highlights

At DBM India, every certificate awarded represents a life moving forward. This month, through multiple certificate distribution ceremonies across our centres, we witnessed the transformation of students into confident, skilled individuals ready to embrace new opportunities.

These milestones reflect more than course completion—they mark journeys of growth, resilience, and self-belief. For many, this is the first step towards financial independence, improved livelihoods, and a brighter future for their families, creating a ripple of impact within their communities.

Chembur Centre - Certificate Distribution

At the Chembur Centre, DBM India celebrated the Certificate Distribution Ceremony for ITES, BFSI, CRM, and MKCL students—marking a proud milestone of dedication, growth, and achievement. Students shared inspiring journeys of resilience and success, making the event truly meaningful. Guided by the motivating presence of Mr. Paramjeet Singh and Ms. Parvinder Kaur the ceremony was a memorable celebration of transformation.



DBM Tinkering Lab (ATL) - Certificate Distribution

The DBM Tinkering Lab (ATL) conducted a Certificate Distribution Ceremony for 150+ students from 12 beneficiary schools, along with Udaan students from Classes 9th to 12th. The event was graced by Chief Guest **Mr. Devendra Singh Verma (MAFFFL)** and Ms. Farheen Peshimam.

Students participated with great enthusiasm, making the event engaging and memorable.



Turbhe Centre - Certificate Distribution

The Turbhe Centre hosted a heartfelt Certificate Distribution Ceremony for the GDA, ECCED, and Skill2Win batches, celebrating the successful completion of their courses and recognising students' dedication, growth, and achievements.

The event was graced by **Ms. Shweta Dodeja** from Vashi Parivaar, along with Ms. Farheen Peshimam and Ms. Parvinder Kaur from DBM India. A highlight of the ceremony was the journey video, capturing the students' transformation—creating an emotional moment as many shared their gratitude and growing confidence towards their career goals.





Khar Centre – Certificate Distribution

The Khar Centre proudly celebrated the GDA Certificate Distribution Ceremony, marking a significant milestone for students who successfully completed the program.

The ceremony was graced by **Mr. Devendra Singh Verma** and Ms. Farheen Peshimam, whose presence made the occasion even more encouraging for the students. Several participants shared their inspiring journeys, reflecting their dedication, growth, and learning.

The well-coordinated event celebrated student achievements and concluded on a positive, motivating note for future success.

Trombay Centre – Certificate Distribution

The Trombay Centre celebrated the GDA Certificate Distribution Ceremony with great enthusiasm, marking a proud milestone for the students.

Certificates were distributed in the presence of **Mr. Devendra Singh Verma** and Ms. Farheen Ma'am. Students shared inspiring journeys, reflecting their hard work, dedication, and growth.

Our sincere thanks to **Mumbai Aviation Fuel Farm Facility Private Limited (MAFFFL)** for their continued support in shaping opportunities and enabling our students to move forward with confidence.



Turbhe Centre – Certificate Distribution

The Turbhe Centre proudly celebrated the Certificate Distribution Ceremony of one more GDA batch in the presence of **Ms. Shweta Dodeja** and Mr. Paramjeet Singh.

Students re-lived their journeys through a heartfelt video and shared inspiring placement experiences, reflecting their growth and achievements.

The ceremony concluded with certificate distribution, marking a proud milestone for all.

Turbhe Centre – Certificate Distribution

Celebrated the Certification Distribution of the General Duty Assistant (GDA) and Basic IT batches, marking the successful completion of both courses.

The event was graced by **Mr. Vipul Gupta** and **Mr. Harshit Gupta** from ACRE, along with **Mr. Suraj Dodeja**, **Ms. Shweta Dodeja**, Ms. Farheen Peshimam, and Ms. Parvinder Ma'am. The ceremony concluded on an inspiring note, celebrating the hard work, achievements, and future readiness of the students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Assets Care & Reconstruction Enterprise Limited (ACRE)** for their invaluable support in empowering our students and making this milestone possible.



Certification of GDA Batches

At the Trombay Centre, DBM India celebrated a proud double milestone with the Certification Ceremony of two GDA Batches. The event was graced by **Mr. Vrushabha Gore** and Ms. Farheen Peshimam.

Students showcased their practical skills through ward setup demonstrations and presentations on handwashing techniques and the skeletal system, reflecting strong hands-on learning.

A deeply emotional highlight was the journey videos, where students re-lived their growth, followed by inspiring sharing of their experiences and placement journeys.

The ceremony culminated in certificate distribution, marking a significant milestone, and concluded with engaging activities that added joy and celebration to the occasion.

We extend our sincere gratitude to **Alivus Life Sciences** for their valuable support in empowering our GDA students and strengthening their learning journey.





Bhiwandi Centre – Certificate Distribution

The Bhiwandi Centre successfully conducted the Certificate Distribution Ceremony for Warehouse Associate Course – Batch 09, celebrating the achievements of students stepping into the logistics industry.

The event was graced by **Mr. Madan Dodeja and Ms. Shweta Dodeja** from Vashi Parivaar Foundation.

The guests shared insightful guidance, appreciating the students' dedication and motivating them to stay focused and committed to their career journeys. Adding a personal touch, students shared inspiring experiences, highlighting how the course enhanced their skills and confidence.

The ceremony concluded with certificate distribution, marking a proud milestone and reinforcing DBM India's commitment to creating skilled, confident, and job-ready youth.

Volunteer Certificate Distributions



Nanavati college

Volunteers from Nanavati College were awarded certificates at the DBM India Bandra Centre, recognizing their dedication and contribution.

The session also included valuable guidance from Mr. Paramjeet Singh, who motivated the volunteers on the importance of social service and giving back to society. An engaging discussion further encouraged them to reflect on their role and purpose as volunteers at DBM India.

Institute of Technology and Management (ITM) College

The Certificate Distribution Program at ITM College honored our volunteers for their dedication and impactful contributions, celebrating their commitment to creating meaningful change.



Guru Nanak Vidyak Society (GNVS) College

Students from Guru Nanak Vidyak Society (GNVS) College once again extended their heartfelt support by raising funds for DBM India's initiatives, especially the Mid-Day Meal program, helping provide essential nutrition to children in M-East Ward schools.

We deeply appreciate their continued commitment and generosity. The Certificate Distribution Program further recognized the dedication and positive impact created by these volunteers, encouraging them to continue their journey of meaningful social contribution.

Other activities



Khar Banking Simulation Activity

A Banking Simulation Activity was successfully conducted for the BFSI batch, offering students a hands-on experience of real-world banking operations. Divided into five groups, each team created its own bank with specialized departments, showcasing their understanding of roles and services.

Ms. Parvinder Kaur and staff from **Kotak Foundation** participated as customers, engaging with students through interactive queries, to which students responded confidently and effectively.

The activity concluded with performance-based evaluations, making it an engaging and practical learning experience that strengthened students' confidence and industry readiness.



Bhiwandi Batch Inauguration

The Bhiwandi Centre successfully inaugurated Warehouse Associate Course – Batch 10 with 23 enthusiastic participants, marking the beginning of a new learning journey.

The ceremony was graced by **Ms. Shweta Dodeja**, Ms. Farheen Peshimam, and Ms. Parvinder Kaur.

Students were introduced to the course structure, its industry relevance, and the opportunities it can unlock. An interactive session followed, where participants shared their backgrounds and aspirations, setting the tone for a focused and engaging learning experience.



Womens day Celebration at our centers

International Women's Day was celebrated across DBM India centres with enthusiasm and purpose, creating awareness, joy, and empowerment among students.

At the Trombay Centre, an impactful session on safety and rights was conducted in partnership with ActionAid, equipping students with knowledge on preventing harassment and understanding legal protections.

At the Chembur Centre, the day was marked with engaging quizzes, fun activities, and discussions on women's empowerment and cyber safety.

Meanwhile, the Turbhe Centre celebrated creativity through a greeting card-making competition, where students expressed their appreciation and respect for women.

The celebrations not only encouraged participation and creativity but also reinforced the importance of awareness, confidence, and standing up for one's rights.



Empower Achiever

Vitthal Shelke



From financial struggles to fulfilling his dream of joining the police force, Vitthal Laxman Shelke's journey is a true testament to determination and resilience.

A 21-year-old from Pachgani, Satara, Vitthal comes from a humble background, with his father working as a farmer and his mother managing the household. Despite financial constraints and living in a rented home in Govandi, Mumbai, he remained focused on his goal of serving in the Maharashtra Police.

With unwavering determination, Vitthal committed himself to rigorous preparation at the Empower Library, studying for long hours every day. His journey was not without challenges—he left his job to focus on studies, faced financial pressure, and even battled an injury during physical training. Yet, he refused to give up.

His perseverance paid off as he successfully cleared both stages of the examination, scoring 45/50 in the physical test and 80/100 in the written exam. Today, **he proudly serves as a Police Constable in Mumbai, earning ₹30,000 per month.**

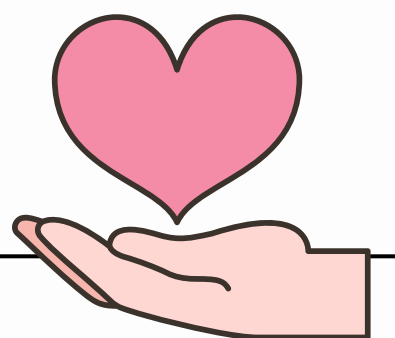
Even after achieving this milestone, Vitthal continues to aim higher, preparing for competitive exams with the same discipline and dedication. He credits his success to consistent effort, proper planning, and the right learning environment.

Vitthal's journey stands as a powerful inspiration—proving that with resilience and self-belief, no dream is too far to achieve.



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