



Monthly Report - November

25



**Biodiversity Club at
Gilderlane School**



**Midline Assessment at
Sahakar Nagar School**



Summary of the Month

English Room

The Pehlay Akshar Foundation conducted key academic and co-curricular interventions across BMC schools this month. Theatre Director trained the team and observed theatre sessions in all 9 schools, shared positive feedback. Inquiry-Based Learning workshops were held in three schools, along with a Parent-Teacher Engagement workshop at Rajashree Shahu School. Hands-on Biodiversity sessions helped students build models, improve their understanding, and enhance Functional English skills. Children's Day was celebrated across schools with creative activities. The Spotlight event is scheduled for next month. It is a Pehlay Akshar Foundation volunteering initiative that creates a carnival-like atmosphere for students and introduces them to global concepts like spelling bees, raps, and debates. Preparations for the upcoming Spotlight Event are underway.

Teacher Training

Teacher training sessions continued this month along with Saathi sessions and individual classroom support across 24 wards, further strengthening facilitation quality and teacher engagement. Saathi sessions were conducted regularly to build teacher confidence in delivering Functional English activities. Additionally, a 3-day training for new Shikshan Sevak teachers was conducted across all wards, helping them understand activity-based teaching, effective classroom management, and strategies for building student engagement. Regular AO and BO visits were also carried out to share updates and submit monthly progress reports, ensuring strong coordination and program alignment across wards.



**Theatre Session at Adarsh
Nagar School**



**Inquiry based learning
Workshop at Balaram School**



Nov '25 Highlights

Schooling

- **Theatre Education Strengthening:** Intensive theatre training was conducted for the Pehlay Akshar team by Theatre Director Ankur Parekh, followed by successful theatre sessions across all 9 BMC schools. School visits and observations were completed, with positive feedback shared for facilitators' delivery.
- **Teacher Capacity-Building:** Inquiry-Based Learning workshops were conducted in three schools (Balaram, Gilderlane, Rajashree Shahu), along with a Parent-Teacher Engagement workshop at Rajashree Shahu School.
- **Experiential Learning in Science & English:** Hands-on Biodiversity sessions were introduced, enabling students to create learning models and practice Functional English through presentations—improving conceptual understanding, communication, and collaboration skills.
- **English Room Upgradation:** Repair and painting of English Rooms in 5 BMC schools has been completed, ensuring improved learning environments for students.

Success Story from English Room



Sana Shaikh, a Grade 5 student from Byculla Urdu-medium section, initially struggled with English pronunciation and often hesitated to speak in class. Even simple words felt challenging, which affected her confidence and participation.

Through regular Pehlay Akshar English classes and continuous support from her facilitator, Sana began to make steady progress. The facilitator identified her specific challenges and conducted targeted activities such as pronunciation drills, peer-reading exercises, and confidence-building speaking tasks. With repeated practice and a supportive classroom environment, Sana gradually developed clarity, fluency, and self-assurance.

Today, she communicates with confidence and shows a growing interest in learning English. Reflecting on her journey, she proudly shares, "I feel great to be in the Pehlay Akshar class."

Teacher Training:

No. of Saathi sessions- **88**
No. of Individual interactions- **655**
No. of teachers impacted in Saathi Sessions- **695**
No. of Active users on WhatsApp bot- **4352**
No. of Active users on PAF App- **270**
No. of Interactions with AO- **41**
No. of Interactions with BO- **34**

Sessions conducted across 10 English Rooms:

887 English sessions
182 English State Curriculum sessions
298 21st Century Skills sessions
140 Biodiversity Sessions
3 Teacher's Workshop with
35 Teachers Impact Number

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Teacher Training



Saathi Session:

- The Saathi Session was based on the **Google Gemini and Question Chain Game**, which focused on Boosting English Communication Confidence and Integrating AI for Classroom Innovation.
- A total of **88** Saathi sessions were conducted, impacting **520** teachers.
- **95%** of teachers liked the energizer, and **80%** of teachers liked the “Let’s learn AI - Google Gemini and Question chain game.”
- **93%** of teachers felt the concepts covered in the Saathi session would help them with their classroom teaching.
- **60%** teachers reported that they found Pehlay Akshar App activities very useful.
- Teachers reported that the Saathi sessions provided them with a platform to express their thoughts and communicate with their peers in English, free from the fear of making errors or being judged.



Classroom Support:

- **695** classroom support sessions were provided.
- Teachers followed the Pehlay Akshar Ideology while conducting lessons with the Pehlay Akshar Facilitator



Individual Interaction:

- Individual interactions were conducted with **655** teachers.
- A short one on one interaction was conducted during individual interactions to facilitate Pehlay Akshar App registrations and help teachers with other features of the app.
- Teachers shared that the Pehlay Akshar App has helped them improve their English, learn new activities, use state lesson plans, and access worksheets for students.



New Teachers' Training



- A 3-day workshop was conducted with newly recruited teachers (Shikshan Sewak) on the core principles, ideology of Pehlay Akshar across all **24 wards** of Mumbai.
- A total of **370** new teachers participated from all 24 wards in the workshop.
- The workshop covered 3 different modules -
 - Day 1 - Conducive Learning Environment
 - Day 2 - Growth Mindset
 - Day 3 - Classroom Management
- The first day emphasized creating a **Conducive Learning Environment** by designing a "Magic Classroom." The foundation was based on establishing a Safe Space. This safe space was supported by three pillars: Appreciation, Motivation, and Engagement, all aimed at fostering an ideal atmosphere for learning.
- The second day focused on cultivating a **Growth Mindset**. Various techniques were introduced to help participants overcome mental blocks and barriers. The session aimed to broaden perspectives from being reactive to becoming proactive in their approach to teaching and learning.
- The final day dealt with **Classroom Management strategies**. It included techniques for handling diverse learning styles and student behaviours. Teachers were introduced to various teaching methods to effectively manage classrooms and support all learners.



Testimonials



I am very excited about the Pehlay Akshar sessions! I love the activities we do in these classes, such as story, theatre, tongue twisters, and mime — they make learning English so much fun. These creative activities not only help me learn English better but also make our classroom lively and exciting. I enjoy taking part in every activity because they boost my confidence, improve my speaking skills, and encourage me to be expressive and imaginative.

- A Student, Sharanya More, 5th grade Prabhadevi School

"The Pehlay Akshar English sessions have brought a variety of engaging activities and learning experiences to our classroom. They have helped students, strengthen their vocabulary, enhance memorization, and build a strong foundation in English. These sessions are truly impactful, providing quality learning opportunities that our students greatly benefit from. Overall, it has been an extremely useful and enriching experience for them."

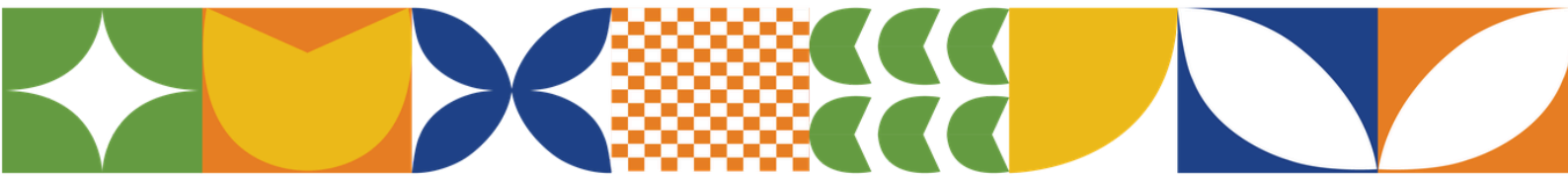
- A Teacher from MPS Byculla English School

"The training was well-structured and motivating. I appreciate how real classroom scenarios were discussed - it made everything so relatable."

- A Teacher from Ganesh Nagar Hindi School, RS ward

"Al Gemini helps me make lessons quickly. The worksheets are simple and help my students understand the topic better."

- A Teacher from Golibar Masjid Urdu BMC School, HW ward



What's Next ?



Schooling

- Curriculum sessions
- Spotlight Event
- Construction of ER at Adarsh Nagar School
- Workshop with Teachers
- Team seated at Adarsh Nagar school to support in content development, theater planning and practice



Teacher Training

- English Carnival
- Saathi Session
- Classroom Support
- Individual Interaction

