



Monthly Report - May & June 25



Summer Camp at Balaram School



Summer Camp at Gilderlane School



Balaram School- Tree Plantation activity



CSR Box Endline Assessment



Summary for the Month

English Room: Summer Camp, Library Initiative & Rapport Building

In May, Pehlay Akshar Foundation conducted Summer Camps at Worli, Bhandup, Balaram, and Gilderlane,

In June, as schools reopened, the team connected with 10 BMC schools, built rapport with staff and students, and laid the foundation for a year of meaningful, inclusive, and joyful learning.

During May and June, Pehlay Akshar Foundation team supported Byculla, Gilderlane, Balaram and Nizampura Schools in conducting their library reading initiative for teachers and students.

Teacher Training

Pehlay Akshar Foundation conducted Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with teachers across 11 wards, gathering 139 responses to assess program impact, classroom implementation, and interest in future trainings. Additional feedback was also collected from Headmasters through one-on-one interactions.

In partnership with CSR Box, a comprehensive impact survey was conducted with 620 teachers across 24 wards to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of the training program. Surveys were jointly administered by CSR Box enumerators and Pehlay Akshar facilitators.



June '25 Highlights

Schooling

- Organised Summer Camps at Worli, Baram, and Gilderlane, focusing on Communicative Functional English.
- Students showed visible improvement in fluency, confidence, creativity, and teamwork through interactive activities, while parents appreciated the initiative as a free, meaningful engagement during vacation.
- Post school reopening, teams visited 10 BMC schools to build rapport with Headmasters and teachers, and finalize timetables.
- On 28th June, conducted a World Environment Day activity at Baram School with volunteers, including spoken English sessions and a sapling plantation aligned with “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam”.

Success Story from English Room



Summer Camp

This summer, the Pehlay Akshar Foundation successfully organized a Summer Camp reaching to a total of 140 students. This summer camp was organized to keep children meaningfully engaged during the school break. What began at Worli and Bhandup Community Halls quickly expanded to Baram and Gilderlane Schools, driven by enthusiastic student participation and strong support from Headmasters and Government Officials.

The camp provided a cost-free, interactive learning environment where students practiced Functional English through storytelling, games, and creative activities—making learning joyful and accessible.

Impact at a Glance:

- Bhandup: Participation grew from 16 to 85 students
- Worli: Grew from 17 to 41 students
- Baram & Gilderlane: Engaged 22 students (initially 13)

34 trained volunteers made sessions lively and engaging

The growing attendance and visible improvement in students' confidence and English skills reflected the camp's success in combining learning with the spirit of summer. The initiative also fostered strong school and community collaboration, creating a vibrant and supportive learning space for all.



June 25 Highlights

Teacher Training



Focus Group Discussions (FGDs):

- FGDs are structured group conversations used to gather qualitative insights from participants. FGDs were conducted with teachers to evaluate the effectiveness of training programs, understand implementation on the ground, and gather suggestions for future improvements.
- Conducted Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with teachers across 11 wards: HE, HW, RC-RN, PN, KW, FS, FN, E, S, and T.
- Purpose of FGDs:
 - To assess overall program impact
 - To understand teachers' grasp and classroom implementation of workshop concepts
 - To explore teachers' interest in refresher trainings or on new training topics
 - Collected additional feedback from Headmasters (HMs) through individual interactions.
 - Total teacher responses received: 139

CSR Box Survey:

- CSR Box, an external agency, collaborated with Pehlay Akshar Foundation to conduct a survey aimed at assessing the program's impact over the years.
- The survey was conducted with teachers across 24 wards.
- Enumerators from CSR Box visited schools along with Pehlay Akshar facilitators to carry out the survey.
- A total of 620 teachers were surveyed across 24 wards.



Classroom Support:

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



Testimonials



“We're eagerly anticipating the Pehlay Akshar training – a refresh is much needed after our long vacation.”

- A Teacher from Colaba Secondary School, A ward

"WhatsApp Bot Activities are good and I share it with my students as a homework."

- A Teacher from Goshala English School, T ward

“The ERW Box will serve as a valuable digital learning aid, helping students understand concepts better and enhancing their overall learning experience.”

- A Teacher from Tulshetpada Urdu School, S ward

“I came from Anjuman Islam Girls School, for the Summer Camp conducted by Pehlay Akshar Foundation. I learned different energizers, games, dance, drawing, craft activities. I like to come to summer camp daily.”

-Rumaisa Nansola, a student from Summer Camp

“I am learning new things every day, I like to play, and do activities with my friends and this summer camp makes my day good. I come with my friend and i also like the teachers, they are so nice to talk.”

-Swayam Patil, a student from Summer Camp



What's Next ?



Schooling

- Conducting sessions across the 10 BMC English Rooms
- Initiate conversations with AO of GS ward, HM and Building In-charge of Adarsh Nagar school, for the English Room construction



Teacher Training

- Workshop with AOs, BOs & HMs- Leadership
- Event to share an impact on our past 5 years' teacher training program and initiate the training workshops for newly appointed teachers in BMC

