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Celebrating BhavishyaYaan's Women Achievers
BhavisyhaYaan is a project that works with school children in municipal schools in Mumbai. All the children here have their own dreams and sets of challenges. BhavishyaYaan encourages them to dream big, and dream the impossible, despite their obstacles. We give them that gentle nudge to throw the stars of their aspirations far into the sky, and urge them to make their dreams a reality.

As we hold our breath and watch them endeavour with spirit and resilience, their achievements have become very dear to us. What makes them more special are the huge challenges they have surmounted to cover the distance between their background, resources and constraints on the one hand, and the heights of their goals on the other. But, they have successfully bridged the gap with grit and determination. Their stellar achievements stand out more as they are women juggling many roles.

Here, we celebrate a few success stories of our alumni and applaud their efforts academically and professionally! We admire the personal marathons they have had to run to get to their finishing points, and we would like you to join us in cheering them!

Needless to say, these star women achievers are now an inspiration to those who wish to follow in their illustrious paths!
Dipika graduated from school in the year 2010. Thereafter, she pursued a master’s degree in tourism management. She has since worked with Veena World as a junior executive in destination management.

Dipika’s family had several financial issues but that did not deter her from pursuing her interests. She improved her spoken English skills, and slowly gained more confidence. She attributes her success to her family, who she calls her “backbone”, as they always supported and encouraged her.

“In the year 2015, my father met with an accident, but he still didn’t ask me to do a job. Instead, he encouraged me to complete my master’s degree.”

She appreciates the role of BhavishyaYaan in her life – “Whoever I am today is because of BhavishyaYaan... It’s because of this wonderful program that I got inspiration to do something in life and give back to society.”

With an aptitude for research, and the curiosity to find out more on any new topic, it’s no surprise that her ultimate career goal is to become a professor. Dipika also wants to help rural India grow, travel the world, try new cuisines, and buy her own 2BHK flat!
Khushboo passed out from school in 2012, graduated from college in 2017, and later finished her post graduation in 2019. Khushboo’s work experience includes two years as a computer operator, and four years as a private tutor.

She enjoys cooking in her free time, and dreams of travelling to different countries. She appreciates the support of her family, and is also grateful to BhavishyaYaan, which helped her gain the strength to explore new facets of life and learning.

Khushboo particularly admires Neeta ma'am and Pushpa ma'am. She says, “They may not be my biological mothers, but have played roles similar to her. Nazia ma'am too has been like a sister, teacher and friend. They are all kind-hearted and emotionally supportive women.”

Eager to learn everything, Khushboo enjoys taking on life’s challenges. Her final aim is to become financially independent, “get ahead in life, and not depend on anyone.”
Aarti passed out from school in 2018, and is currently pursuing her FYBA from Bhavan’s college.

She describes herself as an enjoyable and hardworking person, who never gives up until she completes a task!

Her goal is to become a teacher, and also learn accounting, so as to take on some part-time work. She gained some experience teaching when she volunteered at the BhavishyaYaan program.

Additionally, she also gives tuitions from her home. She also has experience of call center and data entry work, assigned to her by the Udayan Shalini Fellowship (USF) program.

Her hobbies include dancing and art and craft. She has performed at the annual day function at her college, and also participated in drawing, dancing, and singing competitions where she has won certificates and awards.

Aarti is grateful to BhavishyaYaan, which she says has played an important role in her life – “At BhavishyaYaan, they have guided me, and it's because of them that I got a scholarship at USF. I value their sessions on personality development, and I feel lucky to be a student at BY.”

Aarti’s role model is her older sister, and she wants to be like her – hardworking, determined, and a problem-solver!
Prasangi completed her HSC in the year 2020 from the Sophia College for Women. She is interested in Psychology, IT and Political Science. “Psychology helped me understand emotions and human behaviour, but it was difficult to memorise some concepts on my own.”

She’s fascinated by IT because of the new software she learns about, particularly those on designing. Her hobbies are to make craft items, and she even runs a small business selling them on order. During school days, Prasangi participated in gymnastics and karate and won awards. Her crowning glory was securing a second place in school in the tenth standard. Her family has always supported her; she fondly recalls her father’s words: “Prasangi, it's not important to come first or second, but more important to enjoy studying and learning.”

Her five years with BhavishyaYaan were an integral part of her school life. “Without them I would not have done well in the board exams, and got admission in a good college. They were a guiding lamp for me.”

Prasangi is till part of BhavishyaYaan’s youth forum and helps teachers conduct events. Her career goal is to be a creative director of an agency, and eventually own her own ad agency.

Her role model is the KPop group BTS, that inspires her to believe that “hardwork will always lead to success, and patience is a must!”
Amrapali passed out from school in 2015. Her subjects of interest are accounts, advertising, office administration and computer science. She has already gained four years of work experience. In her spare time, she pursues hobbies like dancing and sketching. She has undoubtedly had challenges, particularly financial ones, but this has not stopped her from dreaming and pursuing her goals...

Amrapali worked hard to win a scholarship while pursuing her education. At the company, Indian Pharmaceuticals Alliance, where she started out as an intern, she successfully manages the overall administration and accounts department. She is grateful to Deepa ma’am at BhavishyaYaan, who helped her build the confidence to speak in English, and provided the necessary computer skills needed for college and the internship. Her ultimate goal is to buy her dream car, her own home, and to make her family happy. Her personal dreams include travelling all over India first, and then to Dubai with her family. Her role model is Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, whose thoughts she finds very inspiring... She quotes one of her favourite one – "Be educated, be organized and be agitated. Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence."
Hirmani passed out from school in 2012. She later worked in a cyber café as a computer operator for seven years, and as a typist for one year. When Hiramanii got married into a joint family, it became difficult for her to pursue her education further, but she did not give up. She was the first rank holder in her first year of Master’s in Science, and second rank holder in her second year MSc.

She feels extremely supported by her mother and husband, who have both encouraged her to pursue further studies. She is also grateful to BhavishyaYaan for their financial support to her education as well as their emotional support. She says, “The program gave me various opportunities to fulfil my dreams. The training in computer programs and other computer-related knowledge, as well as the other activities helped me conduct my daily life better. English classes were also very helpful.”

Hirmanani enjoys dancing and singing in her free time. Her ultimate career goal is to pursue a PhD in Chemistry, and become a professor in her field.
Manisha completed her BSc degree, and is currently working with HDFC Bank. She recently got married, and is enjoying the new phase of her life. She remembers her time with BhavishyaYaan as very memorable, and is thankful that the “BY family” helped with her personal development as well as that of her family’s. “Neeta ma'am and Pushpa ma'am took the initiative to teach our mothers, and for that I am very grateful... It is only because of them that my mom is able to read and write in Marathi.” Another happy memory of BhavishyaYaan was when she made a miniature version of the Eiffel Tower and Golden Bridge in a craft session, and pleasantly surprised Neeta ma'am!
Suman Mukadam

Suman passed out from school in the year 2018. She is currently studying at Nagrik Shikshan Sanstha College of Commerce and Economics. Suman works at Elizabeth Hospital as a canteen executive. Suman says her family and friends have always motivated her.

She has won prizes in essay writing, modelling, and also hosted an online webinar for the Udayan Shalini Fellowship (USF) program. She is grateful for BhavishyaYaan’s significant role in her life. Being from a Hindi medium school, she attributes her spoken English and computer knowledge to the program.

“I can speak in English, while my friends who didn’t do the program still have difficulty doing so... If they had attended BY, their life would have changed for the better.” Through BY, she entered the USF program, where she explored her talents further.

“BY was the foundation and USF was the building structure...” says Suman. Always striving to do better and learn more, Suman ultimately wants to be an interior designer and do social work.

Her hobbies include drawing, dancing, photography, makeup and nail art. Suman’s mother is her role model because of her problem-solving and multi-tasking skills, as well as her zest for life!
KIRTI VISHWANATH PARDHI

Kirti completed school in 2011. She has been working as a news reporter and anchor in a local news channels since the past two years. She has also worked as a woman entrepreneur in EDII with ITC collaboration for a year and a half. One would wonder how her biggest challenge was gaining an interest in studies in school, as she has since won two consecutive awards as a 'youth icon' at the Shardabai Pawar Mahila Mahavidyalay, Baramati Competition.

She has also gained recognition as a good actor at the Natya Mahotsav.

She is grateful to her family who support her in whatever she does, her friends who always stand by her, and her teachers who help her discover her hidden talents.

“BhavishyaYaan changed my perspective and my views toward education. The program also helped me enhance my skills and qualities by showcasing them in a proper way,” says Kirti.

Her ultimate career goal is to be a deputy collector, and her personal goals include starting a mahila ashram for women, and propagating the use of sanitary napkins in rural areas.

She is inspired by the work and thoughts of Savitribai Phule and Mahatma Phule. Kirti’s own spirit of determination helps her strive for what she wants until she achieves it!
Prajakta scored a distinction in her SSC exams and 65 percent in the HSC exams. After HSC, she pursued a course from Frankfinn to become an air hostess. After finishing this course, she got a job at INOX cineplex, and is earning Rs. 20,000 per month. Her dream is to become an airhostess and travel across the world. Prajakta says she could only dream of becoming an airhostess after her fluency in English improved, as a result of the BhavishyaYaan program at the Vile Parle centre. Prajakta wants her parents to be proud of her, and is grateful that BhavishyaYaan motivated her to dream big and achieve those dreams!
Pooja completed her SSC exams with a distinction, and later graduated with a B.Voc degree in hotel management from Tata Institute of Social Sciences. Pooja has three years of work experience with Taj President, Mumbai. She is currently pursuing a PGD in Human Resources and Administration from Tata Institute of Social Sciences. Pooja is fascinated by HR because of its many facets like legal compliance, legislation, technology, and employee expectations.

"Both the hospitality and HR industries have taught me life lessons, like how to overcome low self-esteem and achieve something with patience. Though work, I have learned how to engage with the outside world and gain a positive attitude."

Pooja believes she will have many more achievements thanks to her positive focus. “In whatever field I am, my dream is to become a successful woman.”

Her father, who came to Mumbai from his village, with only Rs. 2 in his hand, is her inspiration. “He has created his world in an unknown city, and done everything he could to provide comfort for his children.”

She feels BhavishyaYaan played a miraculous role in her life, as from here she gained confidence in the English language, learned how to work in a team, and present herself better. Her ultimate goal is to become a teacher and share with others the knowledge she has!
Nilima completed her BE in computer science from B.R. Harne College of Engineering and Technology with a 60 percent. She stays in Colaba, and is the older daughter in her family. Nilima is inspired by her father who taught her how to work hard.

“Now that I am done with one academic milestone, I wish to help my father as he works very hard every day, as well as to help my husband build a bright future.”
Pallavi completed her TYBCom from Elphinstone College in 2017. Thereafter, she pursued her career in the operations department for registrar companies at Karvy for two years. Later, she worked at CAMS for a year. She is currently a customer relationship officer with Prudent Corporate Advisory Services Ltd. She handles their back office operations for mutual funds, insurance, FDs etc.
Siddhi graduated with a BSc in Computer Science from D.G. Ruparel College. She is currently training at Capgemini Technology Services India Limited as a software associate. She is grateful to the BhavishyaYaan program, where she learned many new things, like spoken English and knowledge of computers. “My spoken English has improved a lot because of BY. I also realised I had an interest in computers while attending a BY computer class... This gave me clarity on which career path to take, and now I am in the software stream.” She also appreciates the important life skills taught at BY like teamwork, coordination, determination, and the willingness to explore and learn new things. “My learnings from BY made me the best version of myself,” Siddhi concludes.
Manisha passed out from school in 2014. She is interested in accounts and economics. She has two years of work experience – one year with BhavishyaYaan, and another with Athena BPO Pvt Ltd. She may have faced financial problems and family issues, but her enthusiastic approach to life always helps her succeed. Being in a vernacular medium municipal school, she was not so confident while communicating in English, but she worked fast on that skill. She is grateful to Deepa ma’am, Sagar sir and Valvi sir, as well as the whole BhavishyaYaan program which gave her the opportunity to work for a year. It also helped her build confidence in herself, and motivated her to resolve her past problems. Manisha enjoys listening to songs, learning new things, travelling, and trying different cuisines. Her ultimate career goal is to be successful and buy her own house in Mumbai. Her personal dream is to make her mother proud...and to contribute to VIDYA whenever possible. She is inspired by Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, and the way he delivered speeches. “His thoughts are awesome, and he was also from a poor family, but he became successful by facing life bravely!”
Shraddha is currently pursuing her third year of Engineering in the field of Information Technology. She says her journey with BhavishyaYaan has taught her various things, such as life skills required at the workplace, spoken English, and how to use the computer and its software.

“I am glad to say, I have implemented all these learnings in my life.”

Apart from studies, Shraddha actively participated in many competitions in school and got certificates for them. She also took part in plays performed by BhavishyaYaan students for Rotary Club of Bombay. She used to enjoy all the summer camps, Diwali camps and Christmas camps organized by BY, where she dabbled in art and craft activities, and researched the internet on the various themes of the camps.
Sayali passed out from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar School in the year 2014. Thereafter, she completed a diploma in electronics engineering from VJTI Matunga, and a BE degree from Vivekanand Education Society’s Institute of Technology. Sayali is passionate about everything she does, especially her hobbies – reading, sketching, playing the guitar and cooking. Her strength lies in her ability to successfully work with her environment, maintain her peace and focus on her studies. She appreciates the many awards received from BhavishyaYaan that motivated her. She is also grateful to the support of her parents and school teachers, who helped her overcome obstacles on the path.

“BhavishyaYaan played a significant role in my school years, and helped me work on my soft skills and communication skills.”

She is currently working as a software engineer at Tata Consultancy Services, and enjoying the work experience there. Sayali has many goals in life, and is “always hungry to achieve more.”

Her next step is to pursue an MBA degree. She admires Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam for his scientific breakthroughs. Sayali has gained immense confidence from all the processes of growing and learning, and sums it up in one motivating sentence – “If you can dream it, then obviously you can do it!”
The sky is the limit...

As these young women soar higher, making a place for themselves, and "leaving a little dent in the universe," as Steve Jobs once said, we wish them more luck in all they do!

Just like BhavishyaYaan held their hands, for those few years, we are sure the universe too will hold their hands and support their dreams!

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who works with and for BhavishyaYaan, closely or remotely...

Your faith has given us the opportunity to help these young women spread their wings, step out of their cages, and fly high.

We are grateful to our entire team, to our donors, program partners, well-wishers, and the parents of our students, who have supported us at every step!

We look forward to your continued support for the upcoming programs too!

Finally, we'd like to thank these wonderful women featured here, who have put their best foot forward and made us proud.

Happy International Women's Day... the sky is indeed your limit!