

DHEERYA FOUNDATION

School On Wheels

PROJECT REPORT



Venue: BBMP Head Office, Bengaluru

Project proposed: 27-02-2021

Date of execution: April 1 - 3, 2021

Aim

The aim of the project was to increase the accessibility of education for children belonging to the lower class. Many children in slums are unable to receive basic education because of the lack of a mode of transport, time and money. Most children have to start working young to earn a living. Their parents can't afford to take out time to take their children to school. Hence, they are not willing to educate their children. We wanted to initiate remote education. And that is exactly what School on Wheels is. We bring the school to them so that they can learn wherever and whenever.

Only 53% of Indian habitation have a primary school and only 20% of habitation have a Secondary school.

(Source: 7th All India Education Survey)

There is no education without a school. Many rural areas in India don't have any schools at all. They neither have the infrastructure nor any teachers. We want to be able to reach such areas and facilitate a way for the children to receive a proper education.

50% of children getting primary school education are not achieving grade-appropriate learning levels.

(Source: National Achievement Survey, NCERT 2017)

Whatever subpar education these underprivileged children do receive, is not enough for them to stay afloat in the competitive world. We want to impart practical knowledge to the children that will help them to get better jobs and have an improved future.

In Karnataka, the percentage of the number of children out of school was as high as 6.2% in 2020.

(Source: Annual Status of Education Report, ASER 2021)

Karnataka saw a huge dip in the number of school-going students during Covid-19. This was mainly because of safety issues and monetary issues. We want to provide good quality, remote education to those kids who can't dedicate a lot of time to learning.

About



Early 2021, we got an opportunity to collaborate with the BBMP on a project called School on wheels. This project aimed to beautify and paint the interiors of 10 old BMTC buses and transform them into mobile schools for the underprivileged kids in Bengaluru City. We went into this project not knowing what the turnout would be, considering the second wave of Covid-19 was at its peak. We were overwhelmed to have mobilised 120 + volunteers to devote 3 days to complete this project.(24 hours)



The idea was to build door-to-door classrooms so that the children won't have to travel to get to school. Many children are denied an education because they can't afford the time or the money spent on the commute. Accessible education and innovation was the intent behind this project.



The bus was designed to be colourful and attractive so that the kids will want to learn. We wanted the bus to excite them and bring out their creativity. The design of the bus will guide the kids to learn and grasp the information on their own.





We thank BBMP for their support in making this project happen!

