

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Transforming BMC Schools through Gyan-key Classroom Libraries & Fit-key Basketball Kits

1. Background and Rationale

Education is most effective when it nurtures both the **mind and body** of a child. In many Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) schools, children lack access to structured reading resources and organized sports infrastructure. This gap directly affects foundational learning outcomes, cognitive development, and overall well-being.

Children aged 7–13 years are in a critical stage of development where exposure to books and physical activity plays a decisive role in shaping their academic performance, emotional resilience, and social behavior. However, many government schools operate with limited learning aids and minimal opportunities for structured play.

To address this gap, the **Non-Resident Villagers (NRV) Initiative** proposes an integrated intervention combining:

- **Gyan-key Classroom Libraries** (for foundational learning)
- **Fit-key Basketball Kits** (for physical and mental well-being)

This dual approach ensures a **holistic development model**, improving both educational outcomes and life skills.

2. Project Objectives

Overall Objective

To enhance holistic development of students in BMC schools by improving access to quality learning resources and structured sports facilities.

Specific Objectives

1. Strengthen foundational literacy and communication skills among students of Classes 3 and 4.
2. Promote reading habits and critical thinking through classroom libraries.
3. Improve physical fitness, teamwork, and discipline through structured sports.
4. Enhance mental well-being and reduce stress among school children.
5. Create a more engaging and child-friendly learning environment in government schools.

3. Project Coverage

- **Location:** Mumbai (BMC Schools)

- **Number of Schools:** 22
- **Target Group:** Children aged 7–13 years (Classes 3–4 primarily for libraries; all students for sports)
- **Total Beneficiaries:** Approximately **2,000–3,000 students**

4. Project Components

4.1 Gyan-key Classroom Libraries

Each school will receive:

- **2 Library Sets** (for Class 3 and Class 4)
- Age-appropriate, curated books designed to build:
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Speaking
 - Listening
 - Thinking

Expected Impact:

- Improved literacy levels
- Better classroom engagement
- Development of critical thinking and comprehension skills

4.2 Fit-key Basketball Kits

Each school will receive:

- Basketballs
- Basketball hoop setup

Expected Impact:

- Increased physical activity
- Improved teamwork and leadership skills
- Better mental health and reduced anxiety
- Enhanced concentration in classroom learning

5. Implementation Strategy

Step 1: School Identification & Coordination

- Finalization of 22 BMC schools
- Coordination with school authorities

Step 2: Procurement & Kit Preparation

- Sourcing of books and sports equipment
- Quality assurance of materials

Step 3: Distribution & Setup

- Delivery of library kits and basketball kits
- Basic orientation for teachers and school staff

Step 4: Activation

- Encouraging use of libraries in classroom routines
- Promoting structured sports sessions

Step 5: Monitoring & Documentation

- Regular follow-ups with schools
- Photographic documentation and reporting

6. Expected Outcomes

1. Improved reading proficiency and communication skills among students.
2. Increased access to quality learning materials within classrooms.
3. Enhanced participation in physical activities and sports.
4. Improved mental well-being, reduced stress, and better peer relationships.
5. Strengthened school environment promoting holistic child development.
6. Direct impact on **2,000–3,000 children across 22 schools.**

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Output Indicators:**
 - Number of schools covered (22)
 - Number of library kits distributed
 - Number of basketball kits installed
- **Outcome Indicators:**
 - Increased student engagement in reading
 - Improved participation in sports activities
 - Feedback from teachers and students
- **Tools:**
 - School feedback forms
 - Photographic evidence
 - Periodic progress reports

8. Budget

Component	Cost per School (INR)	Total for 22 Schools (INR)
Gyan-key Library (2 sets)	7,820	
Fit-key Basketball Kit	4,900	
Total per School	13,000	
Grand Total		2,86,000

9. Sustainability

- Libraries will remain permanent classroom assets.
- Teachers will integrate reading into daily curriculum.
- Sports kits will enable continued physical engagement.
- Schools can replicate the model independently or with future support.

10. Risk Mitigation

Risk	Mitigation
Underutilization of library	Teacher orientation and monitoring
Damage/loss of equipment	School-level ownership and accountability
Limited sports engagement	Encouragement through structured activities