

A computational analysis of school factors for reducing drop-outs in Mumbai's Municipal Schools

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Education for the weaker socio-economic class







#### THE PROBLEM

Addressing school drop-outs among students from weaker socio-economic backgrounds

22.3% of the Indian population is YOUNG and UNEDUCATED, stuck in the cycle of unemployment and poverty

**48.6%** of student drop-outs are due to the lack of child-centric SCHOOL FACTORS

The child-centric school factors include:

• Learning Resources

- Infrastructure
- Health & Hygiene
- Safety

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Government funds for aided schools are allocated without any FOCUSED ANALYSIS of individual school factors



#### **SCHOOL FACTORS IMPACTING DROPOUTS**

#### LEARNING RESOURCES

Free Textbooks and Uniforms



HEALTH AND HYGIENE Meals, Drinking Water, Toilets



#### SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE

Digital facilities, Laboratories, Playgrounds



SAFETY Female Teachers, Transport





# Government Fund Allocation

WITHOUT any FOCUSED ANALYSIS of individual SCHOOL FACTORS







# What the Government SHOULD do

CORRELATE school parameters to identify SPECIFIC AREAS of improvement



Correlate important factors that directly impact drop-outs

Analyze drop-outs associated with every facility



# INNOVATION GOALS



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Easy and Accessible Predictive Model for reducing drop-outs



Optimize government expenditure through specific fund allocation



#### DATA COLLECTION

- 1. 1600+ Datasets (school report cards) collected
- 2. Authentic data with each school's information in a standardized format
- 3. Uploaded regularly by the government for all schools
- 4. Parameters:
- School category and type
- Medium of instruction
- Free textbooks, uniforms and transport
- Digital facilities
- Teachers
- Toilets
- Class rooms
- Infrastructure (playgrounds, furniture etc.)

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# INTERACTION with SPECIALISTS







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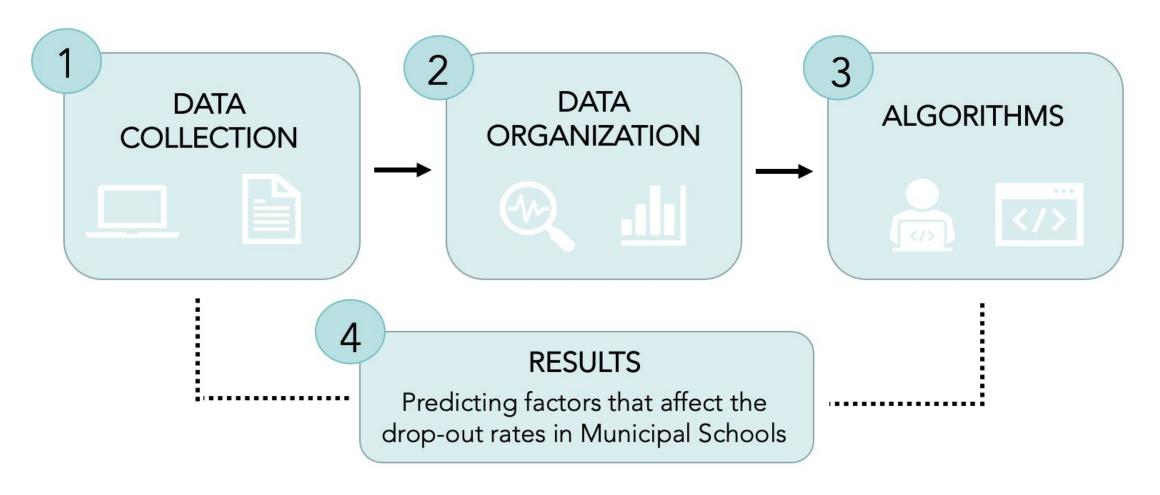
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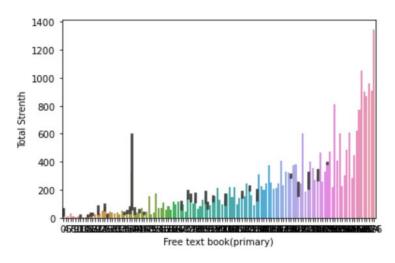
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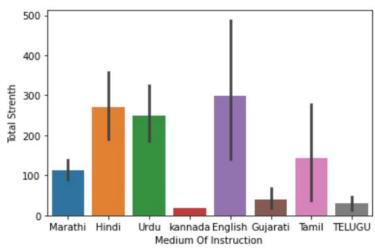


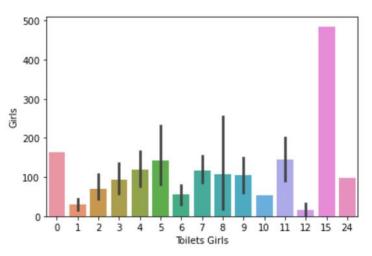
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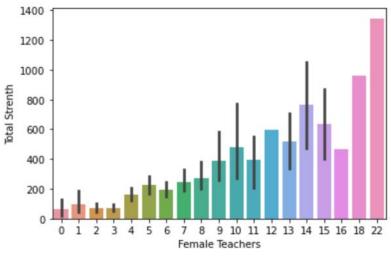


# **DATA ANALYSIS**











### Digital Learning Facilities









FACTORS THAT
CAN REDUCE
DROP-OUT RATES





**English Medium of Instruction** 





Female Teachers



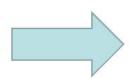


## HAS to be a SHIFT IN FOCUS

#### **SCHOOL FACILITIES**

- Playgrounds
- Toilets
- Mid-day meals





#### **PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION**

- English Medium of Instruction
- Digital Facilities (Desktops, Laptops, Tablets)
- Free Textbooks and Resources

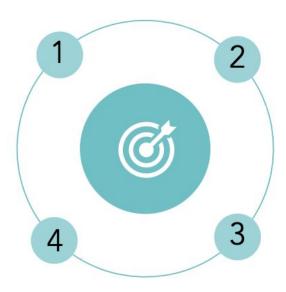




## **IMPACT**

#### Education and Employability

Improved employment rate because of quality education



Municipal schools will be looked at as an education hub rather than a caregiving facility

Equality in education – at par with private schools

Breaks the cycle of poverty for first-generation learners



### CONCLUSION

- 1. Students of Municipal Schools represent the YOUTH of India
- 2. Students are looking at school factors that enable EMPLOYABILITY, not just facilities
- 3. The government should focus on PROGRESSIVE LEARNING through:
- Digital medium (laptops, tablets)
- English as a medium of instruction
- Free learning resources (textbooks, uniforms, laboratories)

# DIRECT RESOURCES TOWARDS QUALITY EDUCATION



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