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A collaborative effort to map the accessibility of local train lines in Mumbai

PROJECT SAFAR

Project SAFAR is an accessibility check of local train stations in Mumbai carried out by students of Maniben Nanavati Women's College, under the Youth for Action Mission Intellect (Y.A.M.I.) Project.

The college collaborated with Project Mumbai to carry out this accessibility check.

Accessibility



[ak-ses-uh-bil-uh-tee]

the quality of being suitable or adapted for use by people with disabilities

Essentially, it means checking whether the specially abled can comfortably use Mumbai's local trains.

Process

Under the guidance of an expert and user experience, the students learned to look for the signs that helped them evaluate each station's Accessibility Stars. A score was assigned to each station based on the following seven parameters:



- 1. Entrance
- 2. Pathway
- 3. Steps
- 4. Elevator
- 5. Ticket counter
- 6. Platform
- 7. Signage

Process

Each of the seven parameters were further broken down into specific points to be evaluated from both the East and the West side of each station. For every parameter, if 50% or more of the targets were met on both East and West sides, the station received one star. In this manner each station surveyed is scored out of seven stars.



The students of M.N.W.C. spent months visiting stations on Western, Central and Harbour lines that are most used. They collected photographs and took videos to help in organizing the data. MNW College provided a travel allowance to all the students for these visits. This is entirely a student initiative for the benefit of all Mumbaikars

Accessibility Stars



BELAPUR CBD



TILAK NAGAR (H)

SEAWOOD DARAVE (H)

KHARGHAR (H)

KURLA (C)

MULUND (C)

DIVA (C)

DOMBIVLI (C)

KALYAN (C)

NAIGAON (W)

WESTERN LINE

STATIONS			PARA	AMETER	RS		
CHURCHGATE		*				*	*
MARINE LINES						*	*
CHARNI ROAD						*	*
GRANT ROAD		*	*			*	*
MUMBAI CENTRAL							*
MAHALAXMI							
LOWER PAREL						*	
PRABHADEVI						*	
DADAR	*		*	*			
MATUNGA			*				
MAHIM JUNCTION			*			*	
BANDRA							
KHAR ROAD							
SANTACRUZ							*

WESTERN LINE

STATIONS	PARAM	IETERS	
VILE PARLE			*
ANDHERI			
JOGESHWARI			
RAM MANDIR			
GOREGAON			*
MALAD			*
KANDIVALI			*
BORIVALI			*
DAHISAR			
MIRA ROAD			
BHAYANDER			*
NAIGAON	* *		*
VASAI ROAD			*
NALLA SOPARA			*
VIRAR			

HARBOUR LINE

STATIONS		PAR	AMETE	RS		
DOCKYARD ROAD						
REAY ROAD	*	*				*
COTTON GREEN		*			*	
SEWRI		*				*
VADALA ROAD	*	*	*			*
KINGS CIRCLE	*					
GTB NAGAR		*				*
CHUNNABHATTI						
TILAK NAGAR						*
CHEMBUR						*
GOVANDI						
MANKHURD						
VASHI						
SANPADA	*	*		*	*	*

HARBOUR LINE

STATIONS			PAR	AMETE	RS		
JUINAGAR		*					
NERUL		*	*			*	*
SEAWOOD DARAVE	*	*	*		*	*	*
BELAPUR CBD	*		*	*	*	*	
KHARGHAR	*		*		*	*	
MANASAROVAR							
KHANDESHWAR							

PANVEL

CENTRAL LINE

STATIONS			PAR	AMETE	RS	
CSMT		*			*	
MASJID BUNDER						
SANDHURST						
BYCULLA					*	*
CHINCHPOKALI			*			*
CURRY ROAD	*		*			*
PAREL						
DADAR						
MATUNGA						
SION	*					
KURLA						
VIDYAVIHAR						
GHATKOPAR		*				
VIKHROLI						

CENTRAL LINE

STATIONS			PAR	RAMETE	ERS		
KANJURMARG		*					
BHANDUP			*		*	*	
NAHUR		*	*		*	*	*
MULUND		*	*	*	*	*	*
THANE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
KALVA	*	*	*				*
MUMBRA	*		*			*	*
DIVA	*	*	*		*		
KOPAR	*	*	*				*
DOMBIVLI	*	*	*		*		
THAKURLI		*	*				*
KALYAN		*		*	*		*
VIITHALWADI							

ULHASNAGAR

CENTRAL LINE

STATIONS		PARAMETERS					
AMBERNATH							
BADLAPUR	*						
VANGANI		*			*	*	
KARJAT							
NERAL							
BHIVPURI							
SHAHAD						*	
AMBIVLI			*			*	
TITWALA						*	*

Stations with less train frequency were not covered

PARAMETERS
Entrance
Kerb ramp seen from road to the footpath
Ramp leading into the station
Ramp installed is of relatively gradient
Ramp is of min width 900 mm
Ramp has handrails on both sides
Ramp has tactile warning strips at start and end of the ramp
Signage indicating accessible entrance helps it be seen
Pathway
Pathway is even and continuous
No change in levels seen
No obstacles seen in the path of travel
Tactile pathway seen
Steps
Staps are of riser 150 mm and tread 300 mm
Handrails seen on both sides
Tactile warning strips seen at start and end of steps
Elevator
Lift door is of width 900 mm
Lift car is of dimension 2000*1100 mm
Audio indicator is present in the lift
Visual indicator is present in the lift
Control panel has both tactile and embossing buttons
Ticket Counters
Counters are of height 750-900 mm
Coin vending machines – coin slots at height of 1200 mm
Screens have audio to guide blind users
Map of stations is in tactile and embossed format
Ticketing app is accessible

Platform
Entry to platform is accessible
Disabled coach has an audio indicator
Gap between platform and coach is less than 12 mm
Push down ramp to facilitate entry into the coach
Visual Indicator is installed
Audio announcements are heard
Tactile warning strips (bubble) are installed at a distance of around 600 mm from the edge of the platform
Time to board is sufficient. Emergency button provided
Entrance to coach is 900 mm wide and has sufficient space for movement of wheelchair users
Signage
Platform numbers are clearly displayed
Visual and audio signages on all platforms and overhead bridges
Clear signages to accessible entrance
Clear signages to accessible washroom
Clear signages to accessible lifts
Clear signages to accessible coach
Working escalators with platform numbers

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Steps Ahead:

As an outcome of this survey, one of the students has identified a solution to facilitate train travel for those in wheelchairs. The idea is being placed before the college innovation and incubation cell (NIEDIC)



Disclaimer:

Data has been collected during the period of March 2024 to December 2024. Facilities may have changed since the survey. Kindly check with the station master for current updates.

While we have used the experiences of users to frame the parameters, the accessibility check needs to be done by qualified auditors based on the principles of HGSS 2021

Do share widely to generate greater awareness and support for our specially abled citizens.

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