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MAITRI: Quarterly Impact Report

July–September 2026

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WHY MAITRI EXISTS?

TALENT IS EVERYWHERE.

ACCESS IS NOT.

Many first-generation young women in urban government school communities carry ambition and capability, but face barriers in exposure, social capital, and professional networks—especially at key transitions from school to higher education and early careers. Limited exposure to role models and pathways often narrows ambition before ability has a chance to grow.

Exposure Gap **Network Gap** **Transition Gap** **Aspiration Gap**

How Maitri works?

A long-term mentorship and aspiration ecosystem that builds identity, voice, and credible pathways from school to work.

Structured Sisterhood

Small peer circles and mentor continuity that support girls through school, college, and early career transitions.

Mentorship & Social Capital

Relationship-based guidance, practice spaces, and exposure that build confidence, networks, and decision-making ability.

Voice as Leadership

Ninaad, Maitri Voices, and Sakhi[AI] carry lived wisdom forward for juniors and the wider ecosystem.

When one girl succeeds, she lights the path for many others.



Quarter Highlights

July-September 2026: Scholarships, admissions, podcast, mentorship, global conference and expert sessions

1. Opening Doors:
   Udayan Shalini Fellowship & Cadence Scholarship

2. A New Chapter Begins:
   College Admissions

3. Voices of Maitri:
   Student Podcast, Global Conference & Maitri Debate

4. Growing Together:
   School Outreach

5. Learning from Experience:
   Expert Session

Maitri played an integral role in facilitating the selection of **18 scholars** for the *Udayan Shalini Fellowship*. The team mobilised eligible girls, supported their preparation for the written assessment and interviews, and provided guidance throughout the selection process. The fellowship will support the scholars from Class XI through graduation or completion of a professional degree.



S. no.	NAME	SCHOOL
1.	Chahat	PDSKV, Fatehpur Beri
2.	Ifra	PDSKV, Fatehpur Beri
3.	Tanisha	GGSSS, Chattarpur
4.	Samiksha Kumari	GGSSS, Chattarpur
5.	Avika Sharma	GGSSS, Chattarpur
6.	Dilakshan	GGSSS, Chattarpur
7.	Swasti Mishra	GGSSS, Chattarpur
8.	Swati Shukla	GGSSS, Chattarpur
9.	Habiba Farooque	GGSSS, Chattarpur
10.	Priyanshi	GGSSS, Chattarpur
11.	Kirtirani Das	GGSSS, Chattarpur
12.	Gunjan	GGSSS, Chattarpur
13.	Neelam	GGSSS, Tughlakabad Extension
14.	Gaytri	CM SHRI, Rajokri
15.	Nancy	CM SHRI, Rajokri
16.	Saloni Singh	GGSSS, B-1 Vasant Kunj
17.	Kajal	GGSSS, B-1 Vasant Kunj
18.	Tannu	GGSSS, B-1 Vasant Kunj

Udayan Shalini Fellowship









Anushka Singh

PDSKV, Fatehpur Beri



Anshu Kumari

Govt. SKV, Hastsal

Cadence Scholarship

The Cadence Scholarship, a merit-cum-means initiative, supports students from economically weaker backgrounds in pursuing higher education through financial assistance and professional mentorship.

Maitri contributed to this effort by mobilising eligible students, facilitating applications, and preparing applicants for interviews, helping bridge the gap between educational aspirations and meaningful opportunities.



Sneha Kumari

Dr. BR Ambedkar SOSE



Vanshita Bidhuri

VSSKV, Kalkaji

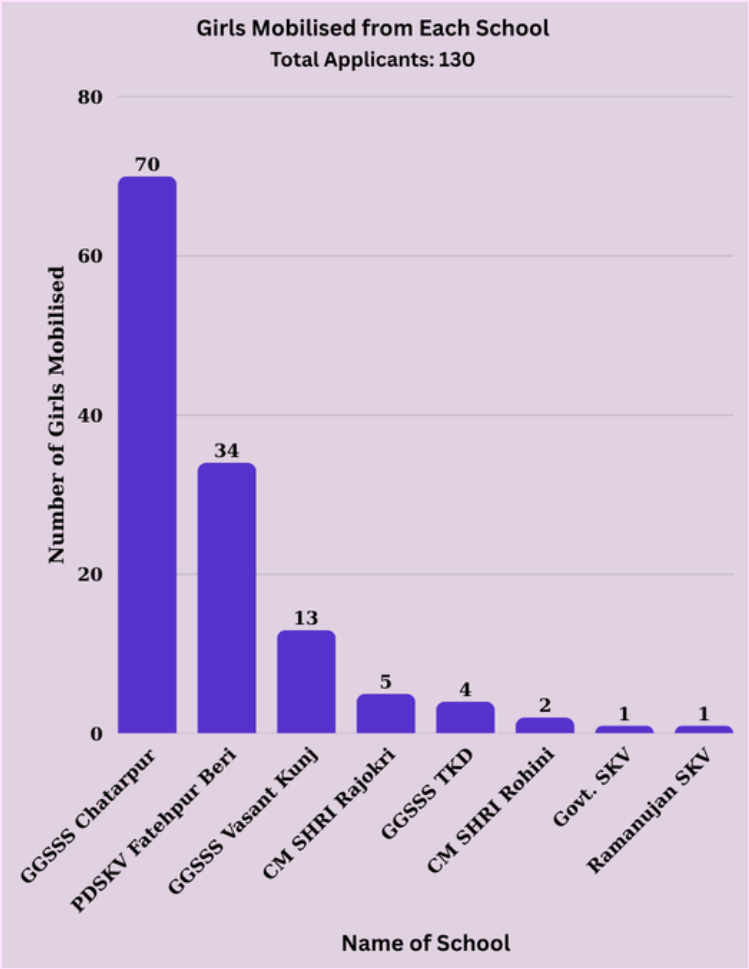
UDAYAN SHALINI FELLOWSHIP

130
Applications Sent

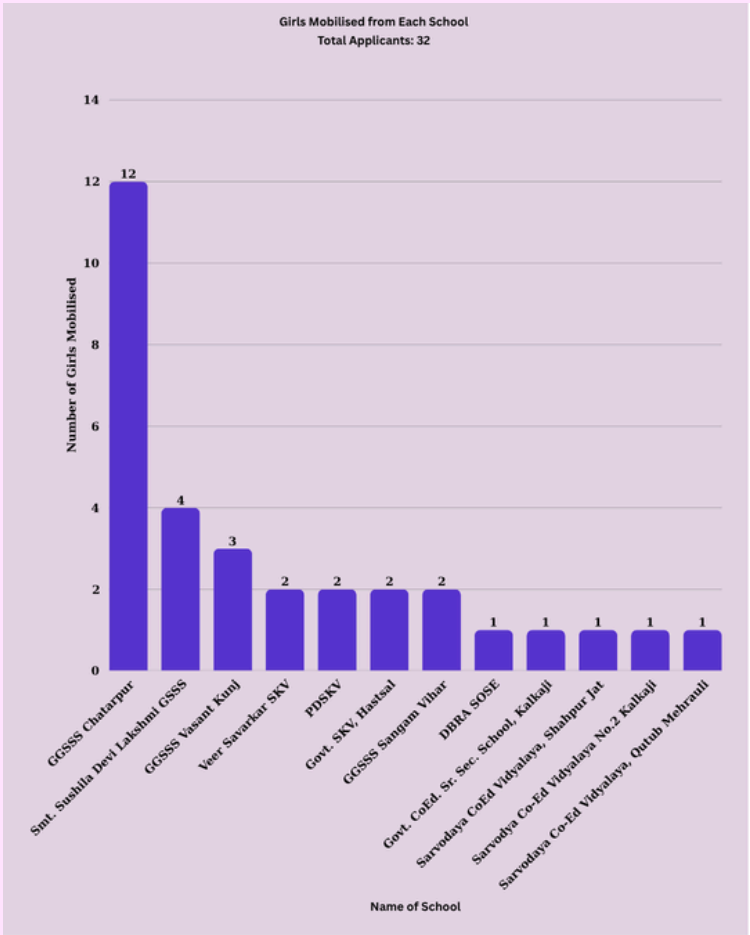
50
Qualified Written Test

35
Selected for Interview

18
Final Scholars



The Selection Journey



CADENCE SCHOLARSHIP

32
Applications Sent

18
Shortlisted

06
Selected for Interview

04
Final Scholars

College Admissions

Maitri supported girls throughout their transition to higher education, offering examination resources, college guidance, admission assistance, and support in navigating their queries. Their admission to a diverse range of esteemed institutions, including colleges under the University of Delhi, *Jamia Hamdard University*, *IGDTUW*, and *Gautam Buddha University*, reflects the opportunities they are pursuing and the aspirations they continue to realise.

UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

1. Acharya Narendra Dev College
2. Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College
3. College of Vocational Studies
4. Daulat Ram College
5. Dyal Singh College
6. Kamla Nehru College
7. Kirori Mal College
8. Maitreyi College
9. PGDAV College
10. Zakir Hussain Delhi College



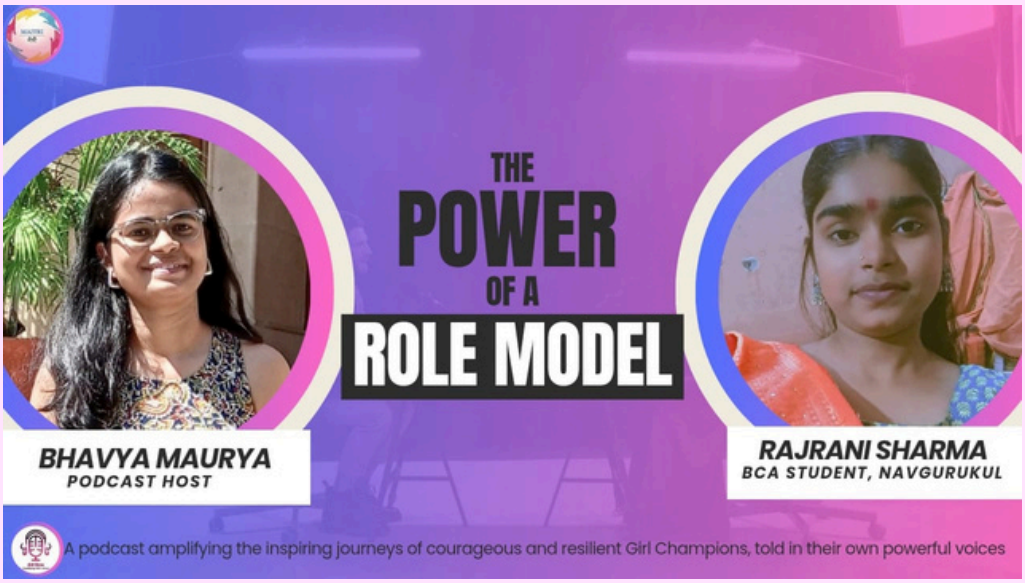
Jamia Hamdard University



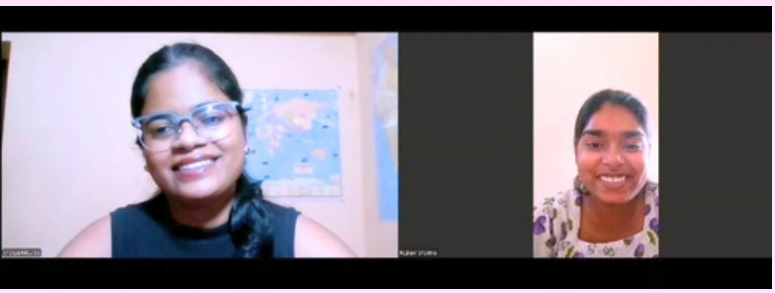
Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW)

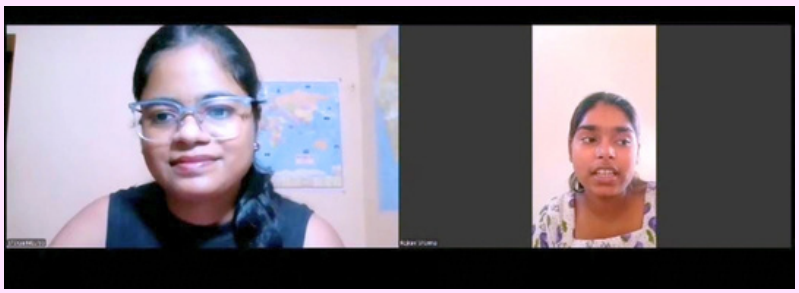


Gautam Buddha University



Student Podcast

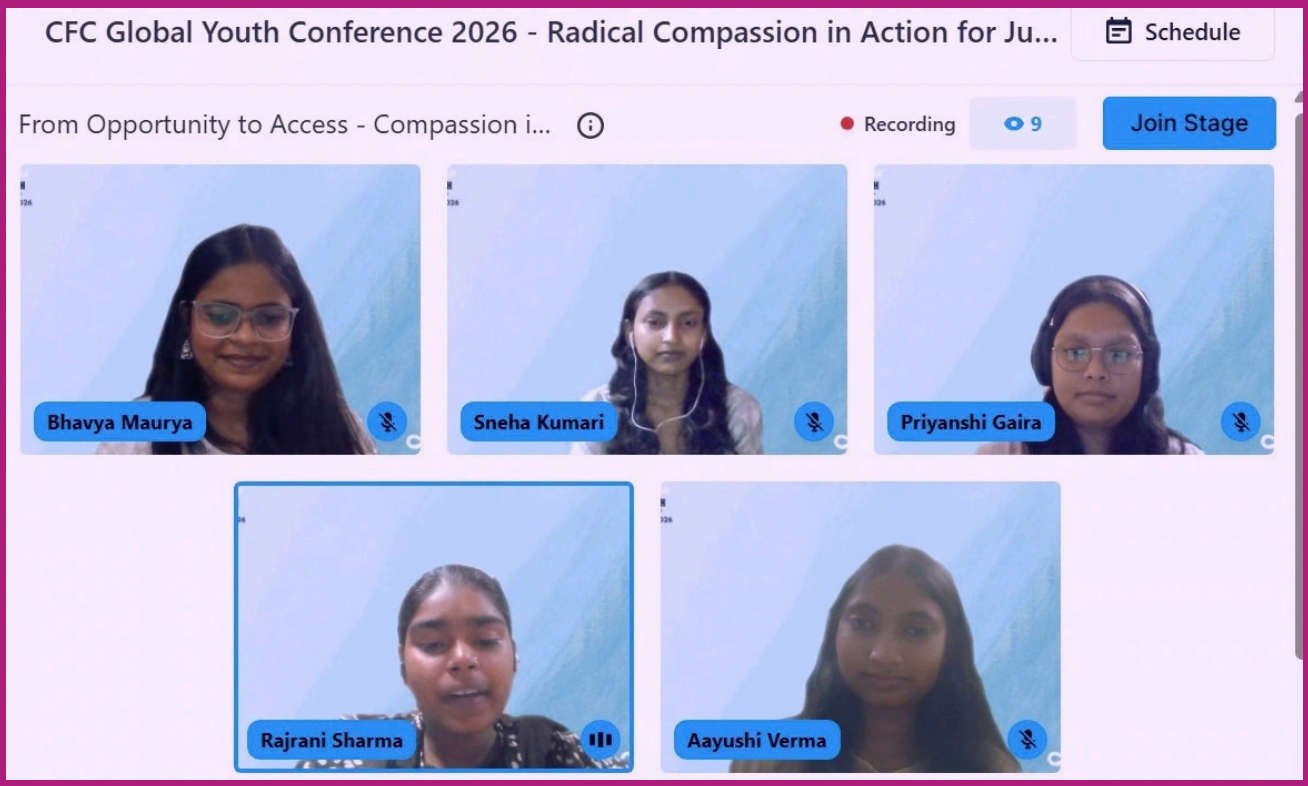




The Power of a Role Model

As part of Maitri Ninaad, Maitri's podcast series, *Rajrani Sharma*, a Maitri member pursuing BCA at Eternal University, Himachal Pradesh, through NavGurukul Foundation, joined Maitri lead Bhavya Maurya for a conversation on *The Power of a Role Model*. The episode explored Rajrani's journey of navigating family expectations, self-doubt, ambition and the challenges of pursuing a career in technology in an unfamiliar place, far from home. Her experiences highlighted how access to opportunities, sustained support, and belief can enable young women to challenge limitations and pursue their aspirations with confidence. Through this conversation, Maitri also created a space for its members to share their journeys, inspire one another, and recognise that role models can emerge from within their own communities.

Link to The Podcast



Global Youth Conference 2026

Five Maitri girls: *Bhavya Maurya*, *Sneha Kumari*, *Priyanshi Gaira*, *Rajrani Sharma* and *Aayushi Verma* represented their journeys on the global stage at the **Global Youth Conference 2026**, an opportunity facilitated by The Charter for Compassion, USA.
Home: Charter for Compassion

Supported by Maitri through mentorship and preparation, they shared how a compassionate, empowering community had shaped their growth and inspired them to create change. Their presentations explored how individual acts of compassion can spark a ripple effect, encouraging others to extend the same support and keep the chain of positive change alive.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Ms. Anum Mulla**, *Global Lead and Strategist at The Charter for Compassion*, for enabling our girls to bring their voices and experiences to a global audience.

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MAITRI DEBATE: *Speak your Mind. Spark the Change.*

A new initiative.....











Celebrating the girls who dared to speak, and the community that chose to listen.



Maitri Debate was envisioned as a platform for girls to voice their opinions, question perspectives, and grow in confidence. Through research, preparation, and the challenge of understanding both sides of an argument, the participants turned every round into an opportunity to learn and grow.
The journey culminated in an offline finale, celebrating the courage, conviction, and growth of the finalists.

Celebrating Our Winners

- Winners: *Kirti-Nidhi*
- First Runners-up: *Yukti-Shreya*
- Second Runners-up: *Geetanjali-Shashi*

Best Speakers: *Nidhi* and *Yukti*

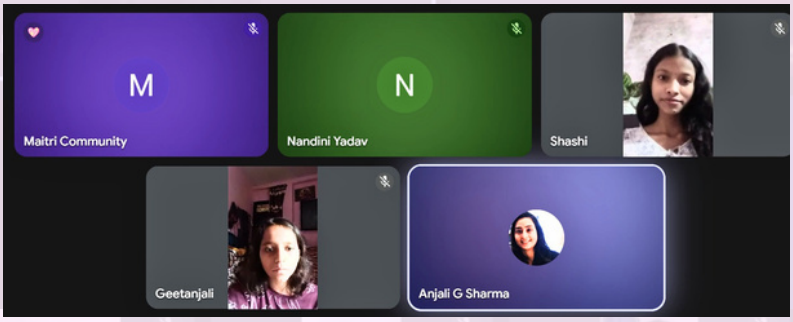


With Gratitude

Our sincere thanks to **Ms. Anubha Srivastava,** *Principal: Delhi International School Edge, Dwarka, New Delhi* for joining us in person for the finals and sharing her valuable time and insights with our young debaters.



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Prelims I

- Participated: **7 TEAMS**
- Qualified: **7 TEAMS**

Best Speaker: **Anjali Gupta**
Alumna: SOSE, *Kalkaji*
Lloyd Institute of Engineering&Technology

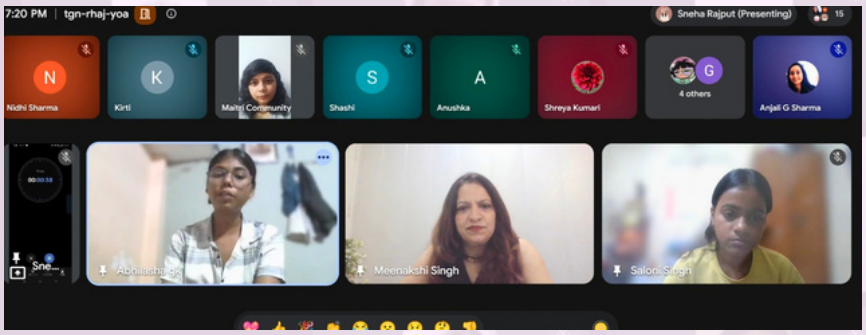
Prelims II

- Participated: **7 TEAMS**
- Qualified: **5 TEAMS**

Best Speaker: **Nidhi Sharma**
Alumna: GGSSS, *Ambedkar Nagar*
Lady Shri Ram College for Women, DU



External Judge: **Mr. Vijay Kaul**
Founder: ***Saijaya Youth Initiative Trust***



Quarter-Finals

- Participated: **5 + 1 TEAMS** (*Wildcard Entry*)
- Qualified: **4 TEAMS**

Best Speaker: **Saloni Singh**
Alumna: VSSKV, *Kalkaji*
Kamala Nehru College, DU

External Judge: **Ms. Meenakshi M Singh**
Founder: ***She The Shakti***

Semi-Finals

- Participated: **4 TEAMS**
- Qualified: **2 TEAMS** (*Finalists*)

Best Speaker: **Yukti Sharma**
Alumna: *Smt. Sushila Devi Lakshmi Sr. Sec. School*
Lakshmi Bai College, DU

External Judge: **Ms. Anupama Dalmia**
Founder & Chief Mentor: ***Beyond The Box***









School Outreach

At Maitri, we believe in the power of role models, especially those who come from the same communities as our girls.

This quarter, we visited **PDSKV** with our Cadence Scholars, *Bhavya* (2025) and *Anushka* (2026), who shared their journeys and encouraged Class 12 girls to apply.
Our Class XI scholars, *Ifra* and *Chahat*, spoke with confidence about their experiences, inspiring the Class 10 girls to work harder and prepare for opportunities ahead.
There is something special about watching girls who once needed guidance step up to guide others.

That's how opportunities create a ripple effect, and girls become changemakers in their own communities.



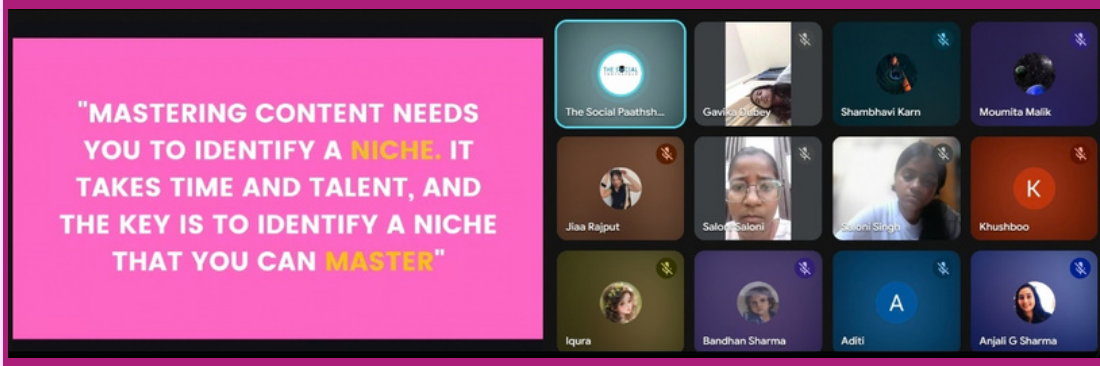


LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

Expert Session – Ms. Mahima



Maitri hosted an online masterclass with **Ms. Mahima**, Founder of *The Social Paathshala*, to equip girls with practical content creation skills and greater camera confidence. Through demonstrations of Instagram tools, tips for creating engaging content, and an interactive discussion, the session explored ways to strengthen digital presence and pursue creative opportunities. Ms. Mahima patiently addressed the girls' queries, fostering an encouraging space for learning, exploration, and growth.







HELP AMBITION MEET ACCESS

At Maitri, we see ourselves as opportunity catalysts. We aim to map scholarships for the deserving and the under-resourced, curate internship opportunities that prepare our girls for the world of work, and provide mentorship that helps them shine in their chosen paths.

How you can support:

- *Scholarships*
  Keep girls moving through education
- *Internships & Jobs*
  Open first professional pathways
- *Digital Access*
  Support devices and learning access
- *Community Programs*
  Enable safe peer spaces and events
- *Product Exhibitions*
  Help girls sell handmade products and enable micro-enterprise skills

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Together we can turn one opportunity into *Many Futures*



Because we believe every girl deserves to hold a mic.

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