

Dear Hi 5 Community,

As we gear up for an exciting new academic year, we're thrilled to share the exhilarating victories and progress made on the courts last quarter!

From new court constructions to phenomenal wins by our talented athletes, the spirit of sportsmanship and excellence continues to thrive.

Thank you for your steadfast support in our mission to uplift underprivileged youth through the power of sports!

This quarter was a three-pointer! Here's what you will find:

- New Courts Alert! We're expanding our playing field!
- First time Hi 5 Girls qualifies for Nationals, Breaking Barriers!
- Hi 5 Students shine in Chittoor District team selection!
- Hi 5 Dominates across tournaments!
- Beyond the Basket: Hi 5 Champions Student Success in Academics too!
- Hi 5 Goes International with Exciting Partnerships

About Hi 5 Youth Foundation

Hi 5 Youth Foundation is an organization dedicated to running a FREE Basketball excellence program for underprivileged children and currently trains over 4000+ children across 35 centers (17 Government Schools, 9 Tribal boarding Schools & 9 Rural boarding schools) in 8 Indian States.

We have built and refurbished 21 Basketball courts across India with an additional court currently under construction. The foundation's flagship program, 'Hope Thru Hoops', which is a multi-year basketball excellence program with life skills, and 'Pathways to Success', an educational support program that fosters excellence and allows underprivileged children to experience success and winning moments.

4000+

PARTICIPATING CHILDREN



GIRLS



BOYS

8

GEO LOCATIONS



3

TYPES OF PROGRAMS



Municipal
Schools - 17



Tribal Residential
Schools - 9



Residential Schools - 9

1.0 Hope Thru Hoops

1.1 Expanding our playing field

Exciting developments are underway at several Hi 5 centers, with brand-new basketball courts set to enhance sporting opportunities.

In **Ramakrishna Mission School**, Aalo (Arunachal Pradesh) construction for a cutting-edge basketball court was completed in March 2024. This endeavour, aimed at nurturing basketball talent and fostering physical fitness, has transformed the sporting landscape of the Aalo Hi 5 centre. Since its completion, the court has been actively used by Hi 5 students to hone their basketball skills, marking a significant milestone.

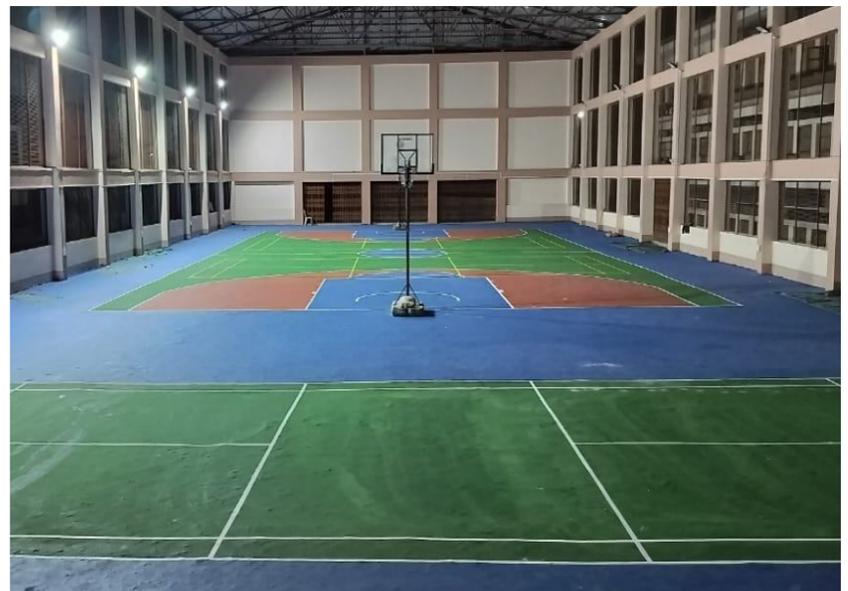
Similarly, at **APSWR Gurukular School in Chittoor** (Andhra Pradesh), construction for a basketball court, supported by the **Sachin Tendulkar Foundation**, is nearing completion. The new court, scheduled to be unveiled in June 2024, promises exciting prospects for budding basketball enthusiasts at the **Gurukulam centre**, empowering them to thrive in the sport they love.



APSWR Gurukular School in Chittoor



Parivaar Education Society in Sandalpur



Ramakrishna Mission School, Aalo

The collaboration with the **Sachin Tendulkar Foundation** has been instrumental in realizing these projects, reflecting a shared vision of empowering young individuals through sports.

As we anticipate the completion of the court in Andhra Pradesh, we extend our gratitude for their invaluable support and partnership.

These facilities will not only serve as hubs for basketball coaching but also as spaces for youth development. Together, let us look forward to a future filled with sporting achievements and opportunities for all.

Meanwhile, at **Parivaar Education Society in Sandalpur** (Madhya Pradesh), a new basketball court, supported by Hi 5, was completed in the last week of march, just in time for the summer camp.

A small ceremony was held to mark the commencement of using the court, providing a dedicated platform for Hi 5 students at the school to nurture their basketball talents.

1.2 Our girls are Nationals bound

Excitement fills the air at our centre in Parivaar, West Bengal as we proudly share the news of not one, but two exceptional Tribal girls breaking through barriers to secure coveted spots in prestigious National Basketball championships! Lalitha Singh and Laxmimoni Mandi have ignited a wave of jubilation as they proudly represent West Bengal on the grand stage of basketball.

Hailing from the tribal villages in West Bengal, the journey of Lalitha and Laxmimoni is a testament to overcoming numerous challenges and obstacles with sheer determination and perseverance.

Their commitment to the sport and relentless efforts in training have propelled them to the national stage, embodying the core values of the Hi 5 program: resilience, courage, determination, and a positive attitude.

Lalitha was selected for the 73rd Junior National Championship held from 4th to 11th Feb 2024 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha and Laxmi is selected for the 38th Youth National Basketball Championship scheduled to happen from 9th to 15th April 2024 in Puducherry.



1.3 Alop Jaiswar Selected for Student Exchange Program

Alop Jaiswar, one of our stellar students from DeenDayal Upadhaya BMC School and a proud member of the Hi 5, has just clinched a spot in the prestigious Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program, sponsored by the incredible folks at AFS (American Field Services)! His selection comes after undergoing a rigorous selection process, which included an interview at the US consulate in Mumbai, where he demonstrated his exceptional qualities and suitability for the program.

This achievement is a testament to Alop's academic excellence, adaptability, and eagerness to explore new horizons. We are immensely proud of his accomplishment and are confident that he will represent his school, Hi 5, with distinction during his time abroad!

Alop will spend one year attending high school in the US, immersing himself in a new educational environment and cultural landscape. The primary objective of the YES program is to provide participants with a profound understanding of different cultures, and Alop will have the invaluable opportunity to observe and learn from the diverse communities he encounters.



1.4 Intra Hi 5 League Enriched by Inspiring Guests

In a dazzling display of camaraderie and achievement, Hi 5 recently played host to three exceptional individuals at its esteemed Intra Hi 5 event.

Geeta Chauhan: As Captain of the Indian Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team, Geeta's journey from Mumbai's streets to international sports arenas is truly inspirational. Overcoming polio, she mesmerized the audience with her skill and dedication, showcasing her indomitable spirit.

Perna Sanjay Dhone: Born with polio affecting both lower limbs, Perna's courageous decision to undergo amputation led to her extraordinary transformation. Her tale of triumph over adversity, from wheelchair basketball to conquering the Sandhan Valley, exemplifies determination and resilience.



Vikas Parchhanda: CEO of Akshaya Chaitanya, Vikas embodies compassion and social impact. His initiatives in addressing urban poverty and empowering communities, accompanied by his athleticism, added to the event's energy and excitement.

Their presence served as a beacon of inspiration, reminding us of the power of resilience, determination, and compassion. We extend heartfelt gratitude to **Geeta Chauhan**, **Perna Sanjay Dhone**, and **Vikas Parchhanda** for their impactful speeches and talents. Special thanks to **Akshaya Chaitanya** for their support in providing meals, contributing to the event's success.



1.5 Tournaments:

Hi 5 students exhibited their athletic prowess across a multitude of tournaments nationwide, including Jr NBA Nationals, SFA Mumbai, and the Khelo India Women's League.

Their commendable achievements underscore their dedication and talent, representing the spirit of Hi 5. Here's to celebrating these victories and anticipating more memorable moments ahead!



1.5.1 Performance Overview

	Tournament Performance (July 2023 - March 2024)	Tournament Performance (Jan 2024 - March 2024)
Tournaments Played	60	10
No. of Podium	72	29
Gold Medal 🏆	40	17
Silver Medal 🥈	24	10
Bronze Medal 🥉	08	02
Semi-Finalist	33	08

1.5.2 Player selections in state and national championships



1.5.3 Intra Hi 5 League

The annual 'Intra Hi 5 League' is a cherished tradition designed exclusively for the children enrolled in our 'Hope thru Hoops' program. Across various centers, participants compete in distinct categories—U12, U14, U17, Mens and Womens — showcasing their prowess and passion for basketball.



1.5.3 Intra Hi 5 League

Mumbai	U14 Boys	U14 Girls	U14 Boys DIV II	U14 Girls DIV II	U12 Boys	U12 Girls
Gold 	Dixit Dynamos	Motilal Mavericks	Poonam Nagar Pioneers	Motilal Mavericks	Motilal Mavericks	Poonam Nagar Pioneers
Silver 	Siddhart Nagar Titans	Dixit Dynamos	Kane Nagar Wolves	Dixit Dynamos	Goshala Gladiators	Motilal Mavericks

Intra Hi 5 brings together students in a lively competition, promoting laughter, teamwork, and friendly rivalry. From Regionals, the winners advance to the Nationals for a chance to shine on a bigger platform and connect with peers from different states.

Telangana	U14 Boys	U14 Girls
Gold 	Balanagar Blazers	Chegunta Aces
Silver 	Krushi Home Kings	Sphoorti Dolphins

1.5.3.2 Intra Hi 5 League - Nationals

In the aftermath of regional competitions, the spotlight shined brightly on the prestigious Hi 5 Nationals U14 category, hosted in Telangana from February 23rd to 25th 2024.

The matches were truly exhilarating, each one a testament to the talent and dedication of the young athletes. As the competition progressed, the excitement only intensified, leading to highly competitive finals that kept spectators thoroughly engaged until the very end.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to our generous host **Srivyal sir, Tejaswini ma'am** and the entire **Sphoorti Foundation team** for their warm hospitality and unwavering support throughout the event.

Their delicious food offerings added an extra touch of delight to the entire experience, making it truly unforgettable for everyone involved.

Nationals	U14 Boys	U14 Girls
Gold 	Parivaar Tigers	Dixit Dynamos
Silver 	Siddhart Nagar Titans	Motilal Mavericks
Bronze 	BalaNagar Blazers	Parivaar Tigers



2.0 Pathways

2.1 Hi 5 Pragati

At Hi 5 Pragati, we offer our Basketball Excellence program children with a safe and supportive learning environment as well as access to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

Through our LSRW approach covering listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, participants build confidence, enhance communication abilities, and overcome stage fear.

2.1.1 Felicitation

As the inaugural academic year of "Hi 5 Pragati" concludes, we proudly celebrate our students' achievements with a special felicitation program. This transformative platform has empowered students to master the English language, fostering growth and overcoming insecurities.

During the event, students shared heartfelt testimonials, showcasing the program's profound impact. Parents' presence added to the joy of celebrating their children's progress. We're grateful for the support of students, parents, and educators, creating a nurturing environment for success.



2.1.2 Computers from Apni Pathshala

Hi 5 Pragati center received a generous donation of five computers from the esteemed "Apni Pathshala", an educational platform on 1st March 2024. This donation marks a pivotal moment in our efforts to enhance the educational experience and opportunities for our students.



Beyond providing access to technology, these computers foster essential digital literacy skills and encourage critical thinking and problem-solving. This partnership with "Apni Pathshala" exemplifies the power of collaboration in advancing education and creating positive change.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to "Apni Pathshala" for their invaluable support.

Together, we are paving the way for a brighter future where every student has the opportunity to thrive.

2.2 Exam Kit Distribution

In a heartwarming initiative, Hi 5 distributed exam kits to support 10th and 12th standard students preparing for their board exams. Across 11 schools, 63 SSC and 68 HSC Hi 5 students received tailored exam kits containing essential stationery items for exams.



We extend our best wishes as they tackle their exams with confidence and determination. With hard work and the right support, success is within reach.

Hi 5 is proud to be part of their journey, cheering them on every step of the way.

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Akash Kedia and Mrs. Gitika Kedia for generously supporting our Exam Kit Initiative.



2.3 Hi 5 Partners with TribesForGood to Enhance Student Skills

In an exciting collaboration aimed at enriching the learning experiences of students, Hi 5 has joined hands with TribesForGood. The primary objective of this partnership is to provide HI 5 students from Grades 8 to 10 with invaluable opportunities to enhance their communication skills and reading comprehension abilities.



Since the commencement, we have successfully conducted three engaging sessions for 22 students.

These sessions have been instrumental in providing students with essential knowledge and insights into effective communication, various types of communication, and strategies to employ them in different contexts.

Hi 5 remains committed to providing innovative learning opportunities that nurture the holistic development of students.

Through partnerships like these, we aim to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders, preparing them to face the challenges of tomorrow with confidence and resilience.

2.4 Preparing for Board Exam

As the 12th board exams approached in February 2024, Hi 5 organized strategic practice tests for Arts and Commerce stream students. Over a series of 10 sessions, students simulated real exam conditions, refining skills and boosting confidence.

These sessions, guided by Our Hi 5 team, helped students identify strengths and weaknesses, fostering disciplined study habits. With thorough preparation, students entered the exams with confidence and readiness.

As we await exam results, Hi 5 remains committed to supporting students on their academic journey, ensuring they reach their full potential.



3.0 Hi 5 USA

3.1 Volunteering at Hi 5

Witnessing young individuals enthusiastically participating in volunteer work to effect positive change within their communities and beyond is always a source of inspiration.

These five high school students from San Ramon, CA, exemplify this spirit by wholeheartedly dedicating their time and efforts to support Hi 5 through a myriad of activities, including volunteering at events, fundraising initiatives, and leveraging social media platforms to raise awareness.

Their decision to extend their volunteering efforts to Hyderabad during the summer of 2024 underscores their commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of underprivileged children, particularly those engaged in basketball activities in the Hyderabad region.

We extend an open invitation to individuals who share their passion for basketball and community service to join Hi 5.



It is truly heartening to witness the proactive involvement of young people in initiatives aimed at fostering positive change. Kudos to these young volunteers for their remarkable dedication, and best wishes for their upcoming endeavors in Hyderabad!

By expanding our volunteer base, we can significantly amplify our impact. After all, our motto at Hi 5 USA has always been 'Children helping Children'.

3.2 Hi 5 Founders Connect with Deccan Dunkers over Coffee:

Our Founders, Usha & Sundar had a fantastic time connecting with the Deccan Dunkers group for coffee!

Deccan Dunkers have been playing basketball for many decades in the Bay Area and the passion for basketball and children always excites them. The discussion on Hi 5's current program and future projects helped with many insights and directions.

Building connections and fostering relationships with like-minded individuals can be incredibly rewarding.

Hi 5 continues to focus on its core mission of training basketball and providing education access to underprivileged children. Deccan Dunkers are always excited about Hi 5's impact on children playing basketball.



Thank You Deccan Dunkers for your continuous support over 5 years!!

Concluding Note:

Making a lasting difference!

In 2024, our intent is to continue fostering positive change, expanding our impact, and creating opportunities for the youth we serve. Thank you for being part of our journey, and here's to a year filled with continued growth, success, and meaningful contributions.

**Our mission remains steadfast:
Changing young lives through play.**

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