

## Dear Hi 5 Family,

As the second quarter concludes, we celebrate a decade of transforming young lives through play, marked by numerous achievements and winning moments for our young players. These successes fuel our ambition as we move into the next quarter, focused on expanding our reach and reaching even more children through the power of sport.

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## About Hi 5 Youth Foundation

Founded in 2015, Hi 5 Youth Foundation is a professional sports non-profit organization dedicated to providing basketball training to underprivileged and tribal children. Through its multi-year programs, the foundation develops young children into skilled players and successful school teams, equipping them to leverage their achievements on the basketball court toward obtaining a college degree and enhancing their economic prospects.

Currently, **over 4,000 children across 8 Indian states participate daily at 35 government and tribal boarding schools**, positioning the initiative as one of the largest free basketball development programs in the country.

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## 1.0 Hi 5 Overall Updates

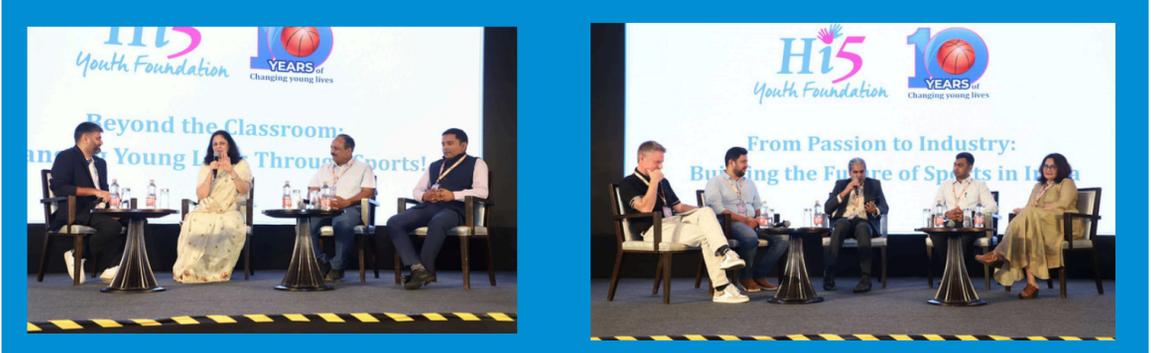
### 1.1 Hi 5 Marks 10 Years of Changing Young Lives Through Basketball



On September 11, Hi 5 Youth Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Taj Hotel, Santacruz, with Ms. Vita Dani, Co-founder of the Dani Foundation, as Chief Guest, joined by representatives from the Sachin Tendulkar Foundation, BookASmile and partner organizations including Sevalaya, Sant Gadge Maharaj Ashram Shala, Snehalaya, Parivaar, BMC, and Akshaya Chaitanya.

Thanks to our sports panelists — Ms. Ajita Shashidhar, Mr. Jeevan Mahadevu, Mr. John Gloster, Mr. Khishtij Patil, Dr. Prachi Jambhekar, Dr. Girish Kulkarni, Mr. Siddharth Parmar and the moderator for this panel, Mr. Gopalakrishnan R — for sharing valuable insights. Founders R. Sundar, Usha Sundar, and P. Ramaswamy reflected on Hi 5's journey and introduced the Hi 5 Basketball Academy. To know more about Hi 5 Youth Foundation, watch our organisation video [here](#).

The event featured two insightful panel discussions that highlighted the transformative power and growing potential of sports in India.



#### Beyond the Classroom: Changing Young Lives Through Sports

This discussion explored how sports serve as a powerful tool to build self-identity, confidence, and opportunity among children.

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#### From Passion to Industry: Building the Future of Sports in India

This session focused on the expanding sports ecosystem and the opportunities shaping the nation's sporting future.

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Thank you to our partners and donors for your support in our mission.

For more details on our journey, please refer the Hi 5 Youth Foundation's Stories of Glory [here!](#)

### 1.2 Annual Meeting at Mithagar: 10 Years of Hi 5 & BMC Partnership



On August 21, Hi 5 Youth Foundation held its annual meeting with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) at MPS CBSE Mithagar School. The meeting was attended by Dr. Prachi Jambhekar, Deputy Municipal Commissioner (Education), and Mr. Kirtivardhan Kiritkudve, Deputy Education Officer – Central, along with other BMC officials. It celebrated a decade of partnership, empowering 1,200 children across 11 BMC schools through Hi 5's programs.

## 2.0 Hope Thru Hoops

**Hope Thru Hoops** is a basketball excellence program — a rigorous, multi-year basketball development program aimed at building underprivileged and tribal children into skilled players and high-performance school teams, that experience success!

### 2.1 Hope Thru Hoops Update

The new session of the Hope Thru Hoops program commenced in July. Recruitment for beginners has been successfully concluded across all centers, with the new cohort of players now actively engaged in developing their basketball skills and foundational training.

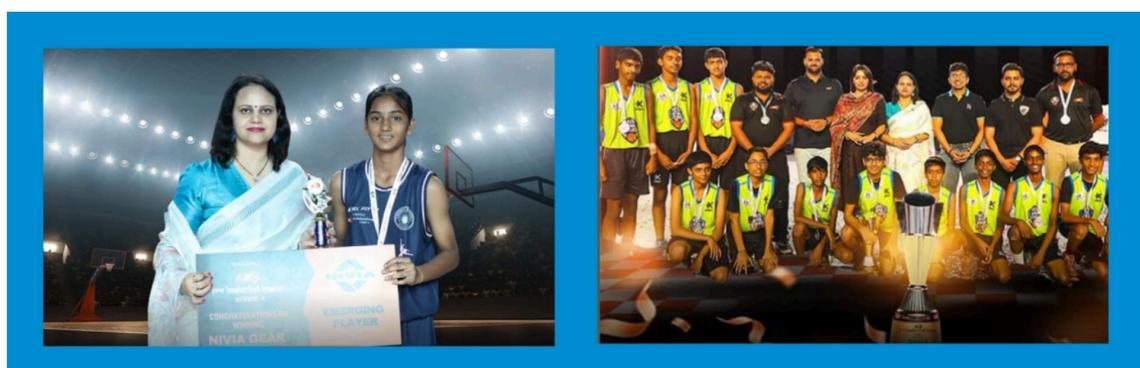
### 2.2 Intra Hi 5 Regionals



The Intra Hi 5 League Regionals 2025 were hosted for the first time at Sevalaya School, Tamil Nadu on September 30. 3 centers - Sevalaya, Gurukulam, and Bangarupalyam - entered a total of 10 teams across U-14 and U-17 categories featuring 100 players, 40 boys from 4 teams and 60 girls from 6 teams, representing our Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh centers. Sevalaya emerged as champions in the U-14 Boys, U-14 Girls, and U-17 Boys divisions, securing their place at the Intra Hi 5 Nationals to be held in December 2025 for Under 17 and in February 2026 for Under 14 at Hyderabad, while Bangarupalyam claimed the U-17 Girls title.

## 3.0 Tournaments

### 3.1 Hi 5 Children Played ABC Pro Basketball League



The ABC Pro Basketball League, held at Pune from July 6 to July 13, 2025, marked its fourth season and the inaugural participation of the Hi 5 Youth Foundation as one of the team owners. The Hi 5 Rising Stars U- 14 Boys team made a notable debut by reaching the finals, while Ruchika Singh from Vile Parle East Mumbai Public School, representing the U-17 Mumbai Snipers, was recognized with the Emerging Player award. Hi 5 children had a strong presence in the league, with 26 of them participating across multiple teams.

### 3.2 Selections for July - September 2025

Tournament Level	Age Category	Total Players	States	Hi 5 Centers
Junior National Championship	U-18 (Boys & Girls)	05	West Bengal, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	Parivaar, Balanagar, Bangarupalyam
Sub-Junior National Championship	U-13 (Boys & Girls)	06	Maharashtra, Telangana, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh	Motilal Nagar, Goshala, Krushi Home, Parivaar, Bangarupalyam
Junior State Championship	U-18 (Boys & Girls)	52	Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra	Chegunta, Balanagar, Krushi Home, Gandhari, Sevalaya, Bangarupalyam, Vajreshwari, Worli, Dixit, Goshala, Motilal
Sub-Junior State Championship	U-13 (Boys & Girls)	29	Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh	Vajreshwari, Dixit, Mithagar, Goshala, Motilal Nagar, Poonam Nagar, Sevalaya, Sandalpur
School Games Federation of India (SGFI)	U-14, U-17, U-19 (Boys & Girls)	79	Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal	Sandalpur, Parivaar

### 3.3 External Tournament

Tournament Performance (July - September 2025)	
No. of Tournaments played	21
No. of Podium	42
First Place 🏆	23
Second Place 🥈	16
Third Place 🥉	03
Semi-Finalist	15

Podium finish refers to top three positions (first, second, and third place) in the tournament.

## 4.0 Pathways to Success

Pathways to Success program, started in 2018, is a higher education, internship and practical training initiative, for Hi 5 children, to ensure that success on the basketball court – translates into a college degree and better economic opportunities in sports, sports management and related areas.

### 4.1 Hi 5's Pragati Center Marks 2 Years



On September 22, Hi 5's Pragati Center in Goregaon celebrated its second anniversary. At Hi 5, students not only receive structured sports coaching but also benefit from English as a Second Language (ESL) lessons delivered through interactive games, role-plays, and practical activities – building their confidence and expanding future career opportunities. The celebration included felicitation of students by Hi 5's founders and a series of fun, engaging activities centered on Hi 5 and basketball.

## 5.0 Hi Basketball Academy



Construction is progressing well, with major foundation and structural work underway for the main arena and hostels, and preparatory work advancing for other buildings. We are on track to operationalize the academy by June 2026.

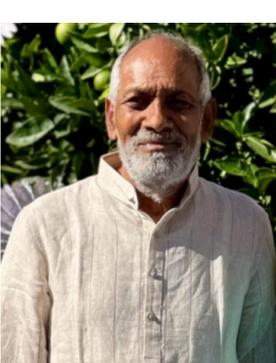
[Watch 3D Walkthrough](#)

## 6.0 Hi 5 USA

### 6.1 Sevathon 2025



On September 28, Hi 5 USA was represented at ICC Sevathon at Baylands Park, Sunnyvale, in support of basketball training for underprivileged children. We thank all participants, especially the Deccan Dunkers team and Ram Ramgiri, for their enthusiasm and support. Congratulations to Mr. Ranjit Lingaiah for winning 1st place in the 5K Run.



### 6.2 Miles 2 Smiles 2025

From August 1 - 31, 2025, the Miles 2 Smiles virtual movement by Hi 5 USA took place from August 1 - 31, 2025, with 141 participants across the U.S. running, walking, or biking. The month-long initiative supported structured basketball training and life-skills education for 500+ underprivileged children in Telangana, India. A Special mention to 81-year-old Mr. Satyanarayan Polsani, grandfather of Hi 5 volunteer Richa Kondapally, who completed 64 inspiring miles, proving compassion and commitment know no age limit.

# Concluding Note: Making a lasting difference!

In 2025, we aim to grow our impact and create more opportunities for the youth we serve. Thank you for being part of our journey — here's to a year of continued progress and purpose.

Our mission remains steadfast:  
Changing young lives through play.

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