

Founders Message

Dear Donors and Well-wishers!

April started off with a bang! With children finishing up exams, there was so much happening within the Hi5 family – coaches getting ready with the camp curriculum, sports coordinators tweaking their life skills curriculum, planning activities and gearing up on spoken English lessons for the camp. Many PTA meetings were held for the anxious parents who are sending their children away for the first time in their life.

Just not the camp – but lots of exciting things happened in April like U18 state championships for girls and boys. A big shout out to Hi5 Youth Foundation in 3x3 India's first Professional Basketball League launch and press meet was like icing on the cake when Hi5 got some publicity through this event.

Hi5 Residential Summer Camp at Ghadge Maharaj Ashram School in Vajreshwari

The residential camp started off with the “girls only” camp for the first two weeks from April 15th to April 29th. About 70 children were bussed from Mumbai to Vajreshwari and they were welcomed by 30 ashram school girls who were already at the camp. Emotions running through some girls who were coming to the camp for the first time. After a day of settling down in their home away from home – children bonded and made friends with children from different schools. Waking up early for yoga to indoor activities in the afternoon and playing basketball for 8 hours of the day – the girls were indeed delighted. Eat, breathe and play basketball with more than 100 children at the camp.



Hi5 School Summer Day camps in all Mumbai centers

While the residential camp was in progress, the day camps in Mumbai were happening as well. Many have gone on vacations, boys were waiting for their turn to residential camp – most boys practiced at day camps in all centers. Children enjoy life skills lessons, basketball coaching with smaller groups at their own school – just taking the mind off from regular school and tutoring classes. Also, keeps them focused on the game and they are always looking forward to their coach every single day.



Hi5 children participate in U18 State championship in Vashi, Navi Mumbai

Hi5 children got selected from 2 districts to participate in the U18 Maharashtra State Championship in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. The entire team of Palghar district girls were represented by our own Vajreshwari school girls. 4 Vajreshwari school boys were selected into Palghar district, 4 BMC girls and 1 boy from St. Arnold center represented Mumbai Central district as well. Central district girls did so well that they have been elevated to the top pool after thrashing Nasik and Sangli districts. Central district boys emerged as Runners-up at the state championship.



Hi5 Children invited to 3x3 Professional Basketball League Launch in Mumbai

Great opportunity for Hi5 children to be part of this first 3x3 India's Professional Basketball League launch in Mumbai – press meet, the launch, and of course to be with the finest Indian Basketball superstars like Satnam Singh, Amjyot Singh and Palpreet Singh was a big bonus. It was absolute delight for the 12 Hi5 children who participated. A big shout to Hi5 Youth Foundation in the presence of various media, many eminent players, officials and investors who were part of this launch.



Stay tuned for more wonderful happenings in boys' basketball residential camp, U16 district try outs and so forth next month.....