



English Vinglish

Sometimes a language can create barriers. Often in India, not being able to speak English may be looked down upon, or lower the confidence of an otherwise talented child. To bridge this gap, Hi5 Youth Foundation, with the support of Kotak Education Foundation, started English classes for the kids attending basketball summer classes. The results were astounding!

The last two years were fraught with life changing experiences. Many students lost out on education and basketball in this time. Hi 5's staff and coaches were continuously monitoring the status of student's return to the education system. There were few who graduated or relocated due to the pandemic.

As the schools reopened for in person classes in February, vaccination coverage for students above 12 improved and parents anxiety quelled, a sense of normalcy was returning to schools and so was to Hi5. Hi 5's program was beginning to take shape with planning, hiring and training the new and current coaches in April 2022.

Starting this academic year - July 2022, we would be at 32 centers with 3200 children from all 5 states!! We are excited!!!

Hope Thru Hoops: Mumbai, Maharashtra

In April, new coaches and current coaches were trained at Motilal BMC school courts. Senior coaches Kevin Francis, Vignesh Iyer and Narayan Jadhav conducted the beginner and intermediate level certification for coaches to put on the field for summer camp and for the new school year 2022-23. The coaches were trained on attendance and student information systems by our Senior operations manager Geet Gera in our head office. The downtime during school exams was used to train our coaches. We are happy to mention that we are slowly beginning to take our young Hi5'ers who are in their final years of college as part time coaches. Having grown up in the Hi 5 system

for the last 7 years, coaching comes naturally to these young adults and we are glad to be able to make a difference in their lives as they step into adulthood.



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for your support in building 3 new courts in the Mumbai region. These courts were fully utilized during the summer camp and a reason for unbridled happiness to Hi5 Children.



In May, the summer camp started with a bang! Jerseys and shoes were distributed to all the children who signed up for summer camps across centers in Mumbai. We had 400 children participating in summer camp.

Our new CBSE BMC school is called the Poonam Nagar Center. The coaches did a parent meeting for the year long program. The children who



stayed back in Mumbai made full use of the summer camp by playing basketball and getting to know the game for the first time. The year-long program starts in July once all children are recruited.

Another new school that is starting is Ghadge Maharaj Residential Tribal School in Vasind, Thane district. The coaches have started doing short stints at school to give a brief experience of basketball to this new school. This school is slated to begin in July as well. Two new schools were added to the Mumbai region.



In Mumbai, Hi 5 celebrated its 7th anniversary in April 2022. Since its inception in 2015, Hi 5 has reached out to thousands of children in 3 states of India. Two more states are in the pipeline for the year 2022-23. Kudos to Hi 5! It is all about “*changing young lives through play*”



Kolkata, West Bengal

Kolkata Coaches Digvijay, Krishnendu and our lady coach Subashree were in Mumbai for training and certifications in May. They were part of our Intra Hi 5 tournament and stayed on for further training in June. The coaching in Kolkata continued in the months of April and

May. Jerseys and shoes were distributed and the coaches rigorously worked on recruiting new children to the Parivaar girls and boys Hope thru Hoops program. Currently we have 280 children both boys and girls from Parivaar institutions, Kolkata.



Hyderabad, Telangana



After the exams in April, the children in Krushi Home and Jinnaram Tribal school stayed on for the summer camp. The jerseys and shoes were distributed to get students ready for summer camp and intra-Hi 5 matches. The coaches came to train for a few days in Mumbai.

Geet Gera and Anshul Jain, the operations team from Mumbai met with Senior government





officials of Telangana for final sign off to starting Hope thru Hoops program in Telangana region for 5 schools that belong to Tribal welfare, social welfare and Eklavya schools for residential tribal children.

The summer camp was in full swing in Krushi home and Jinnaram boys tribal school. In June, the new coaches orientation and training was conducted by Senior coach Kevin Francis at Balanagar, Mahabubnagar District at Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS).

The newly recruited coaches will be assigned to Balanagar EMRS school for boys and girls, Chegunta tribal welfare school for girls in Medak district (TTWRS), Narsapur tribal welfare school for boys and girls in Medak district (TTWRS), Gandhari a EMRS school in Kamareddy district, and Shaikpet a social welfare school (TSW) for boys in the suburb of Hyderabad city. These new expansions are in full swing. To this expansion Spoorthi, an orphanage and home for the girls, next to our existing Krushi boys home in Medchal will be added.

Naroli, Gujarat

Naroli is a small village bordering Gujarat and Rajasthan is in Banaskantha district of Gujarat in western India. Three schools were identified

a few months ago and in April we had our coaches Saneer and Dattaraj stay on campus for a few weeks who did an orientation and a clinic



just to see the students enthusiasm towards this new sport that was being introduced to them. The three schools identified are Uttar Buniyadi High school and 2 feeder middle schools nearby - Radka primary and Pay Center Schools. The total number of children to be recruited will be 350 from all the schools. The high school is residential and the children come from nearby villages and tribal areas as well.

In June, we hired 2 coaches for these centers and they were trained and certified in Mumbai before they were put on the field. A senior coach will handhold them for a few weeks before things fall in place at the new location. A senior coach from Mumbai will regularly monitor the new location with regular visits and calls.

Sandalpur, Madhya Pradesh (New State & New Expansion)



Hi 5 proudly announces its expansion in **Parivaar, Madhya Pradesh** (<https://parivaar.org/>). Parivaar works in remote areas by providing education to tribal children until Grade 12. It is improving their lives multifold by setting up seva kutirs in each tribal community. Apart from Kolkata, we also join hands with Parivaar at their new residential school in Sandalpur for tribal children - "changing young lives through play"

On June 29th, Senior team members Anshul Jain & Vignesh Iyer visited Sandalpur in Madhya Pradesh. The orientation was done for 160 boys in grade 6th and 7th who showed



great interest in basketball just like their counterparts in Parivaar West Bengal. Hiring of coaches for Sandalpur is underway and this center should start in another 2-3 months. Stay tuned for more details...

Tournaments:

For the first time in 2 years, the tournaments restarted, mostly among clubs around Mumbai in the months of April, May and June 2022. Our children participated in u14, u16, u18 and u 21 and the men's team tournaments. This was really a comeback for Hi 5 and we felt we were back in action just like before. We participated

in Jr. NBA, Tamarack Cup GKP, Nagpada, Honors, Fr. Agnels and Corvuss tournaments in Mumbai.

In Jr. NBA Kolkata, our children from Parivaar institutions participated for the first time in this tournament which had both skill challenges and regular tournament formats.



Dayaji Mandi got 1st position in the Skill Challenge category and Prashanjeet Soren represented the Kolkata team. He was one of the 12 selected members who participated at the National level in New Delhi. A life changing moment for this young tribal boy who got to board a flight for the first time between Kolkata to New Delhi.



Intra Hi 5 Tournaments:

Our every year ritual to conduct Intra Hi 5 tournament is a common feature in Mumbai schools. Year 2021 we could not conduct it due to the pandemic, but this year in May 2022 we managed to conduct in Mumbai, Hyderabad and Kolkata. In Mumbai, 33 teams participated in u14, u16 and over 16 teams in both boys and girls categories where teams from Deen Dayal BMC school, Dixit Road BMC school, Motilal Nagar BMC school and Pahadi MPS school did extremely well.

In Telangana, Both Krushi home children and Jinnaram Tribal school had 5 boys teams who competed in a league format and it was an exhilarating experience for people watching the game as Krushi and Jinnaram boys kept the

audience hooked till the end. In Kolkata, Parivaar school, 4 boys and girls teams competed amongst each other in u14 and u16 categories. Many thanks to our donor SRT Foundation (Sachin Tendulkar Foundation) who is making this possible because of the modern courts built in Parivaar campus.



Pathways to Success



“Pathways to Success” is a counseling and education support initiative by Hi 5. This program is a key extension to our flagship basketball program “Hope Thru Hoops” The children are inducted into pathways after they complete 4 - 5 years in the Hope Thru Hoops program. Pathways initiative supports both urban and tribal children in the program.

Pathways to Success team collaborated with **Kotak Education Foundation** to initiate English classes during summer. About the same time, consent forms and parent meetings happened to explain the seriousness of the English program for Hi 5 students. It was made mandatory for all summer camp basketball students to attend both English and Basketball. If students comply with attendance requirements, the student got to participate in Intra Hi 5 tournaments. Hence the English classes for grades 6th through 9th started with full strength in 3 centers - Motilal, Dixit and Goshala, all BMC urban schools of Mumbai. The teachers from Kotak were very enthusiastic and made each session very interactive.

For the children in Grades 11 and 12, the tuition support continued. The 12th graders finished the exams in March. The pathways team helped with career counseling and paths to choose for college admissions. The Senior children participated in tournaments and helped the coaches with basketball training in summer camp. The 11th grade children continued with extra tutoring classes to prepare for the following year board exams. Pathways team were always on top of all the academic support and resources for the senior children

The team also helped the incoming 11th graders with counseling for parents and children explaining the pathway process at Hi 5 for all basketball students. The board results were out in June for both 10th & 12th graders and the pathways team is helping them choose colleges and academic streams to make the admission process easier.

Amit Yadav, a Hi 5 player who represented Maharashtra state secured second highest in commerce stream with 91.33% and was in the



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❤️ *Commerce* ❤️
Vedant Lad - 93.33%
Amit Yadav- 91.33%

Khushi Yadav-
89.67%

news everywhere. Kudos to Amit and we wish him success in college and basketball.

The pathways team did a 2 day course in June on Mindler International Certified Career coach Program to enhance their skills on counseling for Hi 5 students.

On the tribal students side, Vishal Khare made weekly update calls with children in grades 11 to 3rd year college students. While many of

them were back in their hamlets after their exams, keeping track and monitoring the tribal students is very important, to avoid school dropouts. Vishal collaborated with CKT college professors and our existing Tribal children in college and assisted them with informed decisions about career and importance of school continuity.

When exams results were declared in June, Vishal had to spring into action, following up with admission process for incoming 11th grade students from Vajreshwari tribal schools, renewing college and hostel admissions for existing students and finding courses in college for the 12th graduated students so that the tribal children can avail the government benefits and complete undergraduate education. These children are the role models for their community and for future generations. It is their path to success.

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