

We have come back with all mighty and glory after the pandemic. Year 2022 was great and we are blessed with great supporters like each and every one of you. Without you, this would not have been possible. Our core value of training, system and process and the drive of each and every coach at Hi5 makes it all possible of who we are and what we are.

As we get close to 8 years of inception at Hi5, children who were 5th graders are now college

bound, their goals and aspirations have changed in life for the better. Younger children look up to older children for guidance and aspirations. Our team has worked tirelessly to put a smile on each child's future.

Our mantra of “changing young lives thru play” has been close to our heart and when we see that happen, we are so thankful and blessed.

Founders, Hi5 Youth Foundation

What the new year had in store for us at a glance:

1. **Hope Thru hoops** - students at Hi5 continue to dribble toward new opportunities.
2. **Fruition of Training** and Certificates distribution.
3. **New Courts**, New hopes by BookASmile and Sachin Tendulkar Foundation
4. **Books in play**. It's time for Grade 10 and 12 Board Exams.
5. **Match Point!** More Tournaments played by teams.
6. **Events** - Celebrity engagements & Basketball beats at the BMC event.
7. **New expansions** - Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh.

Hope Thru Hoops: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Hi5 Youth Foundation (Hi5) runs a FREE multi-year, multi-level basketball excellence program for tribal/urban slum area children called “Hope thru Hoops”. With an aim to provide children from marginalized sections an opportunity to strive for excellence and develop character, confidence & courage.

Our team at Hi5 held a successful Annual General Meeting in Mumbai, where we strategized and planned our goals and objectives for the upcoming financial year.



Our team worked diligently to identify key areas of focus to help us drive success and growth as an organization



In addition to our AGM, we also celebrated the start of the new year by organizing a staff get-together. It was a wonderful opportunity for our team to connect and build stronger relationships as we embark on this new chapter together.

We look forward to achieving our goals and objectives with the continued support and collaboration of our team, and we will keep you updated on our progress.

Clean City Competition



American School of Bombay runs an exchange program between Hi5 children and American School of Bombay students on financial literacy, DIY science projects and basketball training modules.

Hi5 Basketball trainees from Deendayal Upadhyaya Mumbai Public School, participated in a DIY Science competition organized by American School of Bombay. Most international schools at the event used laptops and 3D model devices wherein our students



with their creativity and no use of tech devices, bagged first place in their respective categories.



Our Residential center in Vajreshwari, Players who participated in Maharashtra State Basketball Championship in Under - 16



category from Palghar District were felicitated by Palghar district Basketball Association.

As we approach the end of the academic year 2022-23, we are thrilled to announce that our students have successfully completed their respective levels. To acknowledge their hard work and dedication, certificates were distributed at all centers. We would like to congratulate each and every student and It is a



great pleasure for us to see our students embark on the next level with confidence. All sessions came to a break on March 18th for a month in Mumbai as the students prepare for their exams. All students will come back to the Summer Camp, residential camp for boys in Vasind and girls in Vajreshwari from 18th April to 18th May and the city camp taking place at their respective centers. We look forward to all the students coming back ready to have a ball.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to our coaches and staff who have provided guidance and support to our students throughout. Their commitment to training for excellence has been instrumental in making this a success.

Hope Thru Hoops: Telangana



We are thrilled to announce the impressive growth of our centers in Telangana, where children are now playing basketball with confidence and passion. Our Hope Thru Hoops program has been instrumental in shaping up the

basketball scene in Telangana, as demonstrated by the recent Intra Hi5 league held in Bombay, where Krushi Home put up a winning performance.



Recently, our coaches in Telangana, together with Senior Coach Narayan Jadhav, had a productive meeting at Krushi Home. They discussed the quality of coaching and strategies to further enhance the operations at all nine



centers. We are committed to providing the best coaching and training to our young basketball players, and this meeting was a step towards achieving that goal.

We are also pleased to announce the completion of the court construction at the Chegunta Tribal Welfare School for Girls (TTWRS) in Medak district. This project was made possible with the generous support of **BookASmile**, and we are grateful for their continued partnership.



Hope Thru Hoops: Naroli, Gujarat



Uttar Buniyadi Vidyalaya



Radka Court



Pay Center School



Radka Primary School

The **Sachin Tendulkar Foundation** and Hi5 Youth Foundation have collaborated to build one half court each at Radka Primary School and Pay Center School, as well as a full court at the Uttar Buniyadi Vidyalaya.



On the 11th of March, the Senior Manager, Mr. Geet Gera and Operations Manager, Saneej Patil were present for the inaugural event, alongside the District Sports Officer, Mr. Mahesh Patel. The inauguration was a success, with students and principals expressing their gratitude towards the foundations for constructing these courts.

We are proud to mention that these basketball courts are the first in the village area, of the district and we hope that they will be a valuable asset to the schools and the community at large.

Hope Thru Hoops: Kolkata, West Bengal



The children at Parivaar one of our center in West Bengal continue to train every day and there is always 100% attendance in this residential school. Our senior students from the school played a practice match against I.P Memorial school and emerged victorious with a score of 71-33. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, coaches, and staff who have been tirelessly preparing for the tournament season.

Our senior coach, Snehil Mahajan, recently visited Kolkata to conduct a quality check of our centers in West Bengal. We are proud to report that our centers are match ready and meet the highest standards of excellence. Coach Mahajan is confident that our students in West Bengal will be a valuable addition to the next edition of Intra Hi5 League.

Hope Thru Hoops: Sandalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Parivaar, one of our center in Sandalpur has been up and running for the past six months, and we have achieved some remarkable milestones. We have appointed three new coaches who have been doing an excellent job of imparting the values of Hi5 in each player.

Due to the non-availability of a basketball court, we have recently installed a portable basketball pole, which has allowed us to progress in our training even further. We are pleased to report that our team's progression has been commendable, and we are confident that we will continue to see great results in the future. Overall, we are thrilled with the success of our center. We look forward to seeing what

the future holds for our upcoming talented team of basketball players.

We are thrilled to announce the new expansions of Hi5 Youth Foundations' basketball excellence program in Three new locations across India: RKM Along in Arunachal Pradesh, Sevalaya School in Chennai, and two government schools in Chittor, Andhra Pradesh. With these new locations, we are excited to bring our program to even more aspiring basketball players and help them reach their full potential.

*We look forward to **changing more young lives through play.***

Stay tuned for more updates!

Tournaments

Throughout the quarter, several tournaments were played in Telangana and Mumbai. Overall, it was a busy and competitive months of basketball tournaments.

A total of 16 teams participated in the Decathlon Inter School Competition in

Telangana, with ZPHS Gowdavally in U14 and U16 Boys category and Jinnaram in U16 Boys, making it three Hi5 teams overall. The tournament saw ZPHS Gowdavally in the U14 Boys and U16 Boys categories bag the first position, while Jinnaram in the U16 Boys category came second.

1st Place	11
2nd Place	9
3rd Place	7
Total top 3 finishes	27
Tournaments Played	19



The Acro Basketball Tournament held in Andhra Pradesh had 24 teams participating, with one Hi5 team in the Men's category. A mix of our players and coaches from Mumbai

and Telangana were part of the team. Though the team lost in the semi-finals, Amit Yadav was awarded as the best player in the tournament.



Srirampur tournament saw 16 teams participate, with one Hi5 team in the Under-19 category. However, the team was able to win the first or second position but it was a great learning experience for all.



The Hotfut Palava tournament saw seven teams participate in various categories, with one Hi5 team each in the U18 Boys and Girls categories. The Rama Sports tournament held in IES Bandra saw 16 teams participate, with one Hi5 team each in the U14 Boys and U14 Girls categories. Vile Parle East MPS, in the U14 Boys and U14 Girls categories, secured the second position.



The Spoorthi Basketball League held in women's college Kanteshwar Nizamabad saw 14 teams participate, with three Hi5 teams overall. One team in the 9th Std Senior category won the first position, while two teams lost in the semi-final round.



Finally, the Samna Palak Mantri Sports Competition saw eight teams participate, with six Hi5 teams overall. With Hi5 teams making it to the semi- finals, Vile Parle East MPS secured first place and Unnat Nagar BMC School secured second in the Under-14 Boys category. The Under 14 Girls category saw Vile Parle East MPS coming in runners up.



Intra Hi5 League

We concluded the Intra Hi5 league with the Category of Under 14 Boys and girls. For the first time Team Krushi Home from Telangana participated in the league. High intensity and each match a thriller Krushi Home stood as Winners and Vile Parle East MPS stood runners up.





In the category of **Under - 14 girls**, Vile Parle East MPS were the winners and Vajeshwari were the runners up.

For the Awards: **Boys**



Most Valuable player - Venkatesh Gujula from Krushi Home



Most Promising player - Shadab Shaikh from Vile Parle East MPS

For the Awards: **Girls**



Most Valuable player - Ankita Thakur from Vile Parle East MPS



Most Promising player - Pradhnya Jadhav from Vajreshwari

Despite the language barrier between the participating teams from Mumbai & Telangana, they spoke the universal language of Basketball which was a beautiful display of how sports brings everyone together.

Pathways to Success

The 'Pathways to Success' is an education and counseling support initiative by Hi5 Youth Foundation. This program is a key extension to our flagship basketball excellence program 'Hope thru Hoops'. This program aims to

provide guidance and opportunities to students and helps them complete their higher education and pursue a successful career in life. This program is available for the Urban Students as well as the Tribal students.

Pathways to Success - Urban - A meeting has been organized with the current grade 10th and 12th students and their parents to introduce the Pathways program. The program aims to provide a holistic education to the students, focusing on academic as well as personal development. Additionally, exam kits are being distributed to the Tribal and BMC students, with the Tribal exam kit being sponsored by Mr. Akash Kedia on the occasion of his daughter Khanna's birthday. This initiative will help these students to prepare well for their upcoming exams.

With our Batch of 2022-23, 10th and 12th Graders all set for their examination, we hope they all fare well and wish them good luck!



Pathways to Success - Tribal - Team Pathways has taken the initiative to start Individual and group counseling to impart self-awareness amongst the tribal students. Home visits were conducted in Jawahar and Vajreshwari for the 10th grade students introducing them to the Pathways to Success program. Further, colleges and hostels across Vasai and Virar were visited as an option for the upcoming students for easier conveyance from their homes.

Our Third Year degree students are nearing



completion of their course, vocational courses and job ready workshops will be underway for the student's professional development.

Introduction to ESL (English Second Language)

Hi5 has hired English Second Language(ESL) teachers to assist students who are not fluent in English, introducing it as a Personality Development program to help students develop their soft skills and enhance their confidence. Our First batch of ESL was taught by the teachers for a course of 10 days to the administration staff and Mumbai coaches who were the students.



Introducing our ESL teachers :

Dr. Harshit Sheth -

7 years' experience in the field of Education and Training and a masters in Economics. Awarded India's youngest teacher award and Doctorate lately. He also is a singer and his songs are available on various International Music platforms.



Mrs. Rukhsar Shaikh -

previously worked in Kotak Education Foundation for 6 years. Keen to learn and meet new people she has received certifications at educational workshops in Tech A Class and Digital Story Telling



Hi5 USA



Hi5 USA is the fundraising arm of Hi 5 Youth Foundation India. Hi5 USA is a 501c3 nonprofit organization set up in the USA helping the children in India for Hope Thru Hoops basketball program and Pathways to Success, an education initiative program.



Hi5 well-wisher Mr. Ramesh Shah from California visited our centers in Naroli, Gujarat. Mr. Ramesh Shah, a great supporter of the Bhansali Trust in Naroli, also happens to be a friend of our founder Mr. Sundar who are both associated with community eye care. Having heard wonderful stories about Hi5, he is a well-wisher for Hi 5 and was very elated when Bhansali Trust and Hi 5 partnered together to create a basketball community in this remote interior village of Gujarat.

Our Hi5 USA board member Mr. Ram Ramgiri visited Telangana centers in February. An avid basketball player himself, his enthusiasm for Hi 5 children and basketball is beyond words. Apart from being a board member, he tirelessly works for Hi 5 fundraising among the local communities in the San Francisco bay area and we are so awed by his efforts. In his recent trip to Hyderabad, he visited the tribal school in Chegunta & EMRS school in Gandhari where he saw the dedication of coaches and the joy and spirit of the children in the Hi 5 program.

He was totally floored by the tribal residential school for girls in Chegunta and the Hi5 coaches who gave him a tour of the school and the sessions.

In Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Gandhari, Mr. Ram was very thrilled to see the aspirations and goals that were set pretty high. The coaches Alex and Kumar are so driven and he was super impressed by Hi5's impact. It's more than just teaching basketball; it's about imparting life skills. He was blown away when checking on the journal of the Hi5 children at Gandhari - the detail and knowledge displayed was at another level he mentioned. He said most US kids may not know about legends like Bill Russel.



He concluded his all day long visit to his favorite center - Krushi home at Medchal who are called "3 pointer kings of Hi5" - he heard some amazing stories of Venkatesh aka LeBron and the Telangana State player Nikhil who spoke about why they are MVP's every time. They spoke about their winning moments, defense, rebounding, assists and scoring when needed. Mr. Ram was very impressed by coach Narayan and Bhupathi who kept these children grounded in spite of many accolades and keeping the Hi5 fundamentals intact.

Our big thanks to Mr. Ram Ramgiri for taking this tour as far as 4 hours from Hyderabad city and could spend his entire day enjoying every moment with Hi5 children. Come see how we "change young lives through play"

Events - Celebrity engagements & Basketball beats at the BMC event

One of our funding partner **BookASmile** organized a friendly basketball match between Punjabi synth-pop sensation AP Dhillon and the Hi5 players.



AP Dhillon, having grown up in Punjab and later pursued a diploma in business administration and management in British Columbia started his career in 2019 with singles "Fake" and "Faraar". His music has topped both the UK Asian and Punjabi chart. He continues to be a music sensation across the UK Asian charts and Punjabi Music in India's emerging artist list. You can look him up with his popular songs - 'Brown Munde' and 'Excuses'.

The match was a part of the initiative to support the construction of a basketball court in the singer's home state Punjab to further sports development for the underprivileged.

The players played well and gave their best whilst having fun. All players had smiling faces with autographed jerseys and from the experience overall.



The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai Schools (MCGM) where we run our basketball excellence program organized an annual event on 5th February 2023 at NSCI Dome, Worli,

where multiple sports and cultural events were displayed. Our students put up a remarkable performance.



You can watch the performance here :



https://youtube.com/clip/UgkxZaUTdgCX4IrxztMPfpGzk_4pTOGj-D2N

As we come to the end of another quarterly newsletter, we thank you for your continued support and engagement. Your interest and participation in our organizations activities and initiatives is what drives us forward and inspires us to do more.

In the next quarter, our newsletter will carry exciting topics discussing both residential and city summer camps. Addition to that we will share details on how we plan to restart our program for the next academic year 2023-24. Last but not the least, keeping you updated on the latest tournament news. Be sure to stay tuned!

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