

Happy Diwali



The Covid-19 era was one that went on for a bit. The barricades of lockdown had educational centers stop offline learning, which included centers in Maharashtra and Telangana except for the children residing at the Krushi Home Center, an orphanage in Telangana. Now that things have started getting back to the new normal. We the #HumansofHi5, present to you the Hi5 students who are back on the basketball courts of India, with a bang!

Schools in Mumbai and Hyderabad have started for the academic year 2022 - 23. Multiple

Parent Teacher Meetings were conducted in order to decide and ensure convenient training sessions and academic schedules for the students. Major expansions took place across boundaries of states. We have officially increased from a student count of 2100 (Pre-Covid-19) to 3200 students in the academic year of 2022 - 23 wide spread through all regions. We now have new updates from 2 states - Naroli in Gujarat and Sandalpur in Madhya Pradesh.

We are thrilled to share all that is happening at Hi5 Youth Foundation - The largest grassroots program in India. A program which is completely FREE for the underprivileged children currently in 5 states of the country.

In the "Pathways to Success" program we have a 100% graduation rate in school exit examinations. Especially Grade 10 and Grade 12 board examinations.

We at Hi5 Youth Foundation are always true to the mantra - "Changing young lives thru play."

Hope Thru Hoops: Basketball Excellence program: Mumbai, Maharashtra

The Basketball program at the schools in Mumbai started through the initial weeks in the month of July at all centers with great zeal and passion for basketball. The Hi5 Mumbai program is in its 8th year ever since the inception of the NGO in 2015.

All schedules were beginning to fall in place for the new academic year of 2022 - 23. The parents of Hi5 players and the coaches at Hi5, a



meeting was conducted for those students who were resuming play and also new beginner students who were selected for the program.



Independence day



Jersey Distribution Motilal

We had new Jerseys distributed at many of our centers. Schools proudly celebrated Aug 15th, the 75th Independence day of India.

All the BMC centers celebrated National Sports Day on Aug 29th.

This year we also trained our coaches through our “Train the Trainers” Program. All the new and current coaches went through one more round of training by senior coach Edward. Every new coach goes through rigorous training and is mandated to get certification by the senior technical head before he / she is put on the field to train our students at Hi5.

The month of August 2022, came with many celebrations!

New beginner students were in sessions regularly, starting from the month of August.

Hi5 and BMC had a large annual meeting at Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Municipal school in Worli with Education Officers - Shri. Raju Tadvi & Shri. Rajesh Kankal and many other senior officials of BMC and the PE teachers and Principals of the schools we run our program in were physically present for the meeting. Hi5 showcased the impact of the program in the last 7 years in BMC schools. Achievements and accolades of students who participated at the district and state level were highlighted. As an initiative to aid better basketball training for the kids, Hi5 along with the support of BMC built basketball courts during Covid-19. Thus Hi5’s “Hope thru Hoops” program prompted more support from the officials at the current school year,



Jersey Distribution Pahadi



National Sports Day



BMC Meeting



At the tribal residential school in Vajreshwari and Vasind, Thane district. The schools started in the month of July 2022, with the attendance slowly returning to normalcy post the impact that covid has had over the last 2 years. However, the Vajreshwari school started practice with returning students in July and new beginners selections happened subsequently.

The tribal school at Vasind began casual

practice in July just to interest the new students in the school. This was then followed by the process of selection, coach assignment. The normal training sessions began in the month of August.

We are proud to say that the total number of students at the Mumbai, BMC schools (urban) and tribal schools together have 1452 children at the moment.

Hyderabad, Telangana

With the unforeseen arrival of the pandemic, the rejoining children of Hi5 in the Telangana region got affected due to the relocation of children to different cities. Not returning to school and many other challenges were faced locally.

Many coaches for the Telangana center were recruited, trained and certified in Mumbai by the Senior coaches Kevin and Edward. They both also made trips to follow up and train more coaches at Hyderabad as well.





In July, Jinnaram Tribal residential school and the zilla parishad schools had some students returning and the basketball sessions slowly started. The orientation was done to the newly selected students. Hi5 coaches temporarily substituted as teachers for Math and English. Since they were short on staff post the pandemic.

In August, neighboring boys orphanage Krushi Home in Medchal district, Spoorthi Foundation girls home (orphanage) had their donor build a basketball court for Spoorthi girls of Hi5. At Hi5 we have also taken measures to start training at girls orphanages while keeping their safety in mind. Hi5 has policies set to ensure all students are safe and trained in an extremely professional manner.



We had the opportunity of being graced by the presence of Ms. Satyavati Rathod, the minister of children and women welfare of Telangana government, at Jinnaram Tribal school. It's always a proud moment for our Hi5 children to showcase their talent with a scrimmage to the dignitaries visiting them.

The Senior team member, Mr. Geet Gera visited the newly expanded Telangana centers in August, 2022. Balanagar, Mehbhub Nagar district, Narsapur and Chegunta in Medak district, Spoorthi Girls orphanage in Medchal district, and Gandhari in Kama Reddy district near Nizamabad were some of the centers where selection trials happened in phases.



The coaches were trained and placed at these residential schools. Geet also visited the existing schools Jinnaram Tribal school, Sanga Reddy district. Schools in Medchal and Kushi Home did the overview of the program.

The children celebrated Independence Day on Aug 15th and National Sports day on August 29th across various centers. Practice sessions were in full swing at most of the centers. Sometimes training sessions continued even when it was raining. The Krushi home children were lucky with an indoor large screen facility to watch some NBA games during monsoon.





This year 2 new lady coaches were recruited in September for Chegunta Girls Tribal School. They were trained along with the existing coaches by our senior coach, Edward Paul, from Mumbai. The training happened towards the end of September, before the schools closed for Dussehra holidays. Selection trials were done in Chegunta Girls school and sessions will

formally start in the early weeks of October.

The Krushi Boys Home played many friendly games with other international schools in the vicinity. The U14 boys are often called heroes of Telangana who win every tournament or games with other schools. This brings us great pride. **Currently, Telangana has 750 children from 350** during pre covid time.



Kolkata, West Bengal



The Parivaar school in Kolkata continued with regular school sessions as new beginners recruitment, Jersey and shoe distribution happened in the last quarter. Senior Technical Lead Kevin Francis from Mumbai visited Kolkata to check on the quality of the sessions. Reviews by senior coaches are part of the quality check in Hi5.

Coach Digvijay, Krishnenedu and the lady coach

Subhashree conducted an information meeting on camp during Pooja holidays in Kolkata. Durga pooja is a most important festival in Bengal as schools are closed for 3 weeks. Hi5 makes sure the children do not lose out on holidays and we encourage children to stay back for holiday camp to make use of the best time possible. Parivaar children in Kolkata train every day and there is always 100% attendance in this residential school. **Total number of children training in Parivaar Kolkata is 270.**



Naroli, Gujarat - NEW

The Bhansali Trust runs and supports a number of schools for the underprivileged community in Naroli, Gujarat. Orientation of the game and Hi5 's "Hope thru Hoops" program was done by Senior team of Hi5 in the last quarter



3 coaches were recruited for Gujarat centers and they were trained by senior coaches in Mumbai and were certified before putting onto the field.

From the Beginning of July, Selection trials were conducted in 3 schools - Radka Primary School, Naroli Pay center Primary school and Uttar Buniyadi High school. **330 children were selected from the three schools starting from 5th grade for the Hi5 basketball excellence program.**



Batches were formed and training sessions started in late July. Practice sessions were in full swing in August and September.



SRT (Sachin Tendulkar) Foundation's senior team members visited Naroli for a day and met with the coaches, and school heads. After the completion of the visit, Hi5 received the good news that they will be supporting Hi5 for 2 half courts in primary school and 1 full court in the residential high school. Construction is set to start soon in the 2 schools.



Sandalpur, Madhya Pradesh - NEW

Parivaar Sandalpur in Madhya Pradesh is a residential school just like Parivaar Kolkata and it caters to most underprivileged children in the tribal area of Madhya Pradesh, where access to education is nearly impossible. Parivaar has selected 600 boys to this new residential school in grades 6th through 8th. Prior to coming to Parivaar Sandalpur, children study in local village schools.

In August, Two new coaches were hired for Sandalpur and they came to train in Mumbai for



2 weeks. Orientation to the program was done by the senior team in Mumbai in the previous quarter.

Selection trials were offered to the whole school as the school authorities wanted fair trials. Early september, selection trials were conducted based on athletic ability and few other parameters. **260 children were selected and are currently in the program at Sandalpur.**

Tournaments:

Mumbai, Maharashtra

Practice matches with other schools are always a ritual in Hi5. It gives an opportunity to assess our faults and there is room for improving internally. It's always fun to play with Vibgyor, an International private school in the suburbs and an excellent school for basketball. Hi5 players had a field day playing in their indoor facility in July 2022.

Practice matches continuously happen on weekends - DD senior children, CKT, Panvel college bound players, IB patel BMC and



Goregaon East MPS aka Pahadi MPS senior children participated in weekend games. This gives our coaches an opportunity to assess themselves and improve.

First inter school tournament of this school year was hosted by YMCA Borivali and we had 4 teams from Vile Parle East MPS (Dixit), Vile Parle participating in U13 boys and girls and U16 boys and girls. After many initial rounds, all 4 teams reached the semi-finals at the end of October. Finals were scheduled for October 2nd. Lets watch this space for the next newsletter of what happened in the finals.



The Tribal children in CKT college, Panvel have many practice matches with Mahatma college in the vicinity. Practices are in full swing for 18+ children in college.

Podium Finish - July to Sept 2022 

PODIUM FINISH		1st Place	2
		2nd Place	1
		3rd Place	2

  

Tournaments Played	2
Teams Participated	6
Unique Children Participated	75

Hyderabad, Telangana:

Krush Home U14 boys won the club level "Tightend tournament" in Hyderabad. A proud moment for Krushi boys always playing hoops 24/7. Always a felicitation ceremony at the home and in the schools - these children are most inspiring

Krush home either invites schools in Hyderabad or they go over to other schools to participate in friendly games. This time it was with Sreenidhi International School in



Hyderabad and our Krushi boys always win. Kudos to Krushi Home boys.

3 of our children from our Mumbai centers got selected for District Teams at U-18 level for state championship. Our students: Sudarshan Jadhav, Yuvraj Shivalu and Nalini Busara. The Tournament took place from Dates 11th September to 15th September 2022 at Sangola in Solapur.



Nalini Busara, student of Vajreshwari Panvel center, part of Raigad District U18 Girls team at Maharashtra state championship.



Nalini Busara (Sitting, second from left), student of Vajreshwari Panvel center

Hi5 Youth Foundation USA

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

Sevathon, a community walk / run program was organized by ICC Milpitas and we had many runners and walkers from the community. Ram Ramgiri - our board member was on a roll to



register as many runners and it was a fun event in August

Miles 2 Smiles, is in the second year of the virtual walk / run / bike event organized by Hi5. The event was starting up October 1st to October 31st - a month-long challenge where any runner/walker/biker could do a challenge at their own pace and still “convert their miles to smiles” for Hi5.

The goal for this year's event was to fundraise for 750 tribal and underprivileged children in Telangana in the “Hope Thru Hoops” program for the school year 2022 - 23. Stay tuned for the next newsletter for more details of what happened in October.

Raju Reddy, a Hi5 enthusiast, Deccan Dunker basketball player, a philanthropist in both India and USA visited our Gandhari Eklavya school in Kama Reddy district and was pleasantly surprised with the infrastructure made by the Government of Telangana. The children play in most modern courts and many thanks to Raju for visiting the Hi5 center in Telangana.



Your Walk/Run/Bike for Miles Can Bring Smiles for these Children

30 Day Challenge
Oct 1 to Oct 31, 2022

Miles 2 Smiles
RUN | WALK | BIKE



Pathways to Success: The Education support program of Hi5

Pathways to Success is the education support of Hi5 for children who finish beyond 10th and 12th grade and who need college support, tutoring support so that no Hi 5 child is left behind in basketball or in education.

Once the results were out for 10th & 12 board exams in July, the Pathways team got into action to secure admissions for both tribal and urban

children. We are happy to announce that there was a 100% graduation rate in both 10th and 12th exit exams.

For the 2022 -23 school year, Hi5 is supporting 200 children (from tribal & urban slums) for higher education through its 'Pathways to Success' program

Tribal Children:

The 11th grade incoming children went through the college admission process into arts and commerce streams. They were given orientation in Jawhar, close to their hamlets by Vishal Khare. Parents were explained the process of their wards staying away in college and managing their life independently. Parallely, hostel admissions were secured close to the college and learning to settle down along with their senior peers.



The 12th grade children who are well settled into college and hostel are further supported for English classes so that their exit exam for 12th grade early next year is a lot easier to graduate.

First, Second and Third year students are well rounded and looking to finish the

undergraduate program in a few years. We will be having our first set of undergraduate tribal children graduating early next year - a proud moment for Hi 5 where we have supported them for higher education and encouraged them to stop being manual laborers and getting married at such an early age, instead building a career for themselves, in order to have a brighter future.

A couple of third year students have been absorbed as part time coaches into the Hi5 system so that a pathway is obvious if they want to take up positions in Hi 5 after college graduation.

Urban Children:

Urban slums have children from 11th, 12th and first year college. With 100% graduation in both grade 10 and 12 exit exams, the children have got admissions to nearby colleges. Another proud moment for children graduating from 12th have got admissions to a very reputed college for B Com, Bachelors in management studies (BMS). Some children are going to pursue Engineering and Law. Here we are “changing young lives through play” - with both basketball and educational support, at Hi5 every child is a winner!

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