

**Hi5 Youth foundation  
wishes you a beautiful**

*New Year*  
**2023**

*The pandemic is on a decline, and Hi5 is on a rise with every activity it conducts. Hi5 has been participating in more tournaments, basketball matches throughout the past quarter. We are thrilled to present to you the #HumansofHi5, who are on the basketball courts in India; making an impact!*

*As other grades are in full swing Grades 10 and*

*12 have taken a pause from Basketball to focus on their board exams. While our students are buckling up for exam season, we expanded our Hi5 reach into 2 more states; Naroli in the state of Gujarat and Sandalpur in the state of Madhya Pradesh.*

*This expansion has enabled us to help little ones with a completely free basketball excellence program across 5 states in India. Making us the largest grassroots program in India with over 3200 children in 30 centers with 40 professional coaches across 5 states!*

*Our higher educational support program, "Pathways to Success" continues to have a graduation rate of 100% in school exit examinations. Grades 10 and 12 are no exceptions to this figure.*

*We are extremely motivated to see our students flourish, keeping us true to our mantra, "Changing young lives thru play"*

## **Hope Thru Hoops: Basketball Excellence program:**

### **Mumbai, Maharashtra**

The Vile Parle East MPS, Dixit participated in a tournament organized by the YMCA at Borivali. Even though it was their first match after the pandemic, they rocked it!

They were undefeated champions throughout the entire league. Boys and Girls Under 13 and 16 participated, and they were led by Coach Ajinkya.





There were multiple scenarios throughout the game that kept the audience on their toes. Under 16 girls secured 1st place and the boys secured 2nd place.

The entire tournament was a beautiful



representation of sportsmanship that was being lived on the court!

Laxmi Tripathi, our Under-16 team player was declared MVP of the tournament adding to the celebrations.

The new beginner students were in sessions regularly, starting right from August 2022 and in October they finally received their basketball kit, consisting of their jerseys and shoes across all centers in Mumbai.



## Lunch at Vajreshwari Center

In the previous quarter, the staff from Hi5 and Sant Gadge Maharaj Tribal Residential School met over lunch at Vajreshwari to get an update

on how the program is performing and also to discuss what the new year at Hi5 is going to look like for the students!



The 'Hope thru Hoops' program at our Ghadge Maharaj Tribal residential center at Vajreshwari, Thane district, and Vasind, Thane district are being supported by **Sachin Tendulkar Foundation**.

## Diwali Vacation and Camp

India is the land of cultures and festivals!

Soon after the jersey distribution, all schools went on Diwali vacation and we started off our Hi5 Diwali camp. The purpose of our Diwali camp was to give our students the extra hours to be tournament ready.

The camp was a huge success as the students spent as much time on the court learning and having fun while getting a reboot after their mid-term examinations.

We also had a Coach exchange day to give our students exposure to new coaches and add some change by introducing coaches from other centers.



Our coaches from other centers visited a center and assisted the current center coach to have a fun and insightful training session for our students.

## Diwali and Dussehra celebrations at Office

Everyone loves to dress up and celebrate a festival! Therefore, all staff at the Hi5 office in Mumbai dressed in traditional Indian outfits, and rangolis were drawn to celebrate the festival of lights.



Not only was Diwali celebrated at the office but also all over our centers in Telangana and West Bengal. We also lit diyas to celebrate the festival of light and triumph over evil.



## Most Valuable Player



Mr. Mangal Prabhat Lodha. (MLA) from the Vile Parle Zone, felicitated Laxmi Turupathi from Vile Parle East MPS for her achievements in the Borivali YMCA tournament

## Hi5 Children's day!

On November 14, 2022. On the occasion of Children's day, the coaches and senior students organized fun games for the children to participate in. All senior students took charge of the beginner batches. They conducted the sessions to pass on what they had learned from their coaches when they began in grade 4.

## Felicitation by Chembur Children's Home

The Children's Aid Society in association with the Government of Maharashtra felicitated Hi5 Youth Foundation for our contribution to the welfare of the children.

Rajendra Sonar (PWD OFFICER Mumbai City), Nidhi Chaudhary (Collector Mumbai Suburb), and Susieben Shah (President Bal Haq Ayog) were also present for the function.



## Hyderabad, Telangana:

Before the pandemic, we had 4 centers and with new ones, we have 9 centers, 1000 students, and 2 new lady coaches for the Girl's Sports School, so much more is happening. Stay tuned...

Our founders of Hi5 Youth Foundation Mrs. Usha and Mr. R. Sundar visited the centers at Chegunta, Narsapur, Jinnaram and Gandhari.

We are pleased to announce that all our new centers have started sessions in full swing.



### Names of New Centers.

- **TS-EMRS BalaNagar school** for boys and girls in Mahabubnagar district
- **TTWR Girls Sports School**, Chegunta in Medak district
- **TTWR Narsapur school** for boys and girls in Medak district
- **TS- EMRS, Gandhari school** for boys and girls in Kamareddy district
- **Sphoorti**, a residential home and school for disadvantaged girls in Medchal

The entire team of coaches met the founders for lunch at Hyderabad. At the end of the trip, the founders felt that the coaches appointed at Hyderabad are passionate and had the right attitude making them a great asset to the organization. There was also a discussion of the challenges that were being faced in the tribal residential schools. The founders met with the Secretary of the Tribal department of the Government of Telangana to help bring positive solutions to these challenges.

Our Technical Heads, Vignesh and Kevin, visited the centers to ensure quality checks and they gave positive feedback on how the centers are shaping up.



Thereafter, jerseys and shoes too were distributed in all centers.



The basketball court construction at TTWR Girls' Sports School in Chegunta is underway. This project is being supported by **BookASmile**, an initiative of BookMyShow. The basketball court construction will be completed in January 2023.



## Kolkata, West Bengal

The Parivaar school in Kolkata continued regular school sessions for new beginners. Jersey and shoe distribution happened simultaneously.

The 280 children enrolled in the Hope Thru Hoops -basketball excellence program, continue to train every day.

We have observed that there is always a 100% attendance rate at this residential school. The



second Annual Athletic Meet took place in which all participating students showed great sportsmanship!

## Naroli, Gujarat

The construction of 2 half Basketball courts are in progress at Radka primary school and Pay venter school, respectively. At these centers, we train a total of 200 students and a full Basketball court construction at the Uttar Buniyadi residential high school. We are thankful to **Sachin Tendulkar Foundation** for their support in building all three courts. All Sessions are in full swing and jerseys and shoes were distributed to the students.



## Sandalpur, Madhya Pradesh

The center has been functional since October 2022. There has been an addition of 2 New coaches, and they visited Mumbai for their certifications by our senior coach Edward.

The active number of students stands at 260. Jerseys and shoes were distributed and the Hi5 army in green was ready to play basketball.

## Tournaments:

The **EMRS Tournament** was held on November 4, 2022. The Under 19 boys and girls from Gandhari and Balanagar. Balanagar stood 1st and Gandhari stood second.



The **Krush Home Sports Competition** was held on November 18, 2022. The Under 16 boys and girls played the match. Spoorthi Girls and Krushi A boys stood 1st and Athavally and Krushi B boys stood 2nd.

The **DSO Mumbai tournament** had a lot of our teams participating and winning.

At the **Taluka matches**;

- Under-17 Girls from Dixit, Under-14 Boys from Dixit, Won at the Andheri Taluka level.
- Under 17 Girls from Pahadi, Under 19 Boys from Saraswati Night college, and Saraf college, Won at the Borivali Taluka level.

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At the **District Level Matches**;

- Under 19 Boys from Saraswati Night college stood 2nd
- Under 19 Boys from Saraf college stood 4th
- At the Zonal matches Under 19 girls from CKT Panvel played.

At the **State Level Tournament**.

From Mumbai, we had Yuvraj Shivralu from Arnolds and Sudarshan Jadhav from Deendayal who played for Mumbai City.

Nalini Bhusara from Panvel played for Raigad District.

In the **Maharashtra inter-district tournament**, we had 2 teams consisting of 24 children in the Under 16 boys and girls category participating from Panvel and Vajreshwari

In the state of Telangana, we had **Nikhil Dasharth from Krushi home** who played for the Telangana state basketball team.

Nikhil - Bottom center State team selection



## Intra Hi5 League

This year we concluded the month of December with the Intra Hi5 tournament in Mumbai this time with a twist in a league format spread across 3 weekends. The participating 25 teams were spread across the following age groups.

- Under 17 Boys and Girls
- Men and Women.

Team Motilal in Men's and Women's, Vile Parle East MPS, I.B Patel Senior Secondary School, and Deendayal Uphadayay MPS too played extremely well.

Raju Sharma, Khushi Gupta, Chandan Gupta, and Pallavi Jadhav were awarded the Most Valuable Player in their respective categories.



Under 14 Boys and Girls is underway. Stay tuned for the results.

## 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 Urban Students as well as Tribal students.

The Hi5 'Pathways to Success' team conducted a parent-teacher meeting for the students currently in Grade 10 at Dixit, Motilal, and Pahadi while introducing the program for the next academic year and college probabilities.

Tuition class visits were done to receive an update on attendance and to know the progress of every student in their chosen stream.

The Radhika Memorial Scholarship for 2020-21

was awarded to students who did academically well in their SSC Board Exams. They each were given a scholarship of INR 10,000/-

The scholarship has been awarded to:

- **Pragati Mohite**
- **Shivani Verma**
- **Khushi Gupta**
- **Omkar Dhanawade**
- **Sumedh Gadekar**

The students awarded are from various centers of Hi5 across Mumbai.

Vishal Khare, our Tribal program Coordinator made weekly calls tracking and monitoring the students so they make informed decisions and not drop out of school.

Monitors were appointed and a self-study class was introduced for 2 hours to inculcate reading habits and discipline.

Students also filled out forms for job opportunities in Maharashtra Police Force.



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



## Miles2Smiles, 2022



Hi5 Youth Foundation USA conducted a fundraiser 'Miles to Smiles', a sporting initiative where, every mile you run, can help toward supporting our 750 children in the 'Hope Thru Hoops' Telangana program.

It was a Run/Walk/Bike 30-Day Challenge starting October 1 - October 31, 2022.

In which a total of 167 participants participated

and completed the challenge globally.

We would like to extend thanks to Deccan Dunkers for helping in successfully raising funds for 750 children in Telangana.

Kudos! to all walkers, runners, and bikers who are the Champions of Hi5 and support the cause year after year. Thank you! Every Child in Telangana is supported through this initiative.

Dr. Monisha Bajaj & Family with their 9-year-old son Kabir visited Motilal Nagar in Mumbai, Maharashtra in December. Dr. Monisha Bajaj is International Relations and Human Rights professor from the University of San Francisco who has been in touch with Hi5 founders for many years and made her first visit to Hi5.

Kabir was enthusiastic about playing with Hi5 children and joined the session. His father also shot some hoops with our coaches and Kabir even learned a few tips and tricks. We are glad this visit was a memorable one.

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