

Founders Message

This month marked the end of the monsoons – and as we celebrated DIWALI, it seems the year is zipping by. In the third year of Hi 5, with more numbers of intermediate and advanced level boys and girls - we have a busy tournament season ahead! Some of them are SFA at DY Patil stadium (24 Hi 5 teams), MSSA at Azad Maidan (15 Hi 5 teams), Poinisar at Ponsar Gym (6 Hi 5 teams), VIBGYOR at Vibgor school (7 Hi 5 teams), Nagpada (4 Hi 5 teams)!

In terms of results – while the Hi 5 BMC schools did well in their first appearance at DSO in Mumbai, our Vajreswari teams in the U 17 category advanced to the Divisional level and turned in a creditable performance. To improve the level of play by our various teams – we ran DIWALI camps (full day practice sessions and matches) at multiple locations – a first for our team of coaches and coordinators. But this was not all – our children got the opportunity to meet NBA's first Indian player Satnam Singh, watch the Kabaddi juniors' final (and appear on TV), and meet international visitors.

So each passing month, there is more for our children – more camps, more practice matches, more tournaments, more trophies, more trips, more interactions beyond basketball – all truly aligned to our mission of “Changing young lives through play”

Stay tuned for a lot of exciting happenings in the coming months !



Life Skills Development.

Team up and strategize! Hi5 kids are intensively trained in basketball on a very professional level, which leads them to develop life skills such as teamwork, excellence, sportsmanship and responsibility. Hi5 children have over time developed mammoth self confidence and self esteem which they use as a motivation to win matches.



Actor Akshay Kumar Tweets about Hi5.

Hi 5 Youth Foundation got some celebrity attention. Voila! Akshay Kumar tweeted about Hi5 kids playing with Satnam Singh at the Motilal center. He mentioned how Satnam Singh had a great time with the Hi5 kids and praised the NBA player for his height and heart.



Hi5 USA:

Hi5 USA got registered as a non-profit organization in Saratoga, California in July 2017. As part of this initiative, Hi5 USA Team and volunteers are going great guns by creating awareness in bay area. Team USA is putting together activities encouraging US school students with a tag line “children helping children” thus creating school clubs. They also set up a booth at the Santa Clara Convention Centre over a span of two weekends during Indian festival celebrations. Volunteers at the booth explaining about Hi5 (pic)



Satnam Singh Visits Hi5.

Hi5 was honored by a very special visitor, Satnam Singh. A young man from Punjab who is 7'4 made India proud for being the first NBA player. The kids had a fantastic time with him playing, chatting and learning some important life lessons on excellence. He spoke about hardwork and drive and what it takes to make it to NBA. They were inspired to play basketball and playing ball with their idol was an ultimate experience. It was truly an amazing opportunity for the kids of Hi5.



US Consulate Invites Hi5

As part of their leadership day, US consulate Mumbai invited the Dixit Road BMC Hi5 children to their facility. The children chilled, bonded with the members and also played a mini basketball game to showcase their talent. The consulate members were quite awe of the children's style of play. The children were given gifts at the end, which made their day and took home a happy memory, which they were proud of.