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8 Years of Hi5 Youth Foundation - Founders Message



Team Hi5 at the Offsite trip to Karjat

As we celebrate our 8th anniversary, We are filled with gratitude for the remarkable journey of Hi5 Youth Foundation. From a humble vision, we have grown into a thriving organization, impacting the lives of thousands of children across the country. In celebration of this milestone, we gathered for an Offsite meet and greet held in Karjat. Our coaches from Mumbai and Outstation along with the leadership team, came together to reflect on our achievements, share our aspirations, and strengthen our commitment to creating a brighter future for our young champions.

We are inspired by the growth and success of our young athletes who have excelled on the court, triumphed in tournaments, and become role models for their peers. They

embody the values of resilience, confidence, and compassion that we strive to instill through our program and have become our pride and inspiration. Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our dedication to expanding our reach, creating more opportunities, and making a lasting impact on the lives of even more children across the country.

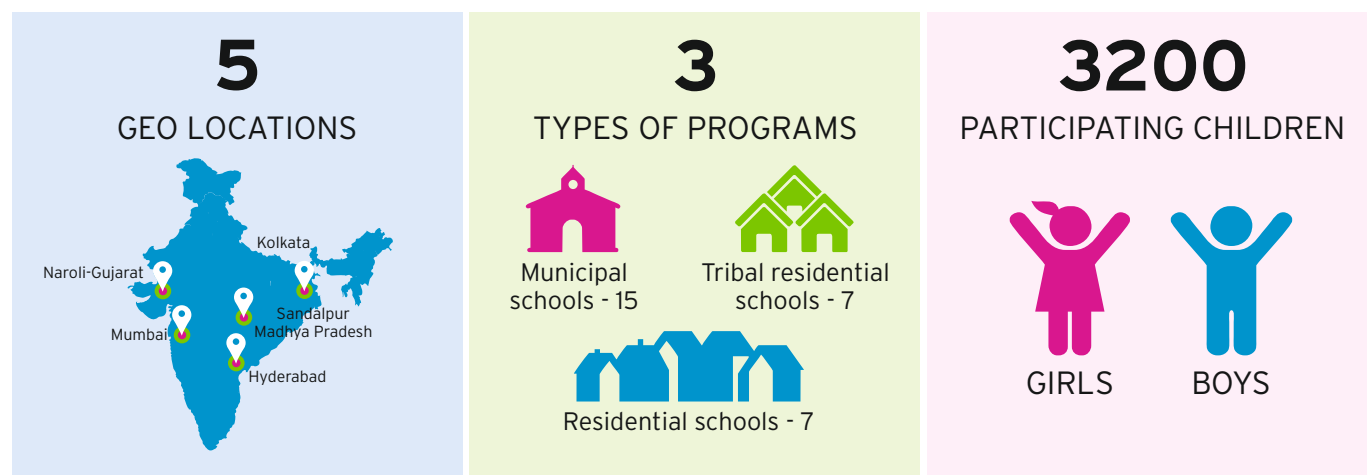
Founders, Hi5 Youth Foundation



Hope Thru Hoops : Glimpse of 2022-23

Hi5 Youth Foundation (Hi5) runs a FREE multiyear, 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.



Congratulations

To Ritesh Pal from Goregaon East Mumbai Public School, Hi5 10th grade topper who stood first in his school.

Summer Slam - A Slam Dunk Success

Hi5 Youth Foundation every year runs a summer residential camp program called Summer Slam under the Hope Thru Hoops umbrella. This is an essential part of the flagship program during the summer vacation/break, where boys & girls are given the opportunity to get trained by the coaches for 5 to 6 hours daily at a residential set-up. Children during this course are divided into batches so as to keep the training momentum organized and also schedule life skills delivery during the relaxed period of the day.



Basketball summer camp locations:

- **Mumbai, Maharashtra (50 days):** Sant Gadge Maharaj Residential School in Vasind (boys) and Vajreshwari (girls)
- **Telangana (14 days):** Krushi Home & Girls Sports School, Chegunta
- **Gujarat (12 days):** Naroli at Uttar Buniyadi Residential School
- **West Bengal (12 days):** Parivaar

Total number of children trained: 1500

The summer slam brought together passionate young athletes from various backgrounds-different schools & centers, uniting under the shared love for the game.

Our campers experienced immersive training sessions led by our skilled coaches, focusing on individual skill development, team dynamics, and game strategies. With

personalized attention, they made remarkable progress in basketball skills, decision-making, and game awareness. Fun activities, team-building exercises, and life skill lessons enhanced their overall experience. They formed lasting friendships, embraced teamwork, and celebrated success, together in a supportive and inclusive environment.



Summer Slam Tournament Summary: A Showcase of Talent and Triumph

Post the Summer Camp, the Summer Slam Tournament held at Motilal Nagar BMC School in Mumbai concluded with great excitement and fierce competition, as young athletes from different age categories displayed their skills and determination. Our young athletes have been training hard, honing their skills and tactics to deliver outstanding performances on the court and field.

Here's a summary of the results:

Under 13 Boys



Winners: Unnat Nagar BMC School



Runner-up: Motilal Nagar BMC School

Under 13 Girls



Winners: Vile Parle East MPS



Runner-up: Motilal Nagar BMC School

Under 16 Boys



Winners: Pathways - Motilal



Runner-up: Goshala Marg MPS

Under 16 Girls



Winners: Vile Parle East MPS



Runner-up: Sant Gadge Maharaj Residential School

Mens



Winners: Panvel



Runner-up: Motilal

Womens



Winners: Motilal



Runner-up: Dixit

Congratulations to all the teams for their exceptional performances and competitive spirit

Summer Slam Telangana

The first Summer Slam tournament at Telangana was played at Jinnaram and on the newly inaugurated court at Chegunta. It witnessed 6 teams in the girl's category and 8 teams in the boys.



Girls Category



Winners: TTWR Girls Sports School, Chegunta



Runner-up: Spoorthi Foundation

Boys Category



Winners: TTWR Jinnaram



Runner-up: EMRS Balanagar

New Basketball Court at TTWR Girls Sports School in Chegunta, Telangana



We are excited to share the wonderful news that the TTWR Girls Sports School in Chegunta run by the Telangana Tribal Government now boasts a state-of-the-art basketball court, thanks to the generous support of **BookASmile**. The official inaugural ceremony of the newly built court took place on May 5th, 2023. This newly constructed basketball court is a significant addition to the school, providing talented girls with a dedicated space to practice and enhance their basketball skills.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **BookASmile** for their continuous support and unwavering commitment to empowering female athletes in Telangana. Their generosity has made a remarkable difference in our students' lives, enabling them to thrive and reach new heights in their sporting endeavors. Once again, a special thank you to **BookASmile** for their invaluable support in making dreams come true for our aspiring basketball players in the Hope Thru hoops - basketball excellence program at Hi5 Youth Foundation.

Train the Trainer: Coaches Training and Evaluation for Program Preparation

Our comprehensive coaches training and evaluation, led by our technical team, equips coaches with essential knowledge, skills, and techniques in the month of June. It ensures exceptional training and a positive learning environment for our young athletes. The program covers coaching methodologies, skill

development, effective communication, and fostering a supportive team culture. Practical evaluations provide valuable feedback for continuous improvement. This empowers our coaches to nurture and inspire our athletes to reach their full potential.



Tournaments

Our talented young athletes have showcased exceptional skills, determination, and sportsmanship, making us immensely proud. Here's a glimpse of their accomplishments:



| Podium Finishes June 2022 to May 2023 | | |
|---|----------------|----|
|  | 1st Place | 11 |
|  | 2nd Place | 10 |
|  | 3rd Place | 2 |
| | Semi-Finalists | 8 |

Telangana Talent Shines: Players Selected for State / District teams

We are proud to announce the exceptional achievements of talented basketball players from our centers in Telangana who have been selected for prestigious opportunities.



Nizamabad Basketball Association Boys Under 16:
Center: Gandhari
Player Selected: Rahul Wala



Telangana State Boys Under 13:
Center: Krushi Home
Players Selected: Nikhil Dasharadha



Medchal & Malkajgiri District Basketball Association Boys Under 16:
Center: Krushi Home
Player Selected: Dhanush Raj Jeedimetla

Their selection highlights their hard work, dedication, and exceptional skills honed through training and practice and is a testament to their commitment and passion for the game, and we are confident that many more players will excel in their basketball journeys.

New expansions, More lives to change thru Play in 2023-24

We are thrilled to announce the expansions of Hi5 Youth Foundations' basketball excellence program in three new locations across India:

Ramakrishna Mission School, Aalo in Arunachal Pradesh:

We are thrilled to associate with Ramakrishna Mission School, Aalo and Arunachal Pradesh Basketball Association. Operations Manager Mr. Saneej Patil flagged-off the first Parent Teacher Meet marking the commencement of a great relationship and furthering our

expansion plans in Arunachal Pradesh. We have just finished the beginner trials, and we are pumped-up to begin the program very soon. This is another great step towards creating a world where everyone has equal access to the transformative power of sports.



Sevalaya School in Chennai:

In May, we successfully piloted the program as a summer camp to engage students, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our Operations Manager, Mr. Sandeep Kulkarni, and the newly appointed coaches. We have commenced

student recruitment and, with enrollment well underway, we have simultaneously initiated training sessions. We are excited to witness the program's flourishing journey and the positive impact it will have on the students.



Two government schools in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh:

Work in Progress, Stay Tuned for the updates! With these new locations, we are excited to bring our program to even more aspiring basketball players and help them reach their full potential.

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

During a brief pause in basketball practice, our athletes focused on their studies, demonstrating their commitment to both academics and the game. We are thrilled to share that the 12th Grade and 10th Grade results have been announced, revealing outstanding academic achievements among our students.

Pathways to Success – Tribal

Congratulations to our Hi5 students who did exceptionally well in their SSC and HSC Board Examinations. Our first batch of students have successfully completed their graduation journey. 8 students graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Arts with First Class honors.

Urban and Tribal students in the program

- Students attended a Job Readiness Workshop to enhance their professional skills and knowledge.
- Job opportunities were presented in Hi5 office to the students through reputable organizations such as Thomas Recruitment, Unnati - Kotak Education, and Basketball Coaching.
- The Pathways to Success program has positively impacted tribal first-generation college students.
- The program has enabled students to complete their degrees and pursue diverse career paths.
- It has contributed to the reduction of child marriages and increased enrollment of over 200 students in junior college.
- Students have been offered internships at Hi5 Youth Foundation.
- The program has helped decrease dropout rates among tribal students.
- The program has raised awareness about education among tribal students and parents.



Hi5 onboarded English Second Language teachers to assist students in Spoken English

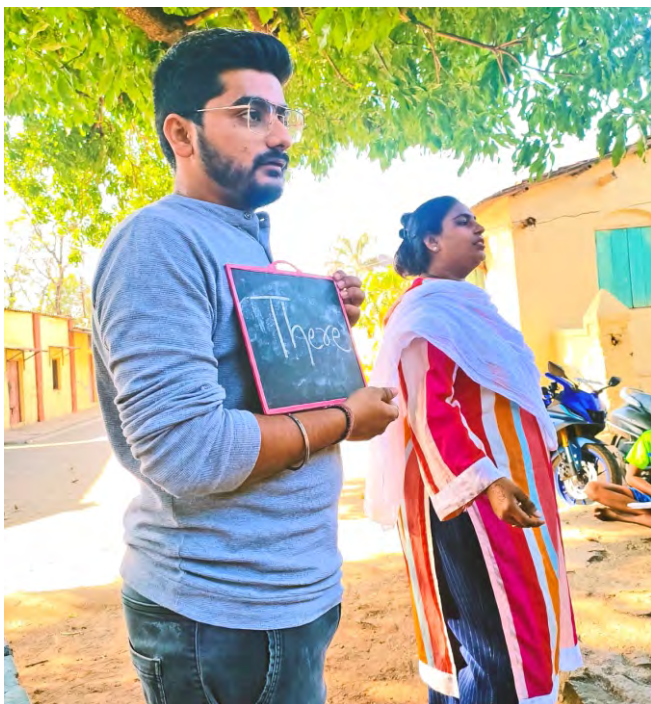
Hi5 has hired English Second Language(ESL) teachers to assist students who have not spoken English, introducing it as a Personality Development program to help students develop their soft skills and enhance their confidence.

A pilot ESL class was conducted in Sant Gadge Maharaj Residential school, Vajreshwari for the Residential school students. The ESL Sessions were more of a 'take-off' challenge for the teachers. It was a dare for the teachers as they were working in an area with no English penetration, and with kids who had no background in the language.

Shifting from the concrete classroom's roof to nature's umbrella, under the shade of the mango tree in the school premises created a merry mood for everyone. The entire session was named "Basket-The-English" with a motto



of "Letting them be themselves". Basketball is their heart, soul, and spirit, hence adding it to the course of learning was a boon. From non-interactive and tired souls to hyperactive beings was the result. ESL's prima-facie wasn't just making children understand English, but making them 'Ready' for their challenges ahead in a conversation. Sharing Ideas, playing word games, watching interactive movies, and having a fun time being together as a 'family', made the learning process simpler and quicker.



IMPACT STORY

Empowering Students through Summer Internship at Hi5 Summer Slam



We are excited to share the impactful journey of eight enthusiastic students from Second Year Degree college students who recently completed a transformative 1.5-month summer internship at Hi5 Summer Slam. This incredible opportunity has not only brought about a great improvement in these students but has also played a vital role in the successful execution of our summer camp.

Throughout the internship, these students immersed themselves in a dynamic learning environment, gaining valuable hands-on experience and practical skills. They actively contributed to various aspects of the summer camp, assisting in organizing and coordinating activities, mentoring younger participants, and fostering a positive and inclusive atmosphere.

The impact of their dedication and hard work was evident as the summer camp flourished under their guidance and support. Not only did the summer internship provide a platform for personal growth and skill development, but it also nurtured a sense of leadership and responsibility in these students. They served as exemplary role models for their peers, inspiring others to embrace new challenges and strive for excellence in their endeavors.

Once upon a time, these students were children who attended the summer camp. Today, as they look back, they witness a remarkable reflection of the same emotions they once felt towards their coaches, now directed towards them by the children they coached.



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 the Hope Thru Hoops basketball program and Pathways to Success, an education initiative program.

Sevathon 2023 - Sevathon is a great platform for nonprofits and communities to come together. Hi 5 Youth Foundation is scaling up with all your support! We are always "changing young lives thru play"

Hi5 Youth Foundation USA invites you to run on our behalf for Sevathon 2023 being held on Sunday, September 10th 2023 at Vasona Park, Los Gatos CA. Shoutout to all children - Run, Walk or even Dance your way to sponsoring 3 underprivileged children in India for an entire year as part of our 'Children Helping Children' motto! We encourage you to come in large numbers and support our cause.

The poster for Sevathon 2023 features a blue background with a white and yellow arrow pointing right. At the top left is the India Community Center logo, and at the top right is the Hi5 Youth Foundation-USA logo. The main title 'SEVATHON 2023' is in large yellow letters, with the tagline 'Support the cause you believe in!' below it. A central photograph shows a group of people running on a path. To the right of the photo, the event activities are listed: 'HALF MARATHON', '10K | 5K', 'YOGATHON', 'DANCE-A-THON', and 'FINISH LINE FESTIVITIES'. Below the photo, a green arrow contains the date and time: 'September 10, 2023, 7 am' and the location: 'VASONA PARK, LOS GATOS'. At the bottom left, there is a Facebook icon and the text 'Sevathon', and at the bottom right, the website 'www.ICCSevathon.org' and a QR code.

Please click on the link below to register for the event & change young lives through play.
[Register \(Link\) https://runsignup.com/Race/144899/Charity/22774](https://runsignup.com/Race/144899/Charity/22774)

Richa Kondapally, a dedicated Hi5 USA volunteer from the Bay Area, along with her father, Mr. Venkat, member of Deccan Dunkers, recently visited Krushi Home and Spoorthi Foundation in the Medchal district of Telangana where Hi5's Hope Thru Hoops - Basketball Excellence program is in full swing.

Richa has been actively involved with Hi5 since 2019, contributing to fundraising efforts through tournaments, participating in the Miles 2 Smiles run for two years, and promoting Hi5 in her High school in San Jose, CA. Her passion and commitment to our cause has been truly inspiring.



During her visit, Richa was deeply moved by the kindness and hospitality of the girls & boys at Krushi Home and Spoorthi Foundation. They graciously showed her all their facilities and

even presented her with flowers they had picked themselves. The girls' enthusiasm and dedication to basketball were evident, and Richa had engaging conversations with the boys about NBA team rivalries. She was

impressed by their skills on the court.

Her experience further highlights the positive impact of Hi5's initiatives and the dedication of our young athletes.



Concluding note: Growing Together, Changing Lives

*As we wrap up another exciting quarter and academic year, Team Hi5 is grateful for your unwavering support. Looking ahead to the academic year of 2023-24, our goals are set high. With over 4000+ children already benefiting from the transformative Hope Thru Hoops program, we expanded our reach further, touching the lives of even more young minds in the states of **Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh** and more teams to win tournaments.*

Our mission remains steadfast: to change young lives through play.

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