



## April-June Newsletter

We conducted 35 sports sessions in the last three months **at our core location in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh**. Few sessions were disrupted or cancelled because of rain and unsafe playgrounds. We focused more on engaging children in Nukkad Natak, participating in events, and building team capacity.



**Our Nukkad Natak on gender-based violence struck a chord.** Many parents got emotional, sharing how these issues have affected the entire community. The performance highlighted how children who witness violence at home are more likely to experience mood swings, struggle with substance abuse, and grow up facing financial difficulties, often repeating the cycle of violence themselves.

We also shared how we are using mixed-gender sports as a tool to break this cycle and build a safer, more empathetic future for the next generation.



Our children participated in the State Level Kho-Kho tournament. It was a great opportunity for them to showcase their talent, get selected for the Nationals. Although our team played well, unfortunately, we lost all the matches. Still, this experience was truly special. For many of our children, it was the **first time they stepped out of their homes and stayed away for three days.**

We are extremely proud of their courage, effort, and the joy they found in this journey. ❤️

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Listen to how our program has helped Hema and Aryan to get more opportunities to play and improve their confidence.



Capacity Building of the Team

Two of our team members attended the one-week course on 'Gender in the Classroom ' organised by [Eklavya Foundation](#). The learning in the course will help us with our work in the community of addressing gender based violence in the community using sports.

## New Training Projects Started in Bihar and Assam

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We completed a 5 days of training on Sport for Development under Project Suraksha! This training marks the beginning of an important journey where sports will be used as a tool to prevent child trafficking and promote safety, awareness, and empowerment among children. **Through this initiative, we aim to reach 750 children in 25 villages in Golaghat District, Assam**, creating safe spaces for play, learning, and resilience.

In West Champaran, Bihar, we began a new partnership with local grassroots organisations to reach 750 more children in 25 villages. The program started with a five-day training focused on making community spaces safer for girls.

[Nathan Monis](#), a second-year Psychology student at St. Xavier's, Mumbai, joined us for three weeks as an intern. He helped our team learn how to take good pictures.

Nathan is also living in the village itself, learning about life in a village in Chhattisgarh and about our work with children.



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