



April-June 2026

Dear Friends,

I hope you're doing well.

First, an apology for the delay in sharing this quarterly update. The past few months have been unusually busy as we wrapped up our annual fundraising campaign. Since many of you were already hearing from us through those updates, we didn't want to flood your inboxes with too many emails.

This quarter has been an important period in KhelMel's journey, not because of how much we did, but because we finally made time to pause and reflect.

A Month of Reflection

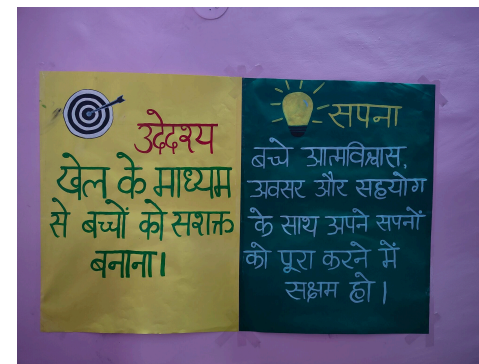
We set aside one week for our annual review. That one week eventually turned into almost a month.

Looking back, it made sense. Over the past four years, we had been so focused on building and implementing the programs that we had rarely paused to ask ourselves some fundamental questions: *What is working? What isn't? What have we learned? Where do we want to go next?*

Those conversations led to some important changes.

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including our community coaches and field staff. Instead of a top-down exercise, it became a collective effort to define what KhelMel stands for and the future we want to build together.



We also restructured parts of our program. Many mentors, partners, and supporters had pointed out that our age range was too broad. After reflecting on our experience and your feedback, we've narrowed our focus to creating deeper, more meaningful experiences for children.

We'll share much more about these changes in our upcoming Annual Report.

Stories from the field

One of our goals this quarter was to better capture the stories unfolding in our communities. We documented seven to eight stories of children, families, and coaches whose lives have been shaped by sport. Together, they show how play can become much more than recreation, it can become a pathway to confidence, belonging, emotional well-being, and hope.

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Annual Fundraising

Many of you walked alongside us during our annual fundraising campaign as donors, volunteers, mentors, connectors, or simply by encouraging us. Thank you.

Together, we raised **₹4,30,100** towards our goal of **₹15,00,000**.

If you'd still like to contribute, you can continue supporting our work through the link below.

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Strengthening Our Partner Network

This quarter, we also conducted the second Training of Trainers with our partner organisations in Assam.

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learn, reflect, and strengthen their ability to use sport as a tool for children's social and emotional development.



As always, thank you for being part of the KhelMel journey. Whether you've partnered with us, volunteered, donated, mentored us, or simply cheered us on from afar, you've played a role in helping children access safer spaces to play, grow, and thrive. We look forward to sharing more updates—including our Annual Report—with you soon.

With gratitude,
KhelMel Team



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