

International Day of Sport for Development & Peace (IDSDP) 2017

Report on IDSDP Workshops held in April 2017 at the Community Sports Program, Bhubaneswar, Odisha



In celebration of International Day of Sport for Development & Peace (IDSDP) 2017, Pro Sport Development (PSD) held interactive workshops at its Community Sports Program centres in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from the 3rd to the 6th of April, 2017. The workshops saw the participation of 69 children (58% girls), aged 9-14 years. (Refer to Figure 1)

Centres	Location	Total Children	Number		Percentage %	
			Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Bhaktakabi Madhusudan U.P School	Dum Duma	20	9	11	45	55
Binabharati Vidya Mandir School	Bharatpur	26	10	16	38	62
Vivekananda Siksha Kendra School	Dum Duma	23	10	13	43	57
Total Participants		69	29	40	42	58

Figure 1: Table showing the number of participants from each Community Sports Program Centre.

The workshops consisted of classroom sessions and Continuous Cricket tournaments. The classroom sessions involved interactive activities aimed to educate the students about IDSDP. These activities included informing the children about why the day is celebrated, along with the students learning about three of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) for 2030: Goal 3 - Good Health & Well Being, Goal 4 - Quality Education and Goal 5 – Gender Equality. PSD's trainers informed the children about the three goals and asked them to think of how sport can be used to achieve them.



Below were some of the reactions from the participants:

Priyanka Rath, girl aged 13 years from Binabharati Vidya Mandir School: “If boys and girls are given the opportunity to play together in sport, then this will help towards achieving gender equality”.

Bijaylaxmi Sethi, girl aged 13 years from Bhaktakabi Madhusudan Upper School: “Through sport we learn how to work together and lead others which can help us to develop in the future”.

Atisha Priyadarshini, girl aged 13 years from Binabharati Vidya Mandir School: “Playing sport is very important for good health because it can reduce the chances of diseases and illness”.

Abhinash Behera, boy aged 12 years from Vivekananda Siksha Kendra School: “By boys and girls playing sport together I have learnt that we are all equal and we should have equal opportunity in sport and in life”.



To conclude the classroom sessions, the children were given the opportunity to express their thoughts about one of the SDG's by preparing a drawing about how one of the three goal's discussed can be achieved through sport. The overall standard of the drawings was extremely high, with a variety of very creative and colourful drawings. When the activity had finished, a few of the students were given the opportunity to show their drawing to the class and explain why they had chosen that goal and what their picture showed. Arpita Barik, girl aged 12 years from Vivekananda Siksha Kendra School said, *“I have drawn boys and girls playing cricket together as boys think girls cannot play cricket and I want to prove them wrong”*. At the end of the classroom session prizes were awarded for the best and most creative drawings.





As a practical element to the workshop, two Continuous Cricket tournaments were held. One of the tournaments involved two teams from Vivekananda Siksha Kendra School (VSK) and two from Bhaktakabi Madhusudan School (BMS) competing against each other. This was great for the children to meet peers of their age from different centres and celebrate the Sustainable Development Goals by playing sport. Mrs. Namita Sahoo, principal at Bhaktakabi Madhusudan Upper School said *‘It is fantastic for our students to visit another school to play sport and for them to make new friends’*. The final saw Team Lion from BMS beat Team Tiger from VSK 57-42 in what was a very competitive match but played in the right spirit.



The other tournament was held at Binabharati Vidya Mandir School (BBVM) and involved three teams. The final saw Team Sindhu beat Team Sanshi 82-57. Both tournaments were played in a competitive and good spirit with teams cheering and encouraging each other along with showing great sportsmanship by shaking hands at the end of each match. The tournaments concluded with trophies being awarded to the winning team and sweets being given to all participants.





Overall, the workshops educated the children on the importance of IDSDP along with teaching them about the different Sustainable Development Goals. It gave the opportunity for students from different schools to learn about and display together the values of IDSDP.

To find out more about the IDSDP workshops that took place, please click on the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxZPwKUsNs0>