

### KBC Sports Workshops held in West Bengal & Odisha

The sports-based workshops part of Kadam Badhate Chalo (KBC) 2.0, in partnership with MFF (Martha Farrell Foundation) and PRIA (Participatory Research in Asia), were delivered to youth groups in Siliguri, West Bengal and Bhubaneswar, Odisha in February 2018.



The Gender Through Sports workshop was delivered to 31 youth (55% girls) in Siliguri from 31<sup>st</sup> of January to 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. The Sports Leadership workshop was delivered to 40 youth (65% girls) in Siliguri from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of February, while it was delivered to 21 youth (76% girls) in Bhubaneswar from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of February.



17-year-old female Pushpa Das from Siliguri, who showed exceptional leadership skills during the workshops, helping form strategies and rearranging her teams, said of one of the games, "We have been seeing this throughout our lives - all heavily-paid jobs are taken by men and regular jobs are left for women. That is what was reflected in the game result."



Smita Rani Dehuri, a 14-year old female from Bhubaneswar said of her experience, "My favourite part of KBC is that we have been able to play games with a mix of boys and girls in a comfortable way. The main change I have felt since joining KBC is that I feel comfortable in myself and the same around boys".

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In the recently held sports-based workshops in Siliguri, West Bengal a few remarkable stories were documented, highlighting the impact of the KBC 2.0 program on its participating youth.



**Nikita Saha** is someone who challenged her own family at the age of 14 years. Nikita, never hesitating to express herself, questioned her

colleagues during the Gender through Sports workshop, "Why do women always have to listen to someone? They must listen to their fathers when they are young, their husbands when they get married and their sons when they grow old? Why?"

[Read her full story here](#)

**Nupan Bishwakarma** was one of the brightest participants in the KBC workshops in Siliguri, displaying active participation, exhibiting leadership skills and strategizing with teammates during games. Nobody would have guessed, however, that he is the sole earner in his family, working part-time as a singer.

[Read his full story here](#)

### Diamond Cricket Tournament organized in Bhubaneswar

Pro Sport Development (PSD), as part of its Community Sports Program, in partnership with Tata Trusts, organized a Diamond Cricket Tournament for 120 children (60 girls; 60 boys) from 7 centres of the program. The tournament was held on 10<sup>th</sup> February at Beena Bharati Vidya Mandira school. The innovative format of the sport was utilized to emphasize and encourage the participants to put into practice the skills of teamwork and communication.



The tournament was won by the only government school on the program, the Government Ashram school. Their captain, 11-year-old male Sadhuram Chattar, said: "We won the final match because we had communication, self-confidence and great coordination between the team. All the team worked hard and helped each other."



The tournament instilled in the participating children belief in their abilities, as mentioned by 11-year-old female Khadija Moin, from Vivekananda Siksha Kendra school in Dum Duma slum, "I was so happy playing in this event because when I was playing the game, I believed in myself."

### Media

#### कदम बढ़ाते चलो का सफ़र

PSD's Community Sports Trainer Akash Thapa shares his thoughts on his experience as part of the KBC program. (via MFF Blog)

#### Building Cooperation through Team Sports

A report on the impact of the Diamond Cricket Tournament on the participants from the Community Sports Program in Bhubaneswar. (via SportandDev.org)