

### KBC Youth Leaders in West Bengal Organize Sports Events

After the Kadam Badhate Chalo (KBC) youth leaders in Panipat, Sonapat and Chalapur organized sports events within their communities in May, it was the turn of youth leaders from Siliguri and Kalimpong in West Bengal to do the same in June. 15 youth leaders (10 girls) organized sports-based workshops for 121 community-based participants (70% female) across 3 locations in West Bengal.



One of these locations was the tea gardens in Shikharpur, where 41 youth from various tea gardens joined the event. In Kalimpong, an interesting event was organized, incorporating sports activities along with a community participatory lunch. Moreover, the activities involved both youth as well as female elders of the community participating together.

### PSD Supports 9th Mayurbhanj Football League

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running, PSD supported the implementation of the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the rural-based Mayurbhanj Football League (MFL) held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of June, bringing together tribal teams from North Odisha. The MFL is organized annually by Marangburu Siddheswari Sporting Club, led by PSD employee and Mayurbhanj native, Tempa Hansdah.



The 2017 edition saw the participation of 16 men's teams with 240 players from Mayurbhanj and Balasore districts in Odisha and Paschim Medinipur district in West Bengal, with 9,000 spectators watching over 2 days! The chief guest for the event, PSD's Founder Suheil Tandon, was amazed to see the football culture in Mayurbhanj, and supported the inception of a women's league from next year. MFL 2017 was won by Marangburu Football Club from Musamari village.

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### KBC gives Akriti a Voice!



Akriti Lama, a class 10<sup>th</sup> student from Kalimpong, comes from a family of seven, including her father who is a taxi driver and mother who is a housewife. Since joining KBC in February 2017, Akriti has shown great potential as a leader,

growing as an individual but also looking to change attitudes of others in her community.

Akriti used to be an introvert who hardly talked to or interacted with other people. But, since joining KBC she noticed, "Now I can easily talk with others – I am no longer scared." She says that the sports activities part of KBC have helped her in communicating better with other youth, increasing her confidence, allowing her to trust others and making her understand the importance of planning in everything she does.

In the future, Akriti wants to become a social worker. She says, "KBC has built my confidence, now I feel I can achieve anything I want. My way of thinking has changed!" In the meantime, she wants to take her learnings from the KBC program to others in her community, utilizing the sports activities she has learnt to help others understand gender equality.

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Following up from the Community Sports Program's summer camp in Bhubaneswar, PSD supported by Tata Trusts, organized a competition to provide children from three centres the chance to compete with each and gain exposure.



110 children (34% girls) from Bina Bharati Vidya Mandir, Saraswati Shishu Mandir and Vivekananda Shiksha Kendra participated in the event held on 24<sup>th</sup> June at BBVM's grounds in Bharatpur. The participating children competed in three games: 50m x 4 Relay, Circle Dodgeball and Continuous Cricket. All three games had teams comprising a mix of boys and girls. Though the games saw stiff competition from teams from all three centres, they were played in a sporting spirit.



Former international Powerlifter and Weightlifter Ranu Mohanty was the Chief Guest for the event, and distributed the prizes to the children, along with motivating them to ensure their continued participation in sports and physical activity.

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