









Building Leaders, Inspiring Change: **Community Youth** Leader Program **Annual Report** 2024-25









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BACKGROUND



Pro Sport Development's (PSD) Community Youth Leader Program (CYLP) empowers young people who previously participated in PSD and have shown leadership potential. The program equips these youth leaders with hands-on experience through opportunities to support the implementation of sports programs and events in their local communities. Additionally, they receive capacity-building training in areas such as soft skills, gender awareness, and mentorship from experienced coaches, as well as financial aid.

Launched in June 2021 with support from Kickoff Solutions, the CYLP has since been supported by partners such as The Upamanyu Mallik Initiatives (TUMI), Simply Sports Foundation, and Suvidina Foundation.

PARTNERS







SUVIDINA FOUNDATION

MEET THE SCHOLARS (1/3)



Abdul Zayauddin

An 18-year-old, Abdul is a Class 11 student who has dedicated two years to being a CYL. His journey with PSD began two years prior as a participant at VSK Dumduma. In his free time, he enjoys playing sports and traveling.



Anandita Behera

A 19-year-old B.Com. student, Anandita has been a CYL for three years. Prior to this, she was a participant in PSD's programs at SSVM School for two years. Her hobbies include dancing, reading, and painting.



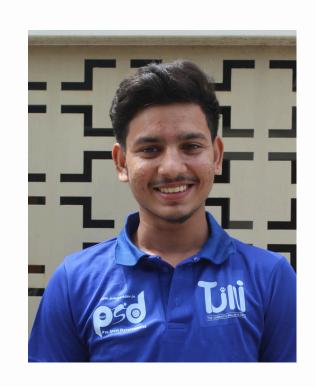
Ankita Swain

Having been a CYL for one year, 17-year-old Ankita is currently a Class 11 student. Her history with PSD goes back two years to her participation in programs at SSVM School. She enjoys playing sports and dancing.



A Tejaswani Rao

A 21-year-old, Tejaswani has served as a CYL for two years. She also previously participated PSD's in programs at SSVM School for two years. She has recently completed her enjoys BBA and photography and reading.



Bikash Sahoo

A 20-year-old Sociology student, Bikash has been a CYL for one year. His history with PSD includes three years as a program participant at SSVM School. His hobbies are traveling and listening to music.

MEET THE SCHOLARS (2/3)



Divyash Das

A 20-year-old B.Com. student, Divyash has been a CYL for two years. He also previously participated in PSD's program at SSVM School for two years. In his spare time, he enjoys playing sports and dancing.



Gayatri Pradhan

An 18-year-old Class 11 student, Gayatri is a recent addition to the CYL team, having joined in August 2025. She previously participated in PSD's program at St. Joseph's High School and enjoys playing sports.



Jyotirmayee Swain

At 21, Jyotirmayee has been a CYL for three years.

She previously participated in PSD's program at BBVM School and has recently completed her BBA. Her hobbies include stitching and dancing.



Nitish Rajbhar

A 19-year-old Class 11 student, Nitish has been a CYL for two years. He previously participated in PSD's program at St. Joseph's High School. He enjoys playing cricket and traveling.



Sasmita Das

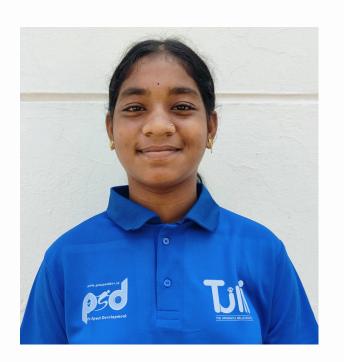
An 18-year-old, Sasmita has been a CYL for two years. She previously participated in PSD's program at SSVM School for three years. Currently, she is pursuing a beauty and wellness course. Her hobbies include painting and doing mehendi.

MEET THE SCHOLARS (3/3)



Sequeen Pradhan

A 15-year-old Class 9 student at SSVM School, Sequeen has been involved with PSD for a year. She is a recipient of the Simply Sport Scholarship to advance her career in cricket.



Soumyashree Sahoo

17 At old, years Soumyashree has been a CYL for two years. She previously participated in PSD's program at SSVM School for two years and is Class currently а student. Her hobbies dancing include and playing sports.



Supriya Routray

A 20-year-old arts student, Supriya has been engaged as a CYL for four years. She previously participated in PSD's program at BBVM School for two years. Her hobbies include dancing, modeling, and playing sports.



Truptimayee Sethy

A 16-year-old Class 11 student, Truptimayee has been a CYL for two years. She was also a participant in PSD's program for two years before that. She enjoys dancing and playing sports.



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Throughout 2024–25 the youth leaders actively participated in a variety of activities, including:



SESSION DELIVERY

Youth leaders supported the delivery of sportsbased sessions for PSD's Community Sports Program and Community Cricket Program.



CAPACITY BUILDING

The youth leaders attended various training workshops and capacity-building sessions organized by the PSD team, which equipped them with essential skills.



EVENT MANAGEMENT

The youth leaders supported PSD in organizing various sports events by providing logistical and coordination assistance.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

In-house training sessions

- Session Planning: 8-9th September 2024
- Baseline Data Collection Training: 13th September 2024
- First Aid Training: 17th September 2024
- POSH Training: 28th November 2024
- Child Safeguarding Training: 19th
 December 2024



External training sessions



- Simply Smiles Workshop on Mental Health: 22nd October 2024 by Simply Sport Foundation
- Simply Periods Workshop on Menstruation: 28th October 2024 by Simply Sport Foundation
- Forum Theatre Training Workshop: 23–24th August and 13–16th November 2024 by Gramin Shiksha Kendra
- Financial Literacy Training: 5th February 2025 by Professor Amogh Gothoskar

LESSONS AND SESSIONS DELIVERY

The Community Youth Leaders helped deliver 278 on-ground sessions and lessons across four schools and two community-based locations. These sessions were comprised of 57 different activities and games that focused on themes related to social awareness, life skills, and sport-specific skills.

Sport-Specific Skills Social Awareness









- Dribbling
- Passing
- Throwing
- Striking
- Kicking

- Equality
- Inclusion
- Hygiene
- Child Rights
- Menstruation

- Teamwork
- Empathy
- Leadership
- Communication





EVENT MANAGEMENT

National Sports Day: 21–28th August 2024

The CYLs assisted in organizing National Sports Day events at four schools engaging **154 participants**. These events featured exercises, fun games for parents and participants, and discussions on the value of sports and regular exercise.

Mixed Gender Football Tournament: 19th January 2025

The CYLs assisted in organizing PSD's Mixed Gender Football Tournament, which brought together **72 participants** from four schools. They supported the event by refereeing games, distributing food, and conducting engagement activities for parents and teachers.

Summer Camp: 29th April – 7th June 2025

The CYLs assisted in organizing a mixed-gender handball summer camp, as part of the Community Sports Program. The camp was conducted over four days and hosted **100 participants** from four schools, who learned handball skills and competed in friendly matches.



MESSAGES FROM THE FIELD



PRAGATEE SETHY, Community Sports Coordinator

"Over the years, our Community Youth Leaders have demonstrated remarkable growth and commitment. Through their dedication to conducting gender and life-skill sessions, and in organizing parent-teacher engagements, events, and summer camps, they have made a lasting impact on the community. Their eagerness to learn, openness to feedback, and ability to inspire participants have transformed them into confident and responsible leaders. They truly embody the spirit of teamwork, positive change, and community development, setting an example for their peers and future youth leaders."



SUPRIYA ROUTRAY

"I worked as a Community Youth Leader at PSD for four years, and it was a truly rewarding experience. I enjoyed playing with the children and learned a lot from them. Being on the field helped relieve my stress and brought me joy, especially when I saw them having fun. I also gained valuable experience in communicating with parents and building positive relationships, which was new for me. The skills and lessons I learned have been very useful in my daily life."





"I spent two years at PSD as a Community Youth Leader, where I taught children soft skills, child rights, gender equality, and various games. I loved connecting with the children, and the PSD team was always supportive – I learned a lot from them. PSD has had a positive impact on my life, helping me develop strong communication skills, self-confidence, and leadership qualities. Being part of PSD is a special chapter in my life that I will always cherish. Thank you, PSD, for supporting me and helping me become a better person."



JYOTHIRMAYEE SWAIN

"As a Community Youth Leader with PSD for three years, I have learned so much. In the beginning, I was nervous about whether the children would listen to me during sports sessions. But with training, my confidence grew, and I learned how to manage and engage children effectively. My communication and leadership skills improved significantly. The experiences and lessons I have gained are now part of my daily life, and I enjoy sharing them with my friends."



BIKASH SAHOO

"As a Community Youth Leader at PSD, I guided and motivated young people in my community, promoting teamwork, inclusivity, and knowledge sharing. Managing food distribution during a football event further enhanced my organizational abilities. The CYL program has shaped my ambition of becoming a cricketer by building confidence, leadership, and resilience, and I am grateful for the opportunities it has given me."

KEY LEARNINGS

Skill development



Throughout the program, the CYLs strengthened their personal growth by building confidence, improving communication, enhancing problemsolving skills, and practicing effective time management.

Teamwork and Leadership



During this period, the CYLs enhanced their ability to work collaboratively, demonstrated leadership qualities, and developed event management skills through planning and coordination.

Health and Wellbeing



Over the course of the program, the CYLs participated in trainings and discussions on key topics such as mental health and period awareness. These sessions helped them effectively advocate for these issues within their communities.

Safety and Preparedness



Throughout the program, the CYLs were trained in first aid and child safeguarding, which provided them with the essential knowledge to ensure safety and respond effectively in critical situations.













