



# Annual Report 2019-20

# From the Founder's Desk

2019 has been an instrumental year for Dribble Academy Foundation. We were fortunate to get major companies to invest into our vision, helping us not only to implement our programmes on the ground but also to build a close knit team that could take DAF's mission to greater heights.

International volunteers from some of the top basketball universities of the world volunteered at our project sites. We also managed to expand our impact to lot more village, enabling a lot more children to learn about life through this beautiful game. This year showed us that sports has a unique position in the education system as well as in the society. We are more convinced than ever that what we make the world a better place for many who trusts us with a ball and a hoop.

Our mission to take this game to a 100 villages by 2030 is slowly taking shape and we look forward to your continuous support.



Pradyot Volati  
Founder, Director  
Dribble Academy Foundation



# Our approach



## Access to sports

According to a DASRA report, Less than 10% of children have access to a playground. We aim to provide a safe space for children, irrespective of gender, caste or class, to engage in sports to develop emotionally and physically.



## Life skills development

Children today should be equipped with holistic development opportunities to not only be resilient to the ever changing circumstances but also to convert challenges to opportunities. Our coaches and volunteers drive regular sessions to build practical skills, mindfulness, and socio-emotional learning to ensure our children are adaptable, resilient and entrepreneurial.



## Overall athlete development

We recognise the multifaceted intervention required to develop an athlete from an early age. With the support of our partners and volunteers, we provide our young athletes with adequate nutrition, competition platforms and proper education along with the right pedagogy to develop skills and a winning mindset.



## Democratizing basketball in India

With the right headwinds pushing the game of basketball in India, there is a need to accelerate the development of basketball in the country. We aspire to democratise basketball by disseminating the right teaching methods, providing exposure to globally acclaimed coaches and players, and supporting the various initiatives by the Indian basketball stalwarts.



# Tournaments to drive exposure and competition



On 20th January, we held a 3-on-3 tournament for the children of Dribble Academy where 16 teams and over 60 participants played for the prize! We had the pleasure of having their parents come for the game and cheer their children on the court.



Last week on the 10th of February we hosted a 5X5 tournament at Gejha, Noida, where 36 of our finest players went head on to be crowned as the Dribble Champions. Three teams with 12 players each played against each other in the Best-of-3 format.



On 25th February, we hosted a friendly tournament for all our new projects at the newly built Hajipur court where 36 young ballers from Shahpur, Hajipur and Gejha Primary came together to play their first 5-on-5 tournament.



On 16th March, we organised an All-Beginner's Tournament. A total of 28 teams and 112 players participated in the tournament! Every beginner under our programme took part in the tournament and for a few of them, it was the first time they were playing a competitive match.

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On 31st March, we had our second edition of the Midnight Tournament that had 72 players, 6 teams, 2 trophies and 300+ attendees across 3 midnights. The games were intense and full of action, from giving a comeback to taking the game overtime, we witnessed a wonderful night of basketball.



Our girls have outshined everyone in a tournament held recently by DDA at the Netaji Subhash Sports Complex. They beat the New Green Field School in the finals by 20 points. They won 4 games in a row to advance to the finals and our star player, Shivani bagged the 'MVP of the Tournament' prize.



We hosted our third edition of Midnight Tournament in August which saw the support of professional basketball players and FIBA 3x3 referees from Lithuania. The tournament held 3 categories and had 40 students take part in it. There were 400+ members of the community who came to watch this event. It also included parents of these children, some of whom were watching their child play for the first time.



On 29th December, over 40 of the DAF children participated in the FIBA 3x3 format in the U12, U14 and U17 competitions. It was a perfect platform for them to test their skills against other players from different schools.

# More than a game



Yoga's motto is simple, a healthy mind inside of a healthy body. On the occasion of International Yoga Day, we had an extensive yoga session. In this photo you can see our children from Tiara, Dharamshala practicing yoga to sharpen their body and mind.



On 26th March, we had our first community engagement meeting at our site in Karauli, Rajasthan. Led by our Coach Gajender, the meeting was intended to brief the parents of the programme vision and plans. These meetings aid in the holistic development of our children. After the meeting we've had 8 girls join our programme.



The children of DAF decided to run a Dengue Awareness Campaign in their own community asking people to take countermeasures to prevent this deadly disease. We at DAF are trying to change the community by spreading awareness. These initiatives not only aids in developing the communities we work in but also develop the leadership skills of our children.



Along with basketball, our children also excels in academics to ensure that they grow as responsible members of the society. Thanks to our volunteers and coaches, we are able to deliver many learning opportunities to help them excel at school.

# Volunteer engagement



Once a week, the children of Dribble Academy have the pleasure of training with Navya Garg, who is a fitness enthusiast. He understands the need of having a different workout for different athletes and trains our children accordingly.



Rohan, a student of the Lotus Valley School, Noida, has volunteered with us for 3 months, teaching children about the game of football. His training session with our students helps them increase their athleticism and decision making.



Mrs. Lina Arora is a volunteer at DAF and teaches English to a group of 50 students. Her journey with Teach For India ended recently after she completed 2 academic years teaching in a Government School in Delhi. Fortunately, her will to teach didn't end and she decided to volunteer with DAF.



Aryan Jain is a 11th grade student at Step by Step School, Noida. He is a technology wizard and his passion has fueled him to create products and engaging methods of teaching. Shivaditya is a 11th grade IB student at Step by Step School, Noida. He has 7 years of experience in robotics. He spreads awareness about technology and explores various ways to nurture others' interest in robotics through workshops.

# Partners in our mission



On March 10th, our children were invited to Dr. Dangs Lab, New Delhi, for nutrition testing led by the director of the lab, Mr Arjun Dang. This was done so we can find out about any sort of deficiency that the child could have which most likely can be affecting their growth.



On August 16th, Medanta Medicity conducted a medical camp for our 200 children. They held a full body checkup for our children which included their dental, overall health check-up by the physician and nutrition check to understand their nutritional needs. It was great having these doctors come to Gejha to hold the camp and also conducting a session with the parents on how to help their child grow.



I2K2 Networks, Noida, are extremely kind and helpful when it comes to our children and have been lending their office space for us to learn about computers, watch movies, etc! As a token of appreciation, our volunteer/cooking teacher, Mrs Mrinalini and her students decided to give a burger treat to the entire staff of I2K2.



On March 24th, Liberty Shoes gave our students 100 pairs of their Force10 edition. We would like to thank them for these amazing shoes, these will our students perform better on court.



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On the occasion of National Milk Day, Amul India distributed refreshments to our students and witnessed the growth of Indian Basketball.-DAF hosted a 3X3 tournament for the students in the beginners batch with a participation of 86 students.



On the 100th memorial year of the Jallianwala Bagh incident, Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee, a retired IPS officer and a long-standing supporter of DAF planned a trip to the Wagah Border for the children of our organisation. They witnessed lowering of the flags ceremony at the Attari-Wagah border.

# Success stories



Congratulations to our Founder & President, Pradyot Voleti for winning the Sabera & Grand Thorton Award for the most promising social leader. We would like to thank all the people who selflessly support us and the work we do at the grassroots level.



Kapil, a young 18-year-old boy from Gejha joined DAF back in 2015 and is one of the oldest students in the academy. He was recently invited to coach the officers at the Armoured Regiment in Amritsar where he is running a 2-week program. He will be helping these officers get better and will also be learning a lot from them.



Payal was selected for the NBA Academy Women's Program. Payal is an extremely talented player who is determined to be one of the best.



We are really excited to see Sachin represent India in the Jr NBA Championship 2019 (under 14) to be held in Orlando, USA.



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