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From the Founder's Desk

At Dribble Academy Foundation (DAF), we believe that every child, regardless of background, deserves the opportunity to thrive. Over the past year, this belief has only deepened as we've witnessed firsthand how access to sport, education, and mentorship can reshape futures – one child, one hoop, one dream at a time.

Our work continues to be rooted in using basketball as a medium for transformation. It's more than a game – it's a vehicle to teach life skills, build confidence, promote gender equality, and keep children engaged in school.

What makes this year especially meaningful is not just the numbers, but the stories behind them. We've seen Sneha secure admission to VIT, Chandani break barriers by entering Corvuss Americas Academy, Sujeet enroll in B.Tech (IT) while continuing to represent his state, and Shivani lead her college team to success. These are not isolated success stories – they are proof of what happens when potential meets opportunity.

Through state and national tournament participation, scholarships, and international exposure programs like our session with American coach John Sarge, our students have expanded their horizons far beyond the courts of Noida and Delhi.

All of this has been possible because of our incredible partners, and our dedicated team of coaches and volunteers. Together, we are not just building players – we are building leaders, learners, and changemakers.

As we move forward, our mission remains clear: to use sport as a tool for sustainable development, to create safe spaces where children can dream bigger, and to ensure that every bounce of the ball echoes with hope and possibility.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

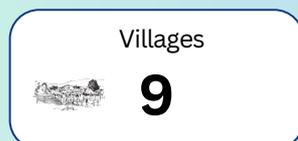
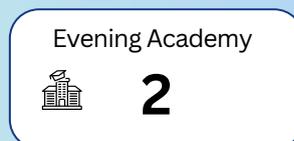
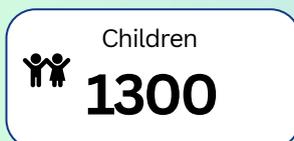
Pradyot Voleti
Founder & President
Dribble Academy Foundation



About Dribble Academy Foundation

Dribble Academy Foundation is a sports-for-development NGO that imparts life skills and education to children from underserved communities, using basketball as a delivery medium. We are running our programs primarily in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi with a geographical focus on urban slum areas. Along with life skills and education, we aim to ensure regular attendance in underserved schools, contribute to decreasing dropout ratios, reduce gender inequality, and improve the general physical and mental well-being of the children we work with.

Sustainable Development Goals



Mission & Approach

MISSION

To provide all children adequate opportunities through sports, particularly basketball, to adapt and grow in an ever-changing world.

APPROACH

Dribble Academy Foundation empowers underprivileged children through basketball, blending professional training with life skills. By promoting gender equality, academic growth, and personal development, it uses the sport to build discipline, teamwork, and confidence. With in-house competitions, national exposure, and partnerships like Teach For India, the foundation opens doors for children to thrive on and off the court —driving inclusion and sustainable change.

Our Presence

Cities and Villages

Gautam Budh
Nagar

- Gejha
- Yakubpur
- Iteda
- Bhangel
- Salarpur
- Chauganpur

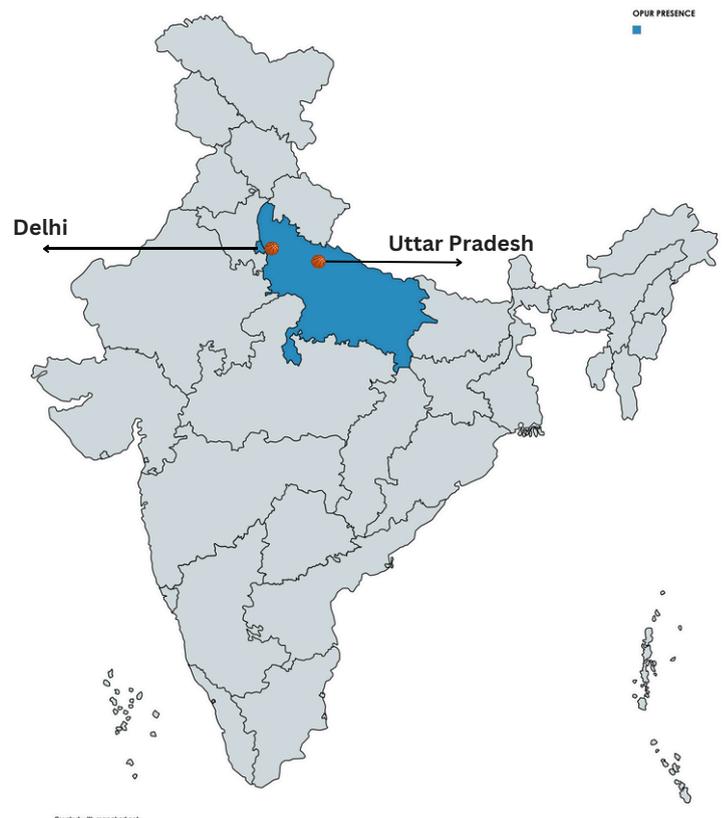
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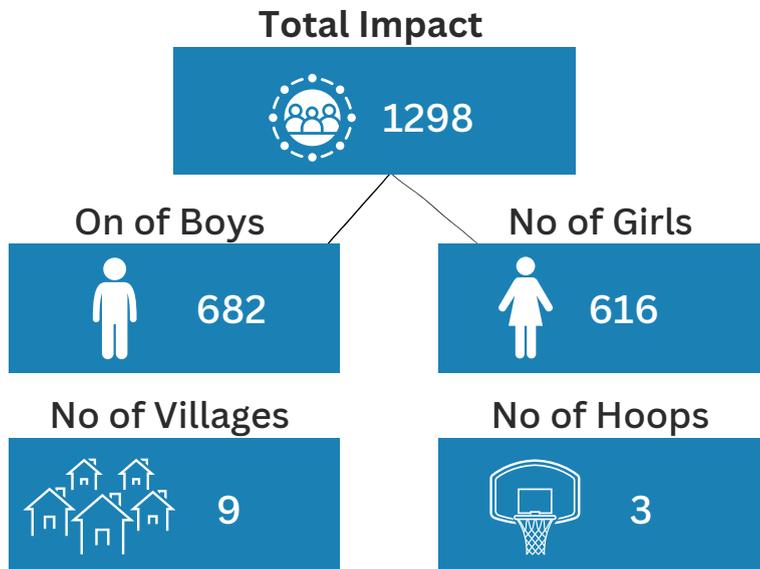
Delhi

- Begumpur
- Sanjay Colony

States we are working in



Outreach 2023 - 2024



Impact

Out of 1298 students **47%** were girls who were learning basketball atleast thrice a week

DAF was working in the one of the largest slums of Delhi with 40 kids out of which **37%** were girls

14 Students played National Level

25 Students played State Level

50 Students played District level

1 Students recognized with top 12 (India) Jr. NBA

100 Hoop Campaign



Composite School Yakubpur



Iteda Evening Academy



Composite School Morna



Village Transformation Program



Gejha Evening Academy



Iteda Evening Academy



Navjeevan Inter College, Bhangel



Composite School Yakubpur, Sector 83, Noida



Academy of Model Learning, Dhampur



Savitri Bai Balika Inter College, Salarpur



Gautam Budh Balak Inter College, Chauganpur



Sarvodaya Vidyalaya Begampur, New Delhi



Deepalya Learning Centre, Sanjay Colony, Delhi



Digital Literacy center



60

Students received computer classes 6 days a week

9

Educational support given to students.

150

Total outreach of our digital center

5

Government school covered

Activities conducted during the year

- Computer Class
- English classes
- Weekly computer test
- Weekly doubt-clearing session
- Career counseling
- Diwali fundraising event participation

Key Achievements



U-19 NBA National Tournament

Four of our children were semi-finalist in NBA National Tournament (Under-14) From left Pratigya, Priyanshi, Utkrist and Chandni

CBSE Cluster Tournament

Sonali, representing Dribble Academy Foundation, was honored as the Most Valuable Player at the CBSE Cluster Tournament



GBN State championship

Sonali, Priyadarshani, Kajal representing Gautam Budh Nagar (state championship)



Sachin Yadav got selected for SGFI Nationals tournament and representing Karnataka in Delhi.



Saloni Kumari earned Bronze medal in senior state championship



Six of our students Deepak, Sujit and Aman , Magnesh, Shalini, Chandani selected for state tournament at Ratlam



Junior High School represented Meerut Mandal at the State Championship in Lucknow and secured the Gold Medal.



U-19 State Tournament

Shyam, Neeraj, Vijay and Divyansh represented Hathras district in U-19 State Tournament

U-19 State Basketball Tournament

Pooja represented GBN District in the U-19 State Basketball Tournament. Her selection highlights her talent and consistent hard work on the court.



U-17 Uttar Pradesh State Championship

Our Five students Krish, Vipin, Divyansh, Vijay and Neeraj got selected for the Under 17 Uttar Pradesh State Championship

U-14 Hathras State Championship Tournament

Chirag, Govind, Karan, and Abhay proudly represented the school for the first time in the U-14 Hathras State Championship Tournament. Their participation marked a significant step in their athletic development, offering them valuable experience and exposure at the state level.





Our team of 10 students showcased exceptional performance at the Mandal Level Tournament, bringing home the Gold Medal.



Six of our students won gold medal in Mini District tournament at Dadri



Shivani Kumari participated in Delhi Olympic games 3x3 Basketball organized by DBA, Secured 3rd position



The School-Club 5x5 Tournament hosted by DAF, held at Noida Stadium, drew a strong response with teams participating from all over Delhi-NCR.



We successfully organized a Midnight Tournament, with approximately 200 people gathering to cheer on the children as they competed.



International Exposure for Young Athletes: Coaching Session with John Sarge

In a significant step toward enhancing skill development and global exposure, a special basketball session was organized at N.E.M. Public School, Gejha, led by renowned American coach John Sarge. This session was exclusively conducted for the top 18 girl students from the Gejha Evening Academy, selected based on their performance, consistency, and commitment to the sport.

Coach Sarge brought international expertise, introducing the girls to advanced techniques, team strategies, and training drills not commonly available at the grassroots level. His session emphasized not just technical excellence, but also mental strength, discipline, and leadership on and off the court.

The experience was eye-opening and inspiring for the participants, many of whom interacted for the first time with a coach of global repute. For these young girls – many of whom come from underserved backgrounds – this opportunity was a powerful affirmation of their talent and potential.



Summer Camp at Savitri Bai Phule Balika Inter College, Noida



Summer Camp at Gautam Budh Balak Inter College, Noida



Winter Camp at Iteda Evening Academy, Noida



Winter Camp – A High-Performance Training Experience

Dribble Academy Foundation, in collaboration with HCL Foundation, organized a 10-day excellence camp at Mayoor School, Jaipur. Under the expert guidance of Coach Man Singh Shekhawat, a former India U-19 player, the camp brought together 20 selected student-athletes (15 boys, 5 girls), two coaches, and a head coach.

Key Highlights:

- Focused Skill Development: Daily 3-hour basketball sessions emphasizing ball handling, footwork, shooting (300 shots/day), and decision-making.
- Strength & Conditioning: Integrated physical training for athletic improvement.
- Holistic Growth: 2 hours of daily self-study and team-building exercises.
- Exposure Matches: Friendly games against top teams like Mayo College Ajmer, Club 24, BFS Zone Academy, and more.
- Coaching Workshops: Special sessions to enhance coaching capabilities.
- Inspirational Environment: A boarding-school-like routine helped build discipline and structure.

Impact:

The camp offered both players and coaches a rare opportunity to grow technically and mentally. Students gained exposure to diverse playing styles and developed leadership and teamwork skills. Coaches benefited from hands-on experience and strategic insights shared by Man Singh.

Voices from the Camp

"With access to the court all day, each player took nearly 300 shots daily. It allowed us to work closely on individual weaknesses and better understand the game under Coach Man Singh's guidance."

Bhuvnesh Gahlot – Head Coach

"The residential setup mimicked a boarding school. The camp not only improved technical skills but helped us mentors grow as well."

Kapil Sharma – Senior Coach

"We learned the value of consistency, discipline, and respect – both on and off the court."

Ashish Kumar – Student, Gejha

"It was more than a camp – it was a journey of leadership, mental toughness, and connection through sport."

Urmila Singh – Coach

Success Stories



Sachna Kumari

Sachna's Path to Academic and Athletic Excellence

Sachna's journey is one of resilience, determination, and self-growth. At 18 years old, she is currently pursuing a B.Com Honors degree at Delhi University, but her path to success has been anything but easy. Growing up in a family that faced significant financial hardships, including the serious accident of her older brother that led to the loss of his leg and a mountain of medical bills, Sachna experienced early setbacks. Despite the struggles that caused her to temporarily leave school and her family's business shutting down, she never lost sight of her dreams.

Her passion for basketball, which began in 2015 when she joined the Dribble Academy, not only helped her improve her athletic skills but also opened the door to learning accounting with Tally. This new skill set led to a valuable internship opportunity at i2k2, where she worked closely with the accounts team and earned her first stipend.

Sachna's experience at i2k2 solidified her ambition to become a skilled accountant, and her story is a testament to the power of perseverance and making the most of every opportunity. Through her dedication to both her academics and her passion for basketball, Sachna has proven that despite life's challenges, a strong will and hard work can lead to success. Her journey continues to inspire others to rise above adversity and chase their dreams, no matter the obstacles in their way.

Building Dreams Through Sport: Nikhil's Story

Nikhil Kumar, a bright 13-year-old, is currently in Class 8 at Prakriti School. His journey in basketball began in 2018 as a 4th grader at Gejha Primary School, inspired by watching other children play. His talent was soon recognized when he led his team to victory in the 3-on-3 Midnight Tournament in Gejha.

In 2023, Nikhil earned a scholarship to Prakriti School, where he joined the top-tier basketball team. He proudly represented his school at the Jaipur 5-on-5 Tournament on October 26, 2023, showcasing both skill and determination.

From a local government school to state-level tournaments, Nikhil's journey reflects how access, encouragement, and opportunity can transform young lives. At Dribble Academy Foundation, we are proud to support his growth.



Nikhil Kumar

"Basketball taught me how to believe in myself."

– Nikhil Kumar, 13, Scholar & Athlete

From Noida's Lanes to an Engineering Dream

Sujeet Tiwari lives with his family of seven in a modest one-bedroom home in Sector 117, Noida. His father, Ram Kumar Tiwari, migrated from Bihar to Gujarat, eventually settling in Noida in 2006 in pursuit of stable work. By 2010, the family moved to Gejha Village, and Sujeet, along with his siblings, enrolled in N.E.M. School. At the time, the school had no sports infrastructure – not even a basketball. That changed when Dribble Academy Foundation (DAF), with support from HCL Foundation, introduced basketball training at the school. For Sujeet, it wasn't just a new activity – it was the start of a transformation.

He began training regularly alongside his sisters Sonali and Shivani. What started as curiosity soon turned into dedication. Sujeet went on to represent his school at state-level tournaments, building discipline, confidence, and purpose along the way.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought immense financial strain to his family, with his father's earnings reduced by half. Yet, Sujeet remained committed to both his academics and sport. Today, he is pursuing a B.Tech in Information Technology from IEC College of Engineering & Technology. His goal is clear – to become an engineer and uplift his family from financial hardship.

Sujeet's story is a testament to how access to sport, education, and consistent support can change the trajectory of a young life.

“If basketball hadn't come into my life, I might have lost my way.”

– Sujeet Tiwari, 18, Student & Athlete



Sneha Tiwari



Shivani Kumari

Shivani Kumari Honored as Best Captain of the Year at Ramjas College

We are proud to share that Shivani Kumari has been felicitated with the 'Best Captain Award' for the academic year 2023–24 at Ramjas College, University of Delhi.

Her leadership, dedication, and consistent performance both on and off the basketball court earned her this well-deserved recognition. Shivani's achievement stands as an inspiration to many young athletes in the Dribble Academy Foundation community, showcasing the power of perseverance and the impact of grassroots sports programs in shaping future leaders.

Scholarships & Certification



Breaking Barriers: Chandani's Journey to Corvuss Americas Academy

We are proud to share that Chandani, a dedicated student-athlete from Dribble Academy Foundation – Gejha, has secured admission to **Corvuss Americas Academy, Karjat, Maharashtra – India's first international residential school** for student-athletes.

Corvuss is known for its world-class training environment, academic excellence, and a strong focus on nurturing the next generation of sports professionals. Chandani's selection is a testament to her hard work, resilience, and the holistic development she received through DAF's programs.

Her journey from the community courts of Gejha to one of India's premier athletic institutions reflects the core mission of DAF – creating life-changing opportunities for youth from underserved communities through sport and education.



Nikhil's Journey: From Gejha Court to National Arena

Nikhil began his basketball journey at Gejha Primary Government School in Noida, where he first discovered his passion for the sport. Through three years of consistent hard work and dedication, he earned a scholarship to **Prakriti School, Noida, an institution recognized for its academic excellence and holistic development.**

His progress has been remarkable – both in the classroom and on the court. Most recently, Nikhil represented his school at the ISSO National Basketball Championship in Jaipur, marking a significant milestone in his growing athletic career.



Sneha's Academic Breakthrough: From Gejha to VIT

Sneha, a committed student from the DAF Basketball Gejha program, supported by HCL Foundation, has achieved a major academic milestone. She successfully cleared the entrance exam for the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), securing an impressive **All India Rank of 30,000**.

With this result, Sneha is now eligible to pursue a **Bachelor's degree in Computer Science at VIT's** prestigious campuses in Chennai and Bhopal – among India's leading institutions for engineering and technology.

Her achievement has made her a role model for peers in her community, proving that with consistent effort, discipline, and the right support system, students from underserved backgrounds can break barriers and reach new heights.

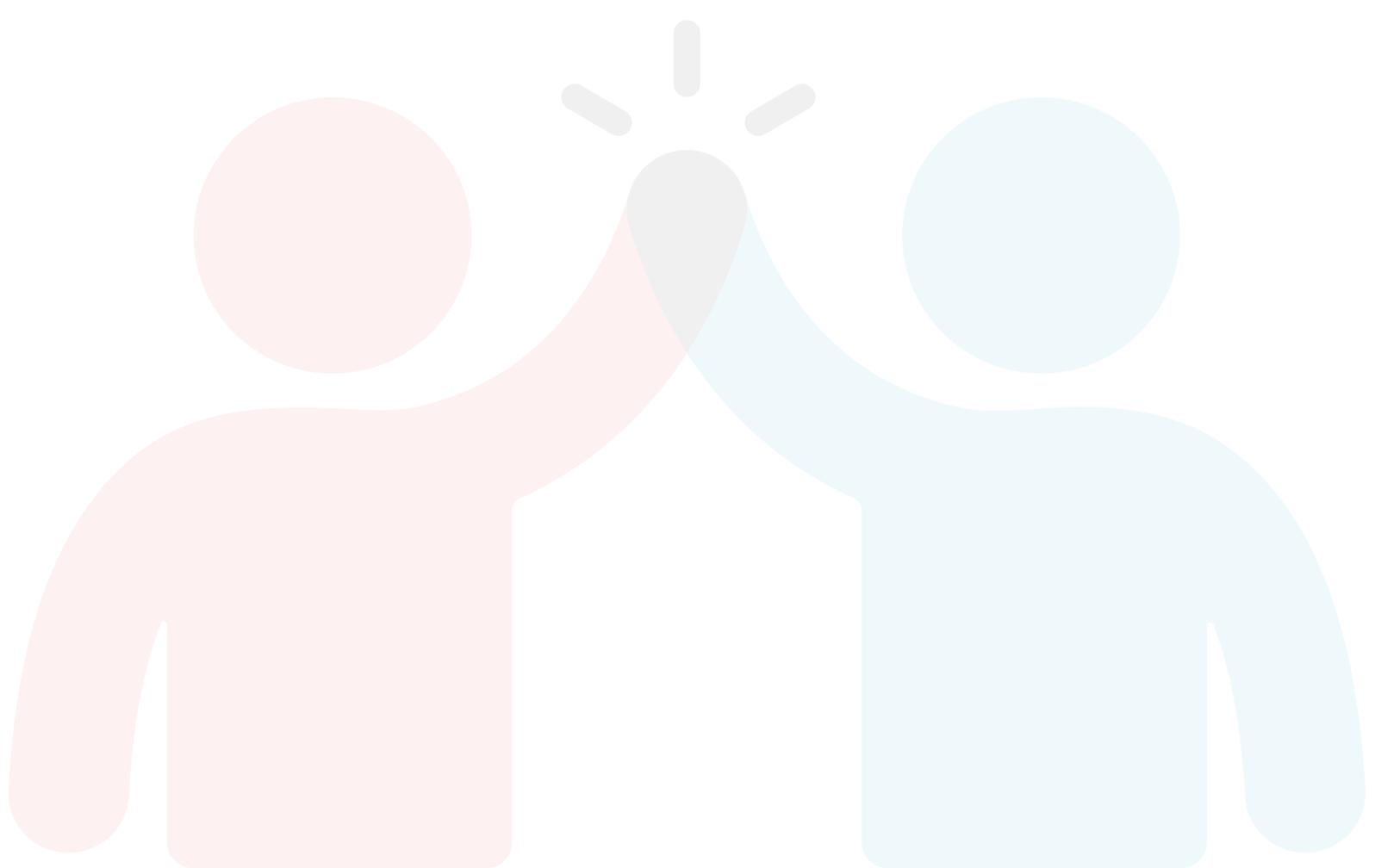
Coach Urmila – A Full Circle Journey

One of our earliest students, Urmila has stepped into a leadership role as a coach! She has successfully completed her **NIS (National Institute of Sports) certification**, marking a proud milestone for her and for all of us at Dribble Academy Foundation.

Her journey reflects the power of perseverance and the impact of long-term support.



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