

A walk-through Project Nanhi Kali's FY24-25



HERE'S A LOOK AT THE YEAR THAT WAS...

A YEAR OF CHANGE, IMPACT & INNOVATION

179,175 Girls Impacted

1878 Schools

7 States

20 Districts



All this was possible with the support of **1600 Skills Associates** who are women tutors from the local community.

Since our journey began,
we have reached
8,70,000+ girls,

each one a story of courage, growth and hope.

LEARNING FOR LIFE

This year, we made incredible strides in creating new opportunities for the girls at Project Nanhi Kali. We introduced a new curriculum which is aligned to India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and addresses gaps in vocational education and the lack of physical education for secondary school girls.

Our program now emphasizes holistic development by integrating curricular and extracurricular activities delivered during and after school, supporting girls in transitioning more smoothly to higher education and future employment.

21st-century skills

including life skills, digital literacy, and financial literacy.

Sports leadership training

Building on the strong foundation of our athletics program, we introduced a team sports football training, offering girls new ways to build confidence, leadership, and teamwork on and off the field.



EVENTS THAT INSPIRED AND EMPOWERED



Toofaan Games: A Celebration of Strength

In January 2025, 136 Nanhi Kalis demonstrated incredible strength and determination during the finale of Toofaan Games Season 5 in Hyderabad. This sporting event stands as one of India's only grassroots sports initiatives exclusively dedicated to empowering girls and women through athletic training, confidence-building, and community development.

1 lac girls competed at village level

1946 girls advanced to district level

136 girls made it to the finals



Kicking Off a New Chapter: Football for All

In February 2025, the first-ever Toofaan Football Cup took place in Varanasi and Visakhapatnam (Vizag), bringing together Nanhi Kali footballers from across India. Varanasi hosted ten teams from Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat, and Punjab, featuring players who have trained for over two years with their coaches. In Vizag, we welcomed eleven emerging teams from Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, and Karnataka for three days of competitive matches.

252 girls across 21 teams united in the tournament, gaining valuable experience while building skills, friendships, and confidence.



A Knockout Moment: Mary Kom Meets Nanhi Kalis

Legendary boxer Mary Kom met with girls at Nanhi Kali in Mumbai in October 2024. Hosted in collaboration with F.A.S.T. Rani (a project that promotes sports and fitness for girls), the event proved that champions inspire champions.



Voices in Harmony: Nanhi Kali at Mahindra Blues

Twelve girls from Nanhi Kali, alongside the Kanakia Beatz Crew, took the stage at Mahindra Blues Festival in February 2025. Under the guidance of the Music Director at Kanakia International School, Felix Hug, the girls rehearsed weekly for over two months to deliver a soulful performance.

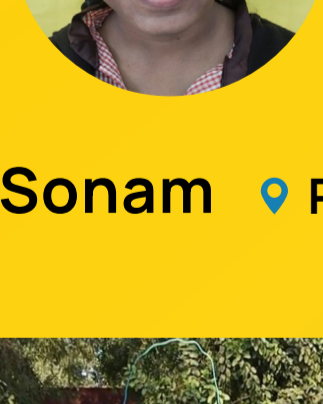


Portraits with Purpose: Proud Fathers For Daughters

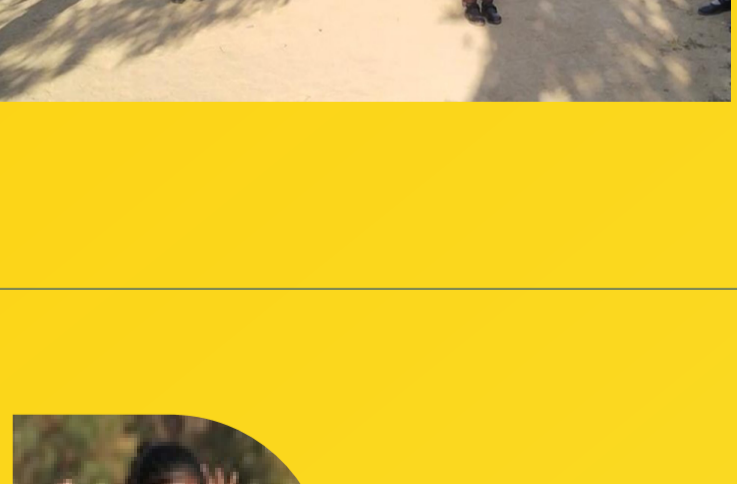
The 9th edition of Project Nanhi Kali's annual fundraising event, held in January 2025, was a resounding success, bringing together 265 heartwarming father-daughter pairs. The event featured stunning portraits captured by renowned photographers Atul Kasbekar, Colston Julian, Prasad Naik, Jaideep Oberoi, Rafique Sayed, Tejal Patni, and Tarun Vishwa. With a remarkable 527 portraits taken, the event raised enough funds to support the education of 527 underserved girls, lighting the path to a brighter future.



STORIES FROM THE FIELD



Sonam 📍 Prayagraj District



Sonam's Transformation: A Quiet Girl Finds Her Voice

Sonam, a shy girl from Prayagraj, once struggled to speak even in familiar settings. When she joined Project Nanhi Kali, her pre-assessment score was just 10%.

But with the support of her Skills Associate, Ragini, and the engaging during school program, things changed. Activity-based learning sparked her interest. Slowly, Sonam began to open up—asking questions, answering confidently, and actively engaging. Her scores soared from 10% to 100%, and she earned a trophy for her exceptional participation.

Her confidence spilled beyond the classroom. She won third place in her school's Annual Science Competition, began helping peers, and became a vibrant part of school life. Inspired by the dream of becoming the "Lady Ronaldo," Reshma embraced the game with full heart, balancing practice with responsibilities at home.

With belief, support, and the right platform, Sonam didn't just find her voice—she found her power.



Reshma 📍 Saidpur Village



Reshma's Journey – Defying Expectations with every Goal

Fourteen-year-old Reshma Nishad from Saidpur village had never imagined herself on a football field. With school and household chores filling her days, sports weren't even on the radar—until Project Nanhi Kali introduced football as part of its Team Sports module.

At first, her parents were hesitant. But mentors Divya and Manu saw potential in Reshma—her grit, curiosity, and spark. Inspired by the dream of becoming the "Lady Ronaldo," Reshma embraced the game with full heart, balancing practice with responsibilities at home.

Her moment of glory came at the Toofaan Cup 2025, where she led Prayagraj to a 4-1 victory against Darjeeling—scoring two goals in the final. The village erupted in celebration, and her father, once unsure, proudly told her, "If you continue like this, you'll go far."

Reshma's story is a testament to what happens when girls are given the chance to dream, play, and lead.

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE

As we look back on this year, our hearts are full of gratitude.

To every donor, partner, and champion of our mission—thank you. Your belief in every girl's right to learn, grow, and lead is what fuels this movement.

A heartfelt thanks also to our dedicated teams at Project Nanhi Kali and Naandi Foundation whose passion and commitment make this work possible every single day!

Let's carry this momentum into the year ahead—and continue advocating for a world where girls learn they matter.



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