



ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

Building Champions Beyond the Field

Message from the Founder

"This year, 2024–2025, has been a testament to the power of perseverance and community spirit. From the moment we started in 2019 with just a handful of young athletes, my dream was simple—create a space where every tribal child could dare to dream big. Today, watching our athletes compete on national podiums and even at international tournaments, I know we are turning that dream into reality."

"Our girls' rugby team's triumph in the Delhi 7s Tournament and our players' pivotal role in Odisha's Gold at the National Championships fill me with pride. Even more inspiring is seeing athletes like Sandhyarani Tudu representing India at the World University Rugby Championship in France—proof that children from our humble villages can shine on the world stage."

"Our archers have made their mark too, winning multiple medals at Khelo India events, while our first-generation swimmers are competing at district and state levels with growing confidence. These victories are not just about medals—they're about breaking barriers, challenging stereotypes, and lighting a path for countless others."

"Equally important is the transformation I see off the field: girls and boys once hesitant to speak in class now confidently sharing their thoughts in English, balancing schoolwork and sports with a determination that humbles me every day."

"Of course, this journey has not been without its challenges—funding hurdles, social barriers, and the constant balancing act of nurturing both sports and studies. But each challenge has only strengthened our resolve. I am deeply grateful to our partners—the Simply Sport Foundation, Mayurbhanj Foundation, the district administration—and every supporter who has believed in our mission."

"As we look ahead to 2025–2026, our commitment remains unwavering: to nurture not just champions on the field, but future leaders and change-makers in our communities. To every athlete, coach, volunteer, and family—thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are not just building a sports academy; we are building a movement of hope and resilience that will continue to grow and inspire."

Warm regards,
Dibya Ranjan Das
Founder
Future Star Sports
Academy(FSSA)



Our Journey So Far (Timeline & Milestones)

2017

FSSA launched by Mr. Dibyaranjan Das with just 5 students at a local ground (humble start in Baripada)

2019

Academy formally established (started with 6 tribal girls); provided free coaching, meals and hostel to build the first rugby team

2022

Overcame COVID challenges; gained support from the Mayurbhanj Foundation (royal family) to expand programs. Introduced archery and swimming disciplines alongside rugby

2023

Achieved national success – Odisha U-18 Girls (with FSSA players) won Gold at Junior National Rugby Championship. Academy grew to ~30 trainees (up from 6) by year-end

2024

Rapid growth – 50+ athletes now training at FSSA. Partnered with Simply Sport Foundation to launch offline education & life-skill programs for our players

2025

FSSA athletes reached new heights: selections for Khelo India Youth Games 2025 and Indian National Rugby camp marking our arrival on the national stage.

2024–2025 Objectives

- **Enhance Sports Excellence:** Target podium finishes in national competitions (aim for 10+ medals across sports).
- **Expand Athlete Base:** Enroll more rural youth into our programs (25% increase) while maintaining high-quality coaching.
- **Empower Through Education:** Ensure 100% of athletes progress in school; introduce spoken English and computer literacy classes for all.
- **Strengthen Infrastructure & Partnerships:** Upgrade training facilities (equipment, fields) and secure new sponsors/partners for sustainable support.

Key Highlights of 2024–2025

- **National Tournament Medals:** FSSA archers shone at the Khelo India Women's Archery meet – Bronze (U14 category) and Silver (U18 & Senior categories)
- **Khelo India Selection:** Two of our athletes were selected to represent Odisha at the Khelo India Youth Games 2025 (a huge honor at the national youth level)
- **National Team Trials:** FSSA's rising rugby stars Sandhyarani Tudu & Sunita Hansdah were shortlisted for the Indian National Senior Women's Rugby Team camp.
- **International Representation:** One of our girls represented India at the World University Rugby Sevens Championship in France – a proud moment on the global stage.

Athlete Achievements **by Sport**

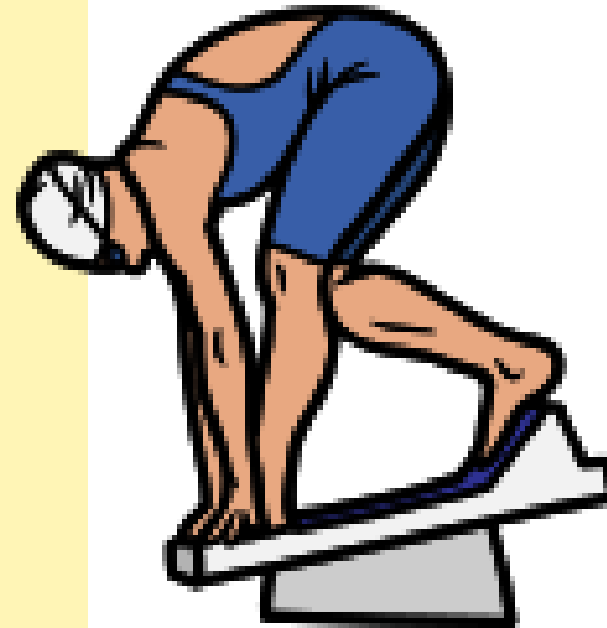
Rugby



10+ academy players represented Odisha in various championships. Our girls contributed to Odisha's Gold in Junior Nationals and two are in national selection camps – showcasing elite performance.

Swimming:

First-generation swimmers trained by FSSA competed at state-level meets this year. They gained confidence and set personal bests, laying the foundation for future podium finishes.



Archery:



6 archers from FSSA qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games 2025. They earned multiple medals in competitions (including Silver and Bronze at a national women's archery league)

Athletics:

Several athletes excelled in district track-and-field events. Backgrounds in athletics have also helped some transition into rugby, improving speed and endurance for the team.



Community Impact (Education, Life Skills, Outreach, Gender Empowerment)

Education Support:

Daily tutoring and spoken English classes are integrated into training. All student-athletes attend school/college – we ensure no one drops out academically.

Life Skills Support:

Regular workshops on life skills and health awareness (e.g. “Simply Periods” menstrual hygiene sessions for our girls, leadership and teamwork activities) build well-rounded individuals.

Outreach Support:

FSSA coaches organized sports clinics in local villages and schools, introducing rugby and archery to 500+ of children in surrounding communities. These outreach camps have inspired many to join sports or continue education.

Gender Empowerment Support:

40% of our athletes are girls, many playing competitive sports for the first time. FSSA provides a safe, encouraging environment where young women break gender barriers and become role models in their communities.

Sandhyarani Tudu's Golden Try at National Games

When Sandhyarani Tudu stepped onto the field at the 38th National Games, few knew the shy tribal girl from rural Mayurbhanj was about to make history. In a crucial rugby sevens match, Sandhyarani seized the moment – “She threads the needle with an incredible try at the 38th National Games!” – a score that helped Odisha clinch the gold medal. Indeed, Sandhyarani was part of the Odisha women’s rugby team that won National Games gold in January 2025 , defeating heavy favorites in a stunning campaign. This victory wasn’t just about a medal; it symbolized her transformation. Just a few years prior, Sandhyarani was honing basic skills at FSSA’s modest field. Through rigorous training and academic support, she blossomed into a fearless winger known for speed and precision. The academy’s emphasis on “hard work as the key to success” – with twice-daily practice at dawn and dusk – instilled discipline and confidence . Sandhyarani’s golden try was the culmination of that journey. From a village with limited opportunities to standing atop the podium, she proved that given support and opportunity, a “future star” can truly rise from anywhere. In 2024, Sandhyarani’s dreams soared even higher when she played at the World University Rugby Sevens Championship in France. Now 19, she mentors younger girls at FSSA, sharing her story of resilience and possibility. Her journey embodies FSSA’s belief: every child has the right to dream big and soar—no matter where they come from.



Parbati Hansdah – Soaring Beyond Boundaries

From a humble Santhal farming family, Parbati Hansdah's journey from dusty fields to international rugby arenas epitomizes FSSA's mission. Introduced to rugby at 14 in a government hostel, Parbati faced limited resources and no real guidance. But with the encouragement of her parents—who once told her that “being on a flight” meant she had achieved something extraordinary—she nurtured a quiet determination. Joining FSSA changed everything. Structured coaching, nutrition, and a supportive community helped Parbati evolve from a shy player to a formidable athlete. She Best Kicker in Odisha's youth teams, represented India at the U-20 Asian Rugby Championship in Uzbekistan and the U-18 meet in Nepal—becoming one of the first girls from her district to wear the Indian jersey abroad.

Parbati Hansdah's journey from learning rugby at a village hostel to scoring a decisive try at the National Games exemplifies FSSA's impact



Acknowledgement

- **Simply Sport Foundation:** Entered a strategic partnership in 2024 to enhance athlete development. Through this grant, FSSA implemented new education modules and coaching support (e.g. on-ground English training).
- **Mayurbhanj Foundation:** Ongoing support from the district's erstwhile royal family since 2022 covering travel costs and providing monthly funds. This recognition enabled our tribal athletes to compete across India.
- **Local Administration:** Honored by the Mayurbhanj District Collector for our athletes' achievements. FSSA's efforts were formally appreciated for promoting sports & empowering girls at the grassroots level.
- **Sports Associations:** Strong working relationship with district and state sports bodies (e.g. Rugby & Archery associations) ensuring our players get platforms in official leagues and tournaments.

The logo for the Mayurbhanj Foundation, featuring the name "MAYURBHANJ" in a large, serif font, with "FOUNDATION" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a small graphic of three stylized human figures.

Challenges & Lessons (2024–25)

- **Funding Constraints:** Limited budget for equipment, kits, and facilities. Lesson: We learned to do more with less and actively seek sponsors/donors to sustain the program.
- **Social Barriers:** Initial skepticism about girls playing sports and balancing studies. Lesson: Continuous community engagement and demonstrating academic success of athletes turned parents into supporters.
- **Athlete Retention:** Some youths struggled to juggle school, chores, and training. Lesson: We adopted flexible schedules and extra tutoring – keeping kids in both school and sport.
- **Infrastructure Gaps:** No dedicated sports infrastructure (e.g. Swimming pool). Lesson: Partnering with local institutions (for ground, swimming access) is crucial while we fundraise for our own facilities.

Goals for 2025–2026

- **Increase Participation:** Expand to 75+ athletes in training by next year, with outreach into more remote villages to scout new talent.
- **Achieve New Heights:** Win at least 5 medals on national stage (across rugby, archery, etc.) and debut our first athlete on Team India in an international event.
- **Educational Success:** Ensure every FSSA athlete advances academically – aim for all 10th/12th graders to pass board exams, and provide career counseling for older youth.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Establish a small gym and an archery range at the academy. Pursue funding to build a dedicated sports training center with modern facilities.
- **Community & Partnerships:** Host inter-village sports meets to engage 200+ children. Secure 2 new corporate or government partnerships to support program growth.

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