

# TWO FEET AHEAD TOGETHER

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## Farewell Day Celebration at Seasonal Hostel

The Farewell Day celebrations in the seasonal hostels, organized by the TFAT project, were a resounding success. With 250 children participating across five hostels, the event not only marked the end of the season with joy but also created lasting positive memories for the children. Through cultural performances, music, and heartfelt speeches, the celebrations fostered a strong sense of community involvement and support. The event effectively motivated children and parents to prioritize education over migration, celebrating achievements and contributions with a spirit of shared joy and appreciation.

## Inter GP Friendly Cricket Match

The TFAT project conducted friendly cricket match in the operational blocks. This initiative successfully promoted physical activity and community engagement among youth. Cricket matches held across Gram Panchayats, the events attracted significant participation, fostering teamwork and strengthening community ties. The initiative effectively encouraged a healthier, more active lifestyle.

## Capacity Building of Theatre Group

The TFAT project's capacity-building session successfully raised awareness among theatre group members about child rights through theatre. Participants from Gram Panchayats engaged in the capacity-building session showed their interest towards theatre. With a structured script covering key child rights, the children rehearsed and performed confidently. The session concluded with celebratory performances, reinforcing the lessons learned and highlighting the program's positive impact.

## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

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**Child Journalism Initiative**

**Celebration of World No Tobacco Day**

**Celebration of World Menstrual Hygiene Day**

## Child Journalism Initiative

The TFAT project's child journalism initiative equipped children and youths with essential skills to identify and report community issues in Boudh block. Led by experts, the sessions covered journalism fundamentals, news writing techniques, and media types. Participants engaged in practical exercises, including writing articles and reporting on issues. The program fostered a strong understanding of journalism's role and empowered participants to address child-related issues effectively.



## Celebration of World No Tobacco Day

World No Tobacco Day celebration successfully raised awareness about the health risks of tobacco use in the project operational areas. Through yoga sessions, youth-led activities, and community engagement, the program increased knowledge and encouraged quitting tobacco. The event fostered significant community support, leading to a noticeable interest in adopting a tobacco-free lifestyle among adolescents and community members.



## Celebration of World Menstrual Hygiene Day

TFAT's World Menstrual Hygiene Day celebrations effectively raised awareness and broke taboos surrounding menstruation in Belpada, Puintala & Boudh blocks. With educational sessions, awareness rallies, rangoli & dance competitions and the distribution of hygiene kits, the initiative empowered adolescent girls and gained strong community support. These efforts have significantly enhanced knowledge and fostered a supportive environment for menstrual hygiene practices.

