

THEME 4

SPORT IS A CONTRIBUTOR TO LIFELONG EDUCATION AND PROVIDES A CHANNEL TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL NEEDS

- Daughter of a shopkeeper, growing up Saiba believed that her dream was to complete her education and get married, just like everyone else in her family. But her life altered when she joined CEQUIN in 2014 and became a part of the Kick Start Equality Programme. Saiba had been shy and had been dominated by people around her. Through football she gained the confidence to assert herself and eventually started travelling alone for various matches with her teammates. This led to holistic devel opment in her personality and the ability to make informed choices in her own life. The exposure to the world outside beyond their reserved community, has matured Saiba and gained her respect from her family. They now trust her opinion, to the extent that she is involved in the process of finding a groom for her sister. Today, she is a D-License coach and working as a coach in Hindustan Academy, Baichung Bhutia Football Academy and CEQUIN.
- Anne joined CEQUIN at the young age of 13 years when she enrolled in the Kickstart Equality Programme. There was a lot of resistance from her family, and when she first came, Anne was a very shy and quiet girl, physically unfit and weak and had no access to public spaces such as parks, in the congested area of Jamia. Slowly and gradually, her football skills started skyrocketing, leading to an improved confidence level, fitness and stamina. Anne received her D-Licence for coaching in 2015 and got selected as a member of the football team representing India at the Homeless World Cup in Oslo, Norway in 2016. She performed as a referee in National Inclusion Slum Soccer Cup and won the 'best referee award' in Mumbai in 2017 and in 2018, led a team of CEQUIN football players on a learning visit to the US. Currently, Anne is working as a football coach in Delhi's prestigious British School, Hindustan Academy and CEQUIN. She has given back to her community by opening her own NGO 'Fairy Fari Foundation' in Jamia, which she runs with her sister, educating children for free and teaching them football.