

HCL GRANT
FIFTH
ESTATE
NGOs Transforming Rural India

A step towards Nation Building

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January 2020 - August 2020





From the Director's Desk



In February, HCL Foundation announced the recipients of the fifth edition of HCL Grant 2020 in the presence of Padma Bhushan Shri Kapil Dev, former Indian Cricket team captain. At the HCL Grant Award ceremony, we also released the fourth edition of the "Fifth Estate – NGOs Transforming Rural India in Environment, Health and Education". This comprehensive compendium is an initiative towards capturing the committed and transformative work being done by India's NGOs towards empowering the rural communities.

This is a very special year for us as we complete half a decade of empowering the NGOs that are committed to ushering change. HCL Grant began its journey in the year 2015 and these five years have seen some remarkable work being done by these community-led entities that have strengthened grass root developments, deepened impact and scaled it. In the last 5 years of the HCL Grant's functioning, its effect has been felt in 11 of the Aspirational Districts identified by Niti Aayog.

It has touched the lives of 7,00,000 people and today, the HCL Grant supported projects aim to cover 17,20,028 people in 8,598 villages in 70 districts across 18 states and 2 union territories of India. It has touched the furthest reaches of India, like Kashmir and certain sections of the Northeast, where aid is infrequently available.

Over 25,760 NGOs have registered with HCL Grant across last 5 cycles since 2015 under the thematic categories of Education, Health & Environment. We are truly honored to have received applications from all parts of the country and my heartiest congratulations to the winning NGOs for bringing out the ideas for impactful positive change.

Warm regards

Nidhi Pundhir

Director - HCL Foundation

HCL Grant Edition VI Symposium Series 2020

10 Symposiums

HCL GRANT EDITION VI
Pan India Symposium 2020
CSR for Nation Building

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Ahmedabad
 Date: January 28, 2020

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HCL GRANT EDITION VI
Pan India Symposium 2020
CSR for Nation Building

Date: February 7, 2020
 Venue: Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences
 Bhubaneswar, Odisha

9,000+ Registrations

7,000+ Views on Social Media

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HCL GRANT EDITION VI

E-Symposiums Launch Session

Date: July 21, 2020
 Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

EDUCATION HEALTH ENVIRONMENT

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HCL GRANT EDITION VI

Achieving SDGs through Policy Driven Environment Action in Rural Spaces

Friday July 24, 2020
 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Speakers: Prof. Shyam Saran, Dr. Anand Prasad, Dr. V.C. Deyal, Dr. Sarinika Bhat, Mr. Nikhil Pant

Moderator: Mr. Nikhil Pant

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HCL GRANT EDITION VI

Managing Social Sector Projects: Design to Impact Assessment

Monday July 27, 2020
 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Speakers: Dr. Bhabha Ghosh, Ms. Shweta Bhat, Dr. Ujjwal Bhattacharya, Mr. Suman Bhat

Moderator: Mr. Suman Bhat

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HCL GRANT EDITION VI

Changing Shape of Education in India.

Wednesday July 29, 2020
 4:00 pm to 5:40 pm

Panel 1 | Topic: Changing Shape of Education in India

Panel 2 | Topic: Experience Sharing Panel Discussion

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HCL GRANT EDITION VI

Opportunities & Challenges in Achieving Equitable & Universal Access to Health

Friday July 31, 2020
 4:00 pm to 5:40 pm

Panel 1 | Topic: Opportunities & Challenges in Achieving Equitable & Universal Access to Health

Panel 2 | Topic: HCL Grant Experience Sharing Panel Discussion

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HCL GRANT EDITION VI

Amplifying Impact Using Technology as an Enabler

Wednesday August 5, 2020
 4:00 pm to 5:40 pm

Panel 1 | Bridging the Rural Digital Divide: Policy Frameworks to Maximize Impact through Technology

Panel 2 | Technology and Innovation for Rural India: Making It Work for the Masses

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HCL GRANT EDITION VI

Mainstreaming Gender & Inclusion: Tools and Techniques

Monday August 10, 2020
 4:00 pm to 5:40 pm

Keynote Speaker: Women Empowerment: Role of Women Self Help Group (SHGs) in India

Panelists: Mainstreaming Gender and Inclusion: Tools and Techniques

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HCL GRANT EDITION VI

Application of SDGs Framework to Rural Development

Friday August 14, 2020
 4:00 pm to 5:45 pm

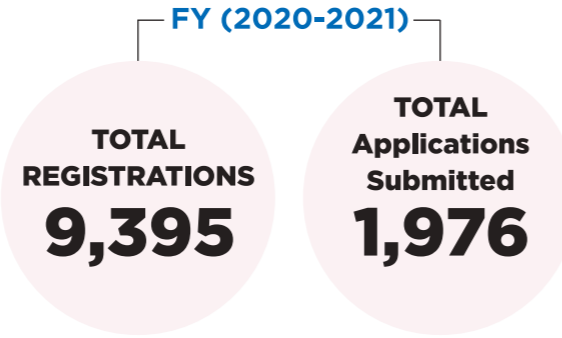
Panelists: Application of SDGs Framework to Rural Development

Panelists: Implementation of SDGs Framework for Rural Development

59 Panelists & Speakers

Key Highlights

- 46 symposiums have been organized over the last 4 editions (2017 -2020).
- In HCL Grant Edition VI 2020 Symposium series, 8414 registered for Symposiums and 4000+ participants attended. 7000+ Views on Social Media.
- This Year we have 90% more applications in Environment, 87% in Health and 51% in Education compared to last year.

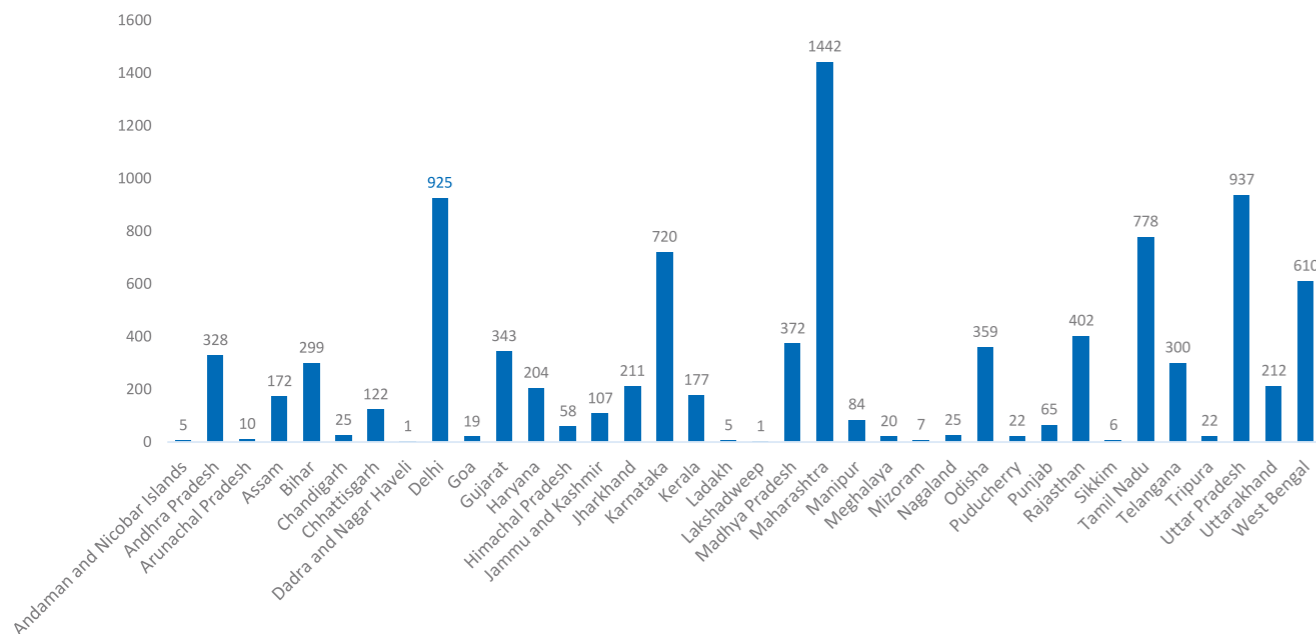


25,760 NGOs have registered with HCL Grant across last 5 cycles since 2015 under the thematic categories of Education, Health & Environment

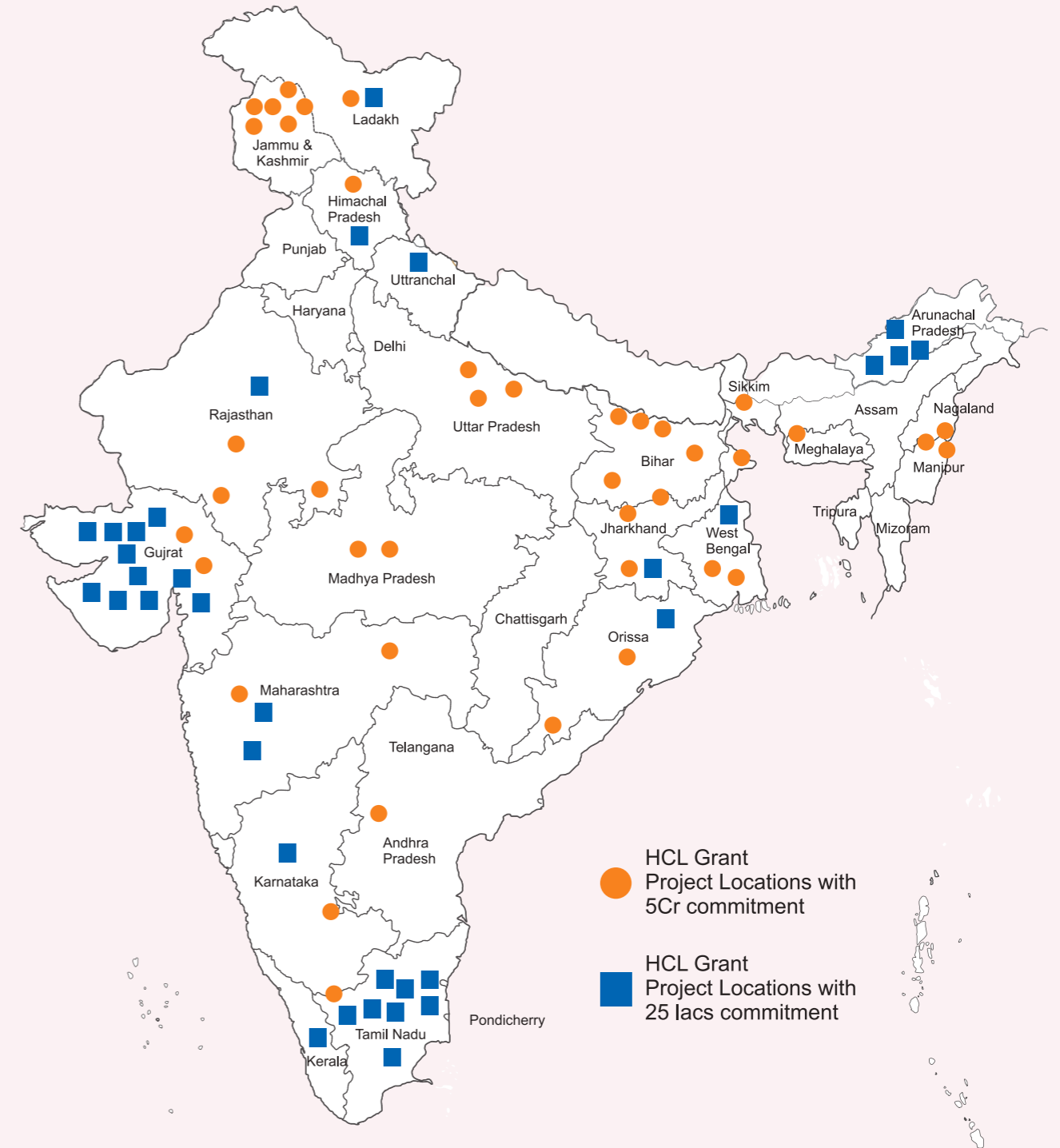
HCL Grant 2020 State Wise Registrations

Top 10 States

Maharashtra	1,442	West Bengal	610
Uttar Pradesh	937	Rajasthan	402
Delhi	925	Madhya Pradesh	372
Tamil Nadu	778	Odisha	359
Karnataka	720	Gujarat	343

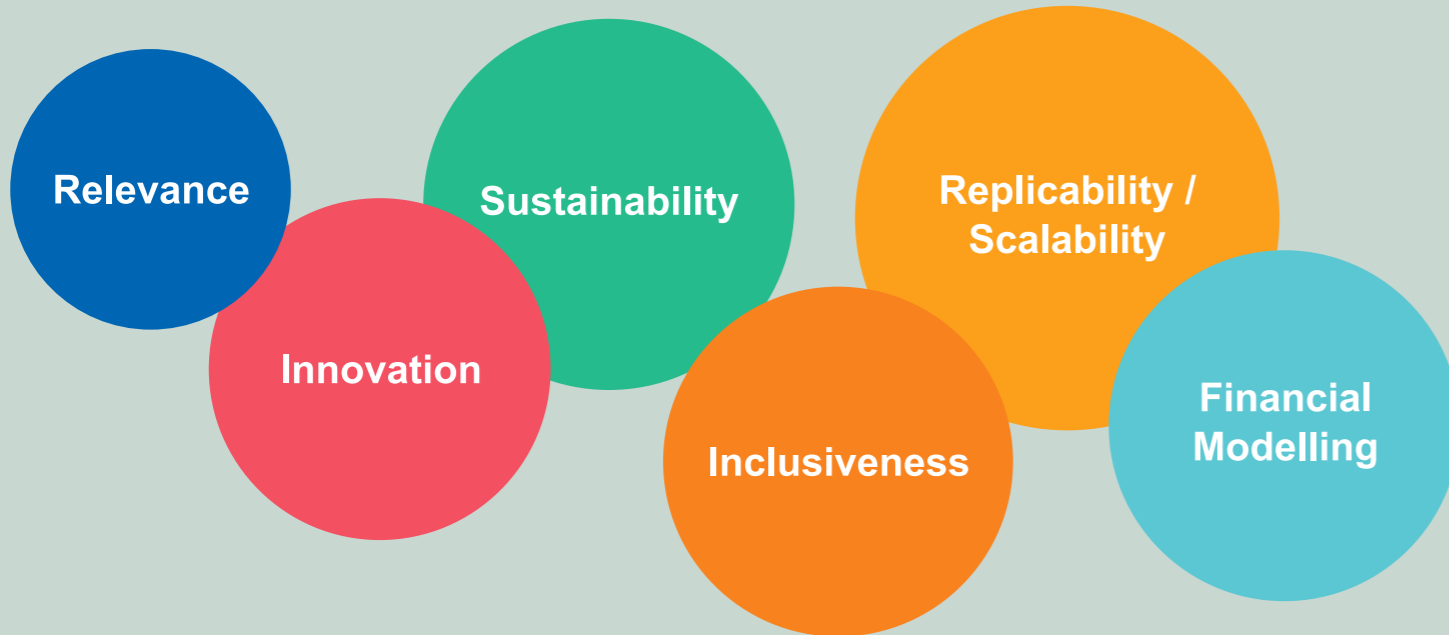


HCL Grant Footprints



Already committed INR 68 Crore (US\$9.46 Million) towards Rural Development in the areas of Environment, Health & Education through current HCL Grant Projects with an ambition to reach 17,20,028 people in 8,598 villages in 70 districts across 18 states and 2 union territories of India of which the projects have already covered 7,33,040 beneficiaries.

HCL Grant Recipients Impact based on Selection Parameters



Foundation for Ecological Security (FES)

- 18.5 Cr MGNREGA funds leveraged
- 19,367 Hectare land brought under community Governance.
- 1 Lakh + saplings planted
- 1.9 Lakh people benefited

Child in Need Institute (CINI)

- 2000 + frontlines workers trained
- Reduction in anemia – 74 to 51%
- Breast-feeding increased from 77 to 81%

Meljol

- 30,000+ children linked to financial institutions
- Upscale of program in 1300 schools of Chhattisgarh
- 540 Social and financial enterprises initiated

Keystone Foundation

- Organization onboarded at District Level Committee for Organic District program
- 15 acre brought under organic cultivation
- 73K+ sapling of native species planted across 20 acres of stream bank

Sightsavers India

- 5 Digital Learning Centers established by Government of Rajasthan
- 9 Digital Learning Centers will be established by Government of Rajasthan
- 10 Children with Visual Impairment (CVI) enrolled in KGBV, Bhagalpur, Bihar
- 2 CVIs passed 10th class with 1st Division

She Hope Society for Women Entrepreneurs

- 1000 + PWDs provided with rehabilitation support.
- 25 Homes modifications ensuring mobility
- 730 People provided with Care Giver training.

Srijan Foundation

- 1343 Nutritional gardens established by women farmers
- 1722 women benefited under Ujjwala Yojana, Mukhyamantri Krishi Aasirwaad Yojana

Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)

- 170 Hectare land notified as village reserve forest
- 1 school renovated

Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS)

- 8 Health centers revived
- 139 Mother club formed
- 2 Public Health Centers received Kayakalp Award
- 2 Public Health Centers empanelled with Ayushman Bharat Scheme
- Pre School Program extended to 110 villages by Government of Nagaland

Stories of Transformation



Local teams now refer to their phones as 'pocket-office'

Gujarat

Rapid digitization of processes became a necessity because of lockdown and to introduce it at every level was the immediate challenge. The local team being scattered in remote places with poor network connectivity, it was difficult to conduct virtual team meetings for planning. However, this was resolved going forward. Many of them had to first learn operating smart-phones to connect for meetings while some had to identify spots with best network connectivity and least disturbances. What initially seemed very unreal turned out to be very effective in terms of primary planning at the beginning of project implementation.



Local networking is a very crucial aspect for the successful implementation of any programme. This was put to test when UTMTS had to explore a new district, Tapi for the project and program staff had restricted mobility. The Gujarat team showed resilience and harnessed its strength- a local team, to explore the new area. The local team through the ground-level networks gathered required information and chalked out strategic plan for implementation, which demonstrated their ability to find solutions. Also it is equally necessary to re-examine processes keeping local networks at centre as it can deliver better results and lead to capacity development.

Madhya Pradesh

Located amidst the forest, village Ghannor is a remote village in Chhindwara district. The majority of the population in the village comprises of tribals who are small-holders with limited resources. Beekeeping project supported by HCL Foundation is first of its kind to be introduced in the village.

Sundarlal Sukum, farmer, shares,

“ever since childhood, we have burnt the bee-hives for honey; we have been ignorant that bees can be domesticated. Now that we understand the fact that beekeeping is more rewarding, we shall promote the activity and conserve bees, to support agriculture, because it is our only source of income.”

Maharashtra

With the announcement of complete lockdown in the month of March due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, field mobility was halted. UTMTS re-engineered its operations in the field to take into account the current circumstances. The face-to-face team meetings planning were replaced by virtual meetings to carry forward the work and local resources were mobilized. 21 potential villages for project implementation were identified in Dahanu block, Palghar district through virtual meeting with local team, of which 15 were visited later. The fear of the unknown amongst the people in the new area was contained with familiar local people visiting the villages.



**Under The Mango Tree
Environment Category
Recipient HCL Grant 2020**



Creative Community : Anganwadi to Azan

Towards the end of December a few backward Anganwadi centres were identified by the CINI Falta team for conducting a malnutrition screening camp. To inform the community about screening camp at Kasirampur (South) and Jafarpur Mollapara village (under the Gram Panchayat) the team and Anganwadi workers jointly started a house to house campaigning .

Through a malnutrition screening camp the mothers and family members can determine the nutritional status of their child.

But, inspite of rigorous campaigning & follow up visits, the participation was very poor. The frontline workers and CINI team member decided to find out the reason behind the low footfall. On probing further, some of the people in the community said that the timing of the camp was very inappropriate. While others said

We go for health check-up in every month for the child with cost of Rs. 600 , see, how healthy my baby is”, “my baby has no problem”,

“ We are spending much money for checkup then why should we go there?

The team facilitator then made them understand that any form of malnutrition whether under or over is detrimental to the child's health. An apparently healthy looking child may actually be unhealthy when properly estimated. A screening camp in this regard is most useful.

To convince them further, the local team met the Moulabi and panchayat member, and convinced him about the importance of screening camp in the area. She also requested him to kindly make an announcement about the screening camp after the morning “Azan” so as that the message reaches each and every household & automatically attaches due importance to the issue. The panchayat members and the Maulabi promised to help in community mobilization. The following morning an announcement of the screening camp was made soon after Azan with messages highlighting its importance. The people of the community were encouraged to participate in the camp without any apprehension or fear. This joint effort by CINI and the religious leaders led to a successful screening camp with very good participation by children and mothers.



Rita's Journey: From Bypassing Risks to successful Child birth

Rita Ghosh, a 27 years old pregnant women (PW) of the village Battala under Fatepur GP were identified by CINI as “At Severe Medical and Nutritional risk”. This was her 7th gravida and she had a history of miscarriage/stillbirth and child death. The hemoglobin % was also very low and soon after conceiving she was hospitalized for water discharge and bleeding. She reportedly was irregular with her IFA medications and did all her household work alone as there was no one to help her.

She was identified by CINI in her 1st trimester and she could hardly appreciate the grave risk she was in. The facilitator in convergence with the ASHA dedicated the 1st few weeks of intervention in correcting her habits and prejudices.

The importance of low-cost nutritional meals, micronutrients like iron and calcium, adequate rest during pregnancy was explained .After some sessions, Rita, started incorporating slow but steady changes in her habit.

Next, the team member counselled her and her husband as to the risks that surrounded her pregnancy and convinced them to attend regular check-ups. The

most difficult part was to convince them for institutional delivery. ASHA, Anganwadi worker and the CINI team member had to intervene from time to time to make them realize the detrimental consequences of delivering at home with that kind of obstetric history.

About a week before her delivery Rita reached out to the CINI team member with complains of fluid discharge. She then reached out to the ASHA and with her Help and advice, Rita visited the local health facility. The doctor after prescribing her medicines, urged her to take increased care of herself as this was her 7th gravida & asked her to return for delivery.

About a week later on 03.01.2020 she gave birth to a girl child whose weight was 2.26 kgs, through institutional delivery. Her Hemoglobin rose from 8 gm/dl to 12 gm/dl.

The case was extremely important as the team dealt with a women with serious health complications. Repeated counselling, joint interventions resulted in this successful journey.

**Tarun Bharat Sangh
Environment Category Finalist HCL Grant 2019**



Panchi ki Pokhar, Alampur, Rajasthan

Bareen ki Pokhar pond get its name from the princely state of Timanghar. A century ago, villagers used to cultivate vegetables here, commonly known as Baree (in local dialect). Hence the name - Bareen ki Pokhar.

Situated in Aalampur Village, gram panchayat- Jamura, division-Masalpur, district- Karaul, it is taken care of by Jagdeesh Gurjar and his wife, Sampatti Devi (along with their family of 7). This family of school dropouts has engaged themselves in animal husbandry and monsoon crop of Barley for their livelihood. Before the construction of pond two members of their family migrated to cities for earning, while Jagdish cultivated Kharif crops on his 5 bigah land.

Today, the family grows wheat and mustard and the pond has become a great source of income. Every year they lease the pond at the rate of Rs 80,000. It is because of it that 50 families were able to cultivate

wheat. Also, in winters, when there was no water available in 2 tube-wells, people of the village decided to request Jagdeesh to provide them water for irrigation. The family provided free water supply to the people. The total production of wheat grew to 1300 quintal in the village due to this kind act. Jagdish & family now possess a herd of 20 cows & 10 buffaloes – increasing milk production by 3 liters & earning by a lakh per annum. The family is also able to send its children to school. This 'fortune pond' has enabled the family to increase intake of ghee & vegetables in their diet.

Bareen ki Pokhar has improved not only transformed the life of Jagdish & family but the villagers' as well. They don't have to travel distances to fetch water anymore & the rate of migration has also dropped. The construction of pond has led to holistic change in the lives of villagers.



Beel ki Pokhar, Khairatpura, Rajasthan

In year 2019-20, Beel ki Pokhar pond was constructed in Jamura-Gram Panchayat, district- Karauli by four families of this village. The owners of the pond have 27 members in their families, they have total 10 hectare bigah land. Earlier, due to water unavailability, whole crop was dependent on monsoon and only barley could be grown. But now land is used for wheat production and the water level of wells has increased to 4-5 feet. Now, this land produces Kharif & Rabi season crops and 100 qtl mustard was produced in last year. Earlier the beneficiary families have limited livestock of 10 buffaloes. In summers, these cattle have to transfer

from the village to different villages in search of water and fodder. Milk production was very less due to lack of green fodder for them. But now, the migration of livestock in summers have been stopped and also the strength has increased to 20 buffaloes. The farmers share their experience that the productivity of livestock has increased due to availability of fodder and water.

Inspired from the results now the families are constructed boundaries around their field to check soil erosion and water conservation by their own.



Google image of Sanjagir ki Pokhar, Umari

Sanjagir ki Pokhar, Umri Village, Rajasthan

Sanjagir ki pokhar is named on a locally famous saint Swami Sanjagir, famous for his kindness & noble deeds. In construction of this pond 39 families of Umri village had contributed. Currently the village have sufficient water for cattle till Holi (March). After Holi, water scarcity starts raising the concern. The construction of the pond have given the hope to villagers who have only two working bore-well and six non-functioning hand-pumps. There are 12 wells in the village any only two are functioning properly rest are dried.

After the first monsoon, the pokhar was leased for three months for the farming of chestnut for 1.5 lakh rupees creating an additional source of income for villagers. The villagers have started to prepare the 80 hectare fallow land of their village for agriculture which was not used from decades. Around 50 hectare and has come under cultivation increasing the agriculture production by 1.5 times of current. The water level in the wells have risen upto 2 metres ensuring the water security of 600 cattle in the village.

She Hope Society For Women Entrepreneurs Health Category Recipient HCL Grant 2019



"Kudos to Warriors of Hope"

On this particular day i.e. on 17th August 2020, the team (Field team – She Hope Society) early morning started its journey for Kupwara-a border district- for the camp. This is also a conflict hit border area. The visit is arranged by logistic manager keeping track of the event including travelling of technical team.

As the team was on its way to Kupwara, just when it was three kms away from Baramulla which is 55 kms away from Srinagar, an encounter between militants and security forces broke out which reportedly left three security forces personnel dead. Right away logistic manager got in touch with the team and

suggested a different route to evade the incident spot. Consequently, they got past the incident scene and safely reached Kupwara where they held the camp as scheduled.

Upon their return the team had to negotiate another violent encounter between security forces and militants which resulted in the death of two militants. The team was again guided by our logistic team and managed to reach office safe. Although, it was a nerve-wracking experience for the team, they, nevertheless, completed the task.

Wildlife Trust of India Environment Category Recipient HCL Grant 2019

Mama Dalgipa spreads smiles



As part of entry point activities, we are supporting the Forest Dept Baghmara to take care of the maintenance and needs of the baby elephant (Baburam) at the Range office for two months. This elephant was rescued from the wild at the Indo-Bangladesh border sometime 2 years back and Dr. Bhaskar, Head Veterinarian, WTI had attended to this calf. Unfortunately last year the Wildlife department of Balpakram NP stopped sanctioning food costs for the calf and the Range office has been taking care of expenses with their own funds and some help from outside. The locals and the forest dept are extremely fond of this calf so they want to ensure its maintenance. There is a respect for the elephants by then Garo community as they refer to them as 'Mama dalgipa' (Big uncle) so helping this will help boost community confidence in us and also in the department's support for our long-term project.

Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS) Health Category Recipient HCL Grant 2018



Revival of Sakshi Sub Centre

The communities of Sakshi, Yimchong and Auching with support from the project (HCL & ECS) constructed toilets, water and electricity connection at the Sakshi health centre. The health centre was activated after a nurse was deployed through the project. The centre has since conducted eight deliveries



"I dedicated myself to work with mothers and formed 10 mothers' clubs with 12-15 members in each group. We get-together twice a month. During the gathering, we give each mother to share her experience and problems and through these sharing we reflect on each other's physical and spiritual life and support each other with prayers. I also make door-to-door visits meeting pregnant mothers and provide ANC check-ups like checking BP, weight measurement etc. and encourages them for institutional delivery".

{Mrs. T. Sejungla, Health Worker, Orangkong Village}



She says, "coming to the feeding is not only about the food but the pastors, health workers, Ashas and Anganwadi workers educate us on health, personal hygiene, nutrition and help us to understand the nutritional value in different foods that available in the village. We also receive medical care from the nurse and health workers"

{Nyuke K, Beneficiary / Mother, Wangshu village}



**Sightsavers India
Education Category
Recipient HCL Grant 2018**



"Vishal for the Win"

Vishal, is a totally blind boy, coming from a remote village of Jehanabad in Bihar. Belonging to a deprived background, his father is engaged in farming. Vishal is the youngest in his family and has always experienced struggle in his life.

Last year, Sightsavers' project staff met Vishal and was then encouraged to get enrolled under the Inclusive Education Project, supporting him with necessary tools and trainings. Under HCL project, a mobile phone loaded with textbooks in Epub format (Electronic publication accessible books) was given to Vishal for his learning. Regular training sessions on using the phone for learning purpose were arranged.

Vishal was often contacted by Sightsavers team to check up on his well-being and progress in his studies. He was also counselled and motivated for completing his secondary examination which ultimately led to good scores. He is now being supported under Sightsavers' Tele Mode of Education approach to complete the curriculum syllabus.

When the results of 2019-2020 academic session were announced, Vishal was overjoyed to hear that he scored first division in his secondary board examinations. At Present, he is determined to complete his graduation and wishes to work as a Banker in future.

"Raju races to the top"

Raju is a total blind boy from a remote village of Bhagalpur, Bihar. Raju's father is daily wage earner and perhaps the only one to feed his family. The financial capability of the family is so low that the family shelters in the bank of the holy Ganga river. Since long, every year they have been the prime victims of flood. Hence, it has always been difficult for Raju's father to pay attention towards the education of his children.

Raju was identified by a Special educator four years ago and was encouraged to attend residential programs regularly. Sightsavers enrolled Raju in their Inclusive Education Programme in 2017 and rigorously counselled his parents about his capabilities. He was then provided with a Daisy player and was coached for using the same. When he was skilled in using assistive devices, he was provided with a laptop under the HCL supported Project. Several workshops were organised to train Raju along with other children on use of laptop for educational purposes.

This year Raju was overjoyed to accomplish his first milestone towards his studies securing first division in his secondary board examination from Bihar School Examination Board. He has now successfully enrolled himself for higher secondary education. He is being catered under Sightsavers Tele Education approach to help with his studies during the lockdown. Raju aspires to be a graduate and serve as a government officer in the Indian Railways.

**Srijan Foundation
Education Category
Recipient HCL Grant 2019**

**Guard your Nutrition
with Kitchen Garden**

Dist. West Singhbhum, Block – Manoharpur, Village – Gindung Shyama Soy is an educated woman who does book keeping in SHG and VO. Her husband works as a CM in Srijan Foundation. They have two children. Being a mother, Shyama Soy is well aware of the Golden 1000 days of pregnancy. Hence, she always gives information to her group members about pregnancy, child care and healthcare but the women did not pay much heed to her. Intervention by the Srijan Foundation

During March 2019, video shows were shown regarding health and nutrition which focused on balanced diet during pregnancy, complementary feeding, complementary diet diversity, hand wash. After seeing the videos, the women asked that the videos had a lot of elements but from where would they bring those. Then Shyama told them that they must construct kitchen garden at the back side of their houses.

Then she prepared the same at her household and other women also prepared the same after seeing her. Now at present, all the village women are able to produce and procure fresh and organic vegetables for their kitchen. According to Shyama – “Women since very beginning have been compromising with their food habits due to which they suffer various health problems. Also the mothers were careless about their children's diet and hence the children ate junk foods from the market. But after seeing the videos, the mothers have become aware of the balanced nutritional diet necessary for their children like pulses, eggs, boiled potato, green vegetables, etc. She also saw a video show of hand wash practice and became aware of the significance of cleanliness, hygiene and started practicing the same.



**Kitchen Gardening,
Fruitful for you!**

Sobha Devi joined Srijan Foundation one year ago with the assistance of the CRP Gita Devi. Last year she saw a video of the seed treatment and POP method of potato cultivation and adopted the same in her field and yielded a good produce. She used Jeevamrit and treated the potato seeds with the mixture of M45 and Trichoderma and had a very good produce.

Intervention of Srijan Foundation and her Present Situation: Presently, she is doing kitchen garden at her house very gladly in an area of 1.5 decimals. She saw a video of the same and became aware of its significance. She told that the reason for adopting this model is to ensure her household level food and nutrition security, use of organic pesticides (Neemastra, Brahmastra). She has an 8-bed model of kitchen garden with a Jalkund nearby where the water gets sipped and stored from the nearby well which is very well drained towards the kitchen garden. She also has another kitchen garden nearby from which she is utilising currently for her household consumption purposes.

She quoted that: “I do not have to buy vegetables from the market now and I am able to save a lot of money. Also the vegetables of my kitchen garden are far tastier than from the market which I used to buy earlier.”

After watching the videos of INM-NPM, she started preparing the same in her house and yielded fruitful results. She prepared Jeevamrit and sprayed in 1.5 cottahs of land where she did Corn cultivation. She is also using Jeevamrit currently in her kitchen garden and is yielding fruitful results. She also adopted the model of Azolla and mixing with the feed for her cattle and goats and also sprays in her agriculture land. CRP Gita Devi taught her how to prepare the organic pesticides and she used Khatta Mattha in her chilli plantation as a pest management measure. Now the CRP would link her to the producer group with the assistance of the community mobilizer Saraswati Devi for marketing her produce.



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As a fairly young organisation with a programme that was different in many ways, we were pleasantly surprised to be in the final shortlist of the HCL awards in the Environment category. The due diligence process, extremely intensive and done in many stages was an education in itself – not just was it a 360 degree evaluation of the organisation, its processes and people but the questions posed made us reflect deeply as an organisation and we emerged stronger and richer for the experience.

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Sujana Krishnamoorthy

Executive Director

Under The Mango Tree Society