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Catalyst

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Dear Readers,

The month of April is the starting of a new financial year- an opportunity for us to evaluate previous projects, and plan the upcoming ones.

We take this time also to reflect on the impact our source codes are creating.

Read the April edition of Catalyst, HCL Foundation's monthly newsletter to know more.

Regards,
Team HCL Foundation

Highlights of the Month

Generation for Climate Action (GenCAN) launch

HCL Foundation, under HCL Harit launched a national-level 'Generation for Climate Action (GenCAN)' initiative in partnership with the Centre for Environment Education for promoting sustainability and climate education and action in schools. GenCAN is a 10-month, school-based learning programme for grades 6 to 12. The programme aims to provide school children with the required knowledge and skills on climate change and to take individual and collective actions towards carbon footprint reduction of the school. Know more at: gen4climateaction.org



Improved cook stoves (ICS) distribution

100 Improved Cook Stove (ICS) were distributed to women of Beel Akbarpur village, Dadri Block in Gautam Buddha Nagar (UP) under the BACHAT project run jointly by HCL Foundation and Care India with an objective to help people living in villages to switch to clean cooking alternatives and reducing indoor air pollution. In addition, SHE (Sustainable Household Energy) school members demonstrated ICS to promote the benefits of using clean energy solutions and associated benefits.



Buckingham canal forest clean up

Around 35 HCLTech employee volunteers including local residents were taken on a nature walk session along with forest clean-up in the urban forest at Buckingham canal, Chennai. The volunteers were engaged in de-weeding and removing plastic wastes from the forest.



HCL Samuday



The Power of Code

- A workshop on 'Digital Literacy, Coding and Computational Thinking initiatives to strengthen rural education' was organised by HCL Samuday at the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Lucknow.
- The workshop showcased the successful completion of a pilot project aimed at imparting digital literacy, coding and computational thinking among students from Classes 6 to 8 in 26 schools of the Hardoi district. It was presided by Mr. Vijay Kiran Anand, Director General, School Education.
- The 3-month long pilot project by HCL Samuday makes use of an open-sourced coding platform and introduced the students to a 'future-ready' curriculum focusing on developing their foundational knowledge in coding and digital literacy.
- The project was able to deliver groundbreaking results: 81% of students in the 11 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya and 98% of students in the 15 Composite schools were able to successfully complete their final 'application-based' assessment, signifying their abilities to effectively apply their theoretical learnings. Fun fact: children could even make animated movies and games using coding.



The Power of Code

Increasing women participation in agriculture

Beniganj Farmer Producer Company Limited, the farmer federation at Hardoi is working towards empowering women farmers in the region.

With 10 Board of Directors, the FPO organized a shareholder drive for collectivizing women farmers and supporting them in attaining equal opportunity and balance of share in a traditionally male-dominated sector. As a result, more than 100 women farmers got associated with the FPO during this shareholder drive.



HCL Samuday



Success @ NMMSE

- It was a moment of pride when results of the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Examination got declared in April and 170 students from HCL Samuday intervention areas successfully cleared it.
- Under it, required books were provided for, in addition to special classes through the Panchayat Library Center. The selected students from Grades IX to XII shall now receive a monthly scholarship of INR 1,000 for four years, as a support from the state government.



Demonstrable change via the Adolescent Anemia Control Project

- 2022 saw HCL Samuday pilot the project towards tackling anemia among adolescent girls in 72 schools of Hardoi district in Uttar Pradesh. The project focuses on school-going girls from Classes VI to XII.
- In April 2023, when the adolescent girls were screened, a majority of them had shown an increase in their Hemoglobin levels with some even recording double the increase (from 7mg/dl to 14mg/dl).





HCLTech Grant Edition IX Portal went LIVE on April 26, 2023 and is inviting applications for a total committed fund of ₹16.5 Crores (~US\$2.2 million) in the categories: Environment, Health and Education.

A large graphic with a blue-to-teal gradient background. At the top left is the HCLTech Grant logo. The main text is in large, white, bold, sans-serif font, reading "HCLTech Grant Edition IX Portal is now LIVE and accepting applications!". At the bottom left, the website "hclfoundation.org" is written in a smaller white font.

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Noida Updates

The first ever strategy meet for Noida-based partners of Skill Development and Livelihoods vertical with the objective to align all the partners for this year's goal. The team designed a system thinking approach for ensuring social entitlements through a partner convergence model for effective outcomes.



HCL Foundation's health partner-Family Planning Association of India, conducted awareness sessions on National Safe Motherhood day with mothers and expecting mothers at Noida.



Lucknow Updates

Khushal Parivar Diwas was celebrated to educate and raise awareness among couples about birth control options and mindful family planning.



Creative workshops on life skills were conducted with the aim of equipping adolescents with leadership skills that can help them become effective leaders in their communities and schools.



Graduation day celebrated by Head Held High Foundation Yuvakendra Skill centre. 22 students graduated of which 15 received job offers from various organizations.



Nagpur Updates

A variety of products, including hand-made stationary, apparel, FMCG and millet based products made by SHGs supported by HCL Foundation were sold at the 5th Year Anniversary of Nagpur campus.



6 Night schools are being supported by HCL Foundation under the night school transformation project. In order to raise awareness and increase enrollment in the night schools, street plays are being conducted at the community level in Nagpur.



Summer camps were organized at several Corporation schools to engage students meaningfully during their summer break. The camps will be continued until mid-May, 2023.



Bangalore Updates

On World Health Day assistive devices were distributed to PWDs to maintain and/or improve their performing of activities of daily living (ADL's), thereby promoting their wellbeing.



2 washrooms constructed and checked under child protection policies and were developed and designed to be PWD friendly. These washroom blocks were handed over to the schools.



Non Timber Forest Products are the major source of income of the tribal communities of Thenkanikottai tribal communities. HCL Foundation supports the livelihood enhancement programme through value chain development of the NTFPs which are seasonally available from the forest.



Madurai Updates

EDII WSDP Entrepreneurs participated in the district-level Ahimsa Exhibition to promote sustainable and ethical products made by local entrepreneurs.



Anemia follow-up screening camp conducted in HCL Foundation supported schools to ensure the health and well being of students.



212 people screened at the medical health camp on World Health Day. Critical cases were diagnosed and referred to a government hospital.



Hyderabad Updates

Career guidance for 200+ students in 11 Govt. High Schools, who have appeared for SSC examinations.



Vijayawada Updates

57 kg of ghostnet retrieved during the regular shoreline patrolling and collected 4.5 kg of plastic and 9 kg of glass bottles on the Pallepalem seashore.



Chennai Updates

239 students of the Child Rights Club from Police Boys and Girls clubs visited the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to witness the Budget discussions in the presence of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister.



A group of 8 students associated with the K-9 Police Boys and Girls club enrolled in a typing class. Assistant Inspector Ravindran from K9 actively participated to mentor the students. These girls will acquire new skills and enhance their employability.



55 students of Ambattur ITI were taken for an industrial visit to Hevea furniture and Interiors private limited at Redhills.



4 batches of 148 students successfully completed the **Tally Essentials Comprehensive Certification** course. In a year around 360 students have completed this training.



Earth Day Celebration with Clean NOIDA volunteers

Earth Day 2023 was celebrated at Okhla Bird Sanctuary with Clean NOIDA volunteers in collaboration with Gautam Buddha Nagar Forest division. Celebrating the theme 'Invest in our Planet', a discussion was held with Mr. Ganga Prasad (Conservator of Forest, Meerut Circle) and Mr. Amit Gupta (Forest Range Officer) on efficient waste management for environment conservation. It was followed up with a quiz and volunteers made beautiful wall art.



Power of One



300
Volunteers



343
Hours



905
Programme
Participants

7 volunteers supported with logistics at the Climate Leadership Launch event–GENCAN



Blood Donation Camp

120 Units of blood donated by HCLTechies at Nagpur to Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital. 15 volunteers supported with event management.

HCL Foundation-supported Guru Nanak College conducted the Pavit Singh Nayar Memorial T20 All India Inter College Cricket Tournament. Guru Nanak College Women's Cricket team finished **Runner Up** position and Rithika from the team was awarded the **best bowler** of the tournament. **Dr. P Ashok Singamani - President of Tamil Nadu Cricket Association** was the **Chief Guest** among the august audience.



HCL Foundation supported MJAS program participants **Mamta Gurjar** and **Sapna Gurjar** from Hansiyawas Village got selected to represent **Rajasthan State** in **27th Women's Senior Nationals Football tournament**. This, by far, is the highest achievement for these girls – as they qualified for Senior Nationals.



Sports For Change



HCL Foundation sports scholar Manasa Mani, Janani Devanath, VG Lekha Sri, and Dhanusree trained in partnership with Maatru Pratishtana represented Karnataka State at the 27th Women's Senior Nationals Football tournament.

Karnataka Football team finished Runners up in the Group-6 League and qualified to play Nationals Final league; thus making it SFC program's highest achievement in Football.



HCL Foundation supported Dribbble Academy Foundation participated in 3X3 Basketball Tournament (Bharat league). In the Under-14 age category, our girls team emerged as winners and in the Under-19 category, the team finished runners up.



HCL Foundation Sports scholars at Bangalore supported by Maatru Pratishtana and studying in Reva University **emerged as champions at the St. Joseph's University Sport stakes Inter University Football Tournament.**

It was a 11 A-Side Football Tournament carrying, a 'high weightage' at Bengaluru level. The team performed exceptionally well.



Sports For Change



The women's cricket team supported by HCL Foundation through Guru Nanak college Chennai representing Tamil Nadu, played a match against, St Joseph's Commerce College, Bangalore representing Karnataka State.

The toss was won by GNC & opted to field. Gurunanak College Chennai team won by 9 wickets – man of the match was Awarded to Jenny Plautila for picking up 4 crucial wickets. The girls put forth a brilliant performance to become South Zone winners and they are now qualified to play the All India Inter Zonal Cricket tournament to be held at Mumbai, Maharashtra.



HCL Foundation supported Gurunak College Women's Cricket team participated in the 6th Edition of the IRON Lady Cricket League Tournament – Chennai's prestigious tournament. Anjali Kumari Received Best Performer Award and Harini Devi received Best Player of the Match Award.





HCL Foundation was among the attendees at the HCL Commerce Connect Meet at Le Meridien, Gurugram. The 'My E-Haat' initiative' was discussed by partners and e-commerce experts alike, amidst an insightful range of sessions focused on business and technology.

Global CSR

The Gift of Reading

Excitement & gratitude brimmed high as techies from HCL Vietnam Company Limited took their initial steps and came together towards a books donation drive.

A total of 280 books were received (146 books in Hanoi and 134 in Ho Chi Minh City), which were sent to our partner - Project "Donate a book" by Soha.vn.

The books will be shared to children in Am Ha Secondary School, Hiep Hoa, Phu Tho province.



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