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Dear Readers,

September was a month of action and announcements for HCLFoundation. We celebrated the International Coastal Cleanup Day across seven sites in India by collecting over 6,000 kg of waste by an enthusiastic team of 1,500 participants comprising community members, HCLTech volunteers, NGO partners and government stakeholders.

Furthering our commitment to climate action, we announced the launch of the HCLTech Grant on Climate Action (Americas) where we are committing \$5 Million towards climate action to not-for-profit organizations based in the Americas, developing breakthrough ideas for grass-roots innovation in climate action.

Read this and more in the September '23 edition of HCLFoundation's monthly newsletter- Catalyst.

Regards,
Team HCLFoundation

Key Highlights

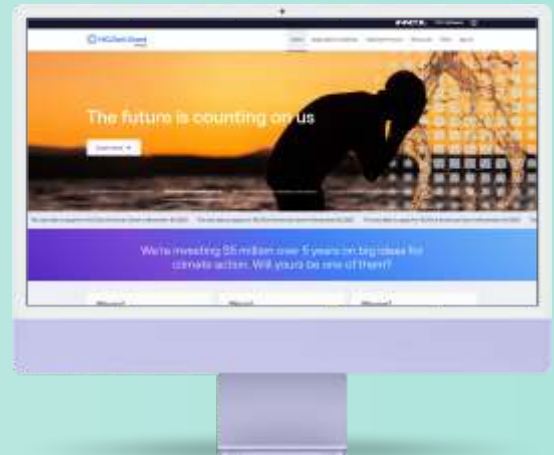
HCLTech launches Climate Action Grant in the Americas

HCLTech Climate Action Grant in the Americas was launched on September 19, 2023.

To combat the impact of climate change, HCLTech will grant \$5M over five years to impact-focused, Americas-based not-for-profit organizations to scale and replicate their projects.

The HCLTech Grant has a history of supporting India-based, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for the last eight years and is now being launched in the Americas to empower NGOs and further scale their grassroots innovation in climate action.

[Americas Grant Portal](#)



International Coastal Clean-up Day

HCLFoundation along with NGO partners, HCLTech employee volunteers and community members came together for a community plogathon. A total of 1575 participants across Pattinapakkam beach – Chennai, Ramanathapuram, Gulf of Mannar, Kothapatanam Beach – Vijayawada, Maple Beach – Karnataka; Cherai Beach- Kochi; Penttakotta Beach – Odisha participated in collection of 6,067 kilograms of waste materials. Various activities including street rally, theatre play, sand art were conducted to signify the importance of coastal conservation.



World Cleanup Day 2023

The World Cleanup Day was observed in a week-long manner – from Sept 11 to 17, 2023. Multiple activities were carried out across different locations.

With sanitation workers & residents

Activities included the 3Rs rally, plogging drive, wall art, pledge taking ceremony and more. 2100+ sanitation workers participated in awareness rallies on 3Rs and nearly 100 kgs of dry waste was collected by the Clean Noida Volunteers Club (CNVC) members through plogging drives.

With school students

World Clean Up Day was observed on 16 September 2023, with Earth Paradise School and in Godavari Market of Noida city. The day started with a Training and Capacity Building Session with 100+ school children on plastic waste and its impact on environment, followed by collection and donation of 15 kg plastic waste by the school children – which later was sent to a recycling facility.

Post the session, a rally and a cleanliness drive was conducted in two market areas – Jaypuria Plaza and Godavari Market. Approx. 300 kgs of waste was cleaned from the markets and their surrounding areas.



Observing Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month)

Samuday by HCLFoundation marked the annual Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month) with malnutrition screening activities, nutrition camps and multiple awareness generation activities at the Gram Panchayat level. Carrying forward the 'spirit of convergence', Samuday supported the nutrition month through its nutrition, adolescent health, telemedicine, community health projects to cover and propagate the importance of nutrition amongst multiple stakeholders across the lifecycle.



Star Team Member of the Month



In our pursuit to highlight the human forces at the heart of HCLFoundation's transformative work, this month, we bring to you the incredible journey of Mr. Umakant Pandey – Senior sector lead of Agriculture and Allied Initiatives at Samuday by HCLFoundation.

Excerpts from an interview – condensed and edited for clarity.

Growing from Humble Roots...

Born and raised in a quaint village in Azamgarh, Mr. Umakant Pandey's roots are deeply embedded in agriculture – or as he puts it, "you see, the connection with the soil has always been there". His formative years were spent amidst the lush fields of his village, fostering a profound connection with the land. Pandey's educational journey began right at home, and it wasn't long before he decided to pursue his passion for the natural world – graduating with an honors in Botany from DAV PG College, Azamgarh and then at the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun – for a postgraduate degree in Environment Management – an education that would later shape his career.

A Turning Point and Commitment to Community

In 2003, a pivotal moment altered the course of his life – an opportunity arose to work with a non-governmental organization; and a fellowship from the Embassy of Netherlands – on an

earthquake reconstruction and rehabilitation project in Bhuj. This experience ignited a passion for working with communities and their natural resources. Mr. Pandey shifted his career trajectory from research to community service.

No looking back.

Over the years, Mr Pandey's expertise have taken him through various roles – his work has encompassed projects in medicinal plant cultivation, diversified agriculture, and rooftop rainwater harvesting, all of which are tied with the common thread of service to the community.

However it was in 2015, that Mr. Pandey, in his words, "returned to his roots" i.e. the state of Uttar Pradesh, "all thanks to HCL Foundation". He remembers how his recruitment was a swift affair and his journey began with a heartwarming offer letter within a week of his interview!

Championing Agriculture. Transforming Lives.

When asked of a fond memory, at work that left an impression on him – and he says with pride: Yes, there's one that I remember fondly! It was in 2016, during a community interaction in Hardoi, where Mr. Pandey was present with the then chairman, Mr. Shiv Nadar, where he, as he puts it "witnessed Mr. Nadar's vision first hand. He challenged us to double farmers' incomes while ensuring sustainability." He says with pride how he and the team set out to fulfill this promise – accomplished it – and how it acts as a guiding force even to this day."

It is through the continued innovative practices that he and the team have achieved big; reaching over a lakh households – who are marginal farmers, thus impacting the life of 5 lakh people in the HCLFoundation operation areas.

"Sit with the farmer!"

Five years on and a day-in-his-life still revolves around designing community-

focused programs, overseeing their implementation, 'troubleshooting', and providing support, mentorship and guidance to his team. Ask him "Any advice for the younger lot/aspiring professionals, sir?" and he instantly replies, "Sit with the farmer!", stressing the need for hands-on learning and a grounds-up approach. He also recalls seeing the incredible journey of many of his younger team members – most of whom were fresh graduates – who, despite their initial lack of hands-on knowledge, have grown to become formidable agents of change. He says, "empowering one's team is very, very important."

On work, organizational culture and life-work balance...

Mr. Pandey candidly recalls that simple moment when he knew that his association with HCLFoundation was going to be "a long one!" It was when in the initial days, the senior leadership, including the chairperson, provided us with the flexibility and freedom to design projects based on community needs. He adds, "that freedom was everything. Of course, that did not mean that the ever-important approvals were done away with. They are essential and we would always need them. But it demonstrated the organization's commitment to community-driven initiatives and the liberty to design projects tailored to local needs. That's when I knew this association would be a long one. A fulfilling one. By God's grace it has."

Umakant Pandey is Lucknow-based where he stays with his wife and three children – two daughters and one son. Pandey has also recently authored two papers, focusing on reducing pesticide usage and costs in agriculture while promoting natural farming practices – both of which were published in reputed agricultural forums and journals. Umakant loves road trips and long-drives with his family – especially if they're in the hills!

World Rabies Day

A weeklong awareness campaign on rabies prevention and management followed by Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) drive was organized across Bengaluru, Chennai, Coimbatore, Noida. 739 free roaming and community owned dogs were administered with Anti-Rabies Vaccines (ARV). 130+ people were sensitized on various paradigms of dog mediated rabies in India and methods to address the issue.



National Level Youth Climate Leaders' Summit

A two-day National level Youth Climate Leaders' Summit was organized as part Generation for Climate Action (GenCAN) initiative in partnership with Centre for Environment Education (CEE). Day 1 saw an engaging dialogue unfold between students and climate experts, including Ms. Heeta Lakhani, Dr. Santanu Basu, and Shri Kartikeya Sarabhai. Interaction provided insights to students on how to proactively engage in climate action in their schools and personal lives. On Day 2, students from various schools discussed about their observations and results they have gathered and analyzed for calculating school carbon footprint.

Over 250 students from different vernacular medium schools across 16 Indian States came together to strategize on adapting to and mitigating the global concern of climate change.



Dragon Fly walk at Harit Upvan Sorkha

A fascinating dragonfly walk took place at Harit Upvan Sorkha, attracting the curiosity of enthusiastic participants from the community. Attendees had the unique opportunity to observe and learn about these captivating insects - guided by Mr. Ishtiyak Ahamad where this session provided a deeper insight into the world of dragonflies, their ecology, and their crucial role in the ecosystem.



Adolescent health Anemia Camp inauguration

The Adolescent Health Anemia Camp Kothawan block of Hardoi saw inauguration by Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President - Global CSR, HCLFoundation on Sept 27. The camp is focused on anemia among school-going adolescent girls.

In her engagement, she carefully understood the elements of the program and implementation

strategy. - actively interacting adolescent girls and motivating them for Iron Folic Acid tablets and moringa supplements along with healthy diet.

Dr. Pundhir also actively interacted with adults, engaging in open discussions about their healthcare needs and concerns.



7136 adult learners in New India Literacy Programme

HCLFoundation has successfully facilitated enrollment of 7136 adult learners in NILP* (New India Literacy Programme) in the month of September 2023. As per NILP, portal data, eight blocks of Samuday intervention area have registered the highest turnout beneficiaries for the exam in Hardoi district. This success is a result of the Sakshar Samuday project through which more than 1,31,000 adults in Hardoi have learnt to read & write, becoming neo-literates.



* - NILP is a govt-led initiative launched in 2022-23 and caters to illiteracy in the age group of 15 years and above. Its objective are to enable learners with increased access to learning certifications, paving way to enhanced confidence in adults of rural India.

Celebrating cleanliness: Swachh School Mahotsav Highlights

Under the Clean Village project of Samuday, Swachh School Mahotsav was held at S.M.D. College Kachhauna, Hardoi. The event celebrated the efforts of eight primary schools in promoting cleanliness and safe hygiene practices. It further aimed to instil hygiene awareness among students and honoured schools excelling in cleanliness standards.



Para vets given Training Completion Certificate

19 youth from Hardoi were awarded with the Para vet Training Completion certificate. They completed a 45-day classroom and practical training at Uttarakhand Livestock Development Board and a 45-day on-field training under the supervision of Samuday's veterinary team. These skilled youths are now deployed in our project area as Artificial Insemination technicians and have started giving the services to dairy animals, owned by the dairy farmers supported through Samuday. In addition to impacting animal health and productivity, this upskilling has also led to gainfully employing youth and facilitating a sustainable source of income.



Samuday team participates in the inauguration ceremony

On 19th September, Samuday participated in the inauguration ceremony of Rashtriya Poshan Maah, a month-long event to mark the importance of proper nutrition and acting on its various determinants with focus on convergence.

Mrs. Pratima Gupta, Chairperson – Zila Parishad, was chief guest at the event, along with Mr. Mangal Prasad Singh – DM Hardoi. The Chairperson, District Magistrate and District Program Officer Hardoi appreciated the work being carried out by HCLFoundation in the areas of management of malnutrition via home-based nutrition camps, development of model Anganwadi centers, and capacity building of Anganwadi workers.



MoU between HCLFoundation and CDC Group

HCLFoundation has partnered with the Centre for Development Communication Trust (CDC) for the implementation of 'Swachh Nagar Pariyojna' - an Integrated Waste Management project in five wards of Sandila Nagar Palika, Hardoi.



Samuday @ CSR Conclave, New Delhi

Samuday participated in and displayed the beautiful products^ at the CSR Conclave of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) Roundtable and Exhibition on September 25-26, 2023 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.



Partnership with CSSRI

HCLFoundation and Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI), under the project 'Sodic Soil Management through Farmers Adaptable Technological Interventions for Boosting Productivity in Hardoi', have joined hands for the reclamation of sodic land of marginal farmers associated with HCLFoundation. An agreement exchange ceremony was held at the Center for Agriculture Technology Transfer (CATT), Sandila, Hardoi.

Dr Sanjay Kumar Arora, Director CSSRI (Lucknow Regional Station) and Alok Varma, Project Director - Samuday and My Clean City, HCLFoundation preceded over the event, with Yogesh Kumar, Group Operation Head - Programmes, HCLFoundation and Umakant Pandey, Senior Sector Lead, HCLFoundation joining them on stage.

Since inception of the VASUNDRA, the umbrella project for this collaboration:

4200+
farmers benefitted

900 acres
land reclaimed.

With the added collaboration, the programme will scale up - working towards catering to a much larger community of farmers.



^ - HCLFoundation is working with more than 3000 women artisans, promoting crafts like rugs weaving, natural finer based products, Taat hand embroidery (upcycle plastic), Chikanakari hand embroidery and Block printing.

School students supported for inter-district sports competition in Hardoi

In a thrilling showcase of local talent, in August we witnessed participation from multiple schools. Various sports such as football, gymnastics, basketball, kho-kho, table tennis, badminton, jodo, athletics, basketball, and handball have been included.

In this event, Samuday is supporting# 188 students and coaches for their successful participation, empowering them to seize opportunities. Both boys and girls had equal participation in all sports.



SSSS at the UP International Trade Show 2023

Since its establishment, Samuday Shakti Sewa Samiti(SSSS) has advanced from steady support and nurturing through the Samuday programme. This recently yielded into a valuable opportunity for the group: to exhibit their handcrafts at the UP International Trade Show 2023, held in Noida from 21-25 September – providing significant exposure and a chance to expand outreach to a broader, discerning audience.



Teachers' Day celebrated in full fervor at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Sandia

This year Samuday celebrated Teachers' Day at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Sandila – a residential girls' secondary school run by the Government of India for the disadvantaged sections of society; where teachers work for access and quality of education while also helping recover gaps and bringing about digital transformation.

The event aimed to honor the hard work and dedication of teachers and was celebrated with eight teachers of KGBV, Sandila, and a hundred children enrolled in that school. The event served as a testament to the unwavering commitment of our school community to the field of education.

Students put on a variety of captivating cultural performances, including dance and music, with the highlight of the event being the experience sharing sessions that included heartfelt tributes to their teachers.



- Samuday's commitment to rural development is changing lives and communities by making available essential resources to the promising talents. The inter-district sports competition is going on for the under-14 age group in Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh.



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Health Check-up camp at Jetra Village, South Garo Hills, Meghalaya

Wildlife Trust of India in collaboration with Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC), Forest Department, World Land Trust organized a community health camp, at Jetra and neighboring village to support the healthcare facilities for local people.

120 check-ups conducted, 54 treated

for the disease of Skin, high BP, conjunctivitis, iron deficiency.



Stage 3: Portal Live for 150 NGOs

Portal opening for detailed application form submission - HCLTech Grant Edition IX



Health



Education



Environment

KOLKATA

Celebration of Teacher's Day

- Mukti Rehabilitation Center, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission, and Voice of World celebrated Teacher's Day on the occasion of birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.
- The students performed dance, songs, recited poems and presented handmade gift cards to their teachers.
- The day witnessed extreme respect and gratitude of students towards their teachers who were not only helping them in getting good education but also shaping them in being good human beings and responsible citizens. Mukti Rehabilitation Centre celebrated the day with Gurukul (out-of-school) children, RKVM brought together children of formal schools, and Voice of World shared the joy with children with disabilities.



NOIDA

India Vision Foundation – training session conducted for prison warders

The training session on the topic of "Time Management" aimed to enhance the capacities of the Prison Officials of Ghaziabad Prison, Dasna under the HCLF Supported Project Hope. Professor Yagbala Kapil from the GL Bajaj Institute of Management & Research, Gr Noida lead the session.



Exposure visit at My E-Haat Display Center

Women who have recently joined the Prayatna ERCs from Khora and Sorkha received a detailed orientation about My E-Haat. The emphasis was on explaining the importance of SHGs as powerful federations, igniting a sense of motivation and empowerment among the beneficiaries. A pivotal aspect of the visit was hearing from the participants themselves, their stories of transformation.



Training conducted for SHG women and cluster leaders

Entrepreneurship development training - Income generation activities was conducted for 35 participants. This four day workshop was organized for SHG women to train them on macramé products and develop their designs in various categories.



Happy Teacher's Day

Teacher's day was celebrated across schools where the children were collectively told about its importance and the first Vice President and former President of the country, scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna awardee Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Interesting facts related to life were shared. Along with this the film 'Chalk and Duster' was also shown. Children made greeting cards and poems to show their love and respect towards their teachers.



Workshop on screening, identification and diagnostic evaluation for children with disabilities

- A two days' workshop for Anganwadi workers was organised to sensitise them towards the identification and screening of children with disabilities with 50 participants. Many of the AWWs came forward to share their experiences and to get advice from our senior resource persons.
- On 29th September 2023, a workshop was conducted with school principals, special educators and education NGO partners at HCL campus which was attended by around 70 participants. The main objective was to build the capacity of the schools and other stakeholders by making them aware about various strategies which can be used by them for addressing different educational and other related needs of students with disabilities. A session was conducted by Dr.

Piyush Chanana (Principal Research Scientist and Program Coordinator, IIT Delhi), which focussed on commonly available tools and technologies that can be used by the teachers in education of CWSN.



BANGALORE

RDC NTFP Exhibition

An exhibition was organised in collaboration with the Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, through Enactus Club. The exhibition effectively raised awareness about the significance of NTFPs and the challenges faced by tribal communities in marketing these products. RDC not only had the opportunity to showcase their products but also interact with visitors, gaining confidence and entrepreneurial skills in the process.



CSD - HCLF Solar energy green skilling program launch for women

Solar Energy Training Programme is a specialized educational initiative designed to empower women with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in the field of solar technology. Initiated a batch exclusively for women and 13 women have joined the first cadet. They have got hands on experience on PV technology through practical and theoretical classes.



Poshan Maah: Nourishing lives through the power of nutrition.

In September 2023, the Poshan Maah celebration gathered 192 community members. The event focused on three key pillars viz., empowerment, education, and community engagement. Beneficiaries took part in activities such as pot decorations with food grain, rangoli, awareness sessions, quizzes, nutritious food drawings, and games, which aimed at improving nutritional status and fostering a sense of togetherness.



ASB school girls toilet handing over ceremony

The newly built toilet for girls at ASB School was inaugurated and handed over to the school children by Mrs. Jayalakshmi, Block education officer, Anekal . HCLFoundation and SOCHARA for providing the school with Universal toilet and girls' toilet equipped with Pad disposal unit.



Mobilisation and training

As part of Project Vayati's skilling and placement program in Bangalore with HCLFoundation, 73 members of the LGBTIAQ+ community have been mobilised until September. A workshop on Workplace Etiquette and Interview Readiness was conducted this month for 19 candidates



CHENNAI

Scouts Rajapuraskar training camp

The Rajapuraskar Training Camp, a collaborative initiative by HCLFoundation, Don Bosco Anbu Illam, and STEDS took place in Keeranur, Puthukottai. The Rajapuraskar Training Camp is a significant gathering of Scouts and Guides, with a total of 20 Scouts and 24 Guides from the Police Girls and Boys Club and STEDS. The event aims to foster leadership, teamwork, and outdoor skills among the participants while promoting a sense of community and service.



Focus group discussion for students

Wellbeing Project aims to strengthen the social-emotional competencies and wellbeing of 1600 children for classes 1 to 5. The session is an on-going activity in schools are ongoing in the schools, where students participate in various activities and learning experiences during each session. The interactions between teaching assistants and students have been positive. Throughout these sessions, our primary objectives have been to build rapport and foster self-understanding through activities involving rhymes and colors.



Nutrition Celebration Week

Nutrition Celebration Week in September marks a global observance of nutritional awareness. Families were invited to Balwadi, where essential nutritional foods for both children and parents were showcased. Attendees had the opportunity to learn and embrace the significance of maintaining a healthy diet.



National Nutrition Week

Nutrition week observance with the theme of **"Healthy diet gawing affordable for all"** SIP Memorial Trust with the support of HCLFoundation conducted a programme on the observance of nutrition week on 9th September in the Institute of child health, Egmore for about 35 HIV/AIDS affected or infected children. A brief talk about "importance of nutrition" was given by Dr.Noori (Managing trustee of SIP Memorial Trust) few words about nutrition was shared by Dr. Suresh (chief doctor of ART centre of ICH).



Strengthening the children's parliament team

OfERR team conducted children parliament to conduct training in 2 schools. The training focused on (In conducting meeting, taking minutes, passing resolutions, activity related to SDG goals, to improve peers education, and Cultural activities). X



Teachers Day celebration

Teacher's Day was celebrated at 20 NMC schools. All teachers, Principals, and other office bearers were felicitated for their work and contribution in bettering the lives of several children through their service



Hand Washing Training

Training as a part of regular BCC (Behavior Change Communication) training, series of Hand Wash Techniques carried out in schools reaching 100+ students. The training conducted in coordination with the NRHM officials.



Women entrepreneurs at SHGs

The marketing and business development support provided to the SHGs, brand AaswadRaj launched for all the FMCG products that will be sold by the SHGs. The designing label, container selection & Laboratory Testing for Nutrition Values are now as per FSSI norms. Women SHGs will be selling the products made by them through Stalls and Exhibitions.



VIJAYAWADA



Case Story of Yuvakendra trainee

Ms. Naga Lakshmi attended government residential school, consistently achieving high marks and nurturing ambitious aspirations for her future. However, her parents arranged her marriage soon after she completed her graduation. Subsequently, she became a mother of two children, dedicating five years to tending to her family's well-being. Yet, her desire for employment and independence persisted.

Though her husband supported her, her in-laws discouraged her from pursuing work outside the home. One day, she encountered about Grow program, and she convinced her husband that she could contribute financially to the family without any upfront fees. Undeterred, she exhibited exceptional dedication, commuting 60 kilometers daily for training sessions. Her routine began at 4 am, encompassing household responsibilities before heading to work. She returned home at 8:30 pm. Her relentless efforts culminated in a monthly income of INR 15,000, which she diligently saved for her children's education.

With unwavering faith in the HCLF Yuvakendra programme, Ms. Naga Lakshmi even referred a relative, who successfully completed the training and secured a position at Paradise.

HYDERABAD

Engineers Day celebrations & competitions at Govt. High Schools

On the occasion of "Engineers Day" organized Drawing, Elocution, Essay Writing & Quiz competitions at Govt. High Schools on "Importance of Engineering & Technology". Around 150+ students participated in the competitions. Top students were recognized with rewards.



Workshop on WASH

Organised Workshops with SMC (School Management Committee) members on sustainable WASH Behaviour at schools and communities. A total of 68 members including community leaders, parents & teachers were part of the workshop. The workshops help to sensitize on sustainable WASH – Knowledge, Attitude and Practices.



Child Protection Training Program for Madurai consortium partners

CPTF training program conducted for Madurai consortium partners alongwith SAMUDAY team members in our HCLTech campus. The training program facilitated by:

- Mr. Francis Rebello Child Protection Consultant,

- Mr. Yokesh from HCL Samuday
- Dr. Neelima Chopra- Lead ECCD and Education
- 29 people from Madurai Consortium participated in this program out of which 5 of them are from HCL SAMUDAY program Thoothukudi.



Graduation Day – ECCD Centre

Graduation day celebrated at the ECCD centre in our My Community location, District Child protection from ICDS and 4 HCL Volunteers , children were honored with some small gifts from our HCL Tech employees



Communication Session -AEA

In the Skill Vertical 6 HCL Volunteers conducted session on Communication to our Yuvekendra Students, role plays and practical oriented sessions were conducted on during the communication session.



Junior Athletic Meet Champions

Athletes participated ,and won the overall championship by winning 30 medals - 12 Gold Medals, 13 Silver Medals and 5 bronze medals in the Madurai District Athletic Association's Junior Athletic Meet 2023.



National Nutrition Week- ECCD

National nutrition week was commemorated in one of our ECCD centre in our My community location. 35 children along with their parents were sensitized on Nutrition aspects and individual counselling were also done for the parents with the help of ANM and 2 HCL Volunteers.



Convergence meeting

A convergence meeting was held with MOICs (Medical officer In charge) and HEOs (Health Education Officer) from the respective UPHCs/UCHCs (Urban Primary health center / Urban Community health center) in Lucknow. The objective of the meeting was to strengthen the sustainability of the VATSALYA "Aao Batein Karein" (ABK) programme and promote collaboration in our collective efforts to deliver effective family planning services



World Contraception Day

An engaging event conducted in 3 urban slum communities (Nai Basti, Ahibaranpur, and Puraniya Crossing) of Lucknow as part of the VATSALYA "Aao Batein Karein" Project to celebrate World Contraception Day. The highlight of the event was an engaging balloon game designed to raise awareness about the benefits of maintaining a smaller family size.



Nutrition Week 2023

Mamta-HIMC celebrated Nutrition Week from September 1 to 7, 2023. The focus was on promoting awareness of balanced diets and informed dietary decisions for better physical and mental well-being. Initiatives included community gatherings, baby showers, awareness marches, and cost-effective meal demonstrations at five Anganwadi sites. In total, 24 activities engaged 225 participants, with 17 males and 208 females involved.



Orientation Session for UCHC Staff

Mamta HIMC, in partnership with HCL Foundation, conducted two one-day orientation sessions at UCHC Aliganj and Aishbagh, involving 75 participants. These sessions covered Kayakalp, National Quality Assessment Standard (NQAS), and Infection Prevention Protocol, aimed at equipping healthcare providers to enhance facility quality and prepare for certification, emphasizing high-quality healthcare services



Industry 4.0 Technology showcase in UP International Trade show

HCLFoundation is supporting to strengthening ITIs and creating awareness through Skill Rath Van and skill upgradation on industry 4.0 technology by implementing partner Grey Sims Learning Foundation at Lucknow. Recently, team were invited to showcase Industry 4.0 tech knowledge. Hon'ble Minister of State of Vocational Education and Skill Development, GoUP, Sh. Kapil Dev Agarwal and Principal Secretary, VESD Sh. M K Sundaram (IAS) visited Skill Rath Project stall at UP International Trade Show.



Session at HHHF Yuvakendra on 21st Century skills

HCLTech Volunteers organized a session for our Yuvakendra students enrolled in Make India Capable course. The session topic was 21st century skills. HCLtech Volunteers have been part of this programme and supporting and motivating Yuvakendra students.



Session on Health & Capacity building at Govt. Mahila ITI College– Future Skill Lab, Aliganj

Session on health and capacity building organized by Skill NGO Partner GSLF with support of Health Partner MAMTA at Govt. Mahila ITI college, Aliganj, Lucknow with 30 female students who are enrolled in IOT (Internet of Things) course. 8 HCLTech volunteers joined the session and share their experiences with the ITI students and encourage them to build up new age skills to match the current job requirements in the market and keep updating skills.



MoU signed with Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority for expansion of My Clean City

HCLFoundation signed an MoU with the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority in the presence of Shri. Ravi Kumar (IAS), CEO, GNIDA, Smt. Medha Roopam (IAS), ACEO, GNIDA, Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President – Global CSR, HCLFoundation and Mr. Alok Varma, Project Director – Samuday & My Clean City, HCLFoundation to transform waste management practices and processes in Greater Noida through My Clean City program.





3,197
Volunteers



10,146
Hours



7,652
Programme
Participants

Major Highlights

401 HCLTech volunteers across 6 coastal sites in India participated enthusiastically in the beach-up clean drives commemorating International Coastal Clean-up Day 2023. They played an important role towards the overall waste collection of 5,917 kgs.



100+ saplings were planted at the HCLFoundation Amarpura Harit Upvan (urban forest) in Noida with participation from 75 volunteers led by the DWP Women's Council.



20+ HCLTechies across Noida & Lucknow, especially the young TechBee, spent time engaging with children at the Saksham center for visually impaired (Noida) and the CLR Shishuvan (daycare center for early childhood care and development) by celebrating the children's birthdays for the month of September. This will be a recurring engagement.



Special Mention

The TME-VSOM business team along with a renowned publishing house client's leadership, visited the RASTA Sarfabad Gurukul center in Noida to understand scope of collaboration for improving the lives of children-with focus on literacy levels. A book-fair for children will be organized jointly in the coming month. This effort forms a part of TME-VSOM's unique long-term volunteering and engagement model.



Kabaddi players representing the Gantha Inter College under the HCLFxSVF partnership emerged as winners in the Indian Style Kabaddi Tournament held at Gram Atta Gujran Satveer Nagar Netha Ji Farm, Sports City, Dankaur, Gautham Buddha Nagar. The team was awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 11,000.

📍 **Noida**



It was yet another moment of pride when three of our girls from the Kannagi Nagar Police Boys & Girls Club have been selected for U-17 Girls Football State Championship based on their outstanding performance at the SGFI Regional Selection Trial. Congratulations, Deepika, Sharanya and Rupa!

📍 **Chennai**



Recently, the Lucknow Mandal sent 24 talented football girl players to participate in the U-19 Junior Girls UP State Trials at Chowk Stadium, Lucknow. Out of the 81 participants, that 15 of our players have secured spots in the U-19 Junior Girls State Football Team of Uttar Pradesh.

📍 **Lucknow**



22 of the best football players from SFC program at Bengaluru are all set to showcase their best football skills in 2-month long Karnataka Women's Super Division Football League. Now in its 4th edition our girls are taking part will see best performers of this league get be shortlisted to play Indian Women's Leagues which leads to a selection trials fro National Team.

📍 **Bengaluru**





When our sports athletes participated in the Madurai District Athletic Association's Junior Athletic Meet 2023 they won the overall championship winning 30 Medals:

12 Gold Medals | 13 Silver Medals | 5 bronze medals.

Among those, 11 have also been selected to participate in the 37th Tamil Nadu Inter District Junior Athletics

📍 **Madurai**

Football players from the HCLFoundationxMJAS partnership participated in U-17 and U-19 District level School Games and emerged as Runners up in both categories. 13 girls were selected to represent Ajmer district in the State School Games in the Under 17 and Under 19 categories - based on their performance at the district level.

📍 **Noida**



In a first, 6 of our Football players – all girls – participated in the SGFI District Level Badminton Competition and all 6 brought home a gold. Few have also been selected for the SGFI U-19 & U-14 Girls Badminton Lucknow Mandal Team.

📍 Lucknow



4 of our basketball players won the Junior NBA Delhi Championship and were selected to represent Delhi at the Jr NBA National championship, held at Greater Noida. They spent 2 days at the complex and played against 8 teams and reached the semi finals and lost a close match to Bangalore.

📍 Noida



7 of our talented students from HCLFoundation supported SFC partner SVF players participated U-19 Girls Weight Lifting Competition.

3 Girls got the Gold (Anshika, Anuska and Saniya) and 4 Girls got the Silver Amodni, Muskan, Urvashi and Vasu.

All of them have been selected for the SGFI U-19 Girls Weight Lifting Mandal Team Lucknow

📍 Lucknow



HCLFoundation supported SFC partner Krida Vikas Sanstha (Slum Soccer) programme participant Samiksha Khandaikar has been selected to participate in the Junior State Championship in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra in the Triathlon event.

📍 Nagpur



SFC Sports partners from Ajmer, Delhi, Lucknow , Noida and Bengaluru participated in Quarter-1 Scientific based assessment at the Abhinav Bindra Foundation's Delhi and Bengaluru Centres. These players are part of STEAMS and Assessment scholarships.

📍 **Delhi**



HCLFoundation supported SFC partner Maatru PRATISHTANA Kabaddi Boys and Girls teams Secured first place in the District-level competition and have now been selected to compete at the Divisional level.

📍 **Bengaluru**



8 girls -basketball players - participated in Mandal Level in basketball tournament representing GB Nagar in Meerut and 4 girl's get selected to participate in State Level! Congratulations, Sachina, Shalini, Magnesh and Kanika.

📍 **Noida**



M. Bhavadharani of 8th std has been selected to play for Tamil Nadu State In the U-14 Kabaddi girls team.



📍 **Chennai**

13 of our football players from Lucknow participated in the U-19 State Football Tournament held at Agra; team lost in quarter finals but 2 players selected for U-19 National Camp.

Jyoti Yadav and Saloni Kashyap

📍 **Lucknow**



HCLFoundation supported SFC partner SVF 5 Kabaddi students have been selected for the Women's Senior Kabaddi State Team: Ruksar, Sarita Rawat, Rupa Chauhan, Shikha, Arti Nishad.

We're proud of their hard work and dedication. Let's cheer them on as they represent UP State.

📍 **Lucknow**





Online Learning Sessions by Academy

One Health for All: Paradigms of dog-mediated rabies in India

Academy by HCLFoundation organized an online session on Sept 26, 2023, 'Understanding and Identifying various paradigms of dog-mediated rabies in India'. The session included experts from animal welfare organizations, veterinary sciences and medical associations and saw a reach to 390 individuals.



Breaking the Barriers to Inclusion @ Workplace: Understanding LGBTQIA+ Identities

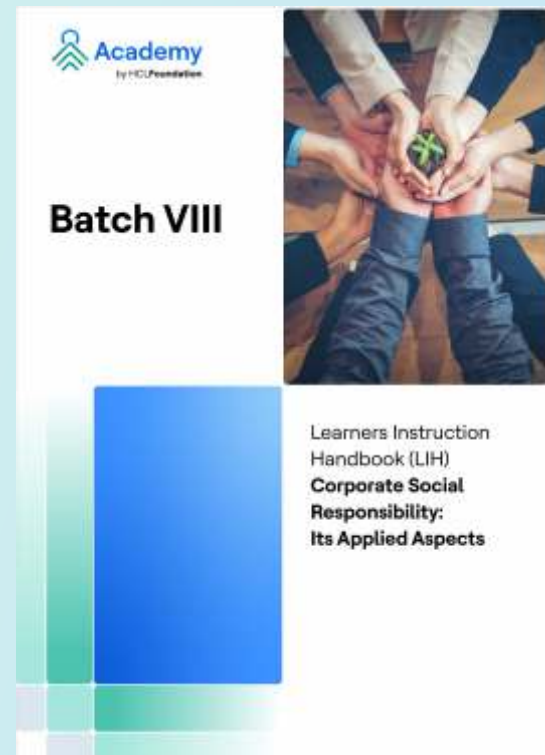
Academy in partnership with Solidarity Foundation hosted an online session to share real-life challenges and also to propagate aspects of Inclusion at workplaces and to learn about LGBTQIA+ communities and find ways to break the barriers towards creating an inclusive workplace.

The discussions, polls and real-life scenarios were led by expert panelists who shared their felt experiences.



Online Course by Academy

Academy received a total of 2268 nominations all over India for its 3-month certificate course on Corporate Social Responsibility and its Applied Aspects, Batch VIII. The batch will begin on October 20, 2023 and will be hosted on Academy's online Learning Management System.



Offbeat Saree Exhibition, Design Museum, London

My E-Haat by HCLFoundation goes Global

50 Skillful artisans invested a total of 3500+ hours of pure passion and dedication in making of 85 handwoven sarees and 85 Nehru Jackets. The handloom products were presented at Offbeat Saree Exhibition, Design Museum, London by HCLTech.

Corporate Social Responsibility Conclave

My E-Haat had an opportunity to set up the stall at the Corporate Social Responsibility Conclave, hosted by the Department of Public Enterprises on September 25th and 26th, 2023.



Global CSR

HCLTech Sri Lanka CSR team Project "Scripted Expedition" – Book donation in partnership with SOS Children's Village, Sri Lanka

- A total of 600+ books and stationery were donated to SOS Children's Village book library.
- Sharing books equal to sharing knowledge. Keeping that in mind, our HCLTech Sri Lanka CSR members ran a book donation project to collect books and stationery from our employees.



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