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Partnering for Change 2024

Dear Readers,

The month of February was 'SDG17 in action'! It saw the coming together of the extended ecosystem of HCLFoundation's network of partners - which have only grown since 2011 - at the Partnering for Change 2024 event at New Delhi. This year, the 7th edition of the 'Partnering for Change' event witnessed participation of over 479 participants from 200+ Partner Organizations, NGOs & key stakeholders.

On the programme front we saw the inauguration of STEM labs at Government Inter College, Nishatganj, Lucknow - in the presence of senior leadership from HCLTech and HCLFoundation.

We also saw the power of sport reach areas faced with extreme climate conditions, yet managing to receive significant participation from schools and students at the 6th SFC Competitions District Qualifiers.

Happy reading!

Warm regards,
Team HCLFoundation

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Key Highlights

7th Edition of the Partnering for Change 2024

HCLFoundation's network of partners has grown considerably since 2011 which also highlights the diversity of partnerships towards accelerating the development for both people and planet. This year, the 7th edition of the 'Partnering for Change' event witnessed participation of over 479 participants from 200+ Partner Organizations, NGOs & key stakeholders. The HCLFoundation team continues to nurture engagement, foster partnership, collaboration, commitment and contribution of a multitude of partnerships towards transformative sustainable development. The event witnessed promising

progress made by each NGO partner & the best practices that emerged across varied geographies, themes and flagship programmes such as Samuday, HCLTech Grant, Uday, My Clean City, Harit, Sports for Change, My E-haat, Power of One and Academy. It was a platform to co-create approaches for the way ahead - aligned to the vision/mission of HCLFoundation as well as the larger Sustainable Development framework. HCLFoundation wishes to extend gratitude to all partners across verticals and geographies for the collaborative partnership bringing positive transformation for people and planet.

[Click here](#) to watch all the action from the two action-packed days



Key Representations

The 13th Edition of World CSR Day took place in Mumbai. The Summit was a gathering of Global CSR leaders who have worked in the development sector and are being recognized for their remarkable work. The focus is to highlight Sustainable Development Goals and the progress and initiatives related to them. Dr. Nidhi Pundhir was conferred Most Impactful CSR leader award for her work in the development sector. The award was received by Ms. Simi Suri, General Manager HCLFoundation.



Dr. Nidhi Pundhir was a keynote speaker at the Jagran CSR Summit 2024. She spoke on the topic - CSR in India: A Decade's Experience & Journey, and presented HCLFoundation's work. organized by Jagran Group, in collaboration with India CSR, serves as a platform for stakeholders from various sectors to exchange insights and strategies for impactful CSR initiatives.



Uttar Pradesh Global Investor Summit, organized the Ground Breaking Ceremony - 4.0 (GBC - 4.0). The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister that witnessed the gathering of dignitaries from across the country, providing a valuable platform to highlight the achievements of the state government. Mr. Alok Varma, Project Director, Samuday and My Clean City, received the award on behalf of HCLFoundation and presented our work.



Anuj Srivastava - Manager, HCLTech Grant - represented HCLFoundation at the Corporate CSR Heads Panel Discussion on 'Sustainable Synergies: Navigating CSR in the Era of Global Challenges', at IIM- Bangalore . The Social Impact Summit, 'Sustainable Synergies - Shaping the Future Together', was hosted by Prayaas. At the Summit, HCLFoundation was also honored with the Excellence in Community Impact award in recognition of its contribution and dedication to making a difference in the communities it serves.



Dr. Chethana Thirthahalli, Health Lead, HCLFoundation represented HCLFoundation at the American India Foundation (AIF). The event convened health experts, government stakeholders, policymakers, and thought leaders to explore the landscape of adolescent health in India. Its aim was to foster cross-learning, collaboration, and collective action to improve access, awareness, and health outcomes for adolescents.



Dr. Nidhi Pundhir was a Guest of Honor at Craft Katha, a celebration of handmade crafts & products held in New Delhi. She presented the work of My E-Haat in this context.



At the International Conference on "Intersections of Knowledge: Exploring Discourses and Beyond in Humanities and Social Sciences," hosted by BITS Pilani, ICSSR, and SAGE Publications.

The collaborative paper, "Empowering Rural Women through Afforestation Initiatives in Gautam Buddha Nagar," co-authored by Dr. Nidhi Pundhir- Vice President, Global CSR, HCLTech & Director, HCLFoundation, Dr. Santanu Basu, Project Director – Harit, Shahbaz Anwar, Associate Manager – Harit and Ankit Kumar, Deputy Manager - Harit - garnered appreciation for its comprehensive adherence to degrowth principles, emphasizing environmental preservation, community advancement, and sustainable development.



Ms. Riti Mehrotra - Associate Sector Lead, HCLFoundation spoke at a panel discussion titled 'SwachhtaCharcha' organized by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), in partnership with National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) at Noida Haat. The discussion was focused on the role and contribution of civil societies, citizens, government, and CSR organisations in the promotion of cleanliness in our cities.





Star Team Member of the Month

Meet Vaibhav Chauhan - the dynamic Group Manager at HCLFoundation's flagship Samuday and My Clean City programme. Vaibhav's journey into the world of CSR and development is nothing short of inspiring. This, is his story...

(Excerpts from an interview. Edited and condensed for clarity.)

A PCM kid

Hailing from the vibrant lands of Rajasthan, Vaibhav's education journey began, as he puts it, 'as a PCM kid' (He means that like many students in the 10+2 system in India, he too had opted for subjects of Physics, Chemistry and Maths a.k.a. the non-medical stream in his +2). This, then, led him to the classrooms of the National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra. Armed with a degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Vaibhav embarked on a professional journey that would eventually lead him to the corridors of development and empowerment.

...to intoxicate or not - that is the question!

Vaibhav's career trajectory took an intriguing turn when he ventured into the world of analytics, navigating through the realms of consumer behavior for a major alcohol and spirits brand. However, it was a pivotal moment of introspection that propelled him towards a path of social impact. In his signature candid demeanor, Vaibhav recalls, "I thought to myself, if analytics can drive consumer behaviour change, how much more good can it do - when put to good use? When put to use towards development?" That, led him to interact with his interns - the brilliant minds from an institution of repute. That institution would go onto become his alma mater. And the interns - his seniors, guides and mentors.

Hello, DSE. Also, hello world of development.

The institution being referred to above, is Delhi School of Economics. Vaibhav took up M.A. Economics at the prestigious DSE. Ofcourse, this journey was marked with rigor, academic excellence and research - laying the foundation for his future endeavors - mostly in rural development. It is from here that he went on to work with the National Centre For Agriculture Economics and Policy Research, Institute of Rural Management, Anand and even teaching at the Indian School of Business and Finance.

Joining HCLFoundation

Vaibhav's almost-a-decade-long association with HCLFoundation began through a serendipitous connection - his brother's association with the HCLTech marketing team. "He informed me that the team is on the lookout for development professionals and I interviewed for this role," Vaibhav recalls. His journey from being the third member to join the Samuday programme team to being the Group Manager for the transformative projects in Hardoi and Noida today - underscores his commitment to the cause of rural empowerment.

A Day-in-the-life of Vaibhav

Vaibhav puts it rather succinctly, "from bustling office days to immersive fieldwork - to sometimes both in the same day - that's what my workdays are made of! Strategizing in the boardroom, engaging with communities on the ground, people management with equal bits problem solving and troubleshooting via e-mails and on-ground, upskilling the teams I work with to the processes of HCLTech following our transition and such."

"I tend to tackle it all by dividing my workday into two halves. The first half, I tend to reserve towards email correspondence, delivering on key milestones and setting the tone for the day. And post-lunch is for collaborative sessions, dissecting of challenges, and orchestrating solutions - basically when I get my hands dirty" Vaibhav laughs.

The evolution of Samuday

Vaibhav mentions how he and the Samuday team at large were guided by Mr. Nadar's vision and the "stickman approach." This innovative method laid the groundwork for a collaborative ideation process, weaving together diverse perspectives and ideas to sculpt a transformative vision for rural empowerment. ("It continues to guide us to date - as we make deeper inroads into Thoothukudi," Vaibhav notes.) It was through relentless community engagement, design thinking, and iterative experimentation, that Samuday became what it did today. Vaibhav recalls with pride and fondness the milestones - such as the remarkable feat of empowering 100,000 women with literacy—a testament to the power of thinking big and manifesting grand visions into reality.

In the same breath Vaibhav mentions about the My Clean City programme, and how its inception was not merely a response to environmental challenges but a testament to HCL's ethos of proactive problem-solving. He adds, "Stemming from a larger plan to green and rejuvenate Noida, the initiative blossomed into a holistic endeavor, encompassing waste management, behavioral change campaigns, and community engagement.

A fond memory at work?

"Ek ho to bataun!" (There are so many), Vaibhav laughs, adding, "Of course there are the gratifying times during the course of a project such as when we embraced creativity at a whole other level - leveraging mascots, rap songs, and multimedia campaigns to instill a culture of cleanliness and civic responsibility under My Clean City programme."

Vaibhav's voice assumes a spontaneous, candid undertone as he adds, "I dont know if you can publish this but, "the party's never stopped!" Vaibhav fondly recalls, his own journey and how it was punctuated by memorable celebrations and camaraderie—a testament to HCL's unique blend of professionalism and fun-loving spirit.

When not steering the wheels of change, Vaibhav finds solace in the warmth of his family. Residing in Noida with his parents, wife, and his four-year-old son, Harsh, Vaibhav cherishes every moment spent with his loved ones. While his professional pursuits leave little room for extracurricular activities, Vaibhav finds joy in the simple pleasures of parenthood, relishing the precious moments shared with his son.



Supporting environmental action



Journey of a saline sodic land to a vibrant green space

Harit Upvan Upralsi was a barren and desolate patch and facing waterlogging during rainy season. In 2022, the Noida Authority allocated 6.75 acres of land to HCLFoundation, marking a significant step towards environmental conservation and community well-being. Through collaborative effort and partnership with NGO partners, a network of trenches built to tackle waterlogging. These trenches also assisted in soil recovery and harvesting rain water during monsoons. Along with that, rainwater beds were also created as protective walls around the area to prevent saline water from getting in. Saplings selection was critical as not all species would survive in these soil conditions. Species like Arjun, Black plum, Pongamia, and Mulberry were carefully selected as they can survive such soil conditions. Moreover, organic manure was also added to boost growth. These yielded good results. Plantation of native tree species helped in restoring habitat of many local fauna. So far 104,495 saplings have been planted in Upralsi. Harit Upvan's journey from a barren land to lush green space stands is testimony to nature's resilience and collective human effort.



Underwater survey

As a part of Ghost net mitigation program with Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve Trust (GoMBRT), underwater survey was carried out in the adjoining the reef area of Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park. The survey was executed at Vilanguchalli patch reef at Tuticorin by Dr. Adhavan Devendiran from HCLFoundation and Suganthi Devadason Marine Research Institute (SDMRI) diving team at a depth of around 15 meters. Initially the area was assessed with roving diver surveys to ascertain presence of debris before the deployment of the transects at the site. The substrate on which the debris was found was assessed by applying the Belt Transect method. Three random transects were laid in different directions from the boat at each site and data was collected by diving above the tape measurements.



Connect with nature

Eco Roots Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation organised a 3-day nature walk and nest making workshops at Okhla Bird Sanctuary for 45 students and 6 teachers from Rasta Gurukul Learning Centre, aiming to connect students and teachers with nature, providing knowledge of birds and their ecosystem and build a sense of appreciation for nature. Moreover, they were taught the importance of wetlands especially in urban setting and the need for conservation of smaller birds. Students were thrilled to see an insect hotel for the first time.



Transforming rural communities



Samuday
by HCLFoundation

Empowering women through setting up of agro processing unit in Beniganj FPO

Beniganj Farmer Producer Company (FPC) is a women-led organization based in Sikandarpur Gram Panchayat of Kothawan. Comprised of 200 women from Beniganj, all members actively engage in FPC activities. Recognizing the potential of groundnut production, the FPC invested in a groundnut sheller machine, yielding over ₹1 lakh in profit within 21 days and benefiting over 500+ farmers. Encouraged by this success, the women proposed and successfully established a flour mill and spice grinding machine this month, enabling year-round income generation. These initiatives exemplify Beniganj FPC's commitment to empowering its members and fostering sustainable economic growth in the community.



Nano-orchards: Doubling farmers' income

This narrative recounts the experience of Sarna Harinaam from Unnoti GP, Tandiawan Block, who benefited from the interventions of the Samuday by HCLFoundation programme. In spite of risks from animals such as monkeys and blue bulls, he expressed interest in cultivating cash crops to improve his livelihood. HCLFoundation supported him by providing 230 premium banana plants for one kachha bigha of land, along with fertilizers, vermicompost, liquid formulations, farm manures and necessary guidance.

Although initially he cultivated in one kachha bigha, he expanded his cultivation to 2 kachha bigha using suckers from the provided plants. After 12-14 months, he harvested his first-year crop in February, selling approximately 70 quintals of bananas and earning a significant net income of more than Rs. 80,000/-. He marketed his produce in Bareilly, Lucknow, and local fruit markets in Hardoi. This success story is inspiring other farmers to consider establishing Nano-orchards on their own lands.



Training of trainers on “Digital literacy, coding, computation thinking and artificial intelligence”

In a collaborative effort to bridge the digital divide, HCLFoundation partnered with the State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) under the Government of Uttar Pradesh (GoUP) to organize a five-day residential training program. The objective of the training was to capacitate teachers and trainers on Digital Literacy and Artificial Intelligence, integrated into the educational framework for classes VI, VII, and VIII starting from the academic year 2024-25.

Executed in a phased manner, the Training of Trainers (ToT) was organized in four batches. The closing ceremony, followed by certificate distribution, was held on February 2nd, 2024, graced by dignitaries including Ms. Kanchan Verma IAS, D.G., School Education & SPD, Basic Education Dept; Ms. Sarita Tiwari, Director of SCERT, GoUP; Mr. Pawan Sachan, Joint Director of SCERT-GoUP; Mr. Yogesh Kumar,

Group Operations Head, HCLFoundation; and Ms. Kirti Karamchandani, Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy, HCL Group.

In total, 277 members completed the TOT from all districts of UP. On analyzing, pre-training assessment and post-training assessment revealed a significant improvement, with scores increasing by 17.48%, highlighting the effectiveness of the training in enhancing participants' knowledge and skills.



Adolescent health anemia programme camp

A camp was organized under the Adolescent Health Anemia project at the CBG inter college Kothawan to measure changes in the health of adolescent girls to mark the impact of the program. The event featured various activities including anthropometry measurement, screening of Hb level through invasive method and doctor's consultation to assess and address individual health needs. Around 121 adolescent girls present in the camp were catered to and counselled on anemia and associated topics. A visually engaging rangoli display highlighting topics of importance such as anemia and its symptoms, menstrual cycle, nutrition during adolescence and importance of IFA & Moringa supplements were

showcased by adolescent girls to enhance knowledge and behavioral changes.

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President, Global CSR – HCLTech, and Director, HCLFoundation, and Alok Varma, Project Director – Samuday and My Clean City, HCLFoundation actively engaged with adolescent girls and school staff, fostering dialogue and awareness about anemia prevention and management. To ensure the sustainability of the program, a Moringa plantation initiative was also undertaken – promoting the cultivation of nutrient rich plants for long-term health benefits within the community.



Mobile health clinics flagged off

The revamped Mobile Health Clinics project aims to provide general and specialized services to hard-to-reach rural communities of Hardoi. With OPD and laboratory services on board, 8 Mobile health clinics will be providing services to 11 blocks of Hardoi with an approximate of 21 Lakhs population.

The new MHC services were flagged off by Dr. Nidhi Pundhir and Mr. Alok Varma.



Training of poshan mitras and anganwadi workers

As an integral part of implementation of home-based nutrition camps intervention, community volunteers AKA poshan mitras are deployed as a key human resource on-ground. Various partners of nutrition interventions have trained more than 205 PoshanMitras on engaging with community members and local communities for effective behavior change communication and appropriate counselling to various stakeholders. After finishing the on-ground implementation, the PoshanMitras act as change agents and key influencers in the community. 66 Anganwadi workers were also trained for effective service delivery through enhanced knowledge.



Non communicable diseases screening camps organised

A Non-Communicable Diseases screening camp was organized under the Tele-Medicine project at Ghd Health and Wellness Centre – Beniganj in Kothawan block as a part of the promotional health campaigns. This NCD camp played a crucial role in screening, early detection, management and spreading awareness among the masses about increasing prevalence of NCDs. The key messages included the fundamental knowledge about NCDs, risk factors and prescribed preventive measures. 106 beneficiaries were registered and screened, with help of Community Based Assessment Checklist (CBAC) and by measuring parameters such as height, weight, blood pressure and blood glucose; which are vital for identifying Obesity, Hypertension, Diabetes and other associated health problems. Tele-consultation services, medicines and focused counselling were delivered to all participants. Frontline workers of the catchment area along with government officials also actively participated. The event was graced by the presence of Ms. Anandita Chauhan, Sr. Vice President – HR, HCLTech.



Nutrition kits distribution to people with tuberculosis under TB elimination project

Samuday's Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Project has extended its vital support to a cohort of 210 people with TB hailing from the Sandila and Ahirori blocks of Hardoi, by providing them with Nutrition support. There is a commitment to provide a monthly nutrition kit to each enrolled person with TB until the completion of their treatment. The inaugural distribution of the nutrition kits marked a significant milestone in the project. All of the people with TB and

their attendants were counselled about Adverse Drug Reactions due to TB Treatment, Nutritional counseling, and importance of good hygiene practices.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Ms. Anandita Chauhan, and Alok Varma along with MOIC Sandila and District Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. SaradVaish, MOIC Ahirori, Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh.



U.P. district level ground breaking ceremony @ 4.0 in Hardoi district

HCLFoundation participated in the U.P. District Level Ground Breaking Ceremony @4.0 organized in Hardoi district. It was a great opportunity to showcase the handcrafted products in the programme which are developed under the Samuday's Handicrafts intervention for sustainable livelihood generation. The diverse and intricate Indian handicraft tradition, carried out by the skilled rural artisans who create exquisite products like Chikankari, Block Print, Taat, and Wheat Grass products has a significant economic value to enhance the livelihoods of craftsmen.

District Magistrate–Mangla Prasad Singh, Child Development Officer–Saumya Gururaniwere among the key participants present.

Traditional art forms turning into sustainable source of livelihood.

With support from Samuday, the traditional artisanship is reshaping into the sustainable source of livelihood through on-going Chikankari art-based livelihood generation project. The initiative to train and develop new Chikankari artisans holds enormous economic importance as it provides opportunities of sustainable, low investment and low carbon livelihoods at the location where rural producers reside. Training and Capacity building of 100 new Chikankari artisans has started in Hardoi district and the 1st batch has been trained; now, they will further be engaged in the production work. This initiative is an noteworthy illustration of how lives are being transformed on ground while aligning with the principles of inclusive development.



Gram panchayat-level shapath samaroh

A Gram Panchayat level "Shapath Samaroh" and Project Closure meeting were organized as part of a Samuday project's culmination efforts. The objective was to review project milestones, verify completed work details, and receive acknowledgment and appreciation from Gram Panchayat (GP) members for the successful implementation of various initiatives. These initiatives included mass cleanliness drives, awareness campaigns, solid waste management, plastic waste management through household plastic holdings, establishment of plastic banks at the community level, and efforts towards Garbage venerable points (GVP) eradication.

75 Gram Panchayats were covered under the Clean Village Initiative, where approx. 1500 people, including Gram Pradhan, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Water Sanitation Community (GPWSC) members and stakeholders, participated in workshops at different locations.



Waste-to-art installations

Waste-to-art venues are developing in eight Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh. These works of art are made up of reusable and recyclable materials. 11 models have been installed so far and 57 more sites will be beautified using such models in coming months. These sites are developed under Swachh Nagar Pariyojana, an initiative of HCLFoundation.



Vasant panchami celebrations

On the occasion of Vasant Panchami, HCLFoundation under Samuday and CDC Trust organized a humble event at the Rampyari School, Sandila Urban Local Body in Hardoi - to raise awareness among schoolchildren about the importance of integrated waste management, promote youth's active participation in sustainable practices, and inculcate a sense of environmental responsibility. As part of this program, 150 kids participated in the orientation lessons on the value of nature and conservation, followed by a fun snake and ladder game.



Empowering NGOs that transform rural India



**HCLTech
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HCLTech Grant partners enable the 6th Edition of Sports For Change

HCLTech Grant along with She Hope Society for Women Entrepreneurs – winner HCLTech Grant in 2019 (Category: Health) and Bal Raksha Bharat, winner HCLTech Grant in 2020 (Category: Education), participated in the district level qualifiers under the Sports for Change initiative by HCLFoundation across Jammu & Kashmir and Karnataka aiming to reach the youth from underserved communities and empower young leaders.

In the Union Territory of J&K, it was hosted for the government school children in the districts of

Baramulla, Budgam, Gandherbal, Poonch, Kupwara and Rajouri. The event saw participation of 630+ students in 12 sporting categories.

In Karnataka, the qualifiers in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Vijayanagara, and Ramanagara were hosted by SAAHAS, HCLTech Grant winner in the year 2021 – which saw ~1000 children compete in various sports.

These competitions have seen a steady, good turnout over the past few years – highlighting the increasing awareness about the importance of sport.



Capturing the impact through project 'Cot to community' by the association of people with disability

HCLTech Grant undertook Impact video documentation of project 'Cot to Community' in Karnataka. The project is a comprehensive rehabilitation approach for People with Spinal Cord Injury (PwSCI) and works in 29 districts of Karnataka. Over the last 2 years, this project resulted in mainstreaming and bringing back 864 (PwSCIs) people with spinal cord injuries from 'Cot' to 'Community' along with providing financial independence through livelihood support to 257 PwSCIs. 59 trained para sports professionals have made India proud – winning 75 medals nationally & internationally through the 'wings of wheel' initiative.



Breaking the cycle of urban poverty



 **Uday**
by HCLFoundation

Bengaluru

National deworming day: deworming for a healthier tomorrow

National Deworming Day was observed in Mayabazar and Anandapuram from February 9th to 12th February 2024, where the Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) from the Primary Health Center (PHC) visited the crèches in both localities, providing deworming treatment to 5 children in Anandapuram and 4 children in Mayabazar. An awareness session was conducted alongside the deworming activities to educate caregivers about Albendazole tablets, the deworming medication administered to children on this day. The session also shed light on the significance of the Mop-Up Day (MUD), aimed at reaching out to youngsters who missed their dose on National Deworming Day along with prevention strategies.



ECE training for anganwadi workers

Training for anganwadi workers spanned for 2 days, focusing on key areas: 5 domains of development, the model anganwadi set up and effective classroom management techniques.



Champions of khel 2024 football cup

Football excellence girls were crowned champions of Khel 2024 Football Cup, an Inter University Football tournament conducted by Mount Carmel College.



Gender workshop – ECCD staffs

Conducted a one day workshop for anganwadi workers on gender. Key discussion of the workshop includes: building self esteem among children- personalities. Anganwadi workers being the frontline in the community needs to be equipped with knowledge and awareness on gender issues.



Bengaluru

Placement drive for yuvakendra candidates

On 29th Feb recruitment drive was conducted by Intense Technologies Pvt Ltd at Jigani Yuvakendra for the Cloud Computing batch trainees. Following the HR, technical, and final rounds of interviews, six candidates were selected as Trainee Business Consultants and Trainee Software Engineers.



Volunteer engagement at puttenahalli government primary school

As part of C-WASH intervention, with the support HCLF built hand washing stations with 10 taps, the school consists of 1050 students from standard 1 to 8th standard. Students lacked hand washing facility after their mid-day meal. SOCHARA with support from HCLF built hand wash station with 12 taps and handed over the same for students use. The volunteer engagement was organized on 24th February 2024, highlighting the theme, Volunteering for Promoting Hand wash with School children. A total of 18 volunteers participated.



Chennai

De-worming Day

Bro. Siga Social Service Guild observed National De-worming Day at Gandhinagar-Chennai to spread awareness about the health threat of worms and promote alerts on taking de-worming tablets to our centre children. De-worming Day was conducted in 2 rounds: the 1st round on February 10, followed by 2nd round on August 10 every year to eliminate intestinal parasitism among children. This will safeguard the health and well-being of children. They received the de-worming tablets from the concerned PHC staff.



Sensational awareness programme for parents and teachers

Parents and teachers have shown a good understanding of the importance of well-being. Building on this, Nalandaway Foundation planned a short awareness programme for parents and teachers. The objective of the Programme was to provide support for children with various emotional and behavioral difficulties, identify problem behaviors in school that might affect their learning, and create a plan to care for children with emotional and behavioral difficulties.



A dialogue between health care professional, survivors and caregivers

In view of World Cancer Awareness Day 2024, Cancer Institute (WIA) and HCLFoundation organized dialogue between the health care professional, survivors, and caregivers of cancer patients on 'Bridging the Care Gap' for Cancer Survivors and Caregivers of cancer patients on 3rd February 2024, at Auditorium, SK campus, Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Kalpana Balakrishnan, Director, Cancer Institute (WIA), Chennai. The health care team comprised Dr. Aravind Krishnamurthy, Professor and Head of the Department of Surgical Oncology, Dr. Anandhi, Associate Professor and head of Radiation Oncology, Dr. Varadhan, Assistant Professor, Medical Oncology, Dr. Prasanth, Assistant Professor, Medical Oncology and Dr. Sundaramoorthy, Assistant Professor, Psycho-Oncology with cancer survivors and caregivers of the cancer patients. About 103 cancer survivors and caregivers gained from this programme.



Chennai

Youth health mela – 2024

Cancer Institute (WIA) Adyar, organized a 3 day Youth Health Mela, that aims to foster awareness regarding non communicable diseases among youth and instill healthy lifestyle practices within the community. A total of 8 workshops and symposium speeches by experts were conducted to encourage and motivate young minds. In addition to these sessions, various pre-and-on-spot events and competitions were conducted to strike enthusiasm among the students. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Ma. Subramaniyan, Hon'able Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of Tamil Nadu, and Mr. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, Hon'ble Minister of School Education, Govt of Tamil Nadu along with Dr. Selvavinayagam, Director of public

health and preventive medicine, Govt of Tamil Nadu, Dr. kalapana Balakrishnan, Director, Cancer Institute (WIA) and Dr. Chethana, Lead Health, HCLFoundation.

A total of 10,400 students and the public participated and benefited through Youth Health Mela 2024.



Open unit rally

The Open Unit District Rally is a standard judging competition exclusively for the Scouts and Guides of open units in Don Bosco District Association supported by the HCLFoundation in collaboration with Don Bosco Anbu Illam, HOPE foundation and Slum Children STEDS held for 02 days from 10th to 11th February, 2024 at Tonekala Campsite, Chennai. The objective of this programme is to inspire scouts and Guides to acquire scouting knowledge and foster teamwork.



Grassroots comic training to students – OfERR

On 23rd February OfERR Chennai school team organized a school comics exhibition & rally in ADW government higher secondary school, Paduvanchery. Ms. Manvi from world comics India also participated and collected feedback from students and teachers.

OfERR team members have given the training through the medium of grassroots comics in the theme of "Flood" and its related topics. By creating the story writing and addressing their local issues which are related to their theme. As an impact now students themselves can prepare their own comics. OfERR team conducted grassroots level comic orientation to chindathiripettai police boys and girls club students in Chennai. World comics India trainer participated and gave some inputs to students.



Hyderabad

National science day – science expo

On the occasion of "National Science Day" on 28th February, organized "Science Expo" at Govt. High School, NBT Nagar, Hyderabad. Students from 11 Govt. High Schools participated and exhibited 108 Science Models. The students were displayed innovative and thought provoking models like Robotics, Solar & Wind Power, Irrigation, Chandrayaan-3 Models and other innovative models.



WASH – exhibition at government high school

WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) exhibition was conducted at Govt. High School, Langarhouz, Hyderabad. The students were displayed various WASH Exhibits like Rainwater Harvesting, Solid Waste Management, Menstrual Hygiene Practices, Clean & Green City and other informative models. Around 30+ models were displayed from 05 Govt. High Schools. Total 80 students, 02 NGOs, 15+ teachers were part of the event.



Responsible kite flying – "Nylon manjha recovery drive"

To promote Responsible Kite Flying and to prevent birds to get injured due to abandoned "Manja (Nylon Thread) conducted a "Manjha Recovery Drive" event on 24th February 2024 at Kokapet, Hyderabad. Around 50+ volunteers from HCLTech, NGOs, HCL-Yuvakendra students and others participated in the drive and recovered 52+ kgs of Nylon Manjha.



Kolkata

Education for all

All the partner NGOs in Kolkata celebrated Vasant Panchami in the month of February 2024 and worshipped deity Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge and wisdom. The children offered their prayers and sought blessings to become better individuals in their lives and also wished that all children get opportunity to learn and grow and do not lose their childhood for any reason.



Promoted child protection

RKVM organised a session on child protection policy and explained the responsibilities of teachers as well as the students. The students were informed that if they faced any kind of harassment from anyone in school, they must inform it to the nominated committee of the school. Especially, if female students face any kind of harassment, they can lodge a complaint by dropping a complaint in the complaint box. The school has decided to conduct more such sessions for the children to grow in a safer environment.



Inclusive sports

Voice of World organised an Annual Sports Day on 23rd February 2024 at the Jubak Sangha Football Ground, Saltighat. About 100 Under-privileged & Differently-abled Children competed in about 20 sports events. In addition to it, a one-day knock out Cricket tournament for the Blind Boys was organised by National Federation for the Blind, West Bengal in collaboration with Lions Club Barisha, Behala on 25th February 2024. Teams from Jadavpur University, Rabindra Bharati University, Voice of World & Society or the Welfare for the Blind, Nadia participated in the tournament. They played 10 over knockout match with each other. Voice of World team won the tournament.



Lucknow

Aspiring entrepreneurship workshop at AMC LKO Cantt

Five days Aspiring Entrepreneurship Workshop (AEW) conducted with support of HCLFoundation in which 48 Army Veterans were part of the workshop. On the culmination day of workshop they presented business plan in groups on business ideas like Automobile service centre, RO, Fruits shop, Textile shop, Poultry farming, Pharmaceutical etc. made with the help of I-create team. HCLTech volunteers also joined in an activity where they have.



Community resource person training by safe society

Batch of 35 community resource person (CRP) trained on Menstrual hygiene and sanitary pad manufacturing and distribution plan so that they can work in the community they live and earn livelihood. Apart from that generation awareness for the social cause and women health has been key focus area of this training supported by HCLFoundation. This training will be conducted in every quarter to motivate and strike down CRP challenges in the field area.



HCL visit at UCHC indira nagar and community

Dr. Nidhi Pundir, Vice President Global CSR & Director HCLFoundation and Anandita Chauhan, Senior Vice President HR, HCLTech, visited urban community health centre in Indiranagar, Lucknow, where they witnessed the work being done under the UCHC strengthening plan, as well as Dr. Dilip Bhargava, the UCHC Medical Superintendent.



Training on Internet of Things (IoT) at govt ITI malihabad

GSFL- Skill development partner in Lucknow is conducting training on IoT based on industry 4.0 tech in Future Skill Lab supported by HCLFoundation in batches. Currently 50 students are participating in the training after which they will be placed in respective skill based organisation. This training is planned to conduct in all Lucknow ITI as this is the upcoming demand in the market and need from customer.



Lucknow

HCLTech volunteering training

On February 2nd, volunteer training took place at HCL campus, emphasizing the significance of volunteers and introducing the My Worth Project. The session aimed to inspire participants by highlighting the crucial role volunteers play in community development. Through interactive discussions, attendees gained insights into the values and principles underlying effective volunteering. The training underscored the impact volunteers can make in fostering positive change and emphasized aligning personal values with the objectives of the My Worth Project. Overall, the event provided a platform for volunteers to understand their importance and connect with the mission of enhancing societal well-being.



Nutrition and balance diet campaign

The nutrition and balanced diet initiative, tailored for students in grades 6-8, served as a vibrant endeavour to instil healthy eating habits and enhance nutritional consciousness. Employing interactive methods like engaging food selections, playful games, and hands-on tasks, students were empowered to make informed dietary choices. The session underscored the significance of incorporating diverse food groups into daily meals to ensure optimal nutrient consumption.



Lucknow

Saheli ki paheli

In efforts to raise awareness on critical issues like child marriage and male involvement in family planning, Vatsalya organized the "Saheli Ki Paheli" activity across four urban slum communities. The event featured an engaging interactive storytelling session where participants delved into pertinent topics. A highlight of the activity was the lively "Saheli Ki Paheli" game, where women asked questions regarding family planning, contraceptive usage, child marriage, etc. based on case studies. Women acted as both questioners and respondents, with correct answers earning them recognition in the form of crowns and sashes. The event garnered participation from local religious and community leaders, along with the presence of a health education officer from UCHC, enhancing the impact and reach of the initiative.



Cervical cancer awareness and HPV vaccination camp

In collaboration with Vatsalya & DFY, a cervical cancer awareness and HPV vaccination camp was organized on February 28, 2024, at UCHC Aliganj. The event was specifically tailored for adolescent girls aged 9-14 from intervention slum communities in Lucknow. The honorable State Minister for Health and Family Welfare graced the occasion as the chief guest, officially inaugurating the camp. The programme included an engaging and informative session on cervical cancer for adolescent girls, ASHAs, ANMs, CHC staff, and interns. A total of 78 adolescent girls aged 9 to 14 received their first dose of the Gardasil HPV vaccine.



Lucknow

Ratri chaupal

Under the Aao Batein Karein project, Ratri Chaupals were organised in urban slum communities to increase male participation in family planning. The participants were sensitized on key issues such as the benefits of small families, the drawbacks of large families, male participation in family planning, contraceptive use, and myths and misconceptions related to contraception.

To make the sessions engaging and informative, short movies and awareness videos were utilized. These visual aids helped convey complex information in a simple and relatable manner. By incorporating these elements, the activities became more interactive, enhancing the overall impact. The timing of the late evening to encourage greater male participation. Dr. Gaurav Pandey, MOIC, IIM Road, Dr. Anu Tiwari and Dr. Abrar Khan addressed the participants on family planning.



STEM lab inauguration

HCLFoundation installed a Stem Innovation and Learning Centre (Robotics Lab) & 12 mini Science Labs in government schools supported by HCLFoundation in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh recently. 2 STEM labs are inaugurated in the presence of Smt. Kanchan Verma, Director General School Education and State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President Global CSR & Director HCLFoundation, Ms. Anandita Chauhan, Senior Vice President HR, HCLTech, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, DIOS Lucknow and Mr. Rameshwar Prasad, Principal Government Inter College Nishatganj Lucknow.

Science is an integral part of the education initiative at HCLFoundation. Through our STEM interventions, we promote scientific acumen amongst young people to help them achieve academic excellence and break all barriers to live a dignified life.



Madurai

PFC- Best practices award VAAP trust

Received Best Practices Award in the Partnering for Change Event from Ms. Roshini Nadar Malhotra.



Young kalam science fair

Conducted Young Kalam science fair at our science lab, 52 innovative science models exhibited creatively. science club mentors, education department from municipal corporation and school heads witnessed the programme and honoured the winners.



Madurai

Tamilnadu state qualifiers - Overall championship Madurai

6th Edition SFC State Championship at Avadi Police Battalion Ground, Chennai! With 1000 participants from Madurai and Chennai, the day was filled with energy and sportsmanship in games like Kabaddi, Basketball, Kho Kho, Volleyball, Athletics, Football, Rugby, Chess, Carom and more. Grateful to our guests of honor, Mr.Suyambunathan Global Director of HCL, Olympian Devarajan and Superintendent Bhopana from the Income Tax Department, and our esteemed south partners. Madurai team has bagged the overall state championship, adding to the excitement and pride of the event!



C.V Raman STEM expo

C.V. Raman STEM Expo was held at Velliveethiyar Corporation Girls Higher Secondary School. A total of 130 students from 19 schools participated, showcasing their Science, Maths, and Robotics models. The event was inaugurated by esteemed guests including the Mayor of Madurai Corporation, the Corporation Education Office, the Chairman of the Education Committee, the Deputy Commissioner, and the South Zone Head.



Exposure visit- Yuvekendra students

We have arranged an Industrial Visit to Aurolab for our 3rd batch Yuvekendra students in Madurai. Ms. Swetha, HR manager and Mr. Vijay, Administrator officer of Aurolab motivated our Yuvekendra Students in skilling and upgradation and they have given a brief orientation of Aurolab and its services.



District level nutrition competition

We organized a district-level recipe competition for 29 school students, with their parents. District municipal corporation officials from Health department, Nutritionist Mohammad Riyaz and Kavitha Senthilkumar from the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre facilitated the event along with HCL volunteers. The event aims to promote behaviour change and encourage ongoing lifestyle modifications.



Nagpur

BCC training at NMC schools

Under WASH Initiatives at School, BCC Training was provided to 91 students of 2 NMC schools, Nagpur. Guidance was given on the importance of getting up "early morning - every morning", doing simple but regular exercise, personal cleanliness, attending school regularly similarly the guidance was given on good and bad touch. Awareness was given on addiction of tobacco which is a rising problem among school children and becoming a big social problem. Among these students special awareness session was given for 44 adolescence girls and information was provided on menstruation related problems, hygiene, precautions and cleanliness.



National science day celebration with corporation schools

A day long Science Festival was conducted on the occasion of National Science Day. Ms. Aanchal Goyal, Addl. Commissioner, NMC inaugurated the exhibition in presence of the Education Officer and Principals of all corporation schools. 41 models from 20+ Schools were displayed by the students.



Yuvakendra annual day and alumni meet

Annual function of HCLFoundation supported Earning with Dignity- Skill training and Livelihood project participants was organised by NIWCYD. Inclusive of past and current project period, total 146 youth participated in the event. Alumni shared their experiences with the current batch and motivated them to make maximum out of the opportunity provided to them through HCLF Yuvakendra.



Noida

Corporate sensitization workshop- Noida deaf society

To sensitize corporate teams on working with Deaf students, NDS has organised workshops that focus on communication strategies, fostering inclusivity, and providing resources like sign language interpreters. Encouraging awareness about deaf culture and dispelling misconceptions also contribute to a more inclusive workplace.



Tie & dye product development workshop – ATDC

In the month of February, the ATDC students from the Apparel Manufacturing technology (AMT) batch have prepared articles from tie & dye and other surface ornamentation techniques, like handbags, wall hanging, aprons. As the part of the exposure visit, the students also participated in the Noida Haat- Saras Ajeevika Mela where they got the chance to interact with the artisan from different states and learn about their handicrafts.



ATDC students volunteer at PFC 2024

Students from ATDC, participated in the Partnering For Change event 2024. The students were part of the registration team where they supported the HCLF team in getting the registrations done along with the distribution of kits.



Exposure visit – Prayatna

Exposure visit at SSMI (Swami Sivananda Memorial Institute and School) Punjabi Bagh. A workshop on block printing has been conducted where 30 SHG women participated and learned about various techniques involving around Block printing technology



Noida

CSE sessions for adolescent boys and girls

Comprehensive sexuality education sessions were conducted for the 8th standard boys and 7th & 8th class girls of Harola- Sector-5 Govt. upper primary school. In the CSE sessions topics covered were-Sexual and Reproductive Health, Gender and Diversity, Abuse, Rights & Responsibilities, Relationshipa and Life skills. Total 52 Boy students and 58 girl students were attended these sessions.



World cancer day observation

World Cancer Day is observed on 4th February, every year to spread world wide awareness on cancer. FPAI Noida Project observed world cancer day in it's operational location at Harola-Sector-5. The peer educators of FPAI with other youths of Harola conducted a rally around Harola market to bring awareness amongst community members. Total 30 adolescents and 15 females participated.



School inauguration ceremony

On the occasion of Basant Panchami a special ceremony was conducted with the 'School Infrastructure Handover' by HCLFoundation at the Government Primary School, Iteda, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. Two schools infrastructure work which is in alignment to Operation Kayakalp initiative by Govt. of Uttar Pradesh were handed over. Mr. Rahul Panwar, Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA), GB Nagar was the chief guest along with the village pradhan, school principal, teachers, our partners and HCLFoundation team. By fostering a participatory model of school development, a significant boost is resulted in student enrolment, attendance, and learning outcomes.



Organized the 4th national clubfoot conference

CURE India recently hosted the 4th National Clubfoot Conference on March 3rd at Safdarjung Hospital. The conference, themed "Transforming Lives of Over 1 Lakh Children: A Celebration," marked the successful treatment of over 1 lakh children suffering from clubfoot.

Dr. Matthews, the driving force behind this initiative, played a key role in facilitating the event and acknowledging the support of various partners who contributed to this cause.



Noida

Basant utsav celebration

We celebrated basant utsav with children at the Hoshiyarpur Anganwadi Centre. It's a time to welcome the warm weather and enjoy the beauty of nature coming back to life. Children made colorful kites and enjoyed delicious sweets. The children also learned about how the seasons change in India. Basant Utsav marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring, so it's a time to appreciate the blooming flowers and warmer days.



Father's experience sharing

To bring a positive change in our patriarchal society, awareness and understanding-building sessions were initiated. It's aimed to promote responsive parenting and involve more fathers in positive parenting. Fathers are increasingly participating, showing a positive shift. To celebrate this, father's experience sharing meeting was organised. Fathers shared how our efforts transformed their thinking, leading to spending quality time with their children and a positive family impact. They are now eager change-makers, spreading awareness to inspire others.



Volunteering events

1. National Tourism Day 2. Excursion with children and families

- Volunteering events were organised with support of PoI partner Ivolunteer to build stronger employee connect with HCLFoundation initiatives.
- 6 volunteers participated in National Tourism Day celebration with primary class students.
- 10 volunteers along with their family members joined for the excursion with visually impaired children from SAKSHAM and their families to relish the picnic time.
- Volunteers appreciated the interaction moments with these children and the way they are leading their life to be independent.



Noida

Promoting inclusion through assistive devices

SAKSHAM with the support of HCLFoundation empowered 11 visually impaired students from govt. school of Dadri and Jewar block in GB Nagar, UP through educational assistance. 4 students were provided with smartphones equipped with bluetooth keyboard and 7 students received Tactile Mathematical Kit. This initiative aims to promote 'Inclusion through Assistive Technology' and facilitating to continue students' education with these devices/aids.



Cluster workshop on empowering SMC members

2 cluster workshops were organized with School Management Committee (SMC) members from 15 schools in GB Nagar. The key areas of participatory discussion were addressing the issues of irregularity, girl child enrolment, awareness about scholarship exams and social welfare scheme.



National science day celebration

Cluster Science Workshop was organized to celebrate National Science Day at Young Kalam Science Centre with 112 students across 9 schools, 10 teachers and 02 volunteers. The workshop aimed to ignite curiosity and emphasizing the role of science in our daily life through different activities and hands-on-experience on different models. The coordinators from Basic Education Department also joined as chief guests and encourage students to keep learning new scientific skills.



Health camps organized

4 camps were organized during the month and the total beneficiaries from the camps were 243 (43 Male and 200 Female).



Vijayawada

Advanced designer blouse/dress training

Advanced Designer Blouse/Dress Training commenced on February 11th, 2024. The programme focuses on refining skills in creating intricate designer blouses and dresses. Trainees are engaged in hands-on sessions to develop advanced techniques in stitching, embellishment, and design aesthetics.



Social empowerment of women through counselling

The Counseling Center has handled 51 cases, including new, old, and follow-up cases. With 24 new and 27 old cases there were follow-ups through telephone counseling and 7 New cases. Mainly reported issues encompass husband harassment, wife harassment, love issues, alcoholism, dowry, mother-in-law problems, and property disputes. The center plays a crucial role in addressing these pressing concerns, offering essential support to individuals and families in need.



Kalamkari production center inauguration

Under the Amma project #we4crafts, supported by the HCLFoundation, VMM is dedicated to improving the livelihoods and skills of Kalamkari artisans in the clusters of Kappaladoddi, Akulamannadu, and Polavaram villages in Guduru Mandal, Krishna District. This initiative aims to empower and uplift these artisans, preserving their traditional art and ensuring a better future.

On February 14, 2024, we have inaugurated the Punyavathi Kalamkari Production Center at Kappaladoddi, Krishna district. Elder artisans Yakkala Kotaiah, Bhimalingam Nagendram, and Yakkala Prasad, along with villagers, participated in the event, marking a significant step towards preserving and promoting traditional art in the community.



Paper garland making

Yuvakendra trainees were involved in the paper garland making activity under creative and fun class.



Vijayawada

Participation in exhibitions

TARANG" FPO/OFPO MELA, Conducted by ONDC, NABARD and SFAC, featured Vasavya FPO at Stall No: 29 in Maris Stella Indoor Stadium, Vijayawada, from February 22nd to 24th, 2024. The exhibition showcased products by two producers: Y. Srilatha's thread jewellery and G. Pallavi's food products, highlighting the diverse offerings of local producers in the region.



Beautician training

Beautician training commenced covering pedicure, manicure, facial treatments, eyebrows shaping, nail polish application, henna art, head massage, massage techniques, facial masks, and hair cutting.



New batch enrollment

New batch enrolled in to the Yuvakendra. All of them have gone through a screening process to become an eligible candidate under the training.



Fostering cleanliness, seeding sustainability



 **My Clean City**
by HCL Foundation

My Clean City waste champions felicitated

HCLFoundation felicitated My Clean City Waste Champions for their dedication and commitment towards creating a cleaner and more sustainable environment. Active in Noida and Greater Noida cities, this pilot project of three months was aimed at sensitizing school students to become catalyst for change in solid waste management (SWM) of their area. Cumulatively, 1000+ students from 10 schools were felicitated in the ceremony held across the two cities.



Grand rally for promoting sustainable waste management

A grand rally including a plogging drive was organized, covering around 2 kms along the GT Road in Chithera to raise awareness on sustainable waste management. 140 Kg of solid waste got collected by 100 people who participated in the drive. Two groups of NSS volunteers additionally showcased a NukkadNatak at the Panchayat Bhawan and near Dadri Bus Stand on GT Road to highlight the adverse effects of plastic use, and importance of waste segregation & management.



Raising awareness through waste exhibition

An Eco-Dost Waste Exhibition was held at KS Inter College, Chithera aimed at raising awareness about waste management including the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Exhibits made of recycled waste were displayed at the event attended by 90 participants. The activities encouraged sustainability and fostered a sense of environmental consciousness within the school community.



Enabling our people to give back to society





4,316

Volunteers engaged



13,882

Hours clocked



26,329

Programme participants

Programme organized as part of collaboration with ivolunteer:



National Tourism Day celebration was organised at Sector 22, Govt Primary School, Noida with volunteering support from 06 HCLTechies who spent time with the class IV & V students making them aware of the rich culture of different Indian states and showcasing tourist spots through presentations they created for the session.



10 HCLTechies along with their family and friends, joined the children at Saksham NGO (center for the development of children with visual and other impairments) in Noida for a picnic and to share the joy of 'learning to cook without fire'- preparing scrumptious bhel, sandwiches, others and also participating in fun games together.



Informative learning material was developed by 36 volunteers across three different HCLTech facilities to enable the students associated with the Police Boys & Girls Club in Chennai to develop a deeper understand of Math & English.

Transforming outcomes through sport



 **Sports for
Change**
by HCLFoundation

Amplifying reach and access – via sport

6th SFC Competitions District Qualifiers – Karnataka State

The 6th Edition of the Sports for Change District Championship was held at Dakshina Kannada, Udupi & Vijayanagaram districts of Karnataka. A total of 1018 participants (Boys=619, Girls=399) budding athletes from all schools had participated to showcase their talent across 12+ sporting events. In partnership with HCLTech Grant Partners recipient SAAHAS, the power of sport could reach areas faced with extreme climate conditions, yet managing to receive significant participation from schools and students.

 Dakshina Kannada,
Udupi & Vijayanagaram



6th SFC Competitions Tamil Nadu State Qualifiers

Highlights from the 6th Edition SFC State Championship at Avadi Police Battalion Ground, Chennai: With 1000 participants from Madurai and Chennai, the day was filled with energy and sportsmanship in games like Kabaddi, Basketball, Kho Kho, Volleyball, Athletics, Football, Rugby, Chess, Carrom and more. The event saw guests of honor, Suyambunathan Global director HCLTech, Olympian Devarajan and Superintendent Bhopana from the Income Tax Department, and our esteemed south partners. Madurai team has bagged the Overall Champions.



6th SFC Competitions District Qualifiers of Jammu & Kashmir State

Highlights from the 6th Edition SFC District Championship in HCLTech Grant Locations Baramulla, Punch, Kupwara, Rajouri Gandarbal and Budgam Districts of Jammu & Kashmir State. A total of 633 (M - 419, F - 214) budding athletes from all schools had participated to showcase their talent across 12+ sporting events.

It is important to note how most of these districts are in extreme climatic conditions and yet the participation and turnout was fantastic. The event was conducted with the support of HCLTech Grant Partners She Hope & Bal Raksha Bharat.

 Baramulla, Punch, Kupwara, Rajouri, Gandarbal and Budgam



Basketball Winter Camp

Sports for Change by HCLFoundation's partner Dribble Academy Foundation organized a 10-day excellence basketball winter camp at Jaipur Mayoer School, under the guidance of Man Singh Shekhawat, an esteemed former U-19 Basketball player and an NIS certified coach. A total of 20 players (15 Boys & 5 Girls) participated.

 Noida



On a winning streak!

Who: Football players from the HCLFoundation x Sports Village Foundation partnership.

What: Participated in Xenium International 2k24 Football Tournament organized by Lucknow Public School Gomati Nagar

What: emerged as Winners!

FYI: It was an invitational tournament. The opponent teams were formed by including players from Columbia, Nigeria and UAE. The winning team received a cash prize of INR 5000.

 Lucknow



Who: Gauri Nath and Divyani Kothe (Volleyball girls from Pratap Nagar school under the HCLFoundation x Slum Soccer partnership)

Where: Participated in the State-Level Volleyball Tournament in the U-14 Category in Wardha.

And?: emerged as winners!


 Nagpur



Who: 15 girls from the HCLFoundation x Slum Soccer partnership

What: Participated in the selection trials conducted by Nagpur District Football Association for Nagpur District Team.

And?: 4 girls made it to the team to be taking part in the U-14 district level federation tournament in Mumbai from March 4, 2024

 Nagpur



Who: Badminton player Abdulla from the HCLFoundation x Kalvi Trust Foundation partnership

Where: National Badminton Tournament conducted by Karnataka badminton Association

And?: emerged as the National Junior Badminton Tournament WINNER!

📍 Madurai



Who: Excellence Girls football team from Reva University from the HCLFoundation x Maatru Pratishtana partnership

Where: Inter University football tournament conducted by Mount Carmel College

And?: crowned Champions in Khel 2024 Football Cup! (Inter University Football Tournament)

📍 Bengaluru



Who: The excellence Kabaddi Girls and Boys team from the HCLFoundation x Maatru Pratishtana partnership.

What: Attended the selection trials for upcoming Sub Junior National Kabaddi camp

And?: 3 girls (Amulya, Meenakshi, Preethi) 2 Boys (Kushal, Jeevan) are selected for the 33rd Karnataka Sub-Junior Camp.

📍 Bengaluru



Who: Cricket player Mehak Rawat from the HCLFoundation x Sports Village Foundation partnership

What: Received Player of the Match

Where: Padma Shree PM Dhawan Memorial women's cricket tournament organized by Guru Nanak Educational Society, Chennai.

📍 Lucknow



Crafting quality, providing livelihoods



 **My E-Haat**
by HCLFoundation

My E-Haat showcases at the bharat tex exhibition, New Delhi

My E-Haat artisans participated at Bharat Tex international exhibition held at Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhumi; providing them exposure to exporters, buyers and fellow artisans and design organisations in the ecosystem.



Enrich. Enable.
Engage.



 **Academy**
by HCLFoundation

Batch 3 of 'Effective CSR management for higher social impact' - sees successful conclusion

Batch 3 of the course "Effective CSR Management for Higher Social Impact" was successfully concluded on March 10, 2024, with a focus towards enhancing the skill set of mid- and senior-level managers of HCLFoundation partner NGOs and a few HCLF team members. The course ensured the representation of all the flagship programmes as well as the gender & inclusion ethos cut across its pedagogy. This course was undertaken in partnership with IIM Calcutta and hosted on the Academy by HCLFoundation Platform. Till date ~100 participants are trained in three batches under this programme.



Batch 4 of ARSH For You course – launched

Academy by HCLFoundation launched the 4th Batch of ARSH For You Course (Adolescent & Reproductive Health) on February 23, 2024. An online, 6-week TOT (Training of Trainers) programme, the course aims at providing participants with comprehensive knowledge, facilitation skills, and a positive attitude to effectively educate and empower adolescents on various aspects of reproductive and sexual health. The course follows a rights-based and pleasure-affirming approach as outlined in the UNESCO Guidelines (2018) and the IPPF Framework (2010) for Comprehensive Sexuality Education. About 180 professionals have registered with the course.

HCLFoundation in the Media

HCLFoundation's 'Partnering For Change' Gala: A Symphony Of Impact Across India

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Empowering communities and transforming lives through collaboration

HCLFoundation commemorated the 7th edition of its transformative gathering, dubbed Partnering For Change, at the Annual Partners Meet. The alliance forged by HCLFoundation burgeons consistently year after year. Beginning with a modest 50 partners in 2016 across 4 districts, the network now boasts over 200 partners spread across 23 States in India. These collaborations, primarily non-governmental organisations (NGOs), lay the results of corporate social responsibility (CSR) engagement.

My Clean City Waste Champion Program: Empowering Students to Lead Change



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By: Debi Jyoti, Project Officer, Durgam Cheruvu, Hyderabad
 The Clean City Waste Champion Program, under its 'My Clean City' initiative is all about the ethical use of waste management, as initiated by HCL Foundation, in partnership with the Government of India. The Swachh Bharat Mission has implemented this mission since its inception in 2014.

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