

Catalyst

CSR Newsletter
COVID-19 Updates



Dear Reader,

Greetings from HCL Foundation!

Even as we find ourselves in one of the most severe global crisis - the COVID-19 pandemic, it is heartening to note that countries across the world are trying their best to combat the situation and are positively embracing all the changes that have come their way at such speed and short notice.

Amidst the fear and uncertainty, it is not easy to be thankful and appreciative but focusing on the positives creates energy which can be used to solve our problems constructively.

It is with this view, we bring you the latest issue of our CSR newsletter 'Catalyst' for April-May 2020 with some heart-warming and inspiring stories on how HCL, HCL Foundation and our various NGO Partners and volunteers are responding to the COVID-19, supporting communities across locations to not only survive but also thrive in these tough times.

HCL believes it is its utmost responsibility towards the larger community and is fully committed to extending all the possible support to its communities and stakeholders in this fight against the COVID-19 challenge. In addition to initiatives at the enterprise level, HCL Foundation has also taken up various measures to tackle the need of the hour. HCLF's response to COVID-19 included immediate relief, restoration and 'build back' efforts.

We are grateful to our network of Partner NGOs, volunteers, customer teams, and community members continue to contribute in untiring ways, despite multi-level challenges to carry on with our response activities at the field level. Even as we strictly distance ourselves physically as required in the current scenario, let us also keep in mind the people who are badly affected by this crisis and reach out to them with our support, however small it is.

We would love to hear from you. Please share your feedback with us at hclfoundation@hcl.com

Stay Resilient! Stay Safe!

Warm regards,

Team HCL Foundation



HCL's Response to COVID-19

Updated
as on
16th May

TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED COORDINATION SUPPORT & TRAINING



3 Technology Enabled
COVID-19 Control Rooms
for States



8 Webinars
on COVID-19

HEALTH CARE & SAFETY



1,18,300
Full PPE



17,500
Coveralls



550 Litres
of Sanitiser



609
Ventilators



9,500 Gum boots
for police personnel &
frontline workers



78,000 + Safety Kits
(Masks, Sanitizers, Gloves) for
communities & frontline workers



78,100 3-Ply Masks
for frontline workers



4,000 N-95 Masks for
police personnel & frontline workers

FOOD SECURITY



6.6 Lakh
Hot-Cooked Meals



7,000+ Dry Ration
Kits for communities

CARE



21,000+ Medicines
for elderly care



250 Dry Ration
Kits for elderly

ANIMAL WELFARE



1,00,000+ Animal Feeds

E-LEARNING



12,257 Children connected through
e-learning & telephonic helplines

Building Partnerships to Response to COVID-19:

HCL Foundation is leveraging partnerships to ensure a comprehensive response towards this pandemic. The aim is to use technology to create and raise awareness & also using it has a tool to move forward with the on-going programs. The idea is also to strengthen the State-led coordination towards mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic.



Ensuring Food Security for the most disadvantaged group

HCL Foundation and HCL, through its NGO partners, has provided **3,44,795** hot cooked meals and **7,500+** dry ration kits



Complementing the Healthcare Services

HCL Foundation response to COVID-19 includes focus on pregnant, lactating mothers, elderly, psychosocial care, mental health, non-communicable and communicable diseases (other than Covid-19), RMNCH+A & combating malnutrition.



Standing by those who need it the most - Elderly Care

Medicines, emergency services and caregiver salaries taken care of for for **200 elderly people** in SHEOWS Garhmukhteshwar Ashram.



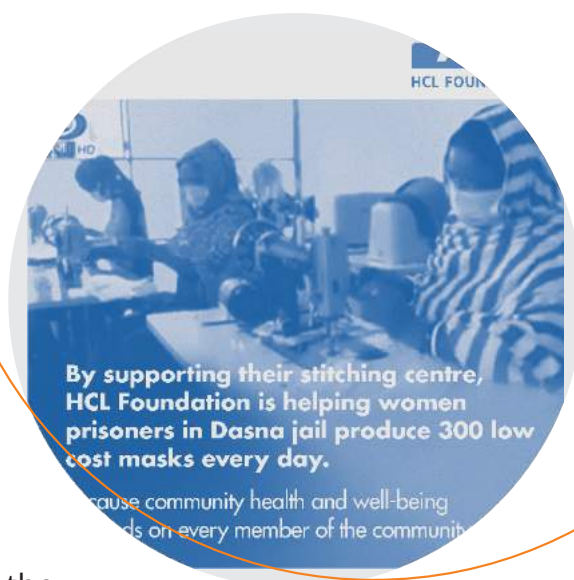
Celebrating Heroes "Our COVID Warriors"



A Stitch in Time, Saves Lives

HCL Foundation has activated its SHG network in time to ensure supply of masks across the country

This is a story of emerging stronger, of creating value and opportunities, and empowering those most affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Under the Livelihood initiative of HCL Foundation across HCL Uday locations, an army of trained SHGs women members are putting their stitching skills to use to help others and are making lifesaving masks.



LUCKNOW

Awahaan, with the support of HCL Foundation, started working in Sarojini Nagar Block in Lucknow to create livelihood opportunities for SHGs who lost their sources of income to the pandemic. To create income generation and health awareness amongst this group, they trained 12 members from 7 SHGs to make masks through video calls. The raw material and cut pieces of cloth are being provided by Khadi Gramodyog Sansthan, free of cost and it also purchases all finished masks. 4000+ masks have been produced till now.



NAGPUR

AROHA, HCL Foundation NGO Partner in Nagpur, runs two skills and training centres where they trained women to make school uniforms. They were taught how to make masks for their families and the community, and they swiftly made 3000 masks till 14th April. In the second week of April, 700 families were supported with dry ration kits and AROHA, with the support of HCL Foundation, contributed 700 packets of 3 masks each, towards distribution in the community along with the dry ration kits. In all, 2100 masks were distributed in the community.

Our Unsung Heroes!

Saluting our unsung heroes, women battalion of Aganwadi workers and helpers who are working diligently, away from the limelight, to keep our communities safe in the midst of this grave crisis. A heartfelt gratitude to them and their families.

After the government advisory that homemade face mask are suitable to use at home and otherwise for general people, Seema an Aganwadi worker Hoshiarpur came across an idea of making homemade face masks and distributing free of cost to the community children as a step towards contributing her bit to the nation amidst pandemic situation.

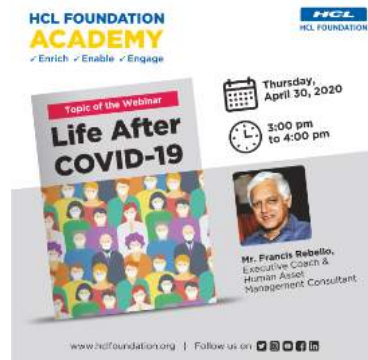
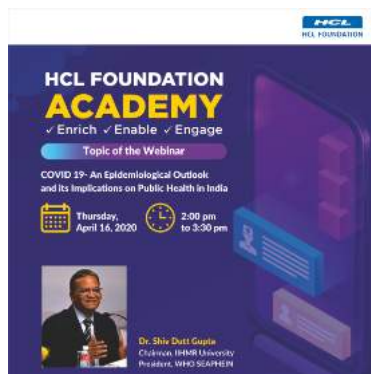
*Superheroes aren't
always larger than life;
they are ordinary people
who do extraordinary things*



HCL Foundation Academy

Creating a world full of possibilities

Through HCL Foundation Academy, webinars are being held to facilitate access to quality training and learning experiences by disseminating learning to and upgradation of skillset of development sector practitioners where scaleable and sustainable solutions drive maximum impact. About 3,300 participants have benefitted from 8 webinars held so far.

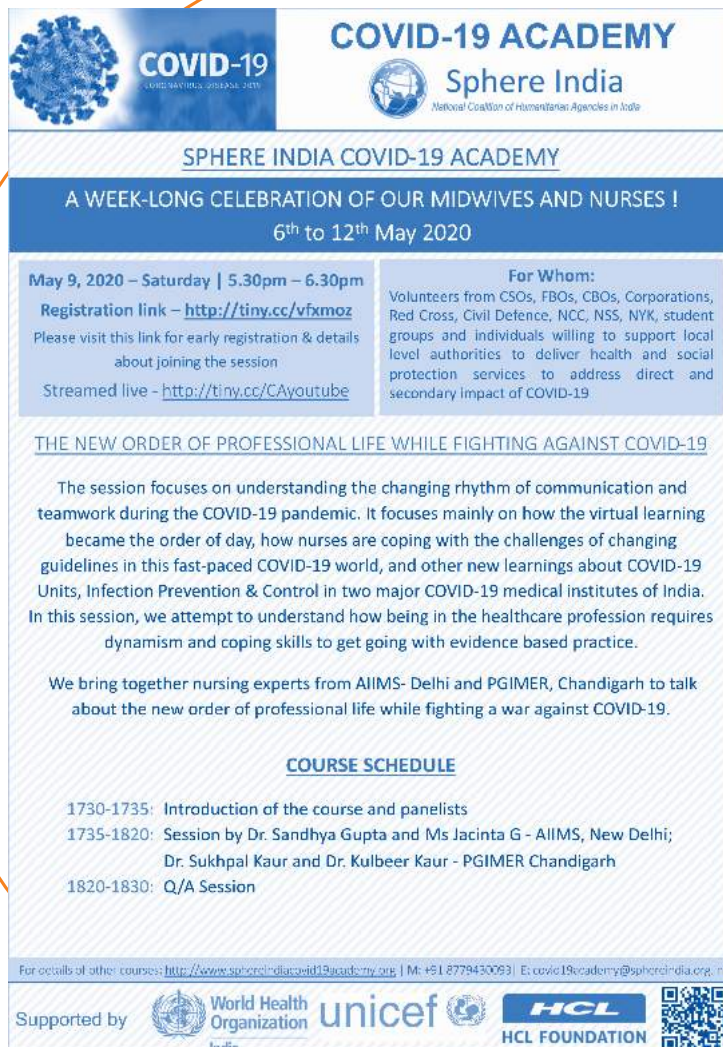


Topic of Webinars

- Covid-19 An Epidemiological Outlook and its Implications on Public Health in India.
- CSR: Realization of Objectives and Strategies as we Combat COVID-19
- Life After COVID-19
- COVID-19 & Your Mental Health
- COVID-19 Detection and Management in Big Cats: An Expert Talk by WCS in collaboration with The Habitats Trust
- Early Childhood Care & Development during and post COVID-19 Pandemic
- Experiences, Takeaways & Tips for Basketball Coaches & Players
- Field Operations during COVID-19: How's of it for Frontline Workers?
- Saving Migratory Birds in Sambhar Lake

HCL Foundation joins forces with COVID-19 Academy

Technology Support in all areas including support to State for combating the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, create awareness, train and build capacities of frontline workers through digital platforms and technology tools.



COVID-19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

COVID-19 ACADEMY
Sphere India
National Coalition of Humanitarian Agencies in India

SPHERE INDIA COVID-19 ACADEMY

A WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION OF OUR MIDWIVES AND NURSES !
6th to 12th May 2020





May 9, 2020 – Saturday | 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Registration link – <http://tiny.cc/vfxmoz>
Please visit this link for early registration & details about joining the session
Streamed live – <http://tiny.cc/CAyoutube>

For Whom:
Volunteers from CSOs, FBOs, CBOs, Corporations, Red Cross, Civil Defence, NCC, NSS, NYK, student groups and individuals willing to support local level authorities to deliver health and social protection services to address direct and secondary impact of COVID-19

THE NEW ORDER OF PROFESSIONAL LIFE WHILE FIGHTING AGAINST COVID-19
The session focuses on understanding the changing rhythm of communication and teamwork during the COVID-19 pandemic. It focuses mainly on how the virtual learning became the order of day, how nurses are coping with the challenges of changing guidelines in this fast-paced COVID-19 world, and other new learnings about COVID-19 Units, Infection Prevention & Control in two major COVID-19 medical institutes of India. In this session, we attempt to understand how being in the healthcare profession requires dynamism and coping skills to get going with evidence based practice.
We bring together nursing experts from AIIMS- Delhi and PGIMER, Chandigarh to talk about the new order of professional life while fighting a war against COVID-19.

COURSE SCHEDULE
1730-1735: Introduction of the course and panelists
1735-1820: Session by Dr. Sandhya Gupta and Ms Jacinta G - AIIMS, New Delhi;
Dr. Sukhpal Kaur and Dr. Kulbeer Kaur - PGIMER Chandigarh
1820-1830: Q/A Session

For details of other courses: <http://www.sphereindiacovid19academy.org> | M: +91 8779430093 | E: covid19academy@sphereindia.org, n

Supported by  **World Health Organization**   **HCL FOUNDATION** 

COVID-19 Online Academy by Sphere India being supported by HCL Foundation, WHO and UNICEF and will be used for training of volunteers, health workers and other front line workers on COVID-19

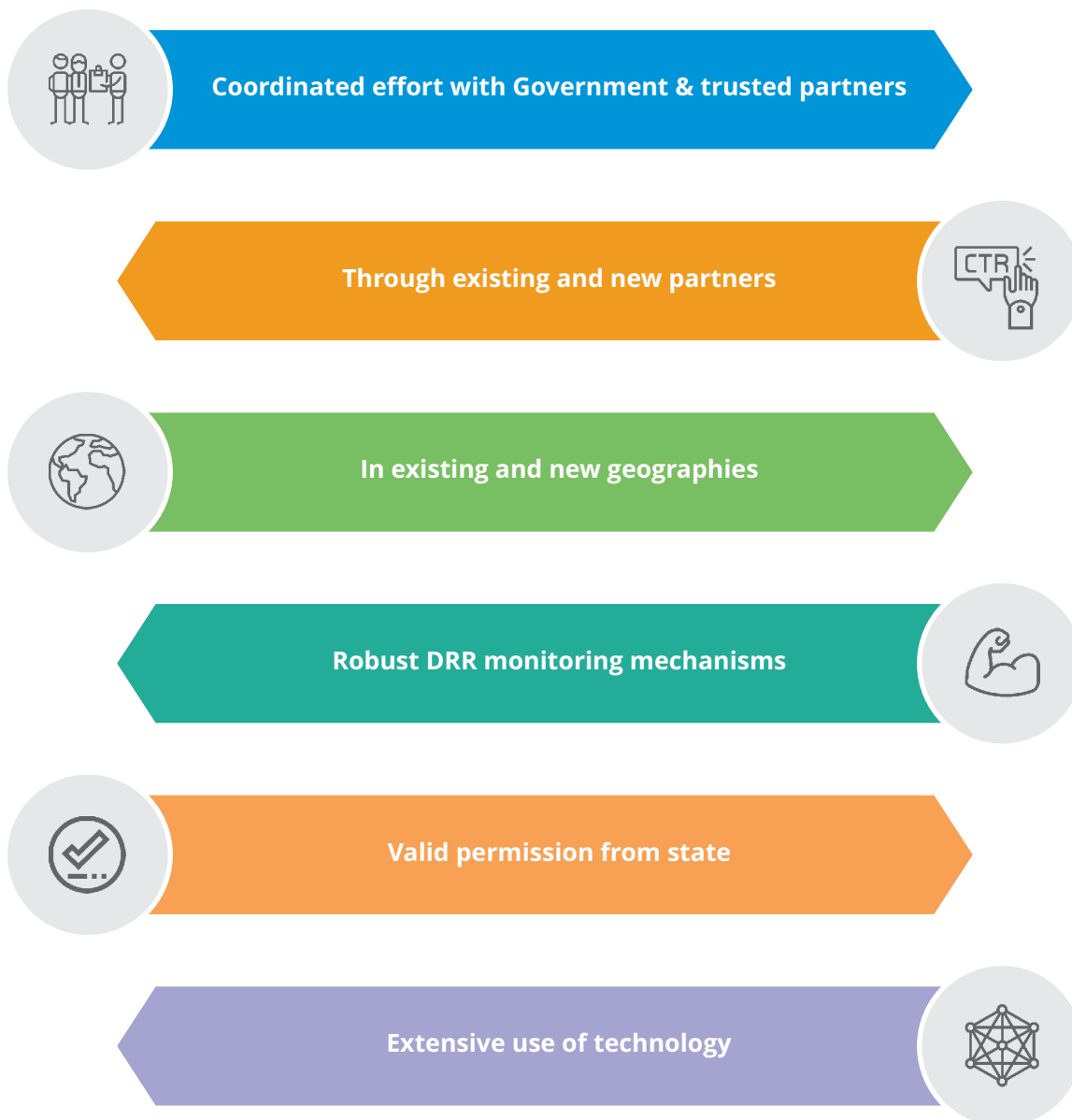
Voice of the Voiceless

Food and water for abandoned pets and strays, care for animals in shelters, and public awareness & sensitization regarding prescribed guidelines for caring for pets during the pandemic.

Voice of the voiceless - Animal welfare during COVID-19



COVID-19 Implementation Strategy



Responding to COVID-19 through our Rural interventions

When curiosity meets innovation, something amazing is bound to happen. Meet young, curious minds from rural India who are able to learn, read and write even during the ongoing pandemic with help of HCL Samuday's e-learning initiative "Thoda Masti, Thoda Padhayi." A lot of children now have access to quality education from the comfort and safety of their homes.



Continuity of Dairy Operations

- 2 times daily at all AMCU centers
- Informal channels have closed, also some segments of organized sector (Hotels, Restaurants, and Canteens) have closed, hence demand has decreased
- 28000 lts. daily is collected even in lean season
- Toll free phone service for veterinary services and advisory activated



Under the HCL Grant Program **830** Household across **25** villages of kotagiri taluk were provided with support.

These households belong to PVTGs (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) like the Todas, Kotas, Kurumbas, and the Irulas living in remote and isolated forest settlements

Show of solidarity, Through Support & Safety.

In light of COVID19, HCLF is strengthening its coordinated efforts through its HCL Grant partners, in their respective geographies to provide the much needed support to communities in these difficult times.



बिरहोर परिवारों की सहायता के लिए बड़े सृजन फाउंडेशन के हाथ

20 परिवार के 65 लोगों को मास्क और हर परिवार को चावल, दाल का किया वितरण



आवाज संवाददाता

टाटीग्रिया। एचसीएल के सहयोग से सृजन फाउंडेशन द्वारा टाटीग्रिया प्रखण्ड के खम्भवा और दारु प्रखण्ड के जरगा में कुल 20 परिवार के 65 लोगों को मास्क एवं हर परिवार को चावल, दाल वितरण किया। सृजन फाउंडेशन के सचिव स्वपन मन्ना ने बताया कि कोविड 19 महामारी में कोरोना वायरस से बचाव के लिए घर पर ही रहना और बाहर से आने बंद हो गया है। जिस कारण बिरहोर जन को कमी हो गई है। सभी परिवार सुरक्षित रहे एवं घर भी भोजन कर सके, इसलिए सृजन फाउंडेशन ने मास्क एवं दाल वितरण कर रहा है। उन्होंने बताया कि इससे साथ-साथ वे बचाव के लिए सिमरादाव आदिवासी गांव में 40 परिवार में मास्क वितरण किया। गांव बलीचिंग का छिड़काव भी करवाया। 40 परिवार को कोरोना वायरस के प्रभाव से बचाया जा कार्य में मुख्य रूप से दयाल प्रसाद, विजय पांडेय, चंदा देवी, श्री, ललिता देवी, सोनी देवी लगे हुए हैं।

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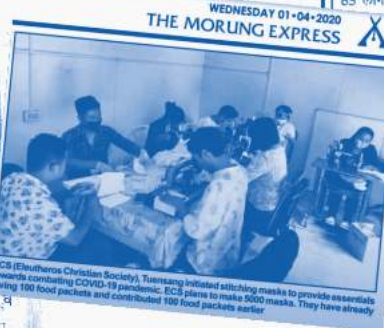
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सृजन फाउंडेशन ने की गरीबों की सहायता



टाटीग्रिया। एचसीएल व सृजन फाउंडेशन की ओर से टाटीग्रिया प्रखण्ड के खम्भवा के बिरहोर समाज में आठ परिवारों के 28 व जरगा के 12 परिवारों 37 लोगों को मास्क एवं हर परिवार को चावल, दाल वितरण किया गया। सृजन फाउंडेशन के सचिव स्वपन मन्ना, दयाल प्रसाद, चंदा देवी, कुमारी निक्की, ललिता देवी व सोनी देवी शामिल थे।



ECSS (Eutheros Christian Society), Tumang initiated stitching masks to provide essentials towards conducting COVID-19 pandemic. ECSS plans to make 5000 masks. They have already giving 100 food packets and contributed 100 food packets earlier



Clean Noida COVID Plan

SWM operations in urban villages to continue
With adequate safeguards

Increasing distribution of PPE kits to sanitary workers Including those employed in RWAs

Focus on using online and mobile platforms
For awareness on cleanliness and waste management

Effective management of biomedical waste
Including disposal of masks and gloves

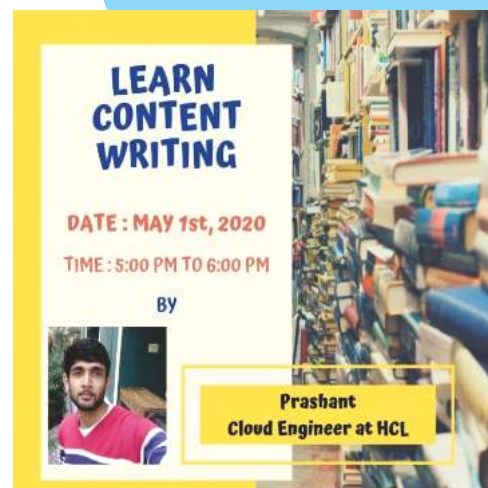
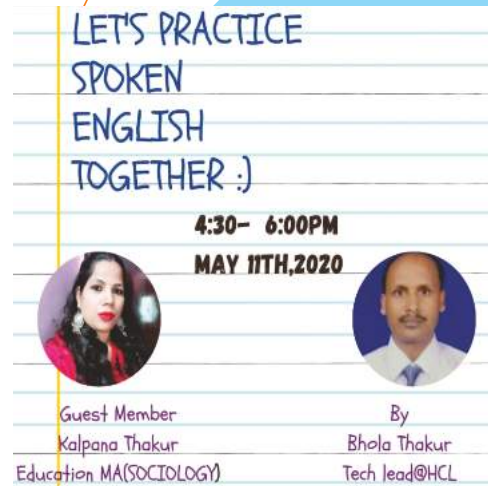
Installation of incinerators at RWAs To manage
increased medical waste from HH



Powering through Lockdown

My Scholar Program providing opportunities for HCL employees to volunteer in these tough times

During these turbulent times of the COVID-19 pandemic, on-ground activities, including volunteering, have come to a stand-still. However, our enthusiastic and energetic HCL Volunteers have worked around the challenges and continued to extend their services to the My Scholar beneficiaries. Through technology, volunteers have ensured their continuing support and reach to scholars, enabling them to deal with the stressful situation as well as imparting knowledge and skills for growth and development of the scholars. Various online sessions including photography, content-writing and spoken English, have been conducted by the HCL Volunteers. These sessions have helped make a positive impact on the scholars and ensure their well-being. During these unprecedented times, HCL Volunteers have played a pivotal role in providing mentoring and guidance to the scholars.





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