

HCL GRANT  
**THE FIFTH  
ESTATE**  
NGOs Transforming Rural India

# A step towards Nation Building

## HCL GRANT GRANULE



**ENVIRONMENT**



**HEALTH**



**EDUCATION**

# HCL Grant announced the roll-out of Edition VIII and made its portal LIVE for applications on May 5, 2022.

The HCL Grant Edition VIII Pan- India Symposium Series - 'CSR for Nation Building' has also been launched across 10 States & UTs of India. The symposium series is an opportunity to co-learn and co-create ideas for sustained nation building with a vision of grassroots empowerment by giving development sector professionals, non-profits, social purpose organizations and academic institutions an opportunity to meet and listen to the experiences of CSR & sector experts, academicians, HCL Grant recipient NGOs, and other development sector practitioners through panel discussions and master class on various significant topics.

So far, 6 Symposiums in 6 different locations, starting with Bangalore, followed by Vijayawada, Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Udaipur and Patna have been conducted in the month of May.



# Glimpses from HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium Series



“ The definition of development should vary from village to village and we all must come together and actively participate in unboxing the social impact. ”

-Dr. Nutan Jain, Professor SD Gupta School of Public Health, IIMR University & Senior Subject Matter Expert, HCL Grant during HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Udaipur



Mr. Chetan Jha, General Manager, Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), sharing his experience of the HCL Grant Process said,

“ NGOs must ensure that their application should be very robust and thorough at every stage. It should also have the elements of adaptability, replicability, and sustainability. ”



“ When we partner with like-minded people and organizations, it adds up to that energy, passion and rigour. Especially when we see the youth coming out and engaging, it gives us a ray of hope that while we are contributing to nation building in a very big way, we are also preparing our young minds to become true global citizens, which is the need of the hour. We all witnessed during the pandemic that it was the feeling of solidarity, partnership, and the feeling of being connected, not only professionally for a job, but as humans who really wanted to help each other, with one vision and one mission that helped us come where we are. Everything worked in tandem, setting a strong example of how partnerships and connections can help us find the best solutions! ”

-Ms. Nidhi Pundhir, Director, HCL Foundation during HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Bangalore



“ The community, civil society, government and corporate, the four core players if come together and work in sync and collaboration, they have the power to bring sustainable impact at scale in the society. ”

-Mr. R. Parasuram, Ex-Chief Secretary, M.P. , Bhopal during panel discussion at HCL Grant Edition VIII Pan India Symposium in Bhopal





# Glimpses from HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium Series



**Mr. Shiva Prasad,**  
PMP, HCL Technologies during  
HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Vijayawada



**Mr. Thirumalai Narayanan,**  
State Program Lead, India Health Action Trust (IHAT)  
shared his experience of the HCL Grant  
Process at HCL Grant Edition VIII Pan India  
Symposium in Bhopal



**Mr. Robin Sarkar,**  
Project Director, SHIKSHA Initiative,  
Shiv Nadar Foundation during the panel discussion  
at HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Udaipur



**Dr. Sanjay Panda,**  
Former Career Bureaucrat during Masterclass  
on CSR Laws and Amendment at  
HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Bhubaneswar



**Mr. Jagadananda,**  
Mentor and Co-Founder of the Centre for Youth and Social Development,  
**Mr. Aurobindo Behera,** a former civil servant  
**Ms. Shreeparna Ghosh Mukherjee,** Senior Program Manager, CINI  
during HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Bhubaneswar



**Mr. Alok Verma,** Director, HCL Samuday,  
**Mr. NM Prusty,** Subject Matter Expert, HCL Grant,  
**Mr. Prasanna Kumar Narayanan,** Director Programme Operations, Sightsavers  
**Mr. Mohd Dilshad,** Subject Matter Expert, HCL Grant  
during panel discussion at HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Patna.

# Engagement with HCL Grant Partners

## Highlights of the Month

### Fly high with NEO FLY!

Association for People with Disability, HCL Grant Edition VII Health Category Recipient 2022, has innovated a vehicle for differently abled under its HCL Grant Project “Cot to Community” – A comprehensive rehabilitation approach for People with Spinal Cord Injury (PwSCI)”. The wheel chair has been converted to a transport vehicle – NEO FLY, as a step towards a larger objective of creating a sustainable ecosystem for PwSCIs to achieve a life of equity, dignity and justice for them.



### A step towards achieving Zero Waste!

HCL Foundation team visited Ramnagaradistrict of Karnataka for field monitoring of Saahas, HCL Grant Recipient, 2021, Environment Category. Saahas is working on Waste Management in rural areas of 4 districts of Karnataka. Team got the opportunity to meet the enthusiastic field staff of the organization which see the HCL Grant project “Sustainable waste management through Community-Owned Rural Resource Recovery systems” as a livelihood opportunity.

The project is empowering women to come forward and being the agent of social change. Saahas is not only working towards breaking the myths of the society related to waste management being petty job but also helping to achieve the Gandhian concept of “Nirmal Gram” through innovative materials. Local Governance structure is extending full support to the project enabling the conducive environment of the project.



Interaction with project staff of Saahas



Interaction with project beneficiaries





# Voices from Community Partners

## Under the Mango Tree Society, HCL grant Recipient, 2020, Environment Category

For Ragnath Gavit, a resident of Palghar district of Maharashtra beekeeping was more surprising than challenging. He shares, "I never feared bees." He was well known in his village as a honey hunter but the sensitization trainings by UTMT Society has helped him to now become a beekeeper instead of a honey hunter. He adds, "I appreciate the training support received, I am a proud beekeeper now, who no more destroys bee-hives." He has four filled bee-boxes kept on his farm. Presently, he supports other farmers to fill their bee-boxes. Sharing his key



learning, he says, "Pollination is an important input for agriculture and I understand this through project intervention. Sustainable beekeeping is the future of small holders."

The project is actively promoting beekeeping amongst honey hunting communities to conserve indigenous species of bees thus improving pollination cover for villages.

## India Health Action Trust, HCL Grant Finalist 2021, Health Category

Regular and bespoke home visits bring home a healthy mother and baby.

Jyoti Singh, age 27 years, is from the tribal community residing in Village Chhahara, Sector Ankuri, Block Gohparu, District Shahdol. During one



of the field visits in the Chhahara, the ASM found that Jyoti was seven months pregnant; however, she was neither registered for ANC nor had received any ANC services. On inquiring, the ASM realized that Jyoti was reluctant to share her pregnancy, thinking that it might cause a miscarriage. The ASM and ASHA intervened and explained to Jyoti the importance of ANC for her and her baby's health. She still hesitated, stating that it would be a financial burden; for which the ASM counselled her that the ANC services are free of cost and ASHA would accompany her for a visit; to which Jyoti agreed. The ANM continued to follow up on the case through regular home visits. Jyoti had registered at the PHC, and her ANC check-up showed that her weight was 60Kg, BP was 100/70, and Hb was 7.8 g/dl. She was given IFA and Calcium tablets. ASM suggested that she consume IFA and calcium tablets properly, eat a healthy diet (TirangaBhojan), and visit CHC Gohparu for the next ANC. The ANC at the CHC revealed that Jyoti's weight was 63 KG, BP was 133/90, and the Hb was 8.5 g/dl. She was advised for five units of iron sucrose administration. ASHA took her to the nearby PHC Khannaudhi, where Jyoti

received iron sucrose entirely and timely. ASM and ASHA continued to monitor her health. On 5th April 2022, Jyoti delivered a healthy baby of 3500 gm at PHC Khannaudhi. On the next home visit, the ASM observed that both mother and baby are fit and fine and are following all the health measures suggested during home visits. Jyoti thanked the ASM and ASHA for clearing her apprehension and supporting her throughout her pregnancy and delivery.



Sharing her experience, Gayatri Marko, Staff Nurse-PHC Amzor-Block Jaisinghnaga, says, "IHAT has provided us with knowledge on maternal and child health, which we have begun to implement. We were not previously following work protocols, which we have started to do. We have learned a lot from the IHAT team which is useful to fulfill our work. IHAT Nurse Mentors are extremely knowledgeable and self-assured."







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