

# Catalyst

**CSR Newsletter by HCL Foundation** 

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## Harit club children celebrate the first harvest of their kitchen garden

The changemakers of HCL Harit club in Gautam Buddh Nagar are on a mission of zero waste. Changing their way of life, the young students celebrated their first harvest of spinach, radish & tender coriander.

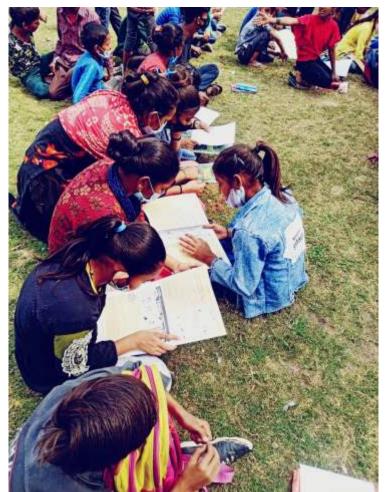






#### 55 children read comic stories exhibited in a park

HCL Foundation in partnership with World Comics India conducted an engrossing session at Barola, Noida on Environment Education through grassroots comics. Children not only read these stories but also shared their experiences and stories.











#### Improved livelihood generation sources through afforestation

The International Day of Forests (IDF), celebrated every year on 21st of March, is one of the biggest event to celebrate and raise awareness on the importance of forests and the ecosystem services they provide. The theme for IDF2022 is 'Forests and sustainable production and consumption'. To celebrate the IDF2022, NMCG, HCL Foundation and INTACH, as part of the project to treat the catchment of the River Ganga with a focus on improved livelihood generation sources through afforestation, have planned 2,500 Rudraksh saplings plantation in Uttarakhand (Garhwal and Kumaon mid altitude regions). Till date, 6,800 Rudraksh saplings and 900 associated species have been planted across 27 acres of land.









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#### **Key Highlights**



HCL Foundation signed an MoU with the Madurai District Administration on piloting water body data management and decision support system in Madurai district.



HCL Foundation signed an MoU with Lucknow dev authority for afforestation in 25.45 Acre land in SEZ near HCL IT City Lucknow.





**HCL** Harit conducted three nest making workshops at Gurukuls of Sarfabad and Barola. 270 students including teachers participated and learned the importance of a balanced ecosystem and biodiversity.







#### **International Women's Day** 2022 celebration

This International Women's Day, HCL Samuday felicitated 268 women across its various interventions for setting examples by fighting the biases in their respective fields. The event began on an enthusiastic note as Mr. Alok Varma, Project Director, HCL Foundation addressed the audience and lauded the impact created by women change makers. A distinguished panel constituting Ms. Akansha Rana, (IAS), Chief Development Officer, Hardoi; Ms. Shailvee Sharda, Special Correspondent at a leading publication; and Mr. Kumar Bikram, Menstrual Hygiene Management Head. UNICEF shared their anecdotes and engaged in a thought-provoking discussion on women leadership. Thereafter,

gracing the stage was an all-women panel of 7change makers who narrated their journey of overcoming many obstacles and working towards social transformation.

With moments of joy, pride and respect, the event stirred up a myriad of emotions, inspiring many women to become a force of positive social change. On digital platform, International Women's Day was celebrated during the whole month of March, starting with why Women's Day is celebrated, theme of Women's Day for this year, inspiring stories of women change makers, andour leadership thanking for all that a woman is and pledged to support her in all that she can be.



Ms. Akanksha Rana (IAS) felicitating a woman change maker



**Kumar Bikram** felicitating a woman change maker



Women Changemakers posing #BreakTheBias



#### **Key Highlights**

Furthering our interventions to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions through development, training and capacity building, HCL Samuday launched a PRI Handbook – a three-part series to facilitate Gram Panchayat Pradhans, Secretaries and other functionaries in executing their day to day duties seamlessly. The set of books is a compendium of updated government guidelines related to Gram Panchayats and case studies of 'best practices' to empower the functionaries with requisite knowledge.

The book launch took place in the presence of Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development, UP and our Project Director Mr. Alok Varma. This Handbook is another step towards fostering holistic and participatory development in the villages of Hardoi.



Unveiling of the plaque and inauguration. (From L to R: MLA, Commissioner, DM, CDO)

With the help of district administration, HCL Samuday successfully upgraded the Integrated COVID-19 Command Centre (ICCC) in Hardoi, UP, with an automated call management system, updated software for end-to-end connectivity as well as infrastructure support for smooth functioning. The Centre was inaugurated on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 by Shri Nitin Agarwal, MLA, Hardoi and Shri Ranjan Kumar, Commissioner, Lucknow Division, in presence of Shri Avinash Kumar, District Magistrate Hardoi; Ms. Akanksha Rana, Chief Development Officer, Hardoi; and Mr. Alok Varma, Project Director, HCL Foundation. ICCC will operate as a single source to address citizens' issues and will play an important role in day-to-day operations and COVID management efforts in the district.



A centre staff giving live demonstration of operations to the gathering



Gram Panchayats play a significant role in the effective implementation of flagship schemes and utilisation of available resources to help transform rural India. HCL Samuday has been a proud facilitator of this unit of governance. Initiatives like the refurbishment of schools & Panchayat Bhawan to ensure smooth functioning, educating children through ICT based classes, nutrition camps for malnourished children, mobile health clinics, strengthening of Village Health & Nutrition Day meetings etc. led to the holistic development of villages across Hardoi. As a result, defying all odds and rising above all challenges, Gram Panchayat Purwa from the programme area was identified and recognized by the Government of India as one of the Beacon Gram Panchayats. This honour will help pave a stronger road towards a self-sufficient and sustainable rural India.



Improper waste disposal, lack of segregation & collection leads to contamination of the environment, thereby posing a serious threat to the health of people residing in such areas. Paving a cleaner future for 34300 households in 129 wards through door-to-door waste collection, Mr. Alok Varma (Project Director, HCL Foundation) inaugurated 24 electric garbage loaders on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Facilitating structured solutions, this intervention aims to tackle the issue and engage the Nagar Panchayat and executive officers for long-term sustainability. Equipped with hydraulic lifting system along with different compartments for wet and dry waste, alongside a separate bin for hazardous waste, the e-garbage loaders will reinforce effective waste collection and segregation.





Center for Agriculture and Technology Transfer (CATT) is a joint initiative of HCL Foundation and Department of Agriculture, GoUP. Inaugurated on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 by Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development, UP, in the presence of Dr. Nand Kishore, Deputy Director Agriculture, Hardoi, UP, and Mr. Alok Varma, Project Director, HCL Foundation, this modern training cum demonstration facility is aimed at promoting sustainable agriculture in Hardoi. Services at CATT include: farmers' training centre; customized farm machinery bank; solar powered drip irrigated system; soil testing laboratory; and crop protection advisory. The centre will benefit 6000 farmers in its first phase.





#### **HCL Grant Virtual Leadership Connect 2022**

**HCL** Grant conducted Virtual Leadership Connect 2022 for HCL Grant Recipients under Environment Category on 11th February 2022 wherein leaders of HCL Grant partners came together to discuss the broader vision, ethos of the project, best practices and course of action developed to overcome the hurdles faced by NGOs due to COVID-19 pandemic.



















Mallikarjun Temple,

Malapanagudi GP, Ballari











Different modes of IEC Knowledge sharing and awareness session on

Mudarangadi GP, Udupi



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#### **HCL Grant Edition VII Winner Announcement**

#### **HCL Grant is proud to announce the winners of Edition VII**

₹5 Crores (US \$ 0.655 Million) to winning NGOs in each of the 3 categories

₹25 Lakhs (US \$ 0.033 Million) each to remaining finalists











The Association of People with Disability









Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health





Foundation



#### **HCL Grant released** The Fifth Estate -**The HCL Grant Compendium VI**

On March 7, 2022, the VI<sup>th</sup> volume of the compendium was released. This compendium documents the incredulous work of the top 30 highly credible NGOs selected post stage 4 of the HCL Grant process.











#### Yuva Mela

Commemorating the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, which is also observed as National Youth Day, HCL Foundation, organized a virtual event - 'Yuva Mela 2022'. This virtual event brought together almost 1,000 young minds who are part of the various interventions supported by HCL Foundation across India. This included young scholars who have excelled in academics as well as sports, youth being trained in various trades across the 'Yuvakendras' (Skill Development Centres), young micro entrepreneurs and women part of the various HCL Foundation supported SHGs. Various industry experts also participated in the event and conducted sessions on

varied topics relevant to the youth. The objective was to create a learning and development platform for this conglomeration where they get to meet and interact with successful people from various industries and fields and feel inspired by their stories.





Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, CEO, HCL Corporation, Chairperson, HCL Technologies and Chairperson of the CSR Board Committee and also joined the meet and motivated the youth. Ms. Nidhi Pundhir, Director, HCL Foundation, addressed the youth and partners, and acknowledged their contribution and achievements.







#### **Certification Distribution Ceremony at Yuva Kendra centre**



Certificates were distributed to graduated beneficiaries who completed the design training at Lucknow centre.



Yuvakendra Trainees received their certificates on completion of BPO and Solar Installer & Fitting training at Chennai centre.



SHG women in Lucknow are cultivating mushroom with support from HCL Foundation. They are growing Button & Oyster mushroom.



30 Women of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) trained during a three day food processing awareness camp.



Financial assistance provided to 40 micro women entrepreneurs in the presence of Inspector of Police, Vijayawada, police commissionerate and Mr. G Srinivasa Rao admin operations head, HCL Technologies - Vijayawada.



Certificate distribution program for tailoring training beneficiaries through HCL Foundation livelihood project.





#### Ms Jill Kouri, **Global Chief Marketing Office,** visits HCL Foundation supported communities

Ms Jill Kouri, Global Chief Marketing Office visited adult vocational training centers, child friendly spaces, afforestation and waterbody rejuvenation sites, interacted with Self Help Group members and visited various sites that are part of the Clean Noida initiative.









International Women's Day event held at HCL Campus Bangalore. Jointly organized by HCL Foundation team and Skill Development NGO partners. Women from Jigani and Mayabazar communities joined the celebrations. Three sessions on Legal Protection for women, Health and Wellbeing, **Entrepreneurship and Economic Inclusion were held. The event was** conducted strictly following COVID-19 protocols.





#### **Road safety** awareness campaign

A mass campaign was conducted across locations on Safety week. Road safety awareness campaign was organized by HCL Foundation in collaboration with NGO Partners in Lucknow, Chennai, Bangalore and Noida, where they placed reflective stickers indicating road safety measures on public transport.







#### **Scouts & Guides**

35 students from Avadi, Korattur, Villivakkam, Ayanavaram, Nungambakkam and Choolaimedu Police Boys & Girls Clubs were given Scouts and Guides training by NGO partner - Don Bosco Anbulllam by Don Bosco followed by investiture ceremony.

It's an initiative carried out to help inculcate a sense of moral duty and obligation in the students towards its community and also inculcate discipline.











#### **National Deworming Day**

National Deworming Day (NDD) is observed annually on 10<sup>th</sup> February, an initiative under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to make every child between the ages of one and 19 years across the country free from intestinal worms.

**HCL** Foundation celebrated NDD with students and parents from Hyderabad, Noida and Lucknow in a fun learning way by organising puppet show and quiz to make them understand the importance of deworming. In the end, students

also took a pledge to be aware about worm infections, take deworming tablets and maintain a healthy and hygienic lifestyle.





#### **Vaccination awareness week** in Maya Bazar and Anandpuram

Awareness sessions and nukkadnataks were held for the community members of urban villages in Bangalore. Dose two of Covidshield vaccine was also facilitated.









#### Young Kalam Science Fest 2022 organized in Chennai

On 18th March 2022, HCL Foundation supported students showcased their innovative science models and presented them to eminent Scientists, Ministers of School Education and leaders. The event was a grand success.





#### **Key Highlights**





#### **Toll free number**

for Family Planning, sexual

was inaugurated at FPAI Noida
Project Office under HCL Uday.
The honorable President,
the Secretary General,
Assistant Secretary General &
Assistant Director Adolescents
Programme of FPAI
inaugurated the number along
with HCL Foundation team members.

and reproductive health Counselling



Children in the age group of 15-18 of Rasta Project under HCL Uday were vaccinated at Noida, Sector 50, Nilgiri Hills Public School.



HCL Foundation handed over the oxygen pipelines project to Singasandra, Begur and Arekere Government health facilities. The MOH Bomanahalli graced the occasion which was held on February 3, 2022.





Adolescent Reproductive Health Education Program,
Anaemia Screening Camp and Nutrition Awareness Program
at Corporation School, Madurai.





# 550 Students participated in the International Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Day event

International Sexual and
Reproductive Health Awareness
Day (SRH) was observed on April
12, 2022 at Elango Corporation
Higher Secondary School Madurai.
6 different stalls with the content of
SRH were placed in Elango
Corporation Higher Secondary
School. Every stall had different IEC
on adolescent education program,
anemia, gender based violence,
health and nutrition, iron rich
healthy bites and counseling.







#### Constructed and Renovated WASH Infrastructure in 10 Schools

Newly constructed WASH Facilities were handed over to the school authorities in Hyderabad, under WASH initiatives of HCL Uday, a flagship programme of HCL Foundation focussed on urban development.







#### International Day of Transgender Visibility Day celebrated over a 2 day long Gender sensitization workshop

HCL Foundation organized a 2 days long gender sensitization workshop for all Chennai NGO partners. Women from different walks of life like transwomen, PWD, women auto driver, transmen, survivor from depression and anxiety participated in the 2 days workshop. The workshop successfully culminated with in-depth sharing, learning and understanding diverse gender representatives.











HCL Foundation handed over Rain Water Harvesting pit to Govt. High School, Vijay Nagar Colony. An awareness session on the importance water conservation was conducted with the school children and staff to encourage ownership for maintenance of the pit.

#### **Supporting art & culture**

The 48th Firodiya Karandak trophy prize distribution was organized in Pune. HCL Foundation has been the title sponsor for the last three editions. Mr. Vijay Iyer, Director, SSHS- HCL, Pune along with Simi Suri, DGM, Power of One attended the program. Mr. Anurag Kashyap was the chief guest at the event. In this edition, 36 colleges across Pune participated in a week-long competition.













#### **Letters to Swachhta Karmis**

Swachhta Karmis (Sanitation Workers), aka Green Friends, have been a strong pillar in the fight to make the city cleaner and greener every day. The efforts that these folks have been putting in are visible in the recent image of Noida. They deserve the most appreciation from citizens for going above and beyond to transform Noida into a visibly clean city.

HCL Foundation, under its Clean Noida programme, celebrated this Valentine's Day with a 15-day long campaign dedicated to shower appreciation on the Green Friends. We showcased stories of 10 sanitation workers on our digital platforms. Inspired by their stories, citizens dedicated messages to the Green Friends by sharing their #MessageOfLove. Out of all

messages received, we printed 10 on a Valentine's Day card and shared them with the respective sanitation workers. It was a small gesture to recognize and respect the courage of workers who have been at the forefront of all efforts, even during the pandemic.











Mr. Shobhit Pareek from HCL Technology, Noida conducted a session on 'Interview Skills' for Yuvakendra (skill development centre at Noida) students.

Mr. Pareek shared some basic tips on how to crack job interviews efficiently.

He continued the impeccable series to prepare Yuvakendra students for varied interview rounds. In accordance to his previous session he prepared a sequential long hour session to help the students answer questions like "tell me something about yourself". The session was very informative and interactive. The students had lots of queries which were addressed by Mr. Pareek in a professional manner.





These session were englightening as the students are training in IT. They were motivated to meet a person who has many years of experience in the IT industry.

He continued his impressive sessions, following an impactful series on effective interview skills. He visited Yuvakendra again and interacted with more students. explaining the best possible way to answer tricky questions while facing an interview.

15 students who completed their training in January 2022, were placed in relevant jobs. Mr Pareek joined the certificate distribution ceremony to personally wish them for their future endeavors.







#### **My Scholar ceremony**

Powered by voluntary contributions and mentoring support of our very own HCLites, HCL Foundation's 'My Scholar' project, has enabled almost 600 bright and talented young students to achieve their dreams and career goals, over the years. The scholarships are awarded across diverse academic fields as well as sports. There is a special focus on inclusion and diversity. This year, 283 highly deserving and meritorious scholars were awarded scholarships across programmes and locations.











#### **HCL Foundation supported kabbadi team** performed astoundingly

HCL Foundation supported team of Kabbadi players participated in Tamilan Kabbadi club, (58 kg) open Kabbadi tournament and grabbed the third prize. 250 teams from different districts participated in the tournament.



#### **Senior Boys and Girls Team** from Gejha village play a friendly match

The Senior Boys and Girls Team from Gejha Village visited Shiv Nadar University for a Friendly Match. Playing opposite college students gave them exposure and was an incredible learning opportunity for the young students.







#### **Key Highlights**

- HCL Foundation supported Kabbadi player Anitha from Chennai selected in Tamil Nadu team for the 68<sup>th</sup> Senior Women's National Kabaddi tournament held at
  - Haryana from March 10 to 14, 2022.



**HCL** Foundation supported Scholar Dhanushree, goal keeper, selected for the Indian women's league team from Goa Sirvodem sports club for the season 2021/22.



#### **HCL Foundation supported 38 Para Athletes take part** in the 20th National Para Athletic Championship 2022, held at Bhuvaneshwar.



Para Athlete Preethi Pal won the Gold Medal in 100mts race under T-35 category.



won the Bronze Medal in Shotput under F-20 (Mr. Category).



Para Athlete Nirmala won the Bronze Medal in Shotput under F-53 Category.



**Para Athlete Gajendra Pal** won the Silver Medal in 100mts race under F-54 Category. He completed the race in 12.66 Sec.



**Para Athlete** Vasantha D won the Bronze Medal in 100mts race under F-54 Category.



Suvarna Raj won the Silver Medal in discus throw under F-54 Category. This time it was her personal best with a distance of 14.30 Mt.



#### Overwhelming feedback received from participants of Batch 3 of the CSR Course on HCL Foundation Academy.

Souvik Dhar · 2nd

Fundraising | Project



Aashish Arora - 1st

TISS-Mumbai | IIMU | Educator | CSR | Former Consultant to Ministry of Labour and...

Eventually, It's here.

Thank you, Nikhil Pant and Surabhi Yadav for your consistent efforts and patience. I must confess that I learned a

these 3 months than in a work experience.

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Certified CSR from HCL Foundation Academy #CSR .Thanks to Nikhil Pant sir, Dr. Surabhi Yaday Ma'am!

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Thanks to #HCLFAcademy for designing such courses for Development Practitioners.

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Special thanks to the course mentors Nikhil Pant & Dr. Surabhi Yadav for creating such rich learning experience throughout the cohort.



Navitna J Prasaci · zno Manager - CSR at Shahi Exports Pvt Ltd 2d · Edited · ©

I have successfully completed 3 month course "Corporate Social Responsibility: Its Applied Aspects" #csr.

I am extremely glad and thankful to #hclfoundation for providing this opportunity. I would like thank Nikhil Pant and Dr. Surabhi Yadav for your rigorous support during and after the course.

Thanks all for your support and good wishes.



ABHISHEK SAINI · 2nd

Founder Those In Need | Social Entrepreneur | Tedx Speaker | Delhi School of Economics |...

Successfully completed the three months online certificate course on

#CorporateSocialResponsibility: Its Applied Aspects organized by HCL Foundation under #HCLFoundationAcademy. The online course aims at enhancing the knowledge levels of learners, building their skills, and creating a sense of curiosity and ownership amongst them with respect to Section 135, Companies Act 2013 (Corporate Social Responsibility).

Special thanks to Dr. Surabhi Yadav and Nikhil Pant for guiding us throughout the course and to #HCLFoundation for bringing up this unique course.



Munazzir Shafi - Ind evelopment Consultant/ CSR ...

I have successfully completed the 3 months course on "Corporate Social Responsibility: Its Applied Aspects"

I am highly thankful to HCL Foundation for providing this wonderful learning platform and all the related material free of cost.

I would like to acknowledge the tireless and selfless efforts of Nikhil Pant sir and Dr. Surabhi Yadav mam in mentoring and guiding us.

Lastly I thank my batchmates for sharing their and making the learning enjoyable



Ramakrishna Rao (Coach Ram) - 1st Head - L&OD, PAGE(Jockey and Speedo) | Great People Manager 2021 | 100 under 40...

Certified CSR Professional

First three years of my career was spent in setting up and running a not-for-profit vocational training centre enabling livelihood for under previliged. Till date, that's been the most

Then I moved onto corporate spending the next few years in the DC's of Infosys and story

By virtue of being in skilling domain, I have been part of CSR initiatives in ABG, thanks to Bishwanath Ganguly.

Finally, with HCL Foundation I got the opportunity to dive deep into all aspects of Corporate CSR, learning from #BhaskarChatterjee (IICA), Subhash Mittal Nikhil Pant Dr. Surabhi Yaday has been a great experience.

#1 CSR Indian Agenda, section 135, Companies Act 2013

#2 CSR policy formulation, Governance and documentation

#3 Project Management, Implementation and



Suresh Babu - 1st Corporate Partnership at ChildFund India

Happy for Completing the "CSR and it's applied aspect " course from the HCL foundation. It was wonderful learning & Knowledge sharing section. Thank u Nikhil Pant Dr. Surabhi Yadav and the whole HCL team.



Sanjeet Kumar - 1st

Manager - Finance & Administration || Non Profit || Finance & Compliance || Grant...

Happy to share, successfully completed 3 months course on CSR and its applied aspects. This course has provided lots of insights into the 360-degree practical and theoretical aspects. Thank you HCL Foundation Academy for organizing this insightful course and learning from Nikhil Pant, Dr. Surabhi Yadav, Subhash Mittal and #bhaskarchatteriee (IICA) has been a wonderful experience.



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Rajal Rana · 1st Consultant - CRY & UNICEF | Mentee at Global

Thinkers Forum | Ex DFT Ex Reach to Teach |... I am very much excited and happy to share that I have completed an online course on "Corporate Social Responsibility: It's Applied

Aspects" provided by HCL Foundation Academy. I enjoyed learning from interactions, quiz and especially the assignments, the This course has provided me with a lot of insights on very important aspects of Corporate Social Responsibility with the New CSR amendments (CSR rules 2021)

Thanks a lot to Nikhil Pant sir and Dr. Surabhi Yadav ji , Manu sir as well as the whole team of HCL Foundation Academy for designing this amazing course. I would also like to specially thank some of my batchmates Aashish Arora, Tirth Munindra Kharod , With them I could interact in case I miss on anything or have any

Thanks #hclfoundationAcademy for this opportunity.

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difficulties in understanding.

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Anusuya Das · 1st

#CSR #Rural Livelihoods #Rural Incubation

#Diversity&Inclusion #Accessibilty

Thrilled to have topped the 3rd batch of "CSR

'aday ma'am for everything. I will carry forth

he learnings, passion and commitment with

Truly grateful to HCL Foundation team for this

and Its Applied Aspects" course by HCL

Thank you Nikhil Pant sir and Dr. Surabhi

which you have taught us, and do my best

owards our larger commitment in nation

wonderful learning opportunity!



Ashok Karna - 1st

Entrepreneurship Training Facilitator and usiness incubation Specialist at ETASHA...

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Completed 3 Months Online course from HCL Foundation Academy on Corporate Social Responsibility: Its Applied Aspects

Sincerely Thanks to Nikhil Pant Sir and Dr. Surabhi Yadav Ma'am and entire team. Thanks for this course which is offering free of cost. I've enjoyed the course and have had complete insightful and understanding of the principles and applications of CSR in India. My thanks

Looking forward to next course of from HCL Foundation Academy.



Tirth Munindra Kharod - 1st Officer - CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) at Pidilite Industries Limite...

enjoyed being a part of the Course "Corporate Social Responsibility: Its Applied Aspects\* carried out by HCL Foundation Academy.

It was a great experience, and I got the chance to sharpen my skill and pick up a few new ones along the way.

I want to thank my mentors Dr. Surabhi Yadav and Nikhil Pant who twisted and pulled my mind in ways I wouldn't have considered while encouraging me to find the needed answers."

I would strongly recommend learners/social sector enthusiasts/connections to grab the opportunity and enrol yourselves in their ongoing/upcoming batches!

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Glad to share this achievement. I successfully completed 3 months course on "Corporate Social Responsibility: Its Applied Aspects", a beautifully designed course on CSR by #holfoundation academy.

I would like to thank Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Nikhil Pant sir and Dr. Surabhi Yadav for your teaching and guidance and HCL Foundation team for giving me this wonderful opportunity to learn.



Pramod Bhurii - 1st Entrepreneur | Manager - Mentoring & Partnerships at PIEDS, BITS Pilani | TISS 17h • Edited • S



### My E-Haat Powered by HCL Foundation

#### International Women's Day celebration, Common Facility Centre Inauguration ceremony at Barola

On March 8, 2022, Common Facility Centre inauguration ceremony at Barola, Sector 49 Noida supported by HCL Foundation was organized on occasion International Women's Day and was hosted by Access Development Services (ADS). Ms. Nidhi Pundhir - Director HCL Foundation, was the Chief Guest for the event. Ms. Pompy Das and Mr. Sachin Jain - Assistant Commissioner, Industries, Mr. Vipin Sharma - CEO, ADS along with beneficiaries from Barola Village graced the event.

HCL Foundation in collaboration with ADS is incubating four social enterprises at four locations, with Noida being hub and Gurgaon, Aligarh and Khurja the spokes. The enterprises train women in roasted food processing and baked products, and artisans in hand embroidery and pottery.

Women at the Common Facility Centre, Barola, Noida are being trained to make a wide range of healthy roasted and high-quality millet base products.





#### **Holi Bazaar**

Holi Bazaar was organized on March 16, 2022 at Café 2, HCL Campus at Noida. The event received enthusiastic response from HCL Tech emloyees. Festival special products like organic colours and dished including Gujjiyas, artisanal cookies and healthy laddoos were highly appreciated.

The opportunity gave good exposure to SHG women and total sale of ₹25,000 was achieved.









