

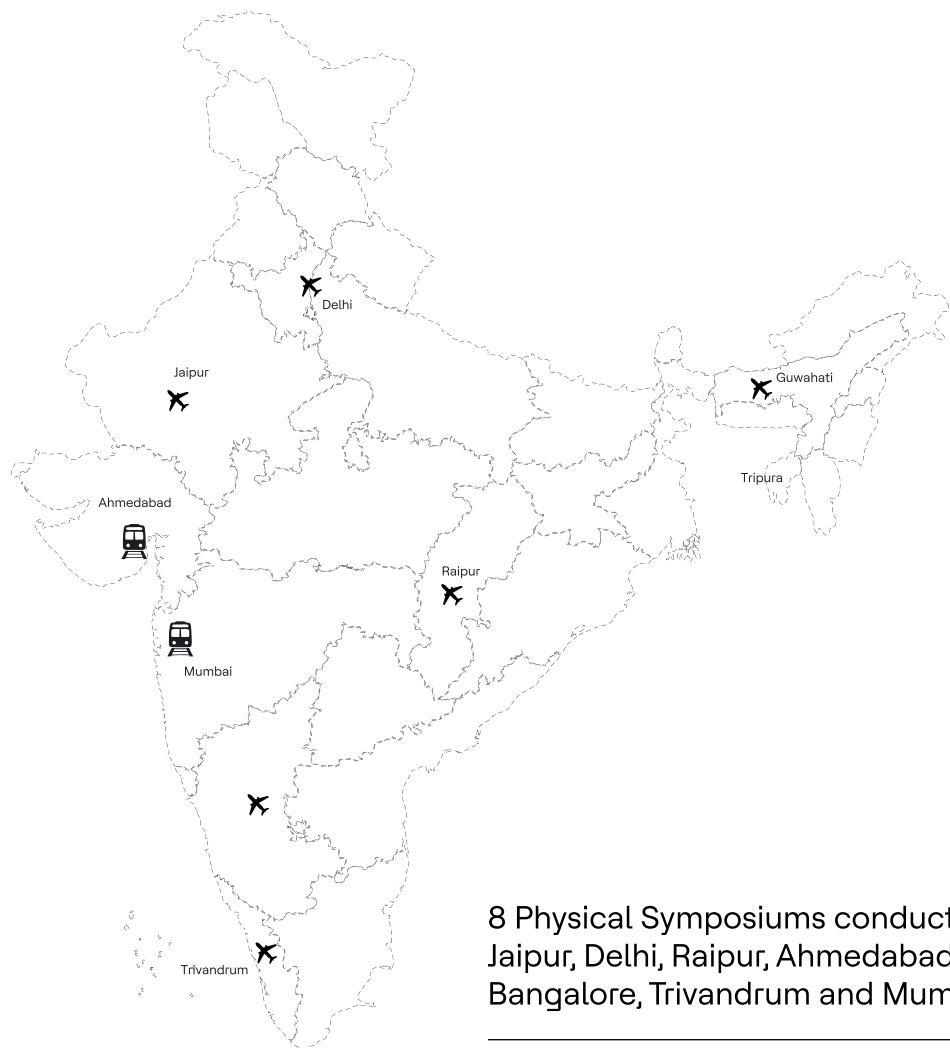
A step towards Nation Building

HCLTech Grant Granule

HCLTech Grant Granule (June – July 2023)



HCLTech Grant Edition IX Symposium Series 2023



8 Physical Symposiums conducted in
Jaipur, Delhi, Raipur, Ahmedabad, Guwahati,
Bangalore, Trivandrum and Mumbai

Total Registrations: **3224⁺**

Participants: **2000⁺** NGO participants

Symposiums at Glance!



Panel discussion on "India's G20 Presidency: What does it mean for civil society."



Panel discussion on "G20 Presidency in India: Improving Policies and Investments for Women, Children, and Adolescents Health and Well-being."



Panel discussion on the topic "G20 Presidency by India' Right Time for CSRs to Contribute Towards the Growth and Development Story."



Panel discussion on the topic "G20's Role in Combating Unemployment & Creating Jobs for the Youth"



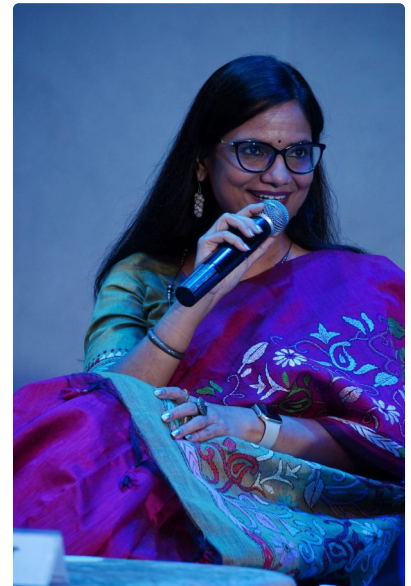
Panel discussion on the topic
"G20 presidency and how climate change and environmental challenges in India are being faced in respect to G20."



Ms. Simi Suri, General Manager and Mr. Prijo Tharuk, Group Manager, HCL Foundation, emphasizing on how the Foundation is empowering rural communities and making a difference in the lives of many a people. They said, "Our programmes are based on rural development and it's been a milestone year for us where we not only empowered more communities but also one where we created holistic development through our programmes."



Panel discussion on the topic "India's G20 Presidency – What it means for Rural Development."



Quotes from Symposiums



"India is advancing towards becoming a global economy, where we will be hosting the G20 Presidency for the very first time. Our commitment, grit and passion to execute and

implement developmental projects is an example that India is moving towards 75 years of Amrit Kaal."

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir

Vice-President, Global CSR, HCLFoundation.



"Capacity building is built on three pillars namely- teaching, research and direct community engagement. Teaching is one important pillar for capacity building that

creates a platform for future generations to grow over a period of time, research is the backbone for institutions to create the youth to take the lead in any endeavor and community engagement is the efforts of CSR norms and regulations which help us create an impetus for using technology in our advantage. We at SPJIMR have an NGO within the institution where we work with children or we call it our young sitara's who live in urban poverty areas and give them proper education and vocational training."

Dr. Varun Nagaraj, Dean,

S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), Mumbai



"In many ways, the work and ethos of what the HCL Foundation is, is what we at Loyola also stand for. We too, make our humble efforts to make an impact in the lives of rural and marginalized people.

Therefore, a network and a platform of this kind – one that the Symposium brings together – this very community working towards the nation-building process – benefits us all. It is our pleasure to have the HCL Foundation team with us here today, wishing everyone a fulfilling day ahead."

Dr. Saji P Jacob

Principal and Head, Loyola College of Social Sciences



"HCLFoundation was built on the idea of giving back to the society, and uplifting the rural communities. The genesis came from its employees with people centric programmes.

Organisations are built with a business idea and institutions that transform employees with a purpose to scale business ideas into a larger programme. Our programmes are based on – Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, WASH, Women Empowerment, Environment & Sustainability etc., which are working to uplift communities and achieve Sustainable Development Goals."

Mr. Sundar Mahalingam

President of Strategy, HCL Corporation and Shiv Nadar Foundation



"HCL Technologies has been touching lives for generations and creating an impact. In 1976, HCL was born in India, it started its journey with making calculators and then moved to making computer and today we are developing softwares which are being used by millions of people around the globe. Shiv Nadar started HCL Technologies with a vision to build to empower and create a lasting impact through education."

Robin Sarkar

Project Director, Shiksha and Sub Jury Member, HCLTech Grant

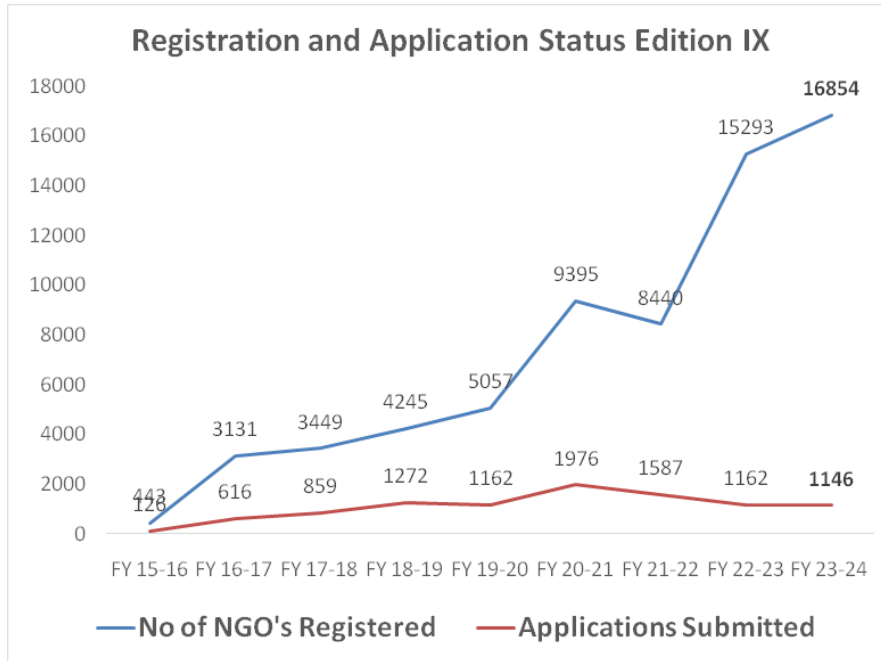
Key Highlights

- 1) 72 symposiums organized since 2017
 - 2) In HCLTech Grant Edition IX 2023 Symposiums series-
 - a) 3224+ registered for symposiums
 - b) 2000+ participants attended
 - 3) 16,907 NGOs registered and 1,146 applications submitted for HCLTech Grant Edition IX – 246 in Environment, 297 in Health and 603 in Education
- Engaging with people's representatives and self-help groups (SHGs) for stronger local governance and coordination acts as a strong foundation for community initiatives.
 - Empowering local leaders like ASHA workers to improve project implementation and the healthcare system is a sustainable way ahead to implement last mile program.
 - NGOs are crucial for biodiversity and climate conservation through initiatives and collaboration
 - By promoting awareness and education about gender equality, women's rights, and the importance of inclusivity, efforts can be made to create a more equitable society.
 - The W20 (Women 20) is an engagement group within the G20 that focuses on promoting gender equality and women's empowerment. The W20 initiative is commendable as it encompasses four key pillars: collaboration, cooperation, communication, and a call to action.

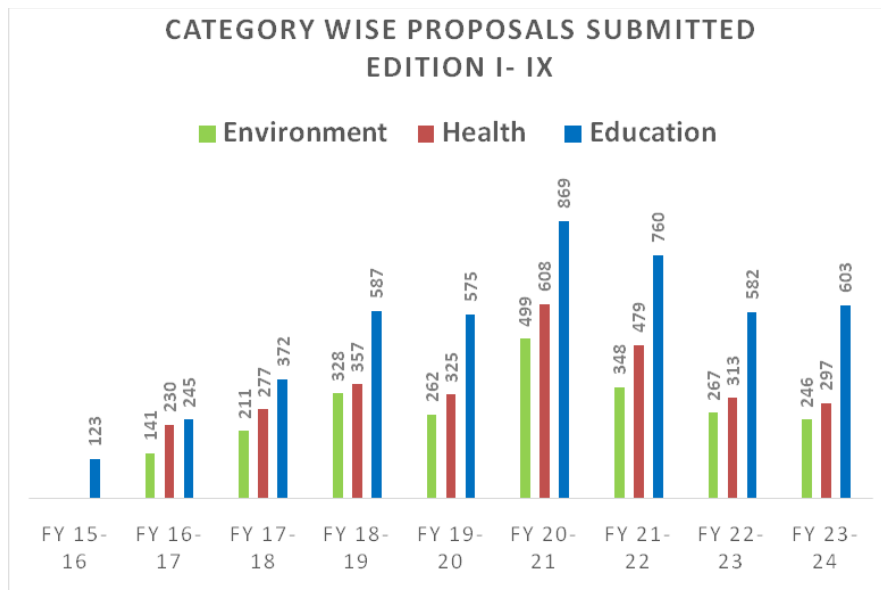
Key outcomes of HCLTech Grant 2023 Pan India Symposiums

- The C20 (Civil 20 India 2023) initiatives align with SDG No.1 and support the G20's goal of inclusive and sustainable growth.
- C20 in G20 promotes sustainable development with environmental stewardship and social progress. Social Stock Exchanges connect NGOs with investors, while audits and capacity building enhance credibility.

Registration and Application Status Edition I-IX



Category Wise Proposals Submitted Across Editions I-IX



Partnerships Bulletin

A much valuable project!

Ms Robin Abrams, ESG & Diversity Board Committee Chair, Board Committees Member – Nomination and Remuneration, Audit, Risk Management visited HCLTech Grant supported projects and witnessed on-ground impact of Sahaas and Association of People with Disability in Karnataka, India.

While interacting with SHG women, Gram Panchayat Officials, frontline workers (ASHA/Anganwadi) and other stakeholders at Gram Panchayat Office – Harisandra, Ms. Abrams said, "This is a much valuable project, a pioneering work has been done at local the community level – an example of successful Public Private Partnership and we look forward working with you".



Partnerships Bulletin

Promoting climate resilient agriculture in forest fringe villages of Sundarbans!

Visit to Lokmata Rani Rashmoni Mission:

- HCLTech Grant visited Deulbari and Purba Gurguria villages of Kultali block of South 24 Parganas for the field monitoring visit of Lokmata Rani Rashmoni Mission, HCLTech Grant Finalist 2022, Environment Category. The programme participants have set up Nutritional Gardens in the backyard of their homes and are producing organic vegetables and selling the surplus.
- Poultry farming and goat rearing has been followed by the beneficiaries as the alternative source of income.
- One common facility centre has also been set up in which one rice mill and two other machines for the production of rice, chilli dust, turmeric dust, flour and more, have been procured with the support of HCLFoundation.
- Team also visited the in house laboratory that has been set up in one of the villages where farmers are preparing their own bio-fertilizers in their fields without spending additionally.



Project Intervention had let to the set-up of:

- 100 Nutrition Garden
- Utilization of 01-hectare underutilized land
- 80 farmers involved in 'No-to Inorganic Agriculture (NIA)' using 5.7 hectares of land

Stories of Transformation



Environment

Under the Mango Tree Society, HCLTech Grant Recipient 2020

"Bees are life, though I am acknowledging this at the age of 28 years, I am proud that I know this now and that I am a proud beekeeper. I was in complete disbelief when I first learnt about domesticating (indigenous) bees in a beehive but when I attended the practical training I was in complete awe. Honey bees are our assurance for better crop produce and I am completely committed to conserve them now. I have started looking at bees beyond honey now, I know they (bees) are important for environment and ecosystems so I have befriended them."

– Rooplal Darshama, beekeeper,
Junnardeo block, Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh



Health

Association of People with Disability, HCLTech Grant Recipient 2022

The bravest hearts are the closest to God...

"Every teenager fantasizes about attending the college of his dreams and choosing his own path in life. Every youngster waits for the day when he will have his parents' permissions for hanging out, going on picnics, and stay up late studying with his peers. My interests and preferences, however, always varied while I was a teenager. My parents used to say I was way more mature than the kids of my age. But it's always about the situations and circumstance that mold you into the person you are destined to be. One day, despite my mother's disapproval I decided to go to a nearby temple early in the morning in my bicycle, and unfortunately, I met with an accident that took a huge toll on me mentally and physically

It was very shattering for me when I learnt that

I have injured my spinal cord and I will be wheelchair bound for the rest of my life. My devoted and inspiring mother always needed my concern, so I couldn't just sit back and cry. She has always been through all my thick and thin. When she learned of my diagnosis, she was able to control her emotions, but I know that deep down she was inconsolable. My maternal uncle made me understand that I needed rehabilitation. Within two months of receiving rehabilitation treatments after being referred to The Centre for Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation and Research of Association of People with Disability (APD), Bangalore, I had mastered most of the self-management abilities. I however encountered several complications which were expertly managed by a holistic approach of the professionals in the APD.



I was the youngest of all the individuals receiving rehabilitation at the facility, and everyone was constantly in awe of my acceptance and positive perspective toward my altered and enhanced talents. I've been inspired continually by everyone around me who now recognize my potential to excel in para-sports. My ideal peer trainer in APD is Mr. Kantharaj, a para-athlete who has always been there to mentor and assist me.

I will shortly be taking my board examination, and I am so grateful to my mother for making sure that both my new school and house are accessible to those in wheelchairs. Since it's common knowledge that God gives his harshest conflicts to his strongest soldiers, therefore I am content knowing that I can still set a very high standard for society. I'm Saidarshan, a 17-year-old young gentleman who will adapt to this new existence in a different way and become the survivor who helps others and benefits this society."



Language and Learning Foundation, HCLTech Grant Recipient, 2022

Mr. Mahendra Kumar Mandami, a CAC (Cluster Academic Coordinator) of the Lohandiguda block's Badrenga cluster, has participated in the five-day ToT workshop as a DRG teacher in Language and Learning Foundation's Multi Lingual (MLE) Programme. Mr. Mandami has 15 years of teaching experience and has been working as a CAC for the last three years. Bastar is his native place and he is very close to the culture and loves to speak in his mother tongue. That's also one of the big reasons that he is sensitive about education in his mother tongue. Mr. Mandami actively participated in the ToT and led numerous discussions during the five-day workshop, demonstrating his interest in MLE. He brought up his previous classroom experiences in the workshop where the teacher did not understand the child's language. He was convinced about the importance of the MLE in the Bastar district after the various brainstorming sessions in the workshop. He also encouraged other DRG members to participate in group discussions and presentations. He led the group discussions, presented charts, and demonstrated the MLE processes and learnt that as a DRG teacher he has to ensure active participation in block-level training and that, as a CAC, he needs implement MLE education in his cluster.



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