

A step towards Nation Building

HCLTech Grant Granule

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HCLTech Grant Edition IX Rollout

The Fifth Estate Edition VIII in the making

The groundwork of HCLTech Grant compendium – The Fifth Estate Edition VIII is underway. This compendium aims to celebrate the groundbreaking work of 30 NGOs across rural India that have proved their impact and credibility. The prestigious publication will feature the nature and area of each NGO's accomplished work alongside their proposed project in their respective field. These NGOs have been shortlisted by our Subject Matter Experts in the categories of Environment, Health and Education during the selection process of HCLTech Grant Edition IX.



HCLTech Grant Edition IX – Consolidation Workshop

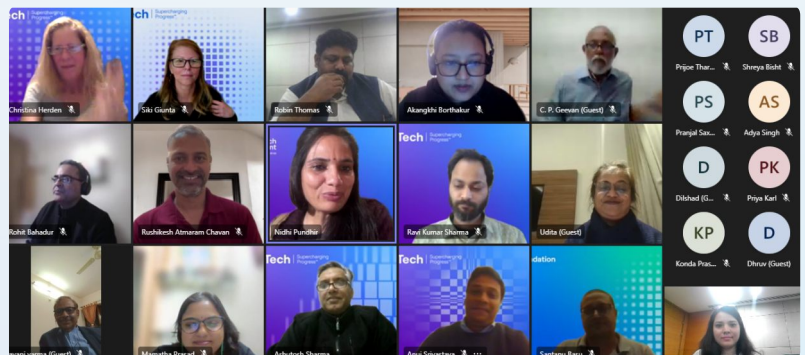
HCLTech Grant concludes Edition IX Sub-jury round

The Sub-Jury finalized top 9 NGOs in the fifth round of HCLTech Grant Edition IX, 3 each in the categories of Environment, Health and Education. The finalist NGOs were reviewed and shortlisted by a distinguished twelve-member panel based on case presentations jointly prepared by Subject Matter Experts, HCLFoundation field team and the Governance Partner team. These shortlisted NGOs will now proceed to the final jury stage, following a comprehensive due diligence by the governance partner.

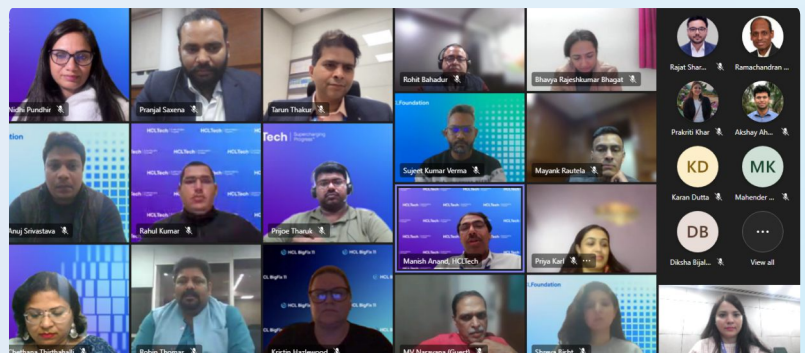
Environment	
Lokpanchayat	Maharashtra (Ahmednagar)
MUKTI	West Bengal (South 24 Pgs)
The Corbett Foundation	Gujarat (Kutch)



Health	
ECHO India (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes)	49 Districts across 8 North Eastern states of India.
Sangath	Madhya Pradesh (Hoshangabad, Vidisha, Raisen)
Social Revival Group Of Urban Rural and Tribal, SROUT Korba	Chhattisgarh (Korba)



Education	
Makkala Jagriti	Karnataka (Mysore)
Shishu Sarothi Centre for Rehabilitation & Training for Multiple Disability	Assam (Kamrup Rural, West Karbi Anglong Kamrup Metro, Karbi Anglong)
Sri Aurobindo Society	Puducherry



Partnerships Bulletin

International Disability Day celebrations

HCLTech Grant in collaboration with the Association of People with Disability celebrated International Disability Day as an effort to spread awareness and acceptance of disabilities within the community. 50 HCLTech employees volunteered in the event organized at Bala Bhavan Bengaluru on 3rd December 2023. They assisted in organizing the event activities

efficiently, including facilitating transportation for children, managing logistics, and ensuring hospitality arrangements. Their engagement, encouragement and support for the children fostered inclusivity and created memorable moments for both the children and attendees.



HCLTech volunteers with The Association of People with Disability at International Disability Day celebration

A drop-off kiosk for disposal of plastic waste

PlanatEarth, HCLTech Grant winner 2023 (Category: Environment) set up a kiosk for plastic waste disposal at Munambam Harbour. More than 47 kilos of ghost fishing gear were recovered in the kiosk including fishing nets of various sizes and materials, bits of ropes, fishing lines and damaged buoys. This poses a major threat to marine life and contributes to micro-plastic pollution. This waste is responsibly managed through recycling and upcycling initiatives. The program's success has prompted the implementing agency to consider installing similar kiosks in other harbours.



Plastic Waste Disposal Kiosk at Munambam Harbour, PlanatEarth, Kochi, Kerala

HCLTech Grant participating in Sports for Change

HCLTech Grant along with She Hope Society for Women Entrepreneurs – winner HCLTech Grant in 2019 (Category: Health), Bal Raksha Bharat – winner HCLTech Grant in 2020 (Category: Education) and SAAHAS – winner HCLTech Grant in 2021 (Category: Environment) participated in the district level qualifiers under the Sports for Change initiative by HCLFoundation across Jammu & Kashmir and

Karnataka. The aim of this initiative is to reach the youth from underserved communities and empower young leaders. Over 1600 children competed each other in different sports competitions in the various districts of J&K and rural Karnataka. These competitions have seen a good turnout in the past few years, highlighting the increasing awareness about the importance of sports.



SFC District Qualifiers at She Hopes Society for Women Entrepreneurs and Bal Raksha Bharat, Jammu & Kashmir and SAAHAS, Karnataka

Theatre in education (TIE) workshops

Three-day theatre in education workshops were organized in Bhopal for both children and educators. The workshop aimed at building confidence and agency of the child, chart a path for change through children's collective action and enhance the capacity of the children groups. 40 children from 20 villages participated in the workshop for children, at the end of which they prepared and presented plays on relevant social issues they witness around them.

Following the workshop with children, a similar workshop was organized with all the educators to bring a concerted change process in their respective

villages. Through group activities during the sessions, participants learned about themselves by creating self-images through theatre. The workshop was instrumental in bringing forth their perception of self and their connection with society at large.



Theatre in Education workshop activities, Child Rights & You, Guna District, Madhya Pradesh

Stories of Transformation



Sustaining the ecosystem

'Post-beekeeping, I was able to harvest 320 kg of mango, 100 kg of guava and 6.5 kg of sesame (highest till date), just by placing 5 filled beehives', exclaims Madhu Pilena. He adds, 'I was also able to harvest 5 kg of honey from backyard, without any additional effort like previous years wherein I used to roam aimlessly looking for a bee-colony to extract small quantities of honey'.

Madhu Pilena, Master Trainer and Bee Farmer, acknowledges the handholding support provided to him and awareness meetings and trainings that sensitized him towards the importance of bees in the ecosystem. He not only learned beekeeping skills in the process but was also able to expand his agriculture that added to his annual income.



Madhu Pilena's apiculture and agricultural farm, Under The Mango Tree Society, Palghar District, Maharashtra

Saiyad Affthab: Life from Brush to Wheels

Saiyad Affthab a 28-year-old painter from Davanagere, was a married man with two young daughters, surrounded by a supportive family that included his wife, parents, and brothers. Life took an unexpected turn on April 7, 2022, when Saiyad suffered a severe spinal cord injury on falling off from a building. Not knowing what recovery to expect after spinal cord injury, he was confined to his home for three months waiting to be fully recovered. The Community-Based Rehabilitation therapist identified him and educated him and his family about spinal cord injury, complications and expectations.

He was later referred to the Nishard NGO Rehabilitation Centre, where he underwent three months of intense therapy. With newfound mobility, including walking with elbow crutches, he achieved a significant milestone— he purchased auto for financial independence. It led him to advocate for other people with spinal cord injuries and has motivated them to seek rehabilitation. Today, Saiyad is not just a painter but a driver of his own destiny, leading a content life with his family.



Saiyad Affthab with his auto-rickshaw. The Association of People with Disability, Davanagere district, Karnataka

**"Our dreams can come true
only if we dare to pursue them."**

- Yasir Hamid

Yasir Hamid, a 7th grade student of Govt. Middle School, Russoo, withdrew himself from all activities that interested him after his family encountered an economic crisis. He got noticed through the Children's group when he participated in the provisional level chess competition in Baramulla and was further selected for the district as well as state level game for which his teacher and mentor Nasir Ahmad Wadwani accompanied him.

"Joining the BRB Formational Children's Group was a life changing event for me. The group encourages me and boosts me morally to participate in different activities at my school and surroundings."

Yasir shares his message for the children who have lost hope in themselves, "Our dreams can come true only if we dare to pursue them."



Yasir Hamid, Bal Raksha Bharat, Budgam district, Jammu & Kashmir

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