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# Catalyst

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# Foreword

Dear Reader,

June has been a month of action, impact, and inspiration at HCLFoundation. We've been on the ground, witnessing firsthand the transformative power of our initiatives. From the vibrant classrooms of Madurai to the bustling streets of Noida and the energetic sports grounds at Vijayawada – our teams have been immersed in the heart of our work.

We celebrated World Environment Day with fervor, engaging communities in Noida and Greater Noida in activities that promote sustainability and environmental consciousness. Our Sports for Change initiative saw the successful conclusion of the South Zone Championship, showcasing the incredible talent of young athletes from across the region. Behind the scenes, our team came together to discuss strategy, fueled by inspiration, collaboration and the spirit of service to the communities we serve.

Read this and many such stories of hope, progress, and the unwavering spirit of our teams and partners in the June 2024 edition of our monthly newsletter – Catalyst.

Happy reading!

Best Regards,  
HCLFoundation team and partners

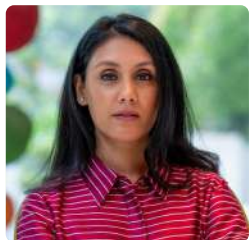
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# Key Highlights



"Most people look at the underserved in rural and urban India and ask what is the problem statement. At HCLFoundation, we always focus on what is the opportunity statement. This is our ikigai!"

**Roshni Nadar Malhotra**  
Chairperson, HCL Technologies,  
Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation  
Founder, The Habitats Trust

## Finding our 'Ikigai'

### HCLFoundation Strategy Meet '24 | Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu

50 team members of HCLFoundation recently met for 3 days filled with discussions, deliberations, learnings, planning, and fun.



#### Day 1: Site visits and community engagement

- Velliveethiyar Corporation Govt School (Uday by HCLFoundation)
- Keerathurai: Visit to Early Childhood Care Development (ECCD) centre
- The DHAN Academy, Melakkal



#### Day 2: Strategy and team building

- Morning: Team introductions, team building exercises and interactive session by Dr. Nidhi Punthir on the theme of Ikigai.
- Afternoon: Shark Tank style pitches by 7 teams.
- Evening: Karaoke Night and Games



#### Day 3: Planning and leisure

- Morning: Discussions on the way forward, annual action plans, and key events till March 2025.
- Afternoon: Visit to a local waterfall and exploration of local markets and cuisine.
- Fun dance session.

## South Zone Shines: Sports for Change Championship

- Who:** Children from SFC programme locations, HCLTech Grant locations, Government schools, and underserved communities who WON in the SFC State Qualifiers
- What:** Participated in the 6th Edition Sports for Change South Zone Championship held at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, Guntur, Vijayawada
- And?:** The championship took place in ANU on 20th and 21st June 2024, featuring competitions in various sports categories. Over 700+ participants from across South India competed in sports such as Football, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball (Under-16) and Athletics, Badminton, Carrom, Chess, Table Tennis (Under-14). Highlights included matches conducted under floodlights for the first time, enhancing the experience akin to international competitions. Karnataka emerged as the Overall Champions with 105 points, followed by Tamil Nadu in second place with 92 points, and Kerala in third place.

Location: [Vijayawada](#)



## Dr. Nidhi and HCLFoundation Core team members visit to Madurai

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir and HCLFoundation core team recently visited various intervention sites in Madurai, engaging with the impactful work being done to uplift communities.

The day started with an interaction with Mr. Thirumurugan Subbaraj, Operational Director, HCLTech Madurai Campus along with the larger HCLFoundation team.

At Velliveethiyar Corporation Govt School, Dr. Pundhir engaged with the dynamic students from various clubs – part of the Uday by HCLFoundation flagship programme – including the Young Kalam Student's Science Club, Robotics Achievers, Sports Achievers, Rain Water Harvester's Club, and the WATER-SANitation Committee. She also connected with Children Parliament members and learned about the Anaemia Eradication and Happy Schooling Programs, as well as the Tobacco Cessation Programme.

In Keerathurai, she visited the Early Childhood Care Development (ECCD) centre and the 1000 Days Care Program, meeting with dedicated slum governance members who are driving change at the grassroots. Her day's journey concluded with a meeting with the DHAN team at The DHAN Academy at Melakkal – reinforcing our commitment to collaborative development under the Harit flagship programme.



## Marking World Environment Day with communities

### Noida

On June 5, 2024, My Clean City by HCLFoundation celebrated World Environment Day, 2024 with the citizens of Noida city. This event took place in three RWAs (110 SharmikKunj, 122 SharmikKunj and 66 SharmikKunj) of Noida with participation of 100+ residents with the key objective to promote the principles of 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), raise awareness about responsible waste management and encourage sustainable practices among the citizens of Noida. In this event, multiple activities including tree plantation, rallies on waste management for healthy and sustainable environment were carried out. All participants were given cloth bags as a token of appreciation, and they participated enthusiastically, pledging to make their surroundings clean and green.



### Greater Noida

World Environment Day was also celebrated with residents of Greater Noida at the Greater Noida Authority Auditorium.

Focusing on the theme: 'Our land, Our Future', the event aimed at creating awareness through an educational session by a subject matter expert on topics including land restoration and citizens' responsibilities towards the environment, followed by a student-led street play and poster presentation and competition. 100 individuals comprising of members from Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority, Market Associations, college students and active volunteers participated in the event.





# Key Representations

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir,  
was a speaker on the panel –  
**'Empowering NGOs through  
best Practices in CSR'**  
– on Day 1 of the Confederation of  
Indian Industry's North East CSR  
Connect at New Delhi. The two-day  
event was centred around the theme  
'Unlocking North East's Potential'.



Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, joined virtually for -World Clubfoot Day celebration organized by CURE India . The Next 2000 Campaign was launched in the event which aims to reach out to 2000+ children ensuring they receive the necessary treatment to lead fulfilling lives.



**In this edition, we proudly spotlight Anjali Khurana – Senior Programme Officer (Education) at Uday by HCLFoundation. Her life's journey is a fantastic concoction of grounded technical expertise, a relentless passion for both education & community service, an admirable allegiance to children, boundless optimism and a generous dose of faith. This, is Anjali's story...**

**Excerpts from an interview – edited and condensed for clarity.**



## Star Team Member of the Month

### Lessons in Chemistry | Early life & Education

Born and brought up in a Punjabi family of Delhi, Anjali is, in her words, “a total Delhi girl!”. She completed her early education here and demonstrated a keen interest in science, choosing to pursue an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi. She cleared higher education entrances for IIT, M-NIT and more, before finally deciding to continue her academic journey with a Master's degree in Chemistry from Kurukshetra University. But her quest for learning and knowledge did not stop there; such was (and still is!) her love for teaching-learning that she went on to pursue a B.Ed and M. Ed as well. She even qualified for GATE and CTET, making her eligible for advanced studies and teaching roles.

### Family to the rescue when not all is ‘rosy rosy’...

Anjali mentions how, “this transition from school to college wasn’t as ‘rosy rosy’ as it may sound”. She is referring to a terrible road accident that incapacitated her for a good 3 months – keeping her bedridden following serious leg and head injuries and surgeries.

“But amidst all this, mom and dad were my true heroes – my pillars of support. “Kabhi bhi himmat nahi haarni chahiye” (one should never lose courage) – they would tell me – their eldest daughter of three children. The funny thing is that they did not have to tell me this, I was subconsciously observing how they are literally ‘living by example’. You see, private hospital bills aren’t cheap and my brave Papa was himself still recovering at the time from economic stress after having to shut shop, downsize our home and a serious health/dermatology condition – and yet here he was – providing for us all! And my mother nursed me like a newborn baby – feeding me, bathing me and comforting me during my periods. It is mind-boggling how family comes to the rescue in times like these... and then, these memories fondly stay with you – they can never ever be forgotten. Never.”

### Stepping into the Professional World

Anjali's professional journey began alongside her academic pursuits. During her B.Ed. studies, she, “received an offer I could not refuse – an offer from my alma mater – Khalsa College!”

Here she was involved in developing online refresher courses accredited by AICTE for higher education faculty across India. This role was a part of the national initiative under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMNMTT). Anjali played a crucial role in creating content for the SWAYAM platform at the one-of-a-kind Guru Angad Dev-Teaching Learning Course (GAD-TLC), aimed at providing quality education through digital means.

Her experience here equipped her with insights into educational technology, which she carried forward to her next role – at NCERT. Here, Anjali worked as a Science Resource Person, contributing to the development of online courses for school students on the SWAYAM platform. Her technical and academic expertise set her apart – “Briefly, I was even asked to tutor people much much senior to me!”, Anjali adds, blushing.

As she succinctly puts it, “Working with NCERT allowed me to contribute to projects that have a far-reaching impact on education in India. Developing digital content for the SWAYAM platform – before the onset of Covid[19] – provided me with an edge on how tech can be leveraged to enhance learning.”



She went on to contribute to various government projects, including SWAYAM, DIKSHA and NISHTHA portals/initiatives under the Ministry of Education before transitioning to HCLFoundation.

**"I had heard of CSR, but full form nahi malum tha!"**

"Before joining HCLF, I had heard of CSR, but wasn't aware of its full form!" Anjali admits rather candidly, adding in the same breath, "I was confident, however, that the transition to HCLFoundation would be a perfect fit: my rich background in educational technology along with a passion for community service aligned perfectly with the Foundation's goals too."

Anjali continues, "The interview happened in two phases - virtual (with the Uday team) and in-person (with Dr. Nidhi). Oh, the interest she and the team take in offering opportunities and hiring talent is both deep and inspiring!"

Fast forward to today, Anjali is the Senior Program Officer at Uday where she has been instrumental in driving educational programs that aim to empower underserved children.

**A Day-in-the-(work)-Life of Anjali at HCLFoundation**

Anjali's is a multifaceted role: A typical day in her work life is a blend of planning, collaboration, and hands-on involvement in program activities. She begins her day by reviewing project updates and setting priorities. Meetings with school Principals, allied stakeholders and partners are a regular feature, where she discusses progress, addresses challenges, and plans actions. She adds, "I look after the implementation of programmes in intervention schools in the district of GB Nagar, Noida, while promoting gender and disability inclusion. (I have a personal bent towards ensuring and empowering young girls to take decisions based on their aspirations - without a trace of self-doubt.) In conclusion, responsibilities encompass partner management, project implementation, and government liaison, ensuring effective stakeholder engagement."

Anjali also looks into promoting STEM learning in school education and assists with Power of One volunteering engagements. And like all development professionals, she too, spends considerable time in the field - with participants.

"Each day brings new challenges and opportunities," Anjali notes, adding, "My goal is to ensure that our programs are effective and impactful. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing positive changes in the communities we serve. This and this alone, motivates me to keep pushing forward."

**One fond memory**

There are three, actually! First (And I know I am not alone when I say this:) The HCLFoundation Partner Convergence meet of 2022! What a day full of learnings and what an evening full of fun! Two, the travel (by train) to Nagpur for the Sports for Change Finals 2022 - working hard, developing a stomach infection and having the team buy me fruits and meds - ah, memorable! And finally the fond memories I build whenever I am around my girls: Praks & Vazi - my dear colleagues who may not always have solutions but they listen and are always, always there!

*Anjali is Delhi-based and is married to Rahul, a Chartered Accountant. Anjali firmly believes in practicing gratitude daily and acknowledges the support of her family, colleagues, mentors, gurus and 'Guruji' - who have been instrumental in her success. She is a self-proclaimed cinephile who loves movies - her favorite being Kuch Kuch Hota Hai and The Pursuit of Happyness; she hopes to travel to Cape Town - her dream destination, someday! Anjali also loves Punjabi cuisine: Chole Bhature, Rajma Chawal, et al and wishes that if she had a superpower, it would be to whip up tasty meals with a flick of a wand!*



# Supporting environmental action

## PO1 Volunteering across animal care centres in Bengaluru

Around 20+ HCLTech employees have volunteered with various animal welfare partners in Bengaluru during the month. Volunteers contributed a cumulative time 180+ hours, supporting the NGOs in painting the animal enclosures and building enrichment materials for the animals under care.



## Native Seed Collection Drive at Azhagar Hills Reserve Forest, Madurai

16 People including DHAN Foundation staff members, Madurai Kamaraj University students, Women Collectives (Gardeners), Forest Department Staff and HCLFoundation team participated in the 2nd native seed collection drive in Azhagar hills, Madurai District (A pilgrimage site and abode of Lord Vishnu). Over the course of 3 days, the team intensively trekked around the hillocks and managed to collect around 3,000 native seeds belonging to over 28+ species of various native tree, shrubs and medicinal plants which included *Gyrocarpus americanus* (helicopter tree), *Syzygium cumini* (Java plum), *Lepisanthes tetraphylla* (four leaved soapnut), *Guazuma ulmifolia* (West Indian elm), *Terminalia bellirica* (bedda nut tree), *Artocarpus hirsutus* (wild jackfruit), *Albizia odoratissima* (black siris) to name a few. All collected seeds were transported to the Adavi Sacred Groves (Afforestation site) where it will be quantified, stabilized, nurtured, raised and maintained in the nursery bed over the next few weeks and will be subsequently utilized for the future plantations. The nursery already hosts over 5,000 native saplings and seed beds.





# Inauguration of Veterinary diagnostic lab

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir visited Harit partner Avian Rescue and Rehabilitation center in Karnataka. During her visit she met NGO leadership Ms. Jayanti Kallam, founder trustees of the organization, veterinarians, and rescue team. She also inaugurated the newly setup state of art veterinary diagnostic lab at the centre and forged a stronger future partnership.



# Environmental awareness through comics

World Comics India organized a two-day workshop to improve environmental awareness among children and teachers. A total of 42 students from corporation high school at Mayabazzar, Bengaluru participated and created their own environmental comic strips portraying a wide range of environmental issues and possible solutions.





# Transforming rural communities

## VASUNDRA – unique project reclaiming wasteland and conserving water in Hardoi

This farm initiative aims to support marginal farmers and their farms by achieving optimum crop productivity through the adoption of various sustainable agriculture practices. The proposed model involves the reclamation of 1 kachha bigha of wasteland or degraded land (salt-affected soil) belonging to marginal farmers.

In the month of June, 455 farmers' fields across Hardoi, have been treated for land reclamation, breaking the hard pan of the surface to allow water to percolate into the ground. Runoff reduction in barren land is being done by deep land ploughing technique and creating an 18-inch depth cushion of soft soil by breaking the soil PAN. This makes the bed water absorbent in the entire field and reduces the runoff of rainy water, which in turn facilitates water recharge from the entire field and enhance the soil and moisture of the land. As a result, 236,077,296 liters of water will be saved during this monsoon season. This project is not only helping farmers but also has an environmental aspect in terms of conservation of land and water conservation. So far the project has helped reclaim 577 acres of land in hardoi and harvest 1288 Million liter of rainwater.



## World Environment Day celebrated in Hardoi

Samuday by HCLFoundation celebrated World Environment Day with multiple activities– Plog run, plantation drive, and plastic collection drive, aligned with the theme of Land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience. Aimed at reducing plastic from public areas, the plog-run and plastic collection drives started from station road and ended at the main gate of IR Inter College. 23 kg plastic waste got collected in the process. This was followed by planting 23 tree saplings to commemorate the event. 158 individuals (including 60 students) participated joyously in the celebrations.





# Ni-kshay Day organized in Hardoi to support persons with TB

TB Elimination and Demonstration project under Samuday organized Ni-kshayDiwas on 13-14 and 19-20 June 2024. During this event, 564 persons with Tuberculosis were provided nutrition support and their anthropometry was done across 2 blocks of Hardoi. In addition, team members provided counseling and spread awareness about Tuberculosis, importance of nutrition and timely consumption of medication during treatment.



## CBNAAT batteries donated to TB Unit, Sandila to ensure timely and accurate diagnoses

The CBNAAT (Cartridge-Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) Machine of TB Unit Sandila, Hardoi, had been non-functional due to the lack of CBNAAT batteries. The district has only two CBNAAT machines, which are crucial for diagnosing tuberculosis quickly and accurately. On 1st June, responding to a request from the District TB Officer, Samuday by HCLFoundation donated the much-needed batteries. This contribution restored the functionality of the TB unit, ensuring that patients could once again receive timely and accurate diagnoses, significantly improving public health and tuberculosis management in the district.

# International Yoga Day celebrated with fervor across Hardoi

Samuday by HCLFoundation on 21st June celebrated International Yoga Day with enthusiasm across 14 public health facilities in Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh involving over 500 beneficiaries. The event promoted the importance of yoga in daily life, highlighting its benefits for physical, mental, and emotional health.





## 44 health camps focused on Non-Communicable Diseases organised

Samuday by HCLFoundation, in coordination with the District Health Society, organized 44 health camps this month focusing on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) in two blocks of Hardoi district (Tadiyawan and Kachhauna). Using Mobile Health Clinics various services like NCD screening, lab testing, counselling, and general OPD medicines were provided to the people. 3,549 people screened in the process, of which 258 got identified with hypertension and 355 with diabetes. Identified patients were enrolled with Community Health Officer (CHO) for further treatment and follow-up.



## Special health camp for Police officers organized in Tadiywan

Samuday by HCL Foundation organized a health camp for police officers at Police station, Tadiyawan, Hardoi on 18th June. During this event, 45 police officers received various services like general OPD, lab testing, counselling, and the required medicines as recommended by the Doctor.





# Empowering NGOs that transform rural India

## Rolling out now: HCLTech Grant Edition X – Pan India Symposiums!

It is that time of the year when HCLTech Grant team organizes help desks and pan-India Symposiums as part of its annual roll out.

This year – special even more so being the 10th Edition – the team is steadfast on its motto and had set out to build capacity and empower of the Fifth Estate – the NGO ecosystem of India. The symposiums organized in the month of June covered South, East and Northeast India and saw participation from a 1000+ NGOs! These symposiums equip the participant organizations to gain in-depth understanding of the current CSR laws and policies as well as the HCLTech Grant Application process. Panel discussions with special focus on topics pertaining to the region's specific needs, masterclasses and experience sharing by Subject matter experts and HCLTech Grant recipients – all help the organizations attending to upskill and if applicable, prepare strong project proposals.

### Glimpses from the HCLTech Grant Symposiums



**Chennai – June 11, 2024**

**Theme:** "A Decade of CSR Law in India: Reflecting on Milestones and Future Directions"

**Venue:** Indian Institute of Technology Madras(IIT-M), TITJ Auditorium, IC&SR Building, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Number of NGO participants: 349**





**Patna – June 15, 2024**

**Theme:** "Non – Communicable Diseases and Challenges in Rural India: CSR Strategies for Change"

**Venue:** Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sheikhpura, Patna, Bihar

**Number of NGO participants: 383**



**Bhubaneswar – June 18, 2024**

**Theme:** "The Changing Definition of Poverty Line in Rural India – Strategies & Challenges"

**Venue:** Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Campus 5 Auditorium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

**Number of NGO participants: 267**



**Shillong – June 21, 2024**

**Theme:** "Role of CSR in Development of Rural parts of Northeast India"

**Venue:** North-Eastern Hill University, Golden Jubilee Auditorium, Design Innovation Centre, NEICOD Building, Shillong

**Number of NGO participants: 86**

# Breaking the cycle of urban poverty

## Bengaluru

### Distribution of Assistive Devices to PWD'S

On 26th June 2024, AIFO INDIA, with support from Rise Bionics, held an Assistive Device Distribution Camp at the Field Resource Centre, Haragadde. Beneficiaries received high-quality, Tailor made devices. The event served 19 individuals.



### Mental health seeking behaviour among Pourakarmikas

A mental health awareness program at Koramangala's Poura Karmikas sanga. This initiative empowered Poura Karmikas to prioritize their well-being. By reducing stigma and fostering open communication, it created a supportive environment where they can access help without hesitation. This programme paves the way for similar initiatives, making mental health a priority for sanitation workers across the city.



### Volunteer activity- HCLTech Employee Engagement.

On June 29, 2024, 6 Volunteers from HCLTech participated in an employee engagement activity with AIFO INDIA. They visited household of beneficiaries to assist with ABHA Card generation and PWD (person with disabilities) need assessment.





**Inaugurated the extension of the livelihood center**

Dr. Nidhi visited the livelihood center supported by HCLFoundation and interacted with the tribal community members involved in the NHTFP value addition project. The FPO for NTFP collection and value addition was developed and incubated under the HCLF project.



**Business Incubation for retiring army veterans**

HCLFoundation supports the Business Incubation Centers (BICs) in Bangalore and Lucknow. These centers aim to train the retiring Indian Army personnel on entrepreneurship. The goal is to encourage them to become job creators and explore entrepreneurship as a viable career option. In June, a total of four workshops were conducted. Three workshops were conducted in Bangalore covering 105 retiring Indian Army personnel. The fourth workshop was in Lucknow covering 49 army men. Their business ideas ranged from Mushroom Farming, Coconut Trading, Medical Store, Coaching Center, Installation of Solar Panels, Paint Store, Hardware Shop, Renting out JCB Machines, Dairy Farm, Fish Farm, Garment Store, Vegetable Shop etc.,



**World Environment Day**

In celebration of World Environment Day, we embarked on an eco-friendly initiative by preparing 5231 paper seed balls with the help of our enthusiastic children, Parents from Community and HCLTech volunteers.

This initiative was celebrated across 40 Anganwadi centers, where the children learned about the importance of planting trees and preserving our environment. Employee volunteers played a crucial role in the process of making seed balls and planting them. Volunteers also created some Teaching Learning Materials with locally available materials for children by enhancing a sense of community and environmental awareness. This hands-on activity not only educated our young learners about sustainability but also engaged the broader community in our green efforts.



**Beneficiary Enrolment in Anadapuram & Mayabazar**

In both Anadapuram and Mayabazar in both the communities, a total of 77 children (48 boys & 29 girls), 81 males and 159 females, that is a total of 317 beneficiaries were enrolled in this quarter.





## Identify the Tobacco Smokers/Chewers in the Community - (Lung Cancer Screening)

With the objective of identifying the tobacco smokers/chewers in the community aged above 45 years who use more than a pack a day for lung cancer screening, a total of 63 households were surveyed and 6 tobacco users were identified.



## International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

OfERR team International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking" was observe. An awareness and training session aim for a drug free society was organized for the students and the community with the support of F2 Egmore Police Station.



## Marriage ceremony

Jay became a part of SIP Memorial Trust at the age of 7 and has received nutritional support through a project funded by HCLFoundation. She graduated with a BSc in Visual Communication. Despite being an orphan and HIV positive, Jay overcame many challenges. She got married in the presence of SIP Memorial Trust staff and the groom's family.



## ICDS support for dry ration to ECCD centers at Gandhi nagar-Sholingnallur

Following ongoing discussions with the ICDS team of the Tamil Nadu state government, the ECCD centers supported by HCLFoundation and Bro. Siga Social Service Guild will include midday meal programme for 175 children.



## Children's Parliament follow-up training

OfERR team visited the Government Higher Secondary School (Madambakkam), MaraiMalai Adigal Government Higher Secondary School (Pallavaram) to conduct an introduction session to the concept of the children's parliament, democratic values, leadership skills, civic engagement among the students.



### Career Counselling to Students

Individual & Group Career Counselling sessions to the students who have successfully completed SSC and choosing the interested & right stream in Intermediate. Apart from choosing the right education stream also oriented the students with Admissions, Scholarships etc. It helped 300+ students from 11 Govt. High Schools at Hyderabad. It's been implemented by Nirmaan NGO.



### Sports For Change (SFC) – South Zone Competitions

124 students including Boys & Girls who have qualified in Telangana State Sports For Change competitions have been participated in South Zone competitions held at Vijayawada. The students were part of 10+ sports events like Foot Ball, Athletics, Kabbaddi, Kho-Kho etc. It's been coordinated by Nirmaan NGO.



### International Yoga Day Celebrations

International Yoga Day celebrated on 21st June at Govt. High School, NBT Nagar, Hyderabad. 471 students were part of the event and involved in practicing basic asanas, mudras & yoga which were beneficial for physical & psychological development. It's been implemented by MARI NGO.





## World Menstrual Hygiene Day

Mamta HIMC, through the My Worth Project, organized a community-level intervention to observe World Menstrual Hygiene Day, targeting adolescents and their parents. The primary goal was to sensitize the community and promote behavior change concerning menstrual health and hygiene practices. The event featured interactive sessions, educational materials, and open discussions designed to address and dispel common myths and misconceptions about menstruation. These activities aimed to foster a deeper understanding and acceptance of menstrual health, encouraging healthy hygiene practices among participants. By creating a supportive environment for open dialogue, the intervention sought to break down social taboos and empower both adolescents and parents with knowledge and resources.



## World Environment Day

With the support of the HCLFoundation, MAMTA HIMC observed World Environment Day, focusing on raising awareness about environmental issues and preventing further damage caused by human activities. This day serves as a crucial reminder to take action and implement safeguards for the environment. Recognizing that global warming is the primary threat to our environment, it is imperative that we work to preserve and protect it. Additionally, we must stop any form of exploitation that harms the ecosystem, as it is vital for our survival and that of future generations. This year, plantation activities were conducted in the UCHC community, accompanied by awareness campaigns to promote environmental conservation.



## International Yoga Day

On June 21, 2024, the Khargapur school community celebrated International Yoga Day through the My Worth Initiative, with the support of our HCL volunteers. The event focused on promoting physical and mental well-being via an inclusive yoga session led by an HCL volunteers, emphasizing basic asana and breathing exercises. Volunteers guided participants and created an interactive atmosphere. Additionally, a session on healthy living provided practical tips on balanced nutrition and regular exercise. Engaging activities such as yoga-themed games, poster making, and slogan competitions made the event particularly enjoyable for younger participants. This collaboration between the My Worth Initiative and the HCLFoundation fostered a strong sense of community, encouraging participants to incorporate yoga into their daily routines for a healthier future.



**Orientation of Depot Holders and Active Male Members on SRH, Family Planning, and Responsible Sexual Behavior**

On June 27, 2024, an engaging orientation workshop for depot holders and active male members from intervention slum communities was held at SSK, Lucknow. The goal was to enhance their knowledge of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), responsible sexual behavior, and family planning. Ms. Mukta Sharma delivered a highly insightful session covering SRH, POCsO, and responsible sexual behavior. The workshop was lively and interactive, featuring a variety of activities and role-plays to facilitate learning. We concluded with an interactive Q&A game, keeping everyone involved and excited. A total of 47 participants attended the workshop.



**Orientation of ASHAs, ANMs, and Staff Nurses on Respectful Care, IPC, and Counselling**

An orientation workshop of AAAs and Staff Nurses on Respectful Care, IPC, and Counselling was held on June 14, 2024. The orientation for AAAs and Staff Nurses focused on enhancing skills in respectful care, IPC, and family planning counseling through various engaging activities and role plays. Dr. Neelam Singh led an insightful session on respectful care, while Dr. Somnath Singh, Dr. Dheerendra, and Dr. Neeraj shared their valuable insights and oriented the participants. The workshop was a great success, empowering participants with the knowledge and skills needed to provide quality care respectfully.



**Noida Board Results under Inclusive education**

HCLFoundation in collaboration with Saksham aimed at promoting inclusive education for children with visual impairment. Through this inclusive education intervention, we have been to empower these students with the help of technology-led assistive devices. Our efforts also include providing training and capacity building sessions to ensure that children with disabilities can seamlessly integrate into regular schools without facing any obstacles. The stories that have emerged from this initiative are truly inspiring, showcasing the resilience, empowerment, and transformative impact of education and technology. Despite facing numerous challenges, the students have achieved outstanding results in their board exams.





**Nagpur Board results:**

HCLFoundation partnered with Masoom to enhance and support the education of young minds to help them achieve their best. By improving the quality of education in 6 night schools and 28 municipal corporation schools in Nagpur, this programme aims to provide bridge education to support better 10th-grade results.

A total of 1,241 students participated in the board exams, achieving an average score of 73.5%. Our two students, Aatharva Sudhir Gaynewar from NMC School, achieved the highest score with 95.80%, while Salim Laskar attained the top score among the night school students with 79%.

With such fruitful results, we are committed to continuing our work towards this goal.



Atharva Sudhir Gainewar



Salim Laskar Golam

**Hyderabad Board result**

HCLFoundation, in collaboration with its NGO partner Nirmaan Foundation, has established a state-of-the-art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and Digital Literacy Lab. This initiative aims to foster interactive and inquiry-based learning experiences.

The programme involves students in STEM learning sessions, technology utilization, career guidance, and life skills sessions to nurture their creativity. 452 students have taken the 10th-grade board exams this academic year, achieving an average score of 74%. Sayema Mohammed Ayub, a participant in the STEM program, has achieved a remarkable academic performance by scoring a 9.8 CGPA.



Sayema Mohammed Ayub

**Chennai Board Results**

HCLFoundation is working with 10 urban slum communities in Chennai, with a focus on empowering the communities through various interventions. One of its significant collaborations is with the Greater Chennai Police Department to reduce juvenile crime rates and support the Police Boys and Girls Club in providing a safe learning environment to promote holistic development. The educational interventions include remedial/bridge courses, Scout & Guide training, life skill sessions, and career counseling. In the academic year 2023-2024, 367 students from HCL Foundation-supported slum communities appeared for the 10th and 12th board exams, with an impressive 100% of students passing. The students achieved an average of 55.72% and 64.21% for the 10th and 12th grades, respectively

R. Gayatri from the 10th grade scored the highest marks with 97.6%, while Janani K.M. from the 12th grade achieved the highest marks with 98.17. These accomplishments are truly inspiring, and the HCLFoundation is deeply proud of the students and remains committed to continuing efforts to empower children for the better future of our nation.



K.M. Janani



R. Gayathiri

**Madurai Board result**

HCLFoundation, in collaboration with Madurai Municipal Corporation, is working in 24 corporation schools to strengthen STEM, Robotics, and Child Parliament. In the academic year 2023-2024, over 4000 students took board exams and achieved an average score of 92.04% and 89.79% for the 10th and 12th grades, respectively. M. Rithika Sri and I. Deva Shree have both secured the top positions in the 10th grade with a score of 98.6%, while M. Saranya has achieved an impressive 96.6% in the 12th grade.



M. Rithika Sri



I. Deva Shree



M. Saranya

## Star Achiever League Madurai

HCLTech Achievers league was held In Madurai. Total of 14 awards were given to HCLTech employees in the categories of

- Community champions
- Change makers
- PO1 Ambassadors
- Pillars of PO1



## WASH initiatives in Madurai

Conducted a workshop on cloth bag manufacturing using household waste cloth on World Environment Day 2024 at Keerathurai, impacting 19 households. Implemented a school hygiene promotion initiative with a special focus on female students, engaging a total of 596 students.



## ECED- World Play Day

On the occasion of World Play Day, we had conducted collection drive at HCLTech Madurai campus. Through drive, we were able to collect books, toys, and stationary relevant for children in our ECED centres. 19 HCL Tech volunteers joined us for celebration at the centres and handed over the materials collected. Volunteers facilitated games and learning activities for both teachers and children.



## World Blood Donor Day

We recognized the HCLTech employees who had donated blood on 15th May, on 'Blood Donor' Day, we have distributed to all the donors in our Madurai campus.

A card was issued in partnership with the District Government Hospital (GH). The card holders can directly contact GH in case of any blood requirements, and the GH will take the responsibility of arranging blood donors wherever the patient is admitted.





Young Kalam Science Lab

Facilitators and trainers of Young Kalam Science Labs participated in the National Science Training Programme organized by the Eklavya Foundation at Bhopal. Renowned scientists, such as Dr. Bhas Bapat and Dr.Satyajit Rath from IISER Pune, Dr. Charu IISER Mohali and Dr. Ankush HBCSE Mumbai were some of the trainers at the program. Our facilitators learned innovative ways of teaching science, which would benefit students.



World Environment Day

On 5th June 2024, World Environment Day was celebrated at several centers supported by HCLFoundation including the Women empowerment center at Mahal. Project participants were educated about the life style required for conservation of environment. Given the limited space in the city, they were advised to plant vegetable and flower plants in pots and cooler tanks. Important of organic food was also explained to them. Vegetable and flower seeds were distributed to them. On this occasion, the women of Mahal center pledged to save the seeds of seasonal fruits such as mango, jamun, custard apple, and sapota.



International Yoga Day

On the occasion of the International Yoga Day 2024 activity was conducted at Shanti Nagar, Nagpur on the theme "Yoga for Self and Society." Members of the Children Club were very excited and performed various yoga activities. These children were informed about the importance of yoga to keep physical and mental health fit.



**Convergence Meeting of Education Team with BSA**

Education team along with representatives from NGO partners had a productive convergence meeting with Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA) and District Coordinators. NGO partners working in intervention schools and surrounding communities across different domains of education, sports, environment education, inclusion and STEM learning briefed about their objectives and working strategies. The efforts and impact achieved by HCLFoundation in schools and with children were duly appreciated by BSA.



**Hellen Keller Day Celebration**

SAKSHAM marked the legacy of Hellen Keller on her birthday, 27th June by felicitating students with disabilities. The event was celebrated in a unique way symbolizing the sign language as a standardized means of communication. It started by rewarding students who have passed their board exams successfully this year by appreciating their hard work amidst challenges. This was followed by activities where teachers, students and 4 HCLTech volunteers participated to play blindfold activities, muted games and culminating the event with National Anthem in sign language.



**GURUKUL student performance at Nation school of drama (NSD)**

The 30-day long NSD workshop "रंग पल्लव" concluded on 11th June in the premises of NSD with the beautiful performances of children of different places of Delhi NCR in front of esteemed guests. The students of Rasta Uday Gurukul also performed their self-created drama.



**OBE certification award ceremony**

Uday GURUKUL distributed OBE Final Certificates to the students of class 3rd, 5th & 8th of session 2023-24. Total 58 students received their certificates from HCLTech VSOM account and from HCLTech prestigious clients.





**Children visit at HCLTech campus**

Nanhe parinde children participated in the life skill session based on Means of Transport, at HCLTech campus. During the visit children met with HCLTech esteemed clients. Clients were engaged in a Fun 'n' Learn activity with the children where they colored the placards of the various means of transport.



**2 days Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) workshop in Noida**

2 days workshop was held on 10-11 June 2024 for 45 ICDS frontline workers. It deepened the participants understanding of ECE concepts specifically on ensuring quality circle time, implementing classroom rules and daily routines through handmade TLMs and their application in Anganwadi centres.



**Need assessment for Parent circle meetings**

A community mobilization and needs assessment was carried out for parent circle sessions by ECCD partner in NOIDA. Through questionnaires, mothers' awareness levels regarding child development were gauged which helped set expectations from the programme.



**Heat Wave Disaster Response Reaches 11,000 in Noida Slums**

Doctors For You (DFY) team, in collaboration with HCLFoundation, implemented a comprehensive heat wave disaster response plan, reaching 11,000 residents in Noida slums through 10 health camps and 44 awareness sessions. Given the aggressive heat waves that broke records in Delhi NCR last month (June 2024), this proactive effort was crucial to educate residents and mitigate the health impacts of extreme temperatures.



## Yoga Day Celebration at ATDC

On the occasion of International yoga day, our previous batch students took out time from their busy schedule and join the yoga sessions at ATDC. This year marks the 10th International Day of Yoga with the theme "Yoga for Self and Society." Yoga, a transformative practice, represents the harmony of mind and body, the balance between thought and action, and the unity of restraint and fulfillment. It integrates the body, mind, spirit, and soul, offering a holistic approach to health and well-being that brings peace to our hectic lives. Its power to transform is what we celebrate on this special day.



## Adolescent Reproductive & Sexual Health Training (In schools & in the community)

Aragami India, a partner of Uday by HCLFoundation, conducted ARSH trainings in schools and in community settings in its intervention areas in Noida. It reached 207 adolescent boys and 490 adolescent girls, guiding them through this bewildering time in their lives by explaining the physical, emotional and hormonal changes experienced by young people, and cleared their myths and misconceptions related to the same.



## Corporate Sensitization Workshop- Noida Deaf Society

We conducted a Sensitization and Sign Language workshop for team members. This session was an integral part of our commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive work environment for all employees.

During the session, team members were introduced to basic sign language, equipping them with the skills to communicate more effectively with their Deaf colleagues. The training covered essential aspects of sign language and included practical exercises to ensure that participants could confidently apply their new skills in everyday workplace interactions.





## Group meetings with pregnant women

Aragami India, a partner of Uday by HCLFoundation, reached 687 women having more than 1 child through group meetings in its intervention areas of Noida. It stressed the importance of planned and small families, provided information about various available methods for the same, and also motivated non-users to adopt contraception to plan and limit their families.



## Effective Communication Workshop for Yuvakendra

As part of the workshop series, Col Kassal took sessions with our students from Udayan Care and Katha Yuvakendra where 57 students in total participated. . Some of the topics that were covered during the sessions include-

- Managing and leading Skills
- Enhancing Self-Efficacy
- Time management and prioritization
- Networking and communication skills

These sessions will help our students in their professional as well as personal growth.





## Social empowerment of women through counselling

Counseling Center addressed cases related to women safety and empowerment, 25 new cases, including 14 new and 15 old ones were addressed. Additionally, 191 follow-up sessions conducted via telephone, with 8 new cases reported. The main issues included husband harassment, wife harassment, alcoholism, dowry, and property disputes. The center's crucial role in addressing these concerns underscores its importance in providing essential support to individuals and families in need.



## Alumni Interaction

Yuvakendra alumni Bhanu Prakash from batch-34, working at Unnati Foundations as Trainer, visited the center to share his gratitude. During his visit he also interacted with the trainees and shared his experiences and learnings from Yuvakendra. He also shared his placement experience and opportunities available to the trainees. He explained how significantly Yuvakendra played a role in his life to achieve something and become a role model.



## Financial and business management orientation to women

Financial literacy orientation sessions conducted for 130 women from Gannavaram, Vijayawada area. The topics covered including the use of zero balance bank account, banking services, prevention of non-banking financial fraud, linking the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bhima Yojana scheme. These meetings aimed to enhance financial knowledge and empower participants to make informed financial decisions.





## 6th Edition 'Sports for Change' South Zone Championship

6th Edition 'Sports for Change' south zone championship held at Acharya Nagarjuna University, near Vijayawada. Total 750 children from 5 southern states Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana participated in this U-14 and U-16 sports event. Most of the students are studying in government schools. Winners from this sports meet are qualified for the National Championship.



## International Yoga Day

International Yoga day celebrated at Yuvakendra, skill development center



## Creative Activities at Yuvakendra

Yuvakendra trainees participated in creative activities like paper garland making activity, describing locations game, role play in sector readiness etc. The activity was designed to bring the sportiveness amongst the aspirants to develop never give up attitude. Describing locations game of aspirants brings the connectivity amongst the team while directing the locations, which gives confidence and trust on the team.





# Fostering cleanliness, seeding sustainability



## International Day of Yoga

HCLFoundation under My Clean City programme celebrated the International Day of Yoga with My Clean City Volunteers Club on 16th June at Block-F park, Sector-40, Noida from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The activity aimed to promote the practice of yoga among the citizens, emphasizing its benefits for health and well-being, and fostering a sense of unity and wellness in the community. This activity was voluntarily conducted with the support of Bharatiya Yoga Sansthan, volunteers and residents of sector 40 Noida. This also included a session on health and hygiene management as to promote good health practices and focus on how citizens can make their surroundings clean and green. 40 volunteers participated in this event.



## 5-day training and capacity building for frontline waste management workers organized in Greater Noida

My Clean City organised a five-day training and capacity building exercise for 350 Waste Management frontline workers of Dadri Nagar Palika, Greater Noida. Participants comprised of waste collectors, street sweepers, drain cleaners, and supervisors. Frontline workers are an essential stakeholder in making the programme a success. To enhance their skills and understanding on current sustainable solid and liquid waste management systems and practices topics such as waste segregation, waste collection, and disposal, and individual safety and hygiene were covered over five days.





## Enabling our people to give back to society



1,552

**Volunteers engaged**

**Sports for Change South Zone Championship- 86 HCLTechies from Vijayawada, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Madurai** volunteered at the event held in Vijayawada to support and motivate the young sports champs travelling from these cities. Their warm presence enabled the children to have a memorable experience across the two-days competition.



4,871

**Hours clocked**



**World Environment Day Celebrations- 70 HCLTechies across Noida, Bengaluru and Madurai** volunteered to do their bit for the planet by participating in activities in nest making and placing them around campus, sapling plantation, decorating and placing small water bowls in forest areas for the small animals, cleaning animal care shelters and more.



11,595

**Lives impacted**

**Together We Can- Event Support: 10 HCLTechies from Chennai** joined hands with the HCLFoundation team to provide logistics support towards making the first Grant Symposium of the year a grand success and also those from the DWP ScalTech team helped prepare stationery kits for school children to kick-start their academic year on a special note.







## Power of One Volunteer of the month



**P. Sakthivel**  
INFRA, Madurai (51637882)

Since the initiation of HCLFoundation activities in Madurai, P. Sakthivel has been a big pillar of support. A strong case in point, he has single handedly planted 5,000+ saplings in the city! Another instance of his love for nature is his enthusiastic participation in the coastal clean-up drives organized in the region. His dedication towards holistic development of children is also note-worthy: Sakthivel has even taken out time to travel to other locations to chaperone and motivate the students competing at various editions of our Sports for Change initiative (Lucknow 2019, Chennai 2023 and Vijayawada 2024). He continues to contribute valuable time with us across a wide range of activities, be it blood donation drives, resume-building sessions for youth, NGO stalls in the HCLTech campus, awareness campaigns in community and much more! He has been conferred with the title of 'Star Achiever 2024' under the category of 'Power of One Community Champions @HCLFoundation' and we are both grateful and inspired by his relentless efforts.





# Transforming outcomes through sport

## Amplifying reach and access – via sport

**Who:** Dribble Academy Foundation, Krida Vikas Sanstha, MJAS & All South India Sports Partners of HCLFoundation  
**What:** International Yoga Day Celebration on 21st June 2024 from Sports For Change partners across locations  
**And?:** The celebrations saw extensive participation, with activities including invigorating yoga sessions led by coaches, practicing various asanas focusing on flexibility, strength, and mindfulness, and breathing exercises to enhance concentration and relaxation. Highlights included a yoga competition, encouragement for participants to practice yoga with friends and family, and additional planned celebrations. The events fostered a sense of community and well-being across multiple locations.

**Location:** Multiple locations including Noida, Nagpur, Acharya Nagarjuna University (Vijayawada), and Ajmer



**Who:** Program Participants from the with HCLFoundation x Krida Vikas Sanstha partnership

**What:** Underwent child protection training by Child Protection Officer Mrs. Mahima Barse

**And?:** The training focused on guidelines for training time and situations during the rainy season. Mrs. Barse took the team through the entire child protection policy to better prepare them for the Yoga Day and future events.

Location: [Nagpur](#)



**Who:** Ashwin Bondre, Volleyball Coach from the HCLFoundation x Krida Vikas Sanstha (Slum Soccer) partnership

**What:** Is pursuing a 6-week NS-NIS Volleyball Certification Course by Sports Authority of India

**And?:** The course commenced in May and will conclude with a final exam in Bangalore in July 2024. This learning will empower him to bring innovative and effective training techniques to our programs and help the participants to reach excellence in their sport.

Location: [Nagpur](#)



**Who:** 9 HCLTech Volunteers under PoI initiative

**What:** Visited the Pratap Nagar Volleyball Center in Nagpur under the HCLFoundation x Krida Vikas Sanstha partnership

**And?:** During their visit, HCLTechies played volleyball with the participants and educated them about the impact of social media and what the consequences of our growing dependence on social media are.

Location: [Nagpur](#)





## On a winning streak!

**Who:** Girls Football team from the HCLFoundation x MJAS partnership.

**What:** Participated in the Rajasthan Junior Girls State Football Championship

**And?:** Our players competed in the 3-day event held in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, which featured 18 teams from different districts. The girls played for two districts, and one of our teams finished as Runners Up. Despite not winning the trophy, their resilience was evident as they came from behind in two matches back to back to reach the finals. The tournament, held from 26th to 30th June 2024, showcased the dedication and effort of many stakeholders who supported the girls' participation.

**Location:** [Ajmer](#)





# Soaring higher, higher, higher!

**Who:** Five Boys from HCLFoundation x Dribble Academy Foundation partnership

**What:** Selected for the Under 17 Uttar Pradesh State Championship

**And?:** These talented boys will represent the Hathras team in the Under 17 Uttar Pradesh State Championships, held in Bareilly. Congratulations to Vipin Kumar, Neeraj, Ashish, Krish, and Divyansh. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship.

Location: Noida



**Who:** Kashish Bhagat from the HCLFoundation x Krida Vikas Sanstha (Slum Soccer) partnership

**What:** Participated in the 19th National Youth Athletics Championship 2024 in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh from 14th to 17th June 2024

**And?:** Competed in the 1000-meter race and secured 9th place in the heat. Despite originally being an 800-meter runner, she switched to the 1000-meter event due to the absence of her usual event.

However, she sustained an injury. (Wishes for a speedy recovery to Kashish!)

Location: Nagpur



**Who:** Eight Girls Cricket Players from the HCLFoundation x Gurunanak Education Society partnership

**What:** Selected for the TNCA - Feyer Trophy Women T20 League Matches conducted by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association

**And?:** The selected players are Jeni Plautila, Harini Devi, Rithika, Sangetha, Ayesha, and Suruthika, Afreen Ahamed, M Bharathy. This is a prestigious moment for our players to shortlisted for a reputed competition.

Location: Chennai



Rithika K  
(Purple Blazers)



Aafreen Ahamed  
(Red Rangers)



Ayisha  
(Yellow Challengers)



M. Bharathy  
(Pink Warriors)



Harini Devi  
(Blue Avengers)



Jeni Plauthila  
(Orange Dragons)



Sangeetha  
(Blue Avengers)



Sruthika  
(Green Invaders)



# Crafting quality, providing livelihoods

## Crafting the Festive Season: My E-Haat Hosts Madhubani Design Workshop

A Madhubani design workshop hosted at My E-Haat Display Centre, Sector 104 Noida, on June 11, 2024. This design development and skill enhancement workshop was facilitated by My E-Haat designers, of which the final designs developed will be included in the My E-Haat Exclusive Product Collections. This Festive range can be explored at: [myehaat.in](https://myehaat.in)



# Global updates

## Europe

### FRANCE:

#### Annual Event with Apprentis d'Auteuil

As part of the long-term association with Apprentis d'Auteuil, an annual event was scheduled for June 25, 2024, wherein, HCLTech volunteers get an opportunity to interact and engage the students at the Saint Paul School in Savoie in tech based challenges, share knowledge and inspire them towards a promising future.

### Portugal

HCLTech volunteers got together in partnership with local charities in Lisbon to recover surplus food and allocate to people in need to fight food wastage. Goods were sorted and food baskets prepared to be dispatched to charities.



### United States of Americas

HCLTech volunteers distributed meal packs to feed over 800 people in Cary, North Carolina



### ROMANIA:

#### Pe STOP – Fund Collection (Employee Donations)

In Bucharest's Latin Passage, vulnerable women and girls were provided with menstrual hygiene products, ensuring their health and enabling them to attend school safely.



#### Agile People Iași Conference

HCLTech Romania proudly supported and participated in the Agile People Iași conference. Our team gained insights from industry experts like Magor Csibi on Agile techniques and post-pandemic leadership. We also contributed to Casa Share's charitable initiative, raising over 6,000 euros for a child in need of critical medical care.



## APAC

### Vietnam

HCLTech Vietnam partnered with Microsoft to launch the Microsoft Enabler Programme with Will To Live Center (WLC).

WLC provides free computer and life skills training to people with disabilities. To support this initiative, 3 volunteers from HCLTech Vietnam will train students in Python programming.

#### Training Programme Details:

- **Duration:** 3 months (starting July 2024)
- **Frequency:** 1 session/week
- **Expected Outcome:** Equip participants with Python programming knowledge, laying the foundation for their career paths.







# HCLFoundation in the Media



## Water bodies vanishing, DM asks officials to act

**Mania Khan**  
The Ganges delta's huge administrative on Monday directed officials to ensure the around 1200 water ponds developed at some locations in the district to view of the water bodies which completely vanishing owing to unbridled encroachment or being filled near to go away for development work.

The district's water bodies are a critical natural resource for the district, which is a deltaic region. The water bodies are a critical natural resource for the district, which is a deltaic region. The water bodies are a critical natural resource for the district, which is a deltaic region.

## Once filled with silt, hyacinth, ponds in Chauganpur, police lines thriving

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The pond in Chauganpur village in Ganges' Nadia district was revived under the CSR initiative by HCL Foundation, in association with NGOs and banks.



## HCLFoundation launches HCLTech Grant Pan-India Symposium 2024 to drive social purpose



Chennai: HCLFoundation, which drives the corporate social responsibility agenda of global technology company HCLTech in India, launched the HCLTech Grant Pan-India Symposium 2024 Edition X at its inaugural event in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The HCLTech Grant Pan-India Symposium brings together NGOs, civil society organisations, start-ups and experts working in the social impact space, to exchange ideas that can contribute to making a better nation. The HCLTech Grant Symposium 2024 will also be held in Bengaluru, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Shillong, Bhopal, Kolkata, Dehradun and Delhi in the ensuing weeks. "We are thrilled to kickstart the symposium which is an extension of HCLFoundation's commitment to empowering the local communities in creating a sustainable future. We look forward to reviewing the innovative projects by NGOs across India and supporting impactful initiatives through HCLTech Grant," said Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President, Global CSR, HCLTech and Director, HCLFoundation. Through these symposiums, HCLFoundation aims to educate NGOs about the HCLTech Grant, Edition X of HCLTech Grant India will provide funding of INR 5 Crore (₹5.2 million) in nine NGOs, selected through an independent, robust and democratic process. The grant will commit to INR crore for a longer project in each category. Additionally, a grant of INR 1 lakh each is given to the other two finalists in each category for a one-year project.



## HCLTech Grant symposium at Shillong discusses role of CSR in development of rural parts of Northeast India

By CXOtoday News Desk | 7 Jan 2025



HCLFoundation, which drives the corporate social responsibility (CSR) agenda of global technology company HCLTech in India, today conducted the fourth HCLTech Grant Pan-India Symposium 2024 at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, on the theme Role of CSR in Development of Rural Parts of Northeast India.

With an intent to strengthen sustainable rural development in the country, the HCLTech Grant Pan-India Symposium series provides a platform for social purpose organisations, including NGOs, civil society organisations, etc., to network and exchange ideas and learnings.

"Our priority has always been to contribute towards the development of local communities and the HCLTech Grant is the medium through which we assist NGOs with the common goal. The symposium has grown to be a speciality important and have allowed us to reach out to NGOs and civil societies to discuss critical topics. Beyond these symposiums, we are excited to see NGOs submit their proposals for HCLTech Grant and collaborate with them for bringing about change in the society," said Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President, Global CSR, HCLTech and Director, HCLFoundation.



## HCL Tech Grant Pan-India Symposium 2024 launched

The HCL Foundation on Tuesday launched the HCL Tech Grant Pan-India Symposium 2024 (edition X) during an event in Chennai on Tuesday. The symposium brings together non-governmental organisations (NGOs), civil society organisations, start-ups, and experts working in the social impact sector. It intends to exchange ideas that can contribute to the making of a better nation, a press release said. "This is an extension of the commitment to empowering the local communities in creating a sustainable future. We look forward to reviewing the innovative projects by NGOs across India and supporting impactful initiatives through the HCLTech Grant," said Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, vice president, Global CSR, HCLTech, and Director, HCLFoundation. This edition of the HCL Tech Grant Pan India Symposium would provide a funding of ₹16.5 crore to nine NGOs that are selected through an independent, robust and democratic process, the press release said.



## HCLTech Grant Pan-India Symposium 2024 at Patna drives discussions on advancing social impact via CSR

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## HCLTech Grant symposium at Bhubaneswar discusses strategies and challenges in addressing poverty in rural India

By The CSR Journal - June 18, 2024

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HCLFoundation, which drives the corporate social responsibility (CSR) agenda of global technology company HCLTech in India, today conducted the third HCLTech Grant Pan-India Symposium 2024 at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on the theme 'The Changing Definition of Poverty Line in Rural India - Strategies & Challenges'.

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