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HCLTech Grant Granule
(August-September 2024)

48th HCL Day Plantation Drive, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal - MUKTI
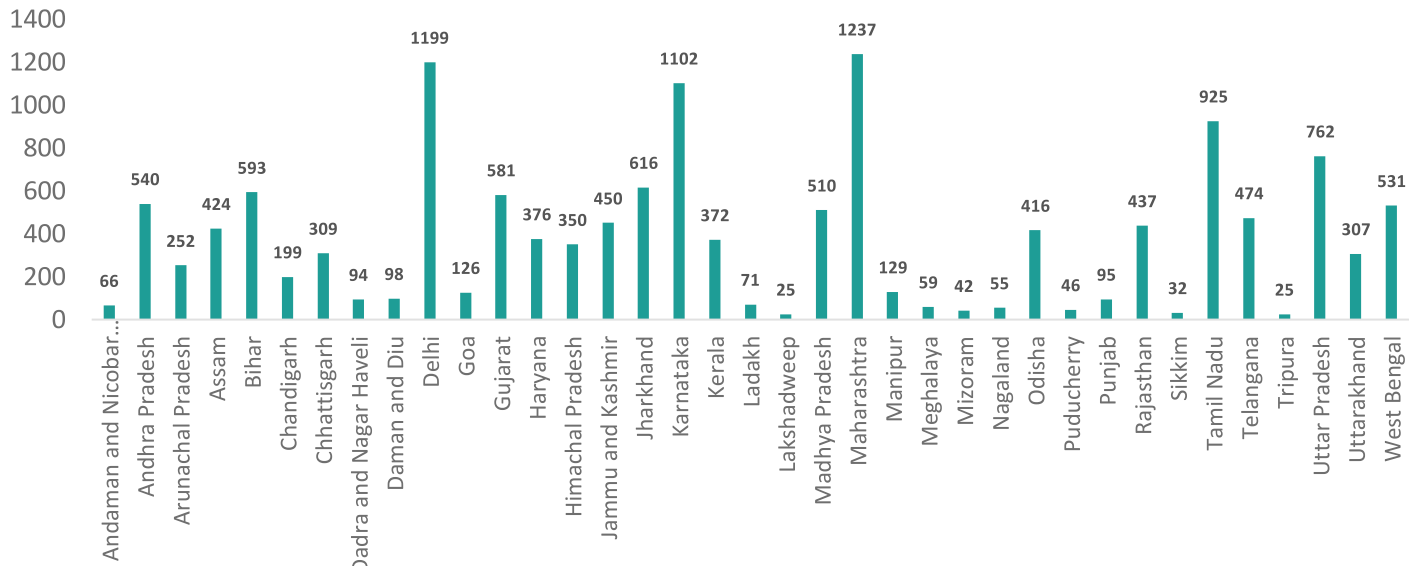
HCLTech Grant Edition X

Stage 1 - Abstract Review

The application portal for 10th Edition of HCLTech Grant closed on 31st July 2024 with a total of 13925 registrations. Our efforts to bridge the gap between the total registrations received and the applications made by the NGOs, resulted in an increase in the number of completed applications this year.

Out of the registrations received, 1615 organizations submitted their applications with the abstract of their proposed project. The most number of abstracts were received in the category of education with 817 applications, 418 in the category of Health, and 380 in the category of Environment.

For the second stage of abstract review, a team of subject-matter experts, governance partner, HCLFoundation team working in the respective areas and the HCLTech Grant team members sat together for 3 days of deliberation, to shortlist NGOs for the detailed proposal submission round.

HCLTech Grant Edition X - State-wise registration

Bar chart of state-wise registrations:
- Andaman and Nicobar...: 66
- Andhra Pradesh: 540
- Arunachal Pradesh: 252
- Assam: 424
- Bihar: 593
- Chandigarh: 199
- Chhattisgarh: 309
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli: 94
- Daman and Diu: 98
- Delhi: 1199
- Goa: 126
- Gujarat: 581
- Haryana: 376
- Himachal Pradesh: 350
- Jammu and Kashmir: 450
- Jharkhand: 616
- Karnataka: 1102
- Kerala: 372
- Ladakh: 71
- Lakshadweep: 25
- Madhya Pradesh: 510
- Maharashtra: 1237
- Manipur: 129
- Meghalaya: 59
- Mizoram: 42
- Nagaland: 55
- Odisha: 416
- Puducherry: 46
- Punjab: 95
- Rajasthan: 437
- Sikkim: 32
- Tamil Nadu: 925
- Telangana: 474
- Tripura: 25
- Uttar Pradesh: 762
- Uttarakhand: 307
- West Bengal: 531

Glimpses from HCLTech Grant Edition X

Stage 2 - Abstract Review

Environment category abstract review was held on 27th August 2024. 61 NGOs were shortlisted for the detailed proposal round.

The Health category abstracts were reviewed on 28th August 2024, and 59 NGOs were shortlisted to submit their detailed proposals.

The category of Education received the highest number of applications, which were reviewed on 29th August 2024. 118 NGOs were selected to send in their detailed proposals for review.

HCLTech Grant application 'Live' for Detailed Proposal Round

The 10th edition of HCLTech Grant by HCLFoundation is in the third stage of the application selection process. The application portal was live from 2nd September 2024 to 16th September 2024 to accept the detailed proposals from the organizations shortlisted in the second round. Out of the 239 shortlisted NGOs, 224 NGOs have successfully submitted their detailed proposals for review. The domain experts will review these detailed proposals, out of which 45 NGOs will be shortlisted for the next round of Field Audit.

Partnerships Bulletin

HCLTech Grant partners celebrate HCL Day through Mega Plantation Drive

HCLFoundation celebrated 48th HCL Day on August 11, 2024 by organizing a mega plantation drive, planting 48,000 saplings across India. The drive led by Harit, a flagship programme of HCLFoundation, saw participation from HCLTech Grant partners in West Bengal who planted a total of 25,000 saplings. PRADAN (Professional Assistance for Development Action), #Environment category winner of HCLTech Grant 2021, planted 22,000 saplings in the districts of Puralia, Bankura and Jhargram in West Bengal and MUKTI, #Environment category recipient of HCLTech Grant 2023 planted 3000 saplings in the Mathurapur II block of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Various saplings including Avicennia officinalis, Ceriops decandra, Rhizophora apiculate, Heritiera fomes, Nypa fruticans, etc. were planted across the geography.

48th HCL Day Mega Plantation Drive in various districts of West Bengal

Inclusive Education in Guwahati through Shishu Sarothi Centre for Rehabilitation and Training for Multiple Disability

HCLTech Grant team member visited the #Education category recipient of HCLTech Grant 2024 – Shishu Sarothi Centre for Rehabilitation and Training for Multiple Disability in Guwahati, Assam. The organization works towards promoting inclusive education in anganwadis and schools in the Rani and Rampur blocks of Kamrup district through the project – Udayamaan. The aim of the visit was to understand the structure and working of the organization, understand the project objectives and the project activities. The visit also focused on meeting the stakeholders of the project including the project participants, the school and anganwadi teachers and the government systems engaged with the project.
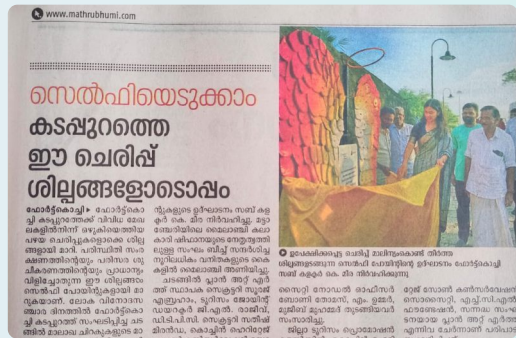

Ms. Anisha B Chacko, Program Officer, HCLTech Grant at Shishu Sarothi Centre for Rehabilitation and Training for Multiple Disability, Guwahati

Selfie-point at Fort Kochi beach

PlanatEarth, 2022 HCLTech Grant #Environment Category winner of HCLTech Grant by HCLFoundation, created and placed selfie point sculptures at the Fort Kochi Beach. The footwear that washed up on the shores of Fort Kochi were used to prepare these sculptures as a message to show the importance of environmental protection and cleanliness. The selfie point in the shape of an angel's wings, inaugurated by Sub-Collector Ms. K. Meera went viral at its inauguration ceremony organized at the Fort Kochi beach on World Tourism Day. A team led by 'mehendi' artist Shifana from Mattancheri designed mehendi on the hands of more than 100 women who visited the beach.

PlanatEarth Founder & Secretary - Mr. Sooraj Abraham, Tourism Joint Director - Mr. G.L. Rajeev, D.T.P.C. Secretary - Mr. Satish, Cochin Heritage Zone Conservation Society Nodal Officer - Mr. Bony Thomas, Mr. M Ummar, and Mr. Mujeeb Muhammed were also present for the event jointly organized by PlanatEarth, District Tourism Promotion Council, Cochin Heritage Zone Conservation Society and HCLFoundation.

Selfie point made out of washed up footwear by PlanatEarth, Fort Kochi

Poshan – Maah (Nutrition Month Programme)

Social Revival Groups of Urban Rural and Tribal (SROUT), HCLTech Grant recipient in the category of Health, observed Poshan maah (Nutrition Month Programme) from 23rdSeptember to 28th September in the villages Sarai Sigar, Donga Ghat, Dhangaon, and Ajgar Bahar of Korba district, Chattisgarh.

The programme aimed at raising awareness among women on safe and hygienic menstrual practices. Nutrition specialists addressed the problem of Anemia, which is very common among adolescents girls and women by emphasizing the need for a balanced diet, through food items that can be sourced locally.

Poshan maah observation at SROUT, Korba

Providing TB Care in Bihar through Innovators in Health (India)

HCLTech Grant team members visited Innovators in Health (India), the #health category winner of HCLTech Grant in Samastipur district, Bihar from 2nd to 5th September 2024. The organization is working towards the project, 'Universal Tuberculosis (TB) Care through Active Case Finding (ACF) and Treatment Support in Rural Bihar'. The visit focused on meeting the project stakeholders including the beneficiaries, frontline health workers (ASHA), village coordinators, and block coordinators of IIH. It also focused on aligning with larger government programme for TB in India. A dedicated team of more than 10 women counselors from the nearby villages is doing an amazing job of patient counselling and maintaining the case wise files.

Mr. Rahul Kumar, Manager and Ms. Neha Malik, Program Officer, meet the programme participants and stakeholders at IIH, Bihar

Training for Community Forest Rights Management Committee

Lokpanchayat in collaboration with HCLTech Grant conducted a two-day training for the members of the Community Forest Rights Management Committee (CFRMC) under the special and technical guidance of Dr. Vijay Yadalabadkar from Chandrapur in Lavhali Otur and Kothale Villages on 27th and 28th September 2024. The training

aimed to establish a direction for managing and revitalizing the collective forest received by both villages through in-depth discussion on experiences, challenges, and solutions based on the work done. They also demonstrated how to use mobile applications for forest mapping. This training has infused positive energy among the committee members to give a new momentum to the forest CFRMC Training at Lokpanchayat, Ahmednagarmanagement efforts in environment protection and safeguarding of forest rights.

CFRMC Training at Lokpanchayat, Ahmednagar

HCLTech Grant at the Synergy Summit 3.0

Mr. Anuj Srivastava, Senior Manager, HCLTech Grant, HCLFoundation, was one of the eminent speakers at the Synergy Summit 3.0 organized by Devi Sansthan. The Synergy Summit 3.0 on the theme 'Read. Rise. India, Foundational Literacy & Numeracy for All', held from 23rd to 25th September 2024 hosted Shri Rajnath Singh Ji, Hon. Minister of Defence, India, Smt. Anandiben Patel, Hon. Governor, Uttar Pradesh, Shri Brajesh Pathak, Hon. Deputy CM, Uttar Pradesh, Shri Rohit Thakur, Hon. Minister of Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon. Minister of State for Education, Uttar Pradesh and Dr. Shanmuga Sundaram, Principal Secretary, Education, Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Anuj Srivastava, Senior Manager, HCLTech Grant, at the Synergy Summit 3.0

Stories of Transformation

Environment

Under the Mango Tree Society, HCLTech Grant Recipient 2019

Strengthening the women bee farmers: Women farmers in Ratwadol village, have adopted beekeeping, not only for its income-generating potential through enhanced pollination, but also for its role in reducing their dependence on labor work outside the village. Among 22 farmers trained in beekeeping in the village, 55% are women, who manage a total of 38 bee boxes. All the women trained have been converted to beekeepers and confidently handle bee-related tasks such as bee box maintenance, honey extraction, and bee box filling. This year, they sustainably harvested 12 kg of honey from their bee boxes. They view beekeeping as an integral part of their household responsibilities and actively encourage other women farmers to take up beekeeping. They aspire to deepen their knowledge and expand their beekeeping skills, recognizing its potential to further empower more women in their community.
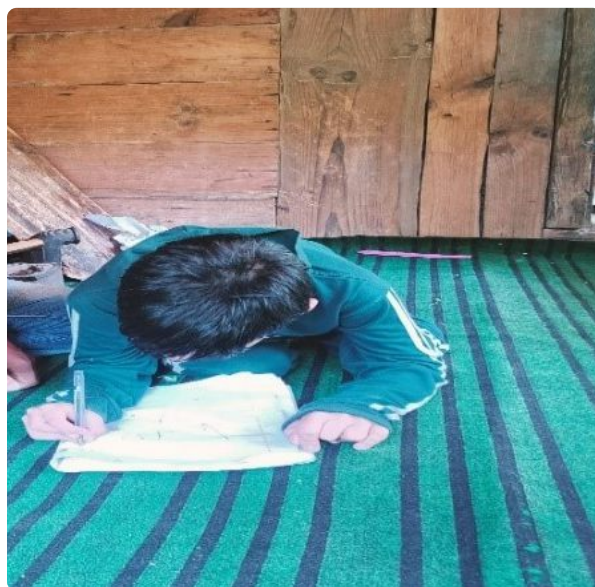

Beekeeping training for women farmers, UTMT

Health

She Hope Society, HCLTech Grant Recipient 2018

Muzzamil Ahmad was born in an economically disadvantaged family in Kalaroose Kupwara. The 11-year boy was born normal, but after one week of his birth, he was diagnosed with congenital seizure disorder with brain malfunction. Although two years of treatment resulted in a significant decline in his seizures, the boy had developed contractures and deformities in his lower limbs by then. Poverty closed all treatment doors for Muzzamil. He could not seek treatment elsewhere for his condition due to a lack of financial resources. The family's inability to pay for their child's treatment, coupled with anxiety about his future, weighed heavily on his parents. He was assessed by the team, including outreach therapists, who diagnosed him with developmental delay and seizure disorder. The team devised a treatment plan for Muzzamil, to minimize his contractures and was given a rollator for walking. An alternate exercise session was also scheduled for him so that he could stand and walk. As a result, Muzamil has gone from total dependence to semi-independence. The child is now enrolled in a school in 6th grade.

Muzzamil Ahmed, She Hope Society, Kupwara

Education

Sri Aurobindo Society, HCLTech Grant Recipient 2023

Sri Aurobindo Society has been working pan India towards promoting student learning through its Auro Scholar Program, using an online assessment app offering 10-minute curriculum-aligned assessments. The app allows the students to share their testimonials through videos.

"It provides financial support to students through scholarships, and students can assess their preparation by attempting more quizzes.", claims Pratul Kumar Gaidar from Punjab. Suryansh Thakur, a 9th grade student from Mandi, Himachal Pradesh in his testimonial recorded, "I have been using the Auro Scholar app for the past two years and have received scholarships totaling INR 10,000 through the app. The app has supported me in my studies and personal growth."

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