

# A step towards Nation Building

## HCLTech Grant Granule

(June-July 2024)



# HCLTech Grant Edition X – Pan India Symposiums

HCLTech Grant is organizing help desks and Pan India Symposiums as part of its 10th Edition rollout for the capacity building and empowerment of the Fifth Estate. Eight symposiums in 8 different cities were organized in the month of June and July covering the North, South, East, West and North East India, with a total of 4794 registrations and 2200+ NGO participants. These symposiums have helped 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, and experience sharing by SMEs & HCLTech Grant recipients aid the organizations to prepare strong project proposals. The application portal of HCLTech Grant was closed for review on 31st July 2024 with a total of 13,925 NGO registrations and 1615 applications.



HCLTech Grant **Edition X**

## Pan India Symposiums 2024 CSR for Nation Building

### 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, TTJ 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, Meghalaya

**Number of NGO participants: 86**



**Hyderabad: July 2, 2024**

**Theme:** "Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions through CSR"

**Venue:** G Narayanamma Institute of Technology and Science (For Women), Shaikpet, Hyderabad

**Number of NGO participants: 380**



**Udaipur: July 8, 2024**

**Theme –** "CSR Strategies for Water Conservation and Management for Sustainable Development in Arid Region"

**Venue:** Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Chittorgarh Road, Udaipur, Rajasthan

**Number of NGO participants: 194**



**Dehradun: July 16, 2024**

**Theme:** "CSR Making a Difference: Enhancing Biodiversity through Climate Action"

**Venue:** DBS Global University, 122 – MI, Selaqui, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

**Number of NGO participants: 168**



**Delhi: July 19, 2024**

**Theme:** "Ecosystems of Impact of CSR"

**Venue:** Chinmaya Center of World Understanding, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

**Number of NGO participants: 487**



# Partnerships Bulletin

## Ms. Robin Ann Abrams visits HCLTech Grant intervention sites

Ms. Robin Abrams, HCLTech Board Member and the chair of the HCLTech Grant Jury, visited the intervention sites of HCLTech Grant projects. She joined the team at the symposium held in Udaipur on 8th July 2024 and in the following three days, she visited 4 intervention sites of HCLTech Grant recipients. They started with Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sightsavers India), #Education category winner of Edition III, where she witnessed the impact of Sambalam – Inclusive Education Project on the children with visual impairment. She visited Teerol village in Udaipur, to explore the project iCARE (Informed Collaborative Action for Resilient Ecosystem) by the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) who was the #Environment category winner

in the Edition II. The project promotes conservation of commons by empowering communities to manage their natural resources sustainably.

She also visited the ongoing projects by India Health Action Trust (IHAT) and Child Rights and You (CRY) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. She met the project workers of the Project MANCH, which aims to improve maternal, newborn and child health



Ms. Robin Ann Abrams meets the young minds of Project Udaan by CRY

outcomes in the remote, tribal areas of Shahdol district and engaged with the young minds and stakeholders of the Project UDAAN by CRY that focuses on the promotion of education of girls within the Bedia community.



Ms. Robin Ann Abrams visits HCLTech Grant intervention sites



# HCLTech Grant at the Social Innovation Summit

Mr. Robin Thomas, Group Manager, HCLTech Grant, represented HCLFoundation at the Social Innovation Summit 2024, organized by the National Confederation of NGOs in Cochin, Kerala.



Mr. Robin Thomas, Group Manager, HCLTech Grant, at Social Innovation Summit, Cochin

## HCLTech Grant visit to SROUT

HCLTech Grant team visited Social Revival Groups of Urban Rural and Tribal (SROUT), the HCLTech Grant recipient in the category of Health 2024. SROUT is a non-governmental organization working towards supporting the tribal and rural communities of Korba in their health and well-being, women empowerment, skill development and livelihood and child rights. The organization is implementing the project, "Empowering Menstrual Hygiene Management among Korba Tribal Women and Girls" in collaboration with HCLTech Grant in 15 villages of Korba. Ms. Anisha B Chacko and Ms. Rimisha Nag, Program Officers, HCLTech Grant, visited the organization from 25th to 28th June 2024 with the aim to meet the stakeholders and participants of the programme.



Menstrual hygiene awareness programme, SROUT, Korba



Meeting with the project team, SROUT, Korba



# Stories of Transformation

## Health

### Suhas's Journey of Turning Obstacles into Opportunities

Suhas a 22- year-old young man met with a bike accident right before his exams of post-graduate Diploma in Management, leaving him with a spinal cord injury. For the next nine months, Suhas and his family went from one hospital to the other, in the hope of returning to normal life. Despite the uphill battle, he refused to let go of his dreams. He somehow managed to complete his exams during this time. But the simple act of stepping out of his house alone felt like an impossible task.

Then, he got to know about The Center for Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation and Research through a patient and joined the Association of People with Disability. Surrounded by the supportive staff and fellow spinal cord injury warriors, he began his journey towards independence, one small step at a time. From relying entirely on his family for support, Suhas gradually learned to navigate the world on his own. He threw himself into his rehabilitation, pushing his limits and refusing to be held back by his circumstances. He won a silver medal in the Karnataka State Para Badminton Championship 2024 and now balances both sports and his career in management.



Suhas at the Para Badminton Championship, APD, Karnataka

## Environment

### PlanatEarth transforming people on Earth

Since August 2023, fisherfolk working at Munambam Harbour have been bringing back the plastic packaging of the provisions they take along on a fishing expedition under project DROP (Drive to Recover Ocean Plastic). Empty sacks are distributed to the fishing boats to bring back their plastic discards before they set out on a fishing trip. A small monetary incentive is given to the boats once they dock at the harbour and hand over the sacks filled with plastic discards. While almost all boats operating at the harbour are participating in this project, since the month of March 2024, a more positive change has been witnessed with boats bringing back not just the plastic discards of the provision they take along, but also fishing out other stray floating plastic from the ocean. The crew of a boat named Saarah brought back nearly 60 kilos of discarded PET bottles from the ocean in March 2024, in 40 sacks fetching them a monetary incentive of Rs 2000 and thus setting a new trend among the fisherfolk. Since then, more boats have started following suit, definitely indicative of a behavior change and an achievement milestone for the project.



Saarah boat with her 60kg collection of PET bottles from the ocean, PlanatEarth, Kuzhippilly

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