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Foreword

Dear Readers,

September was a month of action and impact at HCLFoundation, reminding us of the power of collective efforts. On International Coastal Cleanup Day, volunteers across states removing thousands of kgs of waste from India's coastlines. In Noida, World Cleanup Day turned community spirit into action, with over 1,500 participants uniting to clear litter, proving that a little teamwork goes a long way.

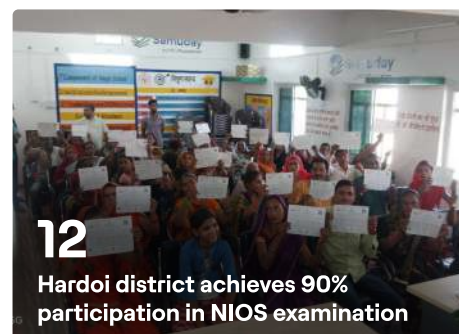
September also saw young climate leaders come together for GenCAN's nature camp, deepening their knowledge of ecosystems and honing their climate action strategies for the future. These moments from September reflect the strength of our community-driven mission, and we're excited for the road ahead.

Read all of this and more, in the September 2024 edition of our monthly newsletter – the Catalyst.

Warm regards,
HCLFoundation team and partners

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Key Highlights

Waves of change

HCLFoundation leads massive coastal clean-up effort on ICCD 2024 across India

HCLFoundation, in collaboration with its NGO and government partners, celebrated International Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21, 2024, at various locations across Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, and Kerala. Three hundred and sixty eight Volunteers

from HCLTech had participated at several sites, making a significant impact on coastal and marine conservation. A total of 2,426 volunteers dedicated 13,379 hours to collect 18,458 kg of waste, including plastic bottles, fishing nets, footwear, and glass. This event promoted sustainable practices to protect our coastlines.



Mega cleanup drive organised on World Cleanup Day 2024 at the Zonal Sports Complex in Greater Noida

My Clean City's marking of the World Cleanup Day was a resounding success at the Zonal Sports Complex in Sector 37, Greater Noida on Sept 20. With the support of GNIDA officials, the mega cleanup drive saw 1500+ enthusiastic participants from schools, colleges, volunteers, NGO partners and HCLTech employees.

The day kicked off with an invigorating Zumba session, setting energetic tone for the day. This was followed by a plogging drive, in which volunteers jogged to pick up litter, making the cleanup both fun and effective, collecting of 830 kgs of waste.

The event also featured entertaining musical band performances and a skit by students from Kailash Institute and Clean Noida Volunteer Club.

Mr. Indu Prakash Singh, General Manager at Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority was Chief Guest of this event. It proved to be a day filled with energy, community spirit, and a shared commitment to a cleaner and greener environment.



Breaking Rabies boundaries

In celebration of World Rabies Day, HCLFoundation, successfully organized a week-long campaign from September 23-28. This impactful campaign resulted in the mass vaccination of over 2,600 dogs across key districts, including Gautam Buddha Nagar, Chandrapur, Rural Bengaluru, Coimbatore and major districts in Chennai. The campaign saw the remarkable support of more than 60 dedicated volunteers and reached over 1,500 people through various activities, including street play, student outreach programs and training sessions for frontline staff. These efforts aimed to raise awareness about animal welfare, responsible pet ownership, and the importance of vaccination to prevent rabies and other zoonotic diseases.

This effort was officially registered on the Global Alliance for Rabies Control event page, which further amplified our impact by sharing our collective efforts on their social media platform. This collaborative initiative underscores the shared commitment to eradicating rabies and promoting public health by engaging communities and fostering partnerships across regions.



GenCAN nature camp and Phase I award ceremony

35 GenCAN students & 12 mentor teachers from 5 states: Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Chhattisgarh were part of the 3-day camp held at Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh. Some activities of the 3-day included:



Day 1

- Small research project on history, geography, indigenous communities, ecosystems of Pachmarhi
- Nature walk and bird watching



Day 2

- Outdoor activities on Greenhouse gases and Web of life
- Student panel discussion on their GenCAN climate action journey
- Felicitation of GenCAN Phase I winners by Mr. Rahul Gajbhiye, CEO Pachmarhi Cantonment, Ministry of Defence and Dr. Savita Chib, Director - National Centre for Biological Science, Pachmarhi.



Day 3

- Visit to Bison Nature interpretation center
- Teacher presentation on their school's long term plans to continue the climate action efforts
- Reflection on the camp and way forward for GenCAN Phase II

Key Representations



Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCLTech and CSR Committee Chair, has been honored with the prestigious Editorial Choice Award for Social Impact Leadership at TheCSRUniverse Social Impact Awards 2024 in New Delhi! This well-deserved recognition celebrates her outstanding commitment to driving positive change and social impact.

Ms. Simi Suri, Associate Director of HCLFoundation, accepted the award on behalf of Ms. Nadar Malhotra, highlighting the HCLFoundation's dedication to empowering communities and creating a lasting difference.



Dr. Nidhi Pundhir was a keynote speaker at the Global FoodBanking Network (GFN) Summit held in Sydney, Australia. This event brought together leaders and innovators from around the world to address food disruption and drive impactful solutions. She spoke on 'Strengthening Community-Based Food Security Ecosystems Through Corporate Social Responsibility', discussing the impacts of food insecurity and showcasing evidence based best practices of HCLTech's Global CSR agenda.



HCLFoundation at the Synergy Summit 3.0

Mr. Anuj Srivastava, Senior Manager, HCLTech Grant, HCLFoundation, was among the eminent speakers at the Synergy Summit 3.0 organized by Devi Sansthan. The summit's theme 'Read. Rise. India, Foundational Literacy & Numeracy for All', held from Sept 23-25 hosted Shri Rajnath Singh Ji, Hon. Minister of Defence, India, Smt. Anandiben Patel, Hon. Governor, Uttar Pradesh and more.



HCLFoundation participated in a panel discussion organized by NASVI

Ms. Riti Mehrotra, Sector Lead, HCLFoundation, highlighted the severe challenges street vendors face due to escalating climate issues, including financial instability and health risks at a panel discussion on "The impact of climate change on streetvendors' livelihoods" organized by the National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) on Sept 26, in New Delhi.

Star Team Member of the Month



This month, we are thrilled to spotlight Mr. Yogesh Kumar, Deputy General Manager, Samuday by HCLFoundation – as the Star Team Member of the Month. Since the beginning of his association with HCLFoundation (way back in 2015) Yogesh has and continues to be a cornerstone of our operations, esp. in Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh. His journey – both personal and professional – is filled with examples that serve as a timely reminder of the power of 'keeping it simple' – and in the process achieving both synergy and scale. This, is Yogesh's story...

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

Early Life and Education

"Umm... have you heard of Kheri?" Yogesh begins his response to a question with a question; only to reply himself within a few seconds, "I guess not!"

He adds with a smile, "Well, that is where I was born."

Yogesh's early life was rooted in the small village town of his birthplace – the Kheri district, barely a few miles away from the district headquarters at Lakhimpur, Uttar Pradesh. Born into a farming family, Yogesh credits his grandfather's investment in his father's education for having paved the way for his own educational journey.

He fondly recalls how "those initial school years" were marked by a strong affinity for sports, particularly cricket and basketball. "I have even represented my district in U-16 cricket tournaments," he says, adding, "academically I shone bright after a significant turning point came in my 9th grade – when my mathematics teacher, Rakesh Gaur, ignited my interest in the subject." This newfound passion then led him to excel in mathematics, even qualifying for the Mathematics Olympiad!

After completing his schooling, Yogesh pursued a degree in mechanical engineering from Bareilly. His interest in environmental issues during his engineering studies led him to further his education at the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal where he earned his qualifications in Forestry Management.

Professional Journey

Yogesh began his career with the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, where he led the National Afforestation Program in Satna district – developing village micro-plans and facilitating community participation. He recalls with equal bits of pride, humility and nostalgia how his presentation had left the Forest authorities "thoroughly impressed" (he had made them using MS-Projects way back in 2003!)

"Almost naturally, I then transitioned to the NGO sector," Yogesh says, adding "working with Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra (SSK) in Lucknow. And then came my next significant role – with UNICEF"

While working with UNICEF, Yogesh held various positions over seven years – most notably, leading the Social Mobilization Network for Polio Eradication in high-risk areas, achieving a significant reduction in polio cases. He also managed the Eastern UP Child Rights Project, focusing on holistic village development and child rights protection.

In the August of 2015, he joined HCLFoundation as Senior Operations Manager.

"The journey has led me here..."

"I wouldn't even call it an interview – instead, a round of an elaborate, in-person conversation with Navpreet and Alok – and I was in." He is referring to how "things flow organically with the leaders at HCL" and how his onboarding to HCLFoundation in August 2015 was no different. Yogesh then takes a deep, long pause before he says, "You see, when I think of it now – I realize how the journey has led me here." He then goes on to mention and map connections with how his diverse professional associations in the past did in fact make him adept at taking on the myriad themes of health, education, livelihoods, governance and more – that were required of him at Samuday – HCLFoundation's holistic rural development programme.

A day-in-the-life of Yogesh @HCLFoundation

Yogesh's day typically starts early. It begins with personal commitments, such as dropping his daughters to school. He values the time spent with his family



and food is his love language. He really enjoys cooking and often prepares meals for his loved ones. He describes the 20-minute drive to school as the “best part” of his day, where he engages in meaningful conversations and sweet nothings with his daughters about their school, friendships and life at large.

Once he reaches office, his workday constitutes majorly of people management and strategic planning. On any given day, his responsibilities include a thorough mix of designing and implementing interventions across sectors such as health, education, agriculture, and solar energy. He firmly believes that true leadership, “is first and foremost about listening. The rest follows. Be it fostering a collaborative and motivated work environment or ensuring open communication and accessibility for all team members – it all starts with listening to the team, first.”

Words of wisdom

Yogesh’s advice to the younger generation is simple: “Communication is the key to overcoming any challenge.” He emphasizes the importance of open dialogue and listening, which he believes can resolve most issues and foster a positive work environment. He adds, “I feel very fortunate to work day in and day out with the larger and fantastic team of HCL Foundation – led by Dr. Nidhi, and would highly suggest the younger lot to find, and pursue such enabling work environments.”

‘A strong foundation for the Foundation’ – One fond memory.

“I would not call it a memory but a deeply moving experience. It was early 2017 and one of the initial visits of Mr. [Shiv] Nadar to the Hardoi project site. He insisted to stay in the same accommodation as the Samuday team! You see, a man his stature could have easily

opted for, say, a Taj or some 5-star in Lucknow and then travelled down to Hardoi for the visit – but no! He chose to stay with us. He truly led by example – demonstrating the power of conscious choices. And these are exactly the kind of things that end up staying with you. Once we reached at the project site – Mr. Nadar’s face used to light up seeing the Grade 1 & 2 students take lessons in the newly established smart classrooms. On one occasion, he even took Alok



and me to a side and whispered – “This is wonderful. Let us scale this up to higher Grades too. But, do continue to ensure that every child gets they dignity they deserve. No child without a proper school table and bench.”

Yogesh adds, “Today, there are a 1,000+ smart classrooms established already and Samuday is a 400+ people strong team. I know I am not alone when I say that we are all filled with pride to see how far we have come: from Samuday’s humble beginnings when we used to have meetings under trees and in verandas – to having dedicated office spaces in Sandila that are at par with world-class office space at any HCLTech Campus! Certainly, Mr. Nadar and Ms. Roshni are to credit for that. It is their vision coupled with the perseverance of the team and government stakeholders that have laid a strong foundation for the Foundation, and this is what motivates the Samuday team to strive for excellence – today and every day.

Yogesh Kumar is Hardoi-based where he stays with his wife – Devika, and two daughters – Jayani and Jigisha. He calls himself an ‘early bird’, ‘who is also a night owl!’ He prefers a ‘kadak desi chai – any given day’ over coffee. Despite being a foodie, he is an absolute non-fussy eater who loves his Maggi as much as he loves his Lucknowi biryani. If he had one superpower, it would be to “set into motion any work projects or task simply by using the mantra – ‘Tathastu!’” (Tathastu is a Sanskrit word that means “happens as per your wish” or “your desire is fulfilled!”)

Supporting environmental action

Nest making workshop in Nagpur

A 2-day interactive and educational nest-making workshop was conducted across five NMC schools in collaboration with the Eco Roots Foundation in Nagpur. The workshop engaged around 316 students, offering them an enriching hands-on experience in creating bird nests, highlighting the importance of protecting urban wildlife. In addition a dedicated session with CII leadership on the importance of community involvement in environmental conservation efforts was also organized. The workshop was yet another step in strengthening student's connection to nature and wildlife conservation.



Nature Walk with HCLTechies and school students

HCLFoundation in partnership Give Me Trees Trust (GMTT) conducted a series of Nature walk sessions with HCLTechies at Atal Harit Upvan, Lucknow and with 30 school students at Harit Upvan Sorkha, Gautam Budh Nagar. During the walk, the importance of flora and fauna were discussed with the students while Techies were sensitized about the safeguarding of nearby biodiversity through related discussions on Wildlife Protection Act 1972. Participants not only enjoyed the experience but also gained valuable insights into the significance of preserving green spaces and dependant fauna amidst our rapidly expanding cityscape.



Teacher training workshop for GenCAN in Lucknow

GenCAN, a Sustainability and Climate Action leadership intervention was kick-started and introduced at HCLFoundation schools. In line of progress, a one-day teachers' training workshop was organized with Centre for Environment Education (CEE) and HCLFoundation to mentor teachers on the concepts of climate change and its linkage with curriculum. A total of 16 teachers participated in the training and registered their schools while gaining the insights on climate change concepts and related actions for a sustainable future.



Transforming rural communities



HKPCL touches another milestone – organises its 8th Annual General Meeting

Celebrating a remarkable moment of excellence, Hardoi Kisan Producer Company Limited (HKPCL) – a Farmer Producer Organisation supported through Samuday by HCLFoundation convened for its 8th Annual General Meeting on Sept 27. With small beginnings in 2017, the company has thus far done a business of INR 34 Cr. For the first time in HKPCL's history, the FPO is being driven currently by two female farmers at the helm – Ms. Lakshmi Kashayap, Chairperson and Mrs. Neelam Gupta, Vice Chairperson. Among those present were HKPCL Board of Directors and shareholders, along with Samuday team represented by Mr. Amit Kumar Shukla, Senior Sector Lead, HCLFoundation, whose participation fueled discussions around the future growth of the FPO.



Growing smart: Mastering polyhouse farming for a sustainable future

With an objective to educate farmers on polyhouse cultivation practices, a training was organised by Samuday at Centre for Agriculture Technology Transfer in Sandila, Hardoi on 20th September. Attended by 20 farmers representing 11 blocks of Hardoi, the sessions aimed to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability by demonstrating techniques for optimizing growth condition, discussing economic benefits and sustainability aspects of polyhouse farming. Practical demonstrations helped participant farmers develop skills in constructing basic polyhouse structures, implementing irrigation and nutrient management systems and applying pest control measures effectively. The training also facilitated collaboration among participants and free exchange of ideas.



School students in Hardoi supported for rural sports competition

Samuday showcased its commitment to transform student lives and uplift communities in Uttar Pradesh at the Sports for School Games 2024 this month. As part of this GoUP-led rural sports competition, Samuday offered its support by providing sports kits, equipment and coach assistance to ensure effective participation. Overall, eight students from upper primary schools in Ishrapu and Madhoganj in Hardoi qualified to enter division level archery, while two others moved to the state level.



Transforming school education with teachers' training on Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

Samuday organized a training session on ICT for government schoolteachers in Hardoi, UP. The session saw participation from 100 primary school teachers from 8 blocks of the district. The attending teachers completed their training on ICT integration, equipment handling, use of animated digital content and the UPOER Portal - an Open Education Resource portal developed by HCLFoundation and Basic Education GoUP that offers a variety of tailored resources like videos, quizzes, and manuals.



World Literacy Day celebrated at State Resource Centre in Lucknow

Samuday celebrated World Literacy Day (WLD) on Sept 8 at the State Resource Centre, India Literacy House, in Lucknow. The event was graced by Ms. Sandhya Tiwari, Director of the India Literacy Board and State Resource Centre, UP.

Mr. Yogesh Kumar, DGM, HCLFoundation highlighted the success of Sakshar Samuday project in successfully supporting 149,000 adults to become neo-literates. Prof. J.P. Vaishampayana, former Vice Chancellor of Bundelkhand and Kanpur University addressed attendees on the year's theme of multilingual education for mutual understanding and peace.



NILP certificates distributed at Tadiyawan Block Resource Centre

On World Literacy Day, a certificate distribution event was held at the Tadiyawan Block Resource Centre (BRC) to recognize the achievements of 4,300 neo-literates. They received their Foundational Literacy and Numeracy certification under the New India Literacy Program. Block Education Officer Bawan, and District Nodal Officer for NILP were chief guests of the event. Their presence highlighted the collective effort being taken towards improving literacy and supporting lifelong learning in Hardoi. Samuday by HCL Foundation, through its Sakshar Samuday project, has been facilitating adults in Hardoi to learn to read and write.



Community members engaged for better Heart health

Samuday celebrated World Heart Day on Sept 29, across 15 public health facilities in Hardoi district of Uttar Pradesh. 364 community members were engaged in promoting heart health and help participants understand the signs and symptoms of heart disease, along with prevention strategies.



Hardoi district achieves 90% participation in NIOS examination

On Sept 22, 9123 adult learners gave the National Institute of Open Schooling exam, testing their foundational literacy and numeracy skills. Achieving 90% participation, learners from five blocks of Hardoi district sat for the exam across 100+ NIOS centres,

The Block Education Officers and the District Nodal Officer of New India Literacy Programme (NILP) visited various centers, commending the work done through Sakshar Samuday – the adult literacy project of Samuday.



National Nutrition Week celebrated in Hardoi

Samuday celebrated National Nutrition Week from Sept 1-7 across two new delivery points under Model Health Facilities project (PHC Tikari & AAM Raiso). The event saw participation of 236 individuals, who were sensitized and counselled on the importance of nutrition in the presence of various government officials from the health department.



2,745 residents screened for Non-Communicable Diseases

Through September, Samuday organized 34 health camps aimed at non-communicable diseases in five blocks of HarDOI (Bilgram, Sursa, Kothawan, Mallawan, and Sandila). Held in coordination with District Health Society, the camps offered multiple services like NCD screening, lab testing, counselling, and general OPD medication to 2,745 individuals. Of those screened, 309 were diagnosed with hypertension and 410 with diabetes. Identified patients were then enrolled with the Community Health Officer (CHO) for further treatment and follow-up.



Antenatal Care (ANC) Health Camp organized in Sursa block of HarDOI

In coordination with the Community Health Center (CHC) Sursa, Samuday under its Mobile Health Clinic intervention organised an Antenatal Care (ANC) Health Camp in Sursa block of HarDOI on Sept 9. At the camp, services like ANC screening, lab testing, counselling with a female doctor, and general OPD medication were offered to 75 women.



NQAS assessment of two public health facilities conducted

Under the quality accreditation of public health facilities program, two facilities supported through Samuday, namely Som Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) and Pihani Community Health Center (CHC) were assessed by national assessors for NQAS (National Quality Assurance Standards) on 24th and 25th September. The assessors expressed their appreciation towards efforts taken by the district & HCL Foundation to restore the facilities in order to offer higher quality of care in hospitals. This national assessment is a significant milestone as accreditation may lead to further positive change in health behavior among residents, while offering a healthier work environment for staff.



Kayakalp Award secured by 6 CHCs of HarDOI

Kayakalp award is a prestigious award given by Govt's Ministry of Health and Family welfare to public health facilities for their cleanliness and infection control practices. 6 Community Health Centers (CHC) supported through Samuday had undergone assessment for the Kayakalp award. Significantly, this month all 6 facilities were able to secure the award, with CHC Pihani clinching the 1st prize among all facilities in Uttar Pradesh. It will also be awarded INR 1.5 million to sustain its exemplary practices.

Mission Director, National Health Mission visits AAM Som

Dr. Saroj Kumar, Director- NHM III from Ministry of Health and Family welfare, Govt. visited Sandila block of Hardoi on 27th September. As part of the visit, he visited the recently NQAS assessed Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) at Som. Sandila's Medical Officer, Community Health Officer, AAM Som and HCL Foundation team members were among those present. The Director was briefed on Samuday's efforts to establish and sustain the quality health care practices.



Active Case Finding drive organized for eliminating TB

As part of the TB Elimination project under Samuday, an Active Case Finding (ACF) activity was conducted from Sept 9-20, in multiple Gram Panchayats of Sandila and Ahirori blocks of Hardoi. ACF initiatives have been crucial for tuberculosis (TB) elimination in high-risk areas. The intervention has played a pivotal role in timely treatment of TB, allowing early detection among vulnerable communities, thereby reducing disease spread. Led by TB Champions, the intervention has facilitated screening of 4,895 residents and identified 284 presumptive and 14 positive cases TB cases so far.



TB awareness activities and anti-stigma campaigns rolled out in Sandila and Ahirori

Tuberculosis (TB) awareness activities and anti-stigma campaigns were held at 93 locations in Sandila and Ahirori blocks of Hardoi throughout September. 2,000+ people were educated on signs and symptoms of TB and the importance of timely treatment. Conducted across schools, madrasas, community centers, and health facilities, sessions aimed to reduce stigma, encouraging early diagnosis and treatment. Various activities, including interactive discussions, posters, and educational materials were used to engage the community.



Nikshay Diwas organised in Hardoi

Samuday organized Nikshay Diwas under its TB Elimination project on Sept 10-12 & 16 across two blocks in Hardoi. During the event, anthropometry of 537 tuberculosis patients was conducted, and patients were offered counseling on the disease, importance of nutrition and value of treatment adherence.



JAS quarter's review meeting encourages enhanced financial security for dairy farmers

Samuday organized the JAS quarter's review meeting for farmers associated with the Dairy Development project across seven blocks of Hardoi district. The two-day meeting was held at the Sandila Milk Chilling Centre on Sept 9-10. 160 dairy secretaries attended this meeting with the agenda of raising awareness around transparency and benefits of the online payment system to enhance financial security for dairy farmers. Members also discussed the various benefits of fodder management and how the initiative is crucial to strengthen the dairy federations and support them in achieving a self-sufficient rural community.



Strengthening Livelihoods: Samuday and UPSRLM Collaborate on Handicraft Project Expansion in 10 UP Districts

Samuday also convened a meeting at the DC NRLM office of Kausambi and Pratapgarh districts with officials from the Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (UPSRLM) to deliberate on expanding the ongoing handicraft projects. Held on Sept 2-3, the discussions centered around the MoU signed to enhance livelihood opportunities across 10 districts in the state. Also, field visits were held in Lakhimpur Khera & Sitapur to assess the functionality of the handicraft clusters there.



'Swachhta Hi Sewa' in Hardoi

Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign was organized under Samuday from Sept 17 – Oct 1 in Kachhauna block of Hardoi. As part of the campaign, comprehensive health check-ups were conducted for community members, with an emphasis on sanitation workers. Recognizing their crucial role in maintaining hygiene, 17 PPE kits including shoes, gloves, helmet, and reflector jackets, along with uniform were distributed to ensure their safety during essential duties. These efforts aimed to educate the community about the importance of cleanliness and its impact on public health. Participants included Samuday's Block Development Officers, Additional Development Officer, 47 Safai Mitra and Safai Karamcharis, 6 Anganwadi workers, doctors and other stakeholders.



Indian School of Public Policy scholars visit Samuday intervention sites

A batch of 39 postgraduate scholars from the Indian School of Public Policy visited Samuday's project sites on Sept 20-21. The graduates saw various interventions of livelihood, health, Panchayati Raj Institutions, etc. Visiting scholars also took a deeper look at understanding the various aspects of the rural socio-economic context that are considered to formulate policies.



Xavier Institute of Social Service students visit Hardoi for rural immersion

This month a batch of 25 postgraduate students from the Rural Management program at Xavier Institute of Social Service, Ranchi visited Samuday in Hardoi. They walked through various intervention sites of water & sanitation, education, environment etc. This visit was a part of the institute's study tour where students aimed at analyzing and understanding the interventions sustainability.



Poshan Maah Celebration reaches 16,000+ beneficiaries

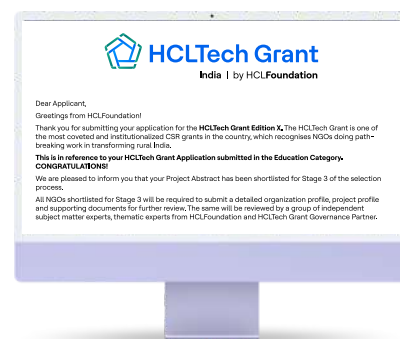
To mark the importance of correct nutrition and increase awareness in the community, Poshan Maah was observed through the month of September across four blocks of Hardoi. The event engaged and targeted lactating mothers, mothers of infants aged between 6 months and 5 years, pregnant females, frontline health workers, adolescents and school staff members. Various activities like rallies, awareness sessions at Anganwadi centers, mothers meeting, anna prashan, godhbhari ceremonies, trainings for Anganwadi workers, and anemia screening camps were organized reaching out to 16,202 individuals.



Empowering NGOs that transform rural India

HCLTech Grant Edition X: Advancing towards the detailed 'Proposal Round' stage

The tenth edition of HCLTech Grant by HCLFoundation has entered its third stage of the application selection process. The application portal was live from Sept 2-16, to accept the detailed proposals from organizations shortlisted in the second round. Out of the 239 shortlisted NGOs, 224 NGOs successfully submitted their detailed proposals for review. The domain experts will now review these detailed proposals, of which 45 NGOs will be shortlisted for the next round of Field Audit.



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

HCLTech Grant team members visited Innovators in Health (India), the 'Health category' winners of HCLTech Grant in Samastipur district, Bihar from Sept 2-5. 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 IHH. 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 a remarkable job of patient counselling and maintaining the case-wise files.



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 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.



Breaking the cycle of urban poverty

Bengaluru

Empowering Urban Citizens by providing Green Skills for Sustainable Development

Bangalore's transition to a sustainable city emphasizes water, waste, and energy as key pillars of sustainability. The project aims to develop a skilled workforce capable of installing, operating, and maintaining green infrastructure in Bengaluru, addressing the imperative need for locally trained professionals.



Business Information Program for Army Veterans

HCLFoundation supported Business Information Centers (BICs) in Bangalore and Lucknow. These centers aim to train the retired Indian Army personnel on entrepreneurship. The goal is to encourage them to become job creators and explore entrepreneurship as a viable career option. In September, a total of three workshops were conducted.



Strengthening Mental Health Through Educator Empowerment

Project BUMHI is being implemented in 57 high-risk areas (HRAs) in the South Zone of Bengaluru. In each of the HRAs, organizations are being identified for training in the 13 modules of the Bangalore Urban Mental Health Initiative (BUMHI). These organizations focus on the social upliftment of women and children, offering education, vocational training, and soft skills development.



Poshan Maah

The Nutrition Day celebration was organized at the Anganwadi Centres in Jigani and Srirampura to educate mothers and young children about the importance of nutrition for healthy growth. Seven stalls featured activities such as fruit and vegetable displays, food without fire cooking competition, breastfeeding awareness videos, and a children's learning corner. A fashion show had children dressed as fruits and vegetables, sharing their health benefits. The event saw high community participation, with mothers engaging in a healthy recipe contest. The event successfully promoted the use of local ingredients, raising awareness about malnutrition and healthy eating



Teachers Day celebrations

Teacher's Day was organized in schools by Mantra for Change our education partner. The students of the school conducted the program very successfully and the teachers actively participated in them.



School Sensitization Programme at Govt School

AIFO India, a partner of Uday by HCLFoundation, conducted a school sensitization program at three various locations during September-24 sensitizing around 187 students aimed at promoting inclusive education for children with disabilities in the school to spread awareness about disabilities, prevention, the importance of inclusiveness and peer group support among the students.



National Nutrition week programme

BSSSG in collaboration with ICDS Department, Tamil Nadu celebrated National Nutrition week programme. A brief session on Balanced Diet was organized for the Gandhi Nagar Community members. The session was led by ICDS supervisor with a pledge towards a Nutritional Diet, following they briefly explained the importance of Balanced Diet to be followed for their children towards healthy growth.



Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Session

35 students were engaged with a Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) activity at GGHSS Kamaraj Nagar School, Avadi. The activity supported the students sharing their experiences of kindness from teachers and their desire to support their families.



Lung Cancer Screening

A Total of 76 households were surveyed and 7 tobacco users were identified. Community Screening program aims to identify the tobacco smokers/chewers in the community aged above 45 years who use more than a pack a day for lung cancer screening and provide cessation intervention.



Inauguration of ICT (Information Communication and Technology) centres

ICT Centres inaugurated at Arumbakkam and KannagiNagar Police Boys and Girls Club.The centre aims to enhance Digital Literacy of 8th-10th gardeners.Students are keen towards exploring Tux Paint application to create digital artwork.



Chennai

Curriculum Release: Batch

The 2nd Batch curriculum release for PWD, TG, and non-PWD students was inaugurated by Mr. Naveen (Group Manager from HCLTech Infra), Mr. Newton Raj, and Ms. Sameena along with YuvaKendra Students.



Planting for the Future: Food Forest

OfERR NGO organized a Food Forest Day at Government Hr. Sec. School, Sholinganallur. CP Students took the initiative and planted fruit-bearing trees like mango, guava, pomegranate, and jackfruit along with teachers. The main objective of this activity was to promote green school awareness and highlighting the importance of trees in fostering a sustainable environment.



Hyderabad

Engineers Day Celebrations

Organized sensitization session on importance of Engineers Day. Engineering Projects making competitions for students organized. 40+ Engineering Models have made by students and around 150+ students from 02- Govt. High Schools were participated. The activities were implemented by Nirmaan Organization.



Teachers Day Celebrations

Teacher's Day celebrations organized at Govt. High School, Zebabagh, Hyderabad, conducted various events for students like "Role Play on Model Teacher" towards sustainable maintenance of WASH infrastructure at schools. 180+ students were participated in the different activities; the event was implemented by MARI NGO.



Hyderabad

Capacity Building Training to Teachers on WASH

A Capacity Building Training program was conducted for Government School Teachers on sustainable Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) practices. The training aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of teachers on improved WASH behaviors and the sustainable maintenance of WASH infrastructure in schools. The program was well-received, with 21 teachers from 11 Government High Schools participating actively. This initiative is expected to have a positive impact on promoting sustainable WASH practices and improving the health and well-being of students and school communities.



Eco-Friendly Ganesh Idol making – Volunteering Event

An Eco-friendly Ganesh Idol making event was organized at HCLTech Campus in Hyderabad to promote environmental sustainability and raise awareness about the importance of eco-conscious celebrations. The event saw an enthusiastic participation of over 90 volunteers, who came together to create a diverse range of innovative and eco-friendly Ganesh idol designs. This initiative aimed to inspire a sense of responsibility towards the environment and promote sustainable practices during festive celebrations.



Kolkata

Teachers Day

Mukti Rehabilitation Centre, celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th of September with great enthusiasm. The event was filled with joy, as both teachers and children participated wholeheartedly. The celebration truly highlighted the spirit of gratitude and joy shared by the community.



Vishwakarma Puja

On Vishwakarma Puja, the children celebrated by filling the sky with colorful kites, adding joy and vibrancy to the occasion.



Durga Puja Rehearsals

The Children of Mukti were immersed in lively rehearsals for dance and drama performances in preparation for Durga Puja. Their enthusiasm and creativity shone through as they prepared to bring the festive celebrations to life.



Successful Placement Drives by GSLF Across Lucknow ITIs

Grey Sim Learning Foundation conducted successful placement drives across ITIs, with participation from several companies and HCLTech volunteers. Over 280 candidates appeared for interviews, and many were motivated by the volunteers' shared experiences. Some candidates have been shortlisted for the next round, while results from other companies are still awaited.



Nutrition Week

Mamta-HIMC, supported by HCLFoundation, observed Nutrition Week (Sept 1-7, 2024) with a series of awareness activities across five Anganwadi centers. The event promoted balanced & affordable nutrition, highlighting its significance for physical & mental well-being. Activities included community campaigns, baby showers, awareness marches, and low-cost food preparation demos for pregnant moms, nursing mothers, teenagers, and residents.



Sensitization Workshop with Shopkeepers, Community leaders, and other key stakeholders

A sensitization workshop was conducted, to bring together key stakeholders like local doctors, religious leaders, and community influencers from slum communities. The focus was on raising awareness about family planning and promoting male involvement in the process. Dr. Neeraj addressed common myths and misconceptions surrounding modern contraceptive methods.



Milestone for STEM Education

HCLFoundation and Mantra Social Services have teamed up to create a cutting-edge STEM lab at Atal Awasiya Vidyalaya in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The NATKHAT STEM Experiential Learning Lab is an amazing resource for students, and recently, the Honorable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji, visited the lab and interacted with the students, who showcased their innovative projects and models. The CM's visit has motivated the students to explore STEM education further and reach their full potential in science and technology. This initiative is a significant step towards empowering the next generation of innovators and leaders!



Training on Non-invasive Anemia Screening Tool

Mamta, supported by Uday's My Community Initiative, hosted a comprehensive training session bringing together health and education stakeholders to align on shared goals. The day-long event fostered collaboration to enhance school health programs and implement innovative health solutions. Discussions emphasized integrating health education into school curricula and the importance of community-based initiatives for a healthier future generation.



FLW Training ABHA registration and ABDM component

Mamta HMC conducted a training session for Frontline Workers (FLWs) on the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and ABHA registration. The workshop covered the mission's objectives, benefits, and registration processes via web portal and mobile app. FLWs learned about ABDM's key components, aiming to create a unified digital health ecosystem, and its advantages, including improved healthcare accessibility, data security, and streamlined health records management.



Handwashing Practice session to especially abled children on International Day of Sign Language

On the occasion of International Day of Sign Language, awareness session on handwashing practice among the especially abled children was conducted at Rajkiya Sanket Vidyalaya, Mohan Road Lucknow by PSI India. A total of 107 children were taught about the benefit of safe and clean hygiene and sanitation practice.



Awareness Session on Menstrual Hygiene Management & establishment of Pad Bank in GGIC

Awareness session on menstrual hygiene management at Government Girls Inter college along with sanitation drives to promote sustainable Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) at GGIC, GIC and KGBVs conducted by Ankur Yuva Chetna Shivar (AYCS) Lucknow.



Community Action Groups (CAG) participated in a 2 day capacity building training organized by Gujrat Mahila Housing Trust (MHT)

A two-days participatory and interactive training programme was organized by MHT to the CAG members of 3 communities: Shrambihar Colony 2, Dhobighat and Gulzarnagar. It provided comprehensive overview on government, governance processes, budgeting, and participation in these processes. The interactive sessions were aimed to actively engage participants, encouraging them to ask questions, share their perspectives, and collaborate on practical exercises, fostering a positive and empowering learning environment.



Celebrating International Literacy Day

HCLFoundation, in collaboration with the American India Foundation, organized an inspiring poster-making competition at GGIC Vikas Nagar on September 9th to commemorate International Literacy Day. With around 120 students participating, the event highlighted the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights. The theme for 2024, "Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace," inspired students to create impactful posters, emphasizing STEM learning and the power of education in fostering global harmony. These competitions not only sparked creativity but also boosted students' confidence and motivation, reminding us all of the transformative power of literacy!



SED- Teachers Day celebration

Teachers' Day was celebrated at Young Kalam Discovery Science Centre with over 50 teachers Participated. The event included engaging activities such as a Communication Game, Hand Printing, Teachers' Training Fun Activities, and Balloon Games. Teachers expressed their happiness and enthusiasm, enjoying the lively atmosphere that highlighted their vital contributions. Young Kalam Discovery Science Club members also contributed with song performances, poetry, and dramatic activities, adding to the day's memorable experience.



BSSSG- Capacity building programme for Mother's collective members

BSSSG has organized Capacity Building Training program-Module:2 for 50 Mother's Collective Members, with a purpose of empowering them with essential knowledge and skills on ECCD Project. 50 Mother's Collective Members showed interest to know about ECCD, Value of Collective force and updated their knowledge and skills to support their children's development and well-being.



FPAI Anaemia screening Camp

As a part of the adolescent education programme, conducted anemia screening camp in My-school programme. Around 256 children were screened for anemia and several anemic children were identified and basis that we have distributed nutrition supplements and medicines along with one to one counselling sessions to our children.



SUHAM Trust- Nutrition Month celebration in My-School and My Community programme

In celebration of the Nutrition Month : My school and My community programme, a total of 80 students along with 30 mothers were sensitized on nutrition awareness and the session was handled by the ICDS department officials in both School and Community. Nutrition food usage and benefits for both adolescents girls and mothers were stressed on the importance of the programme.



Happy schooling Teachers wellness programme

The Project Happy Schooling team organized a one-day training session for teachers on "Teacher's Wellness: Wellbeing, Appreciating Life, Adversity Quotient, and Work-Life Balance". A total of 43 teachers from the proposed schools participated and benefited from the training.



Mentor Sessions for Subject Teachers

Mentor sessions for teachers in both NMC Day Schools and Night schools, focusing on enhancing teachers' abilities to teach Mathematics, Science and English. The training emphasized aligning teaching with the SSC paper pattern and how to identify crucial topics for exam success and high marks. As many as 96 teachers benefited from the sessions, which equipped them with new techniques to simplify complex concepts and help students perform better in their exams.



Millets awareness campaign

Awareness Campaign on Millets was organized at several educational institutions with participation of over 150 students and staff. The sessions highlighted importance of millets for good health, environment, conservation, benefits to farmers, future scope for employment generation etc. Udan Women Self Help Group put up the stall to display and sell bare millets and millets processed products. Students could buy the varieties of Millets and could taste the delicious millets food items like cookies, biscuits etc.



BCC Activities at School

Ms. Reena Bobade, Nagpur Coordinator for Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, under the National Health Mission guided the students of Ekatmata Nagar Upper Primary, Ekatmata Nagar on personal hygiene. This included importance of early morning waking up, cleaning teeth, bathing, nail cutting, keeping hair clean, washing hands before taking any meal and after toilet use etc.



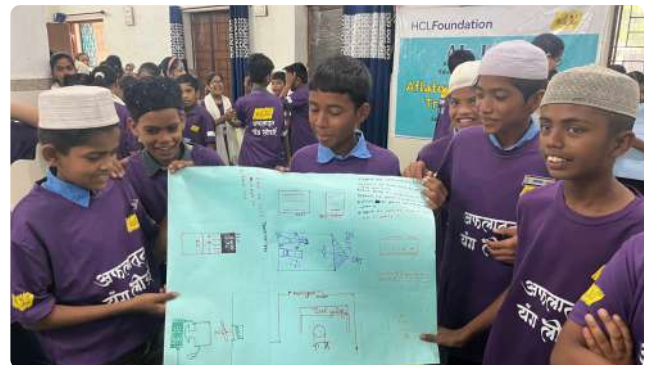
Annual HMs Meeting

Annual Head Masters' Meeting is conducted wherein a total of 28 HMs from NMC Day schools and Night school participated. In the meeting annual activity plans, including Mentor session, Sunday extra classes, Worksheets & Prelims were shared and suggestions were sought from HMs for better implementation of the project.



Leadership Training for Office Bearer's of Aflatoun Banks and Clubs

2-day leadership training for 181 Aflatoun Club and Bank Leaders from 18 NMC schools with the support of 20 teachers. This training equips them to manage Aflatoun clubs and banks within their schools. Various activities conducted by the clubs and banks will be spearheaded by these AYs through out the year.



4th Edition Job Fair – Noida Deaf Society

Excited to share the success of Noida Deaf Society' 4th Edition Job Fair!

150+ Deaf candidates, 11 corporate partners representing diverse industries. These corporates RE Soothe Healthcare Noida, Radisson Blu Greater Noida, Shangri La Hotel Delhi, Senden Vikas Group Faridabad, GK Winding Noida, Ranson Springs, Ericsson Noida and Gurugram, ITC Maurya, Pheon Auto, Deki Electronics.



Campus Placement Drive –Udayan Care

Udayan Care (HCLF Uday Partner) hosted the 5th Campus Placement Drive, organized to provide students with multiple job opportunities under one roof, tailored to their interests. A total of 25 students from the HCLF-Udayan Care Yuvakendra (Noida) participated, interviewed by 13 recruiters representing 7 companies based in Noida and East Delhi. Out of the participants, 19 students were shortlisted for roles such as Data Operator, Backend Executive, and Accountant, with salary ranges from ₹10,000 to ₹15,000 per month.



Industry/ Exposure Visit-Katha

The industrial visit to Theobrama Bakery was organized to provide students with practical exposure to bakery operations, production processes, and the overall functioning of a bakery. The visit aimed to enhance students' understanding of the food industry, specifically the bakery segment, by observing the workflow in a professional environment.

Number of Students: 16

Number of Teachers: 02



Capacity Building session for Dasna Prison Officials– IVF

India Vision Foundation organized a capacity-building session on "Stress Management" for the 22 Prison Warders of Ghaziabad District Prison. The trainer, Ms Poonam Madan, an experienced soft skills trainer, focused on stress management, recognizing the challenges and immense pressure faced by prison warders due to long, unstructured work hours and the demanding environment within prisons. This often leads to significant stress, impacting their mental and physical health. The key focus was on stress-coping techniques that could easily be integrated into their daily routines to promote well-being and enhance efficiency at work.



Heartwarming Teachers' Day Celebrations

Teachers' Day was celebrated across HCLFoundation's intervention centres in collaboration with partners Katha and SEDT. Students expressed their gratitude through heartfelt wishes, e-cards, and creative scientific artwork. At Primary School Baraula-2, two HCLTech volunteers joined in to inaugurate the new STEM Stars Lab, inspiring students towards a brighter future.



Special Educators meet to Tackle Learning Disabilities

With support from HCLFoundation, Saksham organized an interactive session for special educators at the BSA Office in Surajpur, Greater Noida. The meeting addressed challenges faced by educators and explored solutions using various teaching and learning materials.



Breaking barriers in education with Assistive technology

As part of our collaboration with Saksham, a training session on assistive technology was organized to support visually impaired students. A student from Primary School, Chuharpur Khadar, Greater Noida, was provided with a tablet and Bluetooth keyboard, enabling better access to education and fostering independent learning.



SMC Members' Insightful Exposure Visit

As part of HCLFoundation's initiative with Bodh Shiksha Samiti, an exposure visit was organized for 33 School Management Committee (SMC) members and four teachers from Gautam Buddha Nagar to Bodhshalas in Alwar, Rajasthan. The visit provided insights into educational equality, girl child education, and public school dynamics. Participants engaged in workshops and community interaction, leaving with a sense of motivation and learning.



A Flavorful STEM Celebration of World Tourism Day

Under HCLFoundation's STEM Stars initiative with Katha, young STEM leaders celebrated World Tourism Day on 27th September with a culinary twist. Students shared traditional recipes, explored cultural diversity, and enhanced their digital skills using MS Paint.



DFY Team celebrates Poshan maah a month of Nutrition and Health

The DFY team made September a month of nutrition with engaging Poshan Maah activities! They held awareness sessions in various sectors, reaching 161 people with vital information on healthy eating. A mega camp at Maura, Sector 66, Noida, was a highlight, with health checkups for 61 people, sugar tests for 22, and fun activities like a nukkad natak, games, and an exhibition of different food groups. The team's efforts to promote healthy lifestyles and educate the community were truly commendable.



Meeting with DM of GB Nagar

ECDD team had a productive meeting with GB Nagar DM Mr. Manish Kumar and DPO Ms. Poonam Tiwari about the Anganwadi KayaKalp Campaign. The DM appreciated our efforts in providing teaching-learning materials to 80 anganwadi centers and shared the government's commitment to upgrading Anganwadi infrastructure to meet national standards and to create a safe, child-friendly environment.



Transformation of 80 Anganwadi centres

HCLFoundation team was recognized for its outstanding contributions to the transformation of ICDS Anganwadi centers by distributing pre-school kits, and was presented with an appreciation certificate by Honorable Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel. GB Nagar DM Mr. Manish Kumar and DPO Ms. Poonam Tiwari appreciated Dr. Nidhi Pundhir's contribution in the CSR field.



World Alzheimer's Day Observance at SHEOWS

SHEOWS commemorated World Alzheimer's Day at its elderly care center in Okhla. The event aimed to raise awareness about dementia, particularly Alzheimer's disease, which affects many of the center's residents. Activities included an educational session for caregivers and staff, followed by an awareness presentation.



International Safe Abortion Day

Advocating for Women's Rights, Ensuring Safe Access: FPA India commemorated International Safe Abortion Day on September 28th. The event highlighted the importance of safe and legal abortion access for women. Healthcare professionals provided essential information on reproductive health, legal rights, and post-abortion care. Outreach services addressed menstrual problems and STIs, ensuring comprehensive care for all. By advocating for women's rights and providing essential services, the event aimed to empower women to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.



Empowering Families, Securing Futures (Aragami India)

Aragami India has successfully reached approximately 945 women through their innovative family planning initiative in Noida. By providing education and support, the program is empowering couples to make informed choices about their reproductive health, leading to healthier families and brighter futures.



SHEOWS Celebrates Mental Health Recharge Day

SHEOWS organized a Mental Health Recharge Day at its Okhla center. The day's highlight was a 30-minute meditation therapy session led by psychology volunteers, offering a calming and rejuvenating experience for all. Additionally, volunteers conducted valuable awareness sessions on anger control therapy, blood pressure management, and overall mental health care. These sessions not only benefited the elderly residents but also provided valuable insights for SHEOWS caregivers, emphasizing the importance of mental wellness and therapeutic practices in daily care.



Celebrating Visually Impaired Talent with 3rd edition of Right to Write

HCLFoundation, in collaboration with Saksham, hosted the 3rd edition of the Right to Write National Computer Speed & Accuracy Competition at the HCL campus, Noida. Around 50 visually impaired students participated, showcasing exceptional computer skills in English and Hindi. Winners were awarded prizes, including mobile phones and Amazon Alexa devices. Over 60 HCLTech volunteers contributed to the success of the event.



Poshan Mah culmination event

Mobile Creches, ECCD partner, successfully concluded Poshan Mah at Mamura Community Hall. The day began with a vibrant rally promoting nutrition awareness. DPO Ms. Poonam Tiwari delivered a keynote on the importance of early childhood and maternal nutrition. There were nutrition stalls, a health checkup by Doctors for You (health partner), and a street play debunking health myths.



Yoga District meet

HEAL Yoga team secured 8 Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze medals in the Krishna District Yoga meet. 11 children selected for the State level Yoga competitions.



New batch enrolment at Yuvakendra

New batch of unemployed youth enrolled in to the Yuvakendra skill development center. They will learn 21st century core employability skills during their course. Further, we will provide placement assistance to start their professional career.



Sensitization to school children and community on hygiene

Conducted Hygiene session of Hand hygiene, personal hygiene, good habits, Menstrual Hygiene and safe unsafe touch, water borne and vector borne diseases, the government school children and community members. Total 572 persons reached through this activity.



Social empowerment of women through counselling

The Counseling Center addressed 44 cases, consisting of new, old, and Tele counselling. Among these, there were 27 new cases physical, and 17 old physical cases. Additionally, 197 Tele follow-up sessions conducted via telephone counseling, along with 14 new cases reported. The predominant issues reported encompassed husband harassment, wife harassment, love issues, alcoholism, dowry, mother-in-law problems, and property disputes. The center's pivotal role in addressing these pressing concerns underscores its importance in providing essential support to individuals and families in need.



Inter-State CBSE Kabaddi tournament

In the inter-state CBSE Kabaddi tournament, HEAL kabaddi team secured 2nd Place in under-19 category. Total 30 teams participated in this tournament.



Team capacity building

Capacity Building workshop conducted for Sports trainers to enhance their Skills and knowledge for coaching effectiveness. Three resource persons i.e. Dr.B.Innaiah, Physical Education Expert from ANU, Sri Ramamohan, Fitness Expert , (Retd. Gymnastics coach, SAI and Sri Katam Raju, Expert in Athletics (Retd.SAAP coach) addressed the trainers.



Fostering cleanliness, seeding sustainability



Plogging drive organized with My Clean City City Volunteers' Club

On Sept 15, My Clean City organized a plogging drive with My Clean City Volunteers' Club. The drive was held in Sector-22 Market, Noida with participation of 35 volunteers, helping collect 30 Kgs of dry waste. The activity aimed to unite citizens to clean up their communities, raise awareness around waste management and promote sustainable practices.



Padcare bins inaugurated in Noida for improved menstrual waste management

My Clean City by HCLFoundation strives to tackle the menstrual waste management challenges in Noida with a multifaceted approach spanning the involvement of educational institutions. On Sept 18, 'Padcare' bins were inaugurated for menstrual waste management at Mahamaya Balika Inter College in Sector 44, Noida. Awareness sessions on menstrual waste management were also conducted in the school with participation of 200+ female students.



1000 citizens trained on sustainable waste management

In the weeks leading up to the World Cleanup Day, My Clean City by HCLFoundation held a training session for 1,000+ residents of Noida and Greater Noida. Multiple engagement activities spanned across 38 RWAs and high-rises from Sept 5-19. In the process, 100 kgs of e-waste was also collected and efficiently channelized.



Nurturing Green Champions: My Clean City's hands-on composting initiative

Through My Clean City's Waste Champions Club, students are transforming waste into wealth. In September alone, 1000+ students of 12 schools in Noida and Greater Noida participated in interactive composting and bio-enzyme workshops, learning to create natural fertilizers and eco-friendly cleaners using easily available household items. This practical approach empowered students to adopt sustainable habits, reducing waste's harmful impact on the environment. By converting 60% of waste into valuable resources, this engaging experience inspires a new generation of environmental stewards, fostering a cleaner, healthier future.



Collaborating with college youth to spearhead the sustainable waste management journey

My Clean City's zero waste market project aims to enhance solid waste management in Greater Noida and Noida's marketplaces. This month the programme partnered with 5 colleges, seeking to create a lasting environmental impact by involving students, faculty, and residents in various cleanup activities, contributing to broader environmental goals and taking the mission of Swachh Bharat forward.



Enabling our people to give back to society



3,935

Volunteers engaged



19,173

Hours clocked



30,907

Lives impacted

- 319 HCLTechies volunteered to support clean-up drives organized as part of the International Coastal Clean Up Day (ICCD) celebrations held at beaches near Chennai, Madurai and Murdeshwar. In sync with them, in Noida, 16 HCLTechies volunteered to support a clean-up drive as part of My Clean City initiative's celebration of World Clean Up Day 2024.
- 100 HCLTechies selflessly volunteered to pack cooked food, distribute dry ration and hygiene kits, load and unload relief material, list flood victims, manage crowds, etc. They collectively contributed 820 hours towards this humanitarian action, supporting 4,500 community members. Generous HCLTechies from Vijayawada and Hyderabad donated more than 30 varieties of flood relief materials including 100 KGs of Rice, 31 KGs of Wheat flour, 25 KGs of Dal, 16 ltrs. of cooking oil, 916 sanitary pads etc.
- 60 HCLTechies in Noida joined the bright and meritorious visually impaired students from HCLF NGO partner- Saksham to participate in the annual 'Right to Write' event. They volunteered as readers for these students to support them in the speed typing competition. The event helped create an atmosphere of inclusion and spread awareness about the cause.
- 25 members from Cricket Australia (CA) account in Noida, along with CA leadership volunteered to participate in a bake-off challenge along with the talented women bakers from nearby urban slum community, being trained under the HCLF Skill Development center in partnership with NGOs Access and Katha.
- 20 members from DWP team in Noida got together to join the HCLF Harit Eradication of Dog Mediated Rabies (ErDoMeRa) Campaign and spent the day cleaning, painting and greening the animal welfare center. Members from other locations, proactively supported other volunteering initiatives, pan India.





Power of One Volunteer of the month

Anil Kumar Satija
ERS | Noida (51961775)

A great mark of volunteering spirit is innovation. Anil is the perfect example of the same. After volunteering regularly at the HCLFoundation RASTA Gurukul center in Noida, Anil assessed that the teachers there required capacity building sessions for improving understanding and use of computers and MS-Office. In consultation with the partner's management, he singlehandedly created an easy to comprehend computer manual explaining different concepts of computer use. Based on the manual, he then conducted classes for the teachers to address their queries. His learning module also included sessions on effective use of MS-Office tools. After this training, the teachers reported higher efficiency in managing their data. Currently, Anil is working on a module for children that are part of the Nanhe Parinde (mobile learning van) initiative to enhance their mental development through life skills sessions and recreational activities. His passion is definitely worthy of celebration!



Transforming outcomes through sport

On a winning streak!

Who: Boys and Girls Under-14 & Under-17 Football Teams from Government High School Vidyanagar from the HCLFoundation x Maatru Pratishtana partnership.

What: Participated in the SGFI FOOTBALL competition organized by School Games Federation of INDIA on Sept 5.

And?: Under-17 Boys, Under-17 Girls Under-14 Girls – all emerged winners!

They have now qualified to participate in divisional level which will be held in Sri Jaiprakash Naryan National Youth Training Center in the upcoming month.

 Bengaluru



Who: U-14 & U-17 boys Football team from Vidyanagar Government high School from the HCLFoundation x by Maatru Pratishtana partnership.

What: The teams participated in the SGFI State Level Competition which was conducted in Mangalore on Sept 14,15 & 16.

And?: U-14 Boys team emerged as Champions. Nitesh and Prabhakar U-17 team along with 4 more U-14 boys have been selected to compete at the National level SGFI competition.

 Bengaluru



On a winning streak!

Who: U-17 Boys Kabaddi team from Vinoba Bhawe High School from the HCLFoundation x Maatru Pratistana partnership

What: Participated in the SGFI Taluk-level Kabaddi tournament held at St Joseph School, Anekal on Sept 10.

And?: Our team (VBHS) emerged as Champions and qualified for District level SGFI competition. That marks is a big achievement for the school team in the last 12 years!

Bengaluru



Who: Gautam Buddha Nagar Boys Under-17 and Under-19 Basketball teams from the HCLFoundation x Dribble Academy Foundation partnership.

What: 10 boys and 2 girls represented the Meerut division at the State championship in Kanpur from Sept 17-21.

And?: The Boys team emerged First in both Under 17 and Under 19 Category while the Girls lost in the Semi finals.

Noida



Who: Girls Football team (Bhawani Khera, Tedvo ki Dhan & Chachiyawas)from the HCLFoundation x Mahila Jan Adhikari Samit(MJAS) partnership.

What: Participated in Ajmer School District Under -14 Girls Football tournament which was held at Sanskriti School Ajmer from Sept 17-19.

And : Team Bhawani Khera finished First | Team Tedvo Ki Dhani finished Second | Team Chachiyawas finished Third.

Ajmer



On a winning streak!

Who: Girls Football Team Padampura (U-17), Team Bhawani Khara (U-19) from the HCLFoundation x Mahila Jan Adhikari Samit (MJAS) partnership.

What: The U-17 and U-19 Girls Rajasthan School State Football Tournament was organized in Alwar district from Sept 17-23.

And: The Ajmer teams with 20 of our athletes (10 in U-17 and 10 in U-19) both finished Runners Up in the SGFI Rajasthan State School Football Team Championship

[Ajmer](#)



Who: Students from the HCLFoundation x Heal School partnership

What: Participated in District Yoga competition held at Eluru on September 9th, 2024

And?: Secured 9 Gold Medals, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. Below are the list of participants who have secured Medals.

[Vijayawada.](#)



Leaving a mark @CM Trophy

Sportspersons from across partnerships put forth a remarkable display of their game at the recently concluded CM Trophy event at Chennai, organized by the Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority

Who: Women's Cricket Team from Avadi & Kannaginagar Government School from the HCL Foundation x Guru Nanak Education Society partnership.

And?: Avadi Government School team emerged as WINNERS, with this complete winning team have qualified to participate in State level match which is scheduled in coming month & Kannaginagar secured Runner up position.



Who: Government Girls Model School Avadi Volleyball team from the HCLFoundation x GNES partnership.

And?: Secured First Place! Below players are selected to participate In the State Level CM trophy



On a winning streak!

Who: Kabaddi Girls Team from Government girls higher secondary school, Avadi supported by HCLFoundation

And?: Team won the Third Prize, and 3 Girls are shortlisted for the State Level Camps.

Chennai



Who: Government Volleyball team GGHSS ALARKOVIL supported by HCLFoundation.

And: They emerged as the Winner and won the CM Trophy!



Who: Football Girls from Government higher secondary school from the HCLFoundation x DBAI partnership

And?: Girls team emerged as the Runner up . The Girls(Rupa, Dhanya Mathi and Charu Latha) have been shortlisted for a State camp.



Who: Government Girls Basketball Team U-19 Mapalayam supported by HCLFoundation.

And?: Our Basketball Girls U19 -emerged as Runners



Who: Cricket Team from Kannagi Nagar from the HCLFoundation x GNES partnership

And?: Kannagi Nagar Team achieved an impressive Second place, with this they are waiting for the final state selection list and 5 to 6 stand out players will be chosen to represent in the State Matches.



Who: U-21 Boys Football Team supported from the HCLFoundation x SC-STEDS partnership

And: They emerged as Runners in Open Category.



On a winning streak!

Who: GMTTV School Football Team from the HCLFoundation x SC-STED partnership

And: They emerged as Runners. Three payers qualified to participate in State Level CM trophy .



Who: U-17 Basketball Team Girls and Boys from the HCLFoundation x DAF partnership.

What: Participated in NCR Basketball League held at Sector-31, Faridabad, Haryana. It was a 3-day tournament was organized by Hustler Academy from July 29 to July 31st ,2024.

And?: Both Girls and Boys emerged as Winners in the tournament.

Chennai



Soaring higher, higher, higher!

Who: Thazmiz H.kanal (U-19), N.Praveen kumar (U-17) & G. Dhanushree (U-17) from Government Higher Secondary School, from the HCLFoundation x STEDS partnership

What: Participated and got selected *Chennai District level School Games Federation of India football team

And?: They have been qualified up for Tamil Nadu state team selection camp at Coimbatore U-19 category Boys, Salem Under -17 Girls category & Thanjavur U -19 category boys. N. Praveen Kumar (U-17) Qualified to participate in National level competition representing Tamil Nadu State team on September 10, 2024



Soaring higher, higher, higher!

Who: Paddhma(Goalkeeper) from Government higher secondary school,Thuraipakkam from the HCLFoundation x DBAI partnership

What: Participated in Under 14 –SGFI ,State Football Championship .

And?: Qualified to participate in SGFI U-14 National Football Tournament representing Tamil Nadu State SGFI.

Chennai



Who: M Bhavadharani kabaddi player from the HCLFoundation x HOPE Foundation partnership.

What: Participated in Under 14 –SGFI Kabaddi national Trials

And?: Qualified to participate in SGFI U-14 National Kabaddi Tournament representing Tamil Nadu State SGFI.

Chennai

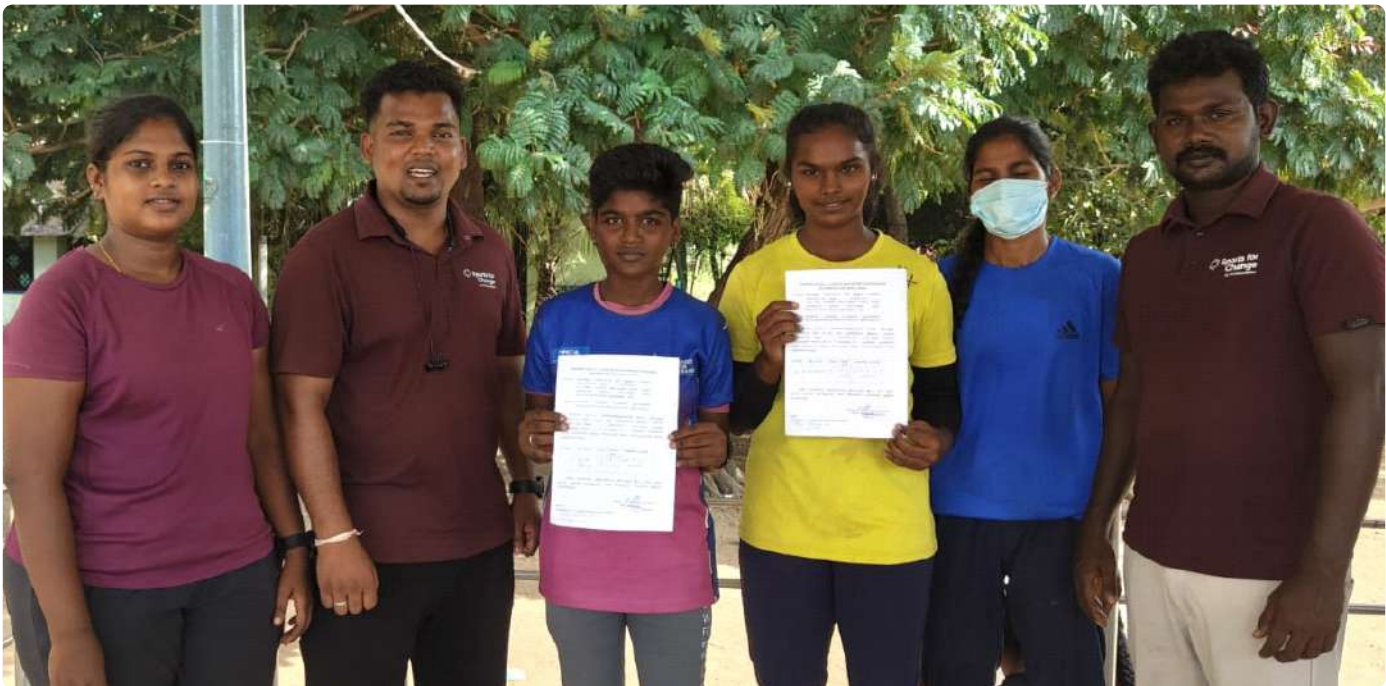


Who: Kabaddi Players Jeya Priya (Under 14) Dharshini (Under-19) from the HCLFoundation x DBAI Foundation partnership.

What: Participated in Under 14 and –SGFI Kabaddi State team trails

And?: Qualified to participate in SGFI U-14 State Kabaddi Tournament representing Chennai district SGFI.

Chennai



Disaster Risk Reduction & Management

HCLFoundation Mobilizes Swift Flood Relief Efforts in Vijayawada Amidst Worst Floods in Two Decades

Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh has witnessed heavy rains, with a cumulative rainfall of 329.7 mm, far exceeding the normal 17.1 mm in the first week of September, submerging the city in water. The worst floods in two decades have left the city in a catastrophic situation, resulting in devastating consequences. The floods have caused widespread destruction, leading to loss of life and displacing people. Families are stranded without access to essential supplies such as food, clean water, and medical care. Numerous families from our community have been severely affected; some have lost their homes and essential belongings, leaving them in dire need of immediate assistance. The floodwaters have devastated their livelihoods, washing away years of hard work and leaving them without necessities.

In response to the devastating floods, HCLFoundation swiftly mobilized to provide life-saving aid to affected families. A total of 2,500 dry ration and hygiene kits have been distributed to the families so far, with more to come. Additionally, we have rescued and cared for animals in need. We have sensitized community members on the precautions of waterborne diseases and safe drinking water practices post-floods.

More than 100 HCLTech employee volunteers are actively engaged in flood relief activities, including packaging and distribution of cooked meals, dry rations, and hygiene kits. All the partner NGO staff in the location came forward to support flood relief activities, including identifying the flood victims, packing and distributing dry rations and hygiene kits, and coordinating with government authorities. They demonstrated the true spirit of convergence.





My E-Haat

by HCLFoundation

Crafting quality, providing livelihoods

UP International Trade Show

My E-Haat brought artisans from different parts of Uttar Pradesh; Sambhal, Lucknow, Varanasi and Barabanki to participate in the UP International Trade Show which was held from 25th-29th September 2024 at India Expo Mart. The total sale garnered from the exhibition stalls set up by the artisans was approximately 1.5L.



Product Development workshop

My E-Haat organized a product development workshop wherein artisans were trained, and their artwork was reviewed by master trainer. The product range varied from coasters, jhola bags, paintings as well as development of fabric.



Product shoot of My E-Haat festive collections

In a bid to offer a wide range of gifting options this festive season and to showcase its collections, the My E-Haat team decided to converge PoI and SDL initiatives. HCL techies and learners from our Yuvakendra volunteered their time to don handcrafted products such as sarees, accessories, suits, kurta and jackets to shoot fun and interesting content for its festive collections that will be live on the website and social media pages.



Artisans' exposure visit to National Gallery of Modern Art

The My E-Haat by HCLFoundation team organized an exposure visit of over 60 artisans to the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi. The visit provided our artisans with insights into various forms of contemporary art, enhancing their understanding and appreciation of artistic expressions. It was an educational experience that introduced them to new ideas and techniques in the world of modern art and craft.



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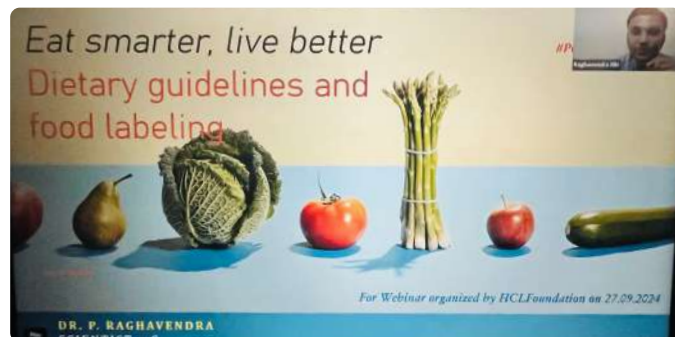
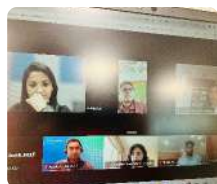
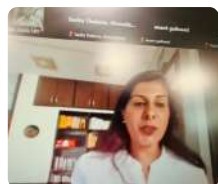
CSR Batch X: A new journey towards Social Responsibility

Batch X of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR: Its Applied Aspects) officially commenced on the Sept 20 – marking the beginning of an existing new journey for the diverse group of participants from across India. The inaugural session was an essential towards setting the context for the entire three-month program. Dr Nidhi Pundhir and Ms. Simi Suri from HCLFoundation were the guests of honor, joined by the Course faculty. The Academy by HCLFoundation team delivered the insightful address underscoring the key objectives, expectations and importance of CSR in today's business environment.

Eat smarter, live better: Dietary Guidelines and Food Labelling

Academy hosted a webinar titled "Eat Smarter, Live Better Dietary Guidelines and Food Labelling" on Sept 27. The session featured Dr Ragavendra, a distinguished Scientist C from ICMR- National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, joined by 100 participants from across India.

The webinar focused on understanding dietary guidelines, how to make informed food choices, and critical role of food labelling in maintaining the healthy lifestyle. With increasing concerns around nutrition, this session was a timely one highlighting relevant information nuggets for those looking to improve their eating habits and overall well-being.



Global updates

France

HCLTech France's Heartwarming initiative for Samarthanam Trust at UNESCO Event

The HCLTech France team is delighted to share their recent initiative for the Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled. The team's contribution to their France tour and the UNESCO event, "Disabled Sport & Work," on September 9, 2024, was highly acknowledged.

HCLTech provided specially designed wheel-integrated musical instruments to make travel easier and more enjoyable for the underprivileged and underserved. As part of this initiative, the team arranged a tour to the Eiffel Tower for the entire team, followed by a delightful dinner - which was a sheer joy to witness along with the mesmerizing musical performance by 'Team Samarthanam' at the UNESCO House. The atmosphere was electric yet tranquil. The team extends their special thanks to Mr. Ved Prakash and Ms. Nalini from the Indian Embassy for their support and warmth.





HCLFoundation in the Media

My Clean City by HCLFoundation celebrates World Cleanup Day, promotes lasting behaviour change – Sept 20, 2024



सफाई अभियान में 826 किलो कूड़ा किया गया एकत्रित
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