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Foreword

Dear Reader,

February was a month of continued momentum and partnerships.

Take for instance our partnership TRIFED – expanding our mission to uplift tribal artisans, helping preserve and promote indigenous crafts. Or the establishment of Dairy Farmers Associations to help local farmers improve their livelihoods. Even the clean-up drives and waste segregation workshops that continue to encourage people to take action for a cleaner, greener environment. or the Dhvani Conclave – that stood as a beacon of hope for trans rights and LGBTQIA+ inclusion – all of which stand central to the ethos of that defines our foundation.

Read all of this and more in the February 2025 edition of our monthly newsletter – Catalyst.

Happy Reading!

Warm Regards,
HCLFoundation

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Key Highlights

Craftकथा Chapter 2

Co-hosted by HCLFoundation & AIACA, Craftकथा Chapter 2, a vibrant celebration of handlooms and handicrafts made from natural grasses and plant-based fibers was organized on 17th and 18th February 2025. Keynote speaker, Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP, Global CSR, HCLTech and Director, HCLFoundation shared My E-Haat's journey and vision for the crafts sector, followed by a thought-provoking roundtable on 'Natural Fiber Traditions and Climate Change.' Valuable additions were made by Industry experts, DC Handicrafts Officials, Research organizations, etc. The event showcased stunning exhibits of sustainable, natural fibers and plant-based alternatives from various organizations such as Samuday Crafts, Khamir and more...



Convergence through Partnership with TRIFED

HCLFoundation has partnered with the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) to empower tribal artisans across India. Dr. Nidhi Pundhir from HCLFoundation signed the MoU at the Aadi Mahotsav, a vibrant festival celebrating India's tribal heritage, culture, arts, crafts, cuisine, and commerce at New Delhi on Feb 19, 2025. Through this collaboration, artisans will receive training and their handcrafted products will be showcased on the My E-Haat platform. This Partnership further strengthens livelihoods, supports indigenous crafts and preserves India's rich cultural heritage.



Volunteers collect 45 kgs of dry waste at Okhla Bird Sanctuary Clean-up drive

A clean-up drive and bird-watching event at Okhla Bird Sanctuary was organized on Feb 15 by My Clean City and it brought together 75 enthusiastic volunteers from HCLTech. During the plogging drive, the team collected 45 kgs of dry waste, demonstrating their commitment to conservation and waste reduction



HCLFoundation's work recognized by the CIMSME

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP Global CSR HCLTech & Director HCLFoundation, at the MSME Banking & NBFC Excellence Award 2024, accepted the award presented by the Chamber of Indian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises to organizations fostering inclusive economic growth; The award was conferred by Shri Pankaj Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Government of India at New Delhi – for HCLFoundation's work towards empowering micro-entrepreneurs, self-help groups (SHGs), and artisans through its flagship programmes and initiatives.



Dhwani 2025 Conclave

Dhwani 2025, beyond barriers is a conclave under the Project Vayati – Solidarity Foundation's flagship livelihood programme. Project Vayati, has been supported by HCLFoundation since 2022, under which 714 community members from LGBTIAQ+ communities have been impacted. Out of this, 592 community members have been trained in topics of Foundation and Life skills such as Communications, Leadership, etc. Upto 47 community members have been provided with career opportunities, 176 community members have accessed mental health support, and 40+ members have gained access to social entitlements, such as bank accounts, transgender cards, access to Government schemes, we celebrated inclusion and their progress on 28th Feb at Bengaluru International Centre. We had entrepreneurs come forward and showcase their skills and products along with government officials talk about various aspects of gender and inclusion under skills and livelihood for the LGBTIAQ+ community.

Key Representations



Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP- Global CSR, HCLTech & Director, HCLFoundation was the Chief Guest at the I Create India marked 25 years of impact with a Silver Jubilee celebration. She felicitated 30+ Indian Army veteran who successfully established businesses after training with I Create. This recognition underscores the organization's commitment to supporting the approximately 60,000 veterans who retire from the Indian Army each year, helping them channel their discipline, commitment, and risk-taking abilities into entrepreneurial success.



Manu Khanna, Senior Manager at HCLFoundation, attended the CII event at the Tata Center of Excellence in Jamshedpur, where 15 grassroots organizations showcased their innovative work in sports development. The event brought together key stakeholders, including government officials, industry leaders, and sports experts, to discuss ways to promote sports at the grassroots level. Notable speakers, such as Mr. Jovai, CEO of TOPS, Government of India, Mr. Chanakya Choudhary, VP of Tata Steel and Chairman of CII Sports, and Mr. Sunil Misra, Principal Advisor of CII, shared their expertise and insights on fostering a stronger sports ecosystem in India.



Piyush Wankhade, Manager at HCLFoundation, represented HCLFoundation, at a conference in Mumbai, co-organized by the Tribal Welfare Department and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The event was attended by prominent figures, including Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and Shri Uikey, Minister of Tribal Welfare, Government of Maharashtra. During the conference, Piyush highlighted HCLFoundation's initiatives in Nagpur, focusing on the HCLTech Grant projects that benefit tribal populations. This model showcases HCLFoundation's commitment to creating a positive impact on the lives of people and communities through sustainable programmes.



Meha Tiwari, Manager at HCLFoundation, represented HCLFoundation at the inaugural National Family Summit, organized by the Miracle Foundation. The summit focused on prioritizing family strengthening and family-based alternative care for children. The event convened key experts from renowned NGOs (Udayan Care, Sambodhi, FES, CINI, among others) and government agencies (NCPCR, state child protection authorities from Karnataka, MP, TN, Telangana and more).

Supporting environmental action

Knowledge to action: empowering youth climate innovators

TERI, an Environment Education and Awareness (EEA) partner, and HCLFoundation recently held a two-day Teacher's Training Workshop in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The workshop, part of the "Knowledge to Action: Empowering Youth Climate Innovators" program, brought together 33 high school and 25 primary school teachers from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) government schools. Expert-led sessions focused on innovative teaching methods for addressing local environmental issues. Participants also collaborated in groups to develop and present gamification ideas for teaching students about climate change. Following this as part of continuation of the program, a five-Day Student Training workshop aimed at educating students about climate change, sustainability, and environmental conservation. A total of 396 students and 20 teachers from 15 schools under the BBMP participated in the event. The workshop covered key concepts related to climate change, tailored to the local geography. Engaging, hands-on activities were incorporated to deepen students' understanding of environmental issues and highlight the role they can play in mitigating their impact. The event fostered meaningful discussions and collaboration across schools, successfully reaching a broad audience. By the end of the workshop, students were not only well-informed but also motivated to take concrete actions in their daily lives to address climate change.



GenCAN youth Climate Summit at Lucknow, Hardoi and Bijapur

Centre for Environment Education (CEE) in collaboration with HCLFoundation, hosted the GenCAN Youth Climate Action Leaders' Summit across three cities—Lucknow, Hardoi and Bijapur. The summit brought together over 275 student leaders and mentor teachers from 36 government schools for a transformative experience focused on climate change awareness and action. The event kicked off with mixing student leaders in different teams, followed by an engaging quiz session—Bhujo to Jaane, setting a lively and interactive tone for the day. Students then took part in a creative act on key climate concepts such as weather VS climate, climate change, greenhouse gases, carbon footprint, handprint etc. A key segment of the summit was a

group discussion and presentation, which encouraged students to explore the local impacts of climate change. By incorporating traditional knowledge and local examples, the students were able to connect the global issue of climate change with real-world experiences in their communities. The summit concluded with the students sharing the valuable insights they gained throughout the program, along with the actions they have undertaken as Climate Heroes in their respective schools and communities. Some of the notable climate actions taken were— switching to LED bulbs, saving electricity, starting kitchen gardens, composting wet waste, reducing & recycling dry waste, repairing leaky taps, opting for cycling/walking and many more. The GenCAN Summit served as an important platform for empowering the next generation of climate heroes.



Responsible kite flying: combating the impact of manjha on avian wildlife

Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS) collaborating with HCLFoundation is committed to mitigating the devastating impact of nylon and glass-coated manjha on birds through a comprehensive conservation initiative. As part of the efforts Manjha Cleanup Drive, a proactive initiative aimed at removing discarded kite strings was conducted at Indira Park, a prominent community park in the heart of Hyderabad, to prevent further harm to wildlife. 40 Volunteers from HCLTech, HCLFoundation, conservationists, and local community joined forces to clear manjha from trees, streets, and other high-risk urban areas, collecting an astounding 60 kg of synthetic manjha during the cleanup event. These efforts not only eliminate immediate threats but also promote responsible kite-flying practices among citizens.



Environment comic creation

World Comics India (WCI) in partnership with HCLFoundation with the support of OfERR NGO successfully conducted the EE Comics Campaign at MPB Government Girls Higher Secondary School, East Tambaram, Chennai, bringing creativity and environmental awareness together through the power of visual storytelling. The campaign witnessed the enthusiastic participation of around 30 students, many of whom became first-time comic creators. They not only presented their self-made environmental comics to their peers and teachers but also stepped into the role of peer trainers. In interactive small-group exercises, they guided fellow students on how to express environmental issues creatively through comics. By the end of the day, the participants collectively produced more than 80 visual drafts on various environmental themes, showcasing their artistic talents and deep understanding of sustainability topics.



Field assessment for Biomass Estimation, Carbon Sequestration, and Phyto-diversity

Ecosystem services evaluation was conducted, including vegetation sampling, and biodiversity monitoring at Green Connector, Lucknow from 4-13th February, 2025. The survey resulted in 12 vegetation, 45 litter & 24 soil samples. As part of Bird assessment, 120+ individuals belonging to 19+ species had been recorded and a herbarium of 20 plant species is made. This initiative supports ecosystem restoration efforts, strengthening the role of urban forests as effective carbon sinks and biodiversity hotspots.



Seasonal bird count – A citizen-science initiative

A Scientific Bird Count was organized at Harit Upvan Upralsi and Police Line Water body, Noida with HCLTech volunteers from 4-6th February 2025. This Citizen science initiative engaged volunteers (150+) in counting birds, observing & recording bird behavior (Ethogram). The activity resulted in recording 388 individuals belonging to 48+ bird species and 8100 seconds of Ethogram. This initiative will be carried out in three seasons and further will be replicated in other PAN India Harit sites.



Transforming rural communities



10 DFAs launched to strengthen dairy value chain in Hardoi

Samuday has established 10 new Dairy Farmers Associations (DFA) in three blocks of Tadiwayan, Mallawan and Kothawan to enhance milk production, support local farmers, and strengthen the dairy value chain from Feb 24-27. The programme has been leading a comprehensive Ecosystem Development Project in Hardoi to create a sustainable and integrated milk production system with a goal to provide alternative sources of income for marginalized households. Offering scientific, technological, and training support to its beneficiaries, it also promotes sustainable farming at the grassroots level.



Samuday's Crafts showcases at NIFT Bangalore

At a recent event "Festival of Handmade", organized by A Hundred Hands displayed the craftsmanship of Samuday Crafts women artisans from Feb 12-16, at the NIFT Bangalore campus. With handcrafted products generating sales of approximately Rs 70,000, the event offered valuable insights into consumer preferences and product refinement. Additionally, it also helped artisans expand their customer base and engage with B2B clients.



Samuday at Ullas Mela in Lucknow

The literacy achievements and future plans of Sakshar Samuday were showcased during the Ullas Mela held at the State Resource Centre, Literacy House in Lucknow on Feb 5. The Mela emphasized the literacy progress made by Uttar Pradesh under the New India Literacy Program, and was inaugurated and addressed by Shri Sandip Singh, Minister of State for Basic Education (Independent Charge), Uttar Pradesh, and Shri Deepak Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary of Basic Education. Yogesh Kumar, Deputy General Manager and Ashish Singh, Sector Lead of Education at HCLFoundation highlighted Samuday's efforts in educating 158,000 community members using various communication strategies and content dissemination platforms in Hardoi.



District-level workshop on Adult literacy highlights impact of Sakshar Samuday

An adult literacy workshop was held on 18th February in Hardoi district of Uttar Pradesh to promote adult literacy, with a focus on foundational, financial, and digital literacy. Bringing together key stakeholders, the event welcomed the District Development Officer of Hardoi, block education officers and representatives of Sarvoday Aashram and Sahbhagi Shiksha Sabsthan, who spoke on the role of literacy in empowering communities.

The workshop had several activities including a panel discussion on collaboration and strategies for adult literacy programmes, certificate distribution among neo literates, and a street play demonstrating the practical relevance of literacy.



Certificate distribution event for Neo literates held across 5 blocks of Hardoi

A series of five literacy events were organized across various blocks of Hardoi through the month of February to promote education and literacy within the community and distribute certificates among qualified learners under the New India Literacy program. Of the 750 neo literates were also those qualified by HCLFoundation post the completion of the course.

Guests including HCLFoundation Sector Lead Mr. Ashish Singh, Pradhan, Madhoganj Police Station In-Charge, Block Education Officer and Academic Resource Person of Bharawan, Madhoganh, Sursa and Ahirori graced the events. In addition to this, a Literacy Awareness Rally was also held to raise awareness around education and financial literacy.



KGVB teachers trained on DLCC & AI at DIET in Hardoi

In an effort to unite technology and education, Samuday by HCLFoundation, in partnership with ARTPARK organized a two-phase training program at DIET (District Institute of Education and Training), Hardoi on Feb 14-15, Catered to KGVB teachers, composite, and upper primary schools in 19 blocks of Hardoi, the program saw participation from 106 faculty members who learned gained knowledge on Digital Literacy, Coding, Computational Thinking, and Artificial Intelligence (DLCC& AI). This included hands-on training with Microsoft Office, Scratch, Python programming, AI tools, and the internet. The programme was graced by DIET Principal Mr. Yogendra Singh, who motivated teachers by highlighting the role of technology in education and its use in preparing students for the future. The event concluded with a certificate distribution among participants, along with a feedback session.



Training workshop on Wizbot Robotics technology held under the Happy School programme in Hardoi

Under the Vidyarambh ECCE initiative of the Happy School Program, Samuday by HCLFoundation conducted a four-day residential training workshop on Wizbot Robotics technology between 6th and 9th February in Lucknow.

The training aimed to integrate robotics into early childhood education, fostering curiosity, creativity, and foundational skill development. A total of 50 volunteers from across 100 schools of Hardoi participated, gaining expertise in innovative teaching methods, child psychology, and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF).



National Science Day celebrated across 100 Anganwadi centers in Hardoi

A hundred Anganwadi centers under Happy School Program by Samuday celebrated National Science Day with 4,000 children on Feb 28, in Hardoi. Blending science and technology, students participated in several innovative activities such as coloring with leaves, matching colors, exploring the world of robotics with Wizbot etc. The integration of Wizbot robotics encouraged development of fine motor skills and cognitive abilities. Guided by Anganwadi workers and Vidyarambh volunteers, the event also featured card games and direction tracking exercises.



Strengthening TB care under TB Elimination Programme

Samuday has established 12 TB (tuberculosis) hubs across 11 blocks of Hardoi through the month of February. With a goal to enhance TB care and support, each hub is staffed with a dedicated TB Champion offering counselling and guidance to patients and family on treatment adherence, precautions, and tackling existing stigma. Through the initiative, Samuday aims to strengthen community-based TB care and promotes better health outcomes.



Offering nutritional support to 612 Tuberculosis patients of Hardoi

As part of Samuday's TB Elimination Programme, nutritional support was offered to 612 TB patients across five blocks of Hardoi, including Sandila, Ahirori, Kothawan, Kachhauna and Tadiyawan. Along with distributing nutrition kits, the program also facilitated peer-based counseling and conducted anthropometric screenings in all five blocks.



MHC hosts 11 specialized health camps for Hardoi beneficiaries

As part of its Mobile Health Clinic (MHC) intervention, Samuday, in coordination with the government, organized 11 specialized camps in Tadiyawan, Bilgram, Kothawan, Bharawan, Ahirori, Behendar, Mallawan, Madhoganj, Sandila, and Ahirori blocks of Hardoi district through February. A range of services like ANC screening, dental check-up, lab testing, counselling, dentist and OPD medication prescription were provided to 1,260 attending beneficiaries.



Samuday's Quality Accreditation Project secures NQAS certification

Furthering its goal to bridge the gap between public and private healthcare services, another Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) was certified with the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) on Feb 11. The AAM Munnukheda from Sandila block of Hardoi also achieved an impressive score of 88.97%, reflecting its commitment to excellence in healthcare.



Career guidance workshop to support unemployed youth of Vilathikulam

A day long Career Guidance and Skill Mapping Workshop was held by HCLFoundation in Vilathikulam block of Thoothukudi district on 15th February. The event aimed to facilitate employment among the unemployed youth by introducing attendees to skill development programs focused on IT, agriculture, animal husbandry, logistics, industry, accounts and finance etc.

Sessions were held by various industry leaders who offered insights on career building to participants. The event also led data collection activity with a goal to connect youth with programs relevant to their skill and interest.

The workshop welcomed distinguished speakers such as Thiru. K. Shanmugham, Rtd I.A.S ; Thiru. K. Elambavath, Former Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu, Selvi. R. Ishwarya, I.A.S., District Collector of Thoothukudi and I.A.S., Additional Collector and Project Director (DRDA) of Thoothukudi district, and Mr. Alok Varma, Project Director for Samuday and My Clean City, HCLFoundation.



Banking Institute of Rural Development (BIRD) visit to Samuday projects @Hardoi

As part of a three-day training program on 'Bankable Models for Mainstreaming Climate Financing', 15 members of the Banking Institute of Rural Development (BIRD) visited the CATT and solar interventions in Hardoi under Samuday by HCLFoundation on 13th February.



The agricultural team also showcased the value-added products of the Hardoi Kisan Producer Company Limited (HKPCL). The batch was keen in understanding the implementation & monitoring aspect of such projects and appreciated Samuday's overarching objective of working towards sustainable models of intervention.



Participants of the field visit included bankers from Public Sector Banks Cooperative Bank, regional rural banks, along with Mr. Prashant Dubey, the Deputy General Manager of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and faculty member at BIRD.



Corn silage distributed to 200 dairy farmers in Pudur block

Samuday distributed corn silage to 300 dairy farmers to better support cattle nutrition and improve milk production in the Pudur block of Thoothukudi district on 5th February. The initiative aims to promote sustainable dairy farming by reducing dependence on seasonal fodder. Silage, a form of green fodder is produced by fermenting crops like maize. Ensuring a steady fodder supply during dry seasons, it offers benefits like improved cattle health and high milk yield. The event was attended by General Manager Aavin, SI Dairy Department and Dr. Mukul, who highlighted the importance of quality fodder for dairy farming.



Samuday leads workshop with community volunteers of Pudur block

Samuday by HCLFoundation held a workshop with 95 community volunteers on the Village Development Plan (VDP) in Pudur block of Thoothukudi district on 8th February.

The session focused on key components such as community needs, and planning strategies. Mr. Shanmugam, I.A.S, Rtd, Former Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu, offered valuable insights to ensure an engaging and informative discussion. As a result, the volunteers also gained a clear understanding of contributing effectively to the VDP. A total of 7 retired BDOs (Block Development officers) were also present during the workshop.



Community volunteers briefing held in Vilathikulam block

To ensure accurate data collection for the Career Guidance and Skill Mapping Workshop, Samuday by HCLFoundation led a meeting with 95 community volunteers in the Vilathikulam block of Thoothukudi district on 19th February.

The meeting briefed members on identifying youth interested in skill training, ensuring participant count and precise data collection for efficient planning and outreach.



HCLFoundation ensures waste management at Samuday Premier League 9.0

Samuday Premier League, HCLFoundation's annual sports event held its 9th edition at Hardoi stadium from 21st to 23rd February. The three-day event ensured sustainable waste management using an on-site E-garbage loader. A total of 395 kgs of waste was collected and sent to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) for further processing.



Samuday distributes bora bags for dry waste collection in Sandila

Aiming for a cleaner and greener environment, HCLFoundation distributed high-quality, durable poly bags to households and businesses for the collection of non-biodegradable waste in Sandila.

As part of its ongoing initiative across 25 wards to enhance waste segregation, residents were encouraged to gather dry waste such as empty plastic bottles, glass containers, metals, paper waste, and other recyclable materials to be handed over to garbage collectors during the daily door-to-door collection services. Workers and staff members from the NPP (Nagar Palika Parishad) were also engaged to inspect the collected waste and ensure appropriate sorting.

The initiative aims to spark a positive behavioral shift among the residents of Sandila, fostering a collective commitment towards a sustainable future in Hardoi district.



Remodeling of RRC in Hasnapur village by HCLFoundation

Under its Clean Village Initiative, HCLFoundation has recently concluded the remodeling of a Resource Recovery Centre (RRC) in Hasnapur village of Unnao district in Uttar Pradesh.

Previously non-functional, the RRC is now effectively carrying out waste management activities in the village including proper transportation, segregation and recycling. Following the project's implementation, the RRC collected 421 kgs of dry waste and 1,170 kg of wet waste, marking a notable improvement.



Samuday leads mobile oil extraction demonstration in Sitapur

A successful training and demonstration of a mobile oil extraction unit for Vetiver oil extraction was conducted in Biswan block of Sitapur district, Uttar Pradesh from 4th – 8th February. A total of 26 farmers were trained on the process of extraction and on the best practices for Vetiver crop production.



Ambedkar University students visit Samuday in Sandila

Samuday by HCLFoundation hosted students from Ambedkar University at its Sandila office on 14th February. Visiting students learned about the community development projects undertaken by HCLFoundation and the Hardoi Kisan Producer Company Limited (HKPCL). HKPCL also showcased the various value-added products and shared its inspiring journey since inception with students.



Samuday launches Gulaabi Haath at SPL 9.0

Towards the closing of SPL 9.0, Samuday proudly unveiled 'Gulaabi Haath - Crafting Empowerment and Coloring Lives' during Festivista, launching a vibrant range of handcrafted products specially designed for Holi. Celebrating heritage, sustainability and empowerment, the products showcase skill and dedication of the female artisans.

This event was also graced by dignitaries and senior management, Mr. Raj Walia (EVP Finance, HCLTech), Mr. Alok Varma (Project Director, Samuday) and Mr. Yogesh Kumar (Deputy General Manager, Samuday) who lauded the event for fostering economic independence and preserving cultural heritage.



Empowering NGOs that transform rural India

Celebrating two years of transformative projects with Meghshala & IIH

As the Edition VIII winners of the HCLTech Grant, Meghshala Trust and Innovators in Health (India) celebrated two years of successful project implementation with the HCL Foundation. Their journey was beautifully captured in a video shoot across the scenic landscapes of Namchi in Sikkim and Dalsinghsarai in Bihar.

Meghshala Trust, winner in the Education category, has been leading the project "Technology-Enabled Teacher Capacity Building – A Case for the State of Sikkim." Their efforts have been crucial in reviving indigenous languages within the region. The video shoot highlighted the integration of indigenous language curricula in government schools, celebrated the area's rich cultural heritage, and showcased the voices of local communities around Namchi, reflecting the deep impact of their work.

Innovators in Health (India), winner in the Health, has been working on reducing tuberculosis (TB) cases in the long term and lowering mortality among TB patients in rural Bihar through their project, "Universal Tuberculosis Care through Active Case Finding and Treatment Support in Rural Bihar." Their efforts have addressed major health issue and improved community health.

These projects exemplify the power of innovative solutions to create lasting change in education and health in remote areas.



LLF celebrates 10 years of transforming education in Bastar

The Language and Learning Foundation (LLF), winner of the HCLTech Grant 2022 in the Education category, marked its 10th anniversary on Feb 27. LLF has been leading the efforts to promote Multilingual Education (MLE) in the Bastar district, Chhattisgarh, working to make a lasting impact in the region's educational landscape. The milestone event was attended by dignitaries from education sector, including Hon'ble Minister of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Secretary of Education, Shri Sanjay Kumar, and Former Secretary of Education, Shri Vrinda Swarup.

Representing HCLFoundation, Mr. Rahul Kumar, Manager, and Ms. Shally Kaushal, Deputy Manager from the HCLTech Grant programme, were part of the anniversary event. The event also featured remarks from other notable corporates, who emphasized how 'passing the rigorous HCLTech Grant

selection process' is a 'strong marker of credibility'. Also noted was how the selection process had helped improve governance systems in participating NGOs and made it easier for them to build partnerships with funding agencies, driving impactful change.



Breaking the cycle of urban poverty

Bengaluru

DPCP Graduation Ceremony at NIMHANS Convention Centre

The Bangalore Urban Mental Health Initiative (BUMHI), led by NIMHANS in partnership with BBMP and supported by the HCLFoundation, aims to strategize urban mental health programmes in India. As part of this initiative, the NIMHANS-accredited Diploma in Primary Care Psychiatry (DPCP) was offered to seven BBMP doctors to bridge the gap between primary healthcare and specialized psychiatric services. The one-year programme concluded with a valedictory event on February 27, 2025, presided over by Dr. Pratima Murthy, with Shri Vikas Kishor Suralkar and Dr. Nidhi Pundhir as guests. Speakers emphasized the programme's role in optimizing mental health services, integrating mental health into primary care, and fostering collaborations between healthcare and corporate sectors.



Bengaluru

Stepping towards Cancer-free Community

In a collaborative effort to enhance cancer awareness and early detection, a cancer screening camp was successfully organized at Pillaganahalli Namma Clinic, Gottigere. The initiative, conducted in partnership with the Indian Cancer Society, focused on screening for cervical, oral, and breast cancer, ensuring a holistic approach to preventive healthcare. This initiative has played a crucial role in promoting community health and well-being, fostering a proactive approach toward cancer prevention and care.



Community in Action: A Day of Impact and Inspiration

On Feb 8, a total of 92 members, including HCLTech volunteers, sanitation workers, and Sochara staff, came together in Pillaganahalli for a day of action, awareness, and collective spirit. The event began with an energizing Walkathon on Waste Segregation, where participants actively collected dry waste and engaged the community in discussions on proper disposal. A new Hand Wash Station was inaugurated at the Anganwadi, promoting better hygiene practices. Meanwhile, creativity and sustainability flourished as volunteers brightened walls with colorful murals and cultivated a lush kitchen garden. The day fostered teamwork, leaving behind cleaner spaces and a stronger sense of community.



Science Day Celebration at the Anganwadi Centre

Science Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Anganwadi, where children actively participated in fun and engaging science experiments assisted by the Anganwadi workers. The event aimed to ignite curiosity and encourage children to explore the wonders of science using everyday household items.

The children were introduced to simple yet fascinating experiments, demonstrating how science is all around us. Through hands-on activities, they learned simple scientific concepts in an interactive way. The session not only made learning fun but also inspired them to observe, question, and experiment with the things they encounter every day.



Chennai

Volunteer Engagement for UN Rare Disease Day

In observance of UN Rare Disease Day, a Volunteer engagement program was hosted by SOCHARA on Feb 8, 2025 for volunteers from HCLTech and other partnering NGOs. With a participation of 50, the event focused on instilling awareness on Scrub Typhus and HMP virus, through case studies, situation plays, group activities and Question and Answer sessions.



Comprehensive eye screening camp for children of Gandhi Nagar Community

BSSSG has organized a comprehensive eye screening camp for children below six years from 12th to 14th February, aiming to detect and address vision-related issues at an early stage. 55 children below six years took part in the screening and 2 children were referred to hospital. Remaining 53 children were certified as Good and not to wear glasses.



Empowering Young Scouts: via the Sopan Training Camp

OfERR organized a two-day Pratham Sopan Training and Test Camp at Don Bosco Institute, Sagayathottam On February 19th and 20th. Scouts and Guides from Adi Dravidar School Paduvencherry, learned life skills, teamwork, and survival techniques and all 24 students passed the test. The camp fostered discipline, confidence, and leadership skills.



Observing World Cancer Day 2025

On Feb 4, observed as World Cancer Day, the Cancer Institute (WIA), with the support of the HCLFoundation, organized a series of events under the theme "United by Unique: Voices of Hope and Hands of Change." The programme featured a human chain, awareness talks and panel discussions, and exhibition stalls aimed at promoting cancer awareness and holistic well-being. A total of 210 students, survivors, patients, and caregivers benefited from this initiative, gaining valuable insights into cancer prevention, treatment, and support systems.



Scouts and Guides shine in Jamboree

The Scouts and Guides from DBAI took part in a special jamboree organized by BSG, which was held in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu from January to February. The camp was a great opportunity for our 2 scouts, 6 guides and 2 Leaders from DBAI led by Master Gunaseelan. The students won Adventure Activities Award and Best Activity Participants Award. Additionally, two Scouts, Mr. Thamin and Mr. Anbu, received special badges from Baden-Powell's grandson for their work in Global Village and Environmental Safety.



Hyderabad

Marking National Science Day

On the occasion of the National Science day inter school science competitions. Around 124 science Innovative models, reflecting their creativity and problem-solving skills have been exhibited by the students from 12 Government High Schools. Some standout projects included Air filtration systems, Women's safety devices, Water recycling solutions, advanced farming technologies, Robotics, Sensor based models and 2D & 3D Printing etc.



Data Analytics Training

Telangana Social Welfare Govt. Degree College for Girls recently hosted a Data Analytics training program, empowering students with cutting-edge skills. To provide a deeper understanding of industry applications, an orientation and interaction session was organized with HCLTech employee volunteers. This interactive session offered students the unique opportunity to learn from experienced professionals, gaining valuable insights into the practical aspects of data analytics. By connecting theory with real-world expertise, we're nurturing a new generation of tech-savvy women, equipped to succeed in the industry. Our initiative is dedicated to promoting digital literacy, fostering innovation, and empowering girls to pursue careers in technology.



Kolkata

Embracing Tradition: Saraswati Puja

On Feb 3, Mukti organized Saraswati Puja with 96 students, including 58 boys and 38 girls. Through the celebrations, students engaged with their cultural and traditional heritage, gaining a deeper understanding of their roots. Celebrating cultural festivals in schools fosters a sense of continuity, belonging, and community bonding. It helps students appreciate traditions, promotes inclusivity, and strengthens social connections. Such experiences go beyond textbooks, making learning more holistic by instilling values of respect, unity, and cultural pride.



Educational tour to Murshidabad: Learning through history

On Feb 17, Rama Krishna Vivekananda Mission organized an educational tour to Murshidabad, West Bengal. Known for its rich history, the city was home to Nawab Siraj-ud-Daulah, who was defeated in the 1757 Battle of Plassey. 45 students and 18 teachers visited key sites like Hazarduari Palace and Katra Masjid. Such tours help students engage with history beyond textbooks, fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and a deeper connection to India's heritage through firsthand experiences.



Lucknow

Career guidance and counseling program launched at Seth Vishambhar Nath Educational Institution, Lucknow

Successful completion of the Career Guidance and Counseling (CG&C) program at Seth Vishambhar Nath Educational Institution, benefiting over 150 students from B.Tech and engineering courses. The program was inaugurated by Director of the institution, Ms. Neeta Rastogi.

Key Highlights:

1. Career pathways and goal-setting sessions.
2. Self-reflection and confidence-building activities
3. Topics: SWOT Analysis, Communication, Interview Skills, Teamwork.
4. Interactive sessions with hands-on activities and valuable feedback.



Natkhat Science Mela 2025

The Natkhat Science Mela 2025, a vibrant celebration of scientific innovation and creativity, was held across 12 schools in Lucknow. Organized by Mantra4Change in collaboration with HCLFoundation, the event empowered young students to showcase their innovative ideas and problem-solving skills.



Nukkad Natak on WASH awareness and advocacy

Gujarat Mahila Housing Trust organized street plays "Nukkad Natak" for advocacy and awareness of water, sanitation and hygiene at Dhobi ghat, Gulzar Nagar and Shram Bihar Colony in Lucknow from 20 to 28 of February, 2025. Nukkad Natak were highly appreciated where members from the community also participated in the event. Ward Parshad Subhash Chandra of Ambedkar Nagar Ward 8 appreciated the event in Shram Bihar colony.



Interactive symposium with HCLFoundation partners and Key stakeholders

Mamta HIMC, partner of Uday by HCLFoundation, organized an interactive symposium on "Impact of Climate Resilience on Maternal Health and Pre-Conception Care" highlighting climate change's adverse effects on maternal and child health. Experts stressed sustainable development, family planning, and healthcare initiatives to mitigate risks like premature births, anemia, and low birth weight, promoting environmental and maternal well-being.



Certification of Kayakalp assessment

Dr. Narendra Bahadur Singh, CMO Lucknow, praised Mamta HIMC & HCLFoundation for their efforts in improving healthcare at five UCHCs. Their commitment to strengthening community health and accessibility was highly appreciated. The recognition was given during a meeting at the RCH Hall, CMO Office, Lucknow, on Feb 20, 2025, in the presence of DPM Mr. Satish Yadav, Additional CMO Dr. Vinay Mishra, Dr. Jyoti Kamley, the HCL team, and Mamta HIMC representatives.



Shishuvan Sports Day

With support from the HCLFoundation, Shishuvan a Day Care Centre organized a lively Sports Day on February 21 st at Vinayakpuram Park. Children engaged in fun games like Traffic Light, Ball Pick-Up, Hula-Hoop, and Blocks, fostering teamwork, patience, and enthusiasm. The day ended with cheers, a celebratory meal, and birthday festivities, making it a joyful break from routine!



Nagpur

Annual HM and Teacher meeting

Meljol with support from HCLFoundation and Nagpur Municipal Corporation organized an Annual HM and Teachers Meet on Feb, 12. Meljol showcased and highlighted the collective accomplishments and overall impact achieved in the last 2 years of programme implementation. We also shared plans for next year and welcomed feedback and suggestions from the group regarding programme and how it can complement school education better.



National Science Day celebration

The Young Kalam Discovery Science Centre, Nagpur supported by HCLFoundation, celebrated National Science Day with a week-long series of competitions and workshops across various schools. Activities included quiz, essay writing, and drawing competitions, encouraging creativity and scientific thinking among students. The highlight was the **"Make and Take"** workshops, where students created science-based models and took them home. More than 350 students from different schools participated in these activities.



Inauguration of Udan- Women Empowerment Group Millet Outlet

With HCLFoundation's support, the Udan Women Empowerment Group (Udan-WEG)-SHG, nurtured by the National Institute of Women, Child, and Youth Development, inaugurated a Millet Outlet. This outlet showcases diverse millet-based products while fostering awareness about millet's nutritional benefits. It stands as a testament to HCLFoundation's commitment to women's empowerment and sustainable livelihoods through transformative grassroots initiatives.



Noida

Gurukul Annual Sports Day

Gurukul Annual Sports Day was celebrated on Feb 18, at Indrapuram sports complex, Delhi. Total 350 learners participated in various fun filled sports activities. This activity was supported by Power of One volunteers.



Strengthening Numeracy Skills in Early Childhood

Cohesion Foundation Trust, ECCD partner under Uday by HCLFoundation, conducted a training session for Anganwadi Workers and Helpers on cognitive development, focusing on numeracy and pre-number concepts. Using play-based activities, participants learned to make early math learning engaging for young children, ensuring a strong foundation in numeracy for lifelong learning.



Noida

Advocating for Stronger ECCD and Child Protection

Namrita Singh, Associate Manager represented HCLFoundation at a roundtable discussion on Strengthening Child Safety in Educational Institutions through Strategic Partnerships and Capacity Building, organized by The Missing Link Trust on Feb 7, she spoke on Capacity Building for Educators – Responding to Disclosures and Creating Safe Environments, highlighting HCLFoundation's initiatives in ECCD and Child Protection. The event, attended by dignitaries from NCERT, MWCD, and child welfare organizations, reinforced the need for equipping educators to create safe learning spaces for children.



Advanced Training on Variable Refrigerant Volume/Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRV/VRF) Systems

The workshop was facilitated by O General and led by Bhupendra Singh, focused on the latest developments in Variable Refrigerant Volume (VRV) and Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) systems. These innovative HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) technologies are gaining popularity due to their energy efficiency, design flexibility, and suitability for both residential and commercial buildings.

The full-day session was attended by 34 students and structured to provide in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience, making it ideal for HVAC technicians, engineers, and students interested in advancing their skills in this domain.



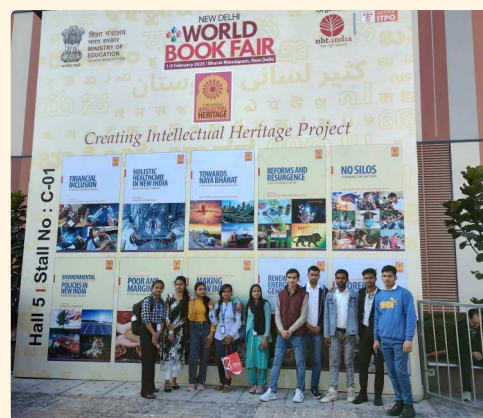
Exposure visit for the students at garment manufacturing unit and design studio

ATDC recently organized an immersive exposure visit for 25 HCLFoundation supported students to the LAPF Studio in Noida. This enriching experience aimed to equip students with industry insights and knowledge. The session commenced with a comprehensive presentation by Ms. Parul, Coordinator, and Mr. Deepak Gupta, Assistant General Manager of Marketing, along with their team. Students gained valuable understanding of the fabric manufacturing process, from raw materials to finished products. A highlight of the visit was the interactive discussion on forecasting fashion trends. Students engaged actively, seeking answers to their queries and sharing innovative ideas. This exchange not only broadened their understanding of the industry but also instilled confidence in their future endeavors.



Udayan Care: Visit to World Book Fair 2025

35 students from Yuvakendra, along with staff members, participated in an exposure visit to the World Book Fair 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi. A major highlight of the visit was the opportunity for some students to meet renowned author Akshat Gupta. Additionally, many students took advantage of exclusive discounts to expand their book collections. For those in the Desktop Publishing course, the visit offered valuable exposure to international branding and design trends, enhancing their understanding of visual communication. The World Book Fair 2025 exposure visit was a resounding success, offering a rich learning experience that extended far beyond the classroom. Yuvakendra's commitment to providing holistic education and fostering curiosity-driven learning was evident in this engaging and enriching outing.



Noida

Reshmi's Rise: A first 1000 days triumph

Reshmi, an 8-month-old enrolled in the "First 1000 Days" project by HCLFoundation and DFY, arrived severely malnourished at 5.5 kg. Despite setbacks, dedicated care and maternal support fueled her recovery. Transitioning to moderate malnutrition within a month, Reshmi's weight climbed steadily. Reshmi's story is a powerful reminder of the difference dedicated care and support can make in the lives of vulnerable children. We're proud to be part of her journey and committed to empowering many more young lives through our "First 1000 Days" project.



FPA India Takes on Cancer in Chouda

FPA India brought the fight against cancer to Chouda village this World Cancer Day. A dynamic rally and informative sessions reached 102 young people, emphasizing the importance of early detection. FPA India's efforts empowered the community with knowledge and hope in the face of this life-threatening disease.



Marking National Science Day

HCLFoundation under its STEM STARS intervention with Katha marked the National Science day. The day was celebrated with 200+ children from Government Primary Schools from Gautam Buddha Nagar with 5 HCLTech volunteers actively engaging with the children with fun activities, including quizzes, interactive models, experiments, and digital painting.



Marking International Day of Women and Girls in Science

On the occasion of International Day of Women and Girls in Science, a workshop was organized at Kasturba Gandhi Ballika Vidyalaya, Dadri. 67 female students and 4 female teachers participated in the session. During the workshop, students engaged in hands-on activities demonstrating various scientific concepts, including magnetism, air pressure, Newton's Third Law, acid-base reactions, and persistence of vision.



Hands on Scientific experiments on National Science Day

A science workshop was organized on National Science Day at Young Kalam Discovery Science Centre, Noida. 80+ students and 4 teachers from Composite Vidyalaya, Ladpura actively participated in the workshop. The workshop was organized to develop student's scientific thinking and enhance their interest in science where they learn through hands-on scientific experiments. The session included practical activities on pressure, sound and magnets and open discussions to gain a deeper understanding of new scientific concepts.



Noida

Cluster Workshops to strengthen SMC participation

In partnership with Bodh, we conducted five cluster-level workshops for School Management Committee (SMC) members from 34 schools across Bisrakh and Dankaur blocks. These interactive sessions aimed to equip 322 participants, including 199 SMC members, with the knowledge and tools necessary to drive positive change. Through these workshops, we focused on strengthening school governance, ensuring child safety, and promoting social security. By empowering SMC members. Our community engagement intervention is designed to create a ripple effect of positive change, and we are proud to be working alongside dedicated individuals who share our vision for a brighter future.



Assistive technology to support Education

Under our inclusive education intervention with Saksham, we provided laptops, tablets & Bluetooth keyboards to 6 visually impaired students studying in mainstream government schools in Dadri, Bisrakh & Jewar blocks of Gautam Buddha Nagar, identified with support from DIOS office and the BSA office. These devices were provided to assist in their education and students were also provided with training and follow up sessions.



Facilitating inclusive education

Under our inclusive education intervention with Saksham, a sensitization & training session was conducted where we also distributed TLM kits for students with learning and intellectual disabilities in five mainstream schools in the Dankaur block of Gautam Budh Nagar. These schools were identified with the assistance of the Department of BSA.



Madurai

Refresher training for Stakeholders

The Refresher training session for Zone 2 UPHCs was successfully conducted at Zone 2 UPHC, with participation from the following UPHCs:

The session covered several key topics:

1. General Health: Basic health services, preventive measures, and effective patient care strategies were discussed.
2. Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD): Focus on awareness, screening, and management of NCDs such as diabetes, hypertension, and cancer.
3. Explanation of Vincense App: Detailed explanation and hands-on training on using the Vincense app for tracking patient vitals and health records.
4. Report Generation: Step-by-step guidance on generating accurate reports, ensuring proper documentation for health records and performance metrics.

The session concluded with a Q&A session, where participants had the opportunity to clarify doubts and discuss best practices in health care delivery. All the UPHCs actively participated, making the training interactive and engaging.



Madurai

Cluster-level parliament

Cluster level children's Parliament meeting has been conducted in Bharathidasanar and Munichalai School. 90 students along with 3 HCLTech volunteers participated in this meeting and Student performances like Mime, Cluster level presentations are also take part in this event.



Cancer Awareness event

We have observed the World cancer day, Conducted street Theatre and Awareness session at Mofussil bus stand. Mayor deputy mayor participate and fixed awareness sticker on Government buses and Vehicles, City Health Officer and Department staffs and district NCD officer also participated in this event.



Sexual Reproductive Health Awareness

Sexual Reproductive Health Awareness Day Observed at Kambar Corp Hr Sec School in one of our My school initiative and 187 Students were participated in this event. We have conducted SRH Awareness Videos, Games , SRH Stall to explain the issues and addressable methods to our children.



Mothers Collective Training programme

ECCD project organized a capacity-building training program for Mother's Collective members at Keerathurai. The training aimed to empower mothers with knowledge and skills to effectively manage and sustain their collective groups. This capacity-building initiative empowered Mother's Collective members to become more effective change agents, promoting holistic child development and community well-being.



Nest making workshop

Nest-Making workshop at Kakkai Padiniyar Corporation Girls Higher Secondary School and Pandian Nedunchezhiyan Higher Secondary School. The main objective of this workshop initiative was to raise awareness about the importance of protecting bird species that are facing extinction due to environmental changes. Through the creation of nests, the workshop aimed to contribute to the conservation of these species. 110 students actively participated, successfully making nests that will be placed in local areas to support bird habitats.



Aerodynamics workshop

Workshop on aerodynamics was organized by AIF at Velliveethiyar Corporation Grls Higher Secondary School. The event provided an engaging platform for students to explore fundamental aerodynamic principles through hands-on activities and expert demonstrations.

The Space Zone India team members conducted interactive sessions covering various aero models, including paper planes, ornithopters, rubber-powered gliders, miniature drones, and hydro blast systems.



Planet Parade and Sky Observation event

The Young Kalam Science Centre*, in collaboration with *Thiru. Vi. Ka. Corporation Higher Secondary School*, hosted a Sky Observation and Planetary Parade event from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. With 46 teachers and over 700 students, parents, and the public participating, the event aimed to provide an enriching celestial experience. Attendees observed the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, and Mercury through telescopes under a clear sky, ensuring optimal visibility. This educational initiative offered a rare chance to explore planetary wonders, fostering curiosity and enthusiasm for astronomy among students and the community.



Vijayawada

No Plastic event at school

We have successfully organized 'No plastic' event at Vijayawada municipal high school. The event aimed to encourage students to reduce plastic usage and promote sustainable practices. Students presented creative projects, models, and posters showing innovative solutions to tackle plastic waste. The enthusiastic participation of students highlighted their awareness and commitment to making a positive change. Volunteers interacted with the students, emphasizing the harmful effects of plastic pollution on the environment and health.



Fitness assessment

Fitness assessment tests conducted in 10 government high schools under sports for change project. The test assessed students' strength, endurance, flexibility, and overall physical health. Participants engaged in activities like running, jumping, and core exercises to evaluate their fitness levels. Trainers provided feedback and tips for improvement based on individual performances.



Community WASH meeting

Community meetings on cleanliness and waste segregation organized at Chenchu colony. We emphasized the importance of keeping surroundings clean and the impact of improper waste disposal on health. To waste segregation, bins distributed throughout the colony, and residents sensitized to dispose of waste properly.



Paper garland making

Paper garland making activity conducted to trainees of Yuvakendra skill development center. This is to enhance their creativity and creating fun in the classroom.



Fostering cleanliness, seeding sustainability



My Clean City hosts felicitation ceremony in Noida and Greater Noida

Waste Champion Felicitation Ceremonies were held on Feb 4 and 7 across schools in Noida and Greater Noida, as a part of My Clean City by HCLFoundation. These significant events brought together Eco Club students from 20 schools. With the participation of 1,673 students and 99 teachers, the ceremonies recognized their contributions to waste management, environmental awareness, waste reduction, recycling and cleanliness, inspiring continued action for a cleaner, greener future



Source segregation and e-waste awareness sessions

Awareness sessions were conducted this month as a part of My Clean City in Noida and Greater Noida on waste segregation and e-waste management. With 177 residents participating, the sessions educated residents using street plays and placard demonstrations on the importance of segregating wet, dry and hazardous waste. They also emphasized the using three-color bins (green, blue, red) and the benefits of recycling and composting for environmental sustainability.



Interactive waste segregation activity at JS Public School, Rabupura

On Feb 25 at JS Public School, Ward No. 12 in Rabupura, My Clean City led a fun word game activity to promote awareness about waste segregation. Thirty students actively participated, learning key messages on environmental responsibility.



Waste management awareness session held in Makodha village

My Clean City by HCLFoundation conducted an awareness meeting in Makodha village, Greater Noida, on Feb 24 focusing on waste segregation, door-to-door collection and daily waste practices. The session engaged 30 Anganwadi workers and local women, highlighting the importance of cleanliness and proper waste segregation in the community.



Community meeting engages Thapkheda village on solid waste management

My Clean City by HCLFoundation organized a community meeting in Thapkheda village on Feb 8 to raise awareness on solid waste management. The session covered door-to-door waste collection, the use of twin bins and waste segregation practices, engaging 32 village members.



Community art activity held as part Zero Waste Market Project in Greater Noida

On Feb 17, My Clean City by HCLFoundation, organized a community led art activity under the Zero Waste Market Project Alpha 2 F Market, Greater Noida. The event aimed to engage students and foster a sense of community and connection among residents. It concluded with a pledge to keep markets clean by the 150 college volunteers present.



Stakeholder meeting held at Delta 2 community center

My Clean City by HCLFoundation hosted an awareness session and stakeholder meeting on Feb 25 under its Zero Waste Market project at the community center in Delta 2 market, Greater Noida.

The event brought together 54 participants, including the market association, shopkeepers and consumers from ten markets. The aim of the program was to promote community responsibility and innovative waste management solutions for a sustainable future. Key highlights included an introduction to the Zero Waste Market Project, detailed explanations of the SWM Rules 2016, an interactive waste segregation game, experience sharing on plastic-free shops and a flash mob to raise SWM awareness.



Science Day Celebrations with Zero Waste Market Program in Gamma 2

On Feb 28, My Clean City's Zero Waste Market program celebrated Science Day at Bougainvillea Market, Gamma 2, Greater Noida. College students presented scientific models on zero waste solutions, renewable energy, liquid waste management, recycling innovations, and sustainability. The event saw participation from 55 residents and consumers, including market association members.



Plastic and e-waste awareness sessions in Noida and Greater Noida

Throughout this month, My Clean City by HCLFoundation conducted awareness sessions across Noida and Greater Noida on managing plastic and e-waste. Using placards and street plays, facilitators engaged over 300 residents, raising awareness on the harmful effects of plastic use and e-waste and promoting reusable alternatives, recycling and individual responsibility.



Menstrual waste management sessions engage over 350 residents

My Clean City organized multiple awareness sessions on menstrual waste management across Noida, engaging 352 participants. Through street plays and placard discussions, the sessions highlighted the environmental impact of menstrual waste and encouraged the use of sustainable menstrual hygiene products and safe disposal practices.



Enabling our people to give back to society



6,633

Volunteers engaged



30,250

Hours clocked



74,868

Lives impacted

- 100+ HCLTechies came together for a heartfelt blanket distribution drive in Noida, Vrindavan, and Lucknow, bringing warmth and comfort to those in need during winter. Their efforts offered not just physical warmth but a powerful reminder that kindness can light up even the coldest nights.
- 70+ HCLTech sports enthusiasts volunteered across Noida, Madurai, Nagpur, Chennai, and Bangalore to organize inspiring sports events for children—championing the vision to encourage and uplift young athletes, proving sports as a tool for confidence and empowerment.
- 100+ passionate HCLTech environmentalists embarked on nature walks, immersing themselves in wildlife while taking action for the planet. They observed birds and collected over 25 kg of plastic waste, proving that every small step counts toward a cleaner Earth.
- One of the most touching moments came during a Valentine's Day volunteering event with elderly residents. Fourteen compassionate members of DWP-SEG celebrated with seniors at HCLFoundation health partner SHEOWS, Okhla Vihar, spreading love and laughter. Amidst the celebrations, they encountered an elderly woman accidentally separated from her family. With unwavering determination, team member Ajay Kaushik (Associate General Manager, DFS) used social media to locate her loved ones. Against all odds, their efforts led to an emotional reunion as she was reunited with her family.



Transforming outcomes through sport

Win

Who: Ravi Thakur (F-46) Para athlete supported by Association for Disabled people. (ADP) in partnership with HCLFoundation.

What: Participated at the Sharjah 2025 International Open Para Athletics Meeting

And?: He secured a Silver medal in Javelin Throw and a Bronze medal in Discus Throw making us all proud..

 Noida



Amplifying reach and access – via sport

Who: Capacity-building workshop by Abhinav Bindra Foundation with partnership with HCLFoundation.

What: Successfully conducted another round of capacity-building workshop for North India Coaches under Sports Shiksha, the workshop took place on *February 12-13, 2025, in Noida, bringing together 70 SFC Coaches and Community Leaders from six locations

And?: This edition focused on two crucial aspects for athletes

Aradhana Sharma – Senior Sports Nutritionist with over 25 years of experience, part of Paris Olympics contingent.

Mudit Krishnani – Sports Psychologist with 4+ years of experience

[Noida](#)



Who: Children's emotional and mental health Organized by CRY in partnership with HCLFoundation.

What: A 3-day workshop on children's emotional and mental health, focusing on the assessment of mental health for children aged 2-17, was organized by CRY – Child Rights at Samarthan center, Chunabhatti, Bhopal from 24th to 27th February 2025.

And?: As part of the Udaan & Sports for Change initiative, supported by HCL. Led by clinical psychologist Annabel Aisha Alley, the workshop aimed to instill and skill the awareness about mental health of children and enhance counseling skills. 25 Participants with 6 team members of HCLSFC team took part in various activities designed to practice these skills, gaining valuable insights into how to effectively support children's emotional well-being.

[Bhopal](#)



Who: Coach Development session on Mental Health Organized by Mahila Jan Adhikar Samiti in partnership with HCLFoundation.

What: On Feb 10, a session was organized for coaches regarding stress, coping mechanism & mindfulness practice through 3 techniques.

And?: Session that was covered are : Warm Up – Writing down and acting out emotions (random pick). What is stress? What are the stresses that affect you. Everyone wrote on post it notes and pasted on a chart paper. Stress Body map – Marked where the stresses mentioned are felt in the body on a chart paper.

[Jaipur](#)



Win

Who: Association for Disabled people (ADP) in partnership with HCLFoundation.

What: Participated in 23rd National Para Athletics Championship, Chennai on Feb 17th till Feb 20th 2025

And?: ADP Para Athletes have once again made us proud with their performances at the Nationals! Silver* in Men's Shotput Throw

[Bengaluru](#)



Who: Girls Football team by Maatru Pratisthana in Partnership with HCLFoundation.

What: Participated in the Inter-university 9 aside tournament conducted by Mount Carmel College from February 3rd to 5th.

And?: Our Football Excellence girls representing Reva University have emerged as Champions of KHEL 2025, an Inter-university 9 aside tournament. The team displayed outstanding performances throughout the tournament, securing the title in style. Nishanthi was awarded the Best Player of the Tournament for her exceptional contribution.

[Bengaluru](#)



Who: Girls Football team by Maatru Pratisthana in Partnership with HCLFoundation.

What: Participated in the SPIEL 2025, an inter-university tournament conducted by St. Joseph's Commerce College from February 9-12, 2025.

And?: Our Football Excellence girls representing Reva University have emerged as Champions. The team displayed outstanding performances throughout the tournament, securing the title in style! Keerthana was named the Best Player of the Tournament for her outstanding performance!

[Bengaluru](#)



Who: Boys Basket Ball Team by Dribble Academy in Partnership with HCLFoundation.

What: Participated in Invitational Tournament on 07TH February 2025.

And?: They secured First Place and all over Bangalore college's participated in that tournament. They defeated St Joseph's University in semifinals by 20 points and Ramaiah Institute of technology in finals by 7 points.

[Noida](#)



Win

Who: Girls Football team from the HCLFoundation X Maatru Pratishtana partnership.

What: Participated in CUBYC-SPO-2025 – Inter College Sports Fest at Christ University, Yeshwanthpur & SPHYGMUS 2025 – Conducted by Jyoti Nivas College, Koramangala on February 18th till 20th 2025.

And?: The Reva Excellence Team has emerged as Champions in two tournaments simultaneously, overcoming incredible challenges. In a display of sheer determination and resilience, girls competed in 5 intense games over just 3 days, playing with only 10 players against full 11-member teams, yet they triumphed against all odds! Their spirit, endurance, and teamwork have set a new benchmark of excellence.

[Bengaluru](#)



Who: Girls Volleyball from the HCLFoundation x Sportz Village Foundation partnership

What: Participated in U-17 Mandal Championship, organized by Yuva Kalyan Mandal Level Gramin Games at Meerut on 18th February 2025

And?: SDC Iteda Junior Girls Volleyball Team delivered a power-packed performance, dominating the U-17 Mandal Championship to clinch the Gold Medal! Their outstanding performance has also earned them selection to the State-Level Competition.

[Noida](#)



Who: Girls Kabaddi team from the HCLFoundation x <SFC programme participants.

What: Participated in State level Inter School tournament on February 16th, 2025 in Chennai.

And?: Happy to share the moment that our SFC Program Participants Govt.School, Avadi Kabaddi team has participated in the State level Inter School tournament and secured Third Position in the tournament.

Dharshini was awarded with the Best player trophy for her outstanding performance in the Tournament.

[Chennai](#)



Who: Girls Football team from the HCLFoundation x Dribble academy partnership

What: Participated in Inter school Football Tournament. The tournament was organized on Feb 7 2025 at the Nagpur District football association ground.

And?: Below are the results : Girls won the football Match. Pragatik school U14 won the final against ST. Pallotti school. Match score 3-0

[Nagpur](#)



Soaring higher, higher, higher!

Who: Girls Kabaddi from the HCLFoundation x Sportz Village Foundation partnership.

What: Participated in Open Senior Women's State Kabaddi Competition 2025 (Trials) at Shri Jay Narayan PG College Lucknow Organized by District Kabaddi Association Lucknow on 17th February 2025.

And?: Total Number of girls Participated in Trials 90+. Our 11 beneficiary Kabaddi Girls. Roshni , Rupam , Janvi, Nancy Rupa Chauhan, Saumya Jaiswal , Vanshika Sharma, Sarita , Anushka Rawat, Unnati Bansal & Ruksar has been Selected for Open Senior Women's State Kabaddi Team Lucknow.

📍 Lucknow



Who: 7 Girls from the HCLFoundation x Sudeva partnership

What: Participated in Delhi state team in 38th National Games 2025 held at Uttarakhand from 29th Jan till 4th February.

And?: Delhi team competed with Uttarakhand state team, West Bengal & Manipur. With beating Uttarakhand by 3-2 on 29th January and Manipur 2-1 on 2nd February. Made its spot in semi-finals where they gave a tough competition to Odisha but unlucky lost the match on 4th February. The Delhi team will be competing with West Bengal for the 3rd spot. Below are the selected Girls name.

Harita, Debika, Jingngam, Kirti, Sakshi Bisht, Suman & Ritika

📍 Delhi



Who: Kabaddi Team from the HCLFoundation x DBAI partnership.

What: Selected for 71st Senior National Kabaddi Championship, scheduled to take place from February 15th to 18th in Haryana.

And?: Mr. Tamil Azhagan, Kabaddi Manager, will be part of the Team Manager in the 71st Senior National Kabaddi Championship, Our HCLFoundation team members had the honor of presenting the players with their kits. We wish the team all the best for a successful.

📍 Chennai



Sports for Change U19 girls team secured 3rd position in Intercollegiate Volleyball Tournament

Pragatik Junior College U19 girls' volleyball team supported by HCLFoundation showcased outstanding performance at Cummins Women's Engineering College, Hingna Nagpur in Girls volleyball tournaments on Feb 20. The team secured 3rd place after a convincing win against GS Raisonni College with set scores of 25-10 and 25-15. Their strong teamwork and determination in the Sports for Change initiative by HCLFoundation highlighted their potential in competitive sports.

📍 Nagpur



KGBV Malihabad shines at the State Hockey Tournament at Gorakhpur.

The students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Malihabad, have made their mark in the state hockey tournament, showcasing their skills and determination. The annual tournament, held in October and November, brings together teams from primary schools, government girls' inter colleges, and KGBVs. This year, Malihabad's under-14 junior team made history by reaching the quarter-finals, defeating the Lucknow Hostel team along the way. The under-17 senior team also demonstrated impressive prowess, winning four matches in the league stage. Although they ultimately fell short of advancing to the finals, their performance was a testament to their hard work and dedication.

📍 Lucknow



Crafting quality, providing livelihoods

Visual Communication workshop for My E-Haat artisans

My E-Haat organized visual communication workshops in Noida and Vijayawada to build capacity of artisans. The workshop in Noida, facilitated by communication expert, Ms. Payal, was attended by 40 artisans and SHGs - focusing on storytelling and photography skills. HCLTech volunteers also participated in the workshop. In Vijayawada, 30 Kalamkari and Kondapalli artisans working with handmade wooden toys, enthusiastically participated in the workshop.



My E-Haat at 16th Biennial Conference on Entrepreneurship

My E-Haat was part of the 16th Biennial Conference on Entrepreneurship 2025, held from Feb 26-28 at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) Ahmedabad. The conference brought together academicians, researchers, corporates, and ecosystem enablers for thought-provoking discussions and paper presentations on diverse aspects of entrepreneurship. Amongst 120 selected papers, the team received the opportunity to present their paper, "Bridging Socio-Cultural Barriers by Nurturing Women Entrepreneurship: A Case Study of ZingnZest," authored and mentored by Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Satabdi Roy, Gaurav Majumdar, and Vikas Dargan.



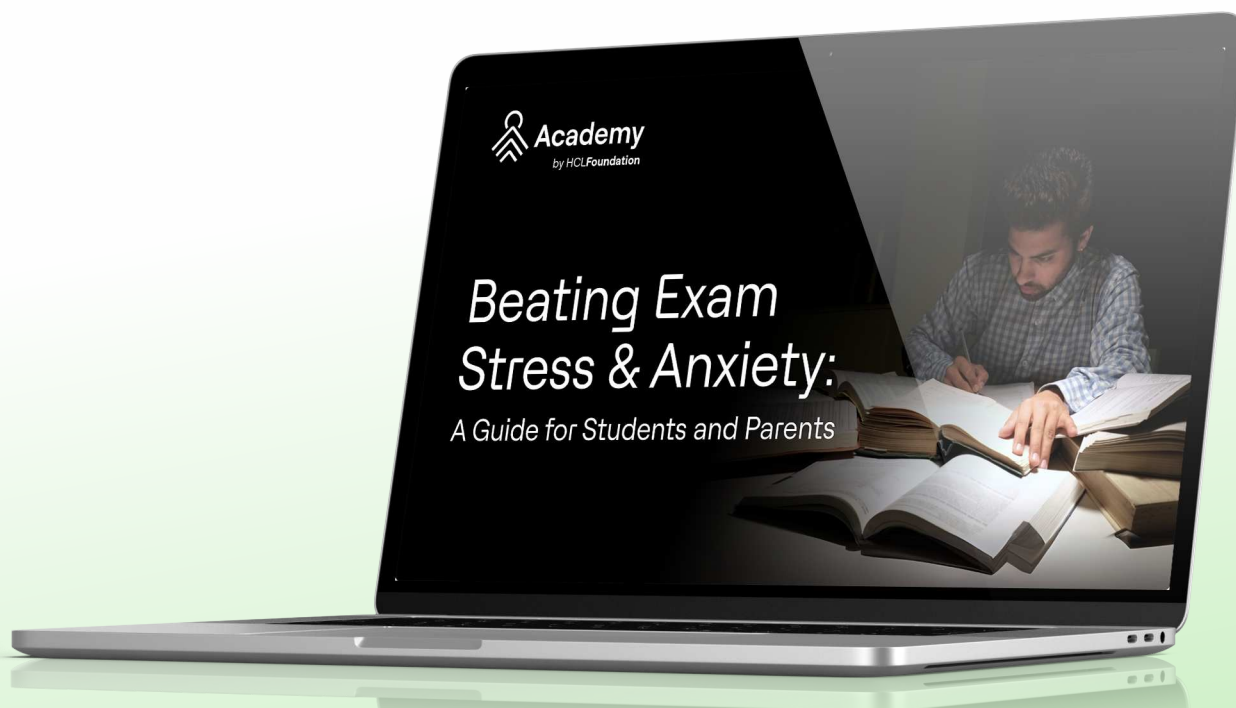
Enrich. Enable. Engage.

Breaking the Stress Code: A Guide to Exam Success

Academy and Education Initiative, in collaboration with THE NalandaWay Foundation, conducted a week-long webinar series, "Beating Exam Stress & Anxiety: A Guide for Students and Parents," held from January 6 to January 13.

Designed especially for Grade 10 and 12 students, this series was conducted in Hindi, Tamil, and Kannada. The sessions focused on building resilience, and transforming anxiety into confidence.

The sessions combined interactive discussions, expert insights, and hands-on strategies to help students reduce exam stress including breathing techniques and time management tips.





HCLFoundation in the Media

HCLFoundation and TRIFED Partner to Support Tribal Artisans

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संदेश वाहक न्यूज

हरदोई। हिन्दुस्तान लैटेस्ट फैमिली लीनिंग प्रमोशन ट्रस्ट एवं एचसीएल फाउंडेशन ने हेल्थ वेलनेस सेंटर शुक्लापुर, ब्लॉक अहरोरी में गर्भवती महिलाओं, दन्त रोग के विशेष शिविर डॉ. राजीव रंजन चिकित्सा अधीक्षक सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र अहरोरी की अध्यक्षता करते हुए कैम्प का शुभारंभ भोता काटकर कैम्प का आयोजन किया गया।

इसमें गर्भवती महिलाओं, दन्त रोग को निःशुल्क विशेष सेवारें दी गईं। इस मौके पर डॉ. राजीव रंजन चिकित्सा अधीक्षक ने कहा कि इस प्रकार की सेवारें जो दी जा रही हैं वह



विशेष गुणवत्ता पूर्ण हैं और इसका सभी लाभ उठाये व गर्भवती महिलाओं को निःशुल्क निजी अल्ट्रासाउण्ड सेंटरों के बारे में जानकारी दी। इस मौके पर कैम्प में आये एच.एल.एफ.पी.पी.टी. टीम के मनीष सक्सेना व देवांशी अनमित्रा ने

कैम्प में दी जा रही सेवाओं के बारे में मरीजों से जानकारी ली और अशाओं व सीएचओ के सहयोग की सराहना की। 29 गर्भवती महिलाओं, 108 दन्त व अन्य रोग के मरीजों को विशेष शिविर में निःशुल्क सेवारें दी गईं और डॉ. हिमांशी गुप्ता ने सभी

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गर्भवती महिलाओं को गर्भवस्था में ध्यान रखने वाली बातों पर विशेष जानकारी दी।

डॉ. अनुराग गुप्ता ने दांत के रोगियों मुख को साफ सफाई का विशेष ध्यान रखने का कहा। डॉ. निशान्त ने अन्य आये मरीजों को सेवा प्रदान की। इस मौके पर कार्यक्रम प्रबंधक एचएफ पीपीटी ईश्वर देव दीक्षित, सीएचओ प्रज्ञा व आशाएँ, ए.एन.एम. व एच.एल.एफ.पी.पी.टी. की ओर से पुनीत, नेहा, ज्योति, सुमीत, संजीव, बिपिन, कुलदीप आदि उपस्थित रहे।

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