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Foreword

Dear Reader,

At HCLFoundation – the community sits at the very heart of everything we do. The month gone by has shown us (yet again!) how diverse action across these very communities, guided by a common mission — is what it takes to create meaningful impact.

Take for instance the forging of newer partnerships that enable direct market access for dairy farmers with AAVIN or pond rejuvenation efforts at Chennai and elsewhere – our efforts remain rooted in enabling long-term and sustainable change on the ground.

We also celebrated significant milestones for two flagships — both HCLTech Grant and Samuday mark a decade of supporting social innovations that are driving changes at grassroots. Even so, we are looking ahead. HCLTech Grant Edition XI introduces 'Water' as a distinct category – reinforcing our commitment to addressing critical environmental challenges.

We hope you enjoy reading these stories of craft, community and capabilities – as much as we enjoy bringing them to you! Read all of these and more, in the April '25 edition of our newsletter – Catalyst.

Happy Reading!

Warm Regards, HCLFoundation

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Key Highlights

Samuday Rural Development Conference 2025

Celebrating 10 years of transforming rural communities

Samuday by HCLFoundation held a two-day rural development conference to celebrate its 10-year anniversary on 15-16th April in Lucknow. The event brought changemakers, government representatives, grassroot leaders and thematic experts together with a goal to encourage collaboration, drive sustainable development initiatives and plan community engagements. Mr. Major Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, GoUP was Chief Guest at the event. He congratulated HCLFoundation for the impactful work done in the State through Samuday.

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP Global CSR, HCLTech and Director HCLFoundation delivered the inaugural address outlining the work of HCLFoundation in India and specially Uttar Pradesh. Mrs Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson, HCLTech shared her thoughts through a recorded video address, highlighting the successful models of rural development established by Samuday over the last decade. Mr Alok

Varma, Project Director – Samuday & My Clean City, HCLFoundation reflected upon Samuday's decade long journey and set the context for the conference that featured:

Address by Mr. G S Priyadarshi, IAS, Commissioner Rural Development, GoUP, and Dr Shanmuga Sundaram M.K., IAS, Principal Secretary, Labour and Employment Department, GoUP; Screening of Tarakki ki dibbiya - 10-year impact film; Unveiling of 'A decade of rural transformation' - Samuday coffee table book; Engaging panel discussions around key subjects in integrated rural development including technoeconomical solutions in agriculture, next gen skills for classrooms, improving healthcare access, decarbonisation, women entrepreneurship, waste management, and local self-government; Presentation of Samuday's work through powerful video stories; Discussion on role of partnership and data management in implementing large scale development projects; Felicitation of key partners, changemakers and other important stakeholders; Exhibition of Samuday's model village along with key interventions, Samuday Crafts, and Hardoi Kisan Producer Company Limited (Farmer Producer Organisation)

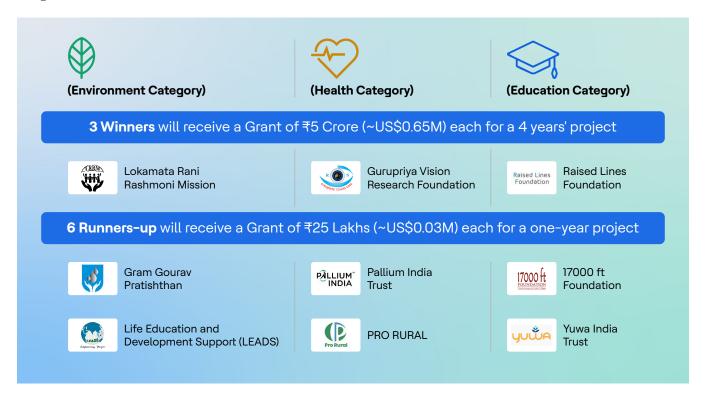


HCLTech Grant Edition X Winners Announced

HCLTech Grant, deliberated and reviewed the proposals of the top 9 finalist NGOs to select the winners of HCLTech Grant Edition X on April 16, 2025. The winners were announced via a press release on April 28.

The winning NGOs of the HCLTech Grant Edition X will receive a grant of ₹5 crore for a four-year project and the runner ups will receive a grant of ₹25 lakh for a one year project.

Congratulations to the winners of HCLTech Grant Edition X!



Hello, water!

HCLTech Grant introduces 'water' as a distinct category

With the launch of Edition XI, HCLTech Grant will now recognize impactful work in four crucial categories: Water, Biodiversity, Health and Education. The winning NGO will receive a substantial grant of ₹5 Crore each for a comprehensive four-year project. Furthermore, HCLTech Grant will extend its support to the eight runner-up NGOs, each receiving a grant of ₹50 Lakh for a two-year project.



Best CSR Film Award

My E-Haat by HCLFoundation was awarded with the "Best CSR Film for Artisan Empowerment" at the 3rd Socio CSR Film Award for its short film "An Ode to Indian Artisans". The film beautifully captures the voices, journey and resilience of artisans across India and showcases HCLFoundation's efforts to strengthen the art & craft value chain through My E-Haat initiative. The award was received in Pune, in the presence of CSR leaders, NGOs and philanthropists.



Key Representations

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir was part of panel discussion at CASCA'25 to deliberate on "Innovations & Strategies for Sustainable Water Conservation", New Delhi. She noted "In today's sustainability discourse, we speak of all important terms such as water positivity, stewardship, risk, management and so on... But a few years ago when we started our CSR efforts around water - we began with a simple intent: the essential need to revive dying water bodies. Because when we conserve water, we conserve life. So we began with first and foremost mapping these resources and have gradually over the years, evolved into using more sophisticated, scientific methods such as phytoremediation, trash booms and so on. Of course, challenges faced were aplenty - to begin with, the very lack of data as to where waterbodies once existed! But fast forward to today – and I am happy to share we at HCLTech have harvested over 100 billion liters of water where every drop harvested and every pond restored tells a story of collective impact."



Gaurav Majumdar and Sweta Chakraborty from HCLFoundation where Gaurav was invited to conduct a session with MBA Final Year students by Professor Naidu. Special initiative, My E-Haat, was used as a case study to explore the intersection of business, art and culture.



Dr. Chethana Thirthahalli attended the National workshop on Navigating post disaster mental health on in Delhi. The NDMA stressed upon the importance of Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in disaster. Nikhil Pant was part of a panel on finance where he highlighted about the work of HCLFoundation in the area of DRR which was appreciated by the NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority).



Our health team, alongside Dr. Nidhi, representing HCLFoundation as the Health Equity Partner at the first-ever Regional Meeting of the World Health Summit in India.

Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi





This month, we spotlight Aishwarya Balasubramanian – Deputy Manager, Harit by HCLFoundation. When you speak to Aishwarya, what strikes you most is her ability to carry wisdom lightly, and her refusal to separate heart from head. From managing partners and budgets to shaping environmental consciousness in schools, she brings heart, humour, and hard work – to everything that she does. This is Aishwarya's story.

Excerpts from an interview – edited and condensed for clarity.



A childhood rooted in nature

"So, I grew up in a leafy neighbourhood of Madras, now Chennai," Aishwarya says, recalling how she was – and remains – a free–spirited, tree–climbing, outdoor–loving child who spent her early years surrounded by greenery — and stories. She spoke (and spoke!) with vivid fondness of her grandmother – a Carnatic singer who lived till 97 and remained curious about the world till the very end. She mentions how their bond was "deep and enduring" and how "Paati wouldn't even let my father into her room without permission, I was the privileged (and pampered) one!" Aishwarya recalls with a smile that lights up her face.

Speaking of stories, there's another one from early childhood that especially stands out: This was when, as a kindergarten child, she heard a calf crying at night near an abandoned well behind her home. While others slept, young Aishwarya insisted something was wrong. Her father acted on her instincts — and sure enough, a calf had fallen into the well and was rescued just in time. "I remember being appreciated by neighbours and the rescue team (well, whatever animal rescue meant in the 90s!). And even though I was so little at the time, I'll never forget it," she says.

And perhaps she never did. In fact, as we will see, it is this very instinctive listening and care for the environment - and the voiceless - that would go on to quietly steer her life's journey.

Choosing the road less taken

Aishwarya's school years were vibrant with sports, cultural activities, and a fierce love for English literature and biology. A proud alumna of Stella Maris College, Chennai, she went on to pursue her undergrad in Plant Biology and Biotechnology, driven not by convention, but by a deeply personal pull toward the natural world.

"I knew I didn't want to do engineering or MBBS" she says. It was during this time that a mandatory module on Environmental Studies — sparked something deeper. "I took that paper more seriously than my core subjects. That was the moment I knew: this is it. This is what I want to do with my life."

Aishwarya credits her mother — "an incredible and progressive woman of her times" — for shaping this journey early on. "From a very young age, she instilled in me and my sister the importance of education and financial independence, especially for women. She played (and still plays) a key role in shaping not just my education, but also my career," Aishwarya says.

Determined to deepen her expertise, she went on to earn a Master of Science in Global Environmental Change from King's College London, one of UK's leading institutions. Her academic focus explored the intersection of climate science, sustainability, and environmental policy — at a time when climate change had not yet entered mainstream discourse in India.

Aishwarya puts it rather succinctly, "I knew I hadn't taken the conventional route. And understandably, people would ask me, 'What will you do with this degree?' But I believed in it, and in hindsight, it was one of the best decisions I made."

Climate as a career, huh?

Aishwarya's career began in the UK during her Master's, where she interned with the National Housing Federation, documenting the value of green spaces in subsidized housing. Back in India, she took on impactful roles at Transparent Chennai understanding impacts of post-disaster resettlements on people. During her tenure at the Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), she travelled extensively across all coastal cities in India researching climate-induced disasters and co-published in a few scientific journals. She also worked closely with the leadership & UN SDG Academy in creating MOOCs on Sustainable cities.

"Climate change wasn't yet a conversation people were having in India. Everyone asked me, 'Pollution Control Board?' — Nobody knew what a climate career looked like."

Undeterred, Aishwarya's next chapter was at Madhi Foundation, where she spent a little over three years crafting educational frameworks, state textbooks, teacher



training content, and learning assessments in collaboration with SCERT, Tamil Nadu. She recalls with quiet pride — "teachers used what we built."

At the Centre for Environment Education (CEE), she found a unique opportunity to merge her passions for environment and education. She worked with the leadership in developing international sustainability frameworks for schools. She was an integral part of implementing many innovative Environment & climate education programmes in partnership with UNEP, WWF, and British High Commission. "At CEE, I saw how sustainability can come alive in classrooms — when young people are trusted to lead."

Finding Home at HCLFoundation

It was during the pandemic, while working from home for CEE, that destiny knocked again — this time, in the form of a job listing forwarded by her sister. HCLFoundation was looking for someone to lead Environment Education.

Aishwarya applied. What followed, she calls "Divine intervention."

"How so?," we asked, Aishwarya replied, "I didn't even know that my father (a visionary in my eyes) had, years ago, told my brother-in-law after watching Roshni [Nadar Malhotra] mam's interview — that I should try for HCLFoundation someday! He believed in the values here, even before I did."

Aishwarya joined Harit three-and-half years ago. Today, she leads environment education & awareness - managing budget, partners, Harit's social media and communication, and the like - and is known for always rising to new responsibilities. (At this rate, one fears she may soon run the interviewer - or the entire central communications team - out of business!)

A day-in-the-life of Aishwarya

"No two days look alike," Aishwarya smiles, when asked about her work life. From tracking budget utilisation, conducting midline/baseline surveys, coordinating with partners and location teams, to working on special projects such as the HCLTech Grant for Climate Action in Americas - she's constantly hungry for learning and adapting.

Of course, I was expecting Aishwarya to be well-informed, even incisive, but when she says that "It's not just about numbers — it's about impact. Are funds translating to outcomes in schools? Are children learning about the environment in ways that stay with them?" it was clear we were into a serious interview.

She also plays a key role in the Harit programme's communications, collaborating closely with the central Comms team. "Aren't they the best?

Working with them is one of the aspects I enjoy the most. It lets me bring creativity and clarity into the work we do." (We simply, happily nodded!)

And yet, AB (as she is fondly called by colleagues) carves out joy at work — whether it's the meme-filled lunch breaks with the Chennai team, or Kollywood-style banter about daily happenings. AB notes, "we laugh a lot — it keeps us human."

One memorable moment

"There are two, actually, she says, as she recalls her first time as an emcee at the Partnering for Change (one of HCLFoundation major annual events), where, nervous and caught-off guard — especially when asked to co-host a segment with the Chairperson present. "I forgot one line I had prepared. No one knew, but I was upset." Later, Dr. Nidhi approached her with warmth: "You spoke really well. Now come eat." That moment, she says, taught her the rare power of empathetic leadership

Another unforgettable moment came during a field visit to Pench Tiger Reserve with Dr. [Santanu] Basu and the team.

"We were just 300 metres from a tiger — powerful, majestic, and free. An awesome reminder that nature does not belong to us. We belong to it."

Message to Gen Z?

When asked what she would tell young professionals considering Climate/CSR as a career, Aishwarya lights up, "You see, earlier, CSR was mostly about expenditure. Today, it is about outcomes and lasting impact. If you're someone who wants to create meaningful change and not chase just profit, this is the space for you. So, understand the importance of showing up with sincerity, be willing to learn, and have clarity of purpose. CSR isn't just about corporate philanthropy anymore. It's working with like minds for People, Planet, Peace & Prosperity.

The woman behind the role

Outside of work, Aishwarya is a deep thinker, occasional overthinker and a loyal sister. One of her funniest childhood memories? Refusing to let the school bus move until her elder sister, Charanya, was accounted for. "I was in Class 5, and I stood my ground. The bus waited for an hour!"

Her sister and parents — continue to be her guiding lights. Her roots, both literal and emotional, are deeply anchored in Chennai, where she continues to live in the same beloved home — alongside her parents, sister, brother-in-law, and the newest (and tiniest!) member of the family, her two-month-old nephew – Dheeran.

Their garden, bursting with native trees and plants, remains a sanctuary where birds, butterflies and memories continue to bloom.



Pond Rejuvenation in Chennai

Under the project Meelvu, a pond in Avadi was rejuvenated by excavating 5,000 cubic meters of silt, removing 10,000 kgs of invasive species. Provision of inlets and outlets and 60 native trees were planted to enhance biodiversity and ecological balance. The pond plays crucial role in retaining rainwater during monsoon and enhancing ground water recharging. The rejuvenation fostered ownership among community with residents organizing seasonal cleanups and monitoring water quality.



Earth day beach clean up drive

To mark the Earth Day, HCLFoundation in partnership with ReefWatch, and Dr. B. B. Hegde First Grade College, Kundapur organized the beach clean up drive in Kanchogodu village, Udupi. More than 180 kg of marine debris was collected with the help of 44 students. Additionally, 54 community members were sensitized on coastal and marine conservation. The community space was inaugurated with the installation of upcycled benches and tables made from ghost nets. These efforts significantly reduced marine pollution, promoted recycling, and raised environmental conservation awareness among the locals.



GenCAN phase II national climate action winners announced

The Generation for Climate Action (GenCAN) Phase II reached 123 cities across 17 states and 3 UTs, impacting 2147 students and 331 mentor teachers in taking collective action towards climate change. Top 10 schools, 10 student leaders and 6 mentor teachers were recognized by National Climate Action Champions. The selection committee included members from NCERT, UNEP, UNICEF and CEE along with Ms. Ruchi Sadhana, Vice President, Corp Audit, HCLTech, Ms. Simi Suri, Associate Director, HCLFoundation and Dr. Santanu Basu, Project Director, Harit.



Setting up water bowls for birds and animals

As part on the ongoing Compassion Building Campaign, 15 Volunteers placed 50+ earthen water bowls with the help of local community and NGO Partner SOCHARA at Mayabazaar. In addition, HCLTechies volunteered at the CUPA animal shelters and painted water bowls which will be placed at Jigani HCLTech Campus for the dogs and Birds around the campus. The purpose of this campaign is to provide birds and animals with a reliable source of fresh water throughout the year.



Community dog care initiative in Greater Noida- anti rabies vaccination & reflective collar drive

HCLFoundation, under its animal welfare initiative, conducted a month-long anti-rabies vaccination and reflective collar drive this month in Greater Noida. A total of 277 community dogs across 15 locations in Greater Noida were vaccinated and provided with reflective collars featuring QR codes. These collars allow caregivers to access and update essential details like the dog's name, age, vaccination date, and photo ensuring better care and safety.



Harit partners with AXA climate school

Harit by HCLFoundation signed a 3 year MoU with AXA Climate school to integrate global climate education into formal and informal learning centers supported by HCLFoundation. This initiative aims to reach 3000 individuals and began with a leadership meeting attended by Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Mr. Vipul Arora, Senior Vice President and Global Head of Sustainability, HCLTech, Mr. Antoine Poincaré, Vice President, AXA Climate and Dr. Santanu Basu, Project Director, Harit.



Insect hotel begins to thrive with early adopters at our afforestation sites

The insect hotels installed at Harit afforestation sites are now serving its intended purpose with signs of occupation by various insects like beetles and wasps. This reflects the gradual establishment of a balanced microhabitat and signifies that the sites are becoming hospitable to beneficial pollinators and natural pest controllers. So far 12+insect hotels have been installed in all the Harit afforestation sites across the country.





Samuday participates in the National Seminar on Green Energy for Clean Environment and Sustainable Agriculture hosted by ANRCM

Samuday by HCLFoundation celebrated Earth Day on April 22 by participating in a National Seminar on Green Energy for Clean Environment and Sustainable Agriculture held in Lucknow hosted by Academy of Natural Resource Conservation and Management (ANRCM).

Mr. Yogesh Kumar, Deputy General Manager, Samuday highlighted the programme's initiatives in promotion of sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation. Additionally, Mr. Umakant Pandey, Samuday Group Operations Head, chaired the panel discussion on "Smart Technologies and Sustainable Practices for Soil & Environmental Health," sharing insights on tech-driven environmental conservation. The seminar included insightful presentations, panel discussions, and knowledge-sharing sessions on innovative approaches to harnessing renewable energy sources, reducing carbon footprint, and promoting sustainable practices in agriculture.



Samuday supported exposure visit of artisans from Lakhimpur to Hardoi district

As apart of MoU signed with the Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission (UPSRLM), a 20-member team, cohort of 19 women artisans from the Tharu tribal community of Lakhimpur and Block Mission Manager (BMM) embarked on a co-learning exposure visit on April 1 – 2 to the Handicraft Hub in Hardoi district. Supported by Samuday, the visit focused on enhancing artisans' skills and knowledge for a better quality of life. It also familiarized them with the best practices in natural fiber handicrafts and help them understand the operations of community institutions in the sector.



Al Robotics lab inaugrated at KGBV in Sandila

Samuday by HCLFoundation has inaugurated an AI and Robotics Lab in Katurba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Sandila. Mr. Sundar Mahalingam, President – Strategy, and Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, inaugurated the lab and highlighted the need for innovation in education. The lab is designed for students from grades VI– VIII and is integrated into their weekly academic schedule as part of DLCC (Digital Literacy, Coding and Computational Thinking) AI (Artificial Intelligence) & Robotics. Students will be learning block-based coding using Pictobox and building robots using special Kit Boxes.





HCLFoundation leads waste management session at ULBs

HCLFoundation in collaboration with CDC held awareness campaign on waste management and source segregation across urban local bodies (ULBs)—Nagar Palika Mallawan, Nagar Panchayat Kachhauna, and Nagar Panchayat Beniganj – in Hardoi. The campaign engaged 637 local residents, school children, community members focusing on waste segregation, impacts of improper waste disposal, and techniques like composting and recycling to reduce the burden on landfills. This initiative aimed to empower citizens to take an active role in maintaining cleanliness and contribute to achieving Garbage Free City (GFC) goals.



Godh Bharai ceremony promoted maternal health and nutrition across Hardoi

A Godh Bharai event was organized by Samuday under the Kuposhan Mukt Gram Panchayat initiative across 4 blocks of Hardoi district to promote maternal health and nutrition.

Around 15 pregnant women were celebrated and provided with nutrition kits, counselling on key messages on antenatal care and balanced diets, fostering community support for a healthy village.



Samuday distributes milk containers to dairy farmers in Pudur block

On April 8, Samuday distributed stainless steel containers to 200 dairy farmers across 7 villages in Pudur block of Thoothukudi district. The initiative supports better milk handling practices, aims to strengthen hygiene and ensuring quality for dairy farmers across dairy value chain.



Samuday promotes cattle nutrition by Azolla distribution in Pudur

On April 10, Samuday distributed Azolla beds, installed Azolla units in dairy farmers' fields and completed mother culture support in dairy farmers' field across Pudur block, Toothukudi.

Azolla, a nutrient-rich fodder, cost-effective and sustainable feed option, that helps improve cattle health and milk production, is reducing dependency on commercial cattle feed. This initiative helps lower feeding costs and improve their dairy business while ensuring better nutrition for their cattle and increase income.



Samyday signs MOU with AAVIN at Thoothukudi Collectorate

Samuday by HCLFoundation signed an MOU with AAVIN (Tamil Nadu Milk Co-operative) for direct milk procurement in the project area on April 29 at Thoothukudi Collectorate. This marks a key milestone in ensuring assured market linkage for dairy farmers.



AMCU Inauguration held at Ayanrajapatti Panchayat in Pudur block

The Automatic Milk Collection Unit (AMCU) was inaugurated by the Tuticorin District Collector at Ayanrajapatti village panchayat on April 30 in Pudur block of Thoothukudi district. A live demo was also held after the inauguration. A total of 80 litres of milk was collected through the unit and procured by AAVIN.



Field day demonstrates improved farming techniques in Vilathikulam block

Samuday by HCLFoundation recently conducted a field day at Sivagnanapuram Panchayat in Lakshmipuram village on April 9, to showcase improved farming techniques. Front Line Demonstration (FLD) farmers observed a significant yield difference in cotton crops between the control plots and demo plots. The success of the interventions demonstrated the potential for higher productivity and encouraging farmers to adopt these techniques for long-term economic growth.



Samudays Climate-Smart Agriculture initiative addresses dieback disease in Vilathikulam

Under its Climate–Smart Agriculture initiative, Samuday by HCLFoundation addressed dieback disease in 20 acres of chilli crops across 9 farmers in K. Thangammalpuram Panchayat.

Following an MoU with the Vilathikulam block Block Level Federation, an agricultural drone was provided and used to spray Mancozeb fungicide on April 24. This tech-driven intervention aims to save time, reduce labor and protect farmer livelihoods from spontaneous recovery of crops.



Product assessment of handicraft cluster held in Prayagraj

From April 9 – 11, Samuday by HCLfoundation's handicraft team conducted a need assessment at the artisans cluster at Sarayanuddinpur Gram Panchayat of Bahadurpur block in Prayagraj.

Through the direct interactions with artisans engaged in basketry weaving and wool-based lifestyle product making, the team analyzed their skills in understanding of product design, costing and SHG involvement. Total 25 artisans were finalized for initial training sessions.



Nikshay Day provided nutritional support under TB Elimination Programme

A total of 1,067 TB patients were provided nutritional support under the Samuday TB Elimination Program this month across Sandila, Kachhona, Tadiyawan, Kothawan, and Ahirori blocks of Hardoi.

Additionally, patients and their families were counseled on tuberculosis treatment, the importance of nutrition, and the timely consumption of medication during treatment.



Samuday promotes a TB-Free community in Hardoi

Two training sessions for PRI (Panchayati Raj Institutions) members, Community Health Officers (CHO), NTEP (National Tuberculosis Elimination Program) staff were held in Kachchauna and Behendar blocks of Hardoi from April 21–22, with 95 participants.

These sessions, sensitized Pradhans, CHOs and Panchayat members on TB prevention and the vision of TB-free Gram Panchayats and the importance of community awareness to achieve TB-free status.



2,000+ residents engaged in TB Awareness activities in Hardoi

Throughout this month, under the Samuday TB Elimination Project, TB Awareness activities and anti-stigma campaigns were observed at 122 locations such as schools, community centers, and health facilities across 11 blocks of Hardoi.

More than 2,440 people were sensitized on TB symptoms, diagnosis and importance of timely treatment. Various activities, including interactive discussions, posters, and educational materials were used to reduce the stigma and engage the community.



Poshan Pakhwada event organized across 4 blocks of Hardoi

Under Samuday's Kuposhan Mukt Gram Panchayat initiative, a Poshan Pakhwada event was organized with vibrant community participation and awareness activities. Around 5,324 beneficiaries attended across 4 blocks of Hardoi and 76 Gram Panchayats.

Community engagement was encouraged through rangoli competitions, while a Healthy Baby Competition recognized and rewarded good health practices among parents. The event successfully fostered awareness, encouraged healthy behaviors, and strengthened the community's commitment towards a malnutrition-free village.



Vajan Diwas raises awareness on child nutrition

As part of the Poshan Pakhwada initiative, a Vajan Diwas was organized in 73 Gram Panchayats of Hardoi district with active participation from parents, health workers, and community members. A total of 4,271 children under the age of five were screened and weighed to monitor their growth and nutritional status. The activity aimed to raise awareness about the importance of regular growth monitoring and early detection of malnutrition. Parents were also counseled on proper nutrition, balanced diets, and healthy feeding practices.





At the Amrita Research & Innovation Symposium for Excellence – ARISE 2025

Mr. Anuj Srivastava, Senior Manager, HCLTech Grant visited Amritapuri Campus in Kollam, Kerala for ARISE 2025 – a symposium organized by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham from April 2 to April 6, 2025. He shared his insights and expertise at the Round Table discussion held on April 5, 2025, on "Driving CSR Forward – The Role of Research and Academic Partnerships" along with other panel members from the sector.







Bengaluru

Social Security Access for Communities

Community engagement programme facilitating enrollments into key social security schemes – ABHA and e-Shram, through this initiative, we educated community members on the importance and benefits of these schemes and provided on-ground support for registrations. Our primary focus was to reach unorganized workers and daily wage earners, enabling them to access healthcare services and government welfare programmes. We supported over 15 individuals in completing their enrollments. Through this programme we are bridging the gap between vulnerable communities and essential social protection mechanisms.



Identification and Enrollment of 6 months -3 years children in Pillaganahalli-Baseline Assessment Survey

The staff initiated the identification and enrollment of children aged 6 months to 3 years for creches in Pillaganahalli. Households were visited with checklists to identify eligible children. The enrollment process involved collecting comprehensive details, including the child's information, parental occupations, monthly household income, and other relevant data. Additionally, anthropometric measurements were conducted to assess the current nutritional and health status of the children. A total of 300 children and their parents, 18 Pregnant and 20 Lactating mothers and their spouses has been identified in the survey.



Bengaluru

Entrepreneurship journey

Retired Army personnel participated in Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme held in Lucknow and Bangalore. Additionally, two 'Aspiring Entrepreneurs' workshops were conducted with 75 participants. Out of these, 69 enrolled for mentorship, leading to the creation of 13 new entrepreneurs.



Empowering communities through Learning and care

Successfully conducted a volunteer engagement programme at Mayabazaar aimed at enhancing digital literacy among children. They were introduced to the basics of MS Office and PowerPoint, helping them build essential digital skills. As part of our community outreach efforts, and with the amazing support of CUPA and HCLF, we also installed eco-friendly clay bowls at key spots to ensure stray cats and dogs have access to clean water and food.



Chennai

Poster Making activity at schools

Nalandaway Foundation organized a Poster-Making activity at schools, to evaluate children's understanding of values integrated into the project curriculum. A summative assessment was conducted through a poster-making activity. These posters were analysed and summarized to capture children's perceptions. Additionally, impact stories and reflections shared by the children were studied to gauge their learning and overall experience throughout the project.



Inauguration of Handwashing station

The SOCHARA Chennai team inaugurated a newly constructed handwashing station equipped with 7 taps and 1 wall painting that promotes hygiene awareness at MKB Nagar Government Higher Secondary School, Chennai. The facility is expected to benefit over 600 students of grades 6 to 12. In addition, an IVR session was conducted, with active participation from students, teachers, and staff. Participants engaged in the session and collectively pledged to use and maintain the facility responsibly, thereby promoting Health for All.



Hyderabad

Digital Learning & Science Experiments

Organized various Digital Learning sessions for the students to enhance IT Skills. These session have helped the students in learning Internet Skills, MS Office, & IT skills. Students have also been provided with the opportunity to various science experiments. These sessions help the students in enhancing knowledge & interest in science & technology. These sessions have been organized by Nirmaan NGO.



Orientation on Skill Development Training

Orientation on Skill Training courses to the youth & communities around HCL Yuvakendra locations. It helps the youth to enroll in Employability Skill Training being supported by HCLFoundation and implemented by Bright Light Society & Head Held High Foundation NGOs.



Kolkata

Annapurna Puja & Annual Function

The school organized its Annapurna Puja and Annual Function. Students presented a vibrant cultural programme. The event was graced by dignitaries including the local MLA, BDO, and senior police officials (IC & OC).



Female Health Awareness Camp

A Female Health Awareness Camp was organized in collaboration with gynecologists from the Bengal Obstetric & Gynecological Society. The camp focused on menstrual hygiene, reproductive health, and HPV vaccination awareness. Held in a safe and inclusive space, it empowered 70 female beneficiaries and their family members through knowledge sessions and free sanitary napkin distribution.



Lucknow

Spreading Warmth: Upcycled Clothes Distribution Drive

HCLFoundation, in collaboration with Aawahan The New Voice, organized a Clothes Distribution Drive on April 11, at Kalli Paschimi, Lucknow. Following a post-Kumbh Mela cleanliness drive, collected clothes were upcycled and redistributed to underserved communities. With support from four dedicated HCLTech volunteers, the drive was efficiently executed. Heartfelt thanks to the volunteers for their invaluable support.



Creative Nutrition Awareness – Learning Through Play

As part of the My Worth initiative, Mamta HIMC, in partnership with the HCLFoundation, introduced a unique and engaging Nutrition Awareness Campaign using a life-sized Snakes and Ladders board game. This gamified approach educated participants on the importance of healthy eating habits, balanced diets, and mindful food choices. The campaign successfully blended learning with fun, inspiring participants to make healthier lifestyle decisions and look forward to more such creative health challenges in the future.



Conducted D2D drive

Population Services International (PSI) India conducted a door to door drive in collaboration with Lucknow Nagar Nigam for creating awareness among community members regarding solid waste management and source segregation in Haiderganj-2 ward.

A total of 78 households were reached during the campaign.



Celebrating World Health Day

In observance of World Health Day. Mamta HIMC, in collaboration with the HCLFoundation, organized a series of awareness activities across five urban communities. Fach location hosted a health-themed guiz competition and community symposium designed to spotlight pressing health issues and promote key public health messages. A total of five activities were conducted, engaging 62 community participants across all locations. These initiatives fostered knowledge-sharing and reinforced the importance of preventive healthcare and timely interventions.



Monthly Male Meetings

Monthly male meetings were conducted in 12 urban slum communities to strengthen male participation in family planning. It encompasses men being involved either in decision-making, approving it, or supporting their spouse to use FP methods. These meetings aimed to sensitize men about various issues related to family planning and contraception, empowering them to make informed decisions and actively participate in family planning initiatives.



Digital Leap: Smart TVs Installed in 27 Model Anganwadi Centers

SWI has successfully installed Smart TVs in 27 Model Anganwadi Centers across Gosaiganj, Akbarnagar (Aliganj Project Area), and Chinhat blocks in Lucknow. This initiative aims to enhance early childhood education and engagement through digital learning tools, supporting the holistic development of children in these regions.



Lucknow

National Youth Robotics Challenge-2024 Finals

HCLFoundation in collaboration with Mantra Social Services participated at the at the National Level Robotics Championship held at Amity International School, Noida, students from Kasturba Gandhi Awasiya Vidyalayas (KGBV) — Mall, Malihabaad, and Chinhat (Lucknow) — have made history. This prestigious event saw participation from over 150 teams representing more than 50 schools across India.



Madurai

Annual Review with Health department

Successfully conducted Advocacy & Quarterly Review Meeting with the Health departments of Madurai.

The event was attended by DHO, CHO, ACHO, UPHC Medical Officers, and other key stakeholders. During the session, DHO and CHO reviewed the performance of all medical officers based on the past FY.



Celebrating Immunization awareness week

The awareness and sensitisation campaign is being conducted to build knowledge and ensures 100% immunisation for mothers and children. Closely monitoring hundreds of pregnant women and children to ensure timely vaccines. During this month, 79 under-five children out of 460 and 57 expectant mothers vaccinated on time with multiple and variable vaccines. Community-led monitoring mechanism by involving health governance is being followed to intimate every eligible household for timely vaccination.



Basket ball National Championship

Students participated in the 40th Year Basketball Championship held in Pondicherry. They represented the Tamil Nadu State team in this event and secured the championship title. Notably, our student, Mohammed, won a gold medal for his outstanding performance.



Nagpur

Guidance Session Empowers SHG Members on NMC Linkages

Mrs. Meena Thul, Community Resource Person from Nagpur Municipal Corporation's Gandhibagh Zone 6, conducted an insightful session at the Mahal Center, formed by NGO Aroha with support from HCLFoundation. She guided 25 active members from 5 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) on building effective linkages with NMC schemes and services, enhancing their access to resources and strengthening community-based livelihoods.



Creating a child friendly learning environment in schools by creating "Financial Education Wall"

In a 1st of its kind and unique initiative to promote financial education among school children, Meljol with the support of HCLFoundation has tried to simplify complex financial concepts into simple graphics through a Financial Education Wall. The wall has been painted in 10 NMC schools making the best use of building as learning aid. This creative effort benefited 1,959 students by turning school walls into vibrant learning spaces



Tech On Wheels: Empowering Young Minds through Digital Literacy

120+ students from Nagpur Night Schools, NMC Day Schools, and local communities successfully completed a one-month computer literacy course under the Tech On Wheels initiative by NGO Masoom, supported by HCLFoundation. Certificates were distributed to celebrate their achievement. The mobile tech bus initiative aims to bridge the digital divide, equipping underserved youth with essential digital skills for their education and future careers.



Noida

Where childhood blooms: ECCD partnership renewed amid dance, joy & dedication

In the esteemed presence of Honorable Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel, HCLFoundation renewed its MoU with the District Administration of Gautam Budh Nagar to focus on ECCD for the next five years. This collaboration now in the seventh year aims to enhance early childhood education in the region. Children from Bhangel Anganwadi Centre performed a vibrant dance and hoopla act, creating a joyful atmosphere.



Mainstreaming our way to equitable Education

60 children were successfully mainstreamed into schools in April'25. This achievement was made possible under HCLFoundation's intervention, with Partner NGO Chetna implementing the Nanhe Parinde project. Children were reached across 20 contact points including Barola, Charmurti, Cherry County, Itehra, Haibatpur, Mahagun, Sector 101, Sector 126, Sector 18, Sector 70, Sector 76, Sector 80, and Sector 78. Together, we are paving the way for inclusive and equitable access to education for every child.



Showcasing Abilities of vocational Skills

As part of HCLFoundation's Inclusive Education intervention with partner Saksham, two stalls were set up to highlight the talents of our visually impaired students from the vocational unit. Students proudly showcased handcrafted materials and demonstrated their sewing skills, reflecting both creativity and self-reliance.



Noida

Creating pathways to learning though Mainstreaming

Over 35 children from the communities of Haldouni, Sorkha, Jalpura, Buddha, Dadri, and Dankaur have been successfully mainstreamed into the formal education system. This milestone was achieved under HCLFoundation's intervention, in collaboration with our implementing partner Bodh Shiksha Samiti. Together, we continue working towards ensuring every child has access to quality education.



Culmination of Poshan Pakhwada

The two-week-long Poshan Pakhwada celebration across Anganwadi centres in Bisrakh block concluded with a vibrant community event on 22nd April at Chhalera Community Hall. It was supported by the Government ICDS Department and led by DPO Ms. Poonam Tiwari, with the support of ECCD partners, Anganwadi supervisors, Anganwadi workers, Anganwadi helpers and community members.



Anupama's Journey of Determination Beyond Limits

Anupama, a low vision student from our Saksham Centre intervention, scored 70.66% in her Class 10 U.P. Board exams, writing the exam independently—despite unclear guidelines for students with disabilities. With Saksham's support, she has now secured admission to Balika Inter College, Sector 51, Noida. Her journey is a testament to resilience, inclusion, and the power of right support at the right time.



Igniting curiosity through Scientific Exploration

Exposure visits were conducted at the Young Kalam Discovery Science Centre with our partner Socio-Economic Development Trust, where 231 students actively participated and engaged with interactive science exhibits, sparking curiosity and hands-on learning.



Noida

Empowering Futures: To lead CSE Sessions for Adolescent Girls

One of HCLFoundation health partner, FPAI conducted Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) sessions for girls aged 10–19 across schools and slum communities of GBN. The sessions covered crucial topic like menstrual hygiene, SRH, gender diversity, rights, and relationships. 205+ girls participated, asked questions, and interacted with trained counselors in a safe, supportive space.



Digital Leap in Field Data Collection

The project team conducted a comprehensive data collection to strengthen the Health Management Information System (HMIS). The team visited 9,934 households across the intervention areas, successfully capturing key baseline data to enable targeted, data-driven health interventions.

From the households surveyed, team has identified the following beneficiaries:

- 4,970 children aged 0-6 years
- 55 young married couples
- 512 pregnant women
- 63 postpartum women
- · 8,092 eliqible couples



1000 Days MCH Project

To celebrate immunization Day at the PHC, where health officials highlighted the importance of timely vaccinations. Community sessions were held in Sectors 8, 9, and 10, engaging families, elderly members, and mothers to promote full immunization and the use of MCP cards. So far, 100 beneficiaries have participated, showing strong community support.



Earth day celebration

As part of HCLFoundation's STEM STARS and Gurukul initiative in collaboration with Katha and Rasta, students celebrated World Earth Day alongside HCLTech volunteers. The day's activities included crafting with waste materials, designing posters, and discussing sustainability. Students planted saplings and created paper bags, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation. The event also featured a quiz competition, with active participation from HCLTech volunteers, making it a meaningful experience for the children.



Sports Meet with Nanhe Parinde

48 children from HCLFoundations's Nanhe Parindey intervention with partner CHETNA participated in 2 sports i.e Kabaddi and Kho-kho, through 4 categories of junior and senior. It was mixed team event and Nanhe Parinde students bagged 2 Winners Trophy.



Disaster Secretariat Project

A heatwave ground assessment was conducted from 11th–16th April 2025 in Sectors 8, 9, and 10 of Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The assessment aimed to identify vulnerable populations, assess needs, and raise awareness on heatstroke and preventive measures. A visit to the Community Health Center (CHC) evaluated its preparedness to support highrisk groups during the upcoming heatwave.



Vijayawada

Summer Sports Camp

Summer sports camp was started on April 7. The event was graced by the presence of P. Premkumar, IRS (Indian Revenue Service), Deputy Director of Income Tax, Vijayawada, who attended as the chief guest. The summer camp offers a wide range of exciting activities, including various sports, aimed at encouraging students to explore their talents, stay active, and enjoy their summer break in a fun and meaningful way.



Reserve Handloom Exhibition

Kalamkari artisans participated in the Reserve Handloom exhibition at Vijayawada. The exhibition showcased Kalamkari products and featured live demonstrations of hand block printing. This event was held in collaboration with Youkti and Behrupiaa Arts, aiming to create new marketing opportunities for Kalamkari artisans.

Total sales in the exhibition were INR 60,300.



Skills to Success

Entrepreneurship development workshop organized on the name of Skills to Success at VMM campus. This aimed to empower aspiring women entrepreneurs by equipping them with key business skills and insights.



New Batch at Yuvakendra

New batch of unemployed youth incepted in Yuvakendra skill development center. They enrolled in to 21st century core employability skills course. After successful completion of the course, they will further be assisted in the placement process.



Yuvakendra trainees visit to HCLTech Vijayawada campus

Yuvakendra trainees visited HCLTech Vijayawada campus. The exposure visit enhance their aspirations to learn more and achieve their dream job. One the HCLT employees volunteered to facilitate a communication session during their visit to the campus.



Community House Visits

Door-to-door house visits in the community, spreading awareness about the importance of staying hydrated, especially during the summer. These small but significant interactions are creating a ripple effect, empowering individuals to take better care of their health during the challenging summer season.





My Clean City observes World Earth Day to raise environmental awareness

The Zero Waste Market project under My Clean City by HCLFoundation celebrated Earth Day 2025 at AVI Heights marketplace on the theme of "Our Power, Our Planet." The event engaged 118 participants, including shopkeepers and consumers, through four impactful awareness zones. A Virtual Reality Zone offered an immersive view of environmental issues like landfills and ocean pollution, inspiring collective action. The Eco Pop-Up Shop promoted eco-friendly alternatives to single-use plastics, and a Pledge Tree Activity encouraged participants to commit to eco-friendly habits through personal pledges written on recycled leaves.

Finally, the Games & Q&A Zone provided fun learning experiences with live composting demos. Together, these efforts fostered environmental awareness and inspired meaningful change.



Orientation on Solid Waste Management (SWM) held across schools in Noida and Greater Noida

My Clean City led an orientation session with 2,243 students across 10 schools of Noida and 15 schools of Greater Noida to analyze the awareness levels and knowledge among students regarding SWM. An orientation programme was organized across the schools, raising awareness on the consequences of poor waste disposal.







156

Volunteers engaged



/ O | Hours clocked



- 70+ HCLTechies under the MEGA-LT vertical, visited multiple
 HCLFoundation project sites in Noida to learn more about the work
 and embark on their volunteering journey. The visits included friendly
 matches and interactions with SFC budding sports champs at ITEDA
 sports facility, nature-walk at Harit Sorkha Upvan and interaction with
 artisans and upcoming women entrepreneurs of SDL project at My EHaat Display Center in Noida.
- 30+ nature loving HCLTechies celebrated Earth Day 2025 at project sites in Noida and Bengaluru by volunteering across following activities:
 - A refreshing nature walk at the afforestation site
 - Interactive session on plastic waste reduction with primary school children
 - · Caring for animals at the welfare shelter
 - Planting saplings
 - Pouring their creativity into upcycling waste materials into useful items.
- 18 HCLTechies from Bengaluru celebrated 'Community Day' with the
 forest based irular tribal community of Denkanikottai in Krishnagiri
 district, Tamil Nadu. The event was organized in collaboration with
 Rural Development Council. It included fun-filled activities and
 interactions, especially, a session focused on marketing of the
 products made by these community members and a seed-ball
 making activity as part of afforestation efforts.
- 24 HCLTechies in Nagpur got together to celebrate the successful
 course completion of IT skills by students associated with Tech on
 Wheels initiative in urban slum communities. Beyond awarding
 certificates, the volunteers counselled the students and provided
 career guidance and tips on professionalism to support their progress.
- 600+ HCLTechies signed-up to participate in the Power of One virtual orientation session (two batches) organized on April 9, 2025. Nearly 300 HCLTechies took interest to learn about volunteering and payroll giving program and committed to join hands with HCLFoundation in near future.













Power of One

Volunteer of the month

Gunda Phaninder

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Phaninder is a passionate volunteer who has been actively contributing his time over the past year. His exceptional photography and editing skills have time and again, beautifully captured the essence of HCLFoundation projects in Bengaluru. He has also played a key role in bringing in more volunteers and coordinating events-lending a big helping hand to the on-ground team. From covering Young Kalam Science Fest to leading cleanup drives, his journey showcases the impact one person can make encouraging others to step forward and contribute. The fulfillment he finds in volunteering, reflects the true spirit of giving back. His efforts remind us that every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.







Amplifying reach and access - via sport

Who: Para Athletics Team from the HCLFoundation x Association for Disabled People (ADP) partnership.

What: Conducted Counselling Session for Para Athletics. The sessions aimed to enhance mental wellness, focus, motivation, and pressure management for para athletes

And?: Atheletes empowered with the know how of: Grounding Techniques: (5-4-3-2-1); learned to focus on the present moment (towards reducing anxiety and distractions); Breathing Exercises; Visualization via Guided imagery exercises enhanced confidence, motivation, and mental rehearsal for optimal performance.

Noida



Win

Who: Boys and Girls Basketball team from the HCLFoundation x Dribble Academy partnership

What: Participated in a BSES Academy Basketball tournament each team playing 3 matches

And?: The Boys' Team finished as Runners-up after a close final against Rohtak; they were awarded a Decathlon gift voucher worth ₹5000.

O Chennai



Who: Girls Football Excellence Program from the HCLFoundation x Sudeva partnership

What: Participated in the Delhi Women's Premier League and played their opening match on April 8

And?: The Sudeva FC Girls began their campaign with a strong 2-0 victory against Hans Capital FC, marking an impressive debut in the league.

O Delhi



Win

Who: Kashish Bhagat Atheltic from the HCLFoundation x Krida Vikas Sanstha partnership

What: Selected for Khelo India Youth Games 2025 (Athletics)

And?: Based on her performance at the 68th SGFI National Championship, has directly qualified for participation in the upcoming Khelo India Youth Games representing Maharashtra state.

Nagpur (



Who: Coach Gajanan Thakre from the HCLFoundation x Krida Vikas Sanstha partnership.

What: honored as the best coach in Nagpur!

And?: We are delighted to share that our Athletic coach Mr. Gajanan Takre Slum Soccer Nagpur, has been awarded the best coach in athletics following his students' Kashish Bhagat achivements in the last 2 years. He received the award and Cash prize on May 14 Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Gol, Shri. Nitin Gadkari.

Nagpur (



Who: Boys Basketball team from the HCLFoundation x Dribble Academy partnership

What: Participated in the Champs League

And?: Divyansh got MVP

Noida



Who: Girls Volleyball team from the HCLFoundation x Sportz village foundation partnership.

What: Participated in the Girls' Volleyball event at Sansad Khel Maha Kumbha Lucknow at City Academy Degree College & Janta Boys Inter College, Lucknow.

And?: GGIC Narhi Inter College emerged as the Winner of Zone 4 & Janta Girls Inter College emerged as the Winner of Zone 5 in the Girls' Volleyball event.

Noida



Who: Girls & Boys Football team from the HCLFoundation x Sportz village foundation partnership

What: Participated in the Football event at Sansad Khel Maha Kumbha Lucknow at Amity University & Rastogi Inter College.

And?: GGIC Gomti Nagar emerged as the Winner of Zone 9 in the Girls' Football event. DAV Inter College emerged as the Winner of Zone 10 in the Boys' Football event

Noida



Who: Girls Kabaddi team from the HCLFoundation x Sportz village foundation partnership

What: Participated in the Inter College Kabaddi Invitation Competition at Hi-Tech Institute of Engineering & Technology, Ghaziabad.

And?: secured the first place and brought home the Gold medal and a trophy.

Noida



Soaring higher, higher, higher!

Who: Girls Kabaddi team from the HCLFoundation x DBAI partnership

What: Three Girls have been Selected for India Camp which serves as a selection trials for Youth Asian Games, Bahrain 2025

And?: Gothami, Kanishka & Karviya have made the cut!

O Chennai



Who: Girls Kabaddi team from the HCLFoundation x Krida Vikas Sanstha partnership

What: Selected for Youth Asian Games, Behrain (India Camp).

And?: Manasvi Chauhan has been selected for Youth Asian Games, Behrain (India Camp). She was a part of Vidarbha women's team at the subjunior National tournament held in Patna

Nagpur Nagpur



Who: Chandini – a Basket ball Player from the HCLFoundation x Dribble Academy partnership

What: Selected to represent Uttar Pradesh.

And?: Chandini now represents Uttar Pradesh at 40th Youth National Basketball Championship. We wish all her best for the future endeavors.

Noida



Who: Girls Team from the HCLFoundation x Mahila Jan Adhikar Samiti partnership

What: Selected in the Rajasthan Under-19 team for the 68th National School Games (SGFI)

And?: After days of intense trials – Maina and Komal's hard work earned them a spot to represent Rajasthan at the national level.

Ajmer



Who: Girls Football Team Maina and Komal from the HCLFoundation x Maatru Pratishtana partnership

What: Selected in the IWL2 (India Womens Premier League) teams for Roots FC from Bangalore & Pudhuvai Unicorn FC from Pondicherry

And?: Dhanushree and Janani, have been scouted to play for two IWL2 teams. Dhanushree will be representing Roots FC from Bangalore. Janani will be playing for Pudhuvai Unicorn FC from Pondicherry.

Bengaluru





Empowering Changemakers: CSR Batch XII Marks a Powerful Start

The Orientation Session for Batch XII of Corporate Social Responsibility: Its Applied Aspects, hosted by HCLFoundation Academy commenced on April 25. Over 240 learners across the country joined the session, eager to understand CSR and drive meaningful changes.

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, encouraged participants to view this course as a step towards working with communities and addressing real world issues. The session also covered key themes like ethical leadership, sustainability and community impact – setting the stage for learning journey ahead.

Batch XII now moves forward with a clear goal: to turn learning into action through responsible and inclusive practices.



Global updates

HCLTech France at the "Mai à Vélo" 2025 Initiative

HCLTechies in France are actively participated in the "Mai à Vélo" 2025 initiative, encouraging employees to choose cycling over cars for short-distance travel throughout May. A dedicated HCLTech France community was set up on GeoVelo, where employees from Toulouse, Lyon, Grenoble, and Paris record their cycling journeys. Local volunteers also organized events to share cycling tips and best practices, fostering a sense of community and sustainability.





Mr. Nitin Srivastava Senior Manager, HCLTech France won the first place in Hindi Diwas & Bharat ki Khoz quiz and was felicitated by the Indian Ambassador to France.



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NEW DELHI: (Apr 28) HCLFoundation, the CSR arm of IT major HCLTech, on Monday said it will award Rs 5-crore grants to three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) engaged in the fields of environment, health, and education.

As part of its 10th edition of HCLTech Grant, the foundation has awarded Lokamata Rani Rashmoni Mission for 'Conservation of biodiversity for life and livelihood' project that covers 40 villages in West Bengal. The project promotes sustainable agriculture. supports local livelihoods and empowers women, HCLFoundation said in a statement.

Gurupriva Vision Research Foundation has been selected for 'Vision on Wheels' initiative aimed at eradicating childhood blindness caused by retinopathy of prematurity in over 10,000 villages across Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

HCLFoundation announces winners of 2025 HCLTech Grant

HCLFoundation, which drives the corporate social responsibility agenda of global technology company HCLTech in India, has announced the winners of the 2025 edition of the HCLTech Grant. HCLTech Grant support Indian nongovernment organisations (NGOs) diving transformative change across edication, healthcare and the environment. This year, the HCLTech Grant received over 13,925 registrations from NGOs across India.



Speaking at the Samuday Rural Development Conference 2025 in Lucknow, Chief Secretary Manoi Kumar Singh highlighted the project as a model for public-private collaboration and praised its sustained impact in critical sectors such as sanitation, health, education, and











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Development Conference 2025 on April 15-16 in Lucknow

LUCKNOW: Marking a significant milestone in rural development, the Uttar Pradesh government hailed HCLFoundation's Samuday project for its decade-long contribution to transforming over 3,000 villages and improving the lives of 2.9 million people

across the state. Speaking at the Samuday Rural Development Conference 2025 in Lucknow, Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh highlighted the project as a model for public-private collaboration and praised its sustained impact in critical sectors such as sanitation, health, education, and agriculture.

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