

# A step towards Nation Building HCLTech Grant Granule

(December 2024 - January 2025)



# HCLTech Grant Edition X Rollout

## Meet the Fifth Estate

Following a rigorous quest for the Edition X winners of HCLTech Grant by HCLFoundation, we are ready with the list of the top 30 Non-Governmental Organizations in the categories of Environment, Health and Education. In the consolidation meeting held on 3rd December 2024, Subject Matter Experts, HCLFoundation team members and the governance partner shortlisted 10 NGOs in each category on the basis of field visits made to 52 NGOs across the length and breadth of the country. The path-breaking work of these shortlisted NGOs will be published in the 9th Edition of The Fifth Estate – the compendium of HCLTech Grant.



HCLTech Grant Edition X Consolidation Meeting

Congratulations to the top 30 NGOs for the commendable work!

### Environment



- Action for Social Advancement
- Centre for Youth and Social Development
- Coodu Trust
- End Poverty
- Gram Gourav Pratishtan
- Life Education and Development Support
- Lokamata Rani Rashmoni Mission
- Peoples Science Institute
- Water For People India Trust
- Watershed Support Services And Activity Network

### Health



- Bapu trust for Research on Mind and Discourse
- Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostic India
- Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation
- LEPRa Society
- North East Society for Agroecology Support
- Pallium India Trust
- Population Foundation of India
- Pro Rural
- Project Concern International
- Sri Someswar Nath Mahadev Trust

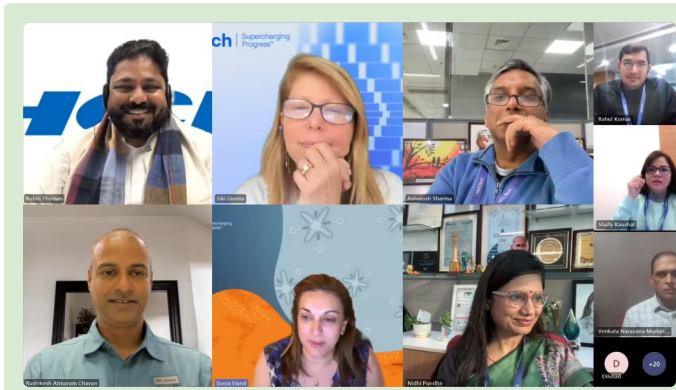
### Education



- 17000 ft Foundation
- Agri Entrepreneur Growth Foundation
- Antarang Foundation
- ELFA INTERNATIONAL
- Pratham Education Foundation
- Raised Lines Foundation
- Sarthak Foundation
- Slam Out Loud
- The Teacher Foundation (Shraddha Trust)
- Yuwa India Trust

## HCLTech Grant Stage 5: Sub Jury Review

HCLTech Grant's Sub Jury has shortlisted top 9 NGOs for the tenth edition of the programme. A high-level panel of 12 members evaluated the NGOs and their applications on 18th, 19th and 20th December for the categories of Education, Environment and Health respectively. Case presentations were made by Subject Matter Experts based on the field and organization visits to 52 NGOs in 32 days across 20 States and 3 UTs. These 3 NGOs finalized in each of the three categories, will undergo a detailed due diligence exercise before proceeding to the final Jury stage.



Sub-Jury Meeting  
Environment



Sub-Jury Meeting  
Health



Sub-Jury Meeting  
Education



# Key Representations and Highlights

## HCLFoundation's Green Initiatives

Mr. Anuj Srivastava, Senior Manager, HCLFoundation, represented HCLFoundation's work at the International Conference on "Just Transition to Net Zero – Role of Bamboo in the SAARC region", organized by Foundation for MSME Clusters (FMC) with special focus on HCL's Green / Environmental initiative and HCL's road ahead towards Green Initiative in future as one of the leading Responsible Corporate Brand of India on December 17, 2024.



Mr. Anuj Srivastava, Senior Manager, HCLTech Grant at Just Transition to Zero

## Partnering for Change 2025

Partnering for Change 2025 held at the HCLTech Campus from 12th to 14th January 2025, brought together changemakers from across India. Representatives from all the 22 active HCLTech Grant partners not only participated in the 3 day event, but also engaged in the panel discussions, led sessions, and performed in the cultural evening. The event focusing on the theme, "Expanding Horizons: Scaling Impact" was a resounding success.

### A few glimpses from PFC 2025:



Mutanchi Souls, a famous band from Sikkim, also a part of Meghshala Trust – the Edition VIII HCLTech Grant winner in the #Education category, performing a beautiful musical piece as a beginning to the event.



Ms. Jyoti Thyagarajan, Trustee of Meghshala Trust, participating in the Panel Discussion 'Fireside Chat: "Assessing Needs, Driving Impact: CSR Law in Action!'



Mr. Sooraj Abraham, Co-Founder of PlanatEarth, participating in the discussion on *Future Forward: HCLFoundation towards Viksit Bharat@2047.*



Needs Assessment and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Activity organized for all the participants at the PFC, led by Mr. Chetan Jha, Director – Operations, Foundation for Ecological Security and Mr. Debashish De, Team Leader, PRADAN.



Extension for Community Healthcare outcomes (ECHO), India, the 2024 HCLTech Grant recipient, won the Best Practices Award in the #Health category.

# Partnerships Bulletin

## HCLTech Board Members and HCLFoundation Delegation visited HCLTech Grant India supported projects in rural Madhya Pradesh

HCLTech Grant celebrates the role of Non-Governmental Organizations that are doing exemplary work of catalyzing rural transformation tirelessly at the grassroots.

In the month of January, the HCLFoundation delegation visited the HCLTech Grant project intervention sites in the state of Madhya Pradesh. Ms. Bhavani Balasubramanian, Board Committee Member – Audit, CSR, Risk Management, ESG & Diversity Equity Inclusion & Mr. Simon John England, Chairperson – ESG & Diversity Equity Inclusion, Board Committee Member – CSR, Nomination and Remuneration along with Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP, Global CSR, HCLTech, explored the ground work of India

Health Action Trust, Child Rights and You and The Corbett Foundation. The visit provided a first-hand experience of the transformative impact these initiatives have had on the communities they serve.



Briefing of Project MANCH by IHAT

## Day 1 & 2: Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh

Project MANCH by India Health Action Trust, is working towards Improving Maternal, newborn and Child Health Outcomes in Tribal Areas of Madhya Pradesh. A thought-provoking session, "MANCH se Manthan ka Safar", and the Gallery Walk shed light on the project's journey, key milestones, and plans for sustained impact. Splitting into teams, the board members and HCLTech Grant team visited villages across Jaisinghnagar, Beohari, and Gohparu blocks, interacting with Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Community Health Officers, Panchayati Raj Institution members, and adolescent groups (Sathiyas). Visits to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Mini Skill Labs, and Community Health Centres highlighted the growing community engagement and improving health outcomes, reinforcing the need for sustainable healthcare solutions. Critical areas requiring focused intervention for further reduction in maternal and neonatal mortality were identified. A knowledge-sharing discussion with the IHAT team wrapped up the visit, with reflections on best practices and sustainability strategies.



Ms. Bhavani Balasubramanian, HCLTech Board Member visits Papodh Village



Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP Global CSR & Director, HCLFoundation visits Pailwah Village



Mr. Simon John England, Board Member, HCLTech visits Kubra Village



Mr. Simon John England, HCLTech Board member visits restoration sites with TCF team

The second leg of the visit focused on environmental conservation, with an insightful discussion with The Corbett Foundation (TCF). Led by Mr. Kedar Gore (Director, TCF), the team explored habitat restoration efforts for the tiger corridors of Bandhavgarh National Park.

### Day 3: Guna, Madhya Pradesh

Child Rights and You (CRY), works towards the project, UDAAN-Breaking Barriers and Rebuilding the Lives of Bedia girls in the Guna and Sagar districts of Madhya Pradesh. This project is pivotal, especially for the Bedia community, as it aims to promote education and holistic development of children, especially girls, safeguarding them from multiple risks and vulnerabilities. The HCLTech Grant team members along with HCLTech Board Member – Mr. Simon John England and Senior Vice President, Global CSR – Dr. Nidhi Pundhir visited the organization where the CRY team shared an overview of the organization and the project progress.

The delegation visited the intervention sites at PS Guna, where Mr. Simon John England inaugurated the Sagar Barkheda Sports Ground. The soft launch was followed by a Nukkad Natak and a Kabbadi match by the students. The team interacted with the mother's groups & children's groups and visited the digital learning centre at Beechkapura. The teams visited Child Activity Centre (CAC) and explored Beechkapura to understand its settlement patterns. Engaging with children, mothers, and community members further strengthened the project's mission of holistic development through education, sports and livelihood enhancement.



HCLFoundation delegation visiting CRY office in Guna

# Stories of Transformation

Environment



## Strides towards a fodder-sufficient village

The village of Hatinada is located on the Ajodhya hills of Purulia district. While agriculture forms the primary source of livelihood for the people of Hatinada, in recent times, the farmers have also recognized livestock as a profitable source of income.

An important factor for livestock rearing is providing nutritious feed. In an effort to enhance livestock productivity and contribute to environmental health, 40 families in Hatinada have planted Super Napier grass on their homestead lands, averaging 2 decimals per household. Known for its high nutritional value, Napier grass provides a sustainable food source for livestock, enhancing their health and productivity. By planting it across their small plots, families have ensured a consistent supply of quality fodder, reducing reliance on external feed sources. Besides providing nutritious feed, it also forms a vegetative cover for the homestead lands and protect the soil from runoff.

In addition to this, the village has developed a silvopasture garden covering 0.13 hectares. This innovative garden combines trees and grasses to create a multi-functional landscape that supports both livestock grazing and ecological restoration. The selected tree species—Moringa,

Sesbania, Gliricidia, and Subabul—were chosen for their ability to provide nutritious fodder, improve soil fertility, protect and promote biodiversity.

The diverse planting of trees and grasses will create a habitat for various organisms, fostering a balanced ecosystem, support upland treatment initiatives, aid in water retention and improve groundwater recharge, critical for sustaining both agriculture and natural ecosystems.

By integrating livestock management with ecological restoration, the villagers of Hatinada have created a model of resilience and sustainability that can inspire other communities as well.



Health



## Empowering the Primary Care Providers in Nagaland



Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes is working towards, “Building Bridges of Healthcare Excellence: Empowering Primary Care Providers in the state of Nagaland using the ECHO model”. The aim of the project is to build the capacity of Community Health Workers to enhance the quality of healthcare across the rural landscape of Nagaland. ECHO has been successful in enrolling 155 Community Health Officers in their first batch of CPHC training.

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“Before attending the ECHO program, a major challenge that I faced was limited community participation. One of the toughest moments was during routine immunization when parents resisted vaccines, believing one dose was enough.”, shares CHO Lily Mozhui.

“The ECHO program transformed my approach towards community outreach. The experts’ mentoring and, especially the GATHER communication technique that I learnt from the ECHO sessions, has improved my counselling skills and helped me gain the community’s trust. Today, I confidently address healthcare needs, foster teamwork, and build stronger community participation, ensuring better health outcomes.”



## The story of Liyaqat from Malmanchhama, Budgam, Bal Raksha Bharat

Liyaqat Yousef is the President and member of the Children's group from Village Malmanchhama, one of the intervention villages of peace education in the District Budgam of Jammu & Kashmir. The people living there are majorly involved in sheep and other livestock rearing and often neglect their children. Poverty, inaccessibility and unavailability are the major reasons of school dropouts in the district Budgam. Most children often end up abandoning their academic life and focusing their attention to the family crisis, with girls attending to domestic chores and boys supplementing household income.

Liyaqat became a child champion who came into notice during the formation and strengthening of children's group by Bal Raksha Bharat in December 2024. He was the student of private school who enrolled in the BRB intervention school only last year. This school became a zone of peace through the efforts of children's group by mobilizing public opinion regarding child protection and peace education through school and community based awareness.

"It was a life changing incident for me to join the peace educational intervention school of BRB and receive peace education trainings." He says, "With peace we can make this world a heaven and there will be no threat for any living creature." He gladly shares how beautifully they decorated their school and how joyful they are to be able to participate in all curricular and co-curricular activities.





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