

A step towards Nation Building

HCLTech Grant Granule

(June-July 2025)



HCLTech Grant Edition XI

Pan India Symposiums

As the HCLTech Grant moved to the 11th Edition this year, the most awaited Pan India Symposiums were organized across India in the months of June and July. The series of symposiums launched on June 6th, 2025, in Ahmedabad were concluded in Delhi on July 11th, 2025. These symposiums aim to strengthen the transformative power of grassroots initiatives, uniting a diverse array of stakeholders including Non-Profit organizations, CSR initiatives, Subject matter experts, government officials, corporates and policy makers.

This year we reached 8 cities with more than 4000 registrations, hosting a total of 2000+ NGO partners. Special focus was given to the changes introduced in the eleventh edition, including the change in the core categories – Water, Biodiversity, Health and Environment; as well as the increase in the total commitment to 24 Crores.

A few glimpses from the Edition XI Symposiums:

Ahmedabad



Date: June 6, 2025

Venue: St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad

Theme: CSR in Action: Supporting Health, Nutrition & De-Addiction in Ahmedabad

Jodhpur



Date: June 12, 2025

Venue: Marudhara Industries Association, Jagshanti Auditorium Hall, Jodhpur

Theme: Water Under Pressure: Can we create scalable rural Nature Based Solutions (NBS) projects with CSR and Communities

Gangtok



Date: June 17, 2025

Venue: Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok

Theme: Biodiversity beyond Borders: Pathways for Ecological Stewardship

Bangalore



Date: June 20, 2025

Venue: A.V. Rama Rao Auditorium, IISc Bangalore

Theme: From Wells to Wetlands: Rural Innovations and Technological Solutions for Water and Biodiversity

Ranchi



Date: June 24, 2025

Venue: Xavier Institute of Social Sciences, Ranchi

Theme: Bridging the Gap: Empowering Tribal Lives through Social Protection

Pune



Date: June 27, 2025

Venue: Punyaae Sabhagruha, Kothrud, Pune

Theme: Reviving Heritage, Rebuilding Livelihood: CSR for Traditional Skill Development

Bhopal



Date: July 7, 2025

Venue: Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, MANIT

Theme: From Access to Impact: Aligning CSR investments with measurable impacts in the journey towards Viksit Bharat

Delhi



Date: July 11, 2025

Venue: India Habitat Centre

Theme: From Field to Strategy: Impact & Social Return on Investment

Stage 1 : Application Screening

Another edition of HCLTech Grant has commenced and has reached the first stage of Application screening. The portal for registration and application for HCLTech Grant Edition XI was closed on July 25, 2025 with a total of 1866 complete applications. With the introduction of Biodiversity and Water as 2 separate categories, a total of 435 applications were received: 184 in the category of Biodiversity and 251 in Water. 536 applications were received in the category of Health and Education ranking the highest, received 895 applications.

Partnerships Bulletin

HCLTech Grant team visits Makkala Jagriti

Makkala Jagriti, the winner NGO of HCLTech Grant Edition IX in the category of #Education, is working in Heggadadevanakote (HD Kote), Mysore towards creating a holistic learning environment to empower children and youth from underprivileged backgrounds. The award-winning project, "Transformation of Anganwadi ecosystem in vulnerable areas towards sustainably providing quality early childhood care and education to children", focuses on transforming Anganwadis into spaces of learning and empowers Anganwadi teachers, helpers and parents in implementing activities towards early learning.

The HCLTech Grant team members Rahul Kumar and Rimisha Nag, visited the headquarters in Bengaluru and the anganwadis in HDKote with the aim to observe the on-ground implementation of the project.



Anganwadi Teacher's training by Makkala Jagriti at HD Kote, Mysore, Karnataka

Ground Exploration of Project DROP

PlanatEarth, the winner NGO of HCLTech Grant Edition VIII, is working towards empowering communities to manage their waste and arrange collection systems and forward linkages to enable recycling and safe disposal of waste. Delegates from HCLFoundation visited Cochin for a two-day intensive field visit on 24th and 25th July 2025. The award-winning project DROP – Drive to Recover Ocean Plastic, achieved a significant milestone under the Vembanad's Macro Fight (VMF) initiative as they conducted a soft launch of the Briquetting Unit at the VMF Production Facility. Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP, Global CSR, HCLTech and Director, HCLFoundation, along with the team visited the production floor, attended a stakeholder meeting and flag off ceremony, witnessed a medical camp for fishermen community, and handed over raincoats to 48 Haritha Karma Sena volunteers as a token of support and solidarity, as they continue their duties despite the adverse weather conditions.



Medical camp for Fishermen Community, Cochin, Kerala by PlanatEarth



Soft launch of Vembanad Macro Fight (VMF) initiative, Cochin, PlanatEarth

Stories of Transformation

A systemic intervention in Mr. Jayaprakash's family

Mr. Jayaprakash, a skilled carpenter by trade and beloved member of his community, was enrolled under Pallium India's palliative care program, following a diagnosis of CA Supraglottis, leading to speech loss and tracheotomy. His family endured an overwhelming cascade of problems: his wife had undergone major surgery, and his daughter displayed symptoms of Eagle's syndrome. Despite these hurdles, there was hope. Through a strategic intervention Pallium India supported the family in starting a small provision shop adjacent to their residence. Though illness temporarily disrupted operations, the structure remains ready to restart – a symbol of economic renewal and self-reliance. A resilience plan is in place, with efforts underway to secure initial capital to restock the shop and enable steady income for the household. Additionally, Pallium India has initiated steps to link the daughter with diagnostic and ENT services, reinforce patient tracking and homecare and provide psychosocial support for the family's mental health needs. Despite setbacks, the family's story reflects a powerful arc of transformation – from despair to determination. With continued support from sponsors and well-wishers, they are now positioned to reclaim stability, dignity, and hope through community-rooted solutions.

Leading by Example

Yuwa India Trust works among the tribal girls in Jharkhand, through sport and education enabling them to take their futures into their own hands. Yuwa's three interconnected programs--sports teams, workshops, and an all-girls school--represent a single, holistic, intensive strategy to give girls the confidence, leadership skills, education, and tools they need to break out of poverty. By creating strong networks of girls' teams led by female coaches, Yuwa uses positive peer pressure and female mentors to create a counter-culture which fosters and protects girls' rights, health, and education. Maintaining close relationships with participants' families and community members through regular home-visits and meetings helps Yuwa to respond to incidents of domestic violence and mitigate the risks of child marriage and trafficking thus encouraging family support and pride in their daughters' goals.

In the month of June, eleven young Yuwa participants began their journey as coaches. These coaches who were once the students of Yuwa, now, through hands-on training, learned how to design engaging practice sessions and lead with purpose. Every Sunday, they joined experienced coaches to plan drills tailored to their teams' needs. This initiative not only builds technical skills but also transforms girls into leaders and role models within their communities.

The Seeds of Change

In the villages of Goshi, Harhad, and Sakarja, located in Katkamsandi block of Hazaribagh district, farming is the primary source of livelihood. However, the lack of infrastructure, including roads and transportation, obstructed the farmers' ability to optimize their land use. Despite having plots, many farmers were unable to cultivate them effectively due to limited knowledge about innovative farming practices like Annapurna model farming, intercropping, and gardening. Under HCLFoundation, LEADS organization intervened by providing farmers with information about intercropping farming, gardening, and their benefits. The organization showcased videos and demonstrated the advantages of these practices, which helped farmers understand the potential for increased productivity and income. The intervention had a significant impact on the farmers. They became enthusiastic about adopting intercropping and gardening practices, and began preparing their vacant plots for cultivation. Specifically, the farmers started plowing a 1.5-acre plot for intercropping and gardening, and digging pits for plants. The farmers are now empowered with the knowledge and skills to optimize their land use, increase their productivity, and improve their livelihoods. The initiative has brought about a positive change in the farming community, and the farmers are excited about the potential benefits of these innovative practices.



Women farmer preparing the land for intercropping at Katkamsandi block, Hazaribagh district, Jharkhand, Life Education and Development Support (LEADS)

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