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Foreword

Dear reader,

The first edition of the Catalyst in 2026 arrives at a moment that reminds us why development work endures: because leadership, communities, youth and institutions continue to meet each other halfway.

This edition brings together moments that highlight how leadership, youth, and community action continue to shape our shared development journey. In Hardoi, the HCLTech Board—led by Chairperson Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra—visited Samuday’s flagship interventions across agriculture, water, livelihoods, health, energy and sports, reflecting on its evolution from early pilots to district-wide impact. In Tamil Nadu, Board Member Mr. Simon John England engaged with HCLTech Grant projects, witnessing ecological restoration efforts in the Nilgiris and critical work preventing childhood blindness across thousands of villages.

Meanwhile, the 5th Yuvamela in Delhi brought together over 1,400 young participants to honour Swami Vivekananda’s teachings—reinforcing the role of youth and investing in the right skills towards building an inclusive and self-reliant India.

Happy reading!

Best regards,
HCLFoundation partners and team

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Key Highlights

Inspiring leadership meets grassroots action: HCLTech Board engages with communities shaping a brighter Hardoi

The HCLTech Board of Directors visited various Samuday-led interventions in the Hardoi district of Uttar Pradesh on 11 January.

Touring a range of initiatives across agriculture, education, health, WASH, solar energy, and livelihoods, the visit covered key locations in Sandila, Hathaura, Kachhauna, and Meetau. Starting at the HCLFoundation Sandila office, the Board immersed itself in Samuday's early journey, reflecting on its humble beginnings and current district-wide impact. This was followed by a field visit to the agricultural farm, piped drinking water supply and water conservation projects, and a walkthrough of the modern dairy farm.

The Board then interacted with artisans at the Handicraft Hub, where moonj and wheatgrass products were thoughtfully showcased. At the health centre, the team reviewed the award-winning nutrition management intervention before proceeding to observe the operations of the solar mini-grids.

As part of the visit, the Board also inaugurated the Meetau Sports Stadium in Sandila and the Counselling and Digital Access Centre (CoDA). Additionally, the unveiling of four foundation stones was held for upcoming initiatives.

The delegation was led by Chairperson **Roshni Nadar Malhotra** and included **Amitabh Kant, Bhavani Balasubramanian, Deepak Kapoor, Nishi Vasudeva, Simon John England** and **Vanitha Narayanan**, accompanied by Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Director, HCLFoundation, and Alok Varma, Project Director, Samuday.



Empowering India's future: HCLFoundation's 5th Yuvamela inspires 1400+ young changemakers

HCLFoundation, in collaboration with the Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi, successfully hosted the 5th edition of Yuvamela on 12th January, commemorating National Youth Day. The event brought together more than 1400 young participants to reflect on the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and strengthen their commitment to nation-building.

The programme was graced by several eminent dignitaries, including:

- Mr. Simon John England, Board Member, HCLTech
- Swami Sarvalokananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission
- Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP & Director, HCLFoundation
- Dr. Om Jee Upadhyay, Member Secretary, ICHR, Government of India
- Dr. Vipin Kumar, Chief Scientist, NIF, Government of India
- Dr. Pramod Kumar Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University
- Shri Sandip Ghosh, Business Head, Outlook Publishing India Ltd.

Their insights highlighted the pivotal role of India's youth in building an inclusive, innovative, and self-reliant nation.

A standout moment of the event was the soul-stirring performance by the Surkriti Band of NAB Delhi, a nationally acclaimed orchestra of visually impaired youth—an inspiring reminder that true ability transcends physical limitations.

Yuvamela 2026 served as a powerful platform for dialogue, inspiration, and collective action, reinforcing HCLFoundation's commitment to nurturing responsible, compassionate, and future-ready young leaders across the country.



Board visit to HCLTech Grant projects in Tamil Nadu

Mr. Simon John England, Board of Director, HCLTech and CSR Committee Member visited the HCLTech Grant Project sites in Kotagiri & Chennai in Tamil Nadu along with the HCLTech Grant and HCLFoundation team members. The delegates visited the project site of Keystone Foundation, the Edition III HCLTech Grant Winner in the category of #Environment, working towards "Hill waters & wetlands for communities and wildlife - Eco restoration & applied ecology and Advocacy in Nilgiri Biosphere reserve in Tamil Nadu. The visit included an immersive walkthrough of the Longwood Shola forest in the Nilgiris to understand the local ecology, followed by interactions with community members in Aracode, where he saw spring rejuvenation work undertaken and a visit to the wetland in Indco serve tea factory.

The team also visited Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation, the HCLTech Grant Edition X Winner in the category of #Health, working towards the project, "Vision on Wheels" that focuses on eradicating childhood blindness due to Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) across over 10,000 villages in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Simon met with the babies undergoing treatment along with their families in District Early Intervention Centre, Chengalpattu.



Key Representations

HCLFoundation at the NMA Women Development Conference

Dr. Nidhi Pundhir represented HCLFoundation at a panel during the 2nd NMA Women Development Conference in Noida, on the theme "Be Your Best Version – Accelerate Action." During the session, she stressed on lived experiences and perspectives on women's leadership, how they enrich outcomes and the importance of taking decisive steps toward one's goals. She highlighted how purposeful action, continuous learning, and self-belief can empower individuals to unlock their full potential. Inclusive, safe, and accountable programming across HCLFoundation.



Strengthening inclusive and ethical programming through GYSI capacity building

HCLFoundation conducted a four-day in-person Gender, Youth and Social Inclusion (GYSI) Master Trainers Programme from 27–30 January 2026 in Noida, reinforcing inclusion as a core cross-cutting approach across programmes. Designed for members of the HCLFoundation Gender Task Force, the programme focused on building practical capacity to integrate and scale GYSI principles across projects and partner organisations. Anchored in the HCLFoundation GYSI Training and Implementation Manual, the training combined reflection on personal biases with hands-on application of tools such as the GYSI Marker and Do No Harm Framework. Participants applied GYSI frameworks to live projects—including Samuday, Uday, and Sports for Change—strengthening understanding of power dynamics, risk, and ethical implementation. The programme concluded with a six-month cascade plan, creating a cadre of Master Trainers to strengthen inclusive, safe, and accountable programming across HCLFoundation.



HCLFoundation @ RIS2026

Anjali Khurana, Associate Manager, participated as a panelist in **Reading India Samwad 2026**. The panel focused on 'Public Private Partnerships for Library and Digital Arena'. Panel was moderated by Director-Digital Education, MoE and included esteemed guests from UNESCO, NGOs and academicians. Anjali highlighted the HCLFoundation's vision of working in alignment with education stakeholders for enabling the reading culture in government schools of urban and rural geographies. She mentioned the implementation strategy of story pedagogy in attaining grade appropriate learning and achieving NIPUN Bharat goals. Further, she marks the importance of reading landscape by involving teachers and parents as an important element to achieve sustainability.



★ Star Team Member of the Month



Three years ago, when this section was first conceptualised, Dr. Nidhi had said something that has stayed with us since: “We are celebrating the person – not the designation.”

The first month of 2026 served as a gentle reminder of what was truly meant:

Titles evolve. Roles expand. Organograms change. But the person – their instincts, their discipline, their moral centre – that is what truly sustains institutional work.

In our conversation with Shreya Sharma, we were reminded of this again.

On paper, she has completed just over a year with HCLFoundation. In conversation, however, it becomes clear that she carries years – of field immersion, of emotional negotiation, of choosing meaning over convenience. There is a quiet steadiness about her. Not declarative. Not self-advertised. Just deeply anchored.

This, is Shreya’s story...

Excerpts from an interview – edited and condensed for clarity.

Early life & education: Discipline before direction

Shreya was born and raised in Ranchi, Jharkhand – “you see, the city MS Dhoni comes from!” she says, almost reflexively.

She grew up in a Rajasthani household where education was both expectation and opportunity. Her father, Mr. Ravi, a finance professional who had navigated his own academic struggles, ensured that study was never negotiable.

“I never took tuition,” she shares. “Mummy, Daddy, and Srishti didi made sure we studied. And if we didn’t,” Shreya pauses before completing her sentence, “we were reminded – desi parents style!”

Clearly, it paid off!

A 10 CGPA in Class X brought her name into local newspapers. By Class XII, she had secured a state rank in Jharkhand. Commerce was her chosen academic stream, so naturally therefore, Chartered Accountancy was considered seriously towards higher education, but she finally opted for B.Com at St. Xaviers, Ranchi.

But while at St. Xaviers, something else was also quietly taking shape.

“During my undergraduate years, social outreach visits to old age homes(esp Dav Nandraj - old age home, Bariatu ,Ranchi) and community spaces began to shift my internal compass. It wasn’t dramatic,” she says.

“Just a feeling – that maybe I want to work where people are.”

That instinct led her to pursue an MBA in Rural Management from Xavier Institute of Social Service, Ranchi— a decision she describes candidly as beginning “by chance,” but soon becoming deliberate.

The world of work: Immersion, discomfort, belonging

Shreya calls her rural immersion programme during MBA as “transformative”.

“Living in government school buildings. Constructing makeshift washrooms using tarpaulin sheets. Cooking together. Walking long distances to engage with village communities” - these are a few phrases she uses to describe her work at “TCSR, Pratham Education Foundation, IIM Ranchi, and...” Shreya pauses momentarily, before she says, “...and then came FES.”

“FES flipped my entire perspective. At first, we thought we had gone to the communities to teach,” she reflects. “Then we realised – we were the ones learning.”

That humility defined her first major professional chapter with the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) in Udaipur.

For three and a half years, she worked across village clusters in Rajasthan, often travelling 100–200 kilometres within field geographies. The pay was modest. The distance from home, significant. The adjustment, real.

“I felt alone for the first few months,” she admits, without dramatics. One of her earliest independent assignments involved overseeing the construction of a village water structure. Her role began simply – “just go and sit there,” she was told. Sit. Observe. Engage.

When she missed two days due to an injury, villagers called Mr.Vinod (her senior) and colleagues to ask why she had not come.

“That was the first time I felt I belonged somewhere outside my family.”

Even today, she receives photos during the monsoon – updates of water filling that structure, proof that the work continues beyond the worker.

Yet, there is no romanticisation in the way she narrates these years. Only gratitude. As Shreya puts it succinctly, “I went there thinking I knew things. I came back knowing I had been changed for a lifetime.”

Hello, HCLFoundation!

Shreya mentions how during her interview both Dr. Nidhi and Dr. Basu were present. She goes on “I began explaining my work, sharing my experience.

But I did not realize I was using technical vocabulary – revegetation, carbon sequestration, biomass recovery!”

Midway, she was asked to explain again – this time in simple Hindi. Shreya mentions fondly why that shift mattered. “If I cannot explain my work simply,” she tells us, “then maybe I haven’t understood it fully.”

Today, within Harit, she operates at the intersection of planning and implementation –and is deeply involved in community awareness, sensitization and sustainability of the projects through community ownership under the water conservation thematic of Harit. A good amount of Shreya’s time is also spent towards reporting, reasearch and showcasing the efforts of NGO partners – yet another demonstration of her carrying field memory into programmatic design.

One memorable moment

“There are two actually!”, she says.

First:

During COVID, while interning with TCSR, Mithapur, Dwarka(GJ), Shreya worked remotely with over 3,000 Self-Help Group members to enable digital payment onboarding.

Cold calls. Mistrust. Fraud anxiety. Language barriers.

“We were called frauds many times!” she says, almost amused in hindsight.

Yet she persisted. The initiative – named “Hun pan Digital” – saw multiple SHGs onboarded to digital platforms and was later documented institutionally.

Submitting that final report, after days of relentless coordination, marked a turning point. “That was when I realised – maybe I can do this work.”

The second? Well that was during the time of her entry into HCLFoundation.

Of course, like all things Shreya, it had to be characteristically straightforward. So, she had applied for a water rejuvenation-related role, unaware at the time that she was corresponding directly with Dr. Nidhi! She followed up – not once, but twice – before realising who she had been messaging!

Advice to the younger lot

When asked what she would say to professionals at the start of their journey, she pauses before responding.

“Don’t choose comfort too quickly.” Shreya goes on and speaks about those early years – limited salaries, unlimited hopes, geographical distance from home – and says she would not exchange them for faster convenience. “If you go to the field thinking you will change people, you will struggle. If you go to learn, you will grow.”

Shreya is Noida-based, where she stays with Hitesh - her husband, though Udaipur still finds its way into conversations as her “second home!” She prefers the company of a book over movies (or even loud social gatherings!), and Hindi over English – not out of rejection, but because it feels closer to the people she works with. Village life, she admits, still draws her more than the city – “but with good network,” she adds, smiling. Her grounding force remains her father and elder sister- of course, but also her mother, Mrs. Rajshree, whose words, “If you dont have resources to do great things, do small things with the resources you have in a great way” have been Shreya’s quiet pillar through life’s transitions.

And when you speak to her long enough, you see how these small “great things” show up everywhere – in her early-riser discipline, her love for slow scooty rides, her choice of mountains over beaches, and the way she still ends each day by calling her family. She carries a dreamer’s heart too: someone who once wanted to be an astronaut, who hopes to stand inside the Anne Frank House someday, and who wishes for Doraemon’s magic door just to travel instantly to the places that bring her peace.



Supporting environmental action



Plantation drive marks launch of Harit's new afforestation site in Hubballi, Karnataka

A successful tree plantation drive was conducted at Harit's new Afforestation Site, Madhura Park, Hubballi, Karnataka, in collaboration with SayTrees. 2,000 saplings representing 45+ native species were planted. The initiative was supported by senior leadership from HCLTech, including Mr. Pradeep Basappa Khannur, Solution Director, along with the local community councilor. The drive witnessed active participation from over 105 people including – communities, volunteers from Sankalp Semiconductor Pvt. Ltd., Scouts and Guides, and NGO partners. The initiative marks a significant step in reclaiming a former dump yard and transforming it into a healthy green space.



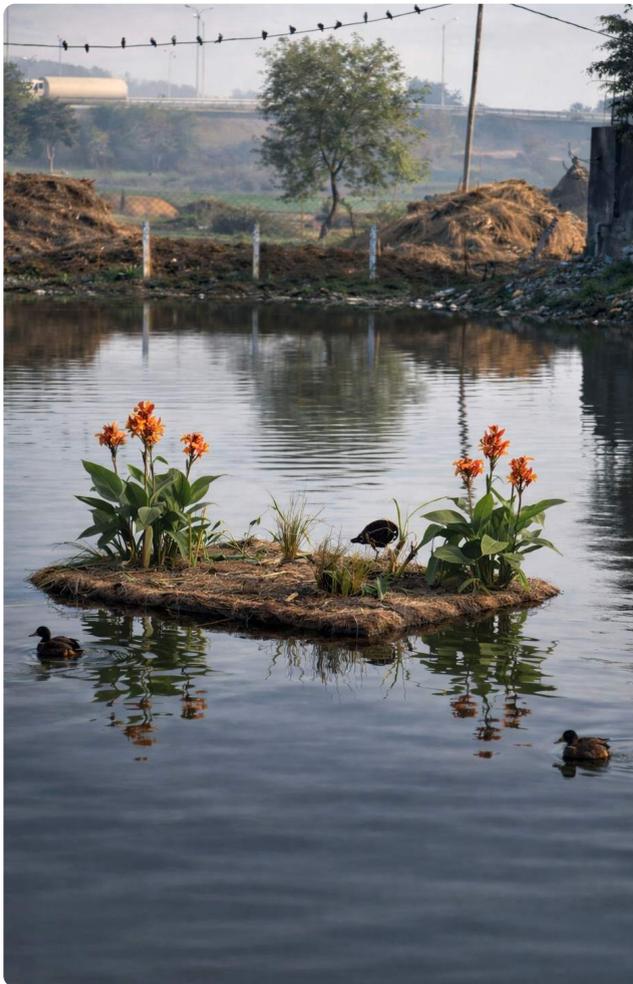
From intervention to adaptation: Early signs of ecological recovery at afforestation site in IIIT Nagpur

Regular biodiversity monitoring and documentation during January revealed encouraging signs of ecological adaptation and habitat utilization at Harit's Afforestation site in IIIT Nagpur. Bird nests installed as part of the intervention are now being actively used by juvenile birds, indicating successful avian adaptation. Insect hotels showed clear signs of occupancy, including the presence of beetles, wasps. In addition, the observed shedding of a snake's skin highlighted the gradual establishment of a functional micro-ecosystem. These observations reflect the positive ecological response to our science-based interventions and reinforce the effectiveness of sustained habitat restoration and monitoring efforts.



Nature-led solutions for a water-secure future in Gautam Buddha Nagar

Several restoration and community-engagement initiatives were undertaken across water bodies in Gautam Buddha Nagar in January in partnership with AROH Foundation. Maintenance was completed at six sites, involving removal of invasive vegetation and biomass, desilting to enhance water-holding capacity, and clearing over 15,000 m² of solid waste. A Floating Treatment Wetland was installed to naturally improve water quality through phytoremediation. Community outreach included a nukkad natak engaging 220+ residents on water conservation and plastic-free practices. Additionally, an impact assessment across three villages involving 50+ participants was held, with on-site water testing and household sample analysis promoting safer water practices.



Community celebration marks revival of Sidipur ponds in Gautam Buddha Nagar

A vibrant “Community Celebration marking the Revival of Sidipur Ponds” was held with the support of HCLFoundation and Society for Development Alternatives, bringing together over 100 community members and showcasing strong local ownership of the rejuvenation effort. The event was attended by key government officials, including Sh. Shivakant Drivedi – Chief Development Officer, Sh. Fanish Kumar– Block Development Officer, the Panchayat Secretary, Pradhan and Assistant Development Officer. Officials interacted with community members, highlighted the need for regular pond upkeep, and encouraged collective responsibility in safeguarding local water resources, reinforcing the importance of community-led conservation.



Tech-enabled push for animal welfare in Pune

Harit's animal welfare thematic has expanded its operations in Pune by partnering with Karma Foundation for Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination, and sterilising over 100 dogs in January. The NGO has launched a Map of Pune indicating microchipped dogs, displaying photos, vaccination, and sterilisation details, enabling transparent monitoring, fact-checking, and targeted planning for uncovered areas.



2K Awareness Run: Responsible kite flying

Animal Warriors Conservation Society, in collaboration with Harit, organized an Awareness Run at Sanjeevaiah Park in Hyderabad to highlight the dangers of nylon manja to birds and the environment. The 2K "Run for Birds" engaged around 325 participants, promoting responsible kite flying practices and encouraging the adoption of safe, ecofriendly alternatives.



Leaf morphology and identification: An interactive session with school students

An interactive learning session, "Leaf Morphology: Types, Structure, and Biological Significance," was conducted for 43 students from Class 10, under the Soil and Biodiversity Lab at an Inter College in Lucknow. The session provided students with a foundational understanding of leaf morphology and its importance in plant identification and adaptation, combining interactive classroom learning, field-based leaf collection within the campus, and practical observation and analysis of key morphological features.



Nest making workshop emphasizing sparrow conservation

A nest-making workshop focused on sparrow conservation was conducted in Chaukhandi and Rasta Sarafabad, Noida, creating a meaningful impact on 208 students. Through the workshop, students learned about the alarming decline in the house sparrow population. The session highlighted the urgent need to restore ecological balance by creating bird-friendly environments.



Green comics workshop

Green Comics Workshop conducted by World Comics India at schools in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh played an important role in environment education by using the creative medium of comics to make complex ecological issues easy to understand and engaging for young learners. 40 students participated in the event. The workshop encouraged creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills as students learnt to visualize real-world environmental challenges and propose solutions through their comic narratives.



Experiential learning finds its way in afforestation site in Chennai

As part of the Green school program, Technology Informatics Design Endeavour (TIDE) in partnership with HCLFoundation conducted an exposure visit to afforestation site at Patel Park, Kundrathur in Chennai where 81 Harit club students from two schools in Chennai participated enthusiastically. The event offered the young learners a valuable opportunity to explore, interact, and broaden their understanding about nature through activities like - Tree identification & uses, Water conservation & sustainable usage, Understanding carbon footprint & urban heat, Hands-on Trash to Treasure art from fallen leaves, Fun quizzes on energy, water & waste. Students created distinctive artworks by using natural materials such as leaves and flowers, combining artistic expression with an appreciation for the environment.



Stakeholder consultation for “Debris-free Gulf of Mannar”

A stakeholder consultation facilitated by Peoples Action for Development (PAD), was held along the Gulf of Mannar coastline in Ervadi, Sethukarai, Sippikulam and Rameshwaram, engaging over 290 local community participants, including Tamil Nadu Forest Department officials. These sessions focused on “Sacred Shores, Debris-Free Gulf of Mannar” initiative, highlighting behavioral change, debris-free practices with a prime focus on cloth and plastic debris, and responsibilities for cleaner religious and sacred sites. Vendors collectively agreed to stop supplying Single-use plastic offering bags and also formed an association in each hotspot location to eliminate the debris at source. PAD will now support them in developing policies and norms to extend these practices to other local vendors.



Initiation of field evaluation visits under the GenCAN Program

In January, Center for Environment Education in partnership with HCLFoundation conducted school evaluation visits across 10 states under the GenCAN programme - a national student climate leadership challenge. The evaluation visits are aimed at schools which have completed all the four stages of the challenge with an action plan for the carbon footprint of their school. These Schools demonstrated strong student-led climate action efforts in waste management, water conservation, and climate education, with notable initiatives like composting, recycling, and awareness campaigns. Overall, the programme reflects growing climate awareness, behavioural shifts, and promising potential for model green schools. Currently, 350+ schools are actively taking part in the GenCAN challenge across 26 states & Uts.



Transforming rural communities



Clean Coastal Village initiative drives community engagement in Thoothukudi

To promote and drive community awareness on sustainability, Samuday by HCLFoundation hosted a Rangoli making competition at St. Thomas Church in Vilathikulam block of Thoothukudi district on January 10. Organized in collaboration with PLAN (Participatory Learning and Action Network) Foundation, 75 participants joined the event and showcased thematic rangolis on environment, nature conservation, source segregation and pollution.



Samuday leads mass clean up drive in Thoothukudi

In partnership with PLAN (Participatory Learning and Action Network) Foundation, Samuday by HCLFoundation held three mass cleanup drives from January 21-23 under its Clean Coastal Village Initiative in Vilathikulam.

During the drives, 5,740 kg of waste was cleared from Vembar Beach, along with 7,460 kg of prosopis juliflora and mixed waste. An additional 2,335 kg of waste was removed from the Vembar South Resource Recovery Centre in Vilathikulam.

In total, 15,535 tons of waste was collected, helping improve public access, enhance coastal cleanliness and ensure responsible waste processing across the region.



Medical camp held for sanitary workers in Vilathikulam

Samuday by HCLFoundation conducted a medical camp for waste workers from Vembar and Vembar South in Vilathikulam block of Thoothukudi on January 9.

As part of the Clean Coastal Village Initiative, general health check-ups were provided, along with awareness on hygiene and handwashing. TT (Tetanus Toxoid) injections were also administered to 12 sanitary workers. The camp was supported by a medical team comprising a doctor and two nurses, ensuring essential healthcare access for the workers.



Health messages delivered via Vallupattu for 800 community members

As part of the Non-Communicable Diseases Prevention intervention, Samuday by HCLFoundation led health awareness activities across 5 Gram Panchayats of Pudur and Vilathikulam blocks from January 26-30 in Thoothukudi.

Delivered via the ancient musical folk art form Vallupattu – key messages revolved around diabetes, hypertension, lifestyle modification, including diet and physical activity. The event saw participation of 800 community members in over 5 sessions.



Pond rejuvenations in Hardoi advance water security

Samuday by HCLFoundation is improving the water storage capacity as part of its climate resilient project across seven ponds.

The project's desilting activities are improving water storage capacity, supporting groundwater recharge, and strengthening long-term water security for local communities, reinforcing a sustainable and community-led approach to natural resource management.



Acceli team visits Samuday Crafts Hub in Sandila

To gain a better understanding of Samuday's cluster-based livelihood initiatives, Acceli team members visited the Samuday Crafts Hub in Sandila on January 15.

As part of the visit, the team was oriented on the operational model, artisan engagement, functioning of the Crafts Hub and artisan skill development. A more in-depth discussion on livelihood activities, artisan clusters, production, quality checks, market linkages and buyer connections also took place to help members understand the handicraft ecosystem.



Handicrafts expansion activity held in Prayagraj

On January 22, an expansion-focused field meeting was conducted with artisans and the Block Mission Manager (BMM) in Sarayuddinpur Majra of Bahadurpur block in Prayagraj. The discussion centered around key priorities, including artisans' training needs, consistent raw material availability and supply and strengthening of local handicraft-based livelihoods.



Additional Commissioner visits livelihood and agricultural interventions in Hardoi

Mr. Rishi Ranjan Goel, Additional Commissioner at Industries Centre visited the handicrafts and agricultural interventions led by Samuday in Hardoi on January 29.

During the field visit at Behandar, the team showcased cucumber cultivation on protective mulch using drip irrigation system under polyhouse conditions, nutrition garden and dragon fruit field. He also reviewed various integrated development models in handicrafts, including the Chikankari Tailoring Centre, Handicraft Hub and skill development and livelihood enhancement units.

Primarily, the visit was in reference to an MoU between HCLFoundation and District Industries Centre for land allocated to develop Agri-Incubation hub for skill development and agriculture-based processing.



Handicraft products showcased at exhibition on Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day in Hardoi

A Handicrafts Exhibition was organized at Gandhi Bhawan and New Tahsil Sandila in Hardoi on the occasion of Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day on January 24.

Displayed items included:

- Traditional handicrafts
- Wheat grass and moonj-based products
- Newly designed artisan-made crafts

The exhibition served as an excellent platform to showcase local craftsmanship and promote cultural heritage.



Samuday conducts exposure visits for MAATI beneficiaries in Hardoi

Under the MAATI Project, 95 farmers and SHG (Self-Help Group) members from Mirzapur, Lakhimpur, Varanasi and Sonbhadra participated in a series of exposure visits to Samuday's interventions in Hardoi this month.

The visit aimed to empower MAATI beneficiaries through immersive learning, showcasing innovative and sustainable agricultural and livelihood practices.



New MRF inaugurated to drive solid waste management efforts in Hardoi

Samuday marked a major milestone in advancing its solid waste management intervention with the inauguration of a new Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Sandila on January 7.

The Centre was formally inaugurated by Ms. Narayani Bhatia, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Sandila, in the presence of Mr. Alok Verma, Project Director, Samuday & My Clean City, and Mr. Yogesh Kumar, Deputy General Manager, HCLFoundation, along with HCLFoundation team and Nagar Palika officials. During the inauguration, Ms. Bhatia highlighted the need for long-term cleanliness and sustainability.

The Centre will enable scientific segregation and recycling of dry waste, reducing pressure on dumping sites and supporting the goals of Swachh Bharat Mission.



6 facilities under Quality Accreditation Project receive NQAS certification

Under Samuday's Quality Accreditation Project, the NQAS (National Quality Assurance Standards) assessment of two Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) of Hardoi was held by national assessors virtually. Facilities included AAM Raddhepurwa in Sursa and AAM Bargawan in Tadiyawan.

Additionally, the result of national NQAS assessment was announced, with six facilities receiving NQAS certification – bringing the district count to 25.



Training and exposure visit on quality assurance held for healthcare staff in Hardoi

Samuday by HCLFoundation organized a four-day training cum capacity building session for nodal staff nurses and pharmacists of 3 CHCs (Community Health Centre), 2 UPHCs (Urban Primary Health Centre) and 2 PHCs (Primary Health Centre).

Training centered around quality assurance and included a day exposure visit to CHC Sursa and UPHC Vibhuti Nagar. The session was attended by HCLFoundation and Samudays partner organization school.



National Girl Child Day

National Girl Child Day was celebrated across schools and Gram Panchayats in Sandila, Behendar, Kothawan and Kacchuna as part of Samuday's Kuposhan Mukht Gram Panchayat (KMGp) intervention.

The event promoted girls' education, health, nutrition, safety and gender equality using interactive activities. Covering 13 schools and 9 Gram Panchayats across four blocks of Hardoi, the event reached 3,060 adolescents, FLWs (Front Line Workers), PRI (Panchayati Raj Institution) representatives and community members.



MAATI encourages climate smart practices among farmers

This month, as part of MAATI project by Samuday, 48 farmers from Lalganj cluster of Mirzapur district were supported with green shade net for chilli nursery development.

It enabled farmers to adopt improved climate smart agricultural practices by enhancing seedling survival and quality. The initiative also encouraged practical learning at field level, contributing to enhance productivity and sustainable farming outcomes.



Awareness sessions empower 130+ farmers in Hardoi

Samuday by HCLFoundation led 10 awareness sessions in Hardoi from December 30 – January 8.

Engaging 138 farmers in understanding operation and maintenance of drip irrigation, the sessions raised awareness on availing government subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.



Value addition opportunities surveyed for water chestnut farmers in Hardoi

Krishipreneur initiative conducted survey with 285 farmers across 3 GPs of Hardoi to assess the need for value-addition and understand the production ecosystem of water chestnut farmers.

The assessment helped gain insight into understanding production practices, challenges, cost-benefits, storage, processing facilities and market linkage conditions. The intervention will further aim to design effective interventions for enhancing farmers' income through technology-based approach.



Exposure visit organized for office bearers to Manjari Foundation in Rajasthan

HCLFoundation facilitated a 3-day exposure visit for village organization office bearers and community cadres at Manjari Foundation, Dholpur in Rajasthan.

The visit aimed to enhance participants' understanding of community led development models, governance structures, and livelihood practices.



Global recognition for Sandi project at International Agriculture Conference in Odisha

Sandi project team members attended the 8th International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture for Food Security, organized by ICAR and IIHR in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from January 28-30.

The project gained global recognition as its case study was presented and the project abstract was published in the conference proceedings – showcasing its impactful community-led conservation efforts.



5-day field-based training program completed for 22 Krishi Champions

22 Krishi Champions completed a 5-day Krishi Champion Training Program from January 19 – 23 in Sector 16, Noida and Sikandarabad.

With 3 days of classroom training sessions and 2 days of field-based practical training, participants were exposed to both theoretical concepts and practical knowledge via live demonstrations for a better understanding around roles and responsibilities.



Krishi Champions gain technical expertise on exposure visit to Agritech company in Noida

A 3-day exposure visit from January 28 – 30 was conducted for Krishi Champions in collaboration with Leads Connect, Noida. It included 2 days of classroom training and a day of field exposure. Participants gained hands-on experience in soil sensors, weather monitoring, geo-tagging, and farmer interactions, along with a visit to the Leads Connect Integrated Command Center for Risk Intelligence (ICCRI) to understand technology-driven crop advisory.



Empowering NGOs that transform rural India



Expanding strategic partnerships for biodiversity conservation

Lokmata Rani Rashmoni Mission (LRRM) is the Environment category winner of the HCLTech Grant Edition X. The organization has been recognized for its project "Conservation of Biodiversity for Life and Livelihood," which focuses on conserving soil biodiversity, agro- and freshwater-aqua biodiversity, village and forest biodiversity, and livestock biodiversity. The project also aims to establish the first school-level Biodiversity Education Centre and a Village Biodiversity Park.

To strengthen the project's objectives and deepen the impact of biodiversity conservation, Manos Unidas and PwC India Foundation have also committed their support to LRRM.

Manos Unidas will co-finance the excavation / re-excavation of 200 ponds for rainwater harvesting and engage 250 additional landless farmers in Black Bengal goat-rearing activities.

LRRM will collaborate with PwC India Foundation under Project Mukti to install 1,034 additional Improved Cook Stoves, establish 200 Nutrition-cum-Conservation Gardens, and involve 200 more women in indigenous poultry businesses.

These partnerships will significantly strengthen and expand the impact of the biodiversity conservation initiative being implemented by HCLFoundation.



From tradition to transformation: Mamta's journey of organic intervention

Mamta Devi, a resident of Goshi village, whose family depends on agriculture, has transformed her livelihood through the project, "Response to Climate Change by Alternative Model of Development". Through specialized training in organic farming techniques and initial supply of seeds, she transitioned her farm to sustainable practices. Her family income has increased significantly without the burden of high investment costs. With an initial investment of INR 18,000, she has now achieved a fivefold return on her capital. Mamta is now better equipped to manage her farm and enhancing the welfare of her family. Her success serves as a powerful testament to how targeted interventions can revitalize small-scale farming and promote environmental sustainability.



Edition XI, Stage 6 – Due diligence & video shoots

HCLTech Grant Edition XI is steering towards the final moments of selecting the Winner for the year 2025-2026. The governance partner is undertaking a detailed review of relevant documents, background checks, and discussions with the organizations, to ensure complete transparency. While the governance team is busy with due diligence, the video team is on ground capturing the reality of the communities, people and landscapes associated with these organizations that will see transformation through these projects. These videos will showcase the raw potential and human impact and help the jurors to assess the situation on ground.



Breaking the cycle of urban poverty

Bengaluru

Oral Hygiene Awareness Programme at GHPS, Jeedimara

On 28 January, SOCHARA conducted an Oral Hygiene Awareness Program at GHPS Jeedimara School, with active participation from students and staff. The team interacted with Ms. Noor Samra, Headmistress (HM), and discussed ongoing and planned school activities.

The session focused on promoting good oral health practices, hygiene habits, and preventive care. It was interactive and well received by the participants. A total of 240 students and staff attended and benefited from the programme. Overall, the visit and awareness session were conducted successfully.



Republic Day Celebration at IIHMR crèches

The spirit of patriotism and unity was joyfully celebrated on 26 January 2026 across the three SOCHARA crèches—Anandapuram, Pillaganahalli, and Maya Bazaar. A total of 80 participants, including children, caregivers, staff, and volunteers, actively took part in the celebrations.

The day began with the National Flag hoisting and National Anthem, followed by tricolour themed decorations, patriotic songs, dance performances, and creative activities such as flag colouring and drawings. Through simple stories and interactive sessions, children were introduced to the significance of Republic Day, national symbols, and the values of unity and equality. The celebration concluded with the distribution of healthy snacks, making the event both meaningful and joyful while reinforcing early value based learning.



Digital wellbeing awareness program for school children

A School Awareness Program on Digital Wellbeing was conducted on 17 January 2026 at Gottigere Government Higher Primary School and Government High School. The session was facilitated by Dr. Manjula, Counsellor and Social Worker, and Mrs. Sushma, Adolescent Counsellor with the objective of creating awareness about mobile addiction and its impact on students' physical, mental, emotional, and academic well-being.

The program began with a brief introduction, followed by a guided meditation session to help students relax and understand the importance of brain health. Special emphasis was placed on online safety, particularly the risks associated with interacting with unknown individuals on social media platforms. Students were encouraged to adopt healthy digital habits, including regular physical activity, focused study time, spending quality time with family, and having mobile-free meals. The session concluded with a motivational message encouraging students to practice positive and balanced digital behaviour for a healthy and successful life. A total of 331 students participated in the programme.



Creating awareness on mobile addiction for healthy families

A Digital Wellbeing Awareness Program was successfully conducted on 20 January 2026 at Gottigere for Self-Help Group (SHG) members and mothers of children below five years. The session was facilitated by Dr. Manjula, with the objective of creating awareness about mobile addiction and its impact on children's health, behaviour, and family relationships.

The programme began with an interactive discussion on the growing use of mobile phones in households. Participants were oriented on the positive uses of mobile technology, including communication, banking, learning, and access to information, while also gaining insight into the adverse effects of excessive screen time, such as eye strain, mental stress, obesity, emotional imbalance, and reduced family bonding.

The session also covered key topics such as mindful eating, child nutrition, child safety, and good touch-bad touch awareness. Short videos on positive and angry communication were used to demonstrate effective and empathetic parent-child interactions.



MAS Sammelana: Collective action for community wellbeing

On 30th January-2026 a Mahila Arogya Samithi (MAS) Sammelana was successfully organized in Gottigere. The objective of the Sammelana was to review and showcase the achievements of MAS groups, strengthen their capacities, and motivate members to continue their role in improving community health, sanitation, and civic engagement. The event also aimed to reinforce the importance of community participation in strengthening primary healthcare services.

The Sammelana highlighted the collective efforts of 10 MAS groups that have been restructured under the HCLFoundation-supported project implemented by KHPT and have been actively functioning for the past year.

Dr. Lakshmipathi, Medical Officer of Gottigere, and Dr. Jnanesh, Medical Officer of Namma Clinic, appreciated the dedication of MAS members and emphasized the vital role of community-led initiatives in achieving sustainable health outcomes.



Adolescent Health Ambassadors (AHAs) spread awareness on drug addiction

Adolescent Health Ambassadors conducted an awareness campaign on drug addiction on 31 January 2026 at Pillaganahalli, with the active participation of 32 children. The campaign aimed to create awareness among children, adolescents and community members about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of leading an addiction-free life.

Children shared impactful messages such as "Stay away from drugs," "We want dreams, not drugs," and "Say no to drugs, say yes to life." A rally was organized from Pillaganahalli Namma Clinic to Aksha Masjid, covering 600 households and reaching over 850 people.

The campaign was supported by Dr. Gnanesh and the Namma Clinic team and concluded with a vote of thanks, motivating children to act as change agents in the community.



I Create India trains Indian Army veterans on entrepreneurship

HCLFoundation has sponsored and funded Business Incubation Centers (BICs) in Bangalore, Lucknow and Nagpur. These centers aim to train the retiring Indian Army personnel on entrepreneurship. The goal is to encourage them to become job creators and explore entrepreneurship as a viable career option. In January 2026, a total of three workshops were conducted, one in Bangalore covering 36 participants, one in Lucknow covering 32 participants and one in Nagpur covering 45 participants.

Feedback Received from Subedar Rampal Singh who attended the HCLFoundation sponsored Aspiring Entrepreneurship Program at AMC, Lucknow as thus "After my retirement, I aspired to start my own business but lacked proper direction and clarity. The HCLFoundation sponsored I Create India Entrepreneurship Workshop, provided me with valuable guidance, motivation, and a structured approach toward entrepreneurship. The sessions enhanced my confidence and encouraged me to think beyond employment and step into the role of an entrepreneur. I gained practical insights into business planning and decision-making. Having served as an employee throughout my career, I now feel confident to establish and grow my own venture. I plan to stay connected with I Create India for continued mentorship and support. This program has given me a clear vision and renewed purpose for my post-retirement journey".



Melagiri Natural Products Pvt. Ltd. expands market footprint through strategic outreach

Melagiri Natural Products Private Limited, a Minor Forest Produce (MFP) collective led by tribal communities of Denkanikottai in Krishnagiri, has strengthened its market presence through recent strategic engagements in Chennai and Coimbatore. During the Pongal celebrations at ATOS IT Solutions, Chennai, the collective showcased its range of natural products, achieving sales of over ₹5,000 while significantly enhancing brand visibility among corporate consumers. The encouraging response has also opened doors for participation in the upcoming Women's Day celebrations at the same venue. Further expanding its reach, the collective took part in the TN Beat Expo 2026 in Coimbatore, organized by TAHDCO. This state-level platform improved market visibility, fostered business linkages, and demonstrated growing engagement with government departments—supporting stronger institutional partnerships and broader outreach for the enterprise.



#NayiUdaan – Yuva Kendra advances taxi driver training with practical learning and first batch assessment in partnership with ASDC

The Taxi Driver Training Programme conducted at Ashok Leyland under the Automotive Skill Development Council (ASDC) featured dynamic hands-on sessions focusing on safe driving practices, vehicle familiarization, customer handling, and compliance standards. An industry expert session further enriched the experience by offering real-world insights into road safety and emerging industry expectations. Additionally, the first batch assessment for 31 candidates was successfully completed, evaluating both theoretical understanding and practical driving skills—marking a significant milestone in the initiative's progress.



DiscoverShe Bengaluru & Hyderabad bootcamps: Strengthening women-led micro-enterprises

The DiscoverShe Bootcamps in Bengaluru and Hyderabad received over 470 applications in total, shortlisting 60 and 67 women micro-entrepreneurs respectively for two days of intensive learning, networking, and hands-on training. Across both cities, the programme offered a holistic understanding of key marketing strategies, MSME opportunities, policy frameworks, and core business essentials while helping participants identify and address growth barriers. Sessions covered government schemes and MSME registration processes, eligibility criteria, and documentation requirements; business planning through the Business Model Canvas with practical exercises on customer segmentation, pricing, costing, and revenue planning; and digital tools for business growth, including WhatsApp Business, Google Business Profiles, Instagram, video-based marketing, Canva, and safe online practices. Participants also received guidance on preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), improving financial literacy, understanding loan documentation and bank procedures, forecasting finances, and strengthening communication with financial institutions to enhance credit readiness and investment preparedness.



On-ground assessments: Understanding business needs across two cities

As part of the DiscoverShe programme, Field visits were conducted to the business locations of six women micro-entrepreneurs in Bengaluru and three in Hyderabad, providing the team with first-hand insights into their on-ground operations, including production, sales processes, and daily challenges. These interactions helped identify individual support gaps and enabled the team to offer tailored guidance on business management, documentation practices, and microfinance linkages, ensuring that each founder received targeted assistance aligned with her specific business needs.



DiscoverShe Mohali: Virtual DPR capacity-building sessions

Detailed Project Report (DPR) capacity-building sessions were organised for the founders from the first Mohali Bootcamp to strengthen their financial understanding and investment readiness. Delivered in Hindi to ensure accessibility for women micro-entrepreneurs from Punjab, the sessions provided a clear, step-by-step walkthrough of the DPR template, helping participants grasp essential financial concepts, articulate operational requirements, and prepare structured, investor-ready project reports tailored to their business needs.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT - HCL IN INR CR			
	2023	2024	2025
INCOME			
Revenue from Operations	88,104	89,973	89,083
Other Operating Revenue	890	890	785
Other Income	642	973	1,375
TOTAL INCOME	89,716	91,836	91,243
EXPENDITURE			
Cost of Materials Consumed	18,230	17,691	17,894
Manufacture of Stock in Trade	11,800	11,244	12,064
Stock Inauguration	-	-	1,109
Deprecy	-	-	2,278
Employee Remuneration	3,960	3,752	3,942
Director's Remuneration	245	204	244
Other Administrative Expenses	4,551	6,200	6,340
Advertising & Sales Promotions	1,821	2,217	2,845
Finance Charges & Interest	2,322	4,214	4,283
Other Income & Miscellaneous	44,812	46,278	47,185
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	88,971	90,292	92,788
PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION, INTEREST AND TAX (PBDAT)	16,973	16,222	16,486
Depreciation & Amortisation	1,020	1,020	1,020
PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST AND TAX	15,953	14,982	14,940

Chennai

Youth Health Mela 2026: Three-day highlights

The 8th Youth Health Mela (YHM) 2026 was held from 29–31 January 2026 at the Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, organised by the Cancer Institute (WIA). The event witnessed participation from over 12,000 students representing 35 schools and 50 colleges, demonstrating strong youth engagement in health and wellness initiatives.

The Mela was inaugurated by Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, in the presence of Ms. Reshmi Jacob (GM, HCLTech), Dr. Chethana, Mr. Newton, and senior leadership of the Cancer Institute (WIA).



Across three days, the event featured a wide range of activities including competitions, exhibitions, workshops, expert talks, yoga and fitness sessions, and youth-led cultural performances. Key themes explored during the Mela included physical and mental health, nutrition, lifestyle disorders, substance abuse prevention, and cancer awareness, highlighting the critical importance of preventive healthcare among young people.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by Ms. Sowmya Suresh (Program Director & VP, HCLTech) and Dr. Jerard Maria Selvam (Additional Director, NHM-TN). More than 600 prizes were awarded to winners of various pre-events and onsite competitions, and a YHM Souvenir was launched to commemorate the occasion.

Overall, YHM 2026 served as a vibrant and impactful platform for promoting preventive health awareness and encouraging healthy lifestyle habits through experiential and interactive learning.

Global Family Day/ "Stronger families, stronger communities"

Global Family Day, observed on January 1, promotes peace, unity, and harmony across families and communities. Families are the first place where love, values, and responsibility are learned, shaping individuals and society. A peaceful family builds a peaceful world. The day encourages spending quality time together, resolving differences, and spreading kindness. By strengthening bonds and respecting diversity, we contribute to global peace.



Promoting cultural identity and student confidence

OfERR, in collaboration with the HCLFoundation, facilitated a vibrant cultural performance during the Humanitarian Week celebrations, where students from the Government Adi Dravidar Welfare Girls Higher Secondary School in Kannigapuram, Chennai, showcased the traditional art form of Paraiyattam with remarkable excellence. The event provided an important platform for the students to express their self-confidence, cultural identity, and stage performance skills, while also celebrating and preserving a significant cultural tradition.



National Birds Day/ "Protect birds, preserve nature"

National Bird Day, celebrated on January 5, raises awareness about bird conservation. Birds help maintain ecological balance by controlling pests, pollinating plants, and dispersing seeds. Today, many species face threats like habitat loss, pollution, and climate change. The day reminds us to protect birds and their habitats. Simple actions—planting trees, offering water, reducing plastic, and spreading awareness—can safeguard birdlife and biodiversity.



Strengthening micro-nutrition support

Nutrition support initiatives benefited children and mothers across multiple centres. At Stanley Hospital, 15 children received nutrition support, while the Institute of Child Health supported 35 children. SIP Memorial Trust and the community together reached 50 children, providing support equally to 25 children each. In Central Chennai, through the Kilpauk Urban Primary Health Centre, nutrition assistance was extended to 50 TB-infected children, along with 10 HIV-infected antenatal mothers and 10 TB-infected antenatal mothers, ensuring comprehensive coverage for vulnerable groups.



Career guidance and higher education awareness programme: Empowering students for the future

The Career Guidance and Higher Education Awareness Programme, organized by the School Education Department and the Naan Mudhalvan Programme, was conducted from 22–31 January 2026 across 9 Government Higher Secondary Schools in Tamil Nadu for Class 11 and 12 students. A total of 1,422 students and 177 parents participated. India Literacy Project (ILP) and HCLFoundation served as resource partners, providing guidance on higher education options, career pathways, cut-off calculations, entrance exams, and scholarships. The program featured interactive career talks, career stalls, and displays of students' dream careers, helping them explore opportunities and make informed choices. ILP's career guidance stalls received significant student-parent engagement, offering clarifications on eligibility, exams, and academic planning.



English communication classes for polytechnic students

Spoken English communication classes were conducted for 255 polytechnic students to enhance their communication skills and employability.

- Students were organized into 10 batches of 25 students each.
- Each batch received 4 hours of instruction per week.
- The 110-hour curriculum, spread across two semesters, included both theory and practical components.
- The program was delivered by experienced ELT trainers, with oversight from one Master Trainer and four coordinators.
- Periodic assessments were conducted to monitor progress and ensure training effectiveness.



Mobile robotics training programme

The Mobile Robotics Training Program reached 240 students from government and government-aided schools in and around Chennai. Training was conducted twice a day in 3-hour sessions for batches of 20 students across six urban schools and one polytechnic institute, identified in collaboration with HCLFoundation.

Students completed a hands-on mini problem-solving assessment using robotics kits and received certificates and grades based on performance and participation.

A highlight of the program was the achievement of students from Jaigopal Garodia Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Nanganallur—trained through the Mobile Robotics Lab—who showcased their “Smart Stove” project at the Young Kalam Science Fest 2026 organized by HCLFoundation and won a cash prize of INR 10,000, bringing recognition to the initiative



Tally Essential Comprehensive Certification Course

The Tally Essential Comprehensive Certification Course aims to upskill unemployed and under-skilled youth, equipping them with relevant accounting and digital finance competencies. Each cycle trains 140 students, with an annual capacity of around 450 beneficiaries. Following the successful completion of Batches 113 to 116, Batches 117 to 120 commenced on 5 January 2026, and 114 beneficiaries are currently undergoing training. The programme is delivered by two trainers, each managing two batches and conducting 2.5-hour sessions daily from Monday to Friday.



Republic Day celebrations

The shelter celebrated India's 76th Republic Day on 26th January with heartfelt enthusiasm, bringing together clients who were once homeless but have now found a home in one another. The event began with the flag hoisting ceremony, attended by all residents and staff, followed by the National Anthem, creating a moment of shared pride and unity. A simple and meaningful session explained the significance of Republic Day, the Indian Constitution, and the values of equality, justice, and freedom. Clients listened with interest, reflecting their growing sense of belonging and identity.



Scouts and Guides District rally

A total of 130 participants took part in the District Rally, including club children, staff members, parents, and Scouts and Guides from across the district. The rally featured a series of district-level competitions covering Camp Craft, First Aid, Estimation, Mapping, Drill, and March Past. Under Camp Craft, participants showcased their abilities in tent pitching and basic camp management techniques. The First Aid segment evaluated their understanding of emergency response through practical demonstrations. Competitions in Estimation and Mapping tested their planning, measurement, and navigation skills—key competencies for rally activities. Drill, March Past, and Colour Party competitions emphasized discipline, coordination, synchronization, and uniformity among the participants. Among all participants, Scout Mr. Keerthivasan from Bro SIGA was recognized for his exceptional performance and awarded the title of Best Scout.



Career guidance sessions empower PBGC students @HCLTech, Sholinganallur

A Career Guidance Programme was conducted on 11th January 2026 at HCLTech, Sholinganallur Campus, organized by Bro. Siga Social Service Guild in collaboration with the HCLFoundation. A total of 40 students from Classes 10 to 12 of the Police Boys and Girls Clubs participated in the session aimed at providing clarity on academic pathways and future career opportunities.

Sessions were led by resource persons from the Indian Literacy Project (ILP), Mr. Vedharaj. The programme enhanced students' understanding of career planning and inspired them to become informed, confident, and future-ready individuals.



Hygiene, dignity and menopause awareness at Kannagi Nagar

In January, IHS facilitated a hygiene awareness programme on menopause at Kannagi Nagar with four medical students from the Indian Medical Students' Association. Fifty women participated. The session connected menopause with menstrual hygiene, personal cleanliness, diet, and myths. Women shared concerns openly. Students offered practical guidance on safe practices and timely care seeking.



IFA & Sun chart tool monitoring

We monitored Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) tablet consumption among antenatal mothers and used the Sun Chart tool to track their nutritional status and weight gain. Community Health Workers regularly followed up to ensure adherence, identified gaps in intake, and provided counselling on the importance of IFA for maternal and fetal health. The Sun Chart tool helped visualise progress and supported timely interventions when deviations were observed.



Youth health workshops foster awareness and positive lifestyle changes

A series of youth-focused health workshops was successfully conducted, engaging a total of 479 participants. The sessions encouraged open and meaningful conversations around mental health, lifestyle choices, physical activity, hygiene, and environmental influences—helping reduce stigma while strengthening awareness among young participants. One of the most appreciated aspects of the workshops was the diverse panel of speakers, which included mental health professionals, alternative media practitioners, doctors, and wellness facilitators. Their varied perspectives and real-world insights enriched the sessions, making the content more relatable and impactful. Participants took part in discussions, interactive activities, and practical demonstrations, contributing to a lively and inclusive learning atmosphere. Many attendees shared that the workshops encouraged self-reflection and inspired them to adopt healthier habits in their daily lives, highlighting the programmes positive and lasting influence.



Youth health exhibition showcases innovation and holistic development

A total of 50 stalls from various colleges and NGOs were set up, each highlighting one of five key themes related to youth health, wellness, and holistic development. The exhibition served as an interactive platform where participants could explore innovative initiatives, educational resources, and practical demonstrations. It also offered opportunities to engage directly with experts, learn about healthy lifestyle practices, and gain hands-on experience across a diverse range of thematic areas.



Creative competitions inspire youth engagement in health and wellness

A total of 85 schools and colleges participated in a series of competitions designed to engage students creatively and actively in promoting health awareness and wellness. The competitions offered a dynamic platform for creative expression, teamwork, and health advocacy, motivating students to explore innovative ways to communicate wellness messages and meaningfully engage with health-related themes.



TB awareness & nutrition support programme for PwTB

The ACT for TB project team conducted an awareness-cum-nutrition distribution programme across Kannagi Nagar, Semmancheri, Thoraipakkam Urban Primary Health Centres and the VHS Thoraipakkam Nakshatra Centre. A total of 84 people with TB (PwTB) participated and received nutrition support. The REACH team led an awareness session covering TB symptoms, diagnosis, treatment adherence, side-effect management, cough hygiene, and the importance of nutrition. Participants' questions related to knee pain, vomiting, cough, itching, TB in children, and genetic concerns were addressed. They also shared personal experiences and good practices around nutrition, family support, and coping with treatment side effects. Medical Officers from the UPHCs attended the programme, distributed nutrition kits, and reinforced key messages on medication adherence and proper nutrition. The event was organised by the NTEP team, ensuring coordinated support for all beneficiaries.



X-ray medical camp at Kannagi Nagar

The X-ray Medical Camp was conducted at Kannagi Nagar in collaboration with the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) on 22nd January 2026.

A total of 55 individuals were screened during the camp, including 24 persons with TB symptoms. The X-ray technician identified 13 persons with abnormal findings, all of whom were referred for further diagnostic evaluation. CHWs collected 9 sputum samples, which were sent for NAAT testing.

The REACH team further referred the 13 individuals with abnormal X-ray findings to Dr. Nagarani, Chest Physician and Consultant – ACT for TB project, for detailed clinical assessment and follow-up.



Peer champion training orientation for facilitators

The New Initiatives team conducted a Peer Champion training session for facilitators, focusing on the role and importance of Peer Champions in creating a safe, student-friendly, and interactive environment. Facilitators were guided on introducing the concept of peer support and connecting it to students' everyday experiences. The session highlighted strategies for structuring longer engagements using short, varied activities such as group discussions, role plays, games, and reflective exercises to maintain interest. Emphasis was placed on age-appropriate methods, real-life scenarios, and fostering respect, confidentiality, and empathy in all peer-led interactions. The training concluded with guidance on helping students build confidence to support peers and identify situations that require reaching out to trusted adults. Handouts were also provided to reinforce students' understanding of the Peer Champion role.



STEM & digital learning sessions

Career Guidance & Counselling sessions has been conducted to VI & X Class students at different 05-Govt. High Schools. These sessions covered with options after 10th grade, Academic Institutions, available scholarships, and entrance exams for specific fields. Students were provided with insights on the academic paths they can pursue, helping them make informed decisions about their future education and career choices. This is being organized by Nirmaan NGO.



WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) exhibition

To promote the practical application of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) knowledge in daily life, a WASH Exhibition was organized at Government High School, Langarhouz, Hyderabad. Students from 11 Government High Schools participated by developing innovative WASH models on diverse themes such as Waste Management, Menstrual Hygiene, Personal Hygiene, Water Conservation, and General Sanitation. A total of 60 WASH models were showcased, with enthusiastic participation from over 250 students. This is being organized by MARI NGO.



National Mathematics Day celebrations

On the occasion of National Mathematics Day, organized a Quiz and Mathematics Model Development Competition at Government High Schools to foster interest and knowledge in Mathematics among students. Participants developed & demonstrated various mathematical models. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 300 students. This is being organized by Nirmaan NGO.



Exposure visit to Waste Management Theme Park

A WASH Exposure Visit cum Learning Workshop was organized for WASH Club members from 11 Govt High Schools to Waste Management Theme Park to build awareness on Waste Segregation at the source—homes, schools, and businesses. The workshop emphasized categorizing waste into wet (biodegradable), dry (recyclables), and hazardous materials to enable efficient recycling, composting, and safe disposal. A total 120+ students along with teachers have participated. This is being organized by MARI NGO.



Yuvakendra training graduation

To enhance employability skills among youth with hearing impairments, an Inclusive Skill Training programme has been launched, focusing on building essential competencies such as employability skills, digital literacy, and life skills. A total of 60 youth have enrolled in the training, which is being conducted by Sweekaar Academy of Rehabilitation Sciences, an experienced NGO in the field of disability rehabilitation and skill development.



Kolkata

Saraswati Puja celebration

The children welcomed Saraswati Puja with great enthusiasm, transforming the Centre into a bright and colourful space dedicated to learning and wisdom. They actively participated in decorating the area and took part in the rituals with curiosity and respect.

After the puja, everyone enjoyed Prasad followed by a delicious lunch. The celebration blossomed further as the children showcased their talents through songs, dance, and poetry recitations.

For them, the day became more than a festival, it was a joyful reminder of unity, creativity, and their growing commitment towards education.



Republic Day celebrations

Republic Day was observed with pride and heartfelt participation. The programme began with a flag-hoisting ceremony, filling the Centre with patriotic spirit.

The children expressed their love for the nation through soulful songs, energetic dance performances, and thoughtful poetry recitations. Their enthusiasm highlighted the values of freedom, unity, and responsibility.

More than a ceremonial event, the day encouraged the children to reflect on constitutional values and inspired them to strive towards becoming informed and responsible citizens.



Republic Day celebrations

Head Held High marked Republic Day with great enthusiasm alongside Yuvakendra students. The event featured patriotic performances, and interactive sessions that encouraged the youth to reflect on the nation's values. The celebration fostered unity, pride, and a shared commitment to building a better future.



Saas Bahu Sammelan

The Saas-Bahu Sammelan was conducted across all intervention slum communities to bring together saas (mothers-in-law) and bahus (daughters-in-law) for open, constructive conversations on key family planning topics. The sessions addressed important themes such as male involvement in family planning, myths and misconceptions surrounding contraceptive methods, and essential aspects of sexual and reproductive health. By encouraging dialogue and shared learning between generations, the initiative aimed to strengthen their decision-making power, enhance awareness, and empower women to take charge of their reproductive well-being.

Total Participants: 168



UHC staff training

Mamta Health Institute for Mother and Child (HIMC), with support from the HCLFoundation under the Uday Health Initiative, conducted a one-day training program for UHC staff on NQAS and Kayakalp to strengthen quality standards in health facilities. The training covered key components of the NQAS framework, including patient rights, service delivery, infection control, support services, and essential documentation practices. The Kayakalp module focused on cleanliness and hygiene, biomedical waste management, infection prevention and control (IPC), sanitation protocols, checklist-based assessments, evidence documentation, scoring procedures, gap identification, and preparing action plans for both internal and external evaluations.

Number of activities: 01

Total participants: 40



'Udaan Mere Sapno Ki' showcases students' dreams and talents

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Awasiya Vidyalaya, Chinhat, organized a theme-based Annual Function in collaboration with Study Hall Educational Foundation (SHEF) and HCLFoundation. The theme of the program, "Udaan Mere Sapno Ki", provided a platform for students to confidently express their dreams, ideas, and talents through dance, singing, street plays, speeches, and artistic performances.

Active participation in the program significantly enhanced students' confidence, communication skills, and leadership abilities. The event also strengthened coordination and positive interaction between teachers and students.



A New Year of hope and smiles

The New Year was celebrated with immense joy and warmth alongside the children of Nanhe Parinde at the Khargapur and Sachivalaya contact points. Six volunteers from HCLTech joined the children to welcome the New Year, filling the day with smiles, laughter, and positive energy. With the generous support of HCLFoundation, the celebration became truly special. The volunteers actively engaged with the children through fun interactions and heartfelt conversations, creating a cheerful and caring environment.

The joy grew even sweeter as everyone came together for the New Year cake-cutting ceremony, where the children happily enjoyed every bite with bright smiles and laughter. Each small moment reflected love, care, and a strong sense of togetherness.



Madurai

Science Fest 2026

Science Fest 2026 was successfully organized under the My School Program, bringing together enthusiastic participation from 24 corporate schools. The event showcased over 50 innovative student projects and was graced by special guests from renowned colleges, along with esteemed judges who evaluated and shortlisted outstanding entries. More than 1,200 students actively participated in and witnessed the event, supported by dedicated HCLTech volunteers who helped ensure its smooth execution. During the valedictory ceremony, the shortlisted schools and students were honoured with cash prizes and medals presented by senior leadership, celebrating their creativity, scientific thinking, and hard work. The event was a remarkable success—an inspiring platform that encouraged hands-on learning, curiosity, and a spirit of innovation among young learners.

Advancing Early Childhood learning with multi-day workshops

With support from HCLFoundation, CLR conducted a four-day capacity-building workshop for 30 Anganwadi workers and a one-day training with ICDS Supervisors in Lucknow. Sessions covered early learning, literacy, creative activities, and a field visit to the Shishuvan day care. Supervisors also engaged in coaching and planning exercises. We extend our sincere gratitude to HCLFoundation for their continued support.



Training for ICDS staff on Montessori methodology

A three-batch Capacity Building Programme on Montessori Teaching Methodology was conducted across different locations, training 300 ICDS staff members (Anganwadi Workers/Teachers). The sessions, facilitated by trained BSSSG–ECCD teachers, focused on strengthening early childhood education through activity-based and child-centred approaches. Key topics included rhymes, basic arithmetic, practical life exercises, sensorial activities, English language development, simple science experiments, motor-skill enhancement, and play-way teaching methods. ECCD teachers also demonstrated handmade teaching and play materials. Interactive methods—group discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on activities—ensured active participation. Organized in collaboration with the ICDS Department & the BSSSG team, the programme received positive feedback from the Block CDPOs for its relevance and quality.



Menstrual hygiene awareness & training programme

The WAYSAN Committee—formed and trained locally—works to strengthen schools' capacity for sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) management, similar to the WATSAN committees under the My School programme. These groups monitor hygiene infrastructure, promote regular maintenance, and spread awareness on safe practices that help prevent health risks, especially infections. The training enhanced students' understanding of clean water access, proper sanitation, and hygiene protocols in alignment with national school-health guidelines. It also helped reduce absenteeism, particularly among girls who often miss school due to inadequate facilities.



Honouring future-ready learners

Grey Sim Learnings Foundation, Madurai, successfully conducted the Certificate Distribution Ceremony for students who completed the New Age Skill Training Programme. Two batches—IoT and 3D Printing—proudly received their course completion certificates. The event was graced by esteemed industrial and academic leaders, including Mr. Murali Krishnan, Managing Director, Kalyani EV Enterprises; Mr. Asokan, Principal, Government ITI, Checkanurani; and Mr. Kannan, Training Officer. Mr. Murali Krishnan delivered an inspiring address on current industry needs, highlighting the growing opportunities in the Electric Vehicle (EV) sector and the importance of industry-aligned skills for ITI and vocational students. Mr. Asokan expressed his appreciation for seeing students equipped with future-ready skills and extended gratitude to Grey Sim Learnings Foundation (GSLF) and HCLFoundation for their continued support in enhancing youth employability. A total of 50 beneficiaries actively participated in the programme, marking a significant milestone in promoting next-generation skills among young learners.



Positive parenting training session

Positive parenting sessions like this one enhance parent-child bonds through strategies such as active listening and encouragement, fostering emotional security at home. They reduce reliance on harsh discipline, instead using logical consequences and reinforcement to guide behavior positively. With 120 participants, the event created a collaborative platform, mirroring proven group interventions that boost parental confidence and long-term relationship quality.



Strengthening student growth through life skills education

Life skills sessions were conducted across 33 schools, engaging a total of 3,756 students. The sessions included a comprehensive recap of all previously covered topics and were facilitated by trained and designated resource persons. The Life Skills Education module focused on building essential competencies such as decision-making, communication, self-awareness, problem-solving, coping with stress, and managing peer pressure. Students were also trained on ways to integrate life skills into everyday classroom interactions, enabling them to support the emotional and social well-being of their peers and create a more positive learning environment.



Gender based violence poster competition

The Gender-Based Violence Online Poster Making Competition was jointly organized by FPA India (FPAI), Madurai, in collaboration with the HCL Foundation, to sensitize school students on issues of gender-based violence and promote values of equality, respect, and safety. Held on 15 December 2025, the online competition saw active participation from 25 students across 15 schools. Through creative posters, students voiced powerful messages on women's safety, equal rights, dignity, and the collective responsibility to end all forms of violence. Entries were evaluated, and winners were announced on 23 January 2026. Prizes and certificates were awarded during a ceremony held at the Madurai Superintendent of Police (SP) Office, where the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) presented the awards—reinforcing the importance of community and law-enforcement collaboration in preventing gender-based violence. The programme received positive feedback from students and schools, effectively raising awareness and encouraging young people to express their views through art.



Hygiene promotion sessions strengthen student-led sanitation practices

School hygiene promotion sessions were conducted across three schools, reaching 571 students. Through 11 interactive sessions, students learned key concepts on personal hygiene, cleanliness, and their role as "health agents" in maintaining healthy habits within their school environment. The sessions focused on practical topics such as handwashing techniques, grooming, and environmental cleanliness to help prevent infections and reduce illness-related absenteeism. Students were also introduced to WATSAN Committee practices, enabling them to monitor and promote sanitation within their schools. By encouraging high schoolers to take on peer-leadership roles, the programme strengthened student-led advocacy and reinforced lifelong hygiene behaviours.



Scouts and Guides follow-up training

Second-level Scouts and Guides follow-up training was successfully conducted at Anupanadi Corporation High School and Sundararajapuram Corporation Higher Secondary School. During the session, students revisited key concepts from their previous training—discipline, teamwork, and leadership—which form the core values of the Scouting movement. Participants also learned about the different types of Scout clubs, the Scout Law and Motto, and the six subjects of Scouts and Guides. In a simple, child-friendly manner, students were introduced to the National Flag, World Scout Flag, World Guide Flag, and Patrol Flag, along with the meaning behind their colours. The training included creative games, interactive activities, drill practice, and patrol team formation, giving students hands-on experience and strengthening their teamwork and practical skills.



Young Kalam Science Fest 2026

Inspiring Young Innovators-Socio Economic Development Trust, with support from HCLFoundation, organized the annual Young Kalam Science Fest 2026, celebrating innovation among Nagpur Municipal Corporation school students. The fest featured 44 science models presented by 91 students from 22 NMC schools and was visited by 380 students and teachers. M.A.K. Azad Urdu NMC School won first prize in the middle school category for an Eco-Friendly Car, while Surendragadh NMC School secured first prize at high school level for a Smart Faulty Fruit Detector Basket & all other participants received participation certificates. 10 volunteers from HCLTech attended and supported the event.



Sports event for night school students

At Nagpur, NGO Masoom, with support from HCLFoundation, works with night schools where students, after long work hours, attend classes to pursue their goal of completing Class 10. To give them experiences like regular school students, we organize an Annual Sports Event every year fostering teamwork, collaboration, and sportsmanship. This year's event was successfully held on 6th January 2025 at Gadikhana Ground, with 65 students from four night schools competing in Kabaddi, Dodgeball, and Running. Such initiatives celebrate their spirit and determination!



Food fest: Learning through enterprise

On 10th January 2025, MeUol, with support from HCLFoundation, organized an Anand Melava (Food Fest) at Durga Nagar Marathi Medium NMC School as part of its life skills and financial literacy project. A total of 93 students participated, with 23 students setting up food stalls offering homemade items. The students collectively generated ₹10,435, gaining hands-on exposure to profit and loss, money management, planning, and resource mobilization. The event boosted students' confidence & created a joyful, experiential learning environment in the school.



Business planning workshop

On 12th January 2026, NGO Aroha, supported by HCLFoundation, organized a business development workshop for women entrepreneurs in Wadi, Nagpur. The session explained the PMEGP loan process and guided participants in preparing practical business plans. Post-workshop, loan procedures began for 7 interested women. Documentation is complete, plans are in progress, and loan sanctions are expected by March 2026 for enterprise growth.



Regional Young Kalam Science Fest 2026

Regional Young Kalam Science Fest was organized at GB Nagar, in collaboration with District Inspector of School (DIOS) and Basis Shiksha Department in partnership with Socio-Economic Development Trust. The Guest of honor Dr. Vipin Kumar, Chief Scientist, National Innovation Foundation; Sh. Raj Singh Yadav, Deputy Director-Principal, DIET, GB Nagar along with other government officials graced the event with their presence. Their encouragement and insights motivated students to dream bigger and think deeper.

The fest ignited young minds through hands-on experiments, innovative projects and scientific thinking. The event brought together 159 students from 49 government schools who showcased 67 models inspired by real-world challenges. From technology like AI bots in healthcare, environmental sustainability, increasing agriculture production etc., young learners demonstrated remarkable scientific thinking. The models were evaluated by panel of four judges including DIET faculty and school lecturers and the top three winners felicitated with cash prizes in recognition of their excellence. The event was end to end supported by dedicated 12 HCLTech volunteers and 18 science mentors from schools who played a crucial role in guiding students and ensuring seamless execution.



Building skilled futures: Students gain industry exposure

On January 20, 2026, 25 Cutting & Tailoring students from HCLFoundation's KATHA Skill Development Program, along with two trainers, visited CTA Apparels, a leading export house in Noida, for an industrial exposure visit.

The visit offered students a firsthand understanding of professional garment manufacturing inside a fully operational, three-floor production facility. They observed the complete workflow—from design and fabric cutting to stitching, finishing, and quality checks for international buyers.

Students were introduced to advanced industry technologies, including:

- Computerized sewing, cutting, and embroidery systems
- CAD/CAM-based pattern-making tools
- Digital fusing and pressing machines
- Automatic buttoning and defect-detection tools

This exposure highlighted how technology enables precision, speed, and consistency in large-scale production—far beyond manual methods.

Equally impactful was the learning around workplace discipline, teamwork, and operational responsibility. Interactions with supervisors and operators helped students connect classroom training with real industry expectations, boosting both confidence and career motivation.

The visit strengthened students' aspirations in the garment sector, aligning with HCLFoundation's mission to provide industry-relevant, livelihood-oriented skilling opportunities to underserved youth.



Nurturing job creators with entrepreneurship skills

HCLFoundation's KATHA Skill Development Program is conducting an intensive Business Planning & Entrepreneurship Development Session aimed at building entrepreneurial mindsets among community youth. The initiative focuses on transforming ideas into feasible business plans by strengthening foundational knowledge of opportunity recognition, market analysis, financial planning, and decision-making.

Since 7 January 2026, 20 participants have been engaged in structured learning sessions covering essential components such as types of businesses, customer understanding, market research, costing and pricing, risk analysis, and sources of funding. The training also equips them with an understanding of legal and ethical considerations relevant to small business owners.

In addition to technical knowledge, the sessions emphasize the development of broader entrepreneurial qualities—creativity, innovation, leadership, and problem-solving—helping participants apply these skills to real-world scenarios. This holistic approach ensures that learners gain practical clarity on running a micro-enterprise.

As the sessions progress, participants are gaining confidence, self-reliance, and a clear vision of business possibilities, enabling them to recognize both opportunities and challenges in the entrepreneurial journey. The program is inspiring them to evolve from job seekers into future job creators, aligning strongly with HCLFoundation's commitment to fostering sustainable, community-led economic growth.



Anger & stress management workshops @ Kasna prison

On 14 January 2026, HCLFoundation conducted an Anger Management Workshop for inmates at Gautam Budh Nagar (Kasna), facilitated by Mr. Sumit Srivastava, Behavioural Trainer. The session focused on understanding anger as a natural emotion and learning constructive ways to manage it. Participants explored emotional awareness, common triggers, self-control techniques, and positive behavioural responses. They also gained insights into the psychological roots of anger—such as frustration, unmet expectations, and miscommunication—and its impact on mental health and interpersonal relationships.

A total of 66 inmates actively engaged in discussions and a role-play activity that helped them practice healthier responses to real-life situations.

Earlier, on 7 January 2026, a Stress Management Workshop was organised at Ghaziabad Prison, with 60 female inmates participating. Led by the same trainer, the session emphasized identifying stressors and applying practical coping strategies including deep breathing, pausing before reacting, patience-building and positive thinking. The workshop enabled participants to understand stress from a psychological perspective and adopt simple techniques to manage daily challenges more effectively.

Both workshops created a safe and supportive learning environment, receiving positive feedback from participants. These interventions are helping inmates build emotional resilience, self-discipline, and better decision-making abilities, contributing meaningfully to their rehabilitation and reintegration journey.



Youth success stories shine at Udayan Care's alumni meet

Udayan Care organised its annual Grand Alumni Meet 2026 on 18 January 2026 at the BMVK Auditorium, New Delhi, bringing together alumni, employers, partners, and programme teams to celebrate the impact of its Skilling and Livelihood Programme. Supported by HCLFoundation, the event served as a platform to deepen alumni engagement and reinforce long-term connections across centres.

A total of 41 alumni from the YuvaKendra, Sector 80, Noida, participated in the event. Two Digital Publishing (DTP) alumni—Mr. Alok Savita and Ms. Arpita Rathore—were honoured on stage as Best Alumni of the Year, selected from among 20 outstanding alumni across multiple centres. Their achievements showcased the transformative impact of the programme on youth employability and career progression.

The event concluded with a renewed sense of pride, motivation, and commitment among alumni, staff, and partners, reflecting the collective effort to build stronger pathways to sustainable livelihoods for young people.



Jan Sewa Rath showcased at Uttar Pradesh Day 2026

HCLFoundation participated in the three-day Uttar Pradesh Day 2026 celebrations, held from 24–26 January 2026 at Noida Haat, Sector 33, where the Jan Sewa Rath initiative was prominently showcased. The event provided an important platform to demonstrate the Foundation's work in expanding last-mile access to digital health services.

As directed, Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) from the Bsrakh Project (50 per day) and the City Project (50 per day) attended the program. A special focus was placed on facilitating essential health entitlements for them. Through the CSC Van, Ayushman Bharat Cards and ABHA IDs were successfully generated and distributed, ensuring AWWs could access government health schemes and digital health records seamlessly.

The programme concluded smoothly and effectively, with HCLFoundation's participation contributing significantly to strengthening health inclusion, digital access, and social security coverage for frontline workers and other beneficiaries.



Advancing workplace inclusion: ISL and deaf sensitisation session conducted

HCLFoundation, in partnership with the Noida Deaf Society (NDS), facilitated a Corporate Sensitisation and Indian Sign Language (ISL) Orientation Session at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi. The session aimed to strengthen awareness about Deaf culture and promote inclusive communication practices within corporate environments. More than 25 employees participated and gained practical insights into interacting with Deaf individuals, understanding communication barriers, and learning basic ISL signs. The workshop encouraged empathy, sensitivity, and confidence in engaging with the Deaf community, contributing to more accessible workplace practices. Following the session, both management and staff expressed a strong willingness to explore employment opportunities for Deaf candidates, demonstrating a promising shift towards inclusive hiring and workplace diversity.

This initiative reflects HCLFoundation's commitment to mainstreaming disability inclusion and expanding equitable livelihood pathways for persons with disabilities.



Marking National Girl Child Day

In celebration of National Girl Child Day, our ECCD partner Cohesion Foundation Trust conducted impactful awareness sessions at Anganwadi centres to advocate for the rights and dignity of girls. Supported by HCLFoundation, the sessions specifically engaged fathers and parents to dismantle gender biases, address the alarming rates of child marriage, and tackle the rising dropout rates among older girls. By fostering a collective commitment to equal education and safety, Cohesion Foundation Trust is empowering families to ensure every girl realizes her full potential.



Celebrating 77th Republic day with the Police Commissionerate

At the 77th Republic Day, 20 children from the Nanhe Parinde initiative were invited by the Police Commissionerate to the Parade Ground at Police Lines, Surajpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, to witness the Republic Day parade. The children also had the honour of interacting with the Hon'ble Commissioner Ms. Laxmi Singh (IPS), who appreciated their continuous efforts and encouraged them to remain committed to their education, emphasizing that children are the future of the nation. The children were offered gift hampers, confectioneries along with lunch boxes and water bottles. Additionally, all Nanhe Parinde contact points and Gurukul centres marked Republic day with great enthusiasm and pride.



HCLTechies engaging with Gurukul children

HCLTech business team – VSOM, celebrated Army-day & World Hindi Day at our Gurukul centres. During the celebration they aware children about the importance of our armed forces for our country. During the Hindi day celebration, children participated in a poem and essay writing competition with a focus on its history and importance.



Engaging dialogues for a better tomorrow

Gurukul team with senior leadership from partner RASTA & CHETNA along with HCLF SPOC Deeksha, attended a fruitful meeting with Chief development Officer, Dr. Shivakant Dwivedi, Gautam Buddha Nagar and the Basic Shiksha Adhikari, Mr. Rahul Pawar. The discussion focused on understanding the challenges faced by out-of-school children and exploring effective interventions to connect them with formal schooling. The dialogue emphasized collaborative strategies, systemic support, and sustainable approaches to ensure that every child has access to quality education.



Enabling Government schemes for a safer today

Under Gurukul intervention, with support from partner RASTA, 29 community members were assisted in obtaining LPG gas connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. Each beneficiary received a gas cylinder along with a stove, enabling a shift towards safe, clean, and hassle-free cooking.



Training educators for building our children

A comprehensive training session was conducted for Community Educators and Project Staff under partner Rasta, focusing on Teaching Learning Material and their effective classroom use at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi. The session emphasized practical demonstrations, showcasing classroom practices and the application of TLM at learning centres. The training was led by Mr. K. C. Pant, Secretary & CEO, Rasta, who conceptualized and developed the TLM. He shared valuable insights on its effective usage and provided constructive feedback on teaching practices demonstrated during the session. Additionally, sessions on ESG and GYSI (Gender, Youth, and Social Inclusion) were also highlighted.



National Girl Child Day @RASTA

Rasta celebrated National Girl Child Day where children presented cultural performances. The event was graced by Mr. Naresh Sharma, SHO, Khora, Ghaziabad, along with representatives of partner organizations and HCLTechies. Rasta highlighted the organization's 30 years of impact in advancing girls' education and empowerment. Program concluded with the felicitation of exceptional participants.



Inclusive Resource Centre in Dadri strengthened with new assistive learning tools

Assistive devices were distributed at Inclusive Resource Centre in Dadri block to empower students with disabilities and providing them equitable learning opportunities. The devices were received in presence of District Coordinator, Special Educator along with school administration staff. The centre was provided with android tablet with Bluetooth keyboard, DAISY player, pocket frame and an enabling kit curated for children with physical and intellectual disabilities. The distribution activity was followed by comprehensive demonstration to ensure effective understanding and appropriate utilization.

Furthermore, three students with visual impairment were also equipped with assistive devices. 4 HCLTech employees also volunteered for this kind initiative.



Students participate in national-level robotics competition

Students from Primary School Jalpura and Baraula-2 participated in a National-Level Robotics Competition held at Yamuna Sports Complex, Delhi, where 120 teams from across India competed.

The children gave their best performance with great enthusiasm and dedication and gained valuable learning and meaningful experience from the competition.



Improving maternal health through home-based support

HCLFoundation, in close collaboration with Agragami, is strengthening maternal and family health through structured home-visit interventions. The initiative has reached 5,900 beneficiaries, providing personalised guidance that promotes healthy practices during pregnancy and early childhood. Home-based care models of this kind are known to reduce maternal mortality and lower emergency hospital visits for newborns by enabling early risk detection, timely referral, and consistent follow-up. This effort is helping ensure safer pregnancies, healthier newborns, and improved family wellbeing at the community level.



Blanket distribution drive in communities

A blanket distribution drive was successfully conducted by partners Katha and SEDT for schools to support 320 needy families during the harsh winter season. This initiative had a positive impact on the community, strengthening trust, unity, and the spirit of collective support. Families felt that they were not alone and expressed heartfelt gratitude.



Equipping teachers with innovative storytelling strategies

A storytelling workshop was successfully held at SSVIC, Vaidpura for 25 teachers. The session was conducted by the resource person along with partner Katha team. Teachers learned creative storytelling techniques through engaging activities and practice. The workshop emphasized holistic child development and inclusive teaching.



Strengthening adolescent health awareness through CSE sessions

In collaboration with FPAI, HCLFoundation conducted CSE sessions across various schools and community locations to empower adolescents with essential knowledge on health, safety, and personal development. In January, 185 adolescents (94 boys and 91 girls) participated in five sessions held in four schools and community settings. The sessions covered essential topics including health and hygiene, gender, diversity, safety, rights, responsibilities, and healthy relationships.

This initiative is helping young people make informed decisions, adopt healthy practices, and build confidence, supporting their overall well-being and development



Supporting informed family planning via group sessions for couples

HCLFoundation joined hands with FPAI to host interactive group sessions that helped communities better understand family planning options and the importance of healthy birth spacing. In January, 220 women and 38 men participated in these sessions, where they received clear, practical information on spacing and limiting options and the full range of government-supported family planning services.

The initiative is helping families make informed, responsible decisions, contributing to improved health and well-being within the community.



Promoting youth leadership & SRH awareness

On 12 January, HCLFoundation and the Family Planning Association of India (FPAI) jointly observed National Youth Day at Swami Vivekananda Public School in Sector 102, Noida.

The event engaged 173 students and staff through activities promoting youth leadership, sexual and reproductive health awareness, and climate responsibility. Highlights included speech and poetry competitions, a skit on "Aaj Ka Yuva," sapling plantation, and a youth rights quiz.

The celebration enhanced students' confidence, knowledge, and social awareness, reinforcing the importance of informed and empowered youth participation.



Outreach camps strengthen essential services

Through its collaboration with the Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), HCLFoundation organised two outreach health service camps in January at Sector 82 and Sector 16, contributing to the enhancement of government health programmes. Across the two camps, 223 beneficiaries received essential healthcare services, including gynecological consultations, pediatric and general health check-ups, access to medicines, contraceptives, and personalized counselling.

These outreach efforts strengthened last-mile access to essential health services, ensuring timely care for underserved community members.



Vijayawada

Valedictory of fashion designing trainees and sewing machines distribution

HCLFoundation organized Valedictory to 50 women trainees completed fashion designing course. These women underwent 3 months free training on tailoring and hand-embroidery. We provided course completion certificates and sewing machines during the event. Mr. Sahid Babu, Deputy Director social welfare participated in the event along with other government officials. This event organized in the government building premises of Mandal Parishad Development Officer. Mr. Shiva Prasad AVP & Center head of HCLTech Vijayawada had also participated in the event.



Community sensitization on vector-borne diseases

Community sensitization on vector-borne diseases conducted to pregnant women and lactating mothers at Anganwadi center. We explained about vector borne diseases such as dengue, malaria, chikungunya and how these diseases spread through mosquitoes and other vectors. We explained the importance of maintaining cleanliness, avoiding stagnant water using mosquito nets and taking preventive measures to protect ourselves.



Cyber crime awareness to woman trainees

Cybercrime awareness session was organized to the women trainees of fashion designing, beautician and tally courses. The concerned police department officials covered topics of safe usage of digital applications on mobile, prevention of quick loan apps, suspicions phone calls including unknown video calls prevention etc.



HCLFoundation honored at the 77th Republic Day district-level celebrations

HCLFoundation was invited to participate in the 77th Republic Day District-Level Celebrations 2026. Representing the organization, Srinivasulu, Deputy Manager – Vijayawada, received a Certificate of Commendation from Mr. D. K. Balaji, IAS, Krishna District Magistrate, and Mr. Sahid Babu, Deputy Director – Social Welfare. The recognition was awarded in appreciation of HCLFoundation's impactful social service and its contribution to the Government of Andhra Pradesh's Zero Poverty P4 (Public-Private-People Partnership) initiative. Our implementing partners, VMM and SOCHARA, were also acknowledged for their efforts and commitment during the ceremony.



Fostering cleanliness, seeding sustainability



Engagement activity promotes waste segregation among citizens

This month, My Clean City by HCLFoundation organized a 2-day citizen engagement event at Taj Mahal East Lane.

Featuring interactive activities like Seed Ball Making, Waste-to-Art, Waste Segregation Speed Challenge and Snake & Ladders, the event engaged 246 citizens and promoted awareness on littering and waste segregation at source. Sustainable kits and waste segregation pamphlets were also distributed to participants and tourists, reinforcing responsible waste practices for a cleaner city.



Cleanup drive collects 110 kgs of mix waste in Noida

A clean-up drive was conducted at the Kanchanjunga Market, B-12 Market, and Ganga Shopping Complex on January 7 in Noida.

With active participation from 87 designated market stakeholders, including shopkeepers, volunteers and community members, the initiative aimed to promote cleanliness, responsible waste disposal and collective ownership of market spaces. Through coordinated efforts, littered areas, drains and common pathways were cleaned. The drive collected 110 kgs of mixed waste, which was sent for segregation and disposal as per guidelines.



Swap-Shop activity exchanges plastic for sustainable items

To promote sustainable market practices and reduce plastic waste, a Swap Shop activity was organized for various markets across Noida this month. The activity aimed to encourage shopkeepers and visitors to exchange plastic waste and reusable materials for eco-friendly alternatives.

197 citizens actively participated in the event, collectively collecting 37.9 kgs of plastic waste. In return, they received cloth bags, key rings, and clothes as sustainable alternatives.



305 citizens engaged via waste segregation game in markets

My Clean City by HCLFoundation engaged 305 consumers via interactive segregation games at five designated markets in Noida. Activities helped clarify dry and wet waste segregating and encouraged them to make responsible and eco-friendly choices.



Social experiment encouraged eco-friendly practices

A Rapid-Fire social experiment on plastic vs eco-friendly alternatives was conducted at Ganga Shopping Complex in Noida on January 12. The experiment aimed to assess public awareness and behaviour around single-use plastic consumption.

24 consumers and shopkeepers participated by choosing between plastic and sustainable options, providing valuable insights into their preferences and awareness levels. The activity also encouraged eco-friendly choices through direct interaction and on-ground sensitization.



Mascot activity by My Clean City mobilises 114 shopkeepers and visitors in Noida

My Clean City by HCLFoundation held a mascot activity in Noida markets this month. As part of the activity, mobilizers interactively engaged 114 shopkeepers and visitors to promote small yet impactful steps to save the planet.

Through the mascot, messages on following the 3R process—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle were disseminated, along with the importance of saving water, using eco-friendly materials, avoiding littering, and planting saplings. Participants were sensitized about different types of waste and were guided on identifying color-coded bins for proper disposal.





Power of One

by HCLFoundation

Enabling our people to give back to society



5,209

Volunteers engaged



20,153

Hours clocked



52,035

Lives impacted

- 200+ HCLTechies in Noida and Hyderabad, in observance of Republic Day 2026 - undertook the noble act of donating blood with great fervor and helped save lives of fellow citizens.
- 120+ HCLTechies volunteered to spread awareness at the Know Your Waste workshop in Noida; promoting effective waste segregation and responsible disposal practices. Through interactive sessions and demonstrations, they empowered families and children to adopt sustainable habits - one of the key steps toward a cleaner community.
- 30+ enthusiastic HCLTechies volunteered to power the Young Kalam Science Fest held across Nagpur, Noida, and Hyderabad. The event ignited scientific temperament as students showcased innovative experiments and hands-on learning projects. Our volunteers played a pivotal role in guiding young minds and celebrating the spirit of innovation.
- 15+ HCLTechies volunteered to commemorate National Youth Skills Day 2026 engaging in activities ranging from supporting the centralized celebrations in Delhi to conducting informative sessions in Pune.
- 100 HCLTechies from State Farm and PepsiCo accounts supported an energetic and heartwarming friendly cricket match in Chennai held across two days. Teams were formed with great enthusiasm, runs were scored amid cheers and laughter, and every moment reflected the joy of coming together beyond work roles.
- Beyond large-scale events, HCLTech volunteers continued to invest their time and passion in heartfelt activities such as volunteering for the elderly, celebrating festivals and special occasions with school children, supporting sports winter camps, wall painting activity and others.





Power of One

Volunteer of the month

Saksham Agrawal

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Saksham started his volunteering journey a few years ago and in a remarkably short span of time, he has immersed himself in multiple themes. Whether it is participating in cleanup and segregation drives, supporting environmental and animal-welfare initiatives or celebrating festivals with

elderlies and children, he has consistently stepped forward to create meaningful impact. His volunteering journey has been incredibly fulfilling for him, driven by a genuine love for dedicating his time and effort to help others and uplift communities.

Through each experience, Saksham has embraced valuable lessons of empathy, teamwork, patience and responsibility, which have shaped his personal and professional growth. What makes his journey truly special is the depth of emotion and intention he brings to every activity. Inspired by the people he meets and the stories he becomes a part of, Saksham continues to serve with passion, purpose and a deeply positive mindset.



Transforming outcomes through sport



Excellence Football Final, League 3 in Chennai

The Sports For Change Excellence Football Final League was held from January 24-26 at Vinayaka Mission University, Chennai, on an international-standard natural turf ground with ISL referees ensuring fair play. Building on Seasons 1 (Tumkur) and 2 (Hyderabad & Vijayawada), the finale brought together top regional teams and a guest professional side, offering young athletes valuable high-performance exposure.

Results: Girls: Ajmer (League Runners-up), Chennai (Overall Runners-up), League 3 Winners – Sudeva Delhi FC
Boys: Chennai (Overall Winners), Noida (Overall Runners-up), League 3 Winners – YMSC Chennai

The tournament showcased talent, resilience, and the power of sport in shaping confident futures.

Location: Chennai



Mydhan Tournament Season 6

Who: Cricket players supported by GNES and Spartz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Mydhan Tournament Season 6 held from January 5-9 in Chennai, competing in four league matches and securing two wins.

And?: The team demonstrated strong teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, gaining valuable match experience for the upcoming season. Notable performances by Fatima, Arohi Singh, Remy, and Saumya Singh were recognised, with GNES presenting tokens of encouragement to the players.

Location: Chennai



23rd Senior National Para Powerlifting Championship

Who: Para athletics players supported by ADP in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the 23rd Senior National Para Powerlifting Championship held from January 16 -18 at COER University, Roorkee, Uttarakhand.

And?: The contingent delivered an outstanding performance, with Rajkumari winning Silver in the Women's Under 50 kg category and Gulfam Ahmed securing Silver in the Men's Under 59 kg category.

Location: Noida



South Zone Inter-University tournament

Who: Girls Cricket Team supported by GNES Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the South Zone Inter-University Tournament, held at Tiruchengode, from January 27 to February 1.

And?: 5 players from Guru Nanak College were part of the Winning team, including Excellence players - Jeni Pluatila and M. Bharathi.

Location: Chennai



Premier Volleyball Tournament – 3rd Edition

Who: Girls' volleyball players supported by GNES in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Successfully conducted the Premier Volleyball Tournament – 3rd Edition on January 28 – 29 at Guru Nanak Matriculation School, Chennai, with participation from leading school teams across categories.

And?: The tournament was graced by Mr. A. Sivaraman, Dr. R. M. Ezhilarasi, and Mrs. Sajida Imran Khan. Ashok Nagar GHSS emerged as Champion in both Classical and Elite categories, with strong performances from Avadi GGMHSS and Vidyodaya School. Individual awards recognised standout and emerging players, highlighting the growing talent pipeline in girls' volleyball.

Location: Chennai



State level league

Who: Kabaddi girls supported by HOPE Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in a Kabaddi match held at Nehru Stadium on January 7, organized by Vinayaga Mission's Research Foundation (VMRF),

And?: Girls from Government Model Girls Higher Secondary School, Avadi delivered an excellent performance and finished as Runner-up in the match. Following their impressive gameplay, they have been selected to participate in the State Level League Matches scheduled this month.

Location: Chennai



8th A.P. State Para Athletics championship

Who: Athletes Team supported by HEAL in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the 8th A.P. State Para Athletics Championship 2026 held on January 27 at A.C. Subba Reddy Stadium, SPSR Nellore

And?: G. Sujitha (T/12): Gold in 100m and Silver in Shot Put.; K. Sunil (T/12): Silver in 1500m; Ch. Praveen (T/11): Silver in 5 km and Bronze in Long Jump

Location: Andhra Pradesh



Khelo MP Youth Games 2026

Who: Kho-Kho and Kabbadi Team supported by CRY in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Khelo MP Youth Games 2026 – Block Level Tournament held on January 14 at Sandipani Vidyalaya School (CM Rise School), Sironj, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh.

And?: The SFC Motipur boys showcased exceptional courage, discipline, and teamwork, earning two medals: Gold Medal in Kho-Kho; Silver Medal in Kabaddi

With this achievement, both the Kho-Kho and Kabaddi teams have qualified for the District Level Khelo MP Youth Games 2026, scheduled this month in Vidisha District.

Location: Madhya Pradesh



Cricket Mahakumbh tournament

Who: Cricket team supported by CRY in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Block Level Cricket Mahakumbh Tournament held on January 24 at Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh, under the leadership of Hon'ble Minister Shri Govind Singh Rajput, MLA from Surkhi.

And?: Children associated from Pathariya village chased the target successfully in just 4 overs, losing only 2 wickets, and secured a victory by 8 wickets.

Location: Madhya Pradesh



A.S. Ganesan Trophy Kabaddi tournament

Who: Kabaddi Girls and Boys team supported by Hope Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the A.S. Ganesan Trophy Kabaddi Tournament organized on January 6 by Vinayaka Missions College, Chengalpattu district.

And?: Students of Kovalam Government Higher Secondary School secured First Place in both categories. They have now qualified for the upcoming state-level competition.

Location: Chennai



Khelo MP Youth Games 2026

Who: Kho-Kho Team supported by CRY in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Khelo MP Youth Games 2026 – Vidisha District Level Kho-Kho Competition held on January 19 at the Government Sports Ground, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh.

And?: Among 11 participating teams, the Motipur Team secured the 6th position. A remarkable highlight of their performance is that the team comprised U-15 and U-16 players competing against U-18 teams.

Location: Madhya Pradesh



Uttar Pradesh Divas Kabaddi Boys Tournament 2026

Who: Boys' kabaddi players supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Uttar Pradesh Divas Kabaddi Boys Tournament 2026 held on January 25 at Rashtriya Purna Sthal Park, Lucknow, organised by the Youth Welfare & Provincial Protection Force Department.

And?: The team delivered a strong performance and secured the Bronze Medal.

Location: Noida



Sports Excellence Award

Who: Girls Kabaddi players supported by Maatru Pratishthana in Partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Three Excellence players – Preethi, Nizwana, and Hamsaveni along with their coach Sunil, were honoured with the Sports Excellence Award for representing their taluk at the SGFI Nationals.

And?: They were felicitated by the Tahsildar, BEO of Anekal, and the MLA, during the 77th Republic Day celebrations.

Location: Bengaluru



5-on-5 friendly Basketball match

Who: Basketball Boys players supported by Dribble Academy Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in a 5-on-5 Friendly Basketball Match U-17 held on January 23.

And?: In an exciting matchup between Janta Boys Inter College and Gurukul Academy School, the game concluded with a close score of 64 – 63, with Janta Boys Inter College emerging as the winners.

Location: Noida



SFC Volleyball Boys & Girls Inter School league competition

Who: Boys' and girls' volleyball players supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the SFC Volleyball Inter-School League Competition on January 6 at PS Takrohi-2, organised by Sportz Village Foundation.

And?: The league saw participation from 10 boys' teams and 3 girls' teams, engaging 156 young athletes across 30 matches, including friendly fixtures for girls. In the boys' final, SDC Lucknow defeated SDC Noida (Best of 3). Aman (Lucknow) and Saurya (Noida) were recognised as Best Players.

Location: Lucknow



Speed Queen Bowling Trials

Who: Girls' cricket players supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the WPL (Delhi Capitals) Speed Queen Bowling Trials for U-19 and U-23 categories on January 11 at Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex, Greater Noida.

And?: Five SDC players - Kakun, Chanda, Arti, Rakhi, and Neha represented Sports for Change. Kakun recorded an impressive bowling speed of 102 km/h, the second highest at the trials.

Location: Noida



Ma. Vidhayak Khel Spardha Kabaddi 2026

Who: Boys' kabaddi players supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Ma. Vidhayak Khel Spardha Kabaddi 2026 held on January 16 at Rashtriya Raksha University, organised by the Youth Welfare & Provincial Protection Force Department with support from Yuva Sathi.

And?: The team delivered an outstanding performance, advancing to the final and securing a dominant victory against the host team. Players were awarded medals, certificates, and a trophy, reflecting their discipline, rigorous training, and competitive excellence.

Location: Lucknow



Yuva Kalyan Kabaddi Tournament

Who: Boys Kabaddi supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCL Foundation

What: Participated in the Yuva Kalyan Kabaddi Tournament held on January 20 at Mahamaya Stadium, Ghaziabad. The tournament featured 4 teams showcasing energetic performances and strong sportsmanship.

And?: The SVF Ikeda team delivered an impressive performance across both matches: The team emerged as first place winners of the tournament.

Location: Noida



Sea SKY Group – DCAC 1st Women’s Inter-District Tournament 2026

Who: Girls’ cricket team supported by GNES in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Sea SKY Group – DCAC 1st Women’s Invitation Inter-District Tournament 2026 held from January 19 – 23 at Tagore Medical College, Chennai.

And?: Four Excellence Programme players—Jeni Pluatile, Bharathi, Krishna Priya, and Hashini Eswar were part of the winning squad. Hashini Eswar’s consistent batting earned her the Best Batter of the Tournament award.

Location: Chennai



Sairam Leo Muthu Trophy – Kho-Kho State Championship

Who: Kho-Kho Girls Team supported by Hope Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Sairam Leo Muthu Trophy – Kho-Kho State Championship, held on January 28 –29 at Sairam Engineering College, Tambaram.

And: The tournament was organized for schoolgirls from 6th to 12th grade, with a total of 23 teams competing. Ashok Nagar Girls Government Higher Secondary School team secured first place and won a cash prize of ₹10,000, marking a moment of immense pride and achievement.

Location: Chennai



Ma. Vidhayak Khel Spardha Volleyball

Who: Volleyball girls’ and boys’ teams supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Ma. Vidhayak Khel Spardha Volleyball Girls & Boys 2026 held on January 16 at Rashtriya Raksha University, Lucknow, organised by the Youth Welfare & Provincial Protection Force Department with support from Yuva Sathi.

And?: Both SVF SDC girls’ and boys’ teams delivered outstanding performances and qualified for the finals.

Location: Nagpur



Senior District Football Tournament

Who: Football team supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Late Satwant Singh & Late Ravindar Pal Singh Olympian Senior District Football Tournament on January 17 at Chowk Stadium, organised by the District Football Association.

And?: The team delivered an impressive semi-final performance, securing a 4–2 victory against Sports College FC to advance to the finals.

Location: Lucknow



Yuva Kalyan Kabaddi Tournament

Who: Kabaddi Girls Team supported by SportzVillage Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Yuva Kalyan Kabaddi Tournament held on January 20 at Mahamaya Stadium, Ghaziabad.

And: 4 teams competed with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The team delivered an outstanding performance throughout the tournament. With these impressive wins, the SVF Iteda Junior Girls Team secured first place in the tournament.

Location: Noida



SGFI Junior National Kabaddi Championship

Who: Boys Kho-Kho team supported by KridaVikasSanstha in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Selected for the Nagpur District U-14 Kho-Kho team.

And?: Two players from our Priyadarshani School team, Ganesh Gajam and Sanket Waghade (U14), have been selected for the Nagpur District U-14 Kho-Kho team.

Location: Nagpur



SGFI Junior National Kabaddi Championship

Who: Kabaddi Student supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the SGFI Junior National Kabaddi Championship, held from January 13-16 in Sonapat, Haryana.

And: Sameer Husain, representing the Chandigarh Team, delivered an exceptional performance throughout the tournament. The team won all their league matches and advanced confidently to the Semi-Finals. In the Final Match against Haryana, Chandigarh put up a strong fight but finished as Runners-Up, securing Second Place at the National Level

Location: Noida



SGFI National U-19

Who: Football Players supported by Mahila Jan Adhikar Samiti in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Selected for the SGFI Nationals U-19 in Hanumangarh, Rajasthan.

And?: Three players – Moni Ghisu (Padampura), Kiran Jat (Bhawani Kheda), and Komal Rawat Jaisingh (Bhawani Kheda) successfully attended a three-day camp in Hanumangarh. They travelled to Imphal to participate in the SGFI Nationals U-19 Football Championship.

Location: Ajmer



SGFI National Championship

Who: U-17 basketball players supported by Dribble Academy Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Represented the Uttar Pradesh team at the SGFI National Championship held in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh.

And?: Two players – Meena and Krish, represented at the SGFI Nationals twice, a remarkable achievement that has given them valuable exposure and competitive experience.

Location: Noida



U-14 Vidarbha Kho-Kho National Team

Who: Kho-Kho Player supported by KridaVikasSanstha in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Ganesh Gajam has been selected to represent the U-14 Vidarbha Kho-Kho National Team.

And?: Ganesh will travel to Haryana to participate in the National Championship scheduled from January 31 to February 4. Additionally, he has been selected as the Vice-Captain of the Vidarbha team – a remarkable achievement and a proud moment for the program.

Location: Nagpur



AKFI (Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India) UP State Super Zone Competition

Who: Kabaddi Girls supported by Sportz Village Foundation partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Two SDC Kabaddi athletes have been selected for the AKFI (Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India) UP State Super Zone Competition. The selections were held on January 5 at Malakpur Stadium.

And?: Selected athletes – Sakshi and Kumari Anju will now compete in the AKFI UP State Level Super Zone Matches, scheduled this month.

Location: Noida



Dream Kabaddi League | Season 2

Who: Kabaddi Girls supported by Sportz Village Foundation partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Three SDC Kabaddi players were selected through the auction for the Uttar Pradesh Dream Kabaddi League Season 2, held on January 11 at Bagpat Stadium

And?: We are proud to share the selections: Geeta- Selected by Mumbai Bulls; Tannu - Selected by Lucknow Lions; Gungun -Selected by Lucknow Lions.

Location: Noida



SGFI U-17 National Cricket camp

Who: Girls Cricket Team supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Selected for the SGFI U-17 National Cricket Camp, a prestigious opportunity for young athletes to develop their skills at the national level.

And?: This achievement highlights their hard work, dedication, and passion for cricket. As part of this achievement, they will be attending the SGFI U-17 National Camp in Ayodhya this month.

Location: Noida



69th SGFI National Girls U-19 Cricket Championship

Who: Girls' cricket player Kakun, supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Selected to represent the SGFI Uttar Pradesh team at the 69th SGFI National Girls' U-19 Cricket Championship held from January 1-6 in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.

And?: The Uttar Pradesh team secured 3rd position and won the Bronze medal. Kakun's contribution to the squad was commendable, marking a proud milestone for the programme and reflecting the growing pathway for young girls in competitive cricket.

Location: Noida & Lucknow



Shining at the SGFI Under-14 selections

Who: Kabaddi Girls Team supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Sania Rawat has been selected for the 69th National School Games Federation of India (SGFI) Under-14 Uttar Pradesh Kabaddi Girls Team

And?: Sania's journey to this achievement is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and passion for Kabaddi.

Location: Lucknow



Junior National (Sub-Junior Category) Volleyball Trials

Who: Volleyball team supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the Junior National (Sub-Junior Category) Volleyball Trials held on January 26 at Laxmi Public School, Karkardooma.

And?: Out of 90+ participating students, only 20 were selected, and our SDC athletes proudly made it to the list. Aaryan, Shourya, and Dimpi have been selected for the National Camp scheduled from January 24 to February 24 at Laxmi Public School, Karkardooma.

Location: Noida



AIFF – FIFA Talent Academy Open Trials

Who: Football Girls supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Participated in the AIFF – FIFA Talent Academy Open Trials held on January 31 at Rastogi Inter College, Lucknow.

And?: A total of 20 talented football girls showcased exceptional skill, confidence, and strong football fundamentals during the trials. The event was covered by ETV Bharat News, where athlete Arpita represented the group.

Location: Lucknow



Shining at the SGFI Under-14 selections

Who: Kabaddi Team supported by Sportz Village Foundation in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Satyam, one of our Kabaddi boys, has been selected for the 69th National School Games Federation of India (SGFI) Under-14 Uttar Pradesh Kabaddi Boys Team

And?: Satyam's journey reflects his hard work, discipline, and passion for Kabaddi.

Location: Lucknow



Gujarat State Women's League

Who: Football Girls supported by Maatru Pratishthana in partnership with HCLFoundation

What: Manasa M has been selected to represent ARA FC in the Gujarat State Women's League, the premier women's football competition in Gujarat overseen by the Gujarat State Football Association (GSFA).

And?: Her selection to one of the top women's football clubs competing in the Gujarat State Women's League marks a significant milestone in her football journey.

Location: Bengaluru



Crafting quality, providing livelihoods



My E-Haat at the TiE Global Summit 2026

My E-Haat & its partner- Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR) participated in the TiE Global Summit- an annual flagship conference for entrepreneurs, networking opportunities, investor connects, and masterclasses, held in Jaipur from 4th-6th January 2026. The summit witnessed a footfall of 10,000+ attendees, including investors, startup founders, government dignitaries, embassy representatives, and craft enthusiasts. A total of 11 artisans participated in the summit, out of which 4 artisan-led ventures were provided stalls free of cost. Total sales of INR 65,000 was made by the artisan entrepreneurs, who showcased their crafts and products to a diverse audience and potential buyers. Participation in the summit enabled them to gain valuable exposure to the larger craft ecosystem and provided first-hand experience of engaging in a large-scale, global entrepreneurial platform.



Shilp Charcha sessions promote digital marketing

In partnership with AIACA, the Shilp Charcha 2026 was organized at the National Crafts Museum on Jan 29-30, which saw participation from 20+ artisans representing diverse craft backgrounds. The theme of the programme was understanding the digital landscape, and the two-day session was conducted by trainer Ms. Neha Verma. The workshop focused on enhancing artisans' digital capabilities, with Day 1 covering storytelling and content generation for social media, including photography and reels or short videos, and Day 2 focusing on social media marketing, platform utilisation, and the integration of basic AI tools to strengthen digital outreach.



Enhancing market visibility and business linkages through promotional exhibitions

Through our partner Rural Development Council, My E-Haat participated in various promotional exhibitions and community engagement activities. The FPO-Melagiri Natural Products Private Limited participated in Pongal Day Celebration at ATOS IT Solutions, Chennai campus on 17th January, followed by TN Beat Expo 2026, organized by the Government of Tamil Nadu, on 24th-25th January 2026 at the CODISSIA Trade Centre, Coimbatore. The exhibitions provided them a good market visibility, to establish new business linkages with buyers, stakeholders, and government agencies.



Strong market linkages in Khurja cluster through My E-Haat

Driving stronger market connections, My E-Haat x ACCESS Development Services's intervention at Khurja saw a key buyer visit the cluster. The buyer from UP assessed the product quality and subsequently purchased items worth INR 8.6 lakhs, including planters, kitchen utilities, and décor products. This reflects strong demand, growing confidence in the artisans' craftsmanship, and sustained market potential.



Driving artisan sales and market linkages through national and regional exhibitions

In association with Foundation for MSME Clusters (FMC), we participated in national and regional exhibitions driving sales across clusters and strengthening market alignment. The clusters participated in exhibitions like Bhubaneswar Adiwasi Mela 2026, Kotpad (Odisha), Craft Mela, Visakhapatnam (AP) and Craft Collection Chapter-2, Kolkata Exhibition, West Bengal. A cumulative sale of approx. 15 lacs were achieved through the exhibition participation across clusters.



Facilitating access to Government welfare schemes

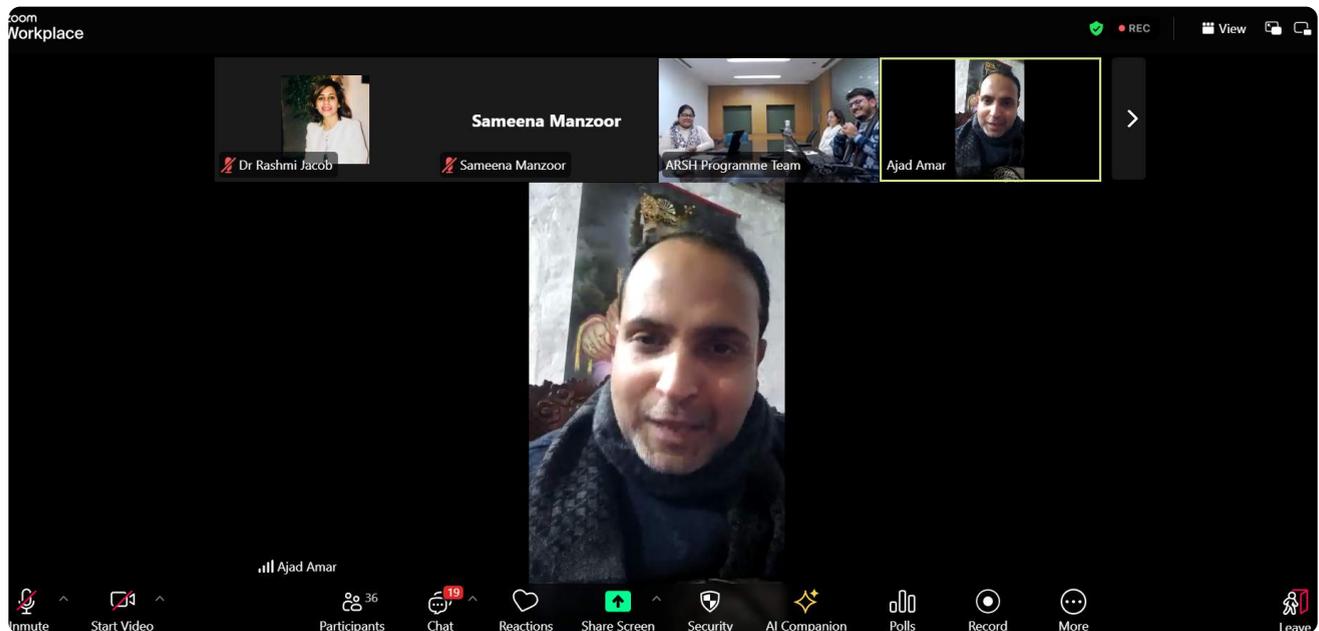
In partnership with Prayatna, we facilitated a Jan Rath Seva team visit to Khora and Sorkha ERCs. The initiative supported women and families in accessing key welfare schemes, enabling documentation and generation of 129 identity and social security cards, strengthening healthcare access, social protection, and inclusion in formal government systems.



Enrich. Enable. Engage.

ARSH for You Batch 8 graduates strengthen adolescent health leadership

Batch 8 of the ARSH For You programme concluded on a high note, celebrating 73 learners who successfully completed the course and earned their certificates. This batch brought together professionals committed to strengthening adolescent health, building on a curriculum shaped by national priorities and global guidelines. The learning journey encouraged thoughtful reflection, open dialogue, and practical understanding, helping participants grow as stronger advocates for young people's well-being. The closing of Batch 8 not only marked the end of a training cycle but also the beginning of a renewed community of practitioners ready to apply their knowledge on the ground.



Global Updates

Romania | Blood donation initiative

SDG Alignment: SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-Being

In Romania, employees supported community health systems through voluntary blood donation, contributing to SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being.

In 2024, 30 blood donations were registered through the BloodDoChallenge app across six transfusion centres nationwide. Participation increased in 2025, with 50 registered donations across 13 centres, reflecting broader employee engagement and improved access to safe blood supplies.

By promoting voluntary blood donation and collaboration with public transfusion centres, the initiative contributes to strengthening healthcare services and improving health outcomes within local communities.



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Join Romania's Blood Donation Challenge.

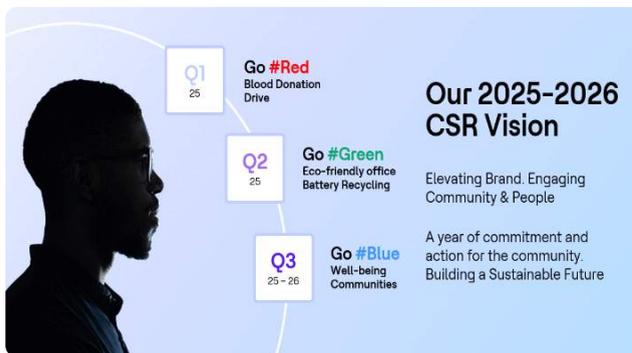
Your donation can be someone's tomorrow.

Vietnam | CSR Vision 2025–2026

The CSR vision for Vietnam for 2025–2026 focuses on strengthening community engagement, employee participation, and responsible business practices. The approach emphasizes sustained commitment to social impact initiatives that support community well-being, encourage active employee involvement, and reinforce long-term value creation. Through these efforts, the Vietnam program aims to contribute meaningfully to local communities while aligning with broader sustainability and social responsibility objectives.

HCLTech × Girl Up partnership: Advancing youth leadership and gender justice through STEAM

HCLTech's partnership with Girl Up reflects a shared commitment to advancing gender justice, youth leadership, and inclusive STEAM pathways for young women and girls across the globe. Throughout 2025, HCLTech supported Girl Up's STEAM for Social Good programming, contributing to initiatives that centre youth-led innovation, mentorship & systems-level change.



Strengthening youth leadership through global platforms

As a sponsor of the 2025 Girl Up Global Leadership Summit, HCLTech supported a global convening that brought together 600+ young leaders, advocates, and allies from across regions. The Summit, Unmuted: Girls Resetting the System, served as a powerful platform for youth-driven dialogue, leadership development, and collective action—amplifying the voices of girls who are actively reimagining more just and equitable systems.

HCLTech's support helped reinforce the Summit's role as more than a single event, positioning it as a culmination of regional leadership efforts across the Americas, EMEA, and Asia Pacific, and as a global call to action rooted in lived experience and bold youth leadership.



Supporting youth-led innovation and community solutions

Through HCLTech's support, Girl Up awarded 26 STEAM Project Awards in 2025, funding youth-led initiatives across 15 countries with grants of up to USD 1,000 each. These projects addressed diverse local challenges—from sustainability and recycling to confidence-building and public speaking—demonstrating how youth leaders translate ideas into community-rooted solutions.

Complementing this, HCLTech supported the 2025 Girl Up Innovation Lab, which convened 67 project award recipients for collaborative skill-building, mentorship, and peer learning. The Lab strengthened alignment across projects, fostered cross-regional collaboration, and enhanced the long-term impact of youth-led initiatives.

Employee engagement through mentorship and knowledge sharing

Employee engagement formed a key pillar of the partnership. Through the Girl Up Alum Mentorship Program, three HCLTech employees mentored Girl Up alumni over a three-month period, engaging in bi-weekly sessions focused on goal setting, career exploration, mock interviews, and personal development. The mentorship fostered cross-cultural connections and supported mentees in advancing their leadership journeys within STEAM and beyond.

In addition, HCLTech and Girl Up co-hosted a virtual Lunch n' Learn, Tech for Good: Women Shaping the Future, bringing together youth leaders and professionals in technology. Designed as a mentorship-forward space, the session enabled intergenerational learning, role-model visibility, and candid conversations on navigating pathways into STEAM. HCLTech panelists shared professional journeys, lessons learned, and insights on building confidence, networks, and resilience within the tech ecosystem.



Promoting inclusive STEAM innovation

HCLTech also supported the Girl Up USA STEAM Hackathon, Girl Tank – Innovating Safe Spaces, which empowered young leaders to develop and pitch STEAM-based solutions promoting safety, inclusion, and empowerment for women and girls. Participants strengthened leadership, innovation, and public speaking skills while refining their ideas with guidance from mentors, judges, and Girl Up’s global community. Selected finalists continued to receive support through funding and reporting processes, enabling sustained impact beyond the competition.



Looking ahead

Throughout the year, HCLTech was recognised as a valued partner across multiple high-visibility Girl Up platforms, including social media, the Girl Up website, the 2025 Girl Up Year in Review Report, and the Global Leadership Summit. This recognition reflected HCLTech’s meaningful contribution to advancing youth leadership and gender justice within Girl Up’s global network of supporters and changemakers.

Across all activities, HCLTech played a vital role in amplifying impact, championing girl-led leadership, and supporting Girl Up’s vision for inclusive, action-oriented STEAM innovation. The partnership continues to demonstrate how corporate engagement can meaningfully support youth leadership as a pathway to structural change—ensuring that young women are equipped with the skills, confidence, and opportunities to lead and thrive.

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