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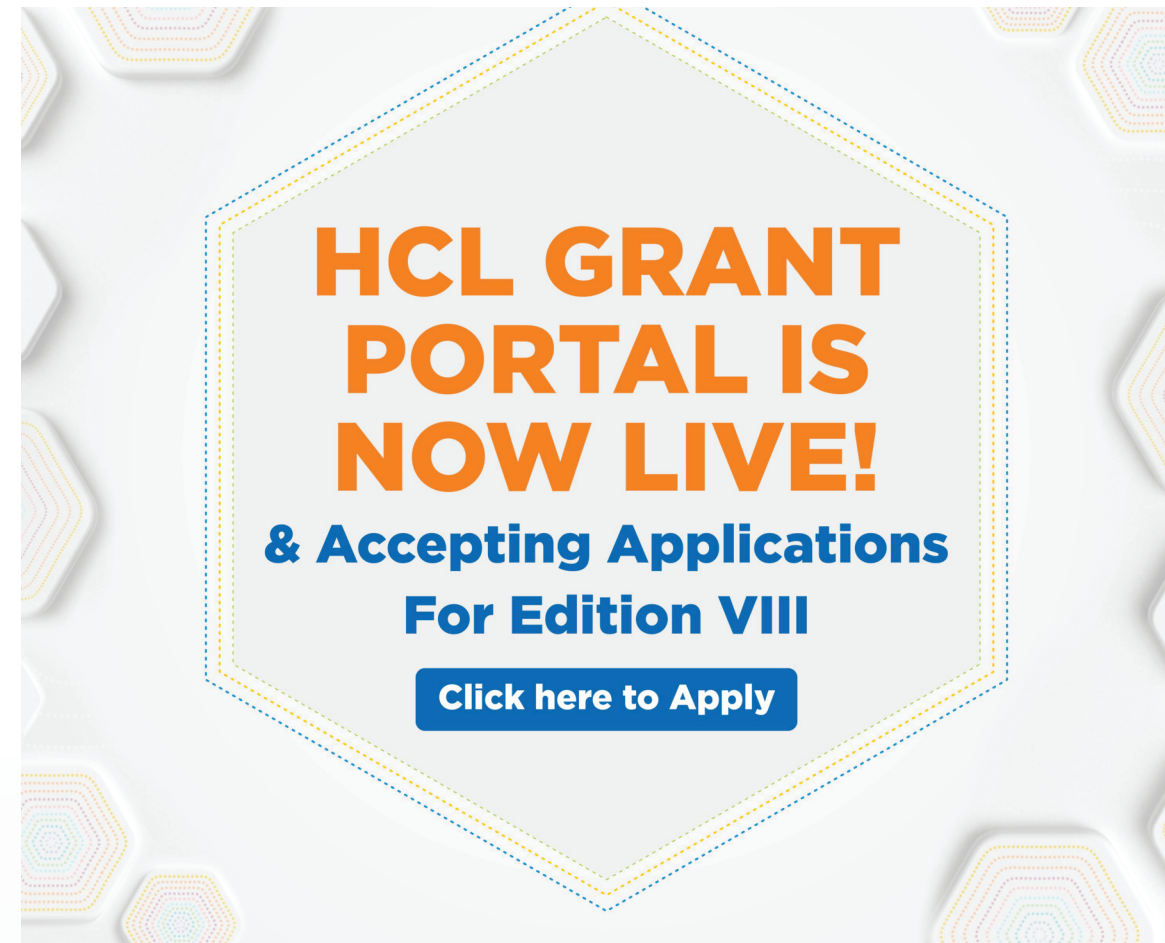


EDUCATION

HCL Grant announced the roll-out of Edition VIII and made its portal LIVE for applications on May 5, 2022.

The HCL Grant Edition VIII Pan- India Symposium Series - 'CSR for Nation Building' has also been launched across 10 States & UTs of India. The symposium series is an opportunity to co-learn and co-create ideas for sustained nation building with a vision of grassroots empowerment by giving development sector professionals, non-profits, social purpose organizations and academic institutions an opportunity to meet and listen to the experiences of CSR & sector experts, academicians, HCL Grant recipient NGOs, and other development sector practitioners through panel discussions and master class on various significant topics.

So far, 6 Symposiums in 6 different locations, starting with Bangalore, followed by Vijayawada, Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Udaipur and Patna have been conducted in the month of May.



Glimpses from HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium Series



“ The definition of development should vary from village to village and we all must come together and actively participate in unboxing the social impact. ”

-Dr. Nutan Jain, Professor SD Gupta School of Public Health, IIHMR University & Senior Subject Matter Expert, HCL Grant during HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Udaipur



Mr. Chetan Jha, General Manager, Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), sharing his experience of the HCL Grant Process said,

“ NGOs must ensure that their application should be very robust and thorough at every stage. It should also have the elements of adaptability, replicability, and sustainability. ”



“ When we partner with like-minded people and organizations, it adds up to that energy, passion and rigour. Especially when we see the youth coming out and engaging, it gives us a ray of hope that while we are contributing to nation building in a very big way, we are also preparing our young minds to become true global citizens, which is the need of the hour. We all witnessed during the pandemic that it was the feeling of solidarity, partnership, and the feeling of being connected, not only professionally for a job, but as humans who really wanted to help each other, with one vision and one mission that helped us come where we are. Everything worked in tandem, setting a strong example of how partnerships and connections can help us find the best solutions! ”

-Ms. Nidhi Pundhir, Director, HCL Foundation during HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Bangalore



“ The community, civil society, government and corporate, the four core players if come together and work in sync and collaboration, they have the power to bring sustainable impact at scale in the society. ”

-Mr. R. Parasuram, Ex-Chief Secretary, M.P. , Bhopal during panel discussion at HCL Grant Edition VIII Pan India Symposium in Bhopal

Glimpses from HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium Series



Mr. Shiva Prasad,
PMP, HCL Technologies during
HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Vijayawada



Mr. Thirumalai Narayanan,
State Program Lead, India Health Action Trust (IHAT)
shared his experience of the HCL Grant
Process at HCL Grant Edition VIII Pan India
Symposium in Bhopal



Mr. Robin Sarkar,
Project Director, SHIKSHA Initiative,
Shiv Nadar Foundation during the panel discussion
at HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Udaipur



Dr. Sanjay Panda,
Former Career Bureaucrat during Masterclass
on CSR Laws and Amendment at
HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Bhubaneswar



Mr. Jagadananda,
Mentor and Co-Founder of the Centre for Youth and Social Development,
Mr. Aurobindo Behera, a former civil servant
Ms. Shreeparna Ghosh Mukherjee, Senior Program Manager, CINI
during HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Bhubaneswar



Mr. Alok Verma, Director, HCL Samuday,
Mr. NM Prusty, Subject Matter Expert, HCL Grant,
Mr. Prasanna Kumar Narayanan, Director Programme Operations, Sightsavers
Mr. Mohd Dilshad, Subject Matter Expert, HCL Grant
during panel discussion at HCL Grant Edition VIII Symposium in Patna.

Engagement with HCL Grant Partners

Highlights of the Month

Fly high with NEO FLY!

Association for People with Disability, HCL Grant Edition VII Health Category Recipient 2022, has innovated a vehicle for differently abled under its HCL Grant Project “Cot to Community” – A comprehensive rehabilitation approach for People with Spinal Cord Injury (PwSCI)”. The wheel chair has been converted to a transport vehicle – NEO FLY, as a step towards a larger objective of creating a sustainable ecosystem for PwSCIs to achieve a life of equity, dignity and justice for them.



A step towards achieving Zero Waste!

HCL Foundation team visited Ramnagaradistrict of Karnataka for field monitoring of Saahas, HCL Grant Recipient, 2021, Environment Category. Saahas is working on Waste Management in rural areas of 4 districts of Karnataka. Team got the opportunity to meet the enthusiastic field staff of the organization which see the HCL Grant project “Sustainable waste management through Community-Owned Rural Resource Recovery systems” as a livelihood opportunity.

The project is empowering women to come forward and being the agent of social change. Saahas is not only working towards breaking the myths of the society related to waste management being petty job but also helping to achieve the Gandhian concept of “Nirmal Gram” through innovative materials. Local Governance structure is extending full support to the project enabling the conducive environment of the project.



Interaction with project staff of Saahas



Interaction with project beneficiaries



Voices from Community Partners

Under the Mango Tree Society, HCL grant Recipient, 2020, Environment Category

For Ragnath Gavit, a resident of Palghar district of Maharashtra beekeeping was more surprising than challenging. He shares, "I never feared bees." He was well known in his village as a honey hunter but the sensitization trainings by UTMT Society has helped him to now become a beekeeper instead of a honey hunter. He adds, "I appreciate the training support received, I am a proud beekeeper now, who no more destroys bee-hives." He has four filled bee-boxes kept on his farm. Presently, he supports other farmers to fill their bee-boxes. Sharing his key



learning, he says, "Pollination is an important input for agriculture and I understand this through project intervention. Sustainable beekeeping is the future of small holders."

The project is actively promoting beekeeping amongst honey hunting communities to conserve indigenous species of bees thus improving pollination cover for villages.

India Health Action Trust, HCL Grant Finalist 2021, Health Category

Regular and bespoke home visits bring home a healthy mother and baby.

Jyoti Singh, age 27 years, is from the tribal community residing in Village Chhahara, Sector Ankuri, Block Gohparu, District Shahdol. During one



of the field visits in the Chhahara, the ASM found that Jyoti was seven months pregnant; however, she was neither registered for ANC nor had received any ANC services. On inquiring, the ASM realized that Jyoti was reluctant to share her pregnancy, thinking that it might cause a miscarriage. The ASM and ASHA intervened and explained to Jyoti the importance of ANC for her and her baby's health. She still hesitated, stating that it would be a financial burden; for which the ASM counselled her that the ANC services are free of cost and ASHA would accompany her for a visit; to which Jyoti agreed. The ANM continued to follow up on the case through regular home visits. Jyoti had registered at the PHC, and her ANC check-up showed that her weight was 60Kg, BP was 100/70, and Hb was 7.8 g/dl. She was given IFA and Calcium tablets. ASM suggested that she consume IFA and calcium tablets properly, eat a healthy diet (TirangaBhojan), and visit CHC Gohparu for the next ANC. The ANC at the CHC revealed that Jyoti's weight was 63 KG, BP was 133/90, and the Hb was 8.5 g/dl. She was advised for five units of iron sucrose administration. ASHA took her to the nearby PHC Khannaudhi, where Jyoti

received iron sucrose entirely and timely. ASM and ASHA continued to monitor her health. On 5th April 2022, Jyoti delivered a healthy baby of 3500 gm at PHC Khannaudhi. On the next home visit, the ASM observed that both mother and baby are fit and fine and are following all the health measures suggested during home visits. Jyoti thanked the ASM and ASHA for clearing her apprehension and supporting her throughout her pregnancy and delivery.



Sharing her experience, Gayatri Marko, Staff Nurse-PHC Amzor-Block Jaisinghnaga, says, "IHAT has provided us with knowledge on maternal and child health, which we have begun to implement. We were not previously following work protocols, which we have started to do. We have learned a lot from the IHAT team which is useful to fulfill our work. IHAT Nurse Mentors are extremely knowledgeable and self-assured."

Jnana Prabodhini Samshodhan Sanstha (JPSS), HCL Grant Finalist, 2021, Education category

Neha Upasani, a field trainer, shared about her experience and learnings from in-depth training provided by Jnana Prabodhini Samshodhan Sanstha (JPSS) under its HCL Grant project “YuvaSathi” and how it helped her during school intervention sessions and working towards an objective to bring about positive change in adolescent lives with respect to responsible expression of sexuality, addiction-abstinence, gender sensitivity and emotional regulation by exposing them to scientific, factual reproductive health education and its psycho-social aspects. She says, “I understood how and how much adolescent children are affected due to their age, family, school, teacher, village, social media and surrounding environment. To get rid of their preconceived notions and inculcating new and scientific knowledge in them is so important. Empathizing with them, their age, mingling with them, telling them that not everything is as good as it looks



was challenging. The apt examples given in the training material and presentations were of great help. I realized how important it is to be able to respond to much unexpected questions and reactions from children in certain situations without faltering. It was a great learning opportunity.”



Media Coverage



सिम्योजियम में जलवायु परिवर्तन और पारिस्थितिक तंत्र पर हुई चर्चा

भोपाल(नप्र)। ग्रांट पैन इंडिया सिम्योजियम- 2022 का आयोजन मंगलवार को वीएसएसएस में किया गया। दिन भर चली परिचर्चा में स्थानीय एनजीओ के प्रतिनिधियों और नागरिक समाज विशेषज्ञों ने जलवायु परिवर्तन और पारिस्थितिक तंत्र सेवाओं में नागरिक समाज की भूमिका पर एक परिचर्चा की। आयोजन में कुल 108 एनजीओ मौजूद थे और 160 से अधिक लोगों ने भाग लिया। हैबिटेड्स ट्रस्ट के प्रमुख ऋषिकेश चव्हाण, मप्र के पूर्व मुख्य सचिव एस परशुराम, एचसीएल हरित के परियोजना निदेशक डा. शांतनु बसु और स्टेट नालेज सेंटर आन क्लाइमेट चेंज के समन्वयक लोकेन्द्र ठक्कर ने परिचर्चा में भाग लिया। सिम्योजियम में एचसीएल फाउंडेशन की ओर से शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य और पर्यावरण में काम कर रहे संगठनों को 16.5 करोड़ रुपये की ग्रांट देने की घोषणा की गई।

108 NGOs participate in HCL Grant pan-India Symposium

Panel discussion, master class, workshop organised at BSSS



HCL Foundation hosted the HCL Grant pan India Symposium 2022 Edition VIII for NGOs in Madhya Pradesh and the neighbouring states at the Bhopal School of Social Sciences (BSSS) on Wednesday. The event comprised a panel discussion with local NGO representatives and civil society experts on Role of Civil Society in Climate Action and Ecosystem Services. A total of 108 NGOs were present at the event, with over 100 people representing many parts of the region. There was an insightful panel discussion and a fire-side chat with eminent speakers- Rushikesh Chavan, head - The Habitats Trust, S. Parshuram, ex-chief secretary, MP; Dr. Santanu Basu, project director, HCL Harit - the Green Initiative and Lokendra Thakkar, coordinator, State Knowledge Centre on Climate Change. The main focus was to create meaningful partnerships, journeys, and experiences of HCL's deep-rooted impacts and shed light on the future activities planned by the HCL team. The symposium comprised a master class/workshop on CSR Law and New Amendment by Bhomik Shah, CEO and Founder, CSRIBox and NGOsBox, and Nikhil Puri, Chief Executive Officer, REACHA. This is the second time the HCL Foundation has conducted a symposium in Bhopal. The first symposium in 2018 received an overwhelming response from NGOs in the state, and the participation has been more encouraging this year.

एचसीएल का एनजीओ के लिए प्रोग्राम

भोपाल. एचसीएल टेक्नोलॉजीस की सीएसआर शाखा एचसीएल फाउंडेशन (एचसीएलएफ) ने मध्यप्रदेश और उसके आस-पास के राज्यों के गैर-सरकारी संगठनों (एनजीओ) के लिए भोपाल में एचसीएल ग्रांट पैन इंडिया सिम्योजियम 2022 एडिशन-8 की मेजबानी की। इस आयोजन में स्थानीय एनजीओ के प्रतिनिधियों और नागरिक समाज विशेषज्ञों ने जलवायु परिवर्तन पर कार्यवाही और पारिस्थितिक तंत्र सेवाओं में 'नागरिक समाज की भूमिका' पर एक परिचर्चा की। हैबिटेड्स ट्रस्ट प्रमुख ऋषिकेश चव्हाण, प्रदेश के पूर्व मुख्य सचिव एस. परशुराम, एचसीएल हरित -द ग्रीन इनिशियेटिव के परियोजना निदेशक डॉ. शांतनु बसु और लोकेन्द्र ठक्कर, समन्वयक, स्टेट नॉलेज सेंटर ऑन क्लाइमेट चेंज, प्रभारी अधिकारी एवं निदेशक, स्टेट वेटलेड अथॉरिटी, मध्यप्रदेश, प्रिंसिपल, ईआईईएस, ईपीसीओ, पर्यावरण विभाग के प्रबुद्ध वक्ताओं ने परिचर्चा में परस्पर संवाद किया।



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एचसीएल फाउंडेशन (एचसीएलएफ), एचसीएल टेक्नोलॉजीस की सीएसआर (कॉर्पोरेट सोशल रिस्पॉन्सिबिलिटी) शाखा ने भोपाल में बीएसएसएस कॉलेज में मध्य प्रदेश (एमपी) और पड़ोसी राज्यों में एनजीओ के लिए एचसीएल ग्रांट पैन इंडिया सिम्योजियम 2022 संस्करण आठवीं की मेजबानी की। एचसीएल फाउंडेशन जमीनी स्तर पर सशक्तीकरण की शक्ति में हड़ विश्वास रखता है। एचसीएल अनुदान संगोष्ठी श्रृंखला - "गठ निर्माण के लिए सीएसआर एक ऐसा अवसर है जो हमें जमीन से निरंतर गठ निर्माण के लिए विचारों की जोड़ने, सह-सोचने और सह-निर्माण करने में सक्षम बनाता है। दिन भर चलने वाले इस कार्यक्रम में स्थानीय गैर सरकारी संगठनों के प्रतिनिधियों और नागरिक समाज के विशेषज्ञों के साथ 'जलवायु कार्रवाई और पारिस्थितिक तंत्र सेवाओं में नागरिक समाज की भूमिका पर एक पैनल चर्चा' शामिल थी। इस आयोजन में कुल 108 एनजीओ मौजूद थे, जिसमें 160 से अधिक लोग क्षेत्र के कई हिस्सों का प्रतिनिधित्व कर रहे थे। प्रख्यात वक्ताओं - ऋषिकेश चव्हाण, हेड- द हैबिटेड्स ट्रस्ट, एस. परशुराम, पूर्व मुख्य सचिव, एस.पी.

2018 में पहली संगोष्ठी को राज्य में गैर सरकारी संगठनों से जबरदस्त प्रतिक्रिया मिली, और इस वर्ष भागीदारी अधिक उत्पादनक रही है। इस संगोष्ठी के माध्यम से, एचसीएल फाउंडेशन स्थानीय क्षेत्र के विकास, प्रस्ताव लेखन और परियोजना प्रबंधन में सीएसआर जनदेश, एनजीओ और अवसरों पर गैर सरकारी संगठनों तक पहुंचा।



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