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NGOs Transforming Rural India

# A step towards Nation Building

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# HCL GRANT EDITION VII ROLL OUT

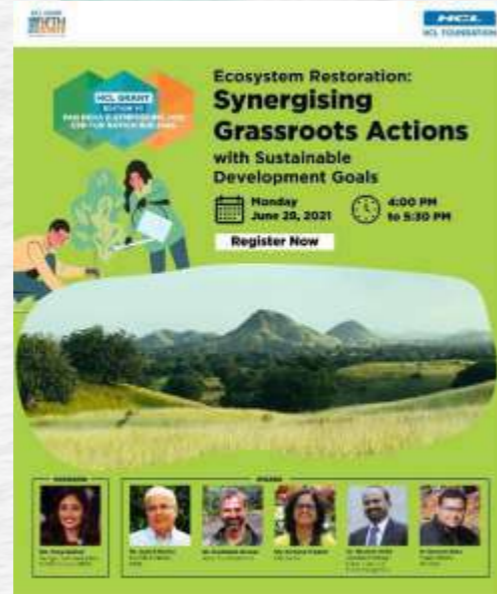
## Symposium Series 2021

**10**  
E- symposiums  
conducted

**12,000+**  
Registrations

**4,000+**  
Participants

**31,000+**  
Views on Social Media

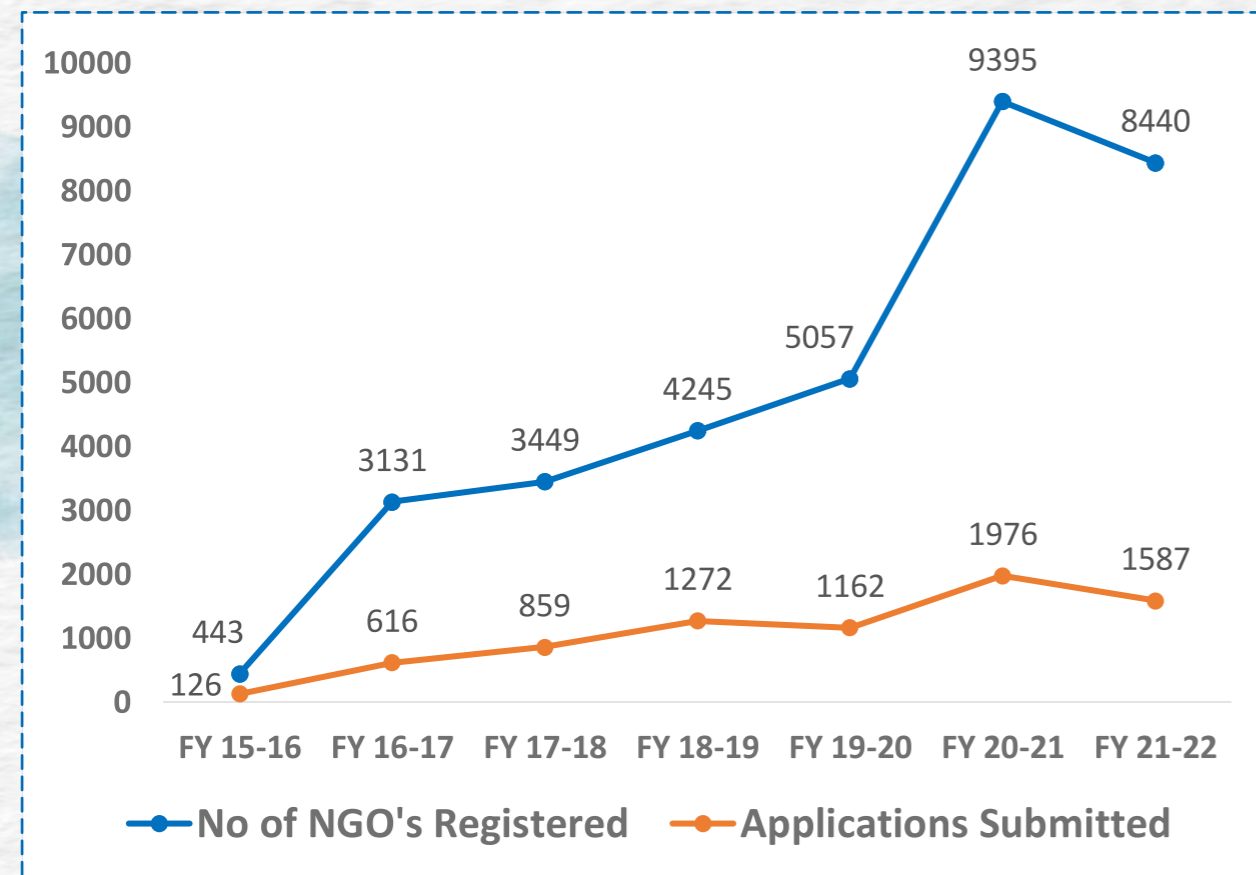


Discussion & Deliberation on  
Key Emerging Issues in India

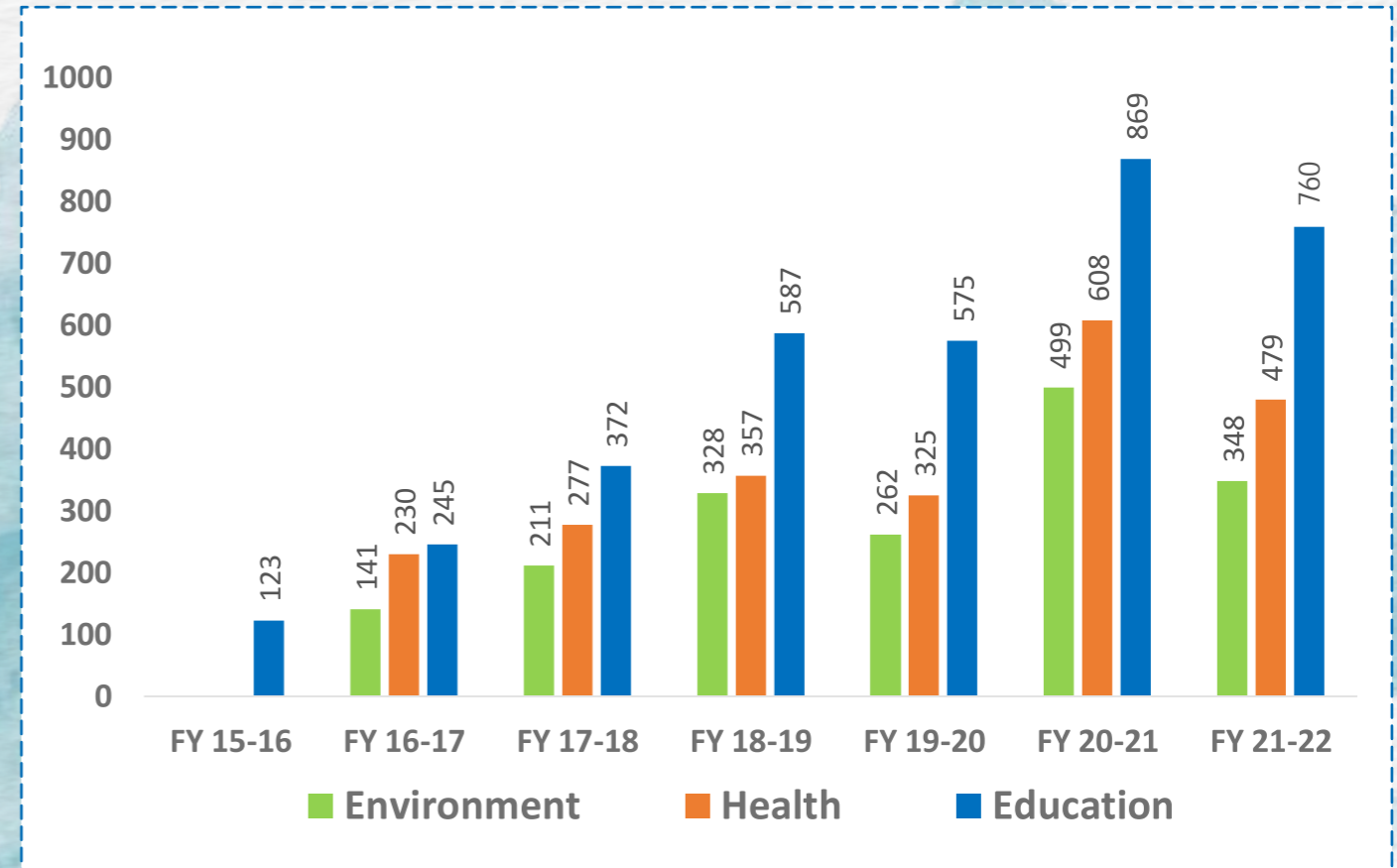
# Key Highlights

1. 56 symposiums organized since 2017
2. In HCL Grant Edition VII 2021 Symposium series-
  - a. 12,000+ registered for symposiums
  - b. 4,000+ Participants attended
  - c. 31,000+ views on social media
3. 8,440 NGOs registered and 1,587 applications submitted for HCL Grant Edition VII - 348 in Environment, 479 in Health and 760 in Education
4. Successfully completed the Stage 2 Abstract Review process and shortlisted 211 NGOs for the submission of detailed proposal, stage 3 round.
5. Basis 3 days of stage 3 evaluations and deliberation Selected top 47 NGO for Stage 4 field level due diligence stage.

## Registration and Application Status Edition I-VII

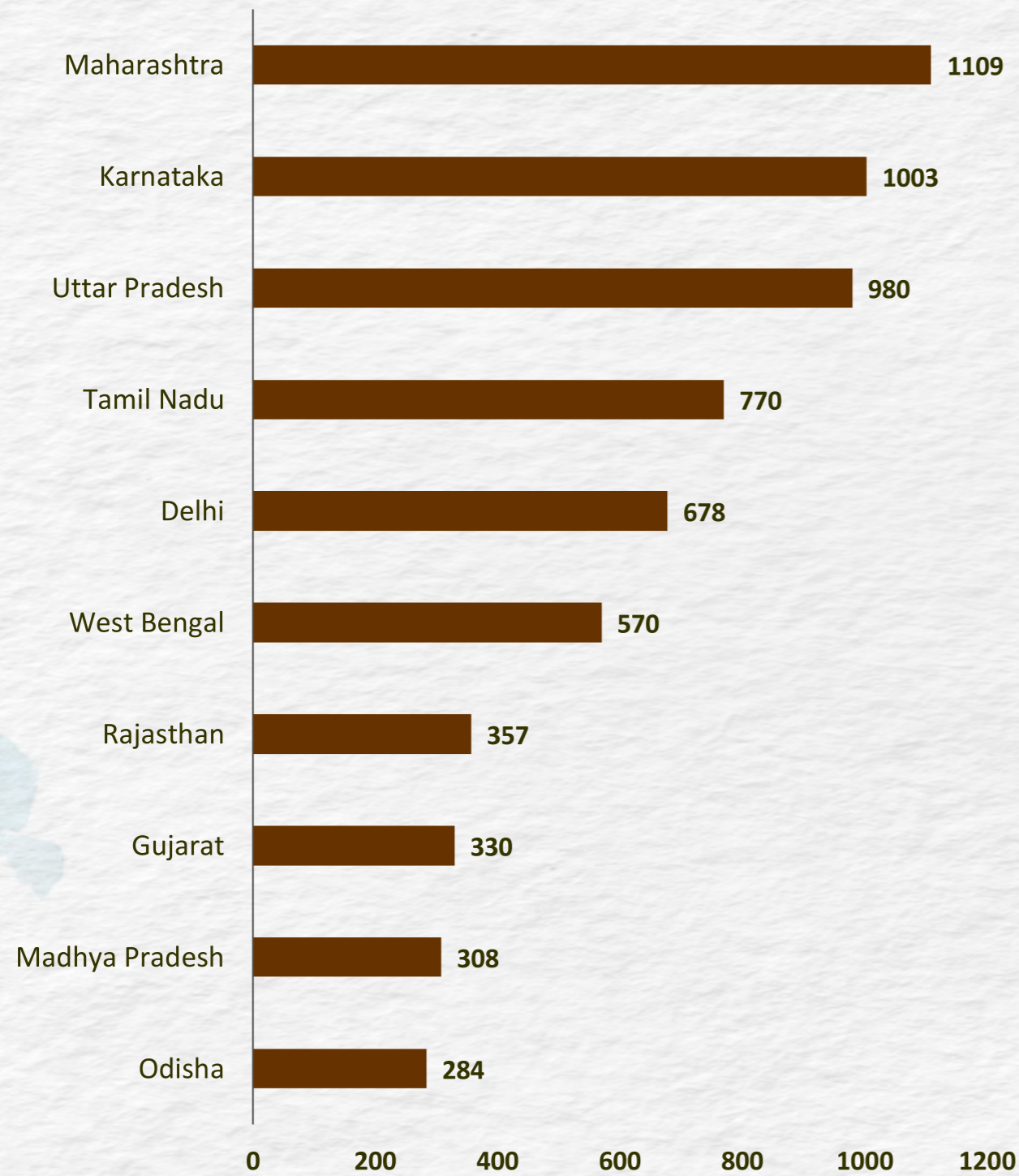


## Category Wise Proposals Submitted Across Edition I-VII

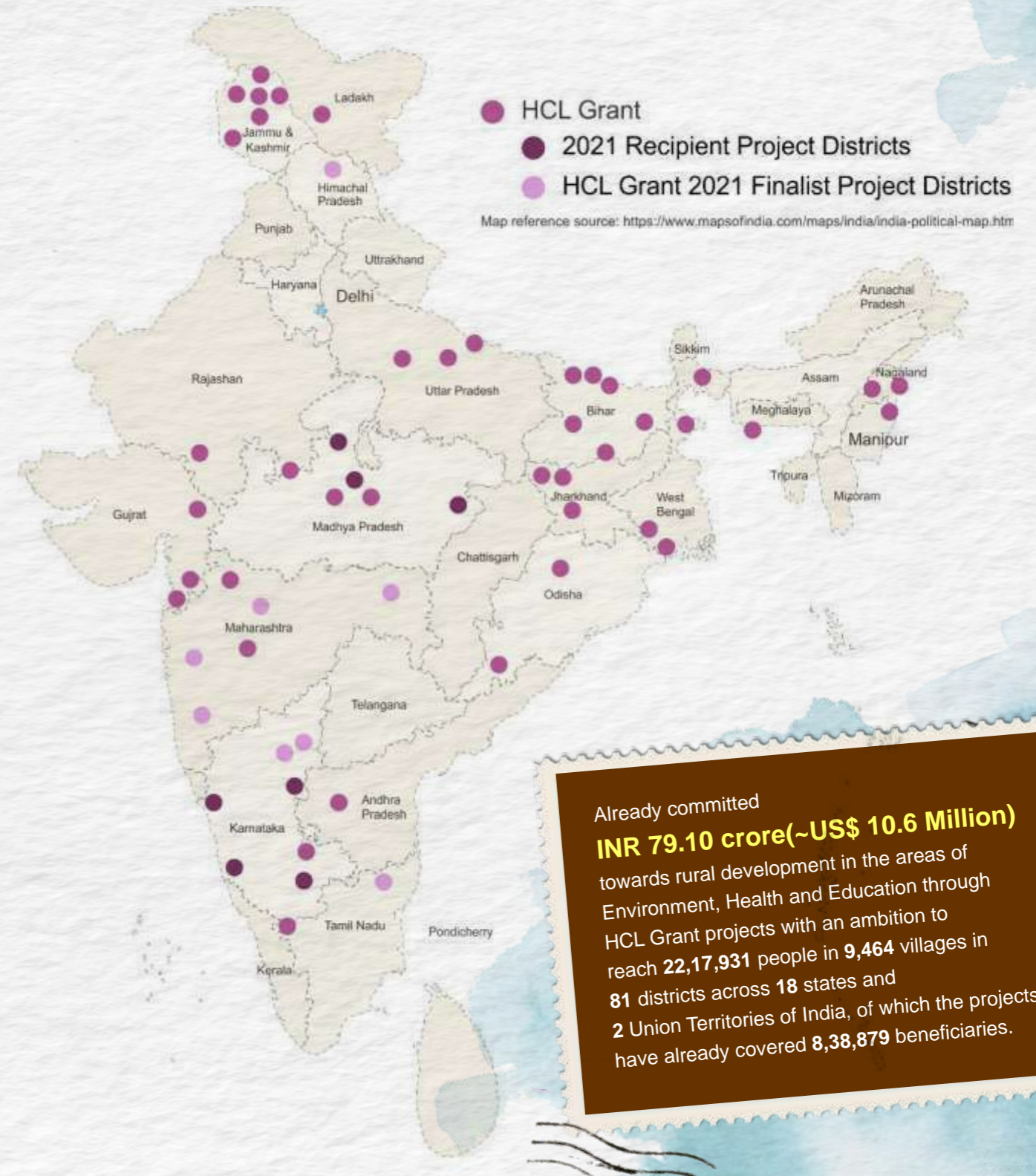


# HCL Grant State Wise Registrations

HCL Grant Edition VII Top 10 States



# HCL Grant Footprints



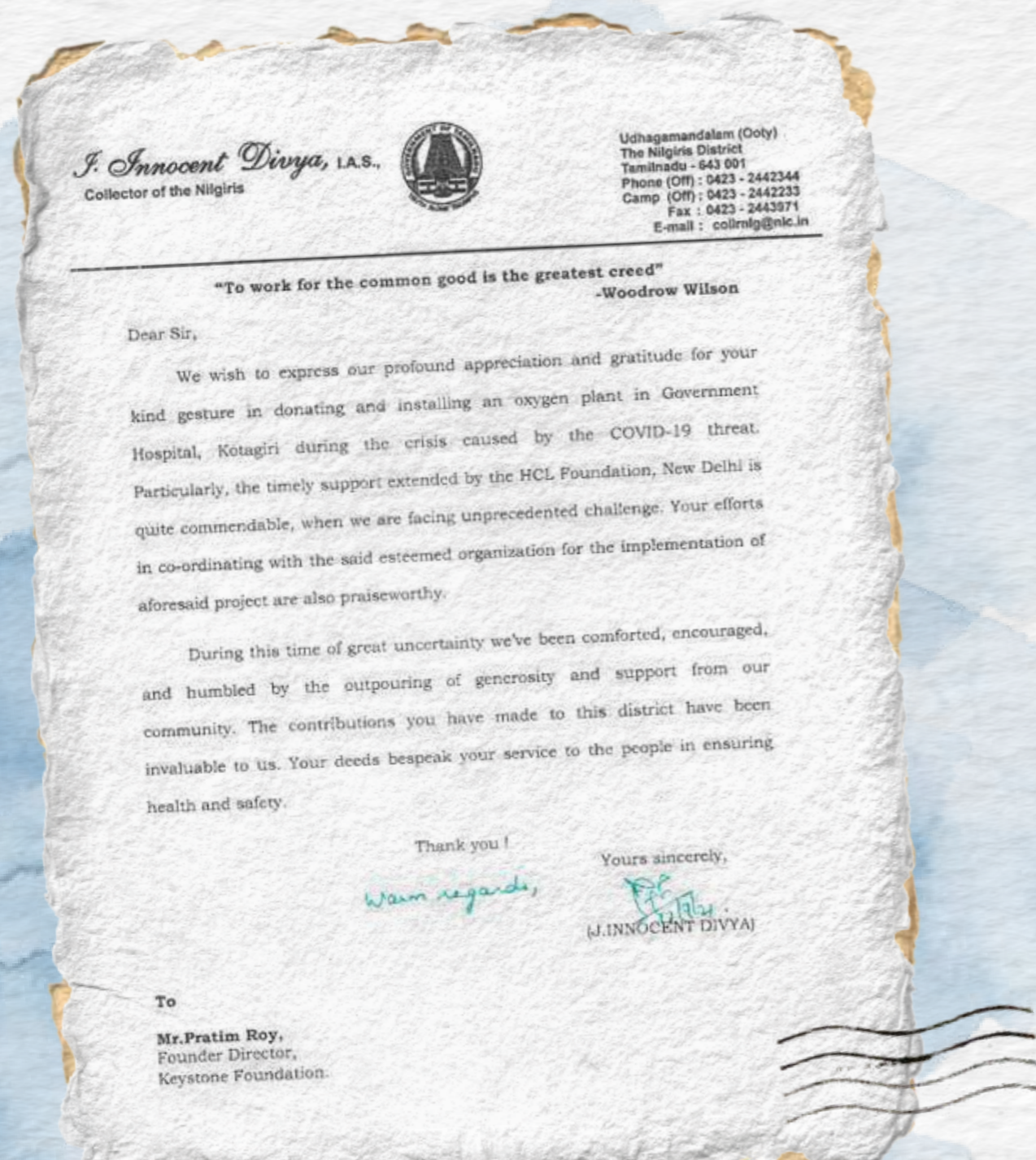
Already committed  
**INR 79.10 crore (~US\$ 10.6 Million)**  
 towards rural development in the areas of  
 Environment, Health and Education through  
 HCL Grant projects with an ambition to  
 reach **22,17,931** people in **9,464** villages in  
**81** districts across **18** states and  
**2** Union Territories of India, of which the projects  
 have already covered **8,38,879** beneficiaries.

# HCL Grant Supported Projects

## Key Highlights and Achievement in FY 2021

### Organization: Keystone Foundation- HCL Grant Recipient in Environment category (2018)

Letter of appreciation received from District Collector of The Nilgiris district, Tamil Nadu for supporting district administration in Covid-19 relief and restoration work through extending support in establishing Oxygen plant under PPP model.



### Organization: ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (SIGHTSAVERS INDIA)- HCL Grant Recipient in Education category (2018)

HCL Foundation, in partnership with Sightsavers India, is implementing an 'inclusive education' project in 5 rural districts of Rajasthan, Bihar and West Bengal to enable quality access to education for CVIs.

- a) 37 Children with Visual Impairment (CVIs) students passed 10th and 12th board examination with flying colors.
- b) Through the successful advocacy efforts of the organization, Government of Rajasthan has decided to scale the concept of "Model Resource Room Digital Learning Centres" in all 33 districts.



# HCL Grant Impact Dashboard



## ENVIRONMENT



**2,052**

Acres Afforested



**100 M litre** ↑

in water storage capacity through 10 Rain Water Harvesting structures in Karauli



## HEALTH



**25 Households**

made inclusive & accessible



**38%** ↑

in institutional deliveries in 3 districts of Arunachal Pradesh



## EDUCATION



Incorporation of budget for Model Resource Rooms for Children with Special Needs by Government of Rajasthan

across **33 districts**



# HCL Grant Field Monitoring Visits 2021

Witnessing the on ground work undertaken by She hope Society for Women Entrepreneurs, 2019 Recipient Health Category and Bal Raksha Bharat, 2020 Recipient, Education category in Jammu & Kashmir (Baramulla, Ganderbal and Budgam districts)

## Hope and support when it matters the most!

### She Hope Society for women Entrepreneur

Interaction with project beneficiaries residing in Baramulla and Ganderbal districts of Jammu and Kashmir

Size measurement of limbs for making exclusive prosthetic device



Practice to walk with Orthotic device



Muscle strengthening exercise



Ramp constructed under Low cost home modification



Prosthetic Device Fitment



Wheel chair support to People with Disability (PWD)



Pic: Visit to Govt. Girls Middle School, Chairhara, Budgam District, Kashmir





## Using education as a weapon to establish lasting peace

Open air Community classes at Govt Middle School, Hardumalpura, Budgam



Interaction with School Management Committee (SMC) at Govt. Girls Middle School, Chairhara, Budgam



Interaction with Children's Group

## Meeting with Government Officials during the visit



Interaction and update sharing on HCL Grant projects with Mr. Pandurang Kondabrao Pole, Divisional Commissioner, J&K



Interaction with officials from Education Department, J&K

Project MANCH (Maternal, Newborn and Child Health) launch in partnership with Government of Madhya Pradesh, National Health Mission and India Health Action Trust in presence of Honorable Dr. Prabhuram Choudhary, Health Minister, Madhya Pradesh. The project envisages to increase the availability, quality and utilization of critical MNCH services across the continuum of care in Shahdol district of Madhya Pradesh.

## Better healthcare; a healthier rural India

### Project MANCH Launch Snapshots



In pic (left to right): Dr. Archana Misra, Deputy Director - Maternal Health, Dr. Prabhuram Choudhary, Health Minister, Madhya Pradesh, Ms. Nidhi Punthir, Director - HCL Foundation, Dr. Pankaj Shukla, Director NHM launching Project MANCH



HCL Foundation delegation with government officials during IHAT's Project-MANCH launch

Dr. Prabhuram Choudhary, Health Minister, MP, handing over ANC kit to an ANM



HCL Grant Teams's visit to Jhapia village of Chhindwara district in Madhya Pradesh to oversee the project activities and impact created in last one year under the partnership of HCL Grant and Under the Mango Tree Society, HCL Grant, HCL Grant Recipient 2020, Environment Category.

## Bee kinder to the environment

### Under The Mango Tree Society (UTMT)



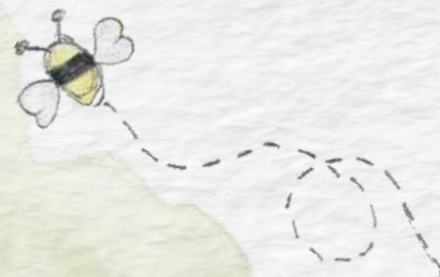
In pic: HCL Foundation Team, UTMT Team, Farmers and Master Trainers



Discussion with farmers of Jhapia village on their changed relationship with bees and their experience of adoption of bee keeping practice



Honey Comb prepared by Honey bees



# Stories of Transformation

Reaching the Un- Reached....



## Environment

### Under The Mango Tree Society

Lending hands to keep the bees buzzing..

**Jhulan Singh**, a resident of Jhapia village, used to practice traditional bee hunting practice in order to extract honey. After UTMT's intervention under HCL Grant project, he became aware of the significant role played by bees to conserve our ecosystem. He learnt the bee keeping practice through trainings provided by master trainers and got intrigued by the idea of becoming friends with bees. Being little sceptical about the bee sting, he initially installed one bee box provided by UTMT for the trial purpose. He learnt the functioning of bee box properly and was astounded to see the amount of honey he could extract without harming bees. He understood how bees will eventually lead to an increased agricultural produce as a result of pollination which would further result to increased income.

He now has eight bee boxes installed in his house and encourages his family members and people around to follow the practice.



## Tarun Bharat Sangh

Conserving water, conserving lives



### KHITARE KI POKHAR - KARENKAPURA

Khitare ki Pokhar is located in village Karenkapura, Gram Panchayat-Jamura, Tehsil-Masalpur, District-Karauli. 40 families of the village had contributed for the pond. This pond is called Khitara because in the village very less land is available for cultivation and crops are cultivated even in drains. So, where the plain land is available for the cultivation known as Khitara. Khitarekipokhar was constructed in May-June 2020 under HCL-Grant project. The situation of the village was worse before the formation of pond. In 2019 less than 1 bigha

land was cultivated because of unavailability of water for irrigation. Farmers migrated with their cattle in search of water. They buy foddors from market to feed their cattle. Youth of the village migrated to cities as no work opportunity left in village. In 2020 construction of KhitarekiPokhar has reverse the situation, availability of water has reversed the migration of youth, 2400 cattle and around 250 wild animals quench their thirst. Ground water level has increased by 5%, land cultivation has increased from 1 bigha to 100 bigha



### BALAJI ANICUT ka bandh- GADHMANDORA

BalajiAnicutka bandh is located in Gadhmandora Village, Gram Panchayat- Jamura, DivisionMasalpur, District- Karauli. It has been constructed at a distance of 3 km in forest from GadhMandora to the west in a ancient hermitage, around thousands of devotees visit to this place every year. BalajikaAnicut was an old structure got devastated last couple of decades.

It was the only source of thousands of wildlife in the forest. TBS team travelling with villagers for the site selection were taken to this broken structure. Local communities requested to rebuild it as it will provide yearlong water to their cattle and wildlife



## Health

### Child in Need Institute

#### Little Sadik combating Malnutrition



Sajida Biwi, a 22-year-old mother from Harindanga-II panchayat in Falta was identified by CINI's team under HCL Grant Project. She gave birth to a child, Sadik Fakir, who was a premature, low-birth weight (1.66kg) child. Sajida Biwi's husband Khurshid Alam Fakir was a tailor and the family was well-off. However, he lost his job due to the COVID 19 pandemic making it increasingly difficult for him to sustain the family of six.

The Community Facilitator(CF), during one of her visits, found out that Sajida was not breastfeeding her child properly due to reduced production of breast milk production. She was unable to consume diverse nutritious food as due to loss of livelihood and the altered circumstances the family was finding it difficult to afford three square meals. CF along with ASHA & AWW counselled her on various ways

of cooking low-cost nutritious food with available nutrient and sensitized her to avail the take-home ration offered by the ICDs centers for lactating women. The CF also kept a regular track of the child by visiting the family thrice in a week and through phone calls during lockdown. Continuous counselling and handholding to Sajida made her aware about the significant link between good nutrition & well-being of her child. CINI also provided nutrition mix to the child as supplementary food and conducted nutrition demonstration of young child feeding practices to Sajida. Being an avid learner, Sajida was successful to free her child from the clutches of malnutrition. By the eighth month, the weight of the child rose up to 7 kg. The family members were elated at this and pledged to put in their best efforts in caregiving despite the toughest circumstances.

### Karuna Trust

#### Making motherhood an experience to cherish

Mrs Bamang Tipi (24 years old mother) from Pagba village, under Sangram Taluk in Kurung Kumey District in Arunachal Pradesh, had her 3rd delivery on 10th Sep 2020. Her home is about 23 kms from the PHC Sangram and keeping in mind the improper road connectivity, she was admitted in PHC 7 days before her delivery where medical and nursing staff took care of her. In order to make

her feel homely and comfortable, services including food, nutritional drinks, a television set etc. was provided in the delivery room.

She delivered a healthy child with mild complication which was properly managed as per the protocol by health workers. After delivery, she stayed in the waiting room for 3 more days to avoid any kind of complexities that could further come up.



“ The services provided by nurses were tremendous and saved my life by preventing bleeding after delivery. The delivery rooms were clean, homely and all the services including food, care and support was praiseworthy. ”

Mrs Bamang Tipi

## She Hope Society for Women Entrepreneurs

**There is always a ray of HOPE!**

Fatima, a resident of Rohama block in Baramulla District is a confident girl who injured her spinal cord as a result of an earthquake that did hit the valley in 2005. She left her education after completing her 8th standard in 2020, as, the nearest high school is at a distance of 10 kilometres from her home. Her father being a wage labourer could not afford her treatment but wanted her to study and learn further. After her identification by the Team of She Hope Society for Women Entrepreneurs, HCL Grant 2019 Recipient, Health category, regular consultations were scheduled by community workers to support her and to teach her family members simple techniques and exercise so that rehabilitation care can be given to Fatima at her home. Team also assisted her by providing her wheel chair and building a ramp. Now, she dreams to continue her studies and feel confident to go alone to nearby areas through her wheel chair.

Unique Disability ID has also been issued to her which will act as a single document of identification and she would be able to avail various benefits in future as specially abled.



## Education

### Bal Raksha Bharat

**Rayees's unwavering commitment to  
make the world a better place for children**

Rayees Ahmad, a teacher in Govt. Middle School Batapora, is an energetic and active participant of School Management Committee (SMC). Having a keen interest towards betterment of children's future he has constantly been a part of training programmes conducted by Bal Raksha Bharat regarding Child Rights, Child Protection Issues and Peace Education. During COVID-19 pandemic, despite all the challenges including lockdown and closure of schools, he extended his constant support by offering open air Community Classes to the children residing in the remote areas. For which, he used to cover 4-5 kms walking distance every day so that their education would not suffer.



“ It is my profession as well as responsibility to look after the education of children here in the village because I believe education is the only medium to differentiate between right and wrong and I would be pleased to contribute in safeguarding the educational rights of children as guaranteed by UNCRC. ”

Rayees Ahmad

## Vikram A Sarabhai Community Science Centre

### Bringing the fun back to learning Science and Mathematics

Mayurika Parikh, teacher in Vajepur Kampa Primary School, Khayad says,

“ I had attended the training organized by VASCSC on 20th and 21st January 2021 at Modasa. In this workshop, we were trained to teach difficult subjects like mathematics and science in a very simple and easy manner through Teaching Learning Material (TLM), fun-filled science and mathematics games and different creative activities and experiments. I used some of these methods for teaching the students of my school. It was fun to teach students through TLM, games and various creative experiments and activities. The benefit of teaching through these methods was that students were able to understand the difficult concepts in an easy and clear way. Organization, arrangement and material given during the workshop was very useful and every single trainee was able to perform hands-on activity. ”



## Srijan Foundation

### Nutri Gardens: A fruitful proposition

Vaidehi Devi, a resident of Dhipa village from Manoharpur block of West Singhbhum had to face scarcity of food at her house due to poverty and her family was on the verge of malnutrition. The situation was further aggravated since her daughter-in-law was pregnant and Vaidehi Devi was too conscious regarding her food intake which was imbalanced.

Then she came across the Community Resource Person (CRP) from Srijan Foundation of her village, Renuka Mahto, who sensitized her about the significance of nutrition garden and how it could help her in meeting food requirements of her family throughout the year.

Srijan Foundation under HCL Grant Project, supported Vaidehi Devi with the input of 8 different types of seeds and net for the nutrition garden. After acquiring the seeds, she built a nutrition garden at the empty and idle place near



her house. Today, there are various types of vegetables at her nutrition garden namely spinach, carrot, raddish, okra, sponge gourd and bottle gourd. This has helped her to take proper care of her daughter-in-law by providing proper nutrition required by her body. She does not only prepare variety of food grown in the garden but also feed her fish, eggs as well as fresh fruits since she is able to save quite a lot of money that she had to spend only to purchase vegetables.

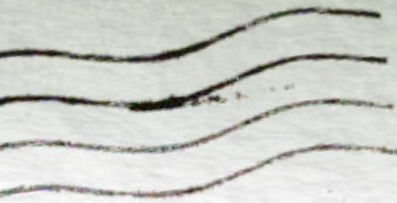
She has inspired 30 other women farmers from Dhipa village, who have also adopted the practice of nutrition garden at their houses.

“ Due to poverty and lack of money, my family was unable to have vegetables on their platter on daily basis. But now as our nutrition garden is yielding fresh vegetables, we are able to eat them regularly and I do not have to think twice for feeding my family a nutritious and healthy meal. ”

Vaidehi Devi







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