

HCL Foundation

Catalyst

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Dear Readers,

HCL Foundation is proud to have participated in the historic **UN 2023 Water Conference** held in New York, as part of its official side-events agenda, in a session on 'PPP Model for Rainwater Harvesting and Enhancing Native Biodiversity – Use Cases from India.' We were thrilled to have presented our work to cross-sectional, multi-stakeholder groups united for **Water Action**.

March was also about **#ShePowersProgress** as we celebrated our female programme participants to mark International Women's Day.

Read the March edition of Catalyst, HCL Foundation's monthly newsletter, to know more.

Regards,
Team HCL Foundation

Highlights of the Month

HCL Foundation participates in the UN 2023 Water Conference

HCL Foundation participated in the historic UN 2023 Water Conference held in New York, USA from March 22-24, 2023, as part of its official side-events agenda, in a session that saw participation from cross-sectional, multi-stakeholder groups united for water action.

The UN 2023 Water Conference underscores the significance of Water for Sustainable Development and provided a platform to bring in sustainable solutions from across the world towards water conservation.

The side-event was organized by HCL Foundation in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group and panelists from India Water Foundation and World Bank.

The discussion centered around case studies and success stories on the interlinkage of terrestrial aquatic ecosystem rejuvenation, native biodiversity, climate and community resilience — and how they are sustained and scaled by convergent community action and public-private partnerships.



Vaccination for Dogs

HCL Foundation with the support of Blue Cross of India conducted a mass vaccination drive for community-owned and free-roaming dogs in Kannagi Nagar, Chennai. More than 300 dog owners in the community actively participated and rendered support to the mass vaccination drive. 930+ dogs were administered with a single dose of a 9 in 1 vaccine that boosts the immunity of dogs against 5 viral and 4 bacterial diseases that are often fatal to the dogs. Few dogs that were vaccinated were also marked with vegetable-based dye on their nape post-vaccination for identification and monitoring.



World Sparrow Day

To mark the World Sparrow Day, HCL Foundation under our flagship programme HCL Harit in partnership with Eco Roots Foundation organized nest making workshops at multiple locations in Lucknow. The workshop was organized to create awareness on sparrows, the threats they face and steps one can take to conserve them. A total of 26 students and 27 HCLTechies volunteered and created 30+ bird nests. These nests will be placed in natural spaces within close vicinity to create an eco-friendly environment.



First batch of Wild Champs Winners Announced

Wild Champs is an Environment Education initiative of HCL Foundation and Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS) aiming to empower students around wildlife reserves to come up with nature based solutions for local environmental and wildlife conservation issues. Recently, we announced the Wild Champs. A total of 118 students from 16 schools around Anamalai Tiger reserve, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu took part in the event and were awarded by Anamalai Block Education Officer (BEO). Students also had the opportunity to present and discuss their work with fellow students and teachers.



HCL Grant

5th National Para Badminton Championship 2022-23 at Lucknow

HCL Grant-supported programme participants were selected to represent the state of Karnataka in the 5th National Para Badminton Championship 2022-23 at Lucknow. The women's team comprising of 7 players won two gold, two silver and one bronze medal in the championship. The participants are from The Association of People with Disabilities (APD) who were the Health category HCL Grant Recipient in the year 2022.



International Women's Day Celebration

Stressing upon the need to provide safe and secure environment for women at home, work and public places, She hope Society for Women Entrepreneur in collaboration with HCL Foundation and the District Administration Ganderalbal, celebrated International Women' Day on 8th March 2023. The society is HCL Grant 2019 edition winners, under the Health Category.

The programme was attended by District Development Council Chairperson Mrs. Nuzhat Ishfaq, District Social Welfare Officer: Mr. Sahir Majeed (JKAS), Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. Farooz Yehya , Assistant Development Commissioner: Mr. Mehraj Shah, Chief Medical Officer Dr Afrooza Shah, among other dignitaries.



Education for Children with Visual Impairment

With the Government administration support, Model District Level Education Centre (DLEC) established in Udaipur has been upscaled to all the other blocks of the district and dedicated teachers have been allocated by the government for each DLEC ensuring regular support and education for Children with Visual Impairment in Kotra, Jhadol and Udaipur blocks of Udaipur district in Rajasthan.



Flowering the Future

Rakesh Kumar Maurya (Kinhouti, Sandila), a farmer associated with HCL Samuday, was awarded for his contributions by Mr. Baldev Singh Aulakh, Honorable Minister of State in the Ministry of Agricultural Education and Agricultural Research, Uttar Pradesh under the Floriculture Mission of CSIR-NBRI (National Botanical Research Institute), Lucknow. Rakesh shared his experience and the joint contribution of HCL Foundation and NBRI in assisting farmers with promoting good agricultural practices. This was during the 2-day Annual Flower Festival organized by NBRI wherein more than 100 farmers of our project area and 10 team members participated. A collaborative partnership with NBRI is being ensured for promotion of floriculture in the region.



Artificial Insemination Technician cum Para Vet Training and Certification

Under dairy development project of HCL Samuday, 19 volunteers from the project area went to Uttarakhand Livestock Development Board, Pashulok, Rishikesh for a 45-day AI Technician cum Para Vet training program. These 19 volunteers are now certified to work as an AI Technician cum Para Vet and serve the dairy farmers in the region. They will work as village level service provider with our veterinary team and support them on various field activities like mobilizing farmers for Animals Preventive Health Camps and Fertility Improvement Camps.



An Attempt to Eradicate TB

HCL Samuday marked World Tuberculosis Day on 24th March by counselling and sensitizing the community regarding risk factors, symptomatology and treatment of Tuberculosis across 13 Health and Wellness Centers through telemedicine facility and 11 Community Health Centers through Mobile Health Clinics. IEC pamphlets were also distributed to convey the message. 1,060 programme participants/beneficiaries were counselled on Tuberculosis & identifying TB markers and symptoms.



Promoting Young Minds in Science

National Science Day was celebrated on 28th February in various primary and composite schools of HarDOI to create awareness about the contribution and importance of science in education and society. Quiz and project model exhibitions based on science were organized for the occasion, and a total of 2,200 students participated enthusiastically. 150 students won science kits along with experiment books which will go a long way in quenching the inquisitiveness among these small geniuses.



Solid Waste Management Initiated in 7 new Nagar Panchayats/Palikas

HCL Foundation, under its flagship programme HCL Samuday, has partnered with Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS) for a new project aimed at tackling solid waste management issues in seven nagar panchayats (palikas) of Hardoi district in Uttar Pradesh. The project will involve mass awareness campaigns aimed at educating residents on the various aspects of SWM, including waste segregation, collection, transportation, and disposal. It will ensure the active involvement of community members, Nagar Palika/Panchayat members, and related government departments to effectively implement SWM practices. The project will also promote the use of eco-friendly products, discourage the use of single-use plastics, and support the implementation of a sustainable waste management system.



Samuday at AIC FEMPRENEUR

On 29th March 2023, 4 team members from HCL Samuday and 9 female artisans who are running product/services based enterprises attended the AIC-FEMPRENEUR event organized by Shiv Nadar (Institute of Eminence deemed to be) University and Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) at SNU Campus, Dadri, Greater Noida. The occasion provided female entrepreneurs supported by HCL Samuday an opportunity to be among other Women Champions and celebrate the enterprising spirit of women. Products handmade by rural women artisans under HCL Samuday's handicraft project were also highlighted through an exhibition during this event.



Medical Health Camp for Sanitation Workers

This month, screening and counselling of 513 sanitation workers as part of a medical health camp was completed across 5 Urban Local Bodies (Nagar Panchayats and Palika) in Hardoi. The idea was to help them improve their physical and mental well-being. Complimentary counseling was given, medical evaluations were done, and suitable medications were prescribed. Those who needed specialized treatment were referred to a higher facility.



Noida Updates

International Women's Day celebrated by Bodh Shiksha Samiti and KATHA at Upper Primary School, Milak Lachchi under My School Programme of HCL Foundation.



Poster design competition and exhibition on the theme of DigitAll: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality organized for students pursuing DTP course.



311 kids were screened at Community Health Centre Bhangel. Children identified with hearing impairment have undergone cochlear implant surgery.



Lucknow Updates

50 participants of Apparel Manufacturing Technology (AMT) and Sewing Machine Operator(SMO) completed their course and received certificates of completion.



Dental health camp organized on the occasion of World Oral Health day, to raise awareness to prevent and control oral and craniofacial infection diseases, conditions and injuries and improve access to related services.



Urban Community Health Centre Indiranagar is recognized and incentivized by Kayakalp Award 2021-22 for showing exemplary performance.

HCL Foundation is supporting and upgrading 5 Urban Public health facilities under MOU with CMO with functional labour room including new born care corner & KMC unit.



Digital literacy session was organized for SHG members from Chikankari cluster. HCLTech volunteers helped SHG women to make and run social media pages.



HCL Foundation organized awareness rallies and community meetings on World Tuberculosis Day to raise awareness among the public about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of TB and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic.



Kolkata Updates

Nature Study Camp was organized at Shankarpur, West Bengal for differently-abled students. Practical experience of the sea and the flora added a lot of value to the students through this camp.



Nagpur Updates

Handing over two renovated sanitation blocks at NMC Schools in the presence of the Education officer and other key stakeholders.



Pune Updates

Graduation ceremony for 250 students at HCLTech Amber Fort office Pune in presence of SSHS leadership.



Prize Distribution of 49th Edition of Firodiya Trophy supported by HCL Foundation.



Bengaluru Updates

3 day oral awareness screening camp organized reaching more than 1,000 children. About 60% of the school children screened had dental caries, 50% of them had orthodontic problems, 20% had to go for extraction.



More than 120 women participated in rangoli making, public speaking and theatre activities, along with awareness on NCD.



A batch of 30 students from Yuvakendra graduated in the course - Make India Capable. Around 80% of the students are placed in various organizations.



Hyderabad Updates

25 participants visited Birds Rehabilitation Centre and participated in Sparrow Nest Making Workshop on the occasion of World Sparrow Day.



Graduation day celebrations and certificate distribution to 120 trainees who have successfully completed the training. Around 85% youth have been offered with various employment opportunities.



Vijayawada Updates

Mahila Mitra members felicitated on International Women's Day for their voluntary services.



HCL Foundation handed over a purified drinking water unit and hand wash station to Krishna Lanka Corporation High school, Vijayawada.



Madurai Updates

33 WSDP women entrepreneurs empowered by HCLF – EDII Sattva project, 7 HCLTechies and 9 Womenpreneurs from TN District and 4 Social Workers from Madurai NGOs received the TSM IWD Shakti Awards 2023.



110 Women in the urban slums of Madurai were sensitized on the importance of early screening of breast and cervical cancers. The women underwent clinical examination and learnt how to do self-examination of breast and cervical.



45 participants including students, NGO partners learned easy techniques to create full comic stories on environmental challenges. On the last day of the workshop, an exhibition with all comics stories created during the workshop was displayed.



40 successful women entrepreneurs were selected for the MSME awards from across 9 districts of South Tamil Nadu. HCLF- EDII WSDP beneficiaries and EDII staff received 8 MSME awards.



Clean Noida

Embracing Safe Sanitation

Celebrating the tireless contributions by women on International Women's day 2023 #EmbraceEquity the green friends and local rag pickers in Nithari village, citizens joined in to contribute. The idea was to appreciate their involvement in managing waste in Clean NOIDA's urban village project location Nithari. They are the guiding force who embrace each and every one through their sheer work and skills towards maintaining clean community spaces and support the community in creating waste free urban village through sustainable actions.



Committing to Save Water

Clean NOIDA team members used games as a medium to educate the community about the importance of Water. 1,549 citizens from 38 urban villages of Noida came together to celebrate the World Water Day 2023 on 22nd March and pledged to conserve water.



International Women's Day Celebration

Clean NOIDA dedicated the month of March to celebrate Women's Day and giving emphasis to women domestic and sanitation workers. It was a way to appreciate their contribution towards making our city self-sustainable in the Swacch Survekshan Campaign and their constant support and belief in our initiative to make NOIDA city cleaner and greener. The event was in collaboration with Noida Authority with CEO of the Authority, Ms. Ritu Maheshwari as the chief guest. She appreciated the contribution of the female waste workers and applauded the dedication and work of HCL Foundation. She felicitated women change makers (waste management domain) from across the city and Clean NOIDA volunteers.

- 50+ Clean NOIDA volunteers helped in managing the event, each volunteer dedicated 5 hours each
- 2,500+ domestic helps, sanitation workers and residents participated



Power of One



5,316
Volunteers



12,397.5
Hours



34,949
Programme Participants

'Festive Bazaar-Holi and Women's Day Special' set up in Noida, Chennai and Bengaluru HCLTech campuses showcasing beautiful products created by artisans supported through the My E-Haat initiative, resulting in sales worth more than ₹1 Lakh (US \$ 1,218)



World Water Day celebration- 100+ volunteers decorated and placed water bowls across major HCLTech campuses pan India in accordance with the theme of 'Making Water Accessible for All Beings' ensuring all birds, animals and insects have access to water. The volunteers will be monitoring the usage and upkeep of the water bowls and have also committed to communicate this message across their areas of residence.



A volunteer based out of Pune took 2 virtual sessions on 'Health and Hygiene' with different set of school students in Noida. He explained the importance of good nutrition and ways to lead a healthy lifestyle.



A workshop on community composting and zero waste lifestyle was organized for 15 HCLTechies in Bangalore.



4 HCLTechies were engaged in a Health camp. Volunteers assisted with growth monitoring, data entry and analysis of developmental delay under the guidance of a doctor and appropriate tools.



HCLTech volunteers visited the CUPA Geriatric centre. The volunteers showed keen interest in the workshop and have come forward in volunteering activities related to animal welfare.

The activities include-

Bathing and cleaning of elderly dogs

An on-going campaign that focuses on 'Adopt, Don't Shop'

Feeding the dogs

Geriatric dogs need some extra love and care to be fostered



A friendly football organized match between SFC Bengaluru Football team VS HCLTech employees at Anekal Stadium. 20 volunteers nominated and came forward to play a 6 hour match.



7 HCLTech employees volunteered to play a friendly match against Kutumb's SFC Football players at Tikona Park. Post the game they took part in a life-skills activity.



HCL Foundation Academy



**Courses
Completed**
2



**Learners
Certified**
388



**Webinar
Participants**
5,495



Heli Pathak, Gujarat

CSR & Its Applied Aspects course has provided immense learning opportunities and helped me to develop my concept of various core areas of CSR.



Nezelu Nyekha, Nagaland

HCL Foundation Academy's course on CSR was an enriching experience and enabled me to see new possibilities especially in our area of work.



Yash Doshi, Gujarat

HCL Foundation has provided an opportunity to acquire knowledge in the areas of Section 135, CSR policy formulation, project management implementation & reporting, monitoring & evaluation - frameworks, accounting & auditing in live sessions where learners across India exchange real life experiences.

Sports for Change

M Vijayan secured Gold Medal in 23rd SGKS South Zone Karate Championship - 2023 under 35 to 40 Kilos weight category.



HCL Foundation supported DBAI girls' Rugby team participated in Women's day 7 A Side Rugby Tournament at Marina Beach and won the second place.



HCL Foundation sports scholars are representing Karnataka State in ongoing 27th Women's Senior Nationals Football tournament.



SVF-HCLF Kabaddi Girls SDC Vikas Nagar team took part in Director Kabaddi Girls Tournament held at Chowk Stadium Lucknow, reached finale and finished in 2nd Position.



HCL Foundation supported SVF Lucknow Sub-Junior U-16 Football Girls participated and qualified in Mandal Trials. 12 girls have been selected for Sub Junior U-16 Girls State Level Tournament, which will be held in Bareilly.



HCL Foundation sports scholars at Bengaluru took part in Women's Day Football Tournament 2023 held at EmbassyTech representing REVA University women's football team and finished as runners up of the tournament.



International Women’s Day celebrated on 8th March 2023 across different project locations with students, mothers, sisters and female role models.



Happy to share that in the recently concluded UP State Para Athletics Championship, our para athletes supported under ADP won 10 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. They will now be representing at the National Level Championship and some will hopefully represent India in upcoming Asian and Commonwealth Games.



My E-Haat

A health checkup camp was organized on 14th March at My E-Haat Display Centre, Noida. More than 40 artisans were screened. An informative session on women's health and dental hygiene was also conducted by the doctors.



Fifth session of "Shilp Charcha" webinar was conducted. Artisans and organisations learnt about various available online website and their registration requirements. A walkthrough of My E-Haat portal registration was also provided for artisan organizations to increase their income through increased visibility and marketing on digital platforms.

More than 700 Artisans and Craft organizations joined from across the country. Similar sessions are being organized every month to strengthen the ecosystem of handloom & handicraft sector.

My E-Haat was invited by District Skill Committee, Kangra to share best practices for connecting last-mile artisans to digital market and orient Kangra District Skill Committee members about benefits of onboarding onto My E-Haat online portal.

70+ participants participated in the workshop which was organized as part of Mission Dhanvantri.



5 Skill Development & Livelihoods projects of Lucknow and Noida, were invited to celebrate their entrepreneurial journey at Fempreneur'23 organized by Atal Incubation Centre, SNU.

These My E-Haat artisans also exhibited their handmade products and made a total sale of around ₹55,000. Samuday Craft also participated in the event and exhibited their handicraft ranges.



Global CSR

Volunteers in São Paulo, Brazil planted 1,000+ native seedlings of 32 different native species belonging to the Brazilian Atlantic Flora.



In Guatemala, HCLTech collaborated with Xerox to donate 60 laptops and 95 supply bags to local schools.



CSR Sunnyvale team generously organized a donation of 100+ scarves to local individuals experiencing homelessness.



Employees gathered to assemble 500+ sandwiches for same-day delivery to New Yorkers in need.



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