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Dear Readers,

August was an action packed month at HCLFoundation. We started by observing the World Breast Feeding Week and concluded on a high with Sports for Change National Finals 2023!

In between, 47,000+ saplings of different native species were planted pan India to mark the 47th HCL Day.

Read all this and more in the August '23 edition of HCLFoundation's monthly newsletter – Catalyst.

Regards,
Team HCLFoundation

Key Highlights

Sports for Change - Committed to Lighting up Children's Lives

From Aug 25-29, 2023, we hosted over 800 young and passionate athletes from 10 districts and cities across India (Chennai, Bengaluru, Madurai, Lucknow, Nagpur and Noida amongst others) coming together to celebrate sports, camaraderie, and opportunity. Throughout five exhilarating days, we witnessed fierce competition and remarkable sportsmanship as young athletes battled it out in various sports, including football, kabaddi, volleyball, basketball, and cricket.

The Sports For Change Mini National Finals 2023 event unfolded at the Noida College of Physical Education and at the newly inaugurated Iteda Sports Complex at Gautam Buddha Nagar, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh. Inauguration of Iteda Sports Ground A crowning achievement of this event was the inauguration of the Iteda Sports Complex at

Government Upper Primary School, in the Iteda village of Gautam Buddha Nagar district in Uttar Pradesh. HCLFoundation has renovated the multi-sports complex to create a dedicated space for all the students studying in government schools and urban slum communities of Gautam Buddha Nagar. It aims to provide professional coaching and equitable sports opportunity for the underserved students of the district. The complex has been equipped with two cricket nets, one basketball court, one volleyball court, one football field and two long jump pits. It also has a dedicated equipment storeroom, separate washrooms for boys and girls and spectator stands.

The event was graced by esteemed guests, Mr. Ravindra Sinha, Vice Chancellor of Gautam Buddha University, and Dr. Rajiv Dixit, ADCP Central Noida.



Foundation Speaks | Experience Sharing



Prakriti Khar

Associate Manager - CSR Engagements



Uncertain if this photo captures today's beautiful moment, but it warms my heart. At the HCLFoundation Sports for Change Nationals, I escorted an injured young athlete to the hospital. Enroute the hospital in the ambulance, her team's success revived her spirits, and I felt invigorated despite my exhaustion. Meeting her father, I feared he'd discourage her from sports due to her injury. However, he encouraged her to play in the final match, injecting positivity into her treatment. He said, "He beamed at her and said *"fir chot lagwa li, Kal final bhi toh khelna hai"* (you have injured yourself again, you have to play the final tomorrow!). His support moved me, reminding me of my parents' influence on my life. A day's work filled with gratitude."

#LifelsBeautiful #GirlsInSports



47,000+ Saplings Planted Across India to Mark 47th HCL Day

More than 47,000 saplings were planted across India today to mark the 47th HCL Day.

HCLTech employees, their family members, NGO partners, community volunteers, school students and women's groups participated in the planting activities at government schools, forested areas, HCLTech campuses and designated lands dedicated to mass afforestation in Chennai, Madurai, Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Lucknow, Vijayawada, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Hardoi, Thoothukudi, North & South 24 Paraganas and Noida.



We're at the Global Environment Facility

The Environment leaders across 185 countries gathered in Vancouver, Canada on the 7th Assembly of Global Environment Facility (GEF) from August 22 to 26 to discuss and bring diplomatic thoughts on biodiversity loss, toxic chemicals and high seas aiming 2030 goals to end pollution and nature loss, combat climate change, and propel inclusivity and community-led conservation. Esha Mitra, Executive-Environment Education was invited by GEF to this assembly as youth leader of the United Nations Convention for Combating Desertification (UNCCD) Youth Constituency joining ministers, government officials, business leaders, environmentalists, leaders of international agencies and environmental conventions. Her role was to integrate the regional and intergenerational perspectives bringing more youth centric policy, projects and funding mechanism for and by the youth, especially affected by land and habitat degradation, and desertification.



Multi-stakeholder workshop on Marine Litter Pollution & Solution

Around 100 participants including eminent panelists from Greater Chennai Corporation, Anna University, NGO's, State and National Institutions, SHG's, Fisher folk communities came together and discussed their ideas on mitigating ocean pollution and waste management at the Institute of Ocean Management, Anna University, Chennai. This conglomeration aims to work towards the larger goal to prevent "Ocean bound plastics and Zero plastic littering into the rivers" that cut through Chennai city in the near future.



Biodiversity at Harit Upvan, Green Connector, Lucknow

Currently, Green Connector is home for:

55+ native plant species

with 33,000+ standing trees

65+ faunal diversity

(birds, butterflies, reptiles, etc.) recorded so far.



Generation for Climate Action (GenCAN) Updates

Under GenCAN initiative, student & teachers orientation sessions, climate literacy quiz, climate awareness activities were conducted to celebrate the Climate awareness month. The aim of students' orientation program was to introduce with concept of climate science as well as encouraging them to take climate action leadership in individual level and their school. The focus of teachers' orientation session was to introduce with the program structure and the importance of active teachers' participation to motivate the students to be climate conscious and climate action leader.



Teachers Training workshops
2 workshops for 65 teachers
from 15 States

Student Orientation Session
294 students from 39 schools

Climate literacy quiz
544 students from 48 schools



Promotion of Floriculture with the Support of NBRI under the National Floriculture Mission



Floriculture has emerged as a profitable agribusiness in India and worldwide. It has the potential to generate gainful self-employment among small and marginal farmers. HCLFoundation with the support of National Botanical Research Institute(NBRI), Lucknow, has intervened in the field of Floriculture and has supported farmers to diversify their crop baskets through commercial floral crops such as rose, tuberose, chrysanthemum and marigold.

NBRI, under the National Floriculture Mission in association with HCLFoundation has supported in

generating awareness, imparting training, and ensuring supply of quality planting materials to them. Furthermore, training in processing flowers and converting them into different kinds of products was also carried out. The event was organized in the month of August in two separate sessions, with a cumulative participation of 167 farmers, along with members of the NBRI and HCLFoundation teams. These seedlings would flower during the festive month, thus providing better price to the farmer for their produce, aiding not just income enhancement but also crop diversification among the farming community.

National Sports Day

On August 29, 2023, Samuday marked National Sports Day in the Hardoi district, involving 3800 students from 19 government schools in 11 blocks. The event saw the distribution of 342 medals in categories like Gold, Silver, and Bronze, emphasizing values such as discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship among the youth. The Block education officer played a role in expanding similar initiatives across block schools, aiming to foster a love for sports among children. HCLFoundation organized six games in each school, assisted by teachers and students, followed by healthy snacks. The event prioritized safety, with mobile health clinics and qualified professionals on standby for potential injuries or emergencies.



Adolescent Anemia School Competitions

Under Samuday's adolescent health anemia program, a school-based competition was organized in 10 schools towards increasing awareness and assessing knowledge about good health, anemia and other associated factors among 6th-12th class school-going adolescent girls of Sursa block of Hardoi District. Competition activities were organized for the school students such as essay & slogan writing along with drawing and quiz competitions. 2000+ students participated in the competition, beautifully illustrating the various ways to reduce anemia prevalence through their drawings.



Inauguration of Plastic Holding Structure

With a view to provide primary storage facility of dry waste (plastic, paper, cloths etc.), plastic holding structures have been installed in each of the 75 Gram panchayats which covers 59,072 households. Door-to-door plastic collection, storage facilities, and segregation fall under the purview of the Gram Panchayat's sanitary worker. It is therefore essential to develop strategies and methods to address this ever-increasing environmental pollutant with a strategy to serve the cost economics in the value chain. This plastic holding structure holds the daily incoming plastic waste which is further linked to business in regular defined frequency (fortnightly / monthly) basis volume of collection.



Breastfeeding Week (1-8 August) Celebrated

Maternal and child health is a fundamental aspect of the Public Health system in India. Ensuring continued efforts on nutrition for the newborn, HCL Samuday supported health facilities marked the World Breastfeeding Week, in a week-long campaign that served as an excellent opportunity to advocate for and highlight the significance of breastfeeding across Hardoi.



Sanitation Workers and Dignity at Work

Sanitation workers, operate under high risk conditions, playing a pivotal role in maintaining the functioning of sanitation systems. It is crucial to acknowledge the rights of sanitation workers, granting them the freedom and support to organize as a labor force ensuring dignity and safety at work. Their working conditions require enhancement and gradual formalization to safeguard their well-being. Towards this, an initiative was inaugurated in the Hardoi district; during the event, personal protection equipment (PPE) kits with basic tools for safety were distributed to 170 sanitation workers from various Gram Panchayats, emphasizing their health and overall safety.



Name of Item: Gloves, Shovel / Belcha, Plastic Tasla, Gum Boot, Reflector Jacket, Panja & Stick For Panja

Workshop on Content Development and Curriculum Finalization for Classes 6 to 8

State Council for Education Research and Training (SCERT), Lucknow, and HCLFoundation together hosted a workshop on Digital Literacy, Coding, and Computational thinking for content development and curriculum finalization for Classes VI to VIII at the Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow. Members of HCL Samuday team also attended this seven-day residential training. During the session, SCERT recommended developing content and course materials on digital literacy & coding with 24 Govt-trained teachers.



Teachers Training on ICT Module

This year, as part of the Happy School Programme, training was organized for Govt. primary school teachers empowering them on learning ICT courses and its material usage. The teachers were prepared on given tools and supported for successful implementation of ICT curriculum and making use of the Open Educational Resource Portal in HCLFoundation supported ICT classrooms. Samuday team successfully completed teacher training covering two Blocks of Hardoi namely, Bharavan & Mallawan. 118 Govt. primary school teachers got trained as part of the programme.



Foundational Literacy and Numeracy via Samvardhan

A pilot program to address learning gaps, complying with NIPUN Bharat's mission for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) by the end grade 3.

Under the Samuday's "Samvardhan" program initiative, support on Fundamental Literacy and Numeracy learning was extended to 2620 children of grade II to V, covering 68 Primary Schools in 10 Blocks of Hardoi with 95 community-led volunteers. Pre-existing knowledge was analyzed for the children through a baseline survey. 20.99% children identified at beginner level, unable to read/write Hindi language, dropped to 0.76%. 35.04% of children at the alphabet level, decreased to 17.90%. In Sentence and Paragraph level there were 3.02% and 0.61% children which increased to 19.47% and 18.59% respectively marching towards outcomes outlined in the NIPUN Bharat guidelines.



It is time for Stage 2 – the 'Abstract Review' Round

HCLTech Grant has initiated Stage 2 i.e, "Abstract Review "selection process which was conducted on 21st, 22nd and 23rd August 2023 for Health, Environment and Education respectively in which organization's profile and project abstract of eligible applicants were reviewed by a group of independent domain experts, subject matter experts, sector experts from HCLFoundation and Governance partner.

For stage 3 category 201 NGOs were shortlisted for "Detailed Proposal" round across all 3 thematic categories (60 in Health, 49 in Environment and 92 in Education).

The application portal went LIVE from 29th August 2023 to 12th September 2023 For NGOs to submit the detailed proposal form.



Health



Education



Environment

Special Jury Silver CSR TIMES Award 2023 – Bal Raksha Bharat



Project Peace Education has been conferred with the coveted CSR Times Award 2023 for promoting inclusive learning and focusses on building conducive learning environment in the states of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh implemented by Bal Raksha Bharat, HCLTech Grant Recipient, 2020, Education Category. The 10th CSR Summit & Awards 2023 were organized in New Delhi where more than 300 delegates participated. The Summit was chaired by Chief Guest Shri SPS Baghel, Minister of State (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) and Guest of Honor, Dr Sudhanshu Trivedi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (RS) along with many other prominent dignitaries including parliamentarians, bureaucrats, diplomats, CSR heads, corporate heads and philanthropies.

HYDERABAD

Training of Teachers on Sustainable WASH behaviour

A Capacity Building Training session for Teachers was organized on the topic 'Strengthening & Sustaining WASH Infrastructure and Behavioural Change' at schools. It helped to orient the Head Masters and Teachers on providing decent, adequate, safe, gender segregated sustainable access to sanitation and hygiene infrastructure for children and to create awareness, sustainable WASH Behavioural Change Communication. 24 Teachers from 11 Govt. High Schools have participated the Training.



National Sports Day Celebrations

On the occasion of the National Sports Day, the various competitions organized in Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Running & Long Jump at Govt. High Schools around saw a hearty participation of 440+ students.



Independence Day Celebrations

On the occasion of Independence Day multiple Drawing, Essay Writing & Quiz competitions were organized at various Government High Schools on the topics 'Importance of Science & Technology', 'Role of students in Nation's Development', 'About Freedom Movement', 'WASH behavioural change' & 'Clean India - Green India'. The events saw 300+ students participate and put their creative foot forward.



Right Skills, Bright Future!

HCL Yuvakendra in partnership with Head Held High Foundation saw an inauguration on 22nd August 2023 with a new batch of 30 youth Trainees. The trainees will be trained in "Make India Capable" course covering 21st Century Skills including Life skills.



Educational Workshop on Nature Conservation

An Educational Workshop on Nature Conservation for young children of Non Formal School was organized, where they learnt about the impact of nature on people, challenges to planet, the need to conserve nature and take environment action. The children participated in a drawing competition as well as a Q&A session. In addition to this, about 50 children also participated in the Arts & Crafts workshop to make Rakhi and tied that to each other on the festival of Raksha Bandhan.



Nature Study Trip

Students from the HCLFoundation supported Voice of World intervention were in for a treat as they undertook a nature study trip to the Dooars area in North Bengal. It was conducted in the Putharjhora Tea Garden situated in the foothills of the Himalayas, in the Dooars area. The students - a majority of whom were Children with disabilities - were taken around the Factory and the Tea Garden and explained the tea cultivation process. They thus got a first-hand experience - right from plucking of tea leaves in the garden to processing of the leaves to the ultimate stage of getting tea packets ready.



Marking I-Day with a Health Camp

On the occasion of the 77th Independence Day a Health Camp was organized in partnership with the Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission - where a total of 4 doctors (a general physician, two dentists and one eye specialist) were present and completed the check-up of all the students that included BMI Index, blood test (report), checking for anaemia, and such. The doctors followed up the checks with advise on choosing healthy food and exercises to maintain a healthy lifestyle for students.



CHENNAI

Partnerships for a brighter future

HCL Foundation signed PBGC MoU with Tambaram City Police Avadi Police Commissionerate. The signing of a MoU took place at the Office of Commissioner of Police, Avadi & Tambaram and envisions a brighter future by implementing innovative initiatives and prioritizing the well-being of all.

HCL Foundation also extended the Police Boys and Girls Club MoU with Greater Chennai Police with new initiatives and a welfare-centered approach.



Children's Parliament

A children's parliament training was conducted in the Govt. ADW. Hr. Sec. School (Paduvanchery) comes under Chengalpattu district. The significance of this initiative goes beyond traditional education; it encourages students to think critically, communicate effectively, and develop a sense of responsibility toward society.



Hello, WATSAN Committees

WATSAN Committees were formed at GHSS Perungudi (11 members), Thoraipakkam (12 members) & Perumbakkam (23 members). The student's WATSAN committee works as changemakers and leaders who monitor and strengthen good WASH practices among the students and act as a representative of the students and work together to voice out basic sanitation needs in their schools as well as effectively monitor proper operation & maintenance of WASH facilities in the schools. The designations, roles & responsibilities were clearly explained to them.



Informed Careers

HCL Foundation – Gray Sim NGO organised an awareness session on ITI for 10th, 11th and 12th standard students at Perumbakkam, Pallikaranai and Semmanchery Police Boys and Girls Club. The event aimed to educate the students about the benefits and opportunities available through ITI courses.



New communities: Sochara

Team Sochara engaged with a new community in Saidapet, where they built rapport and community engagement, where WASH challenges were discussed, especially the problems faced by children and women with public toilets. They also discussed menstrual hygiene issues and planned for Menstrual Hygiene And Health Management sessions.



HCL Day Celebrations

47th HCL Day was observed by a massive seed-sowing campaign at Anandha Illam and the government primary school. Children planted vegetable seeds on the Anandha Illam campus and Govt. Primary School in Bandikavanur planted guava, fig, and Ficus seed balls. 200 seed balls were presented to the HM by Anandha Illam students. The event featured 48 children & teens.



Breastfeeding Week

A Breastfeeding Week was observed towards supporting mothers through peer groups and NGOs and ANC staff to promote and carry on breastfeeding by informing families of the benefits of Breastfeeding for child and mother. Awareness on Breast Feeding was given to the programme participant's parents. Pamphlets were distributed on the importance of Breastfeeding, foods to be taken by Mothers while Breastfeeding and foods to be avoided, positioning the child during feeding using Doll demonstration for participants. Totally 46 ANC and lactating mothers participated.



Support via Micro Nutrition

25 children from Stanley hospital, 25 children from Institute of Children Health Hospital, 25 Children from SIP Memorial Trust Home, 35 children affected by TB in community, 20 Antenatal mothers affected or infected by HIV/AIDS or affected by TB were supported through the micro nutrition program.



MADURAI

Valuing Water

HCLFoundation along with Wash Institute undertook trainings to raise awareness on the importance of hygiene in schools, with special focus on "Safe Water Handling" as one of the six key hygiene behaviors. The students were introduced to key hygiene behaviors and trained on safe water handling that include procedures such as boiling, filtration, and proper storage.

A total of 313 students from 5 Corporation schools of Madurai were reached.



VIJAYAWADA

Tally Course - Computer lab inauguration

Tally course computer lab was inaugurated by Dr. Vinod Kumar, IAS – MD & CEO of the AP State Skill Development Corporation at VMM campus. Later, he visited and interacted with Hand embroidery and Tailoring course trainees. Regional and District Skill Development officers were accompanied for this event.



47th HCL Day celebration

On the occasion of 47th HCL Day, a plantation drive was conducted at Government girls high school, Gannavaram. HCLTech Leadership, volunteers, school children, teachers and partners - all participated in the activity.



Talent Hunt

Trainees at the Yuvakendra Skill Development Center were up for a good dose of fun and creativity as the team organized an in-house Talent Hunt.



Dr. Nidhi Pundhir (Vice-President Global CSR, HCLFoundation) inaugurated the Medical Centre at the SHEOWS Care Center at Okhla Vihar, New Delhi. This centre will serve 500+ elderly in addition to Gautampuri (New Delhi) and Garhmukhteshwar.. Over the years, the partnership with SHEOWS has expanded with HCLFoundation providing nutrition and medical support to over 1000 elderly.



School Infrastructure Handover under 'Operation Kayakalp':

On the special occasion of HCL 47th Celebration, HCLFoundation handed over school infrastructure work done in Upper Primary School, Haldoni. The classroom blocks, toilets and rainwater harvesting were constructed. Students were so delighted shifting back to their new version of schools.



NIPUN Chaupal

An initiative to mark the success of NIPUN and include the stakeholders in strengthening Foundational Literacy and Numeracy. It was organized with the support of DIET officials in 4 Primary Schools of Noida. Total 16 teachers and 126 parents participated. The focus was to sensitize all members involved about NIPUN, TLM and the new age digital technological skills.



Madhubani Corner curated at the My E-Haat Experience Centre

Uday by HCL Foundation with its partner Prayatna, imparts training to women migrating from Bihar region to Gautam Buddha Nagar. 100 women have been trained and upskilled in this trade and are now being trainers on stitching and embroidery as well. To showcase their work and provide a platform for the products, a Madhubani Corner has been curated at the display center to promote the products and enhance Artisan-to-customer sales and brand recognition.



HCLFoundation supported Project Hope in Dasna, Prison visited by DG Police

30 newly appointed CBI officials visited Dasna Prison, Ghaziabad. They interacted with the HCLFoundation - supported project Hope participants and understood the involvement of inmates in reformation activities and various skill trainings. Shri. Satya Narain Sabat, DG Police & IG Prisons visited Dasna, Ghaziabad Prison also visited and interacted with participants.



Campus Placement Drives at Yuvakendra

The 3rd Campus Placement Drive was organized which saw 46 learners get an opportunity to interview across seven companies that included names such as Tech Mahindra and Adroit Solutions Pvt. Ltd. 38 students got placed as data entry operators, backend executives, Tally support executives with a salary band between INR 14,000 to 18,000 per month.



77th Independence Day Celebration:

Independence Day was celebrated across interventions schools and Gurukul centres in Noida with the support of partners. The unique celebration remarked by conducting the PRABHAT FERI in the community with 125 children, teachers and community workers. Children were vocalizing the slogans and sharing their views without fear, hence, this portrays the leadership skills among children.



Brand Launch – Aranya

HCLFoundation supported tribal livelihood program has registered a Tribal Forest Producer Company – Melagiri FPC and launched the brand Aranya for all the NTF products that will pitch in the market under this brand name. Its online presence including on the My E-Haat website, will be facilitated. The indigenous brand has all the relevant certifications in place.



Green Skilling Program Launch for women

- HCLFoundation launched the Green skilling program courses catering exclusively to women that introduced two new trades: Waste Management and Solar PV technology.
- The launch event included the meet of various stakeholders from Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, NGOs, Technical experts, and more. This initiative seeks to address the gender gap in the green workforce.



Making India Capable

- The city of Bangalore saw the inauguration of the HCLFoundation Yuvakendra in partnership with Head Held High. The programme aims at strengthening institutional-based skilling for youth through Microsoft certification and 21st Century soft skills. The program is aptly named as 'Make India Capable'.
- The day also marked the start of the new batch of students who will be trained in this programme.



Nurturing Together: Celebrating Breastfeeding Week in Bangalore's Urban Slums

The Institute of Health Management Research, Bangalore, celebrated World Breastfeeding Week 2023 with a series of impactful events under the theme "Let's make breastfeeding and work, work!" The week-long campaign saw events taking place in the heart of urban slums in Bangalore that included a spirited awareness rally, a creative and informative quiz competition, a nutrition-focused and low-cost food preparation challenge, a heartening rangoli competition themed around "Mother and Child," and role plays on the importance of breastfeeding.

The participation of the community was exemplary, with a total of 232 mothers and community members taking part. Two out of the top three positions in the Rangoli competition were secured by men.



Celebration of HCL Day in Creches

IIHMR joined in on the HCL Day celebrations by engaging with children and mothers in special activities such as painting and artwork. They also used this occasion to facilitate a special gratitude session with mothers talking about HCLFoundation's support to the community of Mayabazar and Anandapuram.

Observing the Celebration of World Breastfeeding Week

HCLFoundation and AIFO INDIA SIP-CBID project, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, organized a significant World Breastfeeding Week Programme at ICDS Anganwadi Centre, Attibele. Collaborating with ICDS Anekal and Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka, the event emphasized breastfeeding's importance, featuring engaging discussions and insights shared by diverse participants.



Sensitization Programme Enhances Disability Awareness

A sensitization initiative at the Government High School Attibele facilitated by the SIP-CBID project aimed to promote understanding of disabilities among students in Grade 9. Led by Ms. Geetha Suresh and her team, the interactive session covered disability definitions, types, causes, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, and the importance of inclusivity. The sessions saw over 110 students participate enthusiastically.



Establishment of the Self-Help Group - "Sri Rama"

HCLFoundation's project facilitated the creation of the Sri Rama Self-Help Group in Seethanayakanahalli. The group comprises approximately 12 members who are Persons with Disabilities - all hailing from the village. The primary objective is to enhance awareness regarding the rights of people with disabilities and advocate for their rightful 5% representation in local self-government bodies.



Empowering Lives: Providing Essential Medicines to Economically Disadvantaged Individuals with Disabilities

A vital initiative unfolded - distributing medicines and sanitary pads to aid economically disadvantaged individuals with disabilities. With 6 beneficiaries receiving tailored medicines and 20 disabled children obtaining sanitary pads, this event exemplifies our dedication to empowering those in need.



Mental Health for all

The BUMHI team visited the slum of Mayabazaar, Viveknagar and GG Halli as well as area of Siddapura and Wilson Graden Annandapuram on 02/08/23 and conducted a mental health awareness sessions, where opinions around mental health, day-to-day stressors etc. were discussed.

Training sessions for the students of Jain University on the modules "Self-Knowledge" and "Emotions" was also undertaken as well as for residents of Shoba Apartments.



Prioritizing Mental Health for students

A modular training session were held for students of NIMHANS and Sushrutha Ayurvedic Medical College, Jigani on "Emotions" and "Self-Knowledge" with over 100 students in attendance.

Visits were also made to different organizations for BUMHI briefing and approval for conducting sessions in future at Lions Club, Udaya Bhanu Kala Sangha, BMS College of Engineering, BMS College of Law, BMS College of Architecture, and shelter homes (Akshaya Foundation, CURDS) for the required approvals.



Block Level Meet-up

Monthly meetings with Urban local bodies like BBMP, Water board, Electricity board, police department, women and child help desk, Anganwadi, Head master of government school, Doctor from Namma Clinic, Nurse and ASHA workers from Primary health centres and community volunteers were conducted at both Mayabazaar and Anandapuram communities to build network and partnership in tackling the WASH challenges through their support.

Sensitization workshop of Depot Holders and Active Male members on SRH, responsible behavior, and family planning

A significant workshop was organized at SSK, focusing on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), Responsible Sexual Behavior, and Family Planning; aimed at educating and empowering depot holders and male members from intervention slum communities with essential information and skills. The workshop employed a diverse range of interactive activities to engage participants and foster a conducive learning environment. A total of 52 beneficiaries participated in the workshop.



Orientation of Staff Nurses, ASHAs, ANMs, and AWWs on respectful care, counseling, and STI

An orientation workshop on "Respectful Care, Counselling, and STI" was conducted aimed at sensitizing Frontline Workers (FLWs) to provide compassionate and informed care, promote respectful behavior, improve counseling skills, and enhance knowledge about Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). The workshop commenced with an insightful session of Dr. Neelam Singh, Chief Functionary, Vatsalya on respectful care and behavior, emphasizing the importance of treating patients with empathy, dignity, and respect. Facilitators engaged the participants in role-playing exercises on counseling skills. The diverse perspectives and experiences shared by 5 MOICs and 3 HEOs from different health facilities enriched the workshop's discussions.



Training on Basic Life Support and cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

A one-day training session on Basic Life Support and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was conducted by MAMTA-himc where Dr. Atul Singh Tomar of Medanta Hospital in Lucknow provided training on all BLS and CPR courses as per the standard procedure. The objective of this training was to equip learners with the necessary skills to perform effective CPR on individuals who suffer from cardiac arrest, thereby saving their lives.



World Breastfeeding Week

Under the "AaoBaateinKarein project of VATSALYA, Rallies and "ParvarishkiChaupal" (group meeting) were organized in intervention slum communities of Lucknow to commemorate World Breastfeeding Week with the objective of disseminating essential information about breastfeeding, dispelling myths and misconceptions surrounding it and encouraging mothers to embrace and practice breastfeeding. A total of 153 beneficiaries participated in the event.



With the goal to enhance breastfeeding practices for maternal and child health, Mamta HMC organized a week-long observance that included activities such as awareness programs, counselling, and door-to-door outreach specifically in early initiation, exclusive breastfeeding, and breastfeeding techniques; collaborating with ASHA, Anganwadi, and ANM to provide vital information on breastfeeding and nutrition info.



Health screening camp

A health screening camp was organized at GGIC Vikash Nagar for the students heading to Noida for SFC mini nationals where doctor examined and assessed their health and confirm their ability to participate in sports. The doctor also took measurements of their height and weight to ensure they were fit to play. Total 66 students were screened in the camp



Yuvakendraceentre Inauguration

A Yuvakendraceentre at Lucknow commencing "Make India Capable" course was inaugurated with the Head Held High Foundation. HCLTech Volunteers joined for the inauguration of HHH centre at Chinhat, Lucknow with HCLFoundation team to celebrate the occasion and motivate students including few alumina – all ofwhom enjoyed the ceremony. HHH has inaugurated 3 Yuvakendraceentres with support of HCLFoundation at Lucknow, Bangalore and Hyderabad.



Chikankari handloom Exhibition at Dastarkar

Chikankari handloom were exhibited by SHG members at Dastarkar and Agha Khan with support of HCL Foundation by Safe Society. SHG members made sale of Rs. 2 lac+ from exhibitions and also online sales this FY.



Awareness session through MHM module training at Govt. Schools

Awareness session conducted among SHG members and among govt. schools students of Lucknow through Modules of MHM (Menstrual Health Management) with support of HCL Foundation by skill NGO partner Safe Society. Various engaging activities conducted among students towards making them aware of breaking social taboos and working on creating a healthy, friendly and empowered environment for females.



NAGPUR

Leadership Development Workshop

The primary objective of the workshop was to cultivate and enhance leadership qualities among the center leaders. The workshop curriculum was carefully crafted by prominent livelihood expert and was delivered with an activity based approach.



National Sports Day Celebrations

National Sports Day was celebrated in 7 schools at Nagpur by organizing inter-class tournaments in Football and Kabaddi. The underlying objective of the celebration was to inculcate a habit of playing, and to show them the benefits of play. 531+ participants engaged during celebration.



Subroto Cup State level

The Football team participated in the Subroto state level tournament held at Jalgaon in the U-17 category from August 17-19, 2023. The team secured second place in their category. The goalkeeper was awarded the best goalkeeper of the tournament.



Visit to Experiential Science Lab

In an effort to ignite interest towards STEM in young students, the visits to the science lab that propagates the learning by doing pedagogy resumed for this academic year.



Nest Making workshop at NMC schools and HCLTech campus

Rakesh Khatri popularly known as Nest Man of India conducted a series of Nest Making Workshops at NMC Schools and HCLTech campus. Over 150 students and 50+ volunteers participating in the engaging workshops. Among the students, 40 student were from the School for Deaf and Mute.



Cultivating Cleaner Habits

The My Clean City team organized an awareness activity focused towards the customers at Sector 126 vending zone. The activity was focussed on responsible waste disposal and maintaining a clean vending zone. The team went around interacting with people consuming food by sitting in their vehicles and who tend to litter plates and cups on the roads after they are done with the food. The team emphasized the significance of proper waste disposal for creating a more clean vending zone for all. Distributing roses and informative cards, they successfully sensitized around 50 individuals to commit to better waste disposal practices.



Felicitating the efforts of Shopkeepers

On the occasion of 77th Independence Day we celebrated the efforts of the Changemakers for doing a little extra at their level in making the Environment cleaner, greener and better for all. We Felicitated 20 shopkeepers for making their shops Single Use Plastic (SUP) free. All the shopkeepers shared their experiences, challenges and support received from the HCLFoundation team in achieving the outcome of SUP free shop.

20 shops (in all categories- fruit/vegetable seller, fast-food seller, stationery, dairy, etc.) from 20 markets of Noida were sensitized on the alternatives available to plastics followed with rigorous IEC activities – who switched from SUP/plastic and cutlery to paper packaging and washable/eco friendly cutlery, paper ware in their shops. All the identified shops were verified by the Sanitary Inspector (SI-Noida Authority), and were jointly felicitated by HCLFoundation & Noida Authority.





2,441
Volunteers



6,510
Hours



6,479
Programme
Participants

SFC Nationals Volunteer Participation- The SFC Nationals event saw nominations from 130+ HCLTech sports enthusiasts across NCR. Across the nearly week-long event, we had volunteers contribute time and effort to support event logistics, participants' food and accommodation, on-field games and most importantly-keeping the budding sports champs motivated!



HCL Day Mega Plantation Drive- 700+ HCLTechies joined the HCL Day celebrations by supporting the cause of planting 47,000 saplings pan India at our Harit afforestation sites.



Independence Day celebrations-Volunteers across India visited various project sites to impart awareness about and celebrate the Indian Independence with children through art & craft activities, quiz competitions, etc

Our Talented achievers:

📍 Noida



Kamlesh



Yogesh



Bunti



Vishal

National Sports Day was celebrated with equal enthusiasm and fervor in kabaddi and football disciplines at NMC schools of Nagpur

The best feature of the tournament was that the celebration didn't limit to the participants who are active in sports but went far and beyond.

We encouraged other children to play sports. To help them start, we organized interclass tournaments in the schools. Local government officials including Police Inspectors and DSO were those among the august audience. The event saw 260 Football participants and 211 kabaddi participants.

📍 Nagpur



Kannagi Nagar Police Boys & Girls Club students won at the Zonal level by scoring 4 - 0 and 2 - 0 in the inter-school Hockey competition in U-14 Boys category conducted by the Department of Education, Tamil Nadu.

📍 Chennai



Zonal level competition in Kabaddi & Volleyball was conducted in GGMHSS, Avadi School. HCLFoundation programme participants trained by DBAI sports partner took part in this competition and below are the results

Kabaddi U-14 GGMHSS, Avadi- Winner

Kabaddi U-17 GGMHSS, Avadi- Winner

Kabaddi U-19 GGMHSS, Avadi- Runner

Volleyball U-14 GGMHSS, Avadi- Runner

Volleyball U-17 GGMHSS, Avadi- Winner

Volleyball U-19 GGMHSS, Avadi- Runner

📍 Chennai



8 football players recently participated in the U-19 UP State Trials held at Chowk Stadium, Lucknow. Among the 71 participants, all 5 of our players have successfully secured spots in the U-19 Junior State Football Boys Team

📍 Lucknow



Cricket players from **Guru Nanak Education Society (GNES)** participated in a competition hosted by Vivekananda College of Arts and Science in Namakkal, which is a state-level women's T20 cricket tournament held from August 8 to August 11 of 2023. Around 24 teams participated in this tournament, including Kerala; with the GNES Team ultimately won the first prize of 20,000 rupees.

📍 Chennai



14 girls football players recently participated in the U-16 UP State Trials held at Chowk Stadium, Lucknow. All 13 have secured their spot in U-16 Girls State Sub Junior State Football team

📍 Lucknow



Volleyball players - who had participated in the Thiruvallur District volleyball team Selection Trials saw four of our Avadi Volleyball player getting selected for the Thiruvallur District Team to participate in the upcoming State Volleyball Championship in Junior Girls category.

📍 Chennai



In yet another hearty update, HCLFoundation supported Kalvi Trust Foundation's excellence football team players R Kiran & K Bubathy selected for U-17 Tamilnadu State Junior football camp

📍 Madurai



Two football players - Nisha Rawat and Maina Chaudhary have been selected in the Rajasthan State Camp for the Hero Junior National Football Championship 2023

📍 Ajmer



On the occasion of World Breastfeeding Day, Academy organized an online session on “Enabling Breastfeeding: Making a difference for working parents” focused on the following discussion points:

- Successful breastfeeding - exploring various ways to achieve it effectively
- Fun facts of breastfeeding - debunking common myths and misconceptions
- Breastfeeding and work - learning how to balance the demands of breastfeeding while managing work responsibilities

Academy by HCLFoundation organized an online session on “Transforming Youth Skills for the future” on the occasion of International Youth Day, on August 10 2023 that was focused on

- Equipping youth with disability with skills to be self-dependent, covering decent and safe employment to entrepreneurship
- Emphasizing the role of multiple stakeholders in enabling workforce mobility through quality training and effective placement
- The session was taken by Mr. Ravindra Singh, CEO, Skills Council for Persons with Disability, Ms. Ruma Roka, CEO, Noida Deaf Society, and, Ms. Sharmistha Mukherjee, Communication and Fundraising, Saksham.

Join us for a webinar on

Enabling Breastfeeding:
Making a Difference
for Working Parents



Join us for a webinar on

**Transforming Youth Skills
for the future**




My E-haat
by HCLFoundation

My E-Haat Initiative organized a seasonal Bazar to celebrate Rakhi. The spirit of togetherness and the joy of celebrating rakhi with local artisans through My E-Haat offered exquisite assortment of gifts from beautifully crafted crochet products to intricately designed madhubani painting along with delicious cookies.

**The Seasonal Bazar was set up at HCL Tech Campus.
The turnaround sales in two days came to be over INR 35,000.**



Global CSR

Project Re.Turn – Ophthalmological Treatment and Glasses

In São Leopoldo, Brazil, our HCLTech volunteers joined hands with Re.turn Projects for an inspiring social initiative.

Driven by a purpose that reaches beyond mere health enhancement, our partnership serves as a beacon of hope for children facing vulnerable circumstances.

Expanding our efforts to deliver ophthalmological care by providing eyewear to children with vision impairments. In this impactful program, we offered eye examinations and provided eyeglasses to 80 children under the care of COL – Circulo Operario Leopoldense.



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