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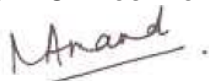
Dear Sir/ Madam,

Enclosed please find a release on the captioned subject being issued by the Company today.

This is for your information and records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For **HCL Technologies Limited**



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HCL Foundation continues commitment to enhance rural lives; announces INR 16.5 crore (\$2.27 million) grant to NGOs in sixth edition of HCL Grant

By supporting NGOs to build frameworks of social change, HCL Grant aims to co-create stories of developmental transformation

Noida, India, February 16, 2021: HCL Foundation, the corporate social responsibility arm of HCL Technologies Ltd., today announced the winners of the sixth round of the HCL Grant, a flagship program dedicated to strengthening India's "fifth estate" of NGOs working towards nation building.

The three NGOs, one each in the development areas of environment, health, and education, will each receive a grant of INR 5 crore (\$685,000) for a three to five-year project. In addition, two finalists in each category will receive a one-year grant of INR 25 lakhs (\$34,000), making a total grant of INR 16.5 crore.

HCL Foundation, which this year celebrates a decade of building strong and robust communities, is committed to contributing to the nation's growth curve. Under its HCL Grant program, the Foundation has so far committed a more than INR 60 crore (\$8.26 Million), excluding this year's grants. Recognized as one of the most sought-after validations amongst NGO ecosystems in India, the HCL Grant has in the past five years reached over 733,000 beneficiaries. The Grant aims to touch the lives of at least 1.72 million people in 8,598 villages in 70 districts across 18 states and two union territories of India .

The winning NGOs of HCL Grant 2021 were:

- Sahas (Environment)
- India Health Action Trust (Health)
- Child Rights and You (Education)

The NGOs were chosen after an 8-month review of thousands of applications by an eminent jury, monitored and audited by Grant Thornton, the governance partner of HCL Grant. The jury consisted of: Ms. Robin Abrams, Director, HCL Technologies, and Chairperson of the jury; Mr. Suresh Narayanan, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestle India Limited; Mr. B. S. Baswan, former Director, Indian Institute of Public Administration, and former Secretary, Human Resource Development ministry; Ms. Pallavi Shroff, Managing Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. law firm; Dr. Richard Lariviere, President Emeritus, Field Museum (Chicago), and former President, University of Oregon; and Mr. Shiv Nadar, Founder of HCL, Chief Strategy Officer of HCL Technologies, and Founder and Chairman of the Shiv Nadar Foundation.

"The past year was a unique year of resilience and transformation that taught us how to transcend barriers and keep going even in the face of adversity," said Ms. Abrams. "Despite the pandemic, the robustness demonstrated by our NGO partners, experts, jury members and the entire team is commendable. The passion and zeal of our NGO partners to bring in scalable and replicable solutions have created systemic shifts across geographies, lending velocity to the sustainable development agenda. The winners and finalists of this year's Grant also have significant stories to tell, with visible on-the-ground impact. My best wishes to these NGOs, who are addressing some of the most pressing issues in the key development categories of environment, health, and education in the most remote corners of the country."

Ms. Nidhi Pundhir, Director, HCL Foundation, said: "The year 2020 has been both special and unusual. Special, in that the Foundation is completing ten years of facilitating high-impact, sustainable socio-economic development in rural India. Unusual, in that the NGOs we support had to deal with unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic and various natural disasters, while initiating and implementing their developmental projects. What is inspiring about these NGOs is that they are treating COVID-19 as the 'new normal' and are continuing with their path-breaking projects without a pause, creating a much-needed last-mile support framework."





On the occasion of the grant awards, the HCL Foundation released “Fifth Estate – NGOs Transforming Rural India in Environment, Health and Education,” a compendium featuring the top 30 NGOs selected in the sub-jury round, as well as the previous year’s winning NGOs.

For more information please visit www.hclfoundation.org/hcl-grant

About HCL Grant

HCL Grant is a flagship program of HCL Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of HCL Technologies, to strengthen The Fifth Estate – the NGOs. Driven by a commitment to nation building, the HCL Grant enables NGOs to play a decisive role in building an equitable, inclusive and future-ready India. It supports NGOs to build new frameworks of social change and surfaces path-breaking models of rural transformation in the areas of Environment, Health and Education.

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About HCL Technologies

HCL Technologies (HCL) empowers global enterprises with technology for the next decade, today. HCL’s Mode 1-2-3 strategy, based on its deep-domain industry expertise, client-centricity and entrepreneurial culture of Ideapreneurship™, enables businesses to transform into next-gen enterprises.

HCL offers its services and products through three business units: IT and Business Services (ITBS), Engineering and R&D Services (ERS) and Products & Platforms (P&P). ITBS enables global enterprises to transform their businesses through offerings in the areas of applications, infrastructure, digital process operations and next generation digital transformation solutions. ERS offers engineering services and solutions in all aspects of product development and platform engineering. P&P provides modernized software products to global clients for their technology and industry specific requirements. Through its cutting-edge co-innovation labs, global delivery capabilities and broad global network, HCL delivers holistic services in various industry verticals, categorized as Financial Services, Manufacturing, Technology and Services, Telecom and Media, Retail and CPG, Life Sciences and Healthcare, and Public Services.

As a leading global technology company, HCL takes pride in its diversity, social responsibility, sustainability, and education initiatives. For the 12 months ended December 31, 2020 HCL had consolidated revenue of US\$ 10.02 billion. Its 159,682 Ideapreneurs operate out of 50 countries.

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