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**HCL GRANT**

## HCL Foundation Commits ₹100 Cr Over Five Years to Support NGOs

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**New Delhi:** HCL Foundation, the not-for-profit arm of the HCL group, has committed ₹100 crore over five years through a new initiative called HCL Grant. The initiative will support NGOs and individual social leaders working towards the development of rural India.

The Foundation will focus on areas such as education, livelihood, health, water, etc. While in the first year it has chosen an NGO for a grant of ₹5 crore from a selection of six shortlisted NGOs, in the future it could also fund individuals working in the area of rural development.

Robin Abrams, board member, HCL Technologies and Chairperson of Jury, HCL Grant, said that while charity is important, just charity is not enough. "We've got some NGOs that are doing some incredibly good work. If we also add some of the lessons that we have from the HCL group along with the financial capacity, we could actually help take some of the NGOs and the development sector to a whole new level," Abrams told ET.

Abrams, a long serving board member of HCL, said the idea came about during a review of the group's CSR obligations after the new CSR mandate under the Company's Act. "We were reviewing how we are meeting our CSR obligations and it became obvious as there was more opportunity than just doing CSR... and we started talking about sourcing, open sourcing," said Abrams.

A former Apple Computers executive, she added that there are several NGOs doing remarkable work and the idea is to use some of the best practices published and available so that the message around delivery, sustainability, and governance can be emphasised.

The Foundation's earlier efforts include a project called 'Samuday' through which it runs both urban and rural initiatives. Under Samuday it is working with 54 urban initiatives in Chennai, Bangalore and NCR and a 100 rural villages in UP.

HCL has also started another initiative called the Power of One. "The Power of One is 1 rupee from one employee everyday so its 1-1-1. At the moment we are over 40,000 employees that are participating in the Power of One program," said Abrams, adding that she is looking at implementing the programme at some of the other companies she is associated with.

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**Link:** <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/company/corporate-trends/hcl-foundations-commits-rs-100-crores-over-five-years-through-hcl-grant/articleshow/50595231.cms>



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## HCL Foundation launches 'HCL Grant'

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HCL Foundation has launched HCL Grant, an initiative to support NGOs and individual social leaders who are implementing projects for upliftment and development of the country. A sum of Rs 100 crore would be spent over the period of next 5 years through this initiative. In its first year, one winning NGO will receive a grant of INR 5 crore.

HCL Technologies is a leading global IT services company working with clients in areas that impact and redefine the core of their businesses. HCL focuses on 'transformational outsourcing', underlined by innovation and value creation, offering an integrated portfolio of services including Enterprise Digitalization, Internet of Things, Engineering Services Outsourcing and Next Generation IT Outsourcing that focuses on transformation-led infrastructure services, applications services and business services.

Link: <http://money.livemint.com/news/company/news/hcl-foundation-launches-hcl-grant--422195.aspx>

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## HCL to spend Rs 100 crore to support NGOs, social leaders

New Delhi, Jan 16, 2016 (PTI)



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"The Foundation launched HCL Grant, an initiative to support NGOs and individual social leaders who are implementing projects for upliftment and development of the country," it said in a statement.

A sum of Rs 100 crore would be spent over the period of next five years through this initiative, it added.

Six finalists have been selected from a pool of over 400 NGOs from across the country for the initiative. The winning NGO would be announced on January 18.

HCL Foundation said while in the first year, HCL Grant is being given to one NGO in the education sector, in the subsequent years, NGOs and individual social leaders from the area of healthcare and ecosystem development would also be eligible to win individual grants of Rs 5 crore each.

"Through HCL Grant, our aim is to support NGOs by institutionalising the processes and frameworks and also recognise contributors for the upliftment of India," Board Member, HCL Technologies and Chairperson of Jury, HCL Grant Robin Abrams said.

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HCL Foundation is a Corporate Social Responsibility Trust, supported by employees' contribution of Re.1 per day and matched by the HCL management.

"In its first year, one winning NGO will receive a grant of Rs. 5 crores," the statement said. "A sum of Rs.100 crores would be spent over the period of next five years through this initiative."

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"Through HCL Grant we will be able to identify the right kind of NGOs and institutionalise them through their capacity and capability building," HCL Foundation Head Srimathi Shivashankar said. PTI KIR ABK

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