

ANNUAL REPORT 2026

HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT INDIA


"I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved."
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar



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Director's Message

Looking Back, Moving Forward



As we reflect on the period from April 2025 to March 2026, we do so with gratitude to God, whose guidance continues to sustain the mandate of Holistic Child Development India (HCDI). This has been a year of meaningful progress, expanded outreach, and renewed commitment to holistic child development.

A defining milestone was the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Child Care Ministry in India, alongside HCDI's 31st Anniversary. This occasion brought together leaders, partners, supporters, and children in thanksgiving and reflection, celebrating five decades of service while honouring those who have shaped HCDI's journey.

During the year, HCDI strengthened its Child Focused Community Development initiatives across multiple regions. The expansion of the Light to Life Program enabled us to reach more children from vulnerable communities with education, care, and opportunities. Our programs continued to promote children's educational, emotional, social, and physical well-being through a holistic and community-based approach.

Our progress has been made possible through the steadfast support of our partners and sponsoring agencies, including the Mar Thoma Mission Board (MMB), USA; the Mar Thoma Diocese in the UK, Europe & Africa (MTD-UEA); the Canadian Mar Thoma Regional Committee (CMRC); the sponsors through Dubai Mar Thoma (DMT); Evangelische Kirche in Essen, Germany; and our partners in India, including Finwizz, Pune and Fermator (Tecno Doors), Chennai. Their continued trust and partnership have enabled us to expand our reach while strengthening the quality of our programs. Looking ahead, HCDI remains committed to responding to emerging community needs.

A key initiative for the year was the introduction of a Mobile Health Care Program to improve access to essential healthcare services in underserved rural communities. Beyond education, HCDI is committed to nurturing compassionate, responsible, and resilient children who will contribute positively to society.

I express my sincere gratitude to our Chairman, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, for his visionary leadership, and to the Governing Board and Executive Committee for their continued guidance. My appreciation also goes to our staff, facilitators, volunteers, partners, and well-wishers whose dedication makes this mission possible.

With renewed faith and hope, we remain committed to building a just, inclusive, and compassionate society where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Dr. Philip George
Director, HCDI

A Year of Milestones and Renewed Commitment

The year 2025–26 marked a defining milestone for Holistic Child Development India (HCDI) as the organization celebrated its 31st Anniversary and expanded its scope of social engagement by adding community health as a new area of action. Beyond celebrating these milestones, the year reaffirmed our commitment to advancing the rights, well-being, and holistic development of children through community-based and child-focused interventions.

Established in 1994 under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Registration No. S/26689 of 1994, Delhi), HCDI has its Registered Office in Delhi and its Administrative Office in Pune, Maharashtra. The organization implements programs across thirteen states & one union territory, reaching children in urban, semi-urban, rural, and tribal communities who continue to face poverty, exclusion, and limited access to essential services.

HCDI adopts a rights-based approach that recognizes children, families, and communities as active partners in development. Our interventions promote children's education, health, protection, emotional well-being, and life skills, enabling them to realize their full potential and participate meaningfully in society.

During the year, part of expanding its range of activities across the Light to Life project units, HCDI launched a Mobile Health Clinic, strengthened the capacity of facilitators through training programs, and introduced eco-focused summer camps to promote environmental stewardship and response to the challenges of rural communities. These achievements were made possible through the sustained partnership and support of our sponsoring agencies, donors, like-minded individuals, volunteers, and well-wishers in India and abroad, whose trust has enabled HCDI to go beyond what was actually envisioned while maintaining transparency and program excellence.

As HCDI celebrates the 31st year of its formation, we look back with grateful hearts on its humble beginnings through its predecessor organization fifty years ago. Although many years have passed, our founding conviction remains unchanged: every child has the right to grow with dignity, realise their full potential, and live free from the limitations imposed by poverty and inequality.



Beyond Arithmetic Calculations:

Stories of Change

The Annual Reports often highlight progress through numerical statistics, targets achieved, and indicators of success. While these measures are important, they reveal only part of the story. Behind every number is a story of a life transformed, a community strengthened, or relationships built on resilience, hope and opportunity.

This year, those stories of change included a girl in Assam who taught herself to read after watching her younger sibling attend school, a boy who inspired his friends to launch a community recycling initiative, and a mother who established a small home-based livelihood. These stories demonstrate that meaningful and lasting change is achieved through long-term relationships, active community participation, and sustained investment in the holistic development of children.

As we commemorate these milestones, we also recognise that significant challenges remain. Many families continue to struggle to make their ends meet, children are still denied access to quality education, and vulnerable communities continue to experience poverty, inequality, and social exclusion. Acknowledging these realities strengthens our accountability and renews our commitment to serve with compassion, integrity, and perseverance until every child has the opportunity to thrive.



Our Vision

HCDI has a vision of children, youth and communities growing up in a holistic and friendly environment, to fulfil the God-given human potential within them, and thereby become creatively productive, responsible and caring citizens to promote equality and justice, peace and harmony in the society and to create a harmonious, equitable and sustainable global community.

Mission

HCDI endeavours to serve children, youth and communities who are alienated, deprived and marginalized for any reason whatsoever, irrespective of caste, creed, colour, sex or religion by providing them with opportunities for a wholesome growth within their community setting, to realize their full God-given human potential, thereby enabling them to be productive and economically self-reliant, socially responsible, virtuous and ecologically friendly.



Our Approach

Not a simple gaze but a perspectival guidance

HCDI adopts a child-centred, community-based development model that promotes sustainable change through empowerment, participation, and capacity building. Our programs are guided by the principles of child rights, gender equity, social justice, and environmental sustainability, enabling children and communities to become active partners in their own development.

Strategic Interventions

Rights-Based Community Development in Rural and Tribal Regions - strengthening local institutions and improving access to essential services.

Targeted Support for Vulnerable Children - focused interventions for children facing exploitation, neglect, disability, or other vulnerabilities.

Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resilience - community-led sustainable resource management and climate-responsive livelihoods.

Skill Development and Livelihood Promotion - vocational training that equips youth and adults with market-relevant skills.

Healthcare and Nutrition Support - regular check-ups, nutrition support, health education, and mobile medical services.

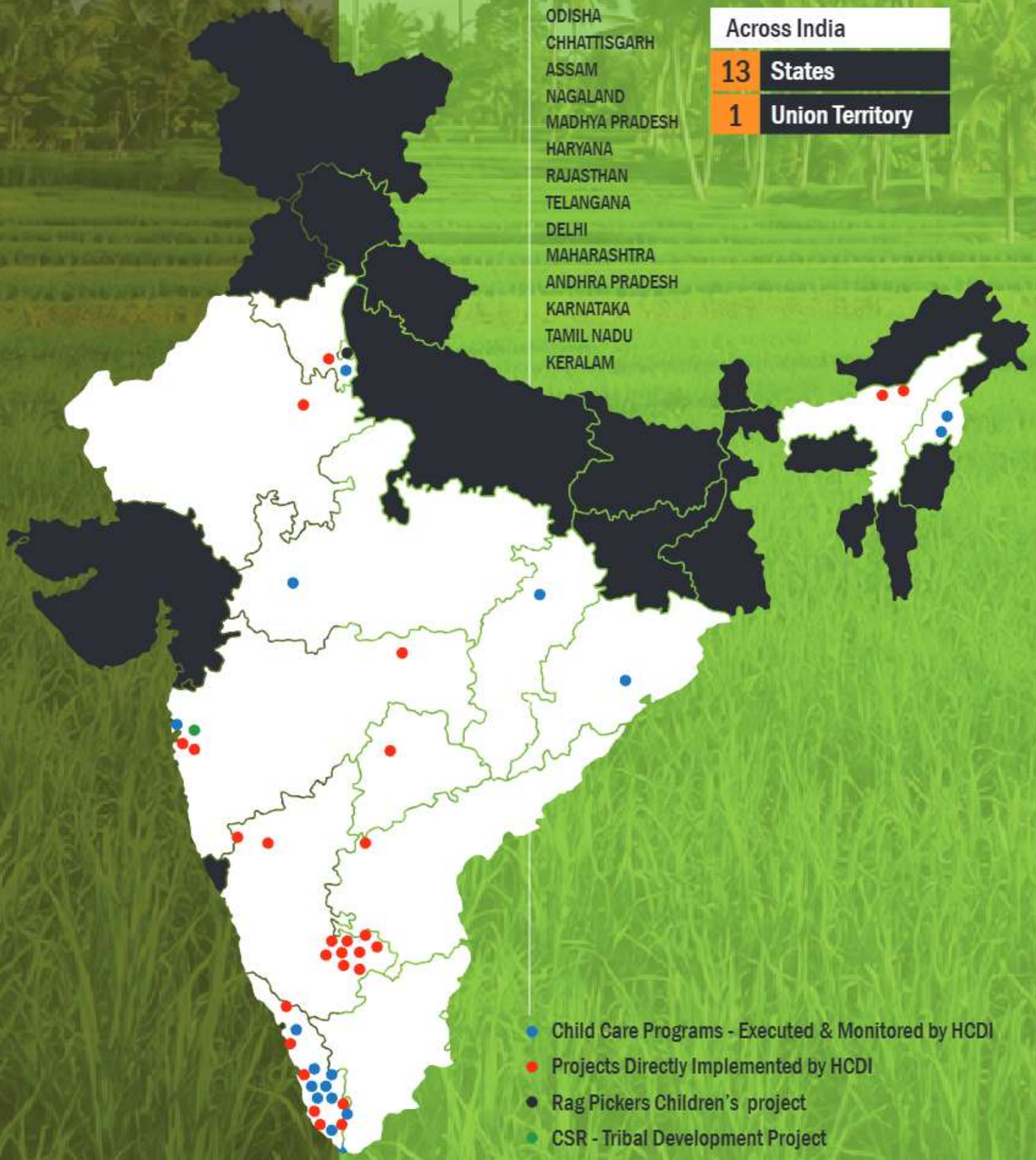
Disaster Preparedness and Humanitarian Response - community-based preparedness and emergency response.

Human Rights Advocacy for Children and Women - advocacy that strengthens community awareness and equitable participation.

OUR FOOTPRINT

ODISHA
CHHATTISGARH
ASSAM
NAGALAND
MADHYA PRADESH
HARYANA
RAJASTHAN
TELANGANA
DELHI
MAHARASHTRA
ANDHRA PRADESH
KARNATAKA
TAMIL NADU
KERALAM

Across India	
13	States
1	Union Territory



- Child Care Programs - Executed & Monitored by HCDI
- Projects Directly Implemented by HCDI
- Rag Pickers Children's project
- CSR - Tribal Development Project

Our Reach at a Glance: 2025-26

PROGRAMS	Number of UNITS	Number of CHILDREN	Number of VILLAGES	Number of FAMILIES	Total POPULATION
Light to Life Programs Executed and Monitored by HCDI	16	2764	96	58807	235695
Light to Life Programs Implemented by HCDI Supported by MMB	19	2489	81	60750	243000
Light to Life Programs Implemented by HCDI Supported by MTD-UEA	3	360	11	7800	31200
Light to Life Programs Implemented by HCDI Supported by CMRC	1	200	10	8000	32000
Light to Life Program Implemented by HCDI Supported by Dubai MTC	1	150	6	4800	19200
Sapera Community Development Program	1	65	1	61	366
Tribal Hostel Project Implemented by HCDI Supported by ESSEN	1	30	-	-	-
CSR- Tribal Project	1	145	2	105	625
Rag Pickers Children's Project	1	100	4	65	280
	44	6303	211	140388	562366

Program Highlights and Impact:

Key Initiatives and Achievements During 2025-26

Healthcare Beyond Boundaries

Launch of the Mobile Health Clinic Van

On 25 March 2026, HCDI launched its Mobile Health Clinic Van, marking a significant milestone in the organization's 31st year of serving vulnerable and underserved communities. The occasion was marked by a formal key handover and flag-off ceremony attended by Mr. Abey George, General Manager of Fermator, and Mr. Kannan Thomas, Project Manager (CSR–Fermator).

HCDI expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Tecno Doors Pvt. Ltd (Fermator) for generously donating the fully equipped Mobile Health Clinic Van through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The operational costs of the program are being jointly supported by the Mar Thoma Mission Board, U.S.A., and HCDI. The Mobile Health Clinic brings essential healthcare services directly to remote rural, tribal, and marginalized communities across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Keralam, and Tamil Nadu, where geographical isolation and limited healthcare infrastructure have long restricted access to timely, high-quality medical care.

Services Provided Free of Charge

- General medical consultations
- Paediatric health check-ups
- Dental screening and care
- Ophthalmology and vision testing
- Nutritional assessment and counselling
- Basic diagnostic screening
- Health and hygiene awareness sessions
- Counselling services and specialist referrals





Three-Day Community Outreach Model

A distinctive feature of the initiative is its structured three-day model: Day 1 focuses on community mobilization and awareness; Day 2 on need-based health education sessions; and Day 3 on comprehensive medical camps followed by referral and follow-up planning. This systematic approach ensures sustained community engagement and long-term health outcomes rather than one-time intervention.

The Light to Life Program:

Transforming Touch

The Programs Executed and Monitored by HCDI

Supported by the Mar Thoma Mission Board (MMB), USA, and implemented through partner organizations across India under HCDI's coordination and stewardship, the Light to Life Program is dedicated to the education and holistic development of children from vulnerable and underprivileged communities.

During the reporting year, the Program reached 2,764 children through 16 Light to Life Centres across India, all supported by the Mar Thoma Mission Board and executed and monitored by HCDI. Beyond academic support, the centres provide opportunities for music, sports, arts, crafts, and cultural activities. Children also participate in community-based initiatives, including Children Parliament meetings, environmental campaigns, tree-planting drives, and cultural celebrations. Regular health awareness sessions, hygiene education, health screenings and the distribution of hygiene kits, promoted healthy lifestyles among children and their families.

Program Leadership, Monitoring and Capacity Building

HCDI coordinates, monitors, and strengthens implementation across all project locations through regular field visits, program reviews, and compliance assessments, ensuring activities align with established standards and donor expectations. HCDI also provides technical guidance to implementing partners in Program planning, child safeguarding, documentation, reporting, financial management, and capacity building — strengthening Program quality, accountability, and long-term sustainability.

Light to Life Projects Executed and Monitored by HCDI – MMB

STATE	Number of CENTRES	Number of SPONSORED CHILDREN
Chhattisgarh	1	150
Haryana	1	150
Keralam	7	1572
Madhya Pradesh	1	200
Maharashtra	1	50
Nagaland	2	227
Odisha	1	150
Tamil Nadu	2	265
TOTAL	**16**	**2764**



HCDI Direct Implementation

During the year, HCDI expanded its direct implementation of Light to Life projects into new geographical areas. In collaboration with the Mar Thoma Diocese of the UK, Europe and Africa (MTD-UEA), the Canadian Mar Thoma Regional Committee (CMRC), the Mar Thoma Mission Board (MMB), and sponsors through Dubai Mar Thoma (DMT), HCDI initiated, new projects at Helem, Mundiya, Sihora, and Wardha this year, expanding the Program's footprint across Assam, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

As of March 2026, HCDI directly implements 24 active Light to Life units across India, delivering an integrated range of interventions:

- **Remedial education and academic support to bridge learning gaps.**
- **Daily nutritional support to combat hunger and enhance health and learning.**
- **Extracurricular activities and life-skills education for creativity, confidence, and leadership.**
- **Value-based education rooted in compassion, integrity, and responsible citizenship.**
- **Healthcare and medical support for preventive care and timely intervention.**
- **Child rights and child protection initiatives to safeguard every child's dignity.**

The success of the Program is strengthened by the active participation of parents, community members, volunteers, and local stakeholders - creating a supportive ecosystem for lasting community transformation.

Through every classroom opened, every nutritious meal served, and every child empowered, HCDI continues to reaffirm its enduring commitment to holistic child development, community empowerment, and nation-building by investing in the lives and potential of children.

Light to Life Projects Implemented by HCDI

STATE	Number of CENTRES	Number of SPONSORED CHILDREN
Karnataka	10	1129
Keralam	5	727
Assam	2	350
Madhya Pradesh	1	150
Rajasthan	1	110
Maharashtra	3	377
Telangana	1	150
Andhra Pradesh	1	206
TOTAL	**24**	**3199**



The Sapera Community Development Program

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A community cleanliness campaign engaged women in promoting hygiene and collective responsibility. SHG training sessions covered savings, financial literacy, leadership, and record keeping. A major milestone was the formation of the Sapera Shakti SHG, comprising 12 women members, with continued efforts to strengthen members' understanding of SHG operations, leadership, and financial management.







Golden Jubilee Celebration

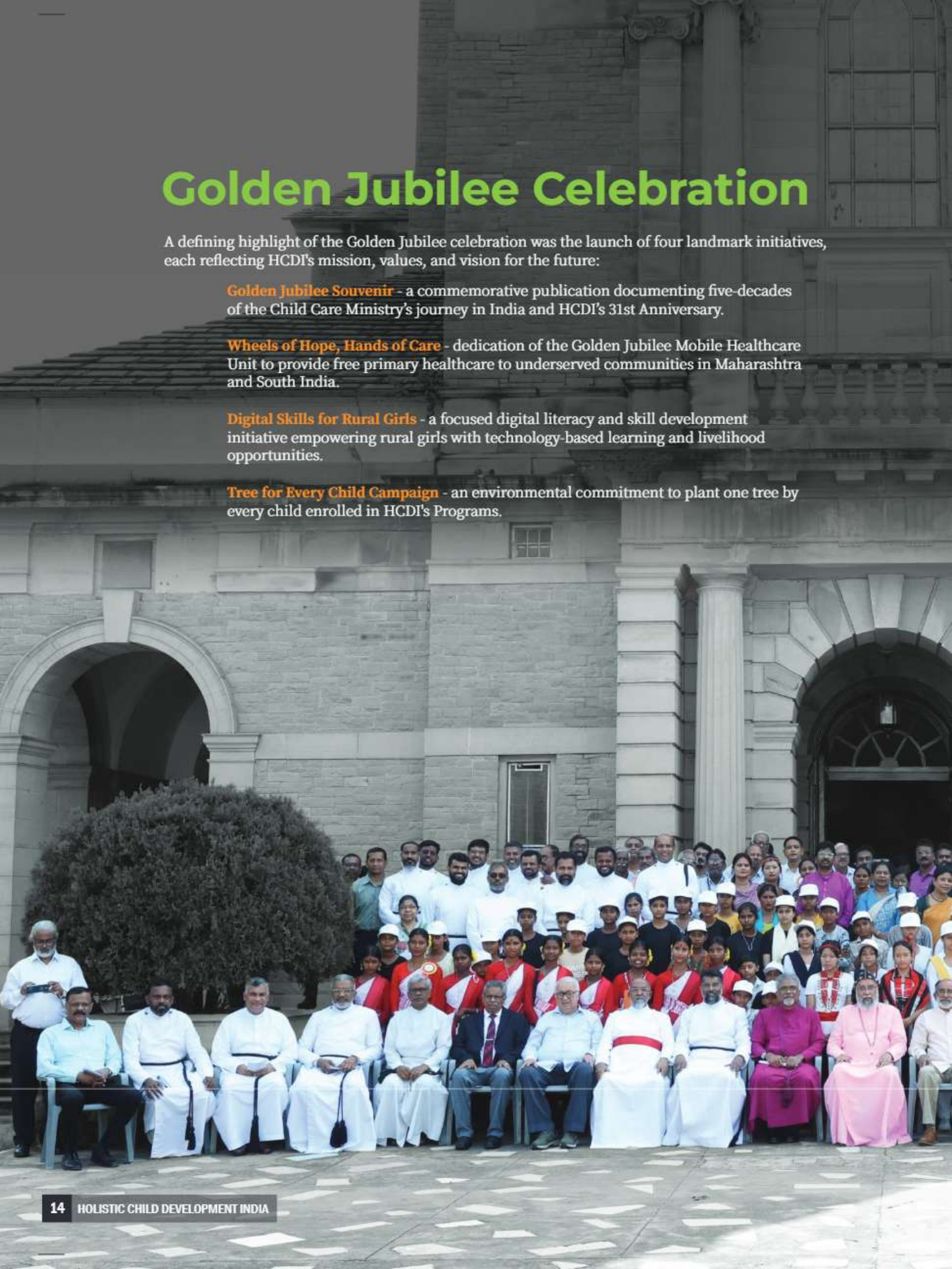
A defining highlight of the Golden Jubilee celebration was the launch of four landmark initiatives, each reflecting HCDI's mission, values, and vision for the future:

Golden Jubilee Souvenir - a commemorative publication documenting five-decades of the Child Care Ministry's journey in India and HCDI's 31st Anniversary.

Wheels of Hope, Hands of Care - dedication of the Golden Jubilee Mobile Healthcare Unit to provide free primary healthcare to underserved communities in Maharashtra and South India.

Digital Skills for Rural Girls - a focused digital literacy and skill development initiative empowering rural girls with technology-based learning and livelihood opportunities.

Tree for Every Child Campaign - an environmental commitment to plant one tree by every child enrolled in HCDI's Programs.




50th
Anniversary
A Golden Journey with a Grateful Heart.

Voices of Hope and a Vision for the Future

The event featured a personal testimony reflecting on the transformative impact of HCDI's work, followed by a vibrant cultural presentation by children from HCDI's project locations in Dhekiajuli and Helem (Assam), Dimapur (Nagaland), the Sapera community (Haryana) and the Asha Deep Foundation (Delhi-NCR). Their performances portrayed India's cultural diversity while expressing the confidence, creativity, and hope nurtured through HCDI's Programs.

The Golden Jubilee was not only a tribute to five decades of service but also a reaffirmation of HCDI's vision for the future - with renewed commitments to healthcare, digital empowerment, environmental sustainability, and holistic child development.









Honouring Long-Serving Leaders

A memorable highlight of the celebration was the felicitation of HCDI's long-serving leaders - Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, Rt. Rev. Dr. Nelson Lakra, Mr. Thomas Rajkumar, Fr. Glen Mascarenhas, Rev. Amop C. Noklang, and Mr. Thankachan Yohannan - in recognition of their decades of faithful, dedicated, and exemplary service to the organization.



What Makes HCDI Exceptional

Child-Centric - every initiative puts the child first, focusing on education, emotional well-being, spiritual strength, and social skills.

Innovative Approaches - creative, bold interventions that spark curiosity, build resilience, and boost confidence.

Community-Driven - families and local communities are partners, not bystanders.

Inclusivity and Diversity - every child is welcomed, differences are celebrated, and all are treated equitably.



Girideepthi: Tribal Hostel Program

The Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius Memorial Girideepthi Tribal Hostel, Ponjassery - an initiative of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church (Kottayam–Kochi Diocese) - provides residential care, quality education, and holistic development to more than 35 tribal children from marginalized communities in Ernakulam District, Kerala. With the support of Evangelische Kirche in Essen (ESSEN), channelled through HCDI since February 2025, the hostel experienced a transformative year in 2025-26 - marked by digital empowerment, skill development, emotional well-being, and the celebration of its 41st Anniversary and Ruby Jubilee.

Program Highlights 2025–26

Academic Excellence - six students from the SSLC and Plus Two batches completed their board examinations in March 2026, supported by dedicated remedial educators, periodic teacher reviews, and a structured Parents' Meeting.

Digital Learning - a fully equipped Computer Laboratory was inaugurated in October 2025, and weekly computer classes for two groups of students helped build essential digital literacy skills.

Skill Development & Sports - a Bamboo Craft Training Program by skilled artisans from Pooyamkutty, helped children produce various handcraft items, that were exhibited during the Annual Day celebrations. One student was selected for the Sub-District School Football Team - a historic first for the hostel.

Socio-Emotional Learning - a professional counsellor conducted regular individual sessions on resilience and examination stress management. A two-day Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL) and Leadership Training introduced the Children's Parliament as a platform for participation.

Environmental Stewardship - the Hostel Nature Club launched a kitchen gardening initiative around the study hall and campus, fostering environmental awareness and teamwork.

Community Engagement & Celebrations - students visited Bethesda Old Age Home, Vengola, spending time with more than 35 elderly residents. The 41st Anniversary and Ruby Jubilee Valedictory of the Tribal Hostel was celebrated on 6th March 2026 with vibrant cultural performances and community engagements.





Muskaan: Program for Children at High Risk

The Muskaan–Shiksha Educational Program, implemented by HCDI, is a transformative initiative for children from rag-picking communities across Delhi-NCR. Supporting 100 vulnerable children, the Program addresses the educational, emotional, social, and developmental challenges faced by children who are often excluded from mainstream opportunities. It provides a safe, nurturing, value-based learning environment that equips children with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to transition successfully into formal education.

Program Highlights and Key Interventions 2025 - 26

Academic Support and School Readiness - structured daily learning sessions strengthen foundational literacy, numeracy, language, and general knowledge, preparing children for mainstream schools.

Holistic Child Development - daily meditation, prayer, recreational activities, value-based learning, and life-skills education promote emotional resilience and positive behaviour.

Health, Nutrition, and Hygiene - regular health screenings, nutritional support for vulnerable children, and awareness sessions on personal hygiene and sanitation.

Sports, Culture, and Creative Development - participation in cultural celebrations, festivals, sports, and extracurricular activities that encourage self-expression, teamwork, and physical fitness.

Skill Development - Arts and Crafts, Spoken English, Computer Education, and Personality Development. Adolescent girls are encouraged to participate in vocational training at nearby institutions.

Counselling and Family Engagement - regular counselling, home visits, parent meetings, and community awareness programs strengthen family engagement and promote child rights.

The Program continues to open pathways to education, dignity, and opportunity for children from some of the most marginalized communities in Delhi-NCR — helping them break the cycle of poverty and exclusion.





Transforming Tribal Communities:

Integrated Rural Development, Thakarwadi

Thakarwadi Village in Khed Taluk, Maharashtra, is home to approximately 105 tribal families comprising more than 625 community members, including 145 children. For generations, the community has faced challenges in accessing education, healthcare, livelihood opportunities, and sanitation. With continued support from FINWIZZ, Pune, HCDI implemented Phase II of the Integrated Tribal Community Development Program during 2025–26 - deepening engagement with the community while expanding into a neighbouring tribal settlement across two project locations.

Program Highlights and Key Achievements

Education

- 34 children received educational and hygiene kits (notebooks, stationery, soap, toothbrushes etc.)
- Regular remedial classes improved academic performance and school retention.
- Personality development and life-skills sessions strengthened confidence

Art, Craft, and Cultural Enrichment

- Art and craft training using recyclable materials engaged 30 adolescent girls.
- A community Rangoli Competition fostered cultural pride and social cohesion.

Health and Nutrition

- Community medical camps and awareness programs addressed hygiene, disease prevention, and maternal and child health.
- Nutrition kits distributed to 50 children and their families.
- Awareness sessions on balanced diets and child nutrition.





Women's Empowerment and Livelihoods

- Awareness sessions were conducted on women's rights, leadership, and financial literacy.
- A new Women's Self-Help Group was formed and trained in savings, bookkeeping, and micro-enterprize activities such as soap and phenyl production and kitchen gardening.
- 10 women received tailoring training.

Youth Employability

- 5 young people completed professional driving training and obtained driving licences, enhancing employability.

Sustainable Agriculture and Financial Inclusion

- 15 women farmers participated in an exposure visit to Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Narayangaon.
- Families were encouraged to establish kitchen gardens for household nutrition and food security.
- Financial literacy sessions covered savings, budgeting, banking, and digital transactions.

Sanitation and Community Hygiene

- Community cleanliness drives engaged women, youth, and children in maintaining a healthy village environment.



ECO-ED Summer Camp Initiative

As part of HCDI's commitment towards environmental sustainability and responsible citizenship, developed a comprehensive Eco-Ed Summer Camp Curriculum and conducted its inaugural Training of Trainers (ToT) Program for Light to Life facilitators in Pune during May 2025. The initiative equips children with environmental knowledge, positive values, and practical skills to become responsible stewards of the planet.

A Child-Centred Curriculum

The two-day residential ToT Program equipped facilitators with activity-based teaching methodologies, including action songs, educational games, storytelling, group discussions, and hands-on nature-based learning. Each chapter of the curriculum was designed around four integrated components: ice-breaking activities, interactive learning sessions, hands-on practical activities, and commitment exercises that inspire environmentally responsible behaviour.



Curriculum Themes

- Climate Change
- Plastic: Blessing or Curse?
- Pollution and Its Impact
- Soil Health is Our Wealth
- Substance Addiction and Behavioural Change
- Trees and Our Lives
- Waste Management
- Water: The Survival Question

Implementation Across Light to Life Projects

Following the training, the Eco-Ed Summer Camp was implemented across HCDI's Light to Life projects in Assam, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Maharashtra. Approximately 2,500 children participated - making it one of HCDI's most significant environmental education initiatives to date. Through interactive, participatory sessions, children developed a deeper understanding of environmental issues and were inspired to become ambassadors of positive environmental change within their families, schools, and communities.



Training, Capacity Building & Organizational Development

Strengthening People, Enhancing Program Quality

During 2025–26, HCDI conducted a coordinated series of training and capacity-building initiatives for facilitators, educational supervisors and unit administrators across India, all organized under the central theme "Understanding Child Development, Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL), and Community Integration." The Programs deepened participants' understanding of holistic child development, community engagement, child safeguarding, and child-centred teaching methodologies, using experiential and activity-based methods including mock facilitation, role plays, case studies, and reflective exercises.

Training Program Snapshot 2025–26

Trainings Conducted	13	Projects Covered	39
Participants Trained	383	States Reached	13



Capacity Building Trainings	6	Budget Planning Trainings	7
Participants Trained in Facilitators Capacity-Building Programs	253	Participants in Finance & Budget Training Programs	130



Facilitator's Capacity Building Program

Between August and November 2025, HCDI conducted six regional Facilitators Capacity Building Programs across India, bringing together education supervisors, facilitators, and support staff. The Training Programs focused on child development, socio-emotional learning (SEL), and community integration, and equipped participants with practical tools to create safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environments.

LOCATION	PROJECTS COVERED	PARTICIPANTS	FOCUS AREAS
PUNE Maharashtra	4 Light to Life projects	25	Personality Development, Stress Management, Five Pillars of Child Development, Supportive Environments
KUMILY Keralam	7 Light to Life projects	58	Child development principles, effective facilitation practices, socio-emotional development
COURTALLAM Tamil Nadu	7 Light to Life projects	55	SEL competencies, child development, parent and community engagement, live Mock Facilitation Session
BENGALURU Karnataka	12 Light to Life projects	60	Integrating SEL into daily activities, parent and community engagement, age-specific developmental needs
TEZPUR Assam	4 Projects (Assam & Nagaland)	20	SEL application, positive discipline, Leadership development, effective communication (regionally contextualised)
JAIPUR Rajasthan	5 Light to Life projects	35	Five core SEL competencies, facilitator well-being, parent and community engagement

Collectively, these six regional Programs reached 39 Light to Life projects and strengthened the competencies of facilitators, supervisors and support staff, covering a total of 253 participants. Beyond enhancing professional knowledge, the trainings fostered a shared understanding of HCDI's child-centred philosophy, reinforced SEL integration into Program delivery, and strengthened frontline teams' capacity to create safe, nurturing, and developmentally enriching environments.

Training sessions for Annual Budget Planning & Financial Management

To strengthen financial governance and Program management across the Light to Life network, HCDI conducted three regional Budget Planning and Financial Management Training Programs, as well as three targeted workshops with partner organizations (STARD, Kripa Samithy, and CARD's projects) during the planning phase for FY 2026–27. Sessions equipped participants with practical knowledge of budget preparation, expenditure planning, financial documentation, fund utilisation, compliance, and donor reporting standards - with particular emphasis on the 2026–27 strategic theme, "Learning : Digital & Green".

LOCATION / WORKSHOP	PROJECTS COVERED		PARTICIPANTS	FOCUS AREAS
BENGALURU Karnataka (21-22 Jan 2026)	12	Light to Life Projects	35	Budget formulation, expenditure forecasting, activity-based planning, financial reporting
STARD Workshop TRIVANDRUM (16 Feb 2026)	4	STARD LTL Projects	15	Strategic budget planning, hands-on budget development, 'Digital & Green' theme
KOTTARAKKARA Keralam (17 Feb 2026)	5	Light to Life Projects	15	Fund utilization, documentation standards, compliance, accountability
Kripa Samithy Workshop RANNI (18 Feb 2026)	2	Kripa Samithy LTL Projects	12	Financial management principles, budget frameworks, component-wise allocation
IGNITE Workshop COURTALLAM (19–20 Feb 2026)	8	CARD LTL Projects	28	Bottom-up and zero-based budgeting, 'Digital & Green' theme, hands-on budget preparation
GUWAHATI Assam (10-11 Mar 2026)	4	Light to Life Projects	15	Budget preparation, expenditure tracking, monitoring, donor reporting (North-East contextualised)
PUNE Maharashtra 17 March 2026	4	Light to Life Projects	10	Financial Planning, Budget Management and Reporting

Collectively, the regional Budget Orientation Programs reached 39 Light to Life projects and strengthened the capacities of Unit Administrators and program personnel, covering a total 130 participants. The workshop additionally introduced modern budgeting approaches - bottom-up and zero-based budgeting - and emphasised minimizing administrative expenditure so that financial resources directly benefit children and communities.

Financial Highlights

2025-26 (April to March)

BALANCE SHEET

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	As at 31-03-2026	As at 31-03-2025
Reserves and Surplus	6,39,06,843.76	6,13,09,277.46
Specific Funds	1,30,32,749.25	1,27,96,410.25
Current Liabilities	52,10,054.00	87,27,358.00
TOTAL	8,21,49,647.01	8,28,33,045.71

PROPERTY AND ASSETS	As at 31-03-2026	As at 31-03-2025
Fixed Assets	5,61,43,167.00	5,39,02,793.00
Investments in Fixed Deposits	2,29,18,665.00	2,47,84,639.00
Deposits and Advances	1,66,447.00	1,59,233.00
Cash and Bank Balances	29,21,368.01	39,86,380.71
TOTAL	8,21,49,647.01	8,28,33,045.71

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Rs. In Lakhs	%
Grants from MMB, USA	440.41	72%
Grants from Evangelisch Kirche, Germany	22.11	4%
Grants from COMPE, U.K	45.05	7%
Grants from Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa	1.85	0%
Grant from CMRC, CANADA	27.41	5%
Bank Interest	23.14	4%
Other Donations/Receipts	48.21	8%
TOTAL	608.18	100%



MMB, USA
Evangelisch Kirche, Germany
COMPE, U.K
Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa
CMRC, CANADA
Bank Interest
Other Donations/Receipts

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS	Rs. In Lakhs	%
Program Expenses	503.35	87%
Program Administration	65.13	11%
Others	8.73	2%
TOTAL	577.21	100%



Program Expenses
Program Administration
Others

Financial Statement of HCDI

For the Year 2025-26 (April to March)

Receipts and Payments Account Statement

RECEIPTS	Amount in Rupees 2025-26	2024-25
Opening Balance	39,86,380.71	22,69,696.54
Grants from Mar Thoma Mission Board	4,11,08,420.00	3,30,13,621.00
Grants from Council of Mar Thoma	43,05,953.00	23,35,086.00
Parishes in UK & EUROPE		
Grants from Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church	4,84,671.00	-
Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa		
Grants from Canadian Mar Thoma	31,15,755.00	12,25,158.00
Regional Committee		
Grants from Evangelische Kirche in Essen	-	30,63,589.00
Donations	28,38,610.00	6,69,750.00
Bank Interest	23,14,190.00	13,80,432.00
Investments Realised	18,65,974.00	-
Other Income/Receipts	26,65,511.00	16,36,978.00
TOTAL	6,26,85,464.71	4,55,94,310.54

PAYMENTS	2025-26	2024-25
Program Expenses	4,99,28,566.00	3,05,49,029.00
Program Administration	62,39,658.70	57,61,998.83
Other Expenses	1,91,120.00	2,11,494.00
Capital Expenditure	34,04,752.00	9,37,267.00
Investment in Fixed Deposit	-	41,48,141.00
Closing Balance	29,21,368.01	39,86,380.71
TOTAL	6,26,85,464.71	4,55,94,310.54

Celebrating a Legacy, Renewing Our Commitment

The year 2025–26 will be remembered as a defining chapter in HCDI's history as the organization commemorates its humble beginning in Childcare Program through its predecessor organization for 50 years back and celebrating as golden jubilee of the childcare program in India. Apart from this, the reporting year was celebrated as the 31st Anniversary of HCDI's formation as a continuation of the objectives, focus and activities carried forward from its predecessor organization. These milestones were celebrated not only through ceremony but more importantly, through renewed commitment and expanded action on the ground. Each achievement represents the transformation of a child's life, the empowerment of a family and the strengthening of a community.

Across every initiative in this report - education, healthcare, nutrition, child protection, livelihoods, women's empowerment, environmental stewardship, digital inclusion, and community development — one principle has consistently guided our work: children and communities are not passive recipients of assistance but active partners in creating lasting change.

Way Forward

Our mission is far from complete. Countless children and families are still waiting for quality education, timely healthcare, adequate nutrition, and the opportunity to build a better future. In the year ahead, HCDI will expand its Mobile Health Care Initiative, strengthen the Light to Life Program, integrate the "Digital & Green" strategy across project locations and extend services to more underserved communities across India.

With Gratitude to Our Partners

The achievements presented in this report would not have been possible without the trust and partnership of our donors, partner organizations, various denominations and well-wishers. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Mar Thoma Mission Board (MMB), the Mar Thoma Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa (MTD-UEA), the Canadian Mar Thoma Regional Committee (CMRC), members of the Dubai Mar Thoma (DMT), FINWIZZ, Fermator, Evangelische Kirche in Essen (ESSEN), and the many individuals, congregations and friends who have faithfully journeyed alongside HCDI over the past five decades.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our Executive Committee and Governing Board, staff, facilitators, volunteers, project partners, and field teams, whose service and dedication remain the foundation of every achievement reflected in these pages

As HCDI steps into its 32nd year of its social engagement and 51st year of commemorating the broader childcare program initiated in India, we dedicate to do so with renewed faith, strengthened partnerships, and the enduring conviction that every child deserves the opportunity to live with dignity, realize their full potential, and contribute meaningfully to society.

Our Pillars of Support

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