



# Unnati

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We firmly believe in "Inclusivity in Diversity" and to celebrate the great occasion of 78th Independence Day, the entire LIF family came together. The great enthusiasm was on display at each of our locations – Hedri, Surjagarh, Konsari and Ghugus. True Happiness lies in Celebrating Together and this was evident in the celebration in the august presence of dignitaries and people from nearby villages at each of our locations. Flag Hoisting was done by the management team and the respective unit heads.

Some amazing cultural performances by the students of Lloyds Raj Vidya Niketan School, Hedri and G.D. Goenka Lloyds Public School, Ghugus, made the events even more special.

At Konsari, the Zilla Parishad school children participated in the grand parade inside the plant premises. The dignitaries were given the Guard of Honour and the winners of the various sports competitions were awarded at the hands of the dignitaries. The local village youth performed the magnificent Gondi dance. More than 600 people from nearby villages participated in the event enthusiastically.

At Hedri, an amazing dance program was on display by the school students and best performance awards were distributed to employees of hospital, garment unit, school, security, CSR and ORCs. Also, a basketball and shotput game were conducted.

At Ghugus, our Managing Director, Rakesh Gupta distributed excellence awards to first 3 rank holders of Class XII from the 10 villages. Minister for Forests, Cultural Affairs, Fisheries and Guardian Minister – Chandrapur, Sudhir Mungantiwar was gracious enough to participate in the celebrations held at Ghugus. LIF team has been striving to bring about a positive change in the society and in the lives of the people through inclusive participation in every sector. In line with India's 'Vision 2047', we are committed to bring in the real change and to make the regions we are serving truly 'Atmanirbhar'.

## Lloyds Infinite Foundation celebrates 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with zeal



### LIF 2.0

The team of Lloyds Infinite Foundation has been actively carrying out initiatives under healthcare, education, skill development, employment, income generation and infrastructure sectors in the areas it is serving. Some of the recent initiatives that have been carried out with the support of local people are.

### Healthcare

Inauguration of STRC Vaidya Chikitsalaya at Lloyds Kali Ammal Memorial Hospital, Hedri has opened doors to offering the best of both healthcare methods at one single place – Modern medicine and Traditional plant-based treatment. The LKAM Hospital team is actively working to provide health checkup services at the camps being conducted under the ambit of Gadchiroli Police at various AOPs like Hedri and Surjagarh.

### Employment

Massive recruitment is ongoing for women coming under the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayats - Pursalgondi, Todsia and Nagulwadi villages, and Police AOP - Gatta, Wangeturi, Gardewada, Kandoli Burgi, Pipli Burgi for Sewing Machine Operator job role at Lloyds Vanya Clothing Co., Hedri. The Embroidery and modern laundry sections have been started. The team of Lloyds Vanya is working wholeheartedly to fulfill its' first client order.

### Skill Development

A total of 153 people from nearby project-affected villages of Surjagarh Iron Ore Mines were counselled and recruited for Mason and Bar Bending training at Umred, Nagpur. The training was conducted from 1st June 2024 to 30th August 2024. Lloyds Kaushalya Kendra was inaugurated at Anturla Fata, Ghugus, Chandrapur with a focus on fostering skill development and empowering local youth. The centre will initially offer training in Electrician and Mechanic-cum-Fitter job roles, and plans to expand from its current batch size of 40 to over 200 students in the coming months.

### Women Empowerment

In a first to promote increased role of women in core mining and mechanical operations of a mine, 15 women were selected for Excavator Operator training. The training was held at L&T Construction & Mining Machinery's Central Training Centre, Kanchipuram from 13th May to 2nd June 2024. They are presently undergoing On-the-Job training at LMEL's Surjagarh Iron Ore Mines. The first batch of 15 female security guards passed out of the Security Training Academy, Hedri on 26th June 2024, after a rigorous 36-days training and currently they are posted at CSR Complex, Hedri manning various institutions like school, hospital, garment unit and offices effectively.

### Recognition of our CSR Work

In recognition of the work done by Lloyds Infinite Foundation as a part of its' Corporate Social Responsibility, we are honoured to have received the GMF Golden Petals Awards and Ek Kaam Desh Ke Naam awards. These awards reaffirm our commitment to bringing the real change and strive towards the betterment of our people and the region.

### Education

School books and other school essentials distribution drive were organized at Konsari and Ghugus, benefiting many students. New School Building and Dining Hall has been inaugurated at Zilla Parishad Primary Center School, Konsari benefitting around 150 students. Lloyds Raj Vidya Niketan School at Hedri village, Etapalli taluka, Gadchiroli district and G.D. Goenka Lloyds Public School at Mhatara Devi, Chandrapur, equipped with modern facilities and best of teachers has opened its' doors to offer quality, value-based education. Post the successful 1st batch of Curtin University program, the selection process has been completed for the 2nd batch of students, who will be starting their training soon.

### Sports

The Sports Team in the last three months have won a cumulative 67 medals across various sports at District, State and National level tournaments. Three of our students have been selected in Gadchiroli Police Constable exam, marking a significant chapter and a proud moment for our team.

## Message from the Managing Director

Namaskar,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the unwavering love and support shown to Lloyds Infinite Foundation's first edition of the Quarterly Newsletter, 'Unnati'. The overwhelming response from all segments of society has been truly inspiring, and I hope this momentum continues for future editions. Under the aegis of Lloyds Infinite Foundation, our team has been actively engaged in various initiatives, and the positive outcomes are evident for all to see. We are particularly delighted to witness the realization of our dream to send local students to study at a foreign university. The first batch of six students



has successfully cleared their IELTS exams and has embarked on their academic journey at Curtin University, Australia. This marks a new beginning not only for these students but also for their families, communities, and the entire region.

Our initial focus was on developing essential infrastructure such as roads, drinking water, electricity, schools, and hospitals, as well as ensuring skill development and employment opportunities for locals. Now, we are dedicated to expanding hospital and school facilities, creating

additional employment opportunities, and upgrading the local infrastructure. These initiatives will benefit everyone in the region, and we are confident that the landscape will undergo a dramatic transformation.

To ensure that your voices are heard and your concerns addressed, we have established outreach centers in 10 villages. Please visit these centers to share your ideas and suggestions. Your input is invaluable in shaping our initiatives and ensuring that they meet your specific needs.

Regards,  
**B. Prabhakaran**  
Managing Director  
Lloyds Metals & Energy Limited

## Message from the desk of Editor

Hello Readers!

Welcome to the second edition of Unnati, your local newsletter dedicated to highlighting the incredible work being done by the people in the region and beyond. We're glad to share a collection of inspiring stories that showcase the positive impact Lloyds Infinite Foundation is having on Gadchiroli and Chandrapur regions. As we continue our journey of fostering all-round development, this issue brings you a diverse collection of articles from groundbreaking initiatives to heartwarming tales of community empowerment. From education and healthcare to sustainable practices and social welfare, we've curated a selection of stories that reflect the spirit and resilience of our people. Learn about the



progress we've made through our multi-sectoral projects and the positive impact they're having on the lives of local residents. We invite you to share your thoughts and experiences with us. Your feedback is invaluable in shaping Unnati into a magazine that truly reflects the spirit of our community. Let's celebrate the achievements of our people, inspire each other, and continue to build a brighter future together. Happy reading!

**Kirthy Reddy**  
Director  
Lloyds Infinite Foundation



# Empowering Rural Communities

## CSR Initiatives in Surjagarh and Beyond

The Armed Outpost (AOP) in Surjagarh recently hosted a successful Shetkari Krushi Melawa, aimed at empowering local farmers. Attended by the Income Generation Activity team from Lloyds Infinite Foundation (LIF) and several prominent figures including Agriculture Officer Dongare and Sarpanchs from Todasa and Pursalgondi, the event attracted enthusiastic participation from villagers. State government initiatives supporting local farmers were discussed, and farm-related equipment and seeds were



distributed by AOP. LIF outlined upcoming agriculture initiatives to further assist the farming community.

### Beekeeping Initiative in Surjagarh and Godeli

To promote economic growth, a beekeeping initiative will be launched this September in Surjagarh and

Godeli villages under the CSR program. Seven farmers from both villages were selected to receive honey bee boxes and training, equipping them with skills to start sustainable beekeeping businesses. The initiative aims to boost local income and foster economic development.



### Bamboo Sapling Distribution in Petha, Karampalli, and Pusumpalli

In an effort to restore forests and provide future income opportunities, 60 bamboo saplings were distributed to farmers in Petha and Karampalli. In Pusumpalli, saplings were planted, and villagers were educated on bam-

boo's diverse uses, including furniture, food, fuel, and clothing. This initiative supports both environmental sustainability and local economic upliftment.

### Promoting Kitchen Gardening in Surjagarh & Manger

A seed distribution initiative was launched in Surjagarh and Manger villages to encourage

kitchen gardening. Seeds were distributed to 52 women, promoting home-grown produce and offering potential income opportunities through the sale of surplus vegetables. This initiative enhances food security and empowers local women.

### Swachhta Abhiyan and Mango Plant Distribution in Mallampahadi

Our recent Swachhta Abhiyan in Mallampahadi village focused on improving hygiene and sustainability. Residents participated in a cleanliness drive, and mango plants were distributed to enhance green spaces and provide future income sources. This initiative reflects the foundation's commitment to community health and environmental sustainability.



## Nukkad Natak - Taking Awareness to the Streets!

Lloyds Infinite Foundation's talented Konsari CSR team and artists took to the streets of Konsari, Umri, Chandankhedi, Kadholi, and Ramapur villages to raise awareness about epidemic diseases and addiction through engaging street plays! In the era of social media, street plays still have an important role in today's village life in taking up important societal issues and effectively conveying to the people. Popularly called Nukkad Natak, it has played a very important role, especially in Rural India in connecting people with the prevalent issues.

Our team has been effectively taking up the important topics of superstition, social stigmas, awareness on health-care, education and skill development across many villages like Gatta, Alenga, Adange, Tadguda, Nender, Hedri, Titoda, Jambhiya and many others, which are naxal-affected, tribal areas of Etapalli taluka in Gadchiroli district since last few months. These remote areas have largely remained underdeveloped and are still devoid of basic facilities. The Street Play team has been successful in connecting

with the people and effectively conveying the message. Lloyds Infinite Foundation, under its' CSR initiative, has created hospital, school, garment unit facilities at Hedri village, Etapalli taluka, along with other infrastructure and income generation facilities for the benefit of local villages. Local people over the years have certain preconceived perceptions about these modern facilities and have still belief in the orthodox practices.

To ensure betterment of people and to make them part of the modern, developed society while upholding their tradition and culture, has been the aim of LIF. To take this information to the people and to break them free from the shackles of underdevelopment, we believed street plays as a powerful tool to bridge the gap and convey important messages directly to communities. The villagers also reciprocated equally well and came out in large numbers, proving that entertainment can be a powerful tool for education and empowerment. We're committed to using impactful and engaging methods to create positive change in our society!

## Transforming Villages through Infrastructure Development

Etapalli taluka located in the southern part of Gadchiroli district, inspite of having rich natural resources has been facing the issue of underdevelopment since last many decades. The citizens were bereft of even the basic facilities. When we started our operations at Surjagarh Iron Ore Mines, it started with developing basic infrastructure amenities at nearby villages to facilitate and improve the lives of the people.

Basic infrastructure works included road construction, handpumps, overhead water tanks, community taps, ponds and wells rejuvenation, schools and community halls redevelopment, street lights installation, library, computer lab and many more.

The pond rejuvenation at Manger village is fast progressing and will soon become the picturesque spot for locals to enjoy their leisure time. In addition, Lloyds Infinite Foundation along with LMEL team and



other stakeholders are working on other infrastructure projects at different villages. To supply uninterrupted water, bore drilling has been done at 5 villages namely Hedri, Godeli, Itulnar, Pursalgondi and Alenga.

For facilitating villagers, especially women, new hand pumps have been installed for drinking water at 4 villages namely Hedri, Godeli, Itulnar and Alenga.

Based on the request from villagers, connection from our installed Over Head Water Tank (10 kL) to Government drinking water pipeline has been provided at Jharewada village. Similarly, to prevent water leakage and to ensure uninterrupted water to villagers, repair and maintenance work of drinking water handpumps have been done at Hedri village (3 handpumps) and Manger village (1 handpump). Additionally, to ensure all time accessible to good quality, potable water to villagers, RO plant will be installed. The work of two iron structures for construction of RO treatment plant shed at Manger and Mallampahadi villages has been completed.

The way to the development of a region is through quality infrastructure. We are sure that through these works, the accessibility, economy and related aspects of these remote regions will flourish in the coming years.

## Roots of Change: Our Green Initiatives

As a part of our organization's commitment towards the nature and the local ecosystem, plantation drives at each of our locations, Surjagarh, Konsari and Ghugus are being carried out extensively. This Environment Day, our entire team took a 'Green Pledge' to plant and nurture the green cover. With a theme of 'Land Restoration, Desertification & Drought Resilience', plantation drive was conducted at Bande River Side Camp and Mango Plantation was carried out at Aldandi village in Etapalli taluka. The event saw participation of local villagers, children, forest officials and our team.

To celebrate this occasion, Environment Week was celebrated by LIF team at villages. Over 50 talented young artists participated in a painting competition organized at Ekra Khurd village. Their passion for our planet shone brightly on their canvases, with the children bringing out their version of the nature's beauty through art. The winners were felicitated on World Environment Day by our esteemed chief guests, with the people cheering and motivating the young artists. Let's all continue to nurture the artistic voices of our future and protect the environment they so beautifully depict.

We believe that the environment initiatives should continue throughout the year, and we should all be indebted to the nature for its offerings. Gadchiroli, being a nature's delight and major population dependent on forests for their livelihood, the people here have great concern for the local flora. We, as an organization



resonate the same value for the environment, and many initiatives like installation of solar panels, electric vehicles usage at mines, regular sprinkling of water at mines location, dedicated truck washing system etc. are being carried out, not merely as an environmental compliance but our commitment towards ecology and sustainable practices.





# Empowering Local Youth: Inauguration of Lloyds Kaushalya Kendra



The Lloyds Kaushalya Kendra (Skill Centre) was inaugurated at Anturla Fata, Ghugus, Chandrapur with a focus on fostering skill development and empowering local youth. The inauguration was graced by Hon. Vinay Gowda (IAS), District Collector of Chandrapur, Mr. Bhaiyaji Yerame, Assistant Commissioner of the District Skill Center, and Mr. Pawan Meshram, Vice President-HR of Lloyds Metals and Energy Limited (LMEL).

The center will initially offer training in Electrician and Mechanic-cum-Fitter job roles, aiming to provide accessible, quality education to create a skilled workforce. With plans to expand from its current batch size of 40 to over 200 students, the Kaushalya Kendra is set to significantly contribute to Chandrapur's economic growth. In his address, District Collector Vinay Gowda highlighted the vital role of skill development in today's economy and praised the initiative's potential to uplift local youth and create sustainable job opportunities. Mr. Pawan Meshram from LMEL expressed the company's commitment to community development and corporate social responsibility, emphasizing the center's role as a beacon of hope and progress for the region's youth.



## Our Community Connectors

The key to success of any initiative is Team Work. When it comes to making an actual impact and difference in people's lives through our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects, the on-ground team, whom we refer to as 'Outreach Workers (ORWs)' are the major contributors. The 27 ORWs located across our 10 Outreach Centres (ORCs) in villages - Kudri, Nagulwadi, Karampalli, Petha, Ekra Khurd, Bande, Hedri, Surjagad, Pur-salgondi and Alenga, serve 21 villages across 3 Gram Panchayats.

The role of our ORWs is diverse and dynamic in nature. As per the number of villages under them, the respective ORCs have 2-3 ORWs working under each centre. Whenever any villager faces any issue, some information to know, some assistance needed or has some request to put in, he/she can simply walk in to the nearest ORC, and the team offers full support and takes necessary action. The villager's request along with his/her details are documented properly, so that they can be tracked and resolved in an effective and time-bound manner. Similarly, whenever ORWs takes regular tour of the villages, they note down the points for further action to be taken up. They are an absolute asset in reaching to people, especially senior citizens, pregnant ladies and divyans. ORWs play a pivotal role in the implementation and success of any initiative. There are several instances where ORWs have gone out of their job role and put in the efforts –



Whenever there is an urgent need of medical assistance and ambulance in the villages, the ORWs coordinate with the CSR and Lloyds Kali Ammal Memorial Hospital team to ensure timely medical intervention. Similarly in case of pregnant women ANC cases, accidents, ORWs are at the forefront to coordinate and ensure medical facilities for the needy. The CSR team has started an initiative wherein bus services have been started for villages as per the pre-decided schedule and villagers intending to come to hospital for checkups and consultation can avail the facility. ORWs pass this information at their respective villages and coordinate in case of any assistance required. These activities have time and again been done effectively, thanks to the efforts put in by our ORWs.

Lloyds Vanya Clothing Co.'s scope of operations and orders are increasing with each passing day. To cater to this, there is requirement of additional women workforce from local villages. ORWs propagate this information in the villages regarding this opportunity for skilling and employ-

ment for women, and the benefits associated with working here. They assist in collecting the forms of candidates through ORCs and also assist in the verification process, wherever required. Whenever there are absenteeism issues, with the help of ORWs the CSR team undertakes visit of each of the household to know the reason, counsel and take corrective steps. Some of the villages are really far and in absence of proper roads and intermittent streams especially in monsoon, people are forced to take a long walk upto the villages. To assist the CSR team and to counsel the ladies to reduce absenteeism and return back to work, the ORWs went beyond their duty and on a regular basis undertook this drive for many villages overcoming hurdles and beyond their working hours. Regular training is carried out for ORWs to enhance their skills. For Lloyds Raj Vidya Niketan School at Hedri, ORWs did the ground work in explaining to villagers about the facilities and education in the school, and filling out the forms for the students. ORWs assist students in enrolling at Lloyds Sports Academy by visiting villages and providing information about the academy's facilities, sports camps, and activities. They also conduct door-to-door surveys, both online and offline, to help implement government schemes and are invaluable in reaching remote areas. Additionally, ORWs play a key role in new CSR initiatives by identifying beneficiaries and monitoring progress in the villages.

## The Story of Our Outreach Worker- Ms. Amisha Pungati

Outreach Workers (ORWs) are the backbone of Lloyds Infinite Foundation's CSR initiatives, serving as the bridge between the organization and 21 project-affected villages. Their dedication ensures the successful implementation of healthcare, education, and employment opportunities, empowering local communities.

Ms. Amisha Pungati, an ORW from Petha village, shares her inspiring journey. Struggling with financial hardships and barely managing two meals a day, she faced an uncertain future after completing her 12th grade. When approached by officials from Surjagarh Iron Ore Mines with a job opportunity, Amisha hesitated but found courage in seeing other local girls stepping out of their comfort zones.

Today, Amisha confidently works as part of the CSR survey team, personally visiting villages to address the needs of her community. Her determination has not only transformed her own life but also inspired other girls in her village to seek opportunities be-



yond their homes.

Thanks to her role, Amisha has lifted her family out of poverty, gained financial stability, and fulfilled her dream of owning a vehicle. She expresses her gratitude to Lloyds Metals Surjagarh Project and the CSR team for the opportunities that have reshaped her life and brought happiness to her family.

Amisha's story is a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives, and her journey reflects the positive impact that Lloyds Infinite Foundation is making across these villages.



# Expansion of Education and community initiatives in Eastern Vidarbha region

## Chandrapur: G D Goenka Lloyds Public School Opens



Lloyds Infinite Foundation proudly announces the opening of G.D. Goenka Lloyds Public School in Mhatara Devi, Chandrapur, Maharashtra. The new school, offering CBSE education from Nursery to Class IV, was inaugurated with a parent orientation led by Executive Director Mr. Madhur Gupta and Principal Jesty Roy. This collaboration with the G D Goenka group, renowned for its educational excellence, features a state-of-the-art campus with green spaces, Wi-Fi, modern libraries, and labs. The school aims to foster academically strong, socially responsible students and will soon offer a range of extracurricular activities including music, dance, and sports. Plans are underway to expand the school to Class XII, focusing on holistic development and ethical leadership.



### Konsari: Revitalized School Facilities

In another significant development, a new school building and dining hall at Zilla Parishad Primary Center School was dedicated to students in Konsari. The new facilities address previous space constraints and include vibrant classrooms and a renovated Anganwadi. The inauguration was led by Mr. Prabhakaran Balasubramanian (Managing Director, LMEL), along with other dignitaries. The revitalized premises will serve over 140 students from Class 1 to 4, providing an improved environment for learning and growth. These initiatives reflect Lloyds Infinite Foundation's ongoing commitment to enhancing educational opportunities and community well-being across Maharashtra.

### Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: LIF's Educational Endeavor

As a part of our initiative at Zilla Parishad High School and Junior College, Konsari, distributing free textbooks to 137 students from classes 9 to 12. The event, attended by key figures such as Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao Voora and Mr. Mahadev Mavadi, emphasized LIF's commitment to enhancing educational access. This initiative marks the beginning of further support, including the distribution of school accessories.

Additionally, LIF celebrated International Chess Day at LRVN School, Hedri, and ZP School, Konsari, with chess activities aimed at fostering critical thinking and strategic skills. These efforts highlight LIF's dedication to both academic support and extracurricular development, shaping a brighter future for the students of Gadchiroli.



## Internship students share their experience of Community Engagement

“Our visit to Lloyds Infinite Foundation’s project site in Etapalli taluka of Gadchiroli district, provided a profound insight into the lives of the Madia tribe, one of India’s slowest-developing communities. Guided by local tribals Reshma Lalu Gundru and Nirmala Vija Pungati, we explored Hedri village, gaining an appreciation for the Madia people’s deep bond with the forest, which is reflected in their language and daily practices. Madia tribe’s rich cultural heritage was evident in their skilled craftsmanship, such as the intricate weaving of bamboo baskets and the sustainable production of leaf plates. Observing their traditional hunting practices and unique social customs, like their elaborate ten-day marriage ceremonies, offered us a glimpse into their distinct way of life.”



Esha Rautela | Kritin Rautela

“The Foundation’s commitment to social and economic development is evident through numerous initiatives in the education, healthcare, employment, skill

### Konsari: New Computer Training Center Inaugurated

On April 27, 2024, a computer training center was inaugurated in Konsari village. The center, equipped with six computers, will train 36 students in batches of six over three-month periods. The inaugural event was attended by Sarpanch Srikant Pavde, Upaspanch Ratan Akkewar, Director-CSR Kirby Reddy, and other local dignitaries. Certificates will be awarded to students upon successful completion of the training, marking a significant step in enhancing digital literacy in the region.

### Etapalli: Launch of School Bus Services

In partnership with Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd. and Etapalli Nagar Panchayat, we introduced a school bus service to address transportation challenges faced by students commuting from Etapalli to Alapalli. The bus was inaugurated by Nagar Panchayat President Mrs. Dipayanti Pendam and Lloyds Metals Executive Director Mr. S. Venkateswaran. This initiative aims to ensure timely and comfortable commutes, improving educational access for local students. The launch was celebrated by local dignitaries including Etapalli Sub-Divisional Police Officer Mr. Chaitanya Kadam and Block Development Officer Mr. Adinath Andhale.

development sectors. The foundation’s community engagement is further strengthened through collaboration with the Gadchiroli District Central Co-op Bank, promoting financial inclusion and literacy. Their women empowerment initiatives, such as training female security guards and ladies driving heavy mine vehicles, highlight their commitment to gender equality and economic development.”

“Our experience illuminated the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of the Madia tribe while supporting sustainable development initiatives. Lloyds Infinite Foundation’s holistic approach to CSR not only empowers local communities but also fosters a sustainable future, making a substantial positive impact on the lives of the Madia tribe and beyond.”

## Journey of Growth: Shubham Gota's Experience of Studying in Australia

Shubham Gota, hailing from Petha village in Etapalli taluka, Gadchiroli district, shares his transformative experience as part of the first batch of students selected for the Lloyds Infinite Foundation – Curtin University program. Enrolled in the Diploma in Health Sciences course at Curtin University, Shubham describes this opportunity as a significant milestone in his educational journey.

“This was my first time traveling abroad, and the excitement and nervousness were overwhelming,” Shubham says. “Gajanana Sir from Lloyds Infinite Foundation has been an incredible support, guiding me and the other five students through every step of



this new chapter. We are deeply grateful for his mentorship.”

In Australia, Shubham has encountered a diverse and inclusive community, where people from various backgrounds live harmoniously. “Curtin University fosters an environment of respect and inclusivity. I’ve made friends from different countries and enjoy sharing our cultural experiences. The weekends are vibrant with soccer games, beach outings, and surfing. The focus on both academics and extracurricular activities at Curtin has been enriching. I am thankful to MD B. Prabhakaran Sir for providing us with this life-changing opportunity.”





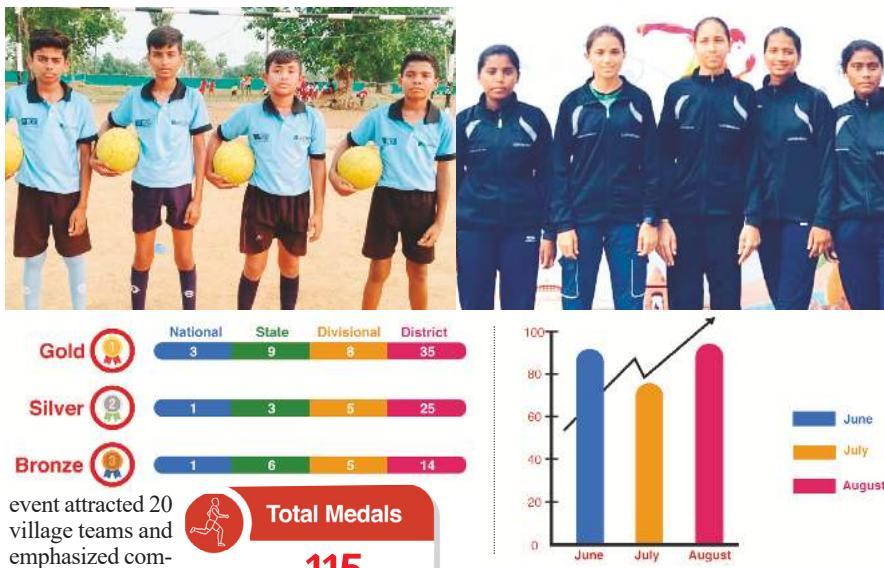
## Lloyds Sports Academy Makes Its Mark on the State Athletic Stage

**Gadchiroli and Beyond:** Lloyds Sports Academy (LSA) has been making significant strides in sports, from district to national levels. Established with the vision of nurturing young talent into world-class athletes, LSA offers top-notch facilities and training across athletics, archery, football, volleyball, and kabaddi. With its main facility in Krishnar village, Etapalli taluka, and additional centers in Hedri and Konsari, LSA supports both local youth and Lloyds Metals and Energy Limited employees through various sports activities.

**District to State Success:** At the Gadchiroli District Youth Athletic Meet held on May 12, 2024, Our youth team excelled, securing 7 Gold, 6 Silver, and 2 Bronze medals. This remarkable achievement highlights the academy's rigorous training and commitment. All gold and silver medalists have qualified for the Maharashtra state-level youth athletic meet in June 2024, setting the stage for further success.

**State-Level Achievements:** The academy continued its impressive performance at the 72nd Maharashtra State Senior & Youth Athletic Meet in Nagpur from June 1 to June 3, 2024. The academy's athletes earned Silver and Bronze medals in the Youth Girls category, with Ms. Novami Ade winning Silver in the 3000 meters walk and Ms. Monica Madavi clinching Bronze in High Jump. These accomplishments underscore our dedication to developing top-tier sports talent.

**Community Engagement:** The Lloyds Infinite Foundation, through its CSR initiative, hosted an inter-village sports tournament in Itulnar from June 27 to June 30, 2024. Featuring volleyball and tug-of-war competitions, the



**National-Level Excellence:** Our students also shone at the 9th Sub-junior and Junior National Minigolf Championship in Indore. Mr. Abhay Durwa secured Silver in the Minigolf team event, and Mr. Harshal Mohurle and Mr. Ayush Ghosh won Gold in Minigolf Doubles, representing Maharashtra with distinction.

**Football Triumph:** In football, the team demonstrated their prowess at the Swami Vivekananda State Level Football Tournament

in Kagaznagar, Telangana, from August 5 to August 10, 2024. Competing against 18 teams, our team reached the finals but finished as the runner-up after a competitive match against Nagpur. The event, attended by notable guests including the Sarpanch of Ramnagar and local officials, highlighted the team's strong performance and commitment to excellence. Our Academy remains dedicated to developing young athletes and enhancing sports infrastructure at the village level. With continued support from Lloyds Metals and Energy Limited, Lloyds Infinite Foundation, and a team of dedicated coaches, LSA is set to achieve even greater milestones in the future.

## Recent activities done under Lloyds Sports Academy

(June to August 2024)

**01** Our students represented Maharashtra Sub-Junior Football Team and secured a Gold Medal in the 6th SDPF National Football championship which was held at Nashik from 7th to 10th June 2024.

**02** The LSA students represented Maharashtra Minigolf Team and secured a Silver Medal in the Sub-Junior boys singles category and Gold Medal in Junior boys doubles category in the 9th Sub-Junior and Junior National Minigolf Championship which was held at Indore.

**03** The Football Team emerged Runner-Up in Swami Vivekananda State Level Football Tournament held at Kagaznagar, Telangana.

**04** A District Level Volleyball (Men's) and Tug of War (Women's) Tournament was organized at Itulnar village, where many villagers enthusiastically participated.

**05** International Yoga Day was celebrated at Hedri and Konsari, which saw participation of over 2300 people from our organization and people from nearby villages.

**06** Our students also recorded impressive performances in the various marathon events held.

**07** It is of immense pride that keeping with our organization's social commitment, we helped the local youth in the preparation for physical tests for Gadchiroli Police Recruitment. In fact, three of our students – Prakash Miri, Nageshwar Rasse and Aniket Allewar got selected in Gadchiroli Police Constabulary exam.

The children are increasingly showing their interest for the summer camps and this time more than 200 children had enrolled for summer camp at Krishnar. At village level more than 50 children regularly attended the respective camps.

Sporting facilities for Kabaddi, Volleyball, Football, Archery, Athletics are being created, with work completed at 10 villages. In addition, various sporting tournaments are hosted by Lloyds at various places across Gadchiroli.

## The Inspiring Story of Our Sports Achiever



Lloyds Sports Academy was established with the goal of nurturing and promoting sports talent in the remote, tribal areas of Etapalli Taluka, Gadchiroli District. What began as a summer camp has now evolved into a fully-fledged sports academy with top-notch facilities, expert trainers, and infrastructure. Children from nearby villages are flocking to the academy, aspiring to represent India on the international stage.

Thanks to the unwavering support and dedication of the Lloyds team, the Academy has brought about a transformative impact. Many students now represent the academy at District, State, and National level tournaments, with athletes having won over 100 medals in sports such as athletics, minigolf, football, and volleyball.



Among these talented athletes is Monika Madavi, a shining star from Krishnar village, Etapalli Taluka. She began her journey in 2022, training at the Academy. Through her perseverance and rigorous training, Monika has become a state champion in the high

jump, earning the title of the first-ever state medalist in high jump from Gadchiroli District.

Monika's achievements include multiple gold medals at state and district athletic meets. She is a true inspiration to her community, showing how talent, hard work,

and determination can break barriers and lead to success.

We believe that Monika's bright future is only just beginning, and the Academy remains committed to developing the next generation of world-class athletes from Gadchiroli.



# Patient Stories from Lloyds Kali Ammal Memorial Hospital, Hedri

Mrs. Rina Kowasi from Ekra shared her gratitude towards the Hospital after her second baby, born underweight and unwell, was admitted to the NICU for 20 days. After receiving round-the-clock care, the baby was discharged in a healthy condition and continues to thrive.

Ankita from Parsalgondi brought her 5-month-old baby to our Hospital due to poor weight gain and developmental delays. With specialized feeding plans and care, the baby's weight stabilized, and the family expressed their heartfelt thanks to the hospital staff for their dedication.

Sharada Gawde from Ekra was anxious when her 4-day-old baby suffered from sepsis and hypoglycemia. The baby received critical treatment at LKAM Hospital and is now healthy, with Sharada praising the doctors and staff for their compassionate care.

Lastly, 6-year-old Sandhya Hodi from Gatta was successfully treated for severe anemia and sickle cell disease at after 13 days in the ICU, she was discharged in good health, thanks to the hospital's expertise and care.



## Lloyds Infinite Foundation Advances Community Healthcare with Vaidya Chikitsalaya and Ambulance Services



Lloyds Infinite Foundation, in partnership with STRC Gadchiroli, has taken significant steps to enhance healthcare access in the region. The foundation recently inaugurated the "Vaidya Chikitsalaya" at Lloyds Kali Ammal Memorial Hospital, Hedri, and launched much-needed ambulance services in Etapalli. These initiatives underscore the foundation's commitment to blending traditional and modern healthcare practices while improving emergency medical care in remote areas.

### Bridging Tradition and Modern Medicine

- The 'Vaidya Chikitsalaya' has been brought to reality under the leadership of Mr. B. Prabhakaran, Managing Director of Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd., and through the efforts of Lt. Col. Vikram Mehta, Resident Director. This unique initiative merges traditional healing practices with modern medical care to provide holistic health services to the local community.
- Dr. Prashant Bokare, Vice-Chancellor of Gondwana University, spoke at the event, emphasizing the value of Vedic medicine. He highlighted the effectiveness and minimal side effects of traditional healing methods and called for the recognition and fair compensation of local Vaidus (traditional healers) to preserve their invaluable knowledge.
- In its first phase, the Chikitsalaya will host three local Vaidus—Mr. Katku Pungati, Mr. Soham Bada, and Mr. Somaji Gota—who will serve the community alongside modern medical practitioners. This initiative is part of our broader strategy to provide sustainable healthcare, combining the best of both worlds to enhance the well-being of the region.

### Launch of Ambulance Services in Etapalli: A Lifeline for the Community

- In a separate event, in collaboration with Etapalli Nagar Panchayat, we launched a new ambulance service to meet the emergency medical needs of the Etapalli community. The inauguration ceremony, held at the Etapalli Nagar Panchayat office, was led by Nagar Panchayat President Mrs. Dipayanti Pendam and Lloyds Metals Executive Director Mr. S. Venkateswaran.
- The addition of the ambulance is set to significantly improve access to emergency healthcare services in this remote area, where transportation challenges often delay critical medical care. Mr. Venkateswaran reaffirmed Lloyds' commitment to supporting the Etapalli region, noting the company's continuous efforts to foster development and well-being across various sectors. Esteemed local dignitaries, including Etapalli Sub-Divisional Police Officer Mr. Chaitanya Kadamb, Tehsildar Mr. M. Ghangurde, and Block Development Officer Mr. Adinath Andhale, attended the inauguration, further cementing the importance of this milestone for the community.

### A Collective Commitment to Community Health

- Through these two initiatives—the Vaidya Chikitsalaya in Hedri and the ambulance service in Etapalli—we continue to play a pivotal role in improving healthcare access in Gadchiroli district. By integrating traditional practices with modern healthcare solutions and addressing emergency care needs, we are making a lasting impact on the health and well-being of the communities it serves.

### Beyond the Mine: Community Health Initiatives in Villages

We are driving efforts towards healthier villages by combating malaria and other seasonal diseases. Collaborating with CSR teams, Outreach Workers, and Lloyds Kali Ammal Memorial Hospital, regular health checkups, cleanliness awareness camps, and mosquito net distributions are ongoing. Guppy fish are being released into water bodies to reduce mosquito breeding, alongside fogging efforts.

Increased malaria cases in villages like Mallampahadi, Surjagarh, Hedri, Manger, and Godeli have prompted proactive measures, including the treatment of 25 malaria patients at LKAM Hospital. To further promote hygiene, 'Cleanest Home' and 'Cleanest Village' competitions will be introduced to encourage cleanliness and disease prevention.

### 121 Blood Donors Support the Cause at Konsari

■ Our commitment to saving lives continues with a blood donation camp held on August 1st at LMEL's Konsari Steel Plant. 121 individuals, including company employees and nearby villagers, came together to donate blood, contributing to a noble cause. Supported by Sub District Hospital, Aheri, the donors were recognized with certificates and gifts. The initiative reinforces our dedication to community welfare, with more drives planned throughout the year.

### Sickle Cell Screening Success in Kudri Village

■ On June 19th, on the occasion of World Sickle Cell Day, a successful screening program was conducted in Kudri village. Of the 116 villagers tested, 16 were diagnosed with sickle cell disease, allowing for timely treatment and management. Led by the CSR team, Outreach Workers, and staff from Lloyds Kali Ammal Memorial Hospital, the program marks a vital step in addressing public health challenges in the region.





## Lloyds Vanya Hosts No Tobacco Day Event

Lloyds Vanya Clothing Company marked No Tobacco Day on May 31, 2024, with a successful awareness event at their Garment Unit in Hedri. The program, attended by 330 women and girls, focused on the health dangers of tobacco and featured informative talks by Mr. Dilip Burade, Dr. Gopal Roy, and Dr. Akansha. The speakers highlighted the risks of addiction, mouth cancer, and other diseases linked to tobacco use, urging participants to adopt healthier lifestyles. The event concluded with refreshments and tokens of appreciation, successfully promoting wellness in the community.

## Feature Story: The Evolution of Lloyds Infinite Foundation's Garment Unit into 'Vanya' Brand

In January 2023, the Lloyds Infinite Foundation's Garment Unit embarked on a transformative journey, evolving from a modest training center housed in a repurposed shipment container into the acclaimed Vanya Brand. Originating from the collective efforts of tribal women from nearby villages of Surjagarh mine, Vanya represents a remarkable blend of empowerment, sustainability, and style.

Starting with 50 tribal women striving for economic upliftment, the garment unit's evolution into the Vanya Brand marks a significant milestone in its mission. The name "Vanya," derived from "Van Kanya" or "daughter of the forest," symbolizes a deep connection to nature and the empowerment of tribal women. The brand's logo, embodying freedom and nature, underscores its commitment to ethical fashion and the empowerment of its creators.



Today, Vanya is renowned for its high-quality shirts and commitment to sustainable practices.

The factory, equipped with over 300 advanced machines, has produced over 30,000 garments, providing financial stability and pride to the community. Unique initiatives such as eco-friendly khaki packaging and specialized display canopies showcase Vanya's dedication to environmental responsibility and community engagement. With ongoing developments, including a special bus for workers and a branded distribution truck, Vanya continues to forge a path toward a future where the women of Gadchiroli are celebrated for their strength, creativity, and resilience.



## Breaking Barriers: Lloyds Infinite Foundation Empowers Women to explore new avenues

Gadchiroli, June 26, 2024 — Our team is paving the way for gender equality and empowerment in Gadchiroli with its latest initiative, which marks a transformative moment in the local community. Known for its dedication to professional development, the Foundation has now launched a groundbreaking security guard training program exclusively for women, challenging traditional gender roles and creating new opportunities for local women.

We recently celebrated the successful completion of its first batch of 15 women who underwent a rigorous 36-day training program. Held at Hedri Ground, the passing-out parade and valedictory function honored their achievements and showcased the transformative power of this initiative. Attended by notable dignitaries, the event highlighted the Foundation's un-

wavering commitment to inclusivity, equality, and sustainable development.

The training program was comprehensive, covering essential skills such as security basics, fire safety, communication, and emergency response. The newly trained female security guards have been deployed across various facilities, including the CSR Complex, school, hospital, garment unit, and offices. This initiative not only empowers women but also strengthens the security framework within our campus marking a progressive step towards gender parity in rural communities.

The idea for women's security training emerged from the growing presence of women in our various departments. Recognizing the need for female representation in the security wing, Mr. C. Kumaresan, Director (Project), and Major

Jitender Nagpal, DGM (Security), took the initiative to launch the program. Under the mentorship of Mr. Mohan Gadve, Security Incharge (Grinding Unit and CSR Complex), the first batch of 15 women was rigorously trained.

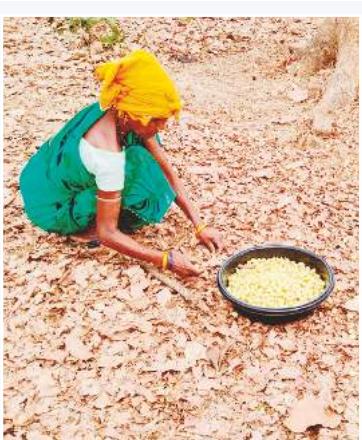
Spanning a total of 3 months, the training encompassed everything from security fundamentals to advanced topics such as fire safety, communication, and emergency response. The trained guards have now been stationed across key locations in the CSR Complex, including the school, hospital, garment unit, and offices, ensuring that women play a vital role in both security and community development. This initiative is yet another testament of our commitment to creating a more inclusive and empowered future for women in Gadchiroli.

## Breaking the Silence: Sakhi-Saheli initiative empowering Women

Our CSR team along with the Outreach Workers are on a mission to break the stigma associated with menstrual hygiene and educate local tribal women to use sanitary pads. The program has been named "Sakhi-Saheli". Through the dedicated team efforts of Lloyds Kali Ammal Memorial Hospital, CSR & ORWs team, Village Sarpanchs, Asha Workers, Anganwadi Sevikas and Villagers, this initiative became successful in raising awareness about menstrual health and hygiene in various villages under Etapalli taluka, Gadchiroli. The doctors had a healthy interaction with the women and adolescent girls about managing their health during menstrual cycle & maintaining hygiene. A strong message was given - 'Periods are normal, not shameful and not a thing to hide!'

The team has distributed 2000 sanitary napkins so far across the 10 Outreach Centres covering 21 villages from June to August. This drive will continue in the coming months too. The LIF CSR and ORW team encouraged the women to access these essentials from the ORCs every month. We certainly believe that - Every PERIOD is a Chance to Break the Stigma!





## Join our incredible team at Lloyds Infinite Foundation!

A vibrant workplace with immense potential for personal and professional growth. A leading company with the best of the facilities for employees and committed to a positive social change. Yes, all these you can experience at Lloyds Infinite Foundation, the CSR arm of Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd. - a listed and leading company in the field of mining and steel. We are inviting passionate individuals to join our vibrant team and contribute to the growth of our community.

We currently have exciting opportunities available in various roles for dedicated professionals who are ready to embark on a fulfilling career journey.

5. Position: HMV Drivers  
Role: Bus drivers, Badge compulsory  
Qualification: ITI/Graduate  
Total Exp.: 8 to 13 yrs  
CTC as per exp. & negotiable  
Location: Hedri, Tal. Etapalli  
Please share updated cv on [skv@lloyds.in](mailto:skv@lloyds.in)

1. Position – Male Nurse, Vacancies : 3 nos.  
Role : Nursing activities  
Qualification: Min. BSc Nursing  
Total exp.: 3 to 5 yrs  
CTC as per exp. & negotiable  
Location: Hedri, Tal. Etapalli  
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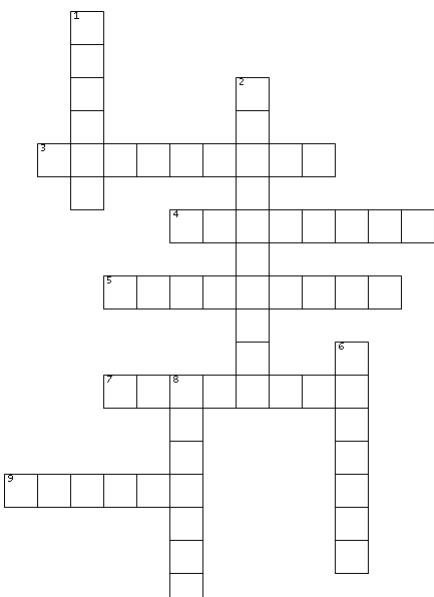
2. Position – Accounts & Finance Manager  
Role: Account payable, account receivable, general accounts, budgeting, costing & P&L  
Qualification: B Com, MBA Finance  
Total exp.: 11 to 15 yrs  
CTC as per exp. & negotiable  
Location: Hedri, Tal. Etapalli  
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3. Position: Medical Officer  
Role: Medical check-up, treatment and counseling  
Qualification: Min. MBBS  
Total Exp.: 2 to 4 yrs  
CTC as per exp & negotiable  
Location: Hedri, Tal. Etapalli  
Please share updated cv on [skv@lloyds.in](mailto:skv@lloyds.in)

4. Position: OT Technician  
Role: Plan & end to end support & coordination in OT  
Qualification: Diploma in OT  
Total Exp.: 3 to 5 yrs  
CTC as per exp & negotiable  
Location: Hedri, Tal. Etapalli  
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6. Position: Sewing Machine Operators  
Qualification: Minimum Class V pass  
Age criteria: 18 to 35 years  
Facilities: Free Lunch facility, to and fro bus facilities  
Location: Lloyds Vanya Clothing Co. – Garment Unit, Hedri, Tal. Etapalli

- 6 months training and stipend will be 4000 during this period  
- Post 6 months training, salary in the range of 6000, 8000 and 12,500 will be offered based on the skills and work efficiency.  
Documents required: Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, Class 5th to Maximum Education applicable marksheets or transfer certificate and Police Character Certificate.  
Who Can Apply : Women coming under the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat - Pursalgondi, Todsa and Nagulwadi, and Police AOP - Gatta, Wangeturi, Gardewada, Kandoli Burgi, Pipli Burgi villages.  
How to Apply : Contact CSR Office, Hedri or Call at - 9420115044, 9284007081 for more details and application.



### ACROSS

- Name the traditional craft of Gadchiroli.
- Name a major river in the Gadchiroli district.
- Name the biggest waterfall in Gadchiroli.
- In which region of Maharashtra is Gadchiroli district located?
- Name the highest peak in the Gadchiroli District.

### DOWN

- Which crop is known as the "Green Gold"?
- What is the old name of the Gadchiroli district?
- Gadchiroli is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ beauty.
- A traditional form of local Adivasi dance.

Use the clues to fill in the words above.

Words can go across or down.

Letters are shared when the words intersect.

9 of 10 words placed.

