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LGT Venture Philanthropy extends its partnership with Quest Alliance to equip youth with future-ready skills in India

Bangalore, India, July 2024 – LGT Venture Philanthropy Foundation (LGT VP) is pleased to announce the extension of its partnership with Quest Alliance to support their strategic plan. The three-year partnership will focus on supporting Quest Alliance in enhancing its organizational systems, processes, innovation, and technology integration to further improve employability outcomes for young people.

A cost-effective solution that strengthens the capacity of governments to deliver 21st century skills to youth

Founded in 2008, Quest Alliance imparts youth in the public education system with "21st century" life and work-readiness skills. Its flagship programs leverage education technology and partnerships with government and local organizations to empower students and build the capacity of teachers in schools and skilling institutes for engaging learning experiences. As part of its 2024-2029 strategy, Quest Alliance aims to directly reach 1 million learners and impact an additional 15 million learners through curriculum and policy shifts.

Quest Alliance's commitment to equip youth with future skills aligns strongly with LGT VP's India Education Strategy

LGT VP's education strategy in India prioritizes the development of life and work-readiness skills in young people as well as the setting of numeracy and literacy foundations early in children's lives. "Quest Alliance's model focuses on a set of transferable skills that enable young people to navigate diverse career paths throughout their lives", explains Marcia Parada, Investment Director at LGT VP. "In light of the rapidly changing job landscape, supporting solutions that cultivate these essential skills and empower students to secure gainful employment is crucial. Quest Alliance's holistic approach, which includes innovating tech-enabled learning experiences, embedding career transition support in public systems, and leveraging partnerships for systemic impact, aligns perfectly with our goals. Quest Alliance is already a trusted partner within the public education framework, and we are excited to support Quest Alliance to enhance their organizational capacity, deepen their impact, and drive systemic change in India's education and skilling ecosystem."

Namrata Agarwal, Director, Partnerships and Strategic Finance said, "We are excited to deepen our partnership with LGT Venture Philanthropy. This collaboration will significantly bolster our efforts to facilitate school-to-work transitions for young people, and comes at an opportune time as we embark on a new strategic plan. With LGT VP's support, we will continue to build innovations, strengthen our monitoring and evaluation systems, and build robust organizational processes. Additionally, this partnership will help us develop leadership capacities and foster a vibrant, inclusive organizational culture. We believe this will help us continue to grow as a resilient organization as we continue our journey of empowering young people with skills they need for the future."





Quest Alliance is a not-for-profit trust that equips young people with life and work readiness skills by transforming how educators address critical gaps in quality education and skills training. The organization facilitates learning networks and collaboration to bring about systemic change fuelled by research and innovation. For more information please visit: <u>https://www.questalliance.net</u>

LGT Venture Philanthropy (LGT VP) is an independent charitable foundation established in 2007 with teams in Switzerland, Sub-Saharan Africa, and India. The Foundation strives to improve the quality of life of people facing disadvantages, contribute to healthy ecosystems and build resilient, inclusive, and prosperous communities. LGT VP focuses on strengthening the capabilities of locally rooted organizations that deliver effective, scalable solutions across health, education, and the environment contributing directly to the SDGs. For more information please visit <u>www.lqtvp.com</u>

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