



SDG

Portfolio





Message from the Founder

Beyond the business ventures of the Hari Krishna Group, the Dholakia Foundation has served as a bridge, unfurling a noble legacy far beyond our glittering gems and jewels that have adorned the world, and delving into the humanistic fabric of altruism. Our journey, spanning over two decades, has been marked by a genuine desire to give back to the community. Long before the concept of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) took the global stage, we had etched our dedication towards achieving these ambitious objectives into our corporate identity—standing at the forefront, leading by example, and championing transformative change within our communities.

India, with its myriad challenges and unparalleled potential, stands as a crucible for SDG realisation. Setbacks abound, from ensuring equitable access to quality education and healthcare to grappling with the environmental implications of rapid industrialisation. The paradox of a burgeoning economy juxtaposed with persisting disparities underscores the urgency of our mission. Yet, it is within the heart of these challenges that our resolve is most passionately ignited.

We recognise that the pursuit of the SDGs necessitates a nuanced understanding of the interplay between societal, economic, and environmental factors. Our commitment to this understanding, coupled with the foresight and forward-thinking ethos that has positioned us as trailblazers in the realm of corporate social responsibility in India, even preceding the conceptualisation of the SDGs themselves, has allowed us to craft programmes deeply resonant with the communities we serve. As we navigate the landscape of sustainability, our narrative emerges with a heightened sense of intricacy accompanying the pursuit of holistic progress. Our path unfolds with bursts of action, mirroring the diverse yet harmonious initiatives we have undertaken to contribute to all 17 SDGs.

Indeed, the global context impels us to broaden our vision. Our efforts in India reflect not just an ambition for national betterment but a resounding commitment to the world. We recognise that the challenges we face here are emblematic of a broader global struggle, one that transcends boundaries. With each project, initiative, and partnership, we endeavour to break silos and build bridges, bridging the gap between aspiration and accomplishment.

In the spirit of both philanthropic and business-oriented discourse, we extend our gratitude to you, our discerning readers, for your steadfast support and for partaking in this journey with us. Hand in hand, we strive for nothing short of excellence as we continue to propel positive change, embracing the challenges of our era with determination. The Dholakia Foundation and the Hari Krishna Group proudly present the pages of "Glitter," our special edition newsletter, reflecting on the profound resonance of our mission. It is a mission rooted in a world rapidly evolving, where every facet of our existence intertwines with the preservation of our planet, the prosperity of societies, and the pursuit of sustainability for generations to come.

Sanjiv Dholakia
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Founder of the Dholakia Foundation



ABOUT THIS SDG PORTFOLIO

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Aligned with the 2023 SDG Summit and Climate Week in New York, the Dholakia Foundation unveils the essence of its mission through “Glitter,” a special-edition newsletter that casts a radiant spotlight on programs and initiatives illuminating collective efforts spanning the entire spectrum of sustainable development.

Under the visionary leadership of Padma Shri Savjibhai Dholakia, numerous philanthropic activities have been established in India since 1996. Now, as stewards of progressive change in the 21st century, the Hari Krishna Group and the Dholakia Foundation aspire to emerge as champions of sustainable development. They aim to epitomize true corporate and philanthropic responsibility towards a more equitable future through accelerated actions aligned with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The SDGs, comprising 17 interconnected goals, offer a comprehensive blueprint for addressing the world’s most pressing challenges. Recognizing the profound influence of progress in one area on the achievement of the other vital outcomes, the team prioritizes a multifaceted strategy for holistic development by striking harmony among social, economic, and environmental targets. From ensuring water security to sourcing renewable energy, from empowering youth and marginalized communities to shaping industry standards, our contributions stand as a testament to the diversity and dynamism of our approach.

Each endeavour featured in this newsletter encapsulates the essence of the SDGs, breathing life into the parched soil of hope and irrigating the seeds of progress. Furthermore, herein lies introductions of the latest initiatives of the team: the upcoming “Jal Utsav,” which promises a dynamic celebration of water’s significance, uniting communities in urgent awareness of water conservation; “Mission 10X,” aimed at conserving 100 billion liters of water by 2030, and “Mission 102030,” a collective project to plant 10 million trees by 2030.

The contents of this edition are woven with threads of compassion, sustainability, and inclusivity, creating a masterpiece that reflects the grandeur of synergy in the collective purpose. Within the pages of “Glitter,” you will discover that our unwavering dedication to the SDGs conveys a compelling message: planet stewardship is not merely a responsibility; it is an everlasting moral imperative and a way of life aimed at creating ripples of transformative impact, one glittering moment at a time.

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1 NO
POVERTY



**GOAL 1.
END POVERTY
IN ALL ITS
FORMS
EVERYWHERE**



Goal 1's aim is to end all forms and aspects of poverty by 2030, not just material poverty.

India's SDG 1 Index score of 60: serves as both a benchmark and a call to action. It highlights the progress made while emphasizing the need for continued dedication to eradicate poverty entirely. Achieving this goal by 2030 will require comprehensive policies, investments, and partnerships to ensure that no one is left behind on India's path to sustainable development. Dholakia Foundation is dedicated to advancing social justice and uplifting marginalized groups. Foundation has made a significant impact on eradicating poverty, a key component of the UN's SDG 1 through a variety of programs and social activities. Foundation has also made a substantial contribution to people' quality of life by creating

employment opportunities and fostering regional economic growth. In order to improve underserved neighborhoods and solve social challenges in the area, the group has organized a number of social activities. These programs show how committed the organization is to fostering inclusive growth and making a positive social effect.



Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Flood Relief (Kolhapur)	<p>1.5.3 Number of countries that adopt and implement national disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030</p>
Footwear Distribution in school	<p>1.2.1 Proportion of population living below the national poverty line, by sex and age</p>
Distribution of food to needy people at aapti village - Co Self	<p>1.2.1 Proportion of population living below the national poverty line, by sex and age</p> <p>2.1.1 Prevalence of undernourishment</p>
Food support for 1 month to all the children in the Trust	<p>1.2.1 Proportion of population living below the national poverty line, by sex and age</p> <p>2.1.1 Prevalence of undernourishment</p> <p>2.1.2 Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population, based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)</p>
Balashram school which provides home and education to 100 orphan boys.	<p>1.2.2 Proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions</p> <p>4.1.1 Proportion of children and young people: (a) in grades 2/3; (b) at the end of primary; and (c) at the end of lower secondary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex</p>

2 ZERO
HUNGER



**GOAL 2.
END HUNGER, ACHIEVE
FOOD SECURITY AND
IMPROVED NUTRITION
AND PROMOTE
SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE**



By 2030, the SDGs hope to eradicate all types of hunger and malnutrition, ensuring that everyone, especially children, has access to enough food throughout the year.

India's SDG 2 Index score of 47 underscores the nation's challenges and opportunities in addressing hunger, malnutrition, and achieving food security. The second Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 2) aims to end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture by 2030. With a score of 47, India faces significant hurdles on this path. One of the key factors contributing to this score is food security.

Dholakia Foundation also participates in numerous food and nutrition security projects targeted at assisting needy and underprivileged communities

in the regions where it operates. These initiatives highlight the foundation's dedication to giving back to the community and assisting those in need. Furthermore, the group commemorates the birthdays of its stakeholders by organising events for 100 people in need. We understood the need of coming together in tough times and sought to assist people in need during a period of considerable uncertainty.



Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Food Kit Distribution to needy People on customer's Birthday	2.1.1 Prevalence of undernourishment
Food Provision	2.1.1 Prevalence of undernourishment
Fruit Distribution	2.1.1 Prevalence of undernourishment

3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



GOAL 3.
ENSURE HEALTHY
LIVES AND PROMOTE
WELL-BEING FOR ALL
AT ALL AGES



Good health is crucial for sustainable development, and the 2030 Agenda reflects the two's complexity and interdependence. It also asks for a stronger emphasis on mental health issues. This requires universal health coverage, which includes financial risk protection, access to excellent essential health care services, and access to safe, effective, high-quality, and inexpensive pharmaceuticals.

India's SDG 3 Index score of 74 signifies substantial progress in achieving. This remarkable score reflects the nation's commitment to enhancing healthcare access, reducing mortality rates, and improving overall health outcomes, even after Disparities in health care access between rural and urban areas, as well as among different socioeconomic groups, persist

Dholakia Foundation's efforts in promoting health and well-being for its employees and their families are in line with the goals of Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3). The Organization initiatives, such as organizing blood donation camps, health check-up camps, and thalassemia check-up camps, Cancer Check Camps, Medical check up camps reflect its commitment to reducing early mortality from non-communicable diseases and promoting healthy lifestyles. In addition, the Organization projects to ensure occupational safety and promote mental health and well-being, as well as its efforts to prevent and treat drug abuse and reduce traffic accidents globally, also contribute to achieving SDG 3 targets. Overall, the foundation's dedication to promoting a healthier and sustainable future is evident through its various health-related activities and programs.



Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Blood Donation Camps 3 time a year	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Cancer Checkup Camp	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Clap Therapy	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Donation in Kiran Multispecialist Hospital	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Eye checkup camp	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Garbh Sanskar Awareness Program	3.7.1 Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15–49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods
Health Checkup Camp	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Medical help to needy - SDA Diamond Hospital and Medical Research Center	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Oxygen Cylinder Distribution	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Quality Time- Quality Life Motivational Program	3.4.1 Mortality rate attributed to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease 3.4.2 Suicide mortality rate
Rural Medical Camp	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Svayambhu Vyasan Vidai Yagna	3.5.1 Coverage of treatment interventions (pharmacological, psychosocial and rehabilitation and aftercare services) for substance use disorders
Thalassemia Camp	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services



Vikalang Camp	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
Vipassana	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services
HK Annual Sports Event	3.4.1 Mortality rate attributed to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease 3.4.2 Suicide mortality rate
Jivan Vidhya Shibir at HK Hub	3.4.1 Mortality rate attributed to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease 3.4.2 Suicide mortality rate
International Yoga Day	3.4.1 Mortality rate attributed to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease 3.4.2 Suicide mortality rate
Eye & Dental Checkup	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



**GOAL 4.
ENSURE INCLUSIVE
AND EQUITABLE
QUALITY EDUCATION
AND PROMOTE
LIFELONG LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**



This goal seeks to ensure that all girls and boys complete elementary and secondary schools and have equal access to affordable vocational training by 2030, as well as to erase gender and wealth disparities and achieve universal access to a quality higher education.

India's SDG 4 Index score of 57 reflects the nation's progress and challenges in achieving the fourth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 4) - quality education for all. This score underscores the importance of continued efforts to provide accessible, equitable, and inclusive education to India's vast and diverse population.

In line with SDG 4, Dholakia Foundation is dedicated to fostering high-quality education and opportunities for lifelong learning for everyone.

The organization offers inclusive and equitable education to poor children and communities in Gujarat, India, through its Education Assistance program. The initiative also encourages cultural heritage and lessens access to education disparities, guaranteeing that every child can attend school and finish their education.

The Dholakia Nirman (DN) Community, an open learning community that provides a distinctive educational environment adapted to children's needs and interests as well as those of teachers and parents, has also been founded by us. DN seeks to cultivate self-reliant, accountable, and compassionate people who can make a good contribution to society.



Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Balancing Professional Life & Personal Life Program for doctors	4.7.1 Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development are mainstreamed in (a) national education policies; (b) curricula; (c) teacher education; and (d) student assessment
Behaviour Change Program through Positive attitude for Class-1 officers	4.7.1 Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development are mainstreamed in (a) national education policies; (b) curricula; (c) teacher education; and (d) student assessment
Donation at Sardardham for Education	4.1.1 Proportion of children and young people: (a) in grades 2/3; (b) at the end of primary; and (c) at the end of lower secondary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex
Education Assistance Fee Cheque Distribution and Rang-Kasumbal Dayro	4.1.1 Proportion of children and young people: (a) in grades 2/3; (b) at the end of primary; and (c) at the end of lower secondary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex
Education Quality Improvement Program for teachers	4.c.1 Proportion of teachers in: (a) pre-primary; (b) primary; (c) lower secondary; and (d) upper secondary education who have received at least the minimum organized teacher training (e.g. pedagogical training) pre-service or in-service required for teaching at the relevant level in a given country
Guidance Program for Students of Deepak school on Quality improvement in education and transformation into everyday behavior	4.4.1 Proportion of youth and adults with information and communications technology (ICT) skills, by type of skill
Motivational Program by Savji Dholakia in Sainik School	4.4.1 Proportion of youth and adults with information and communications technology (ICT) skills, by type of skill
Dholakia Nirman	4.1.1 Proportion of children and young people: (a) in grades 2/3; (b) at the end of primary; and (c) at the end of lower secondary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex
Hari Krishna Library	4.7.1 Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development are mainstreamed in (a) national education policies; (b) curricula; (c) teacher education; and (d) student assessment

5 GENDER
EQUALITY



GOAL 5. ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS



Ending all discrimination against women and girls is a basic human right and is a prerequisite for sustainable development. Recognizing and respecting unpaid care and domestic work is a crucial component of this goal, with an emphasis on the significance of full and effective involvement and equal chances for leadership in political, economic, and public life for women at all levels of decision-making.

India's SDG 5 Index score of 48 underscores the challenges and opportunities the nation faces in advancing gender equality and empowering women, as outlined in the fifth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 5). This score reflects the progress made in several areas while highlighting the need for continued efforts to achieve gender parity. India's SDG 5 Index score of 48 serves as a

call to action. Achieving gender equality requires comprehensive efforts, including legislative reforms, educational initiatives, economic empowerment, and the transformation of societal attitudes.

Dholakia Foundation acknowledges that women's empowerment is a multifaceted issue and has so taken a comprehensive approach to attaining SDG 5. Our women's empowerment project has been helpful in giving work opportunities and training to 200 women, contributing to the objective of economic empowerment for women. This project promotes not only economic empowerment but also women's health, education, and social well-being. It aims to equip women with vocational training and skill development initiatives to help them become financially independent and



support their families. We recognize that women's safety is an important issue and have taken proactive measures to solve it. The distribution of 6000 women's helmets to promote safe driving behaviors for women is a perfect illustration of the group's commitment to the goal of guaranteeing women's safety on the roads.

Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Uniform Distribution in school	5.1.1 Whether or not legal frameworks are in place and girls everywhere to promote, enforce and monitor equality and non-discrimination on the basis of sex

6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



**GOAL 6.
ENSURE AVAILABILITY
AND SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT
OF WATER AND
SANITATION FOR ALL**



It calls for access to safe and affordable drinking water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene for all by 2030. India's impressive SDG 6 Index score of 83 highlights the nation's significant progress in achieving the sixth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 6) - ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. This score reflects India's dedication to addressing critical water-related challenges and improving access to clean water and sanitation facilities.

Dholakia Foundation has successfully built 111 sarovars by the end of 2022 and has since continued to work on creating 126 lakes that have benefited 20 villages and more than 200,000 farmers by storing 13 billion liters of water over an area of 18 km. This project has enhanced local populations' quality of life, increased agricultural output, and

increased water availability. Along with its sarovar project, Dholakia Foundation collaborates with local communities to identify and implement sustainable water management solutions. Rainwater harvesting, water conservation, and groundwater recharge are among the initiatives. The United Nations has recognized the group's work on protecting and restoring water-related ecosystems and biodiversity, and it has received special accreditation for the UN Water Conference in 2023. We hope to share our journey of "Conserve Water to Nurture Life and Generations" with the entire world through this conference and to emphasize the necessity of sustainable water management techniques.



Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Sewage Treatment Plan	6.3.1 Proportion of wastewater safely treated
Lake rejuvenation project	<p>6.4.1 Change in water-use efficiency over time</p> <p>6.6.1 Change in the extent of water-related ecosystems over time</p> <p>6.a.1 Amount of water- and sanitation-related official development assistance that is part of a government-coordinated spending plan</p> <p>6.b.1 Proportion of local administrative units with established and operational policies and procedures for participation of local communities in water and sanitation management</p>

7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



GOAL 7. ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL



Aimed at ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable and efficient energy services by 2030. Expanding infrastructure and upgrading technology to provide clean and efficient energy is critical to this endeavor.

India's remarkable SDG 7 Index score of 92 underscores the nation's significant achievements in advancing the seventh Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 7) – ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all. This score reflects India's ambitious efforts to transform its energy landscape and promote clean and sustainable sources of power.

Dholakia Foundation understands the critical importance of energy availability and transformation for human and economic growth. The group recognises the availability of many energy sources in

the environment, including renewable sources such as solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal, and biofuels, as well as non-renewable sources such as natural gas, coal, and nuclear.

As an environmentally conscious business, we've turned to solar energy to meet our energy needs, lowering our carbon footprint and creating a cleaner environment. Our 2.7 MW solar system at HK Hub generates around 8 million energy units per year, the majority of which is utilized in our diamond processing processes. Over 30,000 units of surplus energy are distributed back to government power grid suppliers, helping to the sustainable use of energy. Our commitment to sustainable energy practices has resulted in a reduction of approximately 200 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year.



Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Convectional to renewable energy through solar power	7.2.1 Renewable energy share in the total final energy consumption

8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



**GOAL 8 .
PROMOTE SUSTAINED,
INCLUSIVE AND
SUSTAINABLE
ECONOMIC GROWTH,
FULL AND PRODUCTIVE
EMPLOYMENT AND
DECENT WORK FOR ALL**



India's SDG 8 Index score of 61 signifies the nation's notable progress and ongoing efforts in advancing the eighth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 8) - promoting sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all. This score reflects India's commitment to fostering economic development while striving to address persistent challenges.

- India has experienced significant economic growth, becoming one of the world's fastest-growing major economies. Policies like "Make in India" and "Startup India" have aimed to promote domestic manufacturing and entrepreneurship.
- The "Skill India" initiative focuses on enhancing the employability of the

workforce by providing vocational training and skill development programs, aligning skills with industry demands.

- Efforts to expand financial inclusion through programs like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) have increased access to banking services, encouraging savings and investment.

At Dholakia Foundation, we strive to be a transparent, ethical, and fair business entity. We understand that our commitment to long-term growth goes beyond profits and timely tax payment is vital to contributing to local, national, and international economic and governance systems.



In 2014, we introduced a unique “Loyalty Program” for our employees, which was widely covered in the news. In the same year, we gifted 207 houses, 500 cars (Fiat Punto), and 570 Kisna Diamond Jewellery (Special Edition) to 1,277 HK Group employees. In 2016, 1,665 employees qualified for this Loyalty Bonus.

In 2018, we hosted a “Skill India Incentive Ceremony” as part of our loyalty bonus program, providing incentives in the form of cars and fixed deposits to approximately 1,700 diamond artists and diamond engineers. To grace this event, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendrabhai

Modi, personally handed over car keys to a few of our employees in New Delhi and gave his warm blessings to over 25,000 family members back in Surat at HK HUB through a live video conferencing.

Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Donation of Sewing Machine to Needy People	8.3.1 Proportion of informal employment in non-agriculture employment, by sex
Effective Leadership and Self Management Training Program for Surat city Development SUDA Members	8.3.1 Proportion of informal employment in non-agriculture employment, by sex
Haridwar Pilgrimage	8.2.1 Annual growth rate of real GDP per employed person
Loyalty Program	8.2.1 Annual growth rate of real GDP per employed person

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**GOAL 9.
BUILD RESILIENT
INFRASTRUCTURE,
PROMOTE INCLUSIVE
AND SUSTAINABLE
INDUSTRIALISATION AND
FOSTER INNOVATION**



It aims at promoting increased resource use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes.

India's SDG 9 Index score of 55 highlights the nation's progress and challenges in achieving the ninth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 9) - building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and fostering innovation. This score reflects India's efforts to enhance its infrastructure and industrial base while addressing various complexities. The "Make in India" campaign and other initiatives have sought to promote domestic manufacturing and industrial growth, fostering job creation and economic diversification.

At Dholakia Foundation we believe in the importance of sustainable industrialization and its role in creating

a better future for everyone. We understand that sustainable practices are not only morally responsible, but they also help drive our business growth. We are committed to balancing economic growth with environmental sustainability, as we believe they can coexist.

To reduce our carbon footprint and contribute to fighting climate change, we have invested in renewable energy sources to power our operations. Additionally, we have optimized our manufacturing processes to minimize cycle days and maximize resource utilization, ensuring that we operate efficiently and sustainably. Innovation is key to our success, and we believe that technology can help enable sustainable industrial growth. We strive to support and adopt innovative



Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Provision and utilization of Laser Machine, Sewage Treatment Plant	9.4.1 CO2 emission per unit of value added

10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



**GOAL 10.
REDUCE
INEQUALITY
WITHIN AND
AMONG COUNTRIES**



By ensuring access to equal opportunities and promoting social, economic, and political inclusion of all, regardless of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, economic status, or any other status relevant within a society, the Goal calls for gradually reducing not only income inequalities but also inequalities of outcome.

India's SDG 10 index score of 67 indicates that while there has been some progress in reducing income inequality, it remains a significant concern. Income disparities often manifest in unequal access to education, healthcare, and opportunities for marginalized populations. Achieving SDG 10 necessitates policies that promote economic growth while ensuring that the benefits are distributed more equitably. However, challenges persist, including regional disparities, caste-based

discrimination, and unequal access to resources.

In line with SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities, Dholakia Foundation has made tremendous progress toward establishing a workplace that embraces diversity, equality, and inclusion. The group is dedicated to supporting the adoption of suitable laws, rules, and preventative measures to ensure that discriminatory laws, policies, and practices are outlawed. Through these initiatives, the company has been able to uphold its reputation as a desirable employer in the areas where it conducts business and establish a social standard for its employees. One of the cornerstones of Dholakia Foundation's social responsibility activities, which are in line with the SDG 10's ideals, is its Code of Corporate Ethics. The organization's expectations for ethical behavior, such as respect for human



dignity, justice, and equal treatment for everyone, have been set forth in this code. By upholding these ideals, the group creates a welcoming and encouraging work environment that cherishes every employee, regardless of their upbringing or identity. In addition to fostering ethical behavior, the organization is devoted to training its employees and supporting human dignity, both of which are SDG 10 goals. Dholakia Foundation develops awareness among its staff about the value of diversity, equity, and inclusion through various training programs, fostering a culture of respect and understanding. Furthermore, the firm is committed to offering equitable employment possibilities for men and women, as well as hiring persons with disabilities, in order to achieve SDG 10.

We are establishing a more diverse and inclusive workforce that may leverage the assets and abilities of all its employees by ensuring transparency in employment and advancement.

Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Equal employment opportunities	<p>10.2.1 Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income, by age, sex and persons with disabilities</p> <p>10.3.1 Proportion of the population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed within the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law</p>

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



**GOAL 11.
MAKE CITIES
AND HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS
INCLUSIVE, SAFE,
RESILIENT AND
SUSTAINABLE**



Encourages inclusive and long-term urbanization. Creating employment and business possibilities, safe and affordable housing, and resilient societies and economies are all part of making cities sustainable.

One crucial aspect of SDG 11 is ensuring access to adequate and affordable housing for all. India's SDG 11 index score of 79 suggests that the country has made considerable progress in addressing housing challenges. Initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) have played a pivotal role in providing affordable housing to millions of households, particularly in urban areas. This progress contributes to enhancing the overall quality of life for urban residents. Another dimension of SDG 11 focuses on urban planning and management. India's score indicates efforts to create sustainable cities and communities. Investment in urban infrastructure,

public transport systems, and green spaces demonstrates a commitment to building more resilient and environmentally friendly urban areas. These initiatives help mitigate issues like congestion, pollution, and inadequate public services that often plague growing cities.

Dholakia Foundation has embarked on several noteworthy initiatives in line with Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11) – "Sustainable Cities and Communities." Two prominent initiatives undertaken by the group are the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and the provision of employee commute facilities. These initiatives demonstrate their commitment to creating sustainable, clean, and inclusive urban environments. To address the challenges of urban congestion, pollution, and limited access to transportation, Dholakia Foundation has implemented employee



commute facilities. By reducing the number of individual vehicles on the road and encouraging sustainable commuting options, the group directly supports SDG 11's targets related to sustainable transportation and reducing the environmental impact of urban mobility. These initiatives collectively contribute to SDG 11 by fostering cleaner, safer, and more sustainable cities. They promote environmental responsibility, enhance the quality of life for urban residents, and make progress toward creating inclusive and resilient urban communities. Dholakia Foundation's commitment to these actions exemplifies their dedication to sustainable urban development and their role as responsible corporate business in promoting SDG 11.

Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Employee commute facilities	11.2.1 Proportion of population that has convenient access to public transport by sex, age and persons with disabilities
Swachh Bharat Abhiyan	11.6.1 Proportion of urban solid waste regularly collected and with adequate final discharge out of total urban solid waste generated, by cities
Dustbin Distribution	11.6.1 Proportion of urban solid waste regularly collected and with adequate final discharge out of total urban solid waste generated, by cities

12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



**GOAL 12.
ENSURE
SUSTAINABLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION
PATTERNS**



The Goal emphasizes “doing more with less,” hence fostering resource efficiency, green economies, and long-term infrastructure. It also focuses on lowering degradation and pollution, as well as waste minimization.

India’s SDG 12 index score of 74 suggests that it has made significant strides in this direction. One notable area of progress is the renewable energy sector. India has set ambitious targets for increasing its renewable energy capacity, such as solar and wind power. This shift toward clean energy not only reduces the environmental impact of energy production but also contributes to India’s efforts to reduce its carbon emissions. India has also taken steps to curb plastic pollution, a major global concern. Initiatives like the ban on single-use plastics in some states and cities

and campaigns promoting responsible plastic use have been instrumental in reducing plastic waste and its harmful effects on the environment. Moreover, India’s growing awareness of sustainable agriculture practices has contributed to the SDG 12 score. Organic farming, crop diversification, and improved water management techniques are being adopted to ensure responsible agricultural production while preserving the environment.

Dholakia Foundation’s commitment to transitioning to sustainable materials aligns with SDG 12’s goal of ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns. By adopting eco-friendly and renewable materials, we reduce the environmental impact of our products. This initiative not only reduces resource depletion but also minimizes waste generation and lowers greenhouse gas emissions.



It also encourages innovation and supports the development of a circular economy. By actively working to reduce the use of single-use plastics and implementing recycling and waste reduction programs, we contribute to mitigating the global plastic pollution crisis. This initiative also promotes awareness about the harmful effects of plastic on ecosystems and human health, fostering responsible consumer behavior. Collectively, these initiatives demonstrate Dholakia Foundation's dedication to responsible consumption and production. We are actively working to minimize our environmental footprint, promote sustainable materials, and combat the adverse effects of plastic waste. By doing so, we support SDG 12's targets related to resource efficiency, waste reduction, and sustainable practices throughout our value chain.

Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Sustainable Material Transition & Plastic Reduction Initiative	<p>12.2.1 Material footprint, material footprint per capita, and material footprint per GDP</p> <p>12.2.2 Domestic material consumption, domestic material consumption per capita, and domestic material consumption per GDP</p> <p>12.5.1 National recycling rate, tons of material recycled</p>

13 CLIMATE
ACTION



GOAL 13. TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS



The Goal is aimed at integrating climate change measures, disaster risk measures and sustainable natural resource management into national development strategies

India's SDG 13 index score of 54 suggests that while the nation acknowledges the gravity of the climate crisis, it faces significant challenges in fully addressing this issue. One of the major contributors to India's SDG 13 score is its commitment to renewable energy. The country has made substantial investments in solar and wind power, aiming to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels. The growth in renewable energy capacity contributes positively to India's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition toward a more sustainable energy mix. Furthermore, India has been working on afforestation and reforestation initiatives to enhance carbon sequestration and

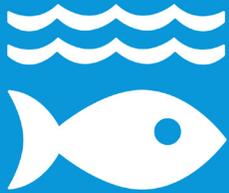
combat deforestation, which is crucial in the fight against climate change.

Dholakia Foundation is dedicated to fighting climate change by promoting sustainable practices that support the environment and communities. With a focus on carbon sequestration through tree planting, where it has already planted an impressive 2.5 million trees through its Mission 102030. By reducing rainwater runoff, mitigating urban heat, and improving soil fertility, these efforts have not only helped combat climate change but also supported community livelihoods. The Organisation's commitment to sustainable practices serves as a model for others to follow in the fight against climate change.

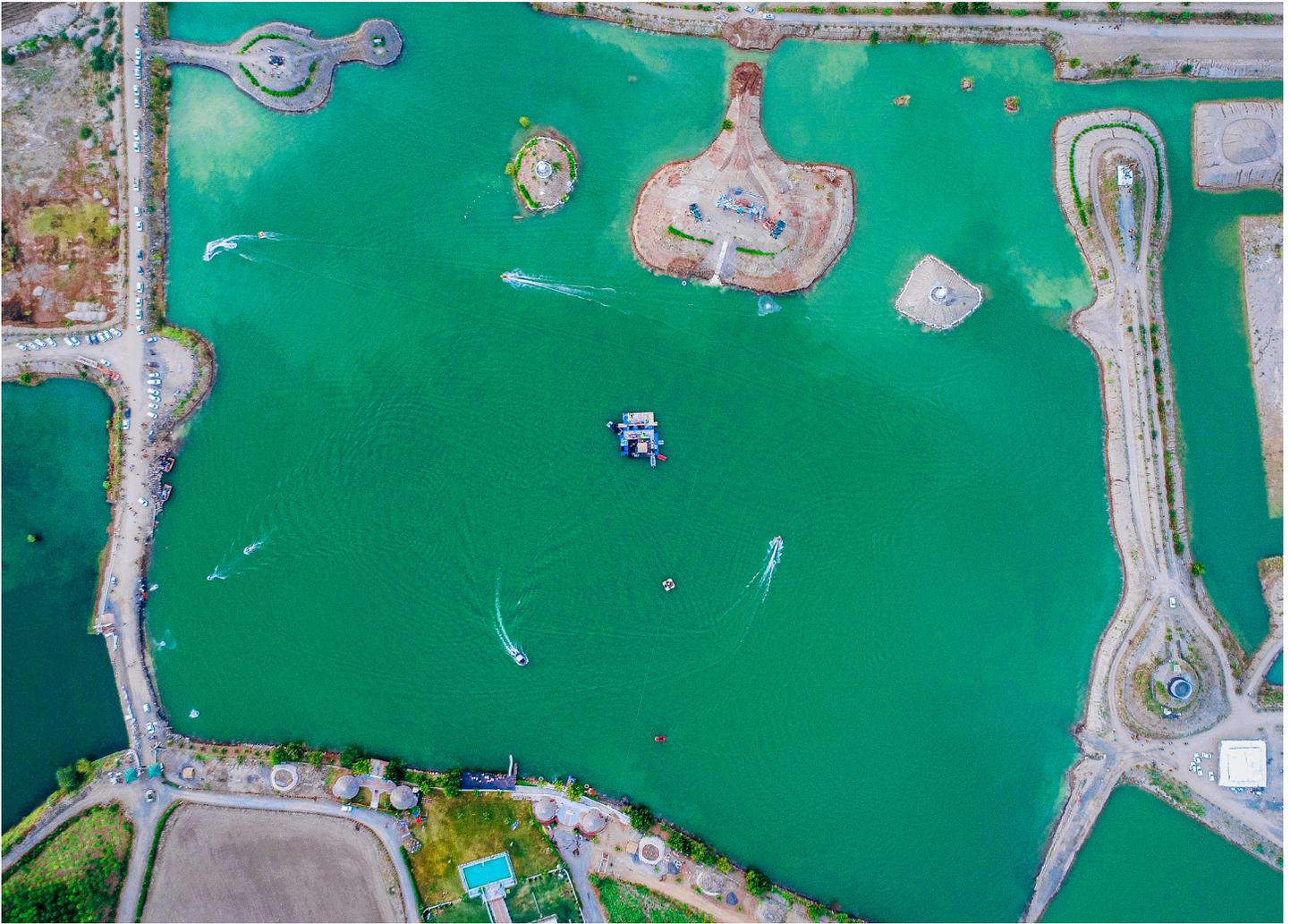


Activity Name	SDG Indicator
UN 2023 Water Conference	13.1.2 Number of countries that adopt and implement national disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030

14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



**GOAL 14.
CONSERVE AND
SUSTAINABLY USE THE
OCEANS, SEAS AND
MARINE RESOURCES
FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**



The world's oceans - their temperature, chemistry, currents and life, drive global systems that make the earth habitable for humankind. Goal 14 commits governments to conserving and using oceans, seas, and marine resources in a sustainable manner.

India has taken significant steps to address the challenges outlined in SDG 14. One noteworthy achievement is its investment in renewable marine energy, such as offshore wind and tidal energy, contributing to reducing carbon emissions. The country has also committed to reducing plastic pollution in oceans and coastal areas, emphasizing its dedication to responsible waste management and environmental conservation. Efforts to protect and restore marine ecosystems are evident in initiatives to create marine protected areas and conserve coastal habitats. India has

also promoted sustainable fisheries practices and regulations to combat overfishing, a critical issue for coastal communities' livelihoods and marine biodiversity.

Nevertheless, challenges persist, including illegal fishing activities, marine pollution, and the impact of climate change on ocean health. Climate-related issues like sea-level rise and ocean acidification pose significant threats to coastal regions.

Dholakia Foundation is committed to promoting sustainability and combating climate change through various initiatives. One of their main projects involves carbon sequestration through the planting of trees. To date, they have planted 2.8 million trees, which not only helps maintain the earth's temperature and support the biological



cycle but also supports community livelihoods. Apart from their tree plantation initiative, the foundation is also involved in activities such as reducing rainwater runoff and urban heating, enhancing soil fertility, and promoting sustainable agriculture. These efforts aim to create a positive impact on the environment and promote sustainable development.

In addition, Dholakia Foundation is dedicated to creating awareness about the importance of conserving natural resources, such as water bodies and marine resources. We believe that healthy rivers, oceans, and other water bodies are essential to human existence and life on earth. Hence, the group has taken up several initiatives

to conserve and sustainably use these resources. Through our various sustainability initiatives, we aim to contribute towards creating a better world for future generations.

Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Lakeside Aquatic Conservation Project	14.2.1 Proportion of national exclusive economic zones managed using ecosystem-based approaches

15 LIFE
ON LAND



**GOAL 15.
PROTECT, RESTORE AND
PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE
OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS,
SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS,
COMBAT DESERTIFICATION,
AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND
DEGRADATION AND HALT
BIODIVERSITY LOSS**



The Goal is aimed at protecting, restoring and promoting sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems; sustainable management of forests; combating desertification; and halting and reversing land degradation in conjunction with integrating ecosystems and biodiversity into national and local planning

While the index score of 66 signifies progress, there's still much work to be done to combat biodiversity loss, land degradation, and the impacts of climate change. A collective effort involving governments, communities, and organizations worldwide is necessary to achieve a more sustainable and biodiverse future on land. One key component of SDG 15 is the preservation of terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity. India's SDG 15 index score of 66 indicates that the nation has made notable strides in this

regard. Conservation efforts include the creation of protected areas, reforestation projects, and initiatives to safeguard endangered species. Such actions contribute to preserving India's rich biodiversity and vital ecosystems.

In 2020, Dholakia Foundation introduced the "Kisna Nature Park," serving as a remarkable testament to their commitment to preserving life on land. Within this haven, 45 varieties of exotic birds and 40 distinct species of marine creatures and animals thrive, provided with a nurturing natural habitat. This harmonious ecosystem has led to the resurgence of various species, including the resplendent kingfisher bird. The park's initiatives encapsulate the essence of biodiversity conservation. Additionally, the group's tree-growing initiative has resulted in millions of trees that promote terrestrial ecosystems. Meanwhile, avians such as a flock of painted storks



frequent the Foundation’s man-made lakes. Through ongoing training programs, employees gain insight into the pivotal role terrestrial ecosystems play. Dholakia Foundation recognizes that nurturing these ecosystems is a linchpin in their in-house climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts

Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Tree Transplantation at HK Hub	15.1.1 Forest area as a proportion of total land area 15.1.2 Proportion of important sites for terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity that are covered by protected areas, by ecosystem type
KISNA Nature Park	15.5.1 Red List Index 15.c.1 Proportion of traded wildlife that was poached or illicitly trafficked

16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



**GOAL 16.
PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND
INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
PROVIDE ACCESS TO
JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD
EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE
AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS
AT ALL LEVELS**



Peace, stability and effective governance based on rule-of-law and upholding the principles of equality, human rights and justice are prerequisites for sustainable development.

While the index score of 74 reflects significant progress, ongoing efforts are needed to address challenges such as corruption, inequality, and conflict to ensure that institutions are truly effective and accountable to the people they serve. Access to justice is another critical component of SDG 16, and India's score indicates strides in this area. Initiatives to improve legal aid, enhance the efficiency of the judicial system, and increase awareness of legal rights contribute to greater access to justice for marginalized and vulnerable populations.

Dholakia Foundation is dedicated to promoting the values of SDG 16 by fostering peaceful and inclusive societies, promoting access to justice, and building effective and accountable institutions. In addition to our existing efforts, we also incorporate the practice of Vipassana meditation and Jivan Vidhya Shibir in our initiatives. Our education and vocational training programs for underprivileged youth aim to empower individuals to take control of their lives and contribute to building a peaceful and inclusive society. We believe that Vipassana meditation can further cultivate inner peace, reducing conflicts and promoting positive social interactions.

We also support legal aid clinics, awareness campaigns, and policy reforms to promote access to justice for marginalized communities.



Additionally, Jivan Vidhya Shibir, or life skills workshops, help equip individuals with knowledge to navigate complex legal and social systems. Transparency and good governance are crucial for effective and accountable institutions. We continue to promote these values across all levels of society while incorporating Vipassana meditation and Jivan Vidhya Shibir as tools for building stronger institutions.

Vipassana meditation and Jivan Vidhya Shibir in our efforts. We strive towards creating a better world for future generations through collaborative and sustainable initiatives.

In conclusion, Dholakia Foundation remains committed to advancing SDG 16 by fostering peaceful and inclusive societies, promoting access to justice, and building effective and accountable institutions, while incorporating the practice of

Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Police Program (Mahesana)	16.7.1 Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions
Training for Municipal Corporation's Officers	16.7.1 Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions

17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



**GOAL 17.
STRENGTHEN
THE MEANS OF
IMPLEMENTATION
AND REVITALIZE THE
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP
FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**



In the last decade, India's role in development cooperation and partnership, especially at the global level, has undergone notable transformation

India has made significant strides in fostering partnerships at various levels. At the national level, the government has engaged in public-private partnerships (PPPs) to mobilize resources and expertise for sustainable development projects. These partnerships have been instrumental in areas such as infrastructure development, healthcare, and education. Internationally, India has actively participated in forums and collaborations aimed at advancing the SDGs. This includes its engagement in forums like the G20 and its commitment to meet climate targets under the Paris Agreement. India's commitment to South-South cooperation has also played a vital role in sharing knowledge and expertise with other developing countries.

Dholakia Foundation firmly believes that achieving sustainable development and realizing the SDGs cannot be accomplished in isolation. They have secured special collaborations, such as their commitment to the Water Action Agenda at the UN Water Conference 2023, membership in the Watches and Jewellery Initiative, ongoing participation in the UN Global Compact, and partnership with the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, among others.

To amplify and expand the impact of our environmental and social activities, projects, and programs, we collaborate with youth, women, and other marginalized groups to promote inclusion. Key partnerships involve local non-profit organizations, addressing community-specific challenges like access to clean water. We actively engage with local chambers of commerce and trade associations to promote sustainability throughout the industry.



Additionally, we support charitable trusts and government initiatives focused on education, healthcare, the environment, and sustainable practices.

Activity Name	SDG Indicator
Partnership with Gujarat Government & UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration	17.16.1 Number of countries reporting progress in multi-stakeholder development effectiveness monitoring frameworks that support the achievement of the sustainable development goals