



FROM THE GROUP CSO'S DESK



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Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to share the quarterly sustainability round-up. This quarterly newsletter is aimed at bringing to you, sustainability highlights from the Tata group and from across the globe.

It was a heart whelming quarter, as we at Tata Sustainability Group stepped closer to reach out to the community in need. We steered initiatives such as distribution of relief kits to 1,000 affected families as part of Hyderabad response programme, construction of a new school building benefiting 450 students in Kerala and shattered the status quo by celebrating the 15th edition of Tata Volunteering Week.

We hope you will enjoy reading more about this and other sustainability news featured in this edition of the sustainability round-up.

TATA NEWS

Tata Community Initiatives Trust (TCIT), in association with Tata Sustainability Group, commenced the construction of a new building comprising three classrooms and two laboratories **as part of the Tata Kerala Floods Response Programme launched post the floods in 2018.** The project is expected to be completed with an outlay of INR 1.1 crore and the infrastructure would benefit around 450 students of the school. [READ MORE>](#)

As a part of the Hyderabad Floods Response, TCS Foundation, in collaboration with the Tata Sustainability Group, distributed relief kits consisting of a two-burner gas stove, mixer-grinder and two mosquito nets to 1,000 affected households in the worst affected areas of Secunderabad, Santosh Nagar and Falaknuma. The items of the kit were finalised after consultations with households in the affected areas to understand their specific needs post the severe flooding. [READ MORE>](#)

The group celebrated Tata Volunteering Week 15 (TVW15) from 3rd March to 31st March. This edition encouraged volunteers to support the causes that most people ignore, thinking they alone won't be able to make a difference. **Over 10,000+ volunteers from 42 Tata companies contributed 1.2 lakh+ volunteering hours with 2,200+ activities reaching 1.3 lakh+ beneficiaries.** And that is how our volunteers shattered the status quo!

Indian Hotels Company (IHCL) announced India's first all-women-managed luxury residences, Taj Wellington Mews, in Chennai. This initiative is in line with the company's ongoing efforts in creating an equitable workplace and ecosystem, while empowering women in the hospitality industry. [READ MORE>](#)

International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Indian Hotels Company (IHCL) have launched an open call for innovators worldwide to bring efficient, climate-smart, cost-effective cooling solutions to India's hospitality sector. Innovative companies will be selected through a competitive process and then invited for matchmaking with IHCL to discuss piloting their solutions at five of its hotels. [READ MORE>](#)

Land Rover is partnering with the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) to launch the 2021 Earth Photo competition – inspiring people to get out into the landscape and appreciate their surroundings. Earth Photo is an international photography competition that aims to promote environmental and geographical issues by revealing the stories behind the winning images and videos. [READ MORE>](#)

India's rapid adoption of renewable energy has been bolstered with the rollout of the first live solar energy trading project in Delhi, spearheaded by Tata Power DDL and Australian technology company Power Ledger in collaboration with India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF). The landmark project uses Power Ledger's blockchain-enabled technology to facilitate peer-to-peer (P2P) trading of electricity from over 2MW of solar PV systems between multiple consumers in its licensed area of North Delhi. [READ MORE>](#)

Tata Power announced that TP Saurya, the wholly owned subsidiary of The Tata Power Company, has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Tata Steel (TSL) to develop a 15 MW solar project at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. The plant is expected to generate an average of 32 MUs of energy per year and will annually offset approximately average 25.8 million kg of CO₂. [READ MORE>](#)

Tata Steel has collaborated with CII Green Business Centre to develop a GreenPro framework, GreenPro Ecolabel, to manufacture steel rebars, a first of a kind initiative in India, that would help the steel sector reduce the carbon footprint while manufacturing steel products. [READ MORE>](#)

Tata Steel has joined a first-of-its-kind network of heavy industries and civil society groups that will provide a global framework for decarbonising heavy industries as part of the COVID-19 economic recovery plan. The framework has set out six core principles, each of which represent an essential lever that policymakers can use to ensure the successful decarbonisation of steel, cement, chemicals and other heavy industries. [READ MORE>](#)

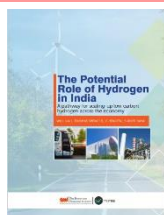
NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Italian firm Maire Tecnimont S.p.A.'s arms NextChem, Stamicarbon and MET Development (MET DEV) have teamed up with Adani Enterprises to develop green hydrogen projects in India. [READ MORE>](#)

As extreme weather events becoming more frequent and more costly, companies, investors and financial organizations are scrambling to assess increased physical risk to companies. **New research from WRI shows that guidelines for spotting and disclosing physical climate risks is spotty at best, leaving firms and investors vulnerable to unexpected financial losses.** [READ THE ARTICLE>](#)

The Circular Electronics Partnership (CEP) has brought together a group of pioneering global organizations and more than 50 experts from the electronics value chain over the past year, **to start the first private sector alliance for circular electronics.** CEP's vision seeks to maximize the value of components, products and materials through their full lifecycles using safe and fair labor and depending on only circular resources. [READ MORE>](#)

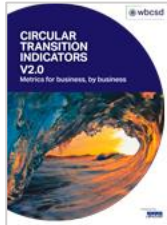
RESOURCES



ETC-TERI's seminal work on **'The Potential Role of Hydrogen in India'** is a first-of-its-kind, cross-sector assessment for how hydrogen technologies can support the transition to a zero-carbon energy system in India. [READ MORE>](#)



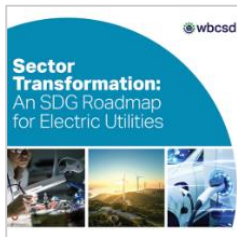
“Toward Common Metrics and Consistent Reporting of Sustainable Value Creation” proposes a common, core set of metrics and recommended disclosures that the World Economic Forum International Business Council members could use to align their mainstream reporting and, in so doing, reduce fragmentation and encourage faster progress towards a systemic solution. [READ THE REPORT>](#)



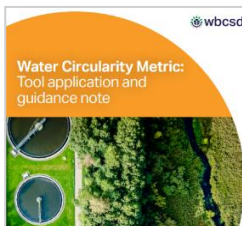
WBCSD released the **Circular Transition Indicators (CTI) framework version 2.0 and the accompanying online tool that was jointly developed with more than 30 companies.** The CTI process helps companies’ scope and prepare their assessment and interpret the results, understand risks and opportunities, prioritize actions and establish SMART targets to monitor progress. [READ THE FRAMEWORK>](#)



Vision 2050: Time to Transform by WBCSD, provides the business community with comprehensive guidance on how it can lead the transformations needed if we are to realize a shared vision of a world in which more than nine billion people can live well, within planetary boundaries, by 2050. [READ THE REPORT>](#)



SDG Sector Roadmap for the electric utilities sector by WBCSD. Put together in collaboration with 11 of the world’s leading electric utility companies, including Tata Power, to explore, articulate and set a course to realising the unique potential of this sector to contribute to the SDG agenda. [READ MORE>](#)



Water Circularity Metrics tool and Guidance launched by WBCSD in partnership with Beverage Industry Environmental Roundtable (BIER) enables companies to quantify their water circularity performance and monitor progress in the transition from linear to circular water management. [ACCESS THE TOOL HERE>](#)

WHAT WE ARE WATCHING



While we rely on governments to move the dial on climate ambition before COP 26, its corporate responsibility that’s driving decarbonization across



Adding further impetus to India’s solar revolution and preparing for a #futureready India, **Tata Power has launched its first ever pan-India digital and print**

the economy. But how can business support governments to deliver stronger climate action? WBCSD's Managing Director, Climate & Energy, Claire O'Neill joined Michael Liebreich to discuss the big priorities for a net zero climate recovery.

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ad campaign titled 'Solarroof' – 'Kamai Badhaye Dildaar Banaye'. Dildaar, a video asset, which promotes the concept of adoption of solar power at homes, offices and industries as a sustainable and economical solution to energy needs.

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RECOGNITION

Tata Communications has been recognised by the global, environmental, non-profit organisation Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) **with the distinguished 'A-' leadership score** for implementing current best practices in sustainability for climate change. [READ MORE>](#)

Tata Steel has been recognised by Ethisphere, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, **as one of the 2021 World's Most Ethical Companies**. Tata Steel has received this recognition for the 10th time and is one of the only three honourees in the metals, minerals and mining industry. [READ MORE>](#)

Tata Consumer Products has been recognised for its sourcing practices in the tea industry by **CII Food Future Foundation National Award for Sustainable Sourcing 2020**. The company has won the award for its outstanding performance in the category of 'Sectoral Value Chain on Tea'. [READ MORE>](#)

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited has been honoured under the 'Community and Industry Engagement' category for their 'UNNATI' initiative at the **UN Women 2020 Asia-Pacific WEPs Awards**. The objective of the initiative is to empower underprivileged women and create livelihood opportunities for them. [READ MORE>](#)

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**If you think you are too small to make a difference. Think again.
Keep volunteering for causes that tug at your heartstrings and help make this world a better place.**

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