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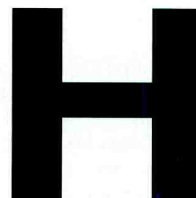
Hindustan Unilever Limited

Unilever's Green Goals Boost HUL's Sustainability Show

Aligned with a global sustainability policy, Unilever announced commitments across areas like climate action, waste reduction, nutrition, health and wellbeing, equity, diversity and inclusion. Is HUL prepared to deliver on these?

GREEN CREDENTIALS

- 100 per cent renewable grid electricity at factories, offices, R&D facilities, data centres, warehouses and distribution centres
- Achieved plastic neutrality four years ahead of time
- Approximately 1,36,000 people reached Project Shakti and nearly 6 million people through Project Prabhat initiatives



HINDUSTAN UNILEVER is India's largest fast-moving consumer goods company with more than 50 brands operating across 14 categories, and is a market leader in more than 80 per cent of its business. It is also among the two companies belonging to the FMCG sector to have secured a spot

in the top 10 list this year.

In FY21, HUL reported a turnover of Rs 45,311 crore, domestic growth of 6 per cent and net profit growth of 18 per cent. The profit after tax was Rs 7,954 crore, which was up 18 per cent over the previous year. The largest share of revenues was attributed to the beauty and personal care segment which earned the company Rs 17,964 crore. This was followed by home care and food and refreshments segments that stood at Rs 13,959 crore and Rs 13,204 crore, respectively.

Sustainability strategy and impact

In early 2021, the company announced the Unilever Compass Commitments in an effort to accelerate the organisation's commitments towards building a sustainable global business across areas like climate action, waste reduction, nutrition, health and wellbeing, equity, diversity and inclusion. Some of these commitments include 50 per cent reduction in the GHG

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impact of HUL products by 2030, net zero emissions Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 2030, net zero emission across the value chain by 2039, 50 per cent virgin plastic reduction by 2025 and doubling the products sold that deliver positive nutrition by 2025. Some of HUL's brands such as Surf excel laundry liquid, Sunsilk and TRESemmé are now using 25 per cent r-HDPE (High Density Polyethylene). Vim is using 50 per cent r-PET in its liquid bottles. The company has also eliminated nearly 1 kilo tonne of plastic by eliminating plastics coating from soap cartons (Dove, Lux, Liril) and Lifebuoy's soap stiffeners and moved shampoo sachet, soap wrapper and Vim bar flow-wrap to recycle ready structure.

Resource consumption

Last year, HUL generated 79,800 tonne of waste from its factories, reporting a reduction of 59 per cent compared to 2008 baseline. CO2 emissions per tonne of production reduced by 91 per cent and water consumption in manufacturing operations reduced by 54 per cent over the 2008 baseline. Today, all HUL factories, offices, R&D facilities, data centres, warehouses and distribution centres are fully powered

by renewable energy from the grid. By replacing coal-fired boilers with biomass and biodiesel, HUL is now a coal-free company. Unilever had targeted 100 per cent sustainable sourcing of agricultural raw materials by 2020. In FY21, HUL reported 93 per cent sustainable sourcing of tomatoes and over 67 per cent of tea.

Impact on stakeholders

Through Hindustan Unilever Foundation, the company has created a cumulative water conservation potential of about 1.3 trillion litres since 2010 through interventions in 11,500 villages across 59 districts in ten states and two Union Territories. HUL met its plastic neutrality targets four years ahead of its target and has, since 2018, facilitated the safe disposal of more than 1.5 lakh tonnes of post-consumer use plastic waste. HUL's 'Partner with Purpose' programme under the ambit of which it builds awareness on responsible sourcing among suppliers, shares the company's targets and strategies related to reduction in use of plastics and trains suppliers on conducting responsible business practices that are in line with the company's sustainability priorities. [BW](#)

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