

# Towards a Better Everyday



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## Dear Stakeholders,

To safeguard the human species from foreseeable extinction, the SpaceX Mission envisages a habitable world on Mars—in the face of any major catastrophe. It is, indeed, a unique public-private initiative. While it is important to root for this ambitious initiative's success for humanity's greater good, the immediate thought is that, perhaps, we first need to learn from our mistakes on this planet before inhabiting another.

While taking inspiration like perseverance and learning from the setbacks of the herculean task that spacefaring is, we can take several simpler steps to make this world Better Everyday. What is pertinent is bold, decisive everyday actions consistent with one's cherished goals.

India has moved positively in several spheres: undernourishment has reduced from 22% (2004) to 16% (2020), forest cover has gone up from 22.7% (2000) to 24.3% (2020), access to electricity has gone up from 58.7% (2000) to 99% (2020)—with the share of renewable energy moving from 0.5% (2000) to 5.4% (2020)—and poverty headcount ratio has reduced from 39.9% (2004) to 10% (2019). And more can be surely achieved, though, by understanding what brought us here will not take us there. To usher in faster and greater transformation, innovative approaches and greater convergence need to be thought through. More so, since new challenges are emerging as the world continues to grow exponentially.

As we are learning on our journey to the future, we are transforming from our past. JSW Foundation is unwavering in its pursuit of making every day better for everyone.

The past year would be remembered as the transformative one at JSW Foundation for a number of reasons. We collaborated

with several national and international organisations to launch India's First Skill Impact Bond. JSW Foundation became ISO 26000:9000 compliant to further strengthen its processes and operations. JSW Sanjeevani Multispecialty Hospital, a 72-bedded facility created in Raigad district, has already started getting recognised as a state-of-the-art facility providing affordable healthcare to the communities around.

JSW ASPIRE program now reaches 17,000+ young adolescents in the country, transforming the way they learn and practice life skills. Detailed and comprehensive water-resource assessments have been taken up across all locations, and the agri-livelihoods programs now reach 15,000+ farmers. Waste management has scaled up, and while you read this report, there is immense happening in the background.

Our restoration work for David Sassoon Library is nearing completion, and that for Shalimar Bagh has already begun. Environment protection work in partnership with three state governments has been taken up. The JSW Shikhar program sports persons have taken the medal tally to 247 this year. Project Sakhi for the rehabilitation of women from vulnerable backgrounds has begun in Vijayanagar while the Margdarshak program has linked more than 2 Lakh persons with various government schemes worth ` 359 crore. All of them are aimed at enhancing the social capital of the region!

But as I always say, something more for the next time! Your thoughts, feedback, and suggestions are all welcome, as we look forward to them.

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