## DP WORLD: MAKING ENVIRONMENT A PRIORITY EVERYDAY

**A** rapid increase in human activities in the past century has significantly affected the earth's climate, causing extreme weather events, temperature fluctuations, rising sea levels, and has overwhelmed the human and natural communities alike.

DP World's sustainability strategy of "Our World, Our Future," guides its approach to make sure the environment is protected and enhanced wherever possible. It helps the organisation to work in a responsible way that prioritises sustainability and impact on the people, environment, and the communities in which it operates. DP World's environmental impact strategy is based on three pillars – understanding the operational impacts of trade; prevent, reduce, and manage said impacts, and identify opportunities to improve the environment.

A member of the UN Global Compact since 2019, DP World is committed to a sustainable future, and has in place achievable targets of a 28 percent reduction in carbon footprint by 2030, complete carbon neutrality in 2040, and net zero emissions by 2050. In November 2022, DP World pledged to invest up to \$500m to cut nearly 700,000 tonnes of C02 emissions from its operations over the next five years.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**



Beach Cleaning

DP World has prioritized environment and sustainability throughout its operations in the country. On World Environment Day, the organisation wholeheartedly embraced the theme of "Beat Plastic Pollution" by conducting a clean-up programme at the Mohiuddinpur Railway station in Uttar Pradesh, as well as plantation and awareness drives across all its freight terminals.

DP World also organized clean-up drives on World Ocean Day, with more than 200 volunteers participating in beach clean-ups at Nhava Sheva in Maharashtra, Mundra in Gujarat and Cochin in Kerala, clearing over 300kgs of plastic and other waste from the areas.

DP World is committed to a plastic-free environment, and all its ports and terminals have eliminated the use of single-use plastic bottles, with half of their remaining waste getting recycled. The terminal at DP World Cochin generates over 12 percent of its annual power consumption via solar power, while the RTG Crane Inverter at DP World Nhava Sheva Terminal in Mumbai saves a yearly 374 tonnes in CO2 emission.

In addition to these operational changes, DP World also believes that targeted initiatives that enhance sustainability at the grassroots level, support nature-based solutions and empower and upskill the youth are key to a secure and sustainable future for this planet.





DP World has several projects in India that focus on helping communities to harness sustainable energy alternatives. The organization has installed 300 solar streetlights in and around villages in Mundra, Gujarat, as well as set up a solar power installation at the town's veterinary hospital, helping significantly offset the building's energy needs.

The organisation has also installed a solar powered pumping system at a school in Maharashtra's Raigad district, thereby providing drinking water supply to the students. The initiatives have aided communities in these areas build their capacity and resilience in the face of extreme weather and climate change.

## NURTURING OUR PLANET BY CONSERVING THE WILDLIFE

DP World recognizes that protecting wild habitats is essential to maintaining healthy ecosystems worldwide.



In June 2023, DP World provided thermal drones to the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, a region prone to forest fires. The organization also donated two patrolling vehicles to the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation. The use of these drones and vehicles has helped the forest field staff detect fires early on, and enhance their rescue and wildlife tracking capability, while reducing forest offences and ensuring the safety of forest field staff and the local communities living in the forest fringes.

## CREATING A SKILLED AND FUTURE-READY WORKFORCE



DP World firmly believes that investing in the education and skilling of women can help create a healthier society, with long-term economic and social benefits. DP World's Pragati scholarship has helped 120 girl students from low-income families by funding their education from grades 10 through 12.



DP World's initiatives are also taking a crucial step towards creating a skilled and future-ready Indian workforce. In collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), DP World has set up a Skill India International Centre in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, which provides high-quality vocational training to youth at zero cost to them, allowing them to pursue job opportunities in logistics and port operations worldwide. Till date 323 candidates have been placed in the UAE through this initiative.

By making the environment and local communities a priority every day, DP World's initiatives aim to build a sustainable society, one step at a time. The positive long-term impacts of a resilient, smart, and sustainable economy are key to the health and safety of future generations. It is only through protecting our world today that our future can be secured.