

Hindustan Unilever Limited factsheet

About Us

Unilever has a proud history and a bright future.

Our purpose is to make sustainable living commonplace. We work to create a better future every day, with brands and services that help people feel good, look good, and get more out of life.

Our vision is to grow our business, whilst reducing our environmental footprint and increasing our positive social impact.

Our Heritage in India

In the summer of 1888, visitors to the Kolkata harbour noticed crates full of Sunlight soap bars, embossed with the words 'Made in England by Lever Brothers'. With it began an era of branded Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG).

In 1931, Unilever set up its first Indian subsidiary, Hindustan Vanaspati Manufacturing Company, followed by Lever Brothers India Limited (1933) and United Traders Limited (1935). In November 1956, these three companies merged to form Hindustan Lever Limited. In June 2007, the company was renamed Hindustan Unilever Limited.

Sustainable Living

We have set ourselves three big global goals:

- We will help more than a billion people take action to improve their health and well-being (by 2020).
- We will enhance the livelihoods of millions of people as we grow our business (by 2020).
- Our goal is to halve the environmental footprint in the making and use of our products as we grow our business (by 2030).

HUL Key Sustainability Impacts (2018)

- We have reached over 68 million people through Lifebuoy Handwashing Programme since 2010.
- Pureit in-home water purifier has provided over 89 billion litres of safe drinking water by end of 2018.
- Through Domex Toilet Academy, we have created demand for toilets in low-income households impacting over one million people.
- The Swachhata Doot initiative of our Swachh Aaad Swachh Bharat Programme has successfully reached over 13.5 million people since its inception.
- 100% of children's Frozen Desserts and edible ice products have 110 kilocalories or fewer per portion.
- CO₂ emission per tonne of production in our factories in India has reduced by 59%, water usage has reduced by 55% and total waste generated has reduced by 58% compared to 2008 baseline.
- All our manufacturing locations are 'zero non-hazardous waste to landfill sites'
- Through the Hindustan Unilever Foundation's water conservation and farm-based livelihoods initiatives, cumulatively we have created water conservation potential of over 700 billion litres, additional agriculture and biomass production of over 0.8 million tonnes and generated over 7.5 million person days of employment.
- A total of 65% of tea sourced from India for Unilever brands is from sustainable sources.
- 100% of tomatoes used in Kissan ketchup are from sustainable sources.
- Project Shakti has empowered over 1 lakh Shakti entrepreneurs across 18 states.
- Over 520,000 people have been reached through Rin Career Ready academy.
- Project Prabhat has reached out to over 2.9 million people across over 30 HUL locations.

Quick Facts



Diverse Portfolio of Leading Brands



Brand Leadership



Results at a Glance

Comparable audited results (in crores) for the 12 month period from 01 April, 2017 to 31 March, 2018 compared to 01 April, 2018 to 31 March, 2019

