



Aditya Birla Fashion – Making a difference with Circularity

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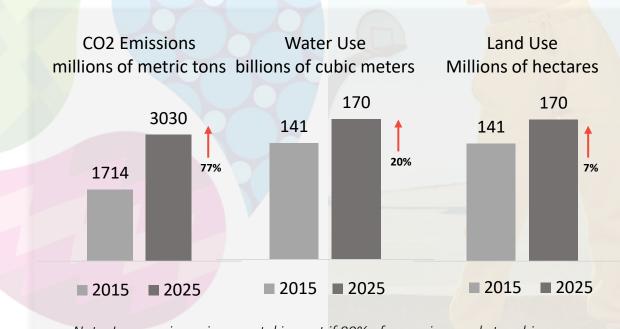




Change

Fashion is one of the world's largest industries, but also one of the most resource-intensive.

- Massive Waste 92 million tonnes of textile waste generated annually
- High Water Consumption 5000 to
 7000 liters of water to make one cotton
 outfit
- Carbon Emissions Responsible for 6 8% of global emissions
- Social Impact Supply chain challenges: fair wages, worker conditions, ethical sourcing & production



About us | Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail





Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd. (ABFRL) is one of India's largest fashion companies, home to iconic brands like Louis Philippe, Van Heusen, Pantaloons and many more. With a strong retail network and deep consumer insights, ABFRL is at the forefront of shaping India's fashion landscape, blending heritage with innovation.

Our Brands Portfolio







Our **Journey**







10 YEARS

Our Recent Achievements

S&P Global DJSI Score of 83 - Highest in apparel retailing sector, and part of **Sustainability Yearbook** 2025

- Published ABFRL -Sustainability Case Study in Harvard **Business Review & Ivey Publication**
- **Circularity Manifesto** for the Indian Textile Industry in **Bharat Tex** 2025

2021

Industry leader

Achieved 4th highest score globally and 1st in India under overall retail sector by S&P global - DJSI **CSA**

Developed and released India's 1st of its kind Circularity **Guidelines** for the sector

2013



Asia's 'Most **Sustainable Company**

In the Textile,

Apparel & Luxury

Scaling beyond operations

2020

Ensured streamlined operations and transition from

Product-Led

Process-Led to

Goods Industry by S&P Global - DJSI **CSA**

Re-Earth foundation

Inception of our sustainability 1.0 journey

> **Process-Led** Approach

The Transformation of ReEarth - A Sustainable Evolution





"Sustainability at ABFRL has evolved from compliance-driven efforts to product innovation and now towards creating industry-wide impact."



THE FOUNDATION

- Focused on compliance, reporting, and internal efficiencies.
- Strengthened policies, supply chain audits, and sustainability governance.
- Laid the groundwork for sustainability as a business practice, not just an obligation.



THE EVOLUTION

- Shifted focus beyond internal operations to product impact.
- Emphasized on sustainable supply chain, Green facilities & manufacturing, and circular fashion.
- Introduced industry-wide initiatives like
 Circularity Guidelines and Net Zero commitments.



ABFRL's ReEarth Movement

Sustainability 2.0



'Product' Centric Approach

with a focus on,

product design & development, customer centricity and

supply chain

in line with Life Cycle Thinking

Transition to Circular Fashion

Philosophy & early steps

- Linear economy has high virgin material consumption and large amounts of material going to landfill causing supply, reputational, and regulatory risks
- The circular economy aids in risk mitigation as well as opportunities in resource efficiency, innovation, better stakeholder engagement, and reduced impacts

Sustainable Product and Raw Material

- Environmentally and socially responsible materials
- Sustainable Cotton, , recycled materials & polyester, and regenerative fibre produced from wood pulp
- Material Sustainability
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Packaging

- Classification into pollutant and nonpollutant
- 92% non-pollutant packaging
- Reusable plastic crates instead of corrugated box
- Compostable Polybag

Waste Management

- Achieved Zero-Wasteto-Landfill across all facilities
- Piloted ZWL stores
- Program for destination traceability of waste

Take Back Program

- 'Share Happiness' program where consumers bring in old clothes and deposit in Peter England stores in exchange for a discount
- Reuse and repurposed clothes provided to the NGO Goonj

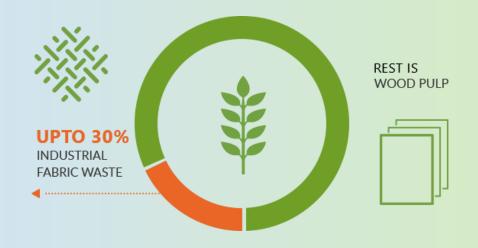
Sustainable Product

- ✓ Circular Product design
- Lifecycle Thinking approach
- Durability and Longevity
- ✓ Made to be remade, recycle
- ✓ Made from sustainable material and renewable sources

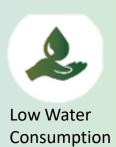
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Lifecycle Thinking

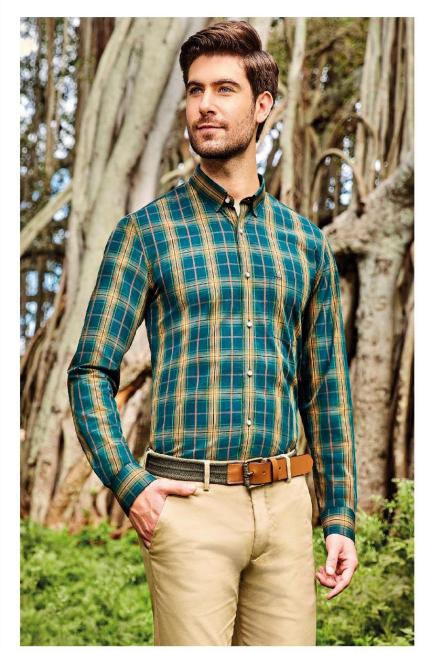
Liva Reviva (Recycled Viscose) – fiber that is consciously Fashionable is made using pre-consumer textile waste











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WITH
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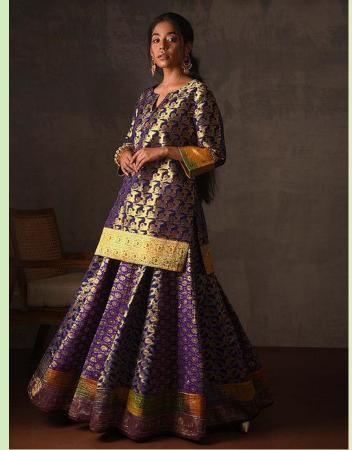




Sustainable Product

Jaypore Saree Upcycle

- ☐ Jaypore designed beautiful product from discarded Saree scrap & upcycling them into lehenga-cholis, kurtas & more.
- ☐ This reduces the manufacturing costs and creates a unique and distinctive product.
- ☐ This initiative has helped us in establishing environment friendly sustainable practices and avoiding landfill





Zero Waste to Landfill



- Established Integrated waste management System
- Implemented 3R (Reduce-Reuse-Recycle) concept with key focus to reduce overall waste generation, encourage circularity & drive last mile traceability
- Collaborated with external stakeholders & waste management organisation to find innovative solutions

Zero Waste Stores
Pilot across 9 brands
& 100+ Retail stores
in Bengaluru through
SAAHAS







Sustainable Packaging

Focus on standardizing, eliminating, substituting, & minimizing the packaging

Initiatives Taken & Achievement

- Elimination of product box, metal pin, foam, etc.
- Reduce & recycle of packaging material
- Switching from carton box to plastic crate

plastic problem.

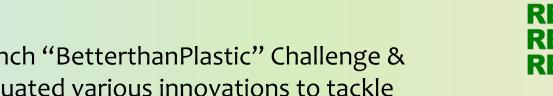
One garment – one tag program

















Industry Collaboration & Innovation





"Approaches for Circular textiles and apparel industry in India"

- ✓ Strengthen the capacities of the Indian textile and apparel industry to implement circular approaches.
- ✓ Introduction of circular business practices through demonstration projects by ABFRL
- ✓ Preparation of Circularity Baseline survey report and voluntary circular business guidelines and Manifesto for the textiles sector in India.
- ✓ Strengthen and institutionalize an industry-level platform for consultation, knowledge exchange, innovation and collaboration.

Impact of this project is a contribution to a less wasteful, less polluting textile and apparel industry















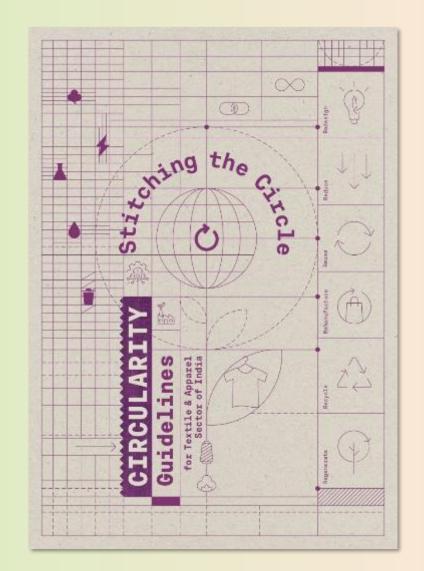
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"Significant Outcome"

- ✓ Circularity baseline study with 90+ Stakeholders engaged across India
- Launched Innovation challenge. 87 applications received. Implemented 3 projects within ABFRL & showcase it to industry as a new circular solutions.
- ✓ 427 stakeholder representatives (Textile & apparel companies, SMEs, MSME and Individuals) trained on circular business issues.
- 20 different industry stakeholders of Indians textile sector participate in the industry Working Group for promotion of circularity.
- Circular Business Guidelines for Indian textile industry and a Compendium of Good Industry Practices developed with participation of 300 stakeholders and shared with 5,000 Indian textile stakeholders.



Industry Ecosystem for Circularity



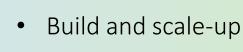
Making India's Textile and Apparel Industry Circular







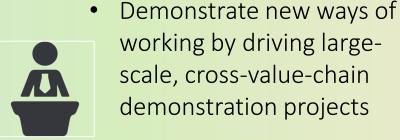
- Create a pipeline of solutions & stakeholders
- Convene & co-create solutions



 Disseminate Knowledge & strengthen value chain



 Collectively raise industry ambition levels by setting long-term targets



 Inspire and engage stakeholders to ensure wide promotion of the vision

- Customized training programs for ABFRL Brand - design, product, sourcing team & suppliers
- Circular Design Handbook
- Joint awareness
 program in industry
 & academia on
 circular fashion

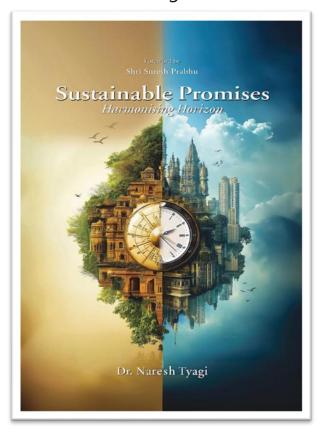




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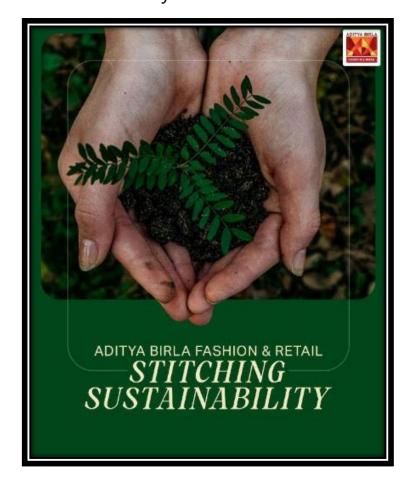
Authored Book

Sustainable Promises Harmonizing Horizon



Case Study Published

Harvard Business Review & Ivey Publication



TEDx Talk

Three pillars of Sustainability

