

Government of Assam's Transformation and Development Department launches a bi-monthly newsletter highlighting current Sustainable Development Goals updates across the state



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“SDG based planning is essential for Assam to achieve its commitment towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Assam has already moved from being in the 'Aspirant' to 'Performer' category. In the pursuit of becoming a 'Top Performer' state and to be ranked among the foremost in the country, the state has already initiated the process of collecting data for State Indicator Framework (SIF) which will be beneficial for the holistic development of Assam.”

~ Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam

1 FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to introduce the first edition SDG Barta. Our State is the first local government in the world to formally adopt SDGs and align the State's developmental plan to SDG targets. As we approach the halfway mark of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) timeline, the Government of Assam is in endeavour to do the best possible within its own domestic resources to become a flag bearer of sustainable development imperatives. It is time to exhibit the requisite momentum to act upon our responsibilities on establishing an enabling environment for SDGs. Through this bi-monthly newsletter, SDG initiatives as well as activities will be highlighted taken up T&D Department, other State Departments,

District Administrations and CSOs. This edition is an introduction to Sustainable Development Goals – a brief on how the concept emerged globally to local level, SDG related activities taken by Government of Assam and best practices. As we move forward, let us pledge ourselves to work towards and

achieve SDGs to build a sustainable and equitable society for all. 🍲

Sincerely

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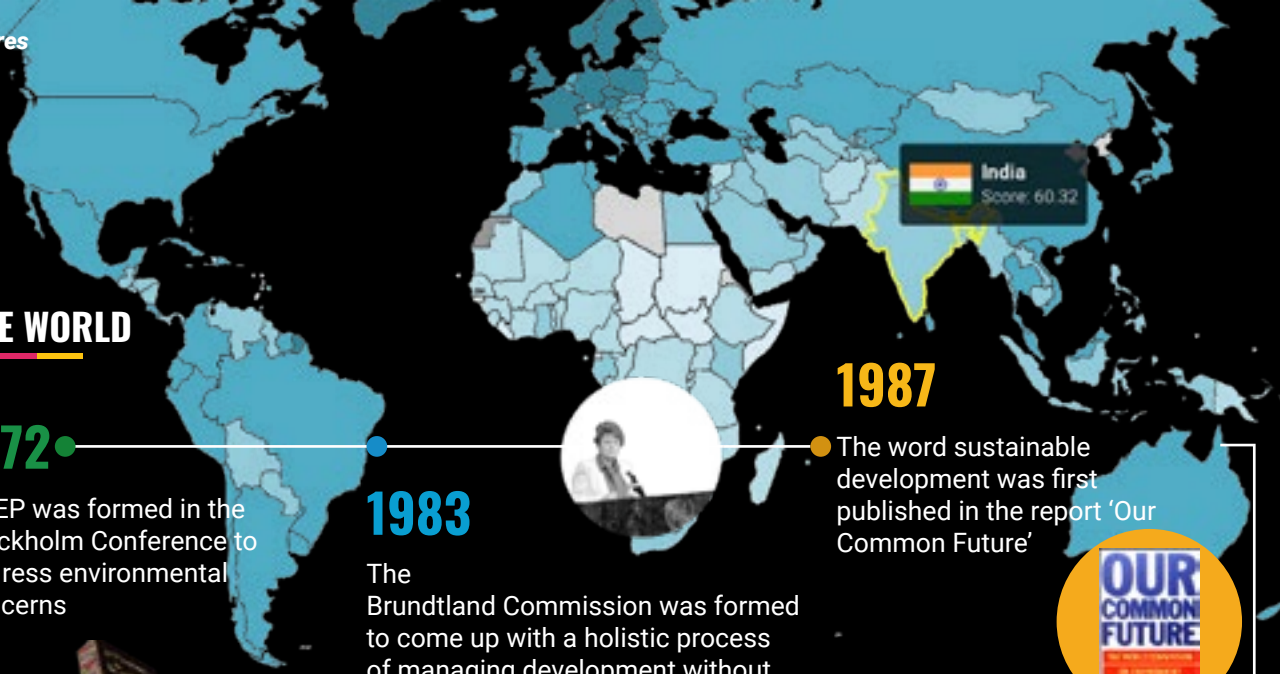


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Launched in 2015 succeeding the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), SDGs are a set of 17 overarching and interconnected set of goals which all the countries need to achieve by 2030. The Sustainable Development Goals are based on the pillars of Environmental Sustainability, Economic and Social Development which makes it a holistic

developmental process for the world to adopt. Globally SDGs are measured with the help of a set of indicators known as the Global Indicator Framework (GIF). The GIF measures the scores of each country against the indicators and the cumulative score results in their respective rank.

SDG scores of countries



India
Score: 60.32

2 SDG AND THE WORLD

1972



UNEP was formed in the Stockholm Conference to address environmental concerns



1983

The Brundtland Commission was formed to come up with a holistic process of managing development without destroying the environment



1987

The word sustainable development was first published in the report 'Our Common Future'



1992

The concept of Sustainable Development was presented in a report by UN in the first Earth Summit in Rio De Janeiro. The report was called Agenda 21

2000

UN initiated Millennium Development Goals to reduce global poverty

8 Goals 18 Targets 48 Indicators

2015

Sustainable Development Goals were launched in New York as a blueprint towards a better and sustainable future for all. India also adopted SDGs along with 193 member countries

17 Goals 169 Targets 248 Indicators

2016

2023

2030 Achieve SDG targets and in the process 'leave no one behind'

SDG TIMELINE | ASSAM

JANUARY

2016 Assam becomes the world's first government to adopt SDGs into their planning process and subsequently Centre for Sustainable Development Goals was formed as a think tank

FEBRUARY

Vision Document for Assam was created as a roadmap for the state towards achieving SDGs

JULY

Strategy Paper and Action Plan (SPAP) was initiated as a 3 year and 7 year action plan for the departments.

2017

Conclaves were organised to discuss plans and strategies with concerned departments and stakeholders towards creation of SPAPs

2018

Assam Agenda was launched as a compilation of all the SPAPs highlighting the way forward for Assam till 2030



2023

The SDG Cell which was formed under the leadership of T&D Department in the year, collected the data from 40 state departments to form the Assam SDG SIF 2022-24



2021

Launch of North East Region SDG Index by NITI Aayog

2020

SDG North East Conclave was organised in Guwahati where Chief Ministers of all the North Eastern states were present to accelerate the implementation of SDGs in the North Eastern Region (NER)

Launch: State Indicator Framework for Assam was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam

3 ASSAM SDG STATE INDICATOR FRAMEWORK 2022-2023

To facilitate the achievement of the 17 goals, the state has localized the targets and indicators, aligning them with the global objectives to be accomplished by 2030. The development of this framework has been a highly participatory process, with extensive consultations involving various governmental and non-governmental stakeholders.

The Assam SDG SIF 2022-23 serves as a comprehensive overview of state-level progress towards Target 2030, systematically recording and evaluating accomplishments in diverse SDG targets through a curated set of indicators.

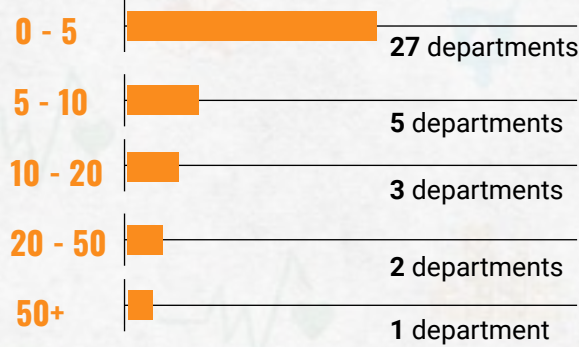
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SIF SPREAD

270
Total Indicators

40
Total Departments

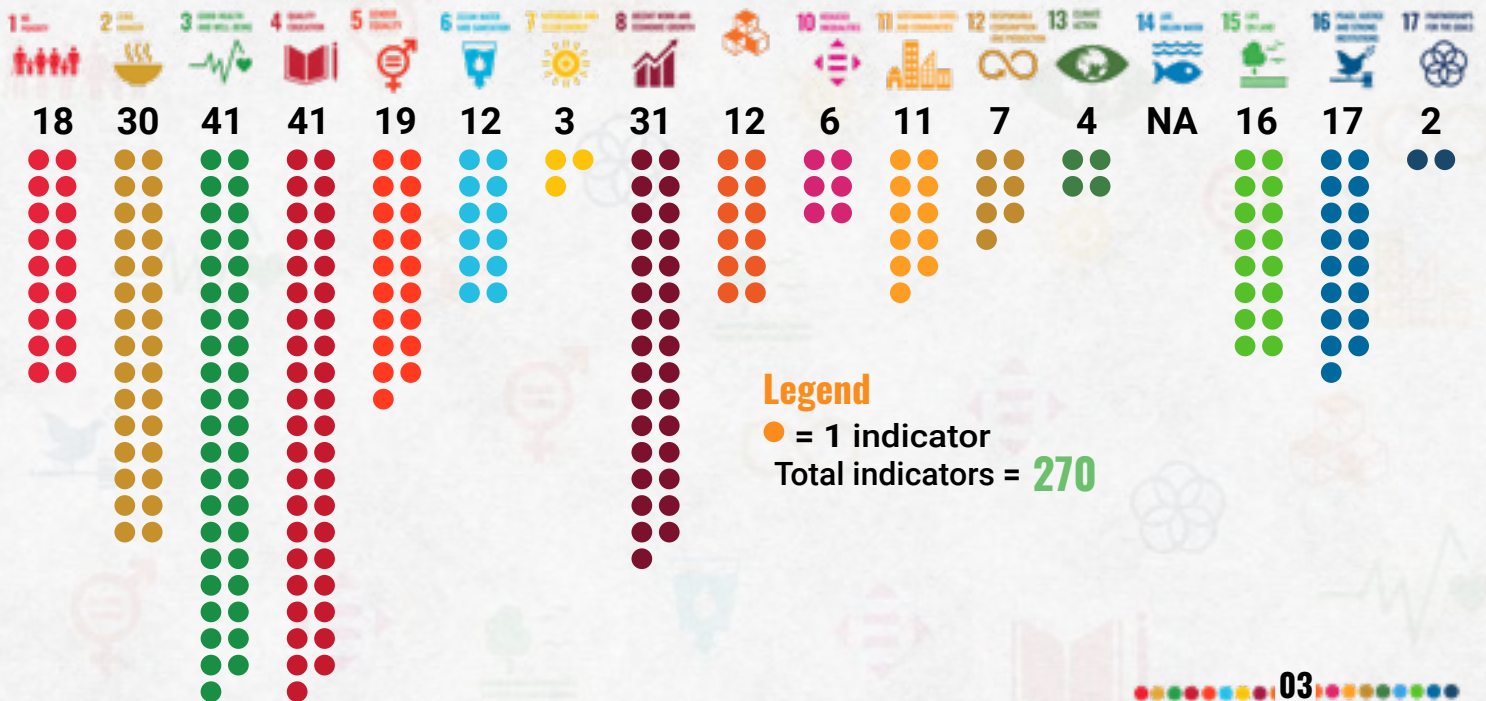
Indicator count | Departments



Departments with highest indicator numbers

- 51 | Health and Family Welfare
- 28 | Education
- 22 | Home and Political
- 14 | Agriculture and Horticulture

SIF SPREAD | Goal Wise



4 FROM THE GROUND



ASAMA ENTERPRISE LLP

The pandemic had affected everyone; however, the artisan community were the worst affected. What started as a humble initiative to help village weavers market their wares, has become a full-fledged cottage industry today in Alimur village, Dibrugarh. Started by two young entrepreneurs, Richika and Noopur, Asama is a social enterprise. It has been generating sustainable livelihood for 60 female weavers of the village. Asama produces home décor and gift products. These products are hand-made from natural fibre- mainly water hyacinth, a water weed and waste.

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AKSHAR FOUNDATION

In a fierce competitive institutions like UNEP, World Economic academic world, Akshar Forum, BBC, TIME, Reuters for the Foundation is rekindling fun and innovative "Plastic School Fees" aimed art filled education amongst at the elimination of child labour and the students by engaging them child poverty, Akshar Foundation has in recycling plastics, designing been a driving force in ensuring SDGs cloths, growing food, building in the state. furniture and many more. Hailed by some of the prestigious

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