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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

As mentioned in Chapter 1 the beautiful great nation of the Republic of India has become a globally powerful economy as a result of its effective global engagement and highly distinguished exemplary global business leaders and philanthropists. It has become inevitable for society to appreciate and recognize exemplary individuals who play a pivotal role towards the uplifting of other peoples' lives as an act of kindness and this book aimed to applaud the exceptional philanthropic and educational activities of Smt. Nita M Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation*) and Ms. Isha Ambani (*Director of Reliance Foundation*). The main aim of this textbook is to educate readers about the effective leadership traits possessed by some of the business leaders and philanthropists from the Republic of India and how these have significantly contributed towards the prosperity of their beautiful great nation of the Republic of India. The other main aim of this textbook is to educate readers about the fact that the modern day entrepreneur, executive director or any highly skilled professional in any career field is now positively contributing towards the field of philanthropy through their day-to-day work activities. The other aim of this textbook as mentioned in Chapter 1 is to educate readers about the general topic of 'leadership branding' or 'exemplary leadership' and how it has significantly contributed towards employment creation, better living standards and so on. This book specifically targeted people located on the continents of Africa, Asia, South America, Europe, Oceania and North America in order to provide them with basic knowledge about exemplary leadership, leadership branding and philanthropy using modern current examples from the Republic of India such as the Iconic Exemplary & Outstanding Global Business Leader, Educationist & Philanthropist Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation*) and Ms. Isha Ambani (*Director of Reliance Foundation*). 'All published material from the Reliance Foundation website is based on information available as of May 2026'

Chapter 1: Biography of the Exemplary & Outstanding Global Business Leader, Educationist & Philanthropist from the Republic of India: Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation*)

After studying this chapter you should be able to:

- Define the following two terms '*principle*' and '*support*'.
- Explain the ten focus areas of Reliance Foundation from the Republic of India.
- Describe the meaning of the term '*exemplary leadership*'.
- Discuss the meaning of the term *'philanthropy'*.

1.1 Introduction

Historically all the corners of the world have one thing in common they 'all enjoy together' that is 'the beauty of national geographical boundaries' accompanied by their natural vegetation and all living organisms. Today the Republic of India is one of the world's naturally beautiful country that has managed to invest a lot of its resources towards: (1) building a powerful international nation brand, (2) strengthening its social institutions, (3) promoting unity, love, peace & diversity amongst its people in order to succeed to become one of the most amazing countries in the world[1] (Rudolph Muteswa, 2022:12). The credit for the prosperity of the Republic of India today lies with its peace-loving, visitor-friendly, highly literate, tech-savvy and united people from all parts of the country. In general the people of the beautiful great nation of the Republic of India are globally renowned for their high work ethic, health-conscious, travel explorative, values centered and culinary explorative culture in the world (Rudolph Muteswa, 2024:76). "Leadership is all about branding as well similar to the marketing field. In general every leader strives to leave a legacy or something extra ordinary or positive they want to be

[1] Rudolph Muteswa (2020) *Leadership (Gathered Articles): A North America, Europe, Africa, Oceania & Asia 21st Century Perspective 1st Edition*. Self-Published Education Ebook, ISBN 978-1-77921-414-0, Self-Published Ebook available as a free download on the online library - https://rudolphmuteswa.com

recognized for accomplishing in their lifetime especially during the course of their career. The way in which a leader presents himself/herself to their followers must be in direct alignment with ethical principles of society" (Rudolph Muteswa, 2020:81). For example in the Republic of India some of the highly distinguished and exemplary global business leaders with powerful leadership brands include Smt. Nita M Ambani (Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation) and Ms. Isha Ambani (Director of Reliance Foundation). [2]According to Ulrich and Smallwood (2012) product brands are pervasive; in fact, we buy certain products in part because their brand reflects our self-identity. Today it is less a specific product that entices the customer and more the reputation of the firm—and the firm's brand is sustained and enhanced by the firm's leadership brand. A leadership brand represents the identity and reputation of leaders in the company. Leaders demonstrate a brand when they think and act in ways congruent with the desired product or firm brand. A leadership brand exists when leaders at all levels demonstrate a consistent reputation for both attributes and results" (Ulrich and Smallwood, 2012, https://www.rbl.net/insights/articles/leadership-as-a-brand).The next section will cover information about the definition of terms.

1.2 Definition of terms

[3] It is critical for words or terms to be defined in educational books in order to help readers to have basic or in-depth understanding of the meaning of the terms or words being discussed. [4]"A *principle* refers to a rule, norm, a habitual belief that shapes behavior in a manner that upholds what an individual, society or organization strongly values" (Rudolph Muteswa, 2021:27). According to Rudolph Muteswa (2021:96) the term *'support'* for the context of this book refers to the assisting, helping, facilitating and working together of an individual or organization to

[2] Ulrich, D. and Smallwood, N. (2012) *Leadership As a Brand*. Available from; https://www.rbl.net/insights/articles/leadership-as-a-brand [Accessed April 29, 2020]

[3] Rudolph Muteswa (2020) *Leadership (Gathered Articles): A North America, Europe, Africa, Oceania & Asia 21st Century Perspective 1st Edition*. Self-Published Education Ebook, ISBN 978-1-77921-414-0, Self-Published Ebook available as a free download on the online library - https://rudolphmuteswa.com

[4] Rudolph Muteswa (2021) *Climate Change & the Global Business Community's Viewpoint (Gathered Articles): A North America, Asia, Africa, Oceania & Europe a 21st Century Perspective.* Self-Published Ebook, ISBN 978-1-77921-416-4 & it is available as a free download on the online library – https://rudolphmuteswa.com

achieve a uniform goal (Rudolph Muteswa, 2021:96). The next section will cover information about philanthropy in-depth.

1.3 What is an entrepreneur, philanthropist and exemplary leadership

What is an entrepreneur? "For the context of this textbook the meaning of the term '*entrepreneur'* is a person who takes a bold step to establish his/her own business with the main aim of making a profit and in most instances they proceed to gather all the needed resources (*namely; money, labour, technology and the formation of an effective business model*) without fearing their immediate negative environmental factors that may hinder their chances of success. [5]Another definition of the term '*entrepreneur*' clearly states that 'an entrepreneur' is someone who takes calculated risks by first carrying-out two activities: (1) they conduct a market research to first test-out their business idea and (2) they draw up business plans, before they start their business in order to identify possible problems or competition the business will face in the future. While on the otherhand the term *'entrepreneurship'* refers to a career field whereby individuals or entities form their own new businesses to make a profit, create jobs and contribute to economic growth without fearing their immediate negative environmental factors that may hinder their chances of success" (Rudolph Muteswa, 2018:20). [6]According to the University of Basel Center for Philanthropy Studies (2024) **What is Philanthropy?** Human beings, who perform good deeds for others, are characterized as philanthropists. Our understanding of philanthropy can be described in one simple sentence: [7]**Philanthropy includes every voluntary private action for a charitable purpose.** We are faced with the question why we do not choose

[5] Rudolph Muteswa (2018) *Entrepreneurship & Business Innovation (Gathered Articles): A North America, Europe, Asia, Africa & Oceania Perspective 1st Edition*. Self-Published Ebook, ISBN 978-1-77920-214-7 EAN 9781779202147& it is available as a free download on the online library – https://rudolphmuteswa.com

[6] Rudolph Muteswa (2025) *The World's Outstanding Entrepreneurs, Academics, Leaders, Diplomats & Philanthropists: 21st Century Perspective 1st Edition*. Self-Published Ebook, ©2025 ISBN: 978-1-77934-407-6 EAN: 9781779344076 and it is available as a free download on the online library – https://rudolphmuteswa.com

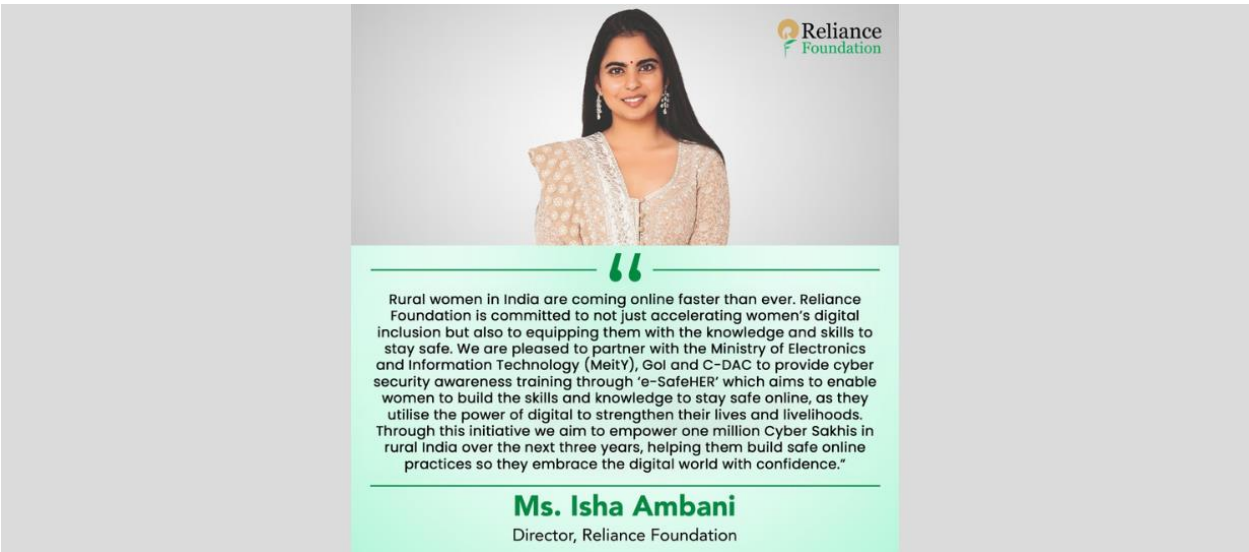
[7] University of Basel (2024) *What is Philanthropy?* Available from: https://ceps.unibas.ch/en/what-is-philanthropy/ [Accessed December 03, 2024] © University of Basel

another – more familiar – term to describe our range of activity. One could choose the terms public utility, welfare or civil society. From an organizational perspective, terms like nonprofit organization (or not-for-profit organization), or non-governmental-organization (NGO) could be used. We have chosen the term philanthropy because it contains many aspects that are important to us. **Philanthropy is individual-related.** Philanthropy places the focus on the acting person, whereas other terms have a societal reference. Many philanthropic activities are not generated within an organized framework. This includes neighborly help, spontaneous donations or social movements. In a world, affected by individualism, philanthropy is the answer to why people support common welfare. Every person has his or her own "philanthropic autobiography", which means that everyone has come into contact with philanthropy at some point. **Philanthropy is value-related.** Philanthropy expresses a value system which can be characterized (in the broadest sense) as human kindness. Philanthropic actions express ethical behavior towards other people. This distinguishes philanthropy clearly from governmental and market-based actions. A clarification based on values seems more important to us than a distinction based on economic purpose. **Philanthropy is universal.** Philanthropy exists worldwide and has its roots in the beginning of civilization. Every world religion has philanthropic rules and recommendations. Nevertheless, philanthropy is free from political, religious or other dogmatic affiliations (University of Basel Center for Philanthropy Studies, 2024, https://ceps.unibas.ch/en/what-is-philanthropy/ cited in Rudolph Muteswa, 2025:16). The term '*exemplary leadership'* refers to leaders who perform their duties in a way that is considered to be admirable, respectable, humble, ethical, accountable and recognizable to the people they lead to the extent that they are willing to follow in their footsteps in order to achieve what they have accomplished at the workplace or in their lifetime (Rudolph Muteswa, 2019:123). In the Republic of India one of the renowned organization in the field of philanthropy is Reliance Foundation under the exemplary leadership of the exceptional Smt. Nita M. Ambani who is the founder and chairperson. In addition the iconic exceptional and exemplary Smt. Nita M. Ambani is a renowned global entrepreneur as well. The next section will cover overview information of the Reliance Foundation in-depth.

1.4 Reliance Foundation

"**About Us. Our Vision.** At Reliance Foundation, our vision is to build an inclusive India by pioneering a holistic model to address our nation's multifaceted development challenges, and contribute to its collective aspirations. [8]Central to our philosophy is the commitment to enhance the quality of life of people from marginalised and vulnerable communities, by empowering them and catalysing change through innovative and sustainable solutions" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us#aboutreliancefoundation). The Reliance Foundation's Iconic Exemplary and Outstanding Director Ms. Isha Ambani will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.1 below.

Figure 1.1 Reliance Foundation's Iconic Exemplary and Outstanding Director Ms. Isha Ambani



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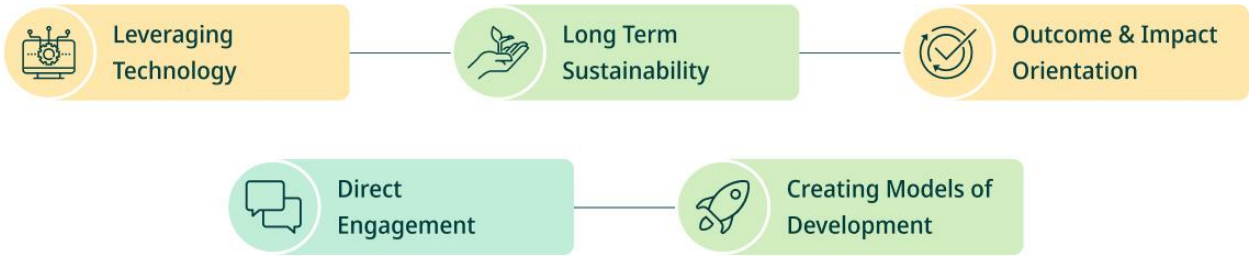
According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **About Reliance Foundation.** Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), through Reliance Foundation, has significantly contributed to and made

[8] Reliance Foundation (2026) *About Us*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us#aboutreliancefoundation [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

measurable progress toward its vision of an inclusive India. Moving well beyond its business activities, the RIL Group contributes to a positive societal impact through diverse community engagement initiatives. Led by Founder Chairperson Smt. Nita M Ambani, Reliance Foundation was set up in 2010 to provide impetus to various philanthropic initiatives of Reliance Industries Limited. The efforts of the group have already touched the lives of more than 97 million people across India in more than 98,000 villages and several urban locations. At Reliance Foundation, our vision is to build an inclusive India by pioneering a holistic model to address our nation's multifaceted development challenges, and contribute to its collective aspirations. Central to our philosophy is the commitment to enhance the quality of life of people from marginalised and vulnerable communities, by empowering them and catalysing change through innovative and sustainable solutions. Our steadfast endeavour is to create replicable and scalable models of development through an integrated approach in the true Reliance spirit of maximising societal value for all, and making it a movement (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us#aboutreliancefoundation). The Reliance Foundation's Comprehensive Development Approach will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.2 below.

Figure 1.2 Reliance Foundation's Comprehensive Development Approach



Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us#aboutreliancefoundation). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Our Approach.** The Foundation has a comprehensive development approach. [9]Its prime objective is to create and support meaningful activities through innovative institutions to address some of India's most pressing developmental challenges. The

[9] Reliance Foundation (2026) *About Us*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us#aboutreliancefoundation [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

three-pronged strategy of Reliance Foundation includes direct engagement, collaborations through partnerships and leveraging technology to create an ecosystem of development, comprising leaders of tomorrow who nudge communities to a more sustainable future. Over the years, Reliance Foundation's initiatives have continued to evolve, while remaining responsive to the ever-changing needs of society. The Foundation is currently focusing on Rural Transformation, Health, Education, Sports for Development, Disaster Management, Women Empowerment , Arts, Culture & Heritage and Urban Renewal. To maximise its reach and improve outcomes, Reliance Foundation has also established strategic partnerships with organisations that have the technical expertise and experience to undertake various programmes in the identified focus areas of operation.

• 97 million Lives touched. Since its inception in 2010, Reliance Foundation's efforts have already touched the lives of more than 97 million (9.7 crore) people across India.

• 98,000 Villages covered. Led by Founder Chairperson Smt. Nita M Ambani, Reliance Foundation's initiatives have so far covered 98,000 Indian villages and several urban locations (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us#aboutreliancefoundation). Figure 1.3 below will help to clearly depict the portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*).

Figure 1.3 The portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*)

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Our Story. Figure 1.4 below will help to clearly depict the story of Reliance Foundation.

Figure 1.4 The story of Reliance Foundation

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"**2010-12**

• Reliance Foundation is established with a vision to inspire and drive transformative change and build an inclusive India[10].

• Launch of the Reliance Foundation Bharat India Jodo initiative (RF BIJ).

• Introduction of the Education for All program aimed at widening access to quality education for underprivileged children" (Reliance Foundation, 2026,

[10] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Our Story*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story). Figure 1.5 below will help to clearly depict the story of Reliance Foundation at the Dhirubhai Ambani Scholarship Ceremony.

Figure 1.5 The story of Reliance Foundation at the Dhirubhai Ambani Scholarship Ceremony

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"**2015-16**

• Our initiatives reach over 6 million (60 lakh) people across 10,500 villages and 50 urban locations in 14 states and two UTs[11].

[11] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Our Story*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• Announcement of Project ASMAN, in collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, Tata Trusts and MSD for Mothers, to reduce neonatal and maternal mortality.

• Reliance marks the 20th anniversary of the Dhirubhai Ambani Scholarship programme, (12,776 scholars supported as of March 2020)" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story). Figure 1.6 below will help to clearly depict the story of Reliance Foundation supporting children.

Figure 1.6 The story of Reliance Foundation supporting children

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"**2016-17**

• Our initiatives further expand, reaching over 12 million (1.2 crore) people across more than 12,500 villages and 74 urban locations.

• Launch of Reliance Foundation Youth Sports (RFYS), a nationwide competition to promote grassroots sports, reaching 20 lakh children in its first year[12].

• Digital Learning Van is launched in Mumbai and Thane districts of Maharashtra (since inception, this initiative has impacted 4,000 children from 10 government schools).

• Reliance Foundation commissions 17,000 Pichvai paintings from 100 Pichvai artists in Nathdwara, Rajasthan, to revive the artform.

• Reliance Foundation receives the India CSR Award, in recognition of its efforts to create water security, set up Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), and enhance communication through information services" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story). Figure 1.7 below will help to clearly depict the story of Reliance Foundation implementing its developmental interventions across villages in India.

[12] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Our Story*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.7 The story of Reliance Foundation implementing its developmental interventions across villages in India

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"**2020-21**

• 51 million (5.1 crore) people reached through various developmental interventions at 44,700+ villages across the country

• 8.5 crore meals distributed through Mission Anna Seva during the COVID-19 pandemic[13]

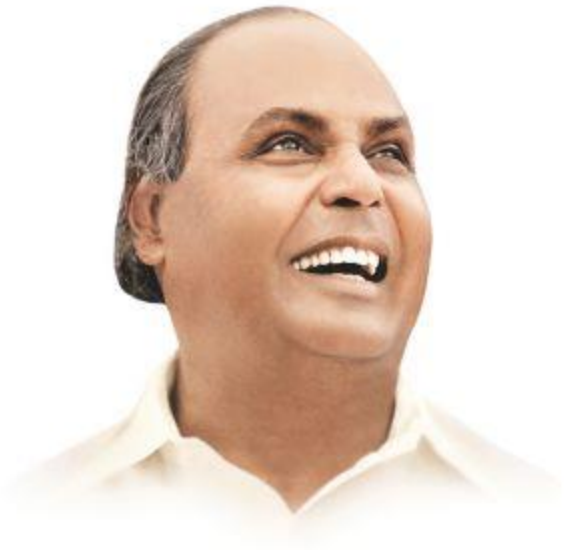
[13] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Our Story*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• Produced 11% of India's total medical-grade oxygen cylinders, meeting the needs of one lakh patients on a daily basis

• 1.3 crore) masks distributed to 99 Lakh+ individuals across 22 states and two Union Territories.

• 27 Lakh litres of free fuel provided to 70,000+ notified emergency response vehicles" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story). Figure 1.8 below will help to clearly depict the story of Reliance Foundation Shri. Dhirubhai Ambani's vision.

Figure 1.8 The story of Reliance Foundation Shri. Dhirubhai Ambani's vision.



Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**2022-23**

• Touched lives of more than 69.5 million (6.95 crore) people, impacting 54,200 villages.

• 5,100 new scholarships launched, as a tribute to Shri. Dhirubhai Ambani's vision and belief in the youth of the country[14].

• Produced 11% of India's total medical grade oxygen cylinders, meeting the needs of one lakh patients on a daily basis.

• Opened the doors of 'Swadesh' to showcase India's most ancient and precious art forms" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story). The various activities and community support of Reliance Foundation in India will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.9 below.

Figure 1.9 The various activities and community support of Reliance Foundation in India

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Awards. Organisational Awards.**

2022-23 Best CSR Initiative Award at the India Digital Enabler Awards in the year 2022-23[15]

[14] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Our Story*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-story [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

[15] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Awards*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/awards [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

2022-23 Reliance Foundation won the Olive Crown Award for its green initiatives in recognition of efforts as Green NGO of the Year (Silver) in the year 2022-23.

2022 Reliance Jio received **CHRO Innovation award for its Khayal Rakhna initiative** as the Best Employee Engagement Team of the Year.

2021 Reliance Foundation awarded the Golden Peacock award for CSR initiatives across the country in 2021.

2020-21 Reliance Industries Ltd was adjudged as the Best Corporate (Large category) in the 5th edition of the **ICSI CSR Excellence awards** in 2020-21.

2021 Reliance Foundation received the **Gold Globee® Business Excellence 2021 Award** for its Work from Home implementation, which includes Khayal Rakhna initiative.

2021 Reliance Foundation received **'Award for Corporate Leadership in ESG (Environmental, Social, & Governance)'** from The CSR Journal – Excellence Awards 2021.

2021 Reliance received the **Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Social Responsibility.**

2020 Reliance Foundation won **India Today-MDRA Special Healthgiri Award 2020** under Category "Best Far Reaching Corporate Contribution for a Wider Social Impact" during COVID-19 (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/awards). The following section will cover information about the iconic exemplary and exceptional global business leader, educationist and philanthropist Smt. Nita M. Ambani in-depth.

1.4.1 Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*)

India is one of Asia's most beautiful country that is rich in natural resources, culture, new technologies and so on. Today the Republic of India is globally renowned for its highly distinguished and exemplary business leaders, educationists and philanthropists. The Republic of India is generally a powerful nation brand as a result of its highly effective strategic global engagement and highly distinguished global business leaders, educationists and philanthropists such as the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of*

Reliance Foundation, India) and Ms. Isha Ambani (*Director of Reliance Foundation, India*) and many other exemplary business leaders from the Republic of India. Remarkably, in the Republic of India the renowned global business leader, educationist and philanthropist Smt. Nita M Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*) has unquestionably played a significant role towards the growth of the global humanitarian assistance sector, international trade, tourism, 'arts, sports & culture', employment creation, improvement of global living standards, technology transfer and so on. Figure 1.10 below will help to clearly depict the unique portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*).

Figure 1.10 The unique portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*)

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-chairperson). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"Nita Ambani is an educationist, philanthropist, businesswoman, patron of arts and sports, and champion of women and children's rights. Through various initiatives of Reliance Foundation, of which she is founder and chair, she seeks to empower millions of Indians with resources and

opportunities. On International Women's Day 2021, she launched an inclusive and collaborative digital movement for women called Her Circle. [16]She is the owner of Mumbai Indians, the most successful cricket team in the Indian Premier League, the founder chairperson of Football Sports Development Limited, which launched the Indian Super League, and the head of the Education and Sports for All initiative for children" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-chairperson). The high quality portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*) will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.11 below.

Figure 1.11 The high quality portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*)

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2023, *Towards a Greener, Kinder and Happier Tomorrow: Mrs. Nita Ambani's vision articulated for Reliance Foundation at the RIL AGM 2023*, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/media/media-release/towards-a-greener-kinder-happier-tomorrow-mrs-nita-ambani). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) she is the Founder and Chairperson of the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre, a world-class platform to spotlight Indian arts and culture at its best, both for the audience and the artists. [17]Through Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital and

[16] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Our Chairperson*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-chairperson [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

[17] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Our Chairperson*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-chairperson [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Research Centre in Mumbai, she is committed to making affordable world-class medical care available to all Indians (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-chairperson). The high quality unique portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*) will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.12 below.

Figure 1.12 The high quality unique portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*)

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://reliancefoundation.org). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"She is the first Indian woman to be elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee, and the first Indian to be elected an Honorary Trustee of the Board of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-chairperson). The high quality portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*) will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.13 below.

Figure 1.13 The high quality portrait of the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M. Ambani (*Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, India*)

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2023, *Reliance Industries, Reliance Foundation and Mrs. Nita Ambani Bring 600 Years of Indian History to The Met*, https://newuat.olive.co.in/rilfoundation/web/en/about-us/our-chairperson/reliance-industries-reliance-foundation-and-mrs-nita-ambani-bring-600-years). © 2026. All rights reserved.

[18]According to Reliance Foundation (2026) U.S. magazine Town and Country recognised her as one of the world's top philanthropists in 2020, Forbes listed her among the 50 most powerful businesswomen in Asia in 2016, and Fortune India has ranked her as India's Most Powerful Woman.

Mrs. Nita M. Ambani

Founder & Chairperson, Reliance Foundation (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-chairperson). The ten focus areas of Reliance Foundation will be covered in the following section.

1.4.2 Ten focus areas of Reliance Foundation

The ten focus areas of Reliance Foundation will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.14 below.

[18] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Our Chairperson*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/about-us/our-chairperson [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.14 The ten focus areas of Reliance Foundation

Source: (Diagram Created By Author Using Information From: Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do). © 2026. All rights reserved.

As highlighted by Figure 1.14 above the ten focus areas of Reliance Foundation will be further discussed as follows:

1.4.2.1 Rural Transformation

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Rural Transformation. Overview. Impact at a Glance**

• Over 2.22 crore (22.2 million) people reached cumulatively[19]

• 42,500+ hectares of farmland brought under improved farming practices in 2024-25*

• Water harvesting capacity enhanced by nearly 167 lakh cubic metres through various community-based approaches in 2024-25* (*As of March 31, 2025) (Reliance Foundation, 2026,

[19] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Rural Transformation*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation). Figure 1.15 below will help to clearly depict the rural transformation programme by Reliance Foundation.

Figure 1.15 Rural Transformation programme by Reliance Foundation

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation). © 2026. All rights reserved

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Empowering rural communities with sustainable solutions.** Reliance Foundation's Rural Transformation programme aims to uplift rural communities by enhancing livelihoods, fostering sustainable agriculture, empowering women, and building resilient community structures for water, nutrition, and livelihood security. [20]The Rural Transformation programme focuses on strengthening rural communities through both physical and digital approaches. It works across the block as a key unit of transformation, ensuring localised, scalable solutions. Reliance Foundation works closely with communities to co-develop action plans to ensure a targeted and impactful approach, fostering resilience and self-reliance at every level. Reliance Foundation's Rural Transformation initiatives are structured around two core pillars: Self-Reliance and Resilience, ensuring a thriving rural India aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047. The Rural Transformation programme began during the inception of Reliance Foundation in 2010. Built with a strong

[20] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Rural Transformation*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

participatory approach, today, it has grown to reach millions of communities across the deepest and remotest geographies of India, building strong partnerships with non-profit, community and technical organisation shaping models to guide rural and national development. **Key focus areas.** The programme is implemented through two key focus areas — Reliance Foundation Bharat India Jodo (RF BIJ) and Rural Transformation Information Services (RTIS) — are central to this effort. RF BIJ, initiated in 2010, empowers communities to take collective action towards sustainable livelihoods through multiple pillars. It focuses on building self-reliance by enabling communities to access resources and technologies that support their long-term sustainability. RTIS, by leveraging digital platforms, reaches rural communities across India with critical information and support on farming, fishing, livestock rearing, and more. This phygital approach integrates digital tools to support real-time decision-making while maintaining essential physical outreach for community engagement and support. Reliance Foundation engages with communities through peer and partner organisations and collaborates with the government to leverage synergies. The partnership-driven approach with various stakeholders, including government bodies, non-profits, and entrepreneurs, is pivotal in driving sustainable, community-led development. Sustainable and meaningful change is strongest when it comes from within the community. Reliance Foundation is developing a grassroots leadership cadre, so rural communities move beyond receiving support to actively shaping their own progress. **Broadly, the Rural Transformation programme works towards its vision by:**

• Collaborating with rural communities to ensure that interventions are tailored to local needs.

• Promoting sustainable natural resource management, ensuring long-term environmental sustainability.

• Empowering communities with vital information to strengthen and safeguard livelihoods, leveraging both physical and digital tools[21].

[21] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Rural Transformation*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• Enabling pathways to collectivisation, access to finance, markets, and social safety nets, creating robust support systems for rural communities.

Reliance Foundation's work extends beyond individual households and village communities, addressing challenges at the block and district levels. The focus on blocks ensures that development efforts are deep-rooted and impactful, strengthening local governance, community institutions, and resilience systems. Reliance Foundation's Rural Transformation programme empowers communities towards self-reliance and resilience through targeted, sustainable solutions delivered via its key pillars - RF BIJ and RTIS. This commitment to localised action and robust support networks fosters lasting progress and contributes to a vision of transforming rural India[22].

• Securing Livelihoods by Improving Climate Resilience

• Enhancing Farming Incomes

• Empowering Women in Rural Communities

• Improved nutrition for rural communities

• Community Capacity Enhancement

• Technology for Rural Development (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation). Figure 1.16 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's empowerment of women in rural communities.

[22] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Rural Transformation*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.16 Reliance Foundation's empowerment of women in rural communities

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, *Empowering Women in Rural Communities*, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/empowering-women-rural-communities). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**Empowering Women in Rural Communities.** Integral to India's rural workforce, women have a key role to play in various on farm and off-farm activities. Reliance Foundation's Rural Transformation programme is centred around the role of women in enhancing resilience and raising household incomes through diversification through its DRIWE and information services initiatives. By leveraging the collective power of self-help groups, Reliance Foundation supports women in agriculture and encourages alternative livelihoods through skill and capacity development. [23]Women are supported in establishing businesses, building brands and developing leadership capacity. The aim is to pave their participation in society and local governance and give them a greater say in the development of their communities. Reliance Foundation has worked with self-help groups in value chains of crops, dairy, arts and handicrafts. In 2023, the Reliance Foundation and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation launched an initiative to empower one million women entrepreneurs in several states in India, by strengthening women collectives, testing and scaling innovations and establishing replicable models of entrepreneurship with women-led enterprises. This initiative has been developed with and will be delivered through

[23] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Empowering Women in Rural Communities.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/empowering-women-rural-communities [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

partnerships with the State Rural Livelihood Missions, as well as with the support of several implementation partners. Over the next three years, this initiative will support and engage women in farm and non-farm income-generating activities, to help them achieve an annual income of at least Rs. 1 lakh as envisioned by the Government Of India's Ministry of Rural Development" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/empowering-women-rural-communities). Figure 1.17 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's initiatives to enhance farming incomes.

Figure 1.17 Reliance Foundation's initiatives to enhance farming incomes

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, *Enhancing Farming Incomes,* https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/enhancing-farming-incomes). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**Enhancing Farming Incomes.** Reliance Foundation enables rural households to enhance their incomes through farming, fishing, livestock, poultry and other means of livelihoods with approaches including:

• Equipping communities with knowledge of improved practises and support schemes

• Strengthening collectives[24]

[24] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Enhancing Farming Incomes.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/enhancing-farming-incomes [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• Disseminating new skills, ways to reduce input costs, support in acquiring improved material/inputs/tools

• Strengthening market linkages

• Information leverage for higher income

These are part of the Integrated Value Chain Development (IVCD) initiative. Lowering costs, increasing yields. To help increase farm incomes, Reliance Foundation works with farmers on the input side to lower costs and increase yields. Cost reduction efforts involve adopting efficient resource management practises and sustainable farming techniques that reduce dependence on supplemental inputs. Farmers are also supported in choosing crops that are best suited to their agro-ecology. Through partnerships with agriculture research institutes, improved seed varieties are provided to farmers. By obtaining necessary information from the Reliance Foundation during the entire duration of the crop cycle, farmers are able to confidently take timely decisions related to field operations. On the output side, farmers are supported in post-harvest primary or secondary processing, where there is scope, through farmer collectives. These collectives, either mentored or supported by Reliance Foundation, procure produce from the farm-gate, help farmers utilize technologies and overcome labour shortage, provide grading or sorting services, process the produce and ensure fair compensation to their member farmers. Through these collectives, farmers also get an opportunity to explore new markets for their produce. [25]They are made aware of government social security schemes and supported in availing of them. Adequate water and healthy soils are key ingredients to good yields. Farmers are supported in getting their soils tested and encouraged to enhance soil health through cost-effective and environmentally sustainable initiatives. Water availability for agriculture is improved by community and individual efforts to harvest rainwater and improve groundwater recharge. Tailored water harvesting plans for each village help increase water harvesting capacity and ensure availability of soil moisture during rabi and summer seasons. So far, more than 1,413 lakh cubic metres of water harvesting capacity has been created across India. This has helped farmers in cropping

[25] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Enhancing Farming Incomes.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/enhancing-farming-incomes [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

more than once during the year and increase their earnings. Raising poultry, livestock and fishing incomes. Reliance Foundation supports households in rearing high-yielding breeds of livestock and poultry. Best practises in livestock rearing and feed management are shared and capacity to adopt these practises is built. After initial handholding, households are supported in scaling up their activities. Information about weather and disease alerts, and expert prescriptions for vaccination and treatment provided at free livestock camps help households mitigate livestock related losses. For marine fisherpersons, information about potential fishing zones helps increase the chances of a good catch in the ocean. PFZ information also leads fisherpersons safely and quickly to areas where fish is available. By reducing the fuel expended, this information contributes to lowering the environmental footprint of fisherfolk. Promoting non-farm livelihoods. Given the inherent risks in farming and allied activities, Reliance Foundation encourages households to take up non-farm activities alongside farming. Landless and tenant farming households as well as farm labourers are also supported in diversifying their incomes. These activities are entrepreneurial in nature. Tailoring, groceries, confectionary, printing and data entry, other vending and service enterprises are some of avenues for alternate livelihoods. By leveraging government grant and loan schemes through self-help groups, rural households can start, sustain and scale up alternate livelihood activities"[26] (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/enhancing-farming-incomes). Figure 1.18 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's community-centric approach to improve dietary diversity in rural communities.

[26] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Enhancing Farming Incomes.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/enhancing-farming-incomes [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.18 Reliance Foundation's community-centric approach to improve dietary diversity in rural communities

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/better-nutrition-rural-communities). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Improved nutrition for rural communities.** Although India's food production is powered by India's villages, inadequate dietary diversity in rural households is a significant concern. Reliance Foundation takes a community-centric approach to improve dietary diversity. Raising awareness of the importance of a balanced diet is an indispensable part of this approach. The approach begins with helping communities to increase their farm yields. [27]Households are encouraged to diversify food production to include cereals like millets, fruits, vegetables, milk, legumes and animal sources of protein. Vegetable and fruit production are encouraged through backyard kitchen gardens. Several thousand such gardens have been established by rural communities across India at homes, schools and Anganwadis. Water is linked closely to nutrition, which is why Reliance Foundation's efforts to conserve water are also aimed at ensuring drinkable water is provided as well as water for agriculture. Besides enhancing source inflows through recharge wells and rainwater harvesting,

[27] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Improved nutrition for rural communities.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/better-nutrition-rural-communities [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Reliance Foundation focuses on improving access to clean drinking water by supporting the development of storage and distribution infrastructure. This includes co-development of piped water supply systems and community-owned and constructed water storage tanks, through various participatory efforts (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/better-nutrition-rural-communities). Figure 1.19 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's initiatives to improving climate resilience.

Figure 1.19 Reliance Foundation's initiatives to improving climate resilience

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**Securing Livelihoods by Improving Climate Resilience.** A changing climate will significantly affect agricultural and related livelihoods. The Government of India projects that rice yields under rain-fed and irrigated conditions could fall by as much as 20% and 3.5%, respectively, by 2050 in the absence of interventions. [28]For wheat, a 19.3% reduction is projected. Reliance Foundation takes a multipronged approach with rural communities to help smallholder farm households enhance their resilience to pests, diseases and inter-seasonal

[28] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Securing Livelihoods By Improving Climate Resilience.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

climate uncertainties while improving their capacity to adapt to long-term climate related changes through its Climate Resilience for Sustainable Development (CR4SD) initiative. Adopting resilient crop varieties. Farm households with small landholdings cultivating conventional varieties of a single crop are more vulnerable to climate shocks than households that cultivate resilient varieties. Reliance Foundation encourages farmers to cultivate resilient varieties with traits like a short maturity cycle, heat, drought or salinity tolerance, and pest and disease resilience. Diversifying crop production. Intensive monocropping renders farmers more vulnerable to climate shocks including inter-seasonal dry spells, pests and diseases. [29]To help farmers shift from monocropping, farmers are introduced to crop rotation with pulses, oilseeds and millets along with the incorporation of horticulture and floriculture for enhanced incomes" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience). Figure 1.20 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation initiatives to improving crop yields.

[29] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Securing Livelihoods By Improving Climate Resilience.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.20 Reliance Foundation initiatives to improving crop yields

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According to Reliance Foundation (2026) Better natural resources management. Reliance Foundation works with rural communities to enhance crop yields by supporting communities in the sustainable use of land and water. [30]Landscape approaches like contour bunding, land levelling and terracing are advocated alongside practices like raised bed cultivation that can sustain or improve crop yields while reducing erosion. Partnering with entire villages, Reliance Foundation encourages strengthening the water harvesting capacity within communities by supporting the creation of new water harvesting structures and revitalising existing structures. Farmers are supported in adopting efficient irrigation practises like sprinkler and drip irrigation to encourage sustainable water use. Rural diversification. A household's resilience is higher when sources of income are diverse. To enhance resilience to log-term climate related challenges, households are supported in diversifying into agri-allied income generating activities like livestock rearing, poultry, fishing and non-farm, skill-based microentrepreneurial activities. Households are supported in acquiring resilient and market-preferred breeds of livestock and

[30] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Securing Livelihoods By Improving Climate Resilience.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

poultry. Through regular capacity enhancement programmes, scientifically-proven practises are shared to help communities in caring for their livestock. [31]Livestock medical camps are regularly organised to help households get timely veterinary treatment. The camps assume greater importance during and after extreme weather events (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience). Figure 1.21 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation initiatives to support farming communities.

Figure 1.21 Reliance Foundation initiatives to support farming communities

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"Information services for farmers. Smallholder farming communities are supported with information throughout a crop cycle. Weather forecasts and advisories that help inform decisions regarding the times of sowing, intercultural operations, pest and disease management and harvest. Besides ensuring desired yields, the information helps to mitigate the fallout from climate shocks" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience). Figure 1.22

[31] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Securing Livelihoods By Improving Climate Resilience.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation initiatives to support small holder farming communities.

Figure 1.22 Reliance Foundation initiatives to support small holder farming communities

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According to Reliance Foundation (2026) Reliance Foundation supports marine fishing communities by providing fishers crucial ocean state forecast information and related advisories. This helps fisherpersons navigate the ocean in a safe and informed manner, lowering risk to their lives and livelihoods. [32]Weather information also helps both marine and inland fisherfolk to safeguard their equipment, ponds and fish during extreme events like cyclones and floods (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience). Figure 1.23 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation initiatives to support rural development through technology.

[32] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Securing Livelihoods By Improving Climate Resilience.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/securing-livelihoods-by-lmproving-climate-resilience [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.23 Reliance Foundation initiatives to support rural development through technology

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/technology-for-rural-development). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**Technology for Rural Development.** India is today among the countries leading the fourth industrial revolution. Now is an opportune moment for the country's rural communities to close gaps that have persisted through the past. Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, Blockchain, and several other emerging technologies have the potential to help accelerate the transformation of rural communities. [33]Technology in agriculture. Agriculture, more than any other sector, has immense potential to accommodate these technologies and overcome yield barriers at a time when climate-related challenges threaten progress. In places across India, Reliance Foundation is demonstrating the effective use of drones in farm operations. Finding new ways to assess crop health for insurance and other purposes is another strong area of focus. While new technologies are beneficial and even crucial to addressing problems like labour shortage, their adoption is not without challenges given the small land-holding sizes of farms. Farmer collectives are helping overcome the barriers of scale" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/technology-for-rural-

[33] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Technology for Rural Development.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/technology-for-rural-development [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

development). Figure 1.24 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation initiatives to skilling and empowering women through women-focused initiatives that encourage tech-aided micro-enterprise development.

Figure 1.24 Reliance Foundation initiatives to skilling and empowering women through women-focused initiatives that encourage tech-aided micro-enterprise development

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/technology-for-rural-development). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) Addressing climate-related challenges. Climate-related challenges are set to exacerbate and disproportionally affect rural communities. These challenges demand more resilience from rural households. Democratising information and knowledge are

essential to enhancing resilience. [34]The technologies of yesterday and today are being tied together to ensure data's last-mile reach while efforts are on to extract more meaningful insights from data to tailor messages more effectively. Tech-aided empowerment. Drawing from years of efforts of all stakeholders, Reliance Foundation has redoubled its commitment to skilling and empowering women through women-focused initiatives that encourage tech-aided micro-enterprise development at scale. The current decade is fertile to achieve progress quickly. It is hoped that as a new self-reliant India emerges to take on global challenges on multiple fronts, people from the country's rural communities will be those in the lead (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/technology-for-rural-development). The following section will cover information about Reliance Foundation Health focus area in-depth.

1.4.2.2 Health

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Health. Impact at a Glance**

• Delivering healthcare to the hinterlands through outreach programmes

• Enabling a healthier future for communities across India

• Ensuring quality healthcare through Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital

• Facilitating world-class multi-disciplinary learning and research through Jio Institute

• Restoring vision and reinstating hope through Reliance Foundation Drishti (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health). Figure 1.25 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's 'Health for All' motto and integrated healthcare model.

[34] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Technology for Rural Development.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/rural-transformation/technology-for-rural-development [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.25 Reliance Foundation's 'Health for All' motto and integrated healthcare model

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**Enabling Healthcare for All.** Reliance Foundation believes that quality and affordable healthcare is crucial not only for overall community well-being but also for the economic and social wellbeing of the country. The 'Health for All' motto and integrated healthcare model provide a continuum of care to the most vulnerable sections of society from facilitating a robust network of healthcare delivery mechanisms for intensive and crucial preventive and primary healthcare care to world-class quality tertiary care. From deep-reaching community health initiatives and need-based, experienced health outreach services to vulnerable communities, Reliance Foundation complements these with cutting-edge and world-class quaternary care at the Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre. [35]Supporting vulnerable groups. Supporting most at-need communities to access quality healthcare, the Health Outreach programme of Reliance Foundation promotes preventive healthcare alongside delivering general and specialised therapeutic care for all groups of people in collaboration with other institutions. These initiatives strengthen community well-being and health besides focused interventions on key health problems. Besides providing general primary and preventive care, the programme

[35] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Health.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

runs focused initiatives to reduce the burden of health conditions like anaemia, malnutrition, preventable blindness, cancers, and other non-communicable diseases like hypertension and diabetes in vulnerable groups. Recognising that malnutrition during childhood is associated with adverse health outcomes later in adult life, the programme aims to identify malnutrition early in the communities it works with. [36]Through its various health initiatives and services over the years Reliance Foundation has touched the lives of over 1.39 crore (13 million) people enabling them towards a healthier future.

• COVID-19 Response

• ASMAN Project: Alliance for Saving Mothers and Newborns

• Reliance Foundation Drishti

• Community Medical Centers

• Health Outreach Initiatives

• Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health). Figure 1.26 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Covid-19 Response.

[36] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Health.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.26 Reliance Foundation Covid-19 Response

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/health_thumb7.jpg). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Health Initiatives. COVID-19 Response.** Strengthening India's fight against COVID-19 with a 360-degree approach. The COVID-19 pandemic, the largest humanitarian crisis in recent times, affected every aspect of life in the early 2020s. [37]In India, even as the government provided relief measures and emergency services, people faced new challenges and there was urgent need for coordinated efforts from private partners to enhance and support these initiatives. Reliance drew on its emergency response and disaster management experience, deploying the combined strengths of 600,000+ members of the Reliance family for on-ground efforts, material resources and support for community efforts across the country. Reliance contributed Rs 571 crore to the PM CARES and other funds to help tackle the pandemic. Specific efforts were taken to provide 360-degree support to rural communities for lives and livelihoods. This note encapsulates the different components of the support Reliance provided in responding to COVID-19. **Specialised healthcare infrastructure**. To address the critical need for specialised healthcare facilities, Reliance Foundation, along with entities across the Reliance ecosystem, had set up medical, quarantine, and intensive care units,

[37] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Covid-19 Response.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/covid-19-response [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

providing over 2,000 COVID-19 hospital beds across India. Reliance Foundation's swift response and collaboration with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation led to the establishment of India's first COVID-19 dedicated hospital in just two weeks. The Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre played a pivotal role in providing specialised medical facilities and quarantine services, ensuring safety and care of patients within the comfort of their homes. As the second wave struck, Reliance Foundation further expanded its support, establishing a dedicated COVID-19 care facility at the National Sports Club of India, Mumbai, and Gujarat's first pediatric COVID-19 hospital in Jamnagar, all in record time to meet the urgent needs of the prevailing situation. **Mission Oxygen.** Providing crucial support to the nation to meet a sudden shortage of medical oxygen for COVID-19 patients, especially during the second wave, Reliance repurposed its factory in Jamnagar in record time to produce liquid medical oxygen. This was ramped up to meet the life-saving needs of 1,00,000 patients on a daily basis, delivered free of cost to various states. The facility contributed to 11% of India's total production of medical-grade liquid oxygen. [38]Though Reliance was not a manufacturer of medical-grade liquid oxygen, it became India's largest producer of this life-saving resource from a single location in order to stand with the country in its hour of need. Under the personal supervision of Shri. Mukesh D. Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, the manufacturing facility at Jamnagar in Gujarat was repurposed to produce over 1,000 MT medical grade liquid oxygen and increase transportation capacities. This two-pronged approach helped ensure swift and safe supply to various states and Union Territories across India (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/covid-19-response). Figure 1.27 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation support for primary healthcare.

[38] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Covid-19 Response.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/covid-19-response [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.27 Reliance Foundation support for primary healthcare

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/covid-19-response). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**Ensuring primary healthcare.** Reliance Foundation's Mobile Medical Units continued to be a lifeline for rural communities during the pandemic, providing crucial medical assistance and raising awareness about preventive measures such as social distancing, mask-wearing, and hand hygiene in surrounding villages. [39]They played a crucial role in providing continued primary healthcare to the most vulnerable communities, especially those such as pregnant and lactating mothers. Since many people returned to their hometowns and villages due to the pandemic, this was especially important in providing bridge health care. To ensure uninterrupted emergency services, Reliance Foundation provided free fuel to government-authorised vehicles and ambulances, supporting the transportation of COVID-19 patients across 21 states and three

[39] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Covid-19 Response.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/covid-19-response [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Union Territories. This initiative carried out during the second wave of COVID-19, bolstered emergency response services and facilitated timely medical attention to those in need. **Mission COVID Suraksha.** Mission COVID Suraksha was vital in raising awareness on prevention and safety, distributing 1.4 crore masks to frontline warriors and communities across 26 states and union territories. Reliance Foundation's dedication to protecting vulnerable populations was evident as masks were distributed to police personnel, municipal workers, and high-risk communities. A multi-lingual booklet accompanying the masks provided valuable guidance on proper mask-wearing and hygiene. In addition to masks, Reliance Foundation distributed over 9.5 lakh sanitizers, 5+ lakh ORS packets, and 2+ lakh gloves across 20 states and Union Territories, further supporting communities and frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19. **Mission Vaccine Suraksha.** In April 2021, Reliance Foundation launched Mission Vaccine Suraksha. With a vision of providing free COVID-19 vaccination across the country, this mission covered communities, employees, and families, ensuring equitable access to vaccination for all. [40]Reliance Foundation collaborated with local authorities, governments, and various organisations under the 'We Care' umbrella, providing free vaccination doses to states like Kerala, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and others, expediting the vaccination drive. The initiative aimed to reach every last-mile resident, including vulnerable group" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/covid-19-response). Figure 1.28 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's support for ASMAN Project: Alliance for Saving Mothers and Newborns.

[40] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Covid-19 Response.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/covid-19-response [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.28 Reliance Foundation's support for ASMAN Project: Alliance for Saving Mothers and Newborns

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According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **ASMAN Project: Alliance for Saving Mothers and Newborns.** Empowering Mothers and Newborns through Innovative Healthcare Solutions. In 2015, Reliance Foundation along with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, MSD India, Tata Trusts, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched Project Alliance for Saving Mothers and Newborns (ASMAN), a first-of-its-kind initiative in India. [41]The primary objective of ASMAN was to expedite the reduction of neonatal and maternal mortality rates by enhancing the quality of care provided to mothers and newborns from admission to discharge, a critical period characterised by heightened mortality risk. Employing an innovative approach, Project ASMAN harnesses multiple technology-based healthcare solutions in the states of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh to bolster the capacity of healthcare providers to deliver safe health outcomes for mothers and newborns (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/asman-project-alliance-for-saving-

[41] Reliance Foundation (2026) *ASMAN Project for Saving Mothers and Newborns.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/asman-project-alliance-for-saving-mothers-and-newborns [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

mothers-and-newborns). Figure 1.29 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Founder Chairperson Smt. Nita M. Ambani attending an ASMAN Project event.

Figure 1.29 Reliance Foundation Founder Chairperson Smt. Nita M. Ambani attending an ASMAN Project event

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/asman-project-alliance-for-saving-mothers-and-newborns). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"By leveraging cutting-edge technologies, ASMAN aims to significantly curtail preventable maternal and neonatal deaths in selected health facilities across eight districts in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. **Remarkable strides.** [42]From 2015 to 2022, the ASMAN programme made remarkable strides, impacting the lives of over 7.5 lakh mothers and newborns through 81 government health facilities. From April 2018 to June 2021, the ASMAN app played a pivotal role in registering 4,33,100 cases and detecting 1,65,000 (38%) high-risk cases. ASMANs was recognised with various awards through the duration of the programme until 2021. To gain deeper insights into the ASMAN project and explore its achievements further, access the

[42] Reliance Foundation (2026) *ASMAN Project for Saving Mothers and Newborns.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/asman-project-alliance-for-saving-mothers-and-newborns [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

comprehensive project report by clicking here. The project has also garnered significant attention in the media, with the following articles published on its groundbreaking initiatives and far-reaching impact:

1. The role of digital clinical decision support tool in improving quality of intrapartum and postpartum care: experiences from two states of India[43];

2. Acceptability and Barriers to Use of the ASMAN Provider-Facing Electronic Platform for Peripartum Care in Public Facilities in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, India: A Qualitative Study Using the Technology Acceptance Model;

3. The role of digital clinical decision support tool in improving quality of intrapartum and postpartum care: experiences from two states of India" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/asman-project-alliance-for-saving-mothers-and-newborns). Figure 1.30 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Drishti vision care initiative in communities.

[43] Reliance Foundation (2026) *ASMAN Project for Saving Mothers and Newborns.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/asman-project-alliance-for-saving-mothers-and-newborns [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.30 Reliance Foundation Drishti vision care initiative in communities

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According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Reliance Foundation Drishti.** Bringing light to people's lives has been the vision of Reliance Foundation Drishti a pioneering initiative for over two decades now. With awareness as the first step, Drishti has been at the forefront of this vision care movement for over two decades. Committed to providing comprehensive eye care services to those in need, it also promotes awareness, protects sight and promotes inclusivity for the visually impaired. It also organises eye screening camps across India and provides spectacles for refractive errors. Partner treatment network. [44]Through its network of eye hospitals and clinics, the Reliance Foundation Drishti initiative offers a wide range of treatments, including cataract surgery, glaucoma management, and corneal transplants. The transplants are done in association with the National Association for the Blind, Sankara Eye Foundation and Aravind Eye Care. Braille newspaper. The initiative also brings out India's only fortnightly international Braille newspaper in Hindi. This was launched in 2012, and its Marathi edition was launched in 2023. Produced in collaboration with the National Association for the Blind, with Shri Swagat Thorat, noted editor and writer as the paper's Chief Editor, the Drishti newspapers cover news and updates besides reader contributions. At the start of every year, a Braille table calendar is

[44] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Reliance Foundation Drishti.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/reliance-foundation-drishti [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

distributed to readers of the paper. Art & Essay Competition. The Reliance Foundation Drishti Art & Essay competition, is conducted annually by Reliance among children and grandchildren of its employees, to create awareness about eye donation among the younger generation and encourage them to become ambassadors of eye health during the National Eye Donation Fortnight, from August 25 to September 8. Encouraging entrepreneurial efforts. Reliance Foundation Drishti also works in close collaboration with organisations like Sunrise Candles to support entrepreneurial efforts of those with visual impairment by procuring products like diyas and other gifting objects from such enterprises to promote inclusivity. The event this year, takes forward the commitment of work through the years. External study on Reliance Foundation Drishti. An external Impact Assessment Study of Reliance Foundation's Drishti Programme for Improving Vision Care among underprivileged communities of the Reliance Foundation Drishti programme found that corneal transplants have proven instrumental in enhancing the quality of life for those who have been supported. Individuals reporting 'severe or extreme pain' decreased from 48% before the surgery to 13.2% after the surgery while social participation increased from 17% to 44%. [45]The programme has saved INR 4.3 crore in potential out-of-pocket expenses of beneficiaries of corneal transplants and has averted 3347 DALYs (Disability-adjusted life year is sum of life years lost due to disability) (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/reliance-foundation-drishti). Figure 1.31 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Drishti vision care initiative impact in communities.

[45] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Reliance Foundation Drishti.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/reliance-foundation-drishti [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.31 Reliance Foundation Drishti vision care initiative impact in communities

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/reliance-foundation-drishti). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**Key impact.** Through the years, this initiative has resulted in spreading the light of vision across India:

• 22,000+ corneal transplants have been facilitated since 2003

• Over 2 lakh consultations have been conducted, with 18,300+ people being provided with spectacles free of cost after detection of refractive error[46].

• 4,200 per fortnightly copies are distributed across India and seven other countries with a readership of around 24,000

[46] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Reliance Foundation Drishti.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/reliance-foundation-drishti [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• The fortnightly Braille newspaper in Marathi was launched in 2023 with a circulation of over 350 copies and a readership of 1750 readers

• A Braille table calendar in Hindi is distributed on World Braille Day (4 Jan)

The Braille newspaper in Hindi in association with the NAB, since 2012, covers news and information for visually impaired readers. During the Reliance Foundation Art and Essay competition 2024, in August 25, 2024 over 7,000 Reliance families from across 85 Reliance locations were involved, giving their children and grandchildren an opportunity to self-express through art and essay writing. In 2024, Drishti also conducted a Braille Essay Competition and out of a total of about 80 entries in Hindi and in Marathi – six winners were selected for Hindi essay and three for Marathi essay writing. These participants are readers of the Reliance Foundation Drishti Braille newspaper. By promoting eye donation and providing quality eye care, Reliance Foundation Drishti is making a significant contribution to the fight against blindness. The Art & Essay Competition for all the children & grandchildren of Reliance employees helps create awareness about eye donation. It encourages the younger generation to become ambassadors of eye health during the National Eye Donation Fortnight. The initiative's efforts have not only restored vision to countless individuals but have also inspired others to join the cause of eye health" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/reliance-foundation-drishti). Figure 1.32 below will help to clearly depict the Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre.

Figure 1.32 The Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre

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According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre. About Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital.** Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre is a 360-bed, multi-speciality quaternary care hospital committed to delivering world-class healthcare. The hospital provides comprehensive medical services across a wide range of specialties, including Cardiac Sciences, Oncology, Neurosciences, Gastroenterology, Multi-organ Transplant, Nephro-Urology, Orthopaedics & Spine, Hepatobiliary Sciences, Women & Child Health, Well Women Centre, Skin Health & Rejuvenation Centre, Centre for Well-being & Longevity, and Critical Care. Equipped with advanced diagnostic capabilities across Laboratories, Radiology & Imaging, and Nuclear Medicine, the hospital integrates clinical expertise with state-of-the-art technology to deliver precise, patient-centred care aligned with global standards and is awarded as the No. 1 Multi-Specialty Hospital in India by Times of India Health Multi-speciality Hospitals Ranking Survey 2026. [47]Every aspect of the institution—from its facilities and clinical protocols to its team of

[47] Reliance Foundation (2026) Sir *H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/sir-h-n-reliance-foundation-hospital-research-centre [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

highly skilled healthcare professionals, reflects its guiding philosophy of "Respect for Life," ensuring that compassion, safety, and clinical excellence remain central to patient care. With a vision to transform healthcare delivery in India and align with global best practices, Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital holds prestigious accreditations from the Joint Commission International (JCI) and the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH), underscoring its commitment to the highest standards of quality care and patient safety. The hospital also demonstrates a strong commitment to sustainability and responsible infrastructure development. It holds the distinction of being Mumbai's largest Gold Certified Green Hospital, recognised by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). This certification reflects adherence to rigorous national and international standards in environmental sustainability, infrastructure quality, and safety, including stringent fire safety and environmental compliance measures. Beyond hospital-based care, Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital also extends its healthcare services through a focused Health Outreach Programme, delivering primary care and essential health services to underserved communities and reinforcing its commitment to accessible and equitable healthcare. Journey of our Hospital in 11 Years. Since its inception, the hospital has healed over 33 lakh lives and has provided more than 12.09 lakh OPD consultations to over 6.77 lakh patients, including 1.75 lakh children. Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital is the only hospital in Mumbai, and one of the few in India, to perform all five key organ transplants - Heart, Liver, Lung, Kidney, Bone marrow. To date, the hospital has successfully carried out over 690 transplants. The hospital has performed over 2,300 robot-assisted surgeries, offering patients greater precision, safer outcomes, and faster recovery. [48]The hospital has performed over 3,018 paediatric cardiac surgeries till date, reflecting its strong expertise in advanced paediatric cardiac care. In 2023, the hospital set a national milestone by successfully performing six organ transplants in five recipients from three donors within 24 hours—including one heart and double lung transplant, one double lung transplant, two liver transplants, and one kidney transplant. Reliance Foundation Hospital has also achieved several landmark medical milestones in the

[48] Reliance Foundation (2026) Sir *H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/sir-h-n-reliance-foundation-hospital-research-centre [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

recent past, including India's first successful combined heart–liver transplant bridged from a Biventricular Assist Device, the first Harmony Valve implant in paediatric cardiology in Mumbai and Maharashtra, and the first paediatric liver transplant. Robotic Surgery Programme. Expanding access to advanced surgical expertise beyond metropolitan centres, Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital, in collaboration with the Dhirubhai Ambani Occupational Health & Community Medical Centre (DAOH), Jamnagar, has launched India's first Tele-Robotic Surgery Programme, powered by Reliance Jio's secure high-speed digital connectivity.s This pioneering initiative enables expert surgeons in Mumbai to remotely guide and perform robotic-assisted procedures at partner centres, bringing specialised surgical care to patients in non-metro and remote regions. The first successful tele-robotic surgery performed at Jamnagar marks a significant milestone in India's telemedicine and robotic surgery ecosystem. Advanced Medical Technologies. Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital continues to strengthen its position as a technology-driven healthcare institution through the introduction of several landmark medical technologies that enhance diagnostic precision and treatment outcomes. Key technologies include:

• South Asia's and India's first Naeotom Alpha Photon-Counting CT Scanner

• India's first All-in-One Bi-Plane Cath Lab[49]

• South Asia's first Genius AI 3D Mammography system

• India's first Ethos Linear Accelerator for adaptive radiotherapy

• India's first hospital with Exomind for Brain Wellness

• Western India's first ASTEC CCMCHRONOS Time-Lapse Incubator for AI-enabled embryo monitoring in IVF

• Mumbai's first SMILE Pro powered by Visumax 800, the world's fastest femtosecond laser

[49] Reliance Foundation (2026) Sir *H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/sir-h-n-reliance-foundation-hospital-research-centre [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• Western India's first AMARIS 1050 excimer laser for advanced vision correction

• Symbia Pro.specta SPECT/CT system for ultrafast precision imaging

Breakthrough innovations such as RapidAI stroke diagnostics and advanced precision imaging platforms further strengthen early detection and timely clinical intervention.

[50]**Specialised Care Initiatives.** Jeevan. On Founder's Day, 28th December 2025, Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital launched Jeevan, a dedicated extension of the hospital designed to support patients requiring ongoing and specialised medical care (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/sir-h-n-reliance-foundation-hospital-research-centre). Figure 1.33 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Hospital JEEVAN.

[50] Reliance Foundation (2026) Sir *H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/sir-h-n-reliance-foundation-hospital-research-centre [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.33 Reliance Foundation Hospital JEEVAN

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"The centre focuses on chronic disease management and advanced day-care therapies including chemotherapy, immunotherapy, dialysis, paediatric chemotherapy care, and specialised day-care services. [51]Jeevan also provides specialised care for chronic liver diseases through albumin infusion therapies, offers transfusion treatments for complex haematological conditions such as Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassemia Major, and includes sleep study diagnostics for the evaluation and management of sleep-related disorders. **Upcoming Services.** Further strengthening its clinical infrastructure, Reliance Foundation Hospital has introduced new dedicated ICU floors in March 2026 and a specialised bone marrow transplant unit. An advanced ambulatory care centre is also planned. These additions reinforce the hospital's capability to

[51] Reliance Foundation (2026) Sir *H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/sir-h-n-reliance-foundation-hospital-research-centre [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

deliver highly specialised, multidisciplinary care while enhancing service excellence and patient experience" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/sir-h-n-reliance-foundation-hospital-research-centre). Figure 1.34 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Health Outreach Initiatives.

Figure 1.34 Reliance Foundation Health Outreach Initiatives

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According to Reliance Foundation (2026) Access to quality and affordable healthcare is critical for improving overall health, identifying preventable diseases, and managing existing medical conditions. Through prompt, reliable and quality healthcare early diagnosis and intervention, can significantly improve treatment outcomes and save lives. [52]Reliance Foundation's Health Outreach initiatives aim to achieve this by providing access to medical care, particularly for vulnerable communities which make a positive difference in the lives of millions. Through Mobile Medical Units (MMUs), Static Medical Units (SMUs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), and periodic health camps across states including Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, the programme has facilitated over 8.1 million consultations, benefiting vulnerable patients. The Health Outreach programme is an

[52] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Health Outreach Initiatives*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/health-outreach-initiatives [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

optimal, cost-effective, high-quality replicable working model to provide an all–encompassing preventive and primary healthcare care. It complements the available secondary and tertiary systems for low-resource clients (urban slum and chawl dwellers as well as the rural population) by providing free primary and preventive health care services at the doorstep of the needy. The programme has a pyramid design. At the base, a team of health workers and nurses provide preventive health screening in the community. A unique, community engagement initiative, designed based on community needs, it enables promotive and preventive health and disease detection, especially for Non-Communicable Diseases at people's homes. The door-to-door health service is followed by camps in the same communities- focusing on high risk individuals for diagnosis confirmation, education and treatment initiation; all this leads to minimal loss to follow-up and maximal coverage. **Medical Mobile Units.** The Medical Mobile Units, equipped with advanced technology, including cloud-based software for efficient patient management, bring essential healthcare services to the doorstep of beneficiaries, addressing their medical needs. These are equipped with all essential medicines and point-of-care devices for quality primary care services. Static Medical Units complement the MMUs, offering diagnostic and consultation services focusing on chronic conditions like hypertension and diabetes. Skilled doctors, nurses, and social workers play a crucial role in providing primary medical care to patients in need, with focused initiatives for vulnerable groups. These units have been vital in providing crucial healthcare support during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in rural India. **Sir H.N. Reliance Health Outreach Programme - Delivering Free, Preventive and Curative Healthcare Since 2012.** Since its inception in 2012, the Sir H.N. Reliance Health Outreach Programme has been committed to extending high-quality, free healthcare services to underserved and vulnerable communities. Anchored in the philosophy of early detection, prevention, and continuity of care, the programme has evolved into a large-scale community health intervention addressing both immediate medical needs and long-term health outcomes[53] (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/health-outreach-initiatives). The next section will cover information about Reliance Foundation's education focus area in-depth.

[53] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Health Outreach Initiatives*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/health/health-outreach-initiatives [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

1.4.2.3 Education

"**Our Education Initiative. Impact at a Glance**

• Building evidence-based innovative models for early childhood development

• Nurturing students through quality school education[54]

• Empowering young minds through 50,000 scholarships in the next 10 years

• Facilitating world-class multi-disciplinary learning and research through Jio Institute

• Recognising teachers and educators, motivating them to strive for excellence" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://newuat.olive.co.in/rilfoundation/web/en/what-we-do/education). Reliance Foundation's vision for education in India will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.35 below.

Figure 1.35 Reliance Foundation's vision for education in India

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According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Ensuring access to quality education for all.** Education is at the heart of Reliance Foundation's vision for India and central to the country's

[54] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Education*. Available from: https://newuat.olive.co.in/rilfoundation/web/en/what-we-do/education [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

social and economic progress. At Reliance Foundation, we firmly believe that children and young people, when with the right opportunities, possess the potential to accomplish remarkable feats. [55]Our Founder-Chairperson, Mrs. Nita Mukesh Ambani, a passionate educator at heart, embarked on a journey to empower the children and youth - the future of the country. Our commitment, therefore, extends across the entire educational spectrum, from a strong grounding through early childhood education initiatives through to facilitating access to global quality, high-quality higher education. Our approach. Aligned with the needs of the future, Reliance Foundation uses a two-pronged approach to accelerate India's educational quotient, through initiatives spanning primary, secondary and tertiary education:

• Nurturing India's youth and future global leaders to develop solutions to India's challenges and, in parallel, ensuring equitable access to education for all

• Developing world-class institutions that serve as models to transform and strengthen the country's education system

Reliance Foundation's educational initiatives strive to enhance quality access to education for all. These contribute towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals 4 (quality education), Goal 8 (decent work and economic growth) and Goal 10 (reduced inequalities). "It is my goal to see that every child in India gets the right to education and the right to play." - Mrs Nita M. AmbaniFounder-Chairperson, Reliance Foundation. Critical phases of intervention in education such as early childhood, school, and higher education with components including sports and digital skills amongst others, have positively impacted the lives of countless young individuals in India and laid the foundation for their future where they can thrive and achieve their potential. Major challenges in access to a meaningful education remain for the most disadvantaged population of India. Improving learning outcomes requires strategic reforms and interventions at all levels of the education system and there is a need to close these gaps. Studies show that intervention in early childhood capitalizes on a period of rich brain development for children and can help them achieve their full potential. It can lay the foundation for good health and nutrition,

[55] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Education*. Available from: https://newuat.olive.co.in/rilfoundation/web/en/what-we-do/education [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

learning and educational success, social-emotional learning, and economic productivity throughout life. Thus, Reliance Foundation's engagement is not just in early childhood education but also in primary, secondary, and tertiary education to provide a stepping stone for upward mobility through increased confidence, access to enhanced education opportunities, and increased earning capacity, also enabling them to contribute towards the financial wellbeing of their families. As Scholarships play a crucial role in ensuring equitable access to education while empowering youth to pursue their dreams, Reliance Foundation decided to take this commitment to the deepest level becoming the single largest corporate scholarship provider in India through the Reliance Foundation Scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships. **How Reliance Foundation Works in the Education Sphere**

• Reliance Foundation's work in the education sector encompasses end-to-end support spanning primary, secondary, and tertiary education[56].

• Focuses on the holistic development of a child in every sphere of his/her educational path with a comprehensive long-term approach for quality education contributing towards SDG.

• Reliance Foundation is putting in place a long-term plan that focuses on current needs and priority areas in this space, while working closely with the Government and experts.

• Reliance Foundation Scholarships are the largest private scholarship initiative for higher education in India, to nurture and empower meritorious students, to pursue higher education, emerge as young professionals, and drive India's growth.

• Jio Institute, a multi-disciplinary higher education institute combines the best international faculty and thought leaders with an enriching student experience for world-class education.

• Reliance Foundation also recognises and celebrates India's teachers and motivates them to strive for excellence through Reliance Foundation Teacher Awards while building a stronger programme for the teaching fraternity[57].

[56] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Education*. Available from: https://newuat.olive.co.in/rilfoundation/web/en/what-we-do/education [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Beyond Education. Today, the focus extends beyond rote learning and standardised testing and includes providing people with the skills and competencies necessary for success in a changing and uncertain environment. Education for 21st-century skills should equip students with the skills and knowledge required not only for academic success but also for personal and professional growth. Explore Reliance Foundation's initiatives and learn more about how we are shaping a brighter future for the youth of India (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://newuat.olive.co.in/rilfoundation/web/en/what-we-do/education). Figure 1.36 will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's Early Childhood & Care programme.

Figure 1.36 Reliance Foundation's Early Childhood & Care programme

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"**Early Childhood Care & Education.** Advancing developmentally appropriate outcomes for children Early childhood care and education is key to a child's development in the early years, as over 85% of a child's cumulative brain development occurs prior to the age of six (National Education Policy 2020). Children learn best during their early years through exploration, curiosity, and imaginative play. [58]It is a world of wonder where they build connections,

[57] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Education*. Available from: https://newuat.olive.co.in/rilfoundation/web/en/what-we-do/education [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

[58] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Early Childhood Care & Education*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/the-foundational-years-early-childhood-care-education [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

understanding, and a love for learning that lasts a lifetime. Reliance Foundation recognises the transformative power of play-based learning during the foundational stage and has, since 2022, aimed to make developmentally rich play-based learning a widespread norm across India's early education system through the Early Childhood Care and Education programme. Reliance Foundation's Early Childhood Care and Education programme, in partnership with the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme in Maharashtra and the Women Development and Child Welfare (WD&CW) Department in Telangana, is dedicated to strengthening early childhood education in India. By providing innovative models for capacity building, community engagement, and creating enabling environments at Anganwadis, the programme aims to lay a strong foundation for lifelong learning and development. Creating conducive teaching-learning environment. Reliance Foundation aims to create nurturing spaces that inspire curiosity, creativity, and holistic growth for young learners, fostering a brighter and exciting learning experience through a network of Anganwadi Learning Labs (AWLLs) and State ECCE Resource Labs (SERLs) in Maharashtra and Telangana. These nurturing environments also serve as demonstration, training, learning, and innovation spaces for Anganwadi staff. Reliance Foundation is investing in the redevelopment of AWLLs by upgrading key infrastructure, including enhanced kitchen and storage areas, access to purified drinking water, and dedicated outdoor play spaces. The redevelopment also introduces play equipment such as swings and slides, a nutrition garden, a range of educational toys, teaching-learning materials such as books, flashcards, and building blocks, as well as digital tools like a smart TV and laptop. In addition, child-friendly WASH facilities and age-appropriate furniture are being provided to create a safe, engaging, and developmentally supportive environment for children. The Anganwadis that are re-developed also incorporate Building as Learning Aid (BaLA) concepts in their design and murals inspired by local art forms, culture, and heritage. Building strong foundation through capacity building. [59]Capacity building is a key pillar of Reliance Foundation's ECCE programme, with focused training of Anganwadi staff playing a critical role in strengthening classroom practices and, in turn, improving child development and learning outcomes. Aligned

[59] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Early Childhood Care & Education*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/the-foundational-years-early-childhood-care-education [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

with the emphasis on play-based learning in NEP 2020, Reliance Foundation's ECCE programme focuses on nurturing playful practitioners to create joyful and engaging classrooms. Its trainings are designed to be interactive and experiential, with a strong focus on language and cognitive development activities linked to foundational literacy and numeracy outcomes. Conducted within Anganwadi-Level Learning Labs (AWLLs), these trainings offer an ideal setting for Anganwadi staff to directly connect theory with practice, while ongoing onsite support from field teams helps reinforce learnings and strengthen the application of skills in real classroom contexts. Parent and community engagement. Parents, caregivers, and the community play a critical role in a child's development, especially during the early years. Reliance Foundation's ECCE programme recognises this by forming parent groups and providing them with guidance and support to engage children in meaningful activities at home, helping create a stimulating learning environment. Initiatives such as the celebration of ECCE Day, School Readiness Melas, and other ECCE-related events further strengthen ECCE awareness among stakeholders, enabling families to actively support their children's learning and development at home"[60] (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/the-foundational-years-early-childhood-care-education). Figure 1.37 will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's Foundational Literacy and Numeracy initiative.

[60] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Early Childhood Care & Education*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/the-foundational-years-early-childhood-care-education [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.37 Reliance Foundation's Foundational Literacy and Numeracy initiative

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According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy.** Bridging the learning gap with Foundational Literacy and Numeracy. Building on the Government of India's NIPUN Bharat Mission to achieve universal Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) for children across India, LiftEd – a unique $18mn outcomes-based initiative – has benefitted 4 million children in India across 15+ states. [61]As we mark four years of the NIPUN Bharat Mission, LiftEd is demonstrating how the private sector and civil society can come together through innovative financing structures to support and strengthen the government's intent to universalise FLN by 2026-27. Reliance Foundation is a founding partner of LiftEd along with the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, Bridges Outcomes Partnerships, the Maitri Trust, Atlassian, Standard Chartered Bank, and UBS Optimus Foundation. The British Asian Trust is the programme leader and Central Square Foundation and Dalberg Advisors are design and technical partners. LiftEd stands out for its innovative finance model and systemic impact. Using principles of outcomes-based financing, funding is tied to measurable results, ensuring

[61] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Foundational Literacy and Numeracy*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/foundational-literacy-and-numeracy [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

transparency, accountability, and efficiency. Instead of creating a parallel system, LiftEd strengthens the existing education ecosystem though three key interventions:

1. Development Impact Bond (DIB):

Partners with state governments in five states (Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi NCR, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar). Focuses on improving governance, transforming administrators into educators, and establishing effective classroom practices across public schools. Measures progress using children's learning assessments as defined by NIPUN Bharat alongside 'Systemic Shift Indicators' that track outcomes such as effective teacher mentorship and integration of FLN data within block review meetings. The education partners leading the implementation of the DIB are Kaivalya Education Foundation, Language and Learning Foundation, Peepul, and Pratham Education Foundation.

2. EdTech Accelerator:

Develops high-quality, contextually relevant EdTech solutions to improve FLN for children from low-income families across 15+ states. Shapes the future of tech-based home learning for FLN by scaling effective EdTech solutions and generating deeper evidence on what works. Supports partners to solve specific anchor challenges to improve scale, engagement, and product contextualisation for low-income segments. The EdTech partners are Chimple, Ei Mindspark, Pratham Education Foundation, Rocket Learning, Sesame Workshop India, ThinkZone, and Top Parent.

3. District Innovation Challenge:

A unique, state-level innovation challenge in partnership with a large state in east India to incentivise districts to improve FLN outcomes. LiftEd's innovative approach ensures it benefits millions of children over time by strengthening the education system itself. [62]For example, in the DIB's first year alone, the education partners have encouraged as many as 60% of government

[62] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Foundational Literacy and Numeracy*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/foundational-literacy-and-numeracy [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

meetings at the block level to regularly review FLN data and plans, translating these into concrete actions that improve FLN. Ultimately, LiftEd demonstrates the power of collaboration between civil society, government, and private sector (samaj-sarkar-bazar), unlocking the potential of young learners and reshaping India's education landscape (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/foundational-literacy-and-numeracy). Figure 1.38 will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's Nita Mukesh Ambani Junior School.

Figure 1.38 Reliance Foundation's Nita Mukesh Ambani Junior School

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"**Nita Mukesh Ambani Junior School.** Nita Mukesh Ambani Junior School (NMAJS) is a co-educational IB World School offering the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) from Early Years through Grade 5, and the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in the upper grades, across its Jio World Centre and Bandra-Kurla Complex campuses. [63]Rooted in the DAIS (Dhirubhai Ambani International School) philosophy, NMAJS is committed to the holistic development of every child—intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and ethical. Learning is

[63] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Nita Mukesh Ambani Junior School*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/nita-mukesh-ambani-junior-school [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

designed to be joyful, purposeful, and deeply engaging, nurturing curiosity, agency, and a lifelong love of learning. With a 1:5 teacher–student ratio, learners benefit from highly personalised attention and strong relationships that support both academic growth and wellbeing. Open, flexible, and thoughtfully designed learning spaces—indoors and outdoors—encourage inquiry, collaboration, reflection, and experiential learning beyond traditional classroom boundaries. Through innovative pedagogy, evolving curriculum design, and future-ready environments, NMAJS empowers students to think critically, act creatively, collaborate meaningfully, and communicate with confidence—preparing them not just for the next stage of schooling, but for life" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/nita-mukesh-ambani-junior-school). Figure 1.39 will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's Dhirubhai Ambani International School.

Figure 1.39 Reliance Foundation's Dhirubhai Ambani International School

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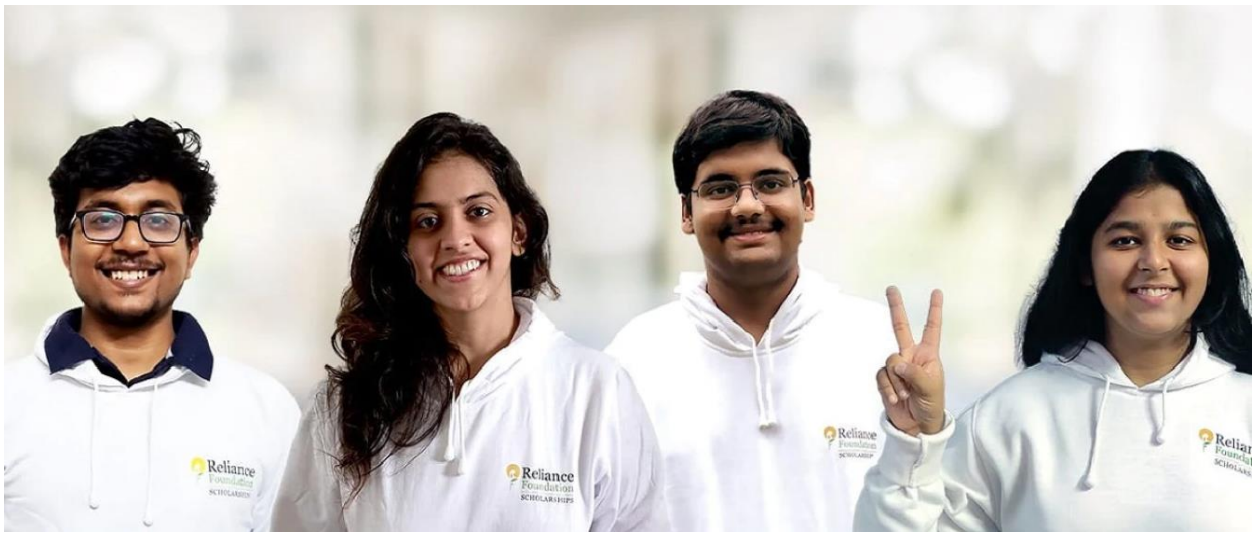
According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Dhirubhai Ambani International School.** Nurturing young minds through excellent education. Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS) is a K–12 co-educational international day school committed to the holistic development of every

child—intellectual, emotional, physical, and ethical. [64]Established in 2003 by its Founder and Chairperson, **Mrs Nita M. Ambani**, an educationist, philanthropist, and advocate for balanced education, DAIS was envisioned as a safe, inclusive, and intellectually vibrant learning community where young people are encouraged to thrive. DAIS offers a rich and rigorous academic pathway through the **ICSE**, **IGCSE**, and the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)**, enabling students to pursue academic excellence while developing curiosity, resilience, integrity, and a strong sense of purpose. Equal emphasis is placed on wellbeing, values, creativity, sport, and service, ensuring that learning extends meaningfully beyond the classroom. The school's accomplished and diverse faculty — drawn from India and across the world — bring deep expertise, cultural perspective, and a shared commitment to learner-centred pedagogy. This diversity enriches classroom practice and nurtures globally minded students grounded in empathy and respect. DAIS's sustained commitment to excellence has been consistently recognised nationally and internationally. The school has been **ranked among the top 15 IB schools globally for seven consecutive years (2019–2025)** and **No. 1 IB School in India and South Asia** during the same period by Education Advisers. DAIS has also been recognised by EducationWorld as the **No. 1 International School in India for 12 consecutive years (2013–2024)** and, in 2025, as **India's No. 1 Ivy League International School with a five-star rating** — reflecting excellence across curriculum and pedagogy, faculty quality, student wellbeing, leadership, sports education, and inclusive learning support. DAIS is **proudly an international school with an Indian mind, heart, and soul**, rooted in India's values while preparing students to engage thoughtfully, confidently, and responsibly with the world. Dhirubhai Ambani International School website: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/dhirubhai-ambani-international-school). Figure 1.40 will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Scholarships.

[64] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Dhirubhai Ambani International School*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/dhirubhai-ambani-international-school [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.40 Reliance Foundation Scholarships



Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/reliance-foundation-scholarships). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Reliance Foundation Scholarships**. Nurturing India's youth and future leaders. Reliance has been providing scholarships to meritorious students for over 29 years, inspired by its Founder-Chairman Shri Dhirubhai Ambani's belief that the best way to ensure the nation's progress is to invest in its youth. Reliance Foundation Scholarships aim to nurture and empower students, enabling them to pursue higher education. [65]In pursuing a brighter tomorrow, Reliance Foundation recognises the transformative power of education and the pivotal role of scholarships in making this a reality for many young people. Over the years, these scholarships have touched the lives of over 33,000 deserving students in India, opening doors of opportunity and nurturing future leaders. The Dhirubhai Ambani Scholarship (DAS), established in 1996, awards scholarships to students from underprivileged backgrounds. It empowers outstanding students to pursue their dreams of higher education, regardless of financial constraints. With 12,776 students benefitting from DAS across India, the impact reaches far and wide, embracing diversity and inclusivity. In 2020-21, the Reliance Foundation Scholarships (RFS) took flight, aiming to support India's brightest youth in fields like Artificial

[65] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Reliance Foundation Scholarships*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/reliance-foundation-scholarships [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Intelligence, Computer Sciences, Mathematics & Computing, and Electrical and/or Electronics Engineering. The rigorous selection process identifies 100 exceptional students annually, enabling them to soar and lead India's technological growth. In December 2022, on the occasion of the 90th birth anniversary of Shri Dhirubhai Ambani, Founder - Chairman of Reliance Industries Limited, Reliance Foundation announced that it will significantly strengthen its commitment to youth, awarding 50,000 scholarships over the next 10 years for students pursuing higher education in India. Since 2022-2023, Reliance Foundation has been supporting 5,100 students annually, including 5,000 meritorious undergraduate students from underprivileged sections of society studying any stream of their choice through the Reliance Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships, and 100 of India's brightest postgraduate students studying eligible subjects in new technologies through the Reliance Foundation Postgraduate Scholarships[66] (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/reliance-foundation-scholarships). Figure 1.41 will help to clearly depict the Jio Institute learning environment.

[66] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Reliance Foundation Scholarships*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/reliance-foundation-scholarships [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.41 The Jio Institute learning environment

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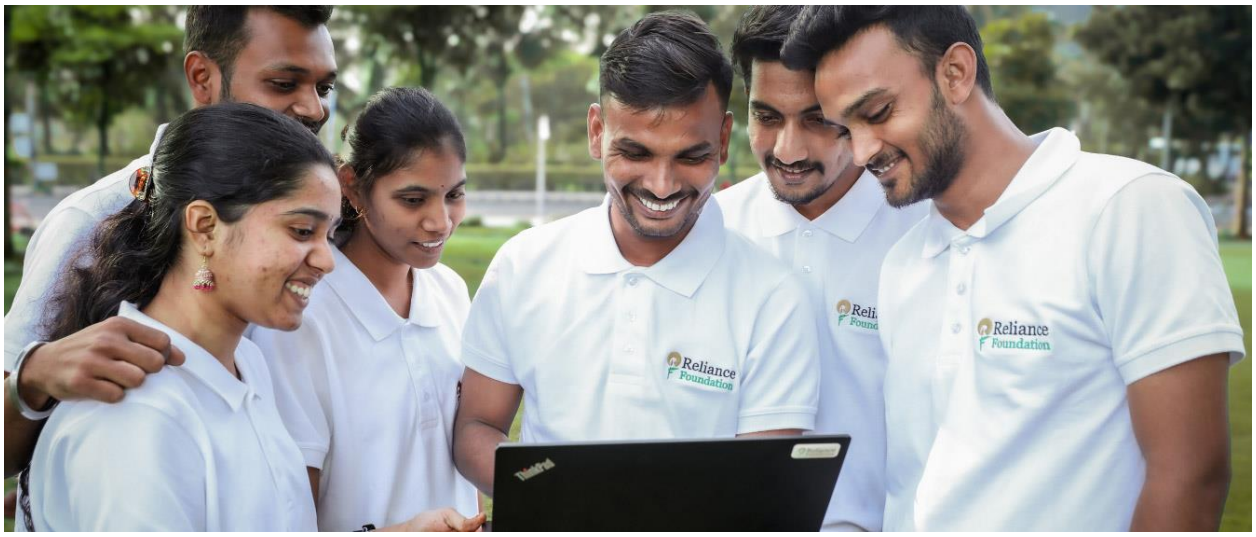
"**Jio Institute.** Developing world-class tertiary educational institutions. In education, higher learning stands as a vital transition and transformation phase, unlocking the full potential of young minds and shaping their futures. [67]At the heart of this pursuit lies Jio Institute, a multi-disciplinary higher education institution set-up by the Reliance Foundation Institution of Education and Research (RFIER) in Navi Mumbai. With a steadfast commitment to excellence, Jio Institute aspires to be an institution of global repute, rooted in Indian values. Dedicated to pursuing excellence, Jio Institute takes great pride in bringing together global scholars and thought leaders to foster an enriching student experience. The Institute empowers students to become the torchbearers of change through world-class education, relevant research platforms, and a culture of innovation. It boasts state-of-the-art facilities at the Ulwe campus, encompassing internal amenities like classrooms, fully-furnished residences, collaborative spaces, laboratories and high performance gymnasium along with external facilities like state-of-the-art athelti, an open-air amphitheatre, an academic lawn and beautiful campus landscapes. The Institute offers three one-year, full-time residential postgraduate programmes (PGPs) in Artificial Intelligence &

[67] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Jio Institute*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/jio-institute [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Data Science, Management (specialisation in Marketing & Finance), and Sports Management. Recognising the need for upskilling, reskilling, and continuous learning in contemporary business, Jio Institute offers customised Executive Education programmes in areas such as AI & Digital Transformation, Strategy & Leadership, Retail Management, Women Leadership, and more. It provides professionals with an immersive learning experience, combining insights from global experts, cross-sector peer networking, and a transformative academic journey. It also offers a range of continuing education programmes tailored for diverse age groups and disciplines, including summer programmes, K-12 educator development initiatives, and courses in emerging fields such as AI, Data Science, Technology, Digital Marketing, and FinTech. The Institute advances knowledge through cutting-edge research. The faculty are actively engaged in impactful fields like biomedical sciences, materials, and computer vision. These efforts drive scientific advancements and address key challenges in technology, having published in high-impact journals including Nature, Nano Letters, IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging and more. Since its establishment, Jio Institute has contributed to the UN SDG 4, promoting accessible and equitable quality education" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/jio-institute). Figure 1.42 will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Skilling Programme.

Figure 1.42 Reliance Foundation Skilling Programme



Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/skilling-initiatives). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Skilling.** Skilling and knowledge-building are key drivers of economic growth and social development. With India being home to one-fifth of the world's youth population, skilling youth is central to realising our collective aspirations. [68]India's young people need to remain relevant, future-ready and agile in today's rapidly evolving world while having equal access to opportunities to shape their futures and that of the nation, no matter where they come from. Reliance Foundation's **Skilling Programme** equips youth with the right skills and connects them to opportunities, acting as a catalyst for their career growth. The programme goes beyond just imparting skills; it shapes competent and confident individuals, preparing them for success and excellence in their chosen area of work. Notably, the programme has enabled several young people from marginalised backgrounds to find meaningful employment and build their lives. The skilling programme encompasses initiatives that target youth with varying educational and skill competencies. Reliance Foundation Skilling Academy. To address the ongoing challenges of the youth, Reliance Foundation is committed to launching comprehensive initiatives that offer industry-relevant skilling. These programs equip young people with both hard and soft skills essential for thriving in today's evolving job market. In

[68] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Skilling Initiatives*. Available *from*: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/skilling-initiatives [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

2024, the programme took a significant step forward with the adoption of a digital delivery model through the **Reliance Foundation Skilling Academy**, a platform dedicated to preparing India's youth with skills relevant to jobs of the future. The platform quips youth with essential skills for current and future industries through self-paced courses, complemented by personalised mentorship to help individuals navigate their career landscape with expert insights. Further, it also connects individuals with relevant job opportunities, offering support at every step — from resume building to recommendations — facilitating continuous career advancement. Future-Ready Skills. The Future-Ready Skills initiative leverages Reliance Foundation's partnership with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to offer youth in higher education institutes state-of-the-art courses in fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Cybersecurity Environmental Sustainability, Policy Analysis, and more. Through this initiative, Reliance Foundation envisions a future-ready India, where technology and education converge to sculpt tomorrow's leaders. 21st Century Skills. The 21st Century Skills initiative enables youth to embark on careers in BFSI, logistics, Hospitality, and other sectors after empowering them with problem-solving, digital literacy, communication, financial, and other skills essential in the present day. Through its Skilling Programme, Reliance Foundation is committed to empowering India's youth. By facilitating access to quality education, skill development, and employment opportunities, it is not only helping young individuals secure a better future but is also contributing to the economic growth and social development of the nation[69] (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/skilling-initiatives). The following section will cover Reliance Foundation's Sports for Development in-depth.

1.4.2.4 Sports For Development

Reliance Foundation and Mrs. Nita M. Ambani called the second edition of United in Triumph will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.43 below.

[69] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Skilling Initiatives*. Available *from*: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/education/skilling-initiatives [Accessed May 13, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.43 Reliance Foundation and Mrs. Nita M. Ambani called the second edition of United in Triumph

Source: Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/media/media-release/united_in_triumph). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Mrs. Nita M Ambani: On behalf of every Indian, we are going to honour World Cup Champions tonight. Mumbai, 5th January 2026**: Mrs. Nita M Ambani called the second edition of United in Triumph a thank you on behalf of every Indian to India's three World Cup winning teams: men's, women's and blind women in Mumbai on Monday. [70]Mrs. Ambani said, "I think we are starting the New Year's with a very special occasion. All three cricket teams, the men's cricket team, the women's cricket team and the blind cricket team of India are all here under one roof, and on behalf of every Indian, we are going to honour them tonight for giving us so much joy and happiness." Speaking about the unique power of sport and its transformational impact, Mrs. Ambani said, “Sport joins hearts and India. Today we are united in triumph. We are going to celebrate them and celebrate their victories.” At the heart of the celebration were India’s three World Cup–winning captains — Rohit Sharma, Harmanpreet Kaur and Deepika TC — whose leadership, resilience and belief have shaped historic victories and inspired a nation. The evening also saw the presence of the three World

[70] Reliance Foundation, (2026) *Mrs. Nita M Ambani: On behalf of every Indian, we are going to honour World Cup Champions tonight*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/media/media-release/united_in_triumph [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Cup–winning team players Jasprit Bumrah, Suryakumar Yadav, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues and Ganga Kadam, alongside cricketing greats Sachin Tendulkar, Sunil Gavaskar and Ravichandran Ashwin, Olympic and Paralympic legends including Murlikant Petkar, Deepa Malik and Devendra Jhajharia, and leading figures from Indian cinema – Amitabh Bachchan and Shah Rukh Khan - creating a rare and powerful confluence of India's most admired icons. United in Triumph reflects Mrs. Ambani's vision of sport as a force for excellence, inclusion and unity, celebrating not just victories, but the values and purpose that define India's sporting journey (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/media/media-release/united_in_triumph). Figure 1.44 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's passion for sport science support.

Figure 1.44 Reliance Foundation's passion for sport science support

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development). © 2026. All rights reserved.

""**Nurturing India's sporting ecosystem.** Impact at a Glance

• Nurturing a passion for sports at the grassroots[71]

[71] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Nurturing India's sporting ecosystem*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• Creating platforms for scouting and developing sporting talent through leagues and competitions

• Providing world-class coaching and sports science support

• Providing quality infrastructure

• Enabling female athletes' participation and success

At Reliance Foundation, we believe in the transformative power of sports. At the heart of Sports for Development initiatives, the goal is to cultivate lifelong learning, build character, and foster leadership skills among India's youth — the architects of our nation's future. **In all of human history, there has never been a more magical force to promote peace, friendship, health, fitness, motivation, and joy — than sport.- Mrs Nita M. Ambani** Founder-Chairperson, Reliance Foundation. We are committed to building a fitter, more active India. Over the past decade, our comprehensive sporting interventions have positively impacted the lives of over **23.02 million** children and youngsters. Reliance Foundation aims to work with like-minded public and private stakeholders of sport to develop a world-class sporting ecosystem in India with the ultimate aim of helping Indian athletes excel at the highest levels of global sport. **Our Focus Areas:**

• **Developing Football** - Our initiatives aim to elevate Indian football by increasing participation and enhancing the pipeline of Indian football talent for the national team and professional clubs. Our initiatives impact the lives of athletes across their journey, starting as young as five to when they become elite footballers. We look to impact the ecosystem, supporting coaches, referees and infrastructure development[72]

[72] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Nurturing India's sporting ecosystem*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• **Growing the School/College sports ecosystem** – We aim to build a strong foundation for India's sporting future by promoting sports in educational institutions. This includes inter-institutional competitions, athlete scholarships, infrastructure grants, and PE teacher training.

• **Growing the Olympic Movement** - Growing the Olympic Movement – In this area, we aim to increase India's medal account at international competitions in multiple Olympic sports. We provide scholarships to athletes in 10+ Olympic sports providing world-class support in multiple areas including sports science and medicine, technology, coaching, exposure, equipment, education among others. In addition, we are focused on the long-term growth of Olympic sports through partnerships with international, national, and state sports organisations[73].

• Growing the Olympic Movement

• School and College ecosystem

• Developing The Football Ecosystem"" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development). Figure 1.45 below will clearly help to depict Reliance Foundation Youth Sports.

[73] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Nurturing India's sporting ecosystem*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.45 Reliance Foundation Youth Sports

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According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **School and College ecosystem. Reliance Foundation Youth Sports** is a country-wide, platform for school and college student athletes, aiming aims to broaden the reach of sports. [74]It also supports development of sporting infrastructure in schools and provides free training to PE teachers. **Nine million children across over 14,000 schools and colleges in 26 states and union territories** have participated in the programme since its inception in 2016. More than **800 coaches** have been upskilled with RFYS-sponsored D License coaching certification in association with the AIFF. To provide access to football in areas that receive little support, RFYS has expanded its reach to regions like Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and most recently in Kashmir, by partnering with the Department of Higher Education (Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir) and the University of Kashmir (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-

[74] Reliance Foundation (2026) *School and College Ecosystem*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/school-and-college-ecosystem [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

development/school-and-college-ecosystem). Figure 1.46 below will clearly help to depict Reliance Foundation passion to develop sporting talents through leagues and competitions

Figure 1.46 Reliance Foundation passion to develop sporting talents through leagues and competitions

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Figure 1.47 below will clearly help to depict Reliance Foundation Junior NBA programme.

Figure 1.47 Reliance Foundation Junior NBA programme

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"Since 2013, Reliance Foundation has collaborated with the NBA (National Basketball Association – USA) to encourage more kids to play basketball. [75]The **Reliance Foundation Junior NBA** programme delivers world-class basketball education to schools nationwide, inspiring children to embrace the sport and adopt a healthy, active lifestyle. Over 13 million school going children across 13,000+ schools have benefited from the programme" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-

[75] Reliance Foundation (2026) *School and College Ecosystem*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/school-and-college-ecosystem [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

development/school-and-college-ecosystem). Figure 1.48 below will clearly help to depict the Exemplary Global Business Leader Smt. Nita M. Ambani (Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation) and Reliance Foundation's 'The Education and Sports for All (ESA)' initiative.

Figure 1.48 The Exemplary Global Business Leader Smt. Nita M. Ambani (Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation) and Reliance Foundation's 'The Education and Sports for All (ESA)' initiative

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/school-and-college-ecosystem). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **The Education and Sports for All (ESA)** initiative advocates holistic development and equal opportunities in education and sports for children. [76]Every year, Reliance Foundation supports thousands of children, bringing them joy and celebration through engaging educational and sports activities. Each year, the ESA Day provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for children from NGOs to experience an Indian Premier League game. In 2023, the day was dedicated to inspiring the girl child, where over 19,000 young girls from 36 NGOs and 200 special children watched a Mumbai Indians Indian Premier League match live at the Wankhede stadium – an experience Mrs. Ambani hoped would inspire more

[76] Reliance Foundation (2026) *School and College Ecosystem*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/school-and-college-ecosystem [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

girls to take up sports (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/school-and-college-ecosystem). Figure 1.49 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Support to Develop the Football Ecosystem.

Figure 1.49 Reliance Foundation Support to Develop the Football Ecosystem

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/developing-the-football-ecosystem). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**Developing The Football Ecosystem.** To support the growth of Indian football, we run various initiatives to increase participation and improve the quality of talent in football. [77]Beginning from the age of five, our initiatives lay emphasis on the development of grassroots football in our country" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/developing-the-football-ecosystem). Figure 1.50 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Sports Football Pathway.

[77] Reliance Foundation (2026) *School and College Ecosystem*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/developing-the-football-ecosystem [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.50 Reliance Foundation Sports Football Pathway

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Figure 1.51 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) academy.

Figure 1.51 Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) academy

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/developing-the-football-ecosystem). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC)** academy, launched in May 2015, helps identify talented young footballers and provides them an environment of excellence to unlock their potential both on and off the pitch. Our **360-**

degree approach ensures they get the best residential, educational, nutritional, sports and coaching facilities. [78]Supported entirely by the Reliance Foundation, each year RFYC offers fully funded scholarships to young talents from across the country following a comprehensive yearlong scouting process. Until now, 27 players from RFYC have signed professional contracts with ISL, I League Clubs from its first three graduating batches. Learn more at (https://www.rfyoungchamps.org/#about). **RFYC Naupang League,** launched in 2022, in collaboration with the Mizoram Football Association, strives to establish a hyper-local pathway to grassroots football and promote football in Mizoram, which produces some of the best footballers in the country. The inaugural season of Naupang League saw over 160 teams with more than 1,500 boys and girls take part. **Reliance Foundation Development League (RFDL)** serves as a **platform for the top U-21 football players,** encouraging participation and providing increased competitive game time. In 2023, the tournament, India's largest and most inclusive youth event, featured over 50 clubs across 9 regions, playing nearly 300+ games. Learn more at (https://www.rfyouthsports.com/football/rfdl/about-rfdl) (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/developing-the-football-ecosystem). Figure 1.52 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) Naupang League.

[78] Reliance Foundation (2026) *School and College Ecosystem*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/developing-the-football-ecosystem [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.52 Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) Naupang League

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/developing-the-football-ecosystem). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"Reliance Foundation also partnered with the **Premier League** to host the **Next Generation Cup,** which provides youth teams of Indian clubs with the invaluable opportunity to play competitive games with reserve teams of Premier League clubs"[79] (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/developing-the-football-ecosystem). The following section will cover Reliance Foundation Disaster Management in-depth.

1.4.2.5 Disaster Management

Figure 1.53 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation initiatives to make resilient and safe communities in India.

[79] Reliance Foundation (2026) *School and College Ecosystem*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/sports-for-development/developing-the-football-ecosystem [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.53 Reliance Foundation initiatives to make resilient and safe communities in India

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/disaster-management). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Towards resilient and safe communities.** As the disaster risk landscape is rapidly changing, it is imperative to invest in resilience for a safer future. Reliance Foundation aims to make communities and systems resilient by improving anticipatory, absorptive, adaptive and transformative capacities to the effects of disasters and climate change[80]. It is committed to strengthening disaster response systems, ensuring that people affected by disasters receive timely and quality humanitarian assistance, and enabling communities to better manage and recover from disasters. Reliance Foundation supports building

[80] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Disaster Management*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/disaster-management [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

safer, disaster-resilient communities in alignment with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Key objectives of our programme are:-

• Establishing collaborative action to address underlying risk factors to reduce exposure to hazards

• Augmenting local capacities in emergency preparedness and response

• Enhancing sectoral capacities for effective and timely disaster response

Strategies to accelerate disaster resilience. Reliance Foundation uses a holistic, proactive, technology-driven, and sustainable approach that engages all stakeholders and promotes a culture of prevention, preparedness, and mitigation. To accelerate disaster resilience, it implements a comprehensive seven-point strategy.

• Mainstreaming DRR for Sustainable Development – Capacity building of PRI members on integrating disaster risk considerations into sustainable development planning to safeguard lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure.

• Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) – Restoring mangroves, wetlands and other ecosystems to reduce disaster risks while enhancing environmental and community resilience through plantation and conservation measures.

• Climate-Resilient Livelihoods – Promoting climate-smart agriculture for strengthening agri-allied livelihoods to adapt to climate variability through resilient practices and risk-informed planning.

• Early Warning and Early Action (EWEA) – Translating timely, credible early warnings into community-level preparedness and anticipatory actions to minimise disaster impacts[81].

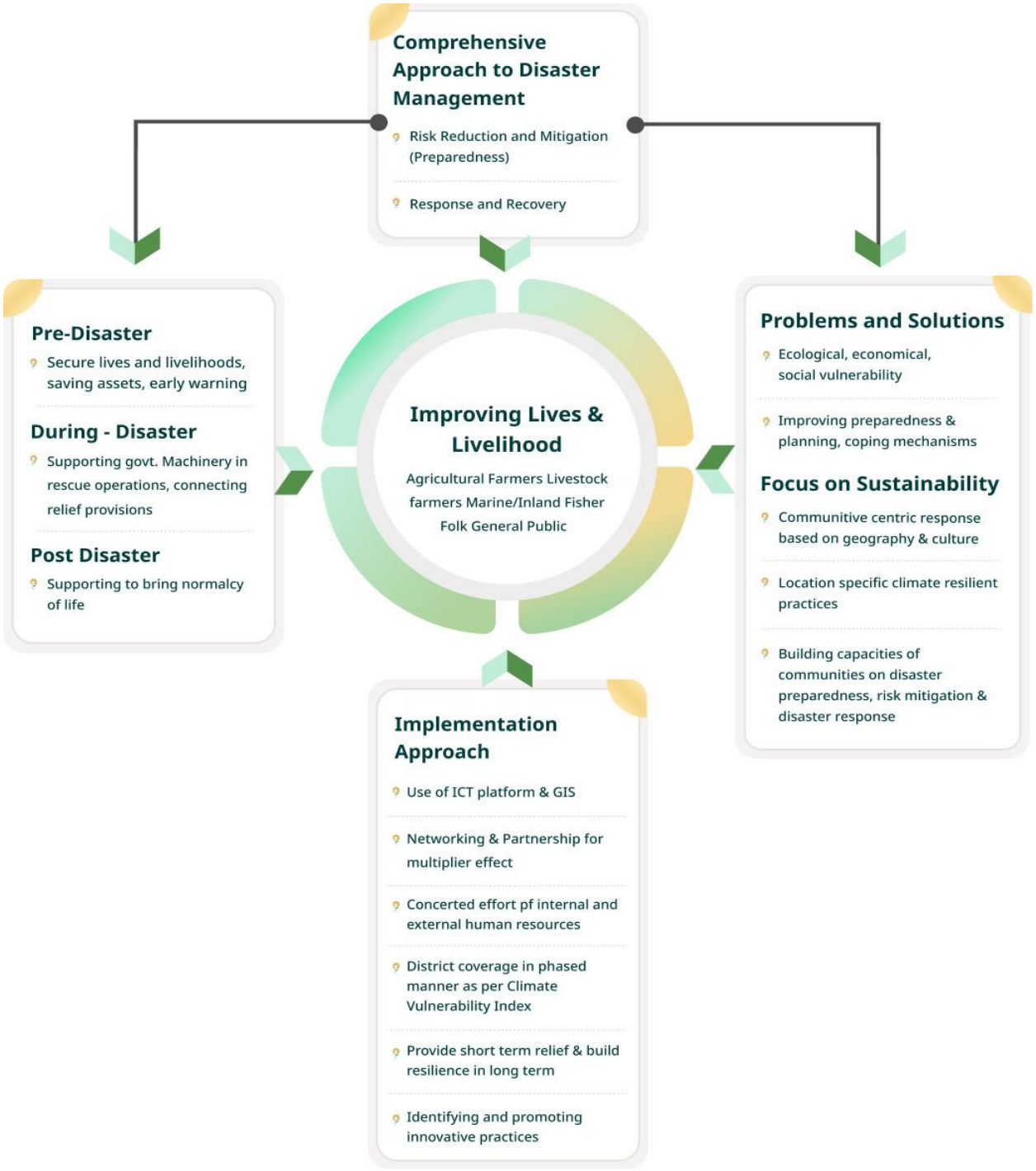
[81] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Disaster Management*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/disaster-management [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• Capacity Development for Disaster Preparedness – Enhancing institutional and community capabilities in Public Health Risk Management (PHRM), Livelihood Protection in Emergencies (LPE) and Crop Protection in Emergencies (CPE), to enable effective disaster preparedness and response.

• School Safety – Promoting safe learning environments through risk-informed school infrastructure, preparedness planning, and disaster awareness among children and educators.

• Surge Capacity – Strengthening disaster preparedness by increasing surge capacity and enhancing sectoral capabilities to enable effective and timely disaster response (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/disaster-management). Figure 1.54 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's Comprehensive Approach to Disaster Management in India.

Figure 1.54 Reliance Foundation's Comprehensive Approach to Disaster Management in India



Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/disaster-management). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"The Reliance Foundation Disaster Management Programme is ISO 9001:2015 compliant, reflecting its commitment to maintaining the highest standards of quality in programme design and implementation[82].

• Disaster Risk Reduction

• Disaster Preparedness

• Disaster Response" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/disaster-management). Figure 1.55 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's disaster risk reduction initiatives and a grassroots volunteer from Akhuapada village in Nerada Gram Panchayat of Bhadrak district.

[82] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Disaster Management*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/disaster-management [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.55 Reliance Foundation's disaster risk reduction initiatives and a grassroots volunteer from Akhuapada village in Nerada Gram Panchayat of Bhadrak district, India

(Reliance Foundation, 2025, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/stories/community-leader-advancing-nature-solutions). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2025) **A Community Leader Advancing Nature-Based Solutions.** Mrs Binapani Mangal, a grassroots volunteer from Akhuapada village in Nerada Gram Panchayat of Bhadrak district, has emerged as a committed changemaker through her active engagement with Reliance Foundation's disaster risk reduction initiatives. Located close to the Baitarani River, her village is highly flood-prone and increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. [83]Seasonal flooding, river overflows and extreme weather events are recurring realities for the community. These challenges have strengthened Binapani's resolve to work towards resilience and environmental protection. Over the past two years, she has played a pivotal role in advancing Nature-based Solutions in the district, particularly through palm conservation efforts. Reliance Foundation's palm seed plantation drives aim to strengthen coastal and riverine resilience and contribute to lightning hazard risk reduction, in line with guidance from the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA). Binapani has been at the

[83] Reliance Foundation (2025) *A Community Leader Advancing Nature-Based Solutions*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/stories/community-leader-advancing-nature-solutions [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

forefront of these initiatives, leading and supporting plantation drives across five Gram Panchayats in Bhandaripokhari block. During this period, she has contributed to the plantation of more than 10,000 palm seeds. Through sustained community mobilisation, she has engaged PRI members, youth volunteers and local residents, while raising awareness about the importance of palm conservation as a long-term resilience measure. Beyond plantation efforts, Binapani has participated in several Reliance Foundation programmes focused on climate-resilient livelihoods, strengthening her understanding of sustainable practices and community preparedness. Her journey underscores the power of community-led action in building disaster resilience and fostering environmental stewardship in vulnerable regions — demonstrating how local leadership can drive lasting, nature-positive change (Reliance Foundation, 2025, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/stories/community-leader-advancing-nature-solutions). The following section will cover Reliance Foundation Art, Culture and Heritage in-depth.

1.4.2.6 Art, Culture and Heritage

Figure 1.56 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's initiative to preserve and enrich India's cultural heritage and provision of a global stage for traditional artisans.

Figure 1.56 Reliance Foundation's initiative to preserve and enrich India's cultural heritage and provision of a global stage for traditional artisans

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/art-culture-heritage). © 2026. All rights reserved.

"**Art, Culture & Heritage Initiatives.** Preserving and enriching India's cultural heritage and providing a global stage for traditional artisans. Reliance Foundation has a deep commitment to preserving and supporting India's vibrant art and cultural heritage. Towards this end, Reliance continually explores innovative approaches to safeguard and promote Indian Arts, Culture, & Heritage. [84]Preserving, Promoting, and Providing Global Platforms**.** Reliance Foundation actively supports endeavours aimed at conserving India's cultural heritage for future generations. These efforts align with the goal of preserving and promoting the country's arts, culture, and heritage. In addition, the aim is to take Indian heritage to a global audience. Empowering Artisans**.** By enabling Indian artisans with essential infrastructure, platforms, and opportunities to showcase their invaluable work, Reliance Foundation empowers individuals who are carrying on India's ancient heritage. Diverse events including concerts, festivals, and exhibitions, help in the preservation of India's cultural legacy From traditional heritage to endangered art forms, the aim is to not only protect but also provide sustainable livelihoods for traditional artists and craftspeople" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/art-

[84] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Art, Culture and Heritage*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/art-culture-heritage [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

culture-heritage). The following section will cover information about Reliance Foundation's Women Empowerment in-depth.

1.4.2.7 Women Empowerment

Figure 1.57 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's women empowerment initiatives.

Figure 1.57 Reliance Foundation's women empowerment initiatives

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Women Empowerment. Impact at a Glance**

• 15,72,000 women and girls impacted through various programmes

• 10 lakh women empowered through the Swayamshree programme[85]

• 6,73,000 women and girls empowered through the WomenConnect Challenge (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment). ""Empowering women towards economic and social independence. Women are catalysts for a stronger, better world. Reliance Foundation is dedicated to empowering and enabling women to

[85] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Women Empowerment*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

drive transformative change in the economy, environment, and society. In diverse focus areas, including Rural Transformation, Health, Education, Sports for Development, Disaster Management, Arts, Culture, Heritage, and Urban Renewal, Reliance Foundation is dedicated to empowering women throughout the country. This is achieved through various strategic initiatives in the areas of leadership development, digital literacy, improving women's health, and broadening opportunities in education and sports. A truly developed world has to be an equal world. A world where women have equal voice, equal representation, equal access, and equal opportunities. - Mrs Nita M. Ambani Founder-Chairperson, Reliance Foundation. Our Approach:

Reliance Foundation has extensively worked with communities across India since 2010 to empower themselves and their societies in locally feasible ways through a three-pronged approach:

• **Enabling women-inclusive development planning and decision-making:** Increasing participation in households, institutions and community decision-making; supporting sustainable agriculture practices and climate resilience for food and nutrition security of women and children; and enabling better quality of life with improved access to drinking water.

• **Strengthening entrepreneurial and livelihood capabilities for women:** Increasing access to knowledge, livelihood skills, productive assets, markets, finance and technologies; promoting women entrepreneurship on diverse livelihood options both farm and non-farm and increasing participation of women in various value chains[86].

• **Enhancing access to basic entitlements for social security:** Supporting access to information, skills and resources securing basic entitlements and social security schemes

Explore the strategic interventions and learn more about how Reliance Foundation is cultivating a future where empowered women stand at the forefront of progress for positive change.

• Women Entrepreneurship

[86] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Women Empowerment*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

• Women and Girls in Sports

• Girls' Education

• Women's Health

• Her Circle

• Digital Empowerment for women

• Women Leadership""[87] (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment). Figure 1.58 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation's women entrepreneurship initiatives.

[87] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Women Empowerment*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.58 Reliance Foundation's women entrepreneurship initiatives

(Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment/women-entrepreneurship). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Women Entrepreneurship. Fuelling women's entrepreneurial dreams.** In 2023, Reliance Foundation and Gates Foundation came together to empower one million women entrepreneurs in three states in India, by strengthening women collectives, testing and scaling innovations, and establishing replicable models of entrepreneurship with women-led enterprises. [88]The Swayamshree programme has achieved a milestone of reaching 10 lakh women across Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Odisha to enhance their household incomes up to a minimum of Rs. 1 lakh per annum. The programme is working in close collaboration with each of the State Rural Livelihood Missions and is being implemented by on-ground NGO implementation partners. The programme, in collaboration with Reliance Foundation, the Gates Foundation and the State Rural Livelihood Missions of the three states, has empowered more than 3.25 lakh women towards becoming Lakhpati Didis. As Swayamshree builds momentum in collaboration with the government, private sector, philanthropic, and grassroots partners, it is establishing a model for inclusive development to strengthen women's livelihoods that is both impactful and replicable (Reliance Foundation,

[88] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Women Entrepreneurship*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment/women-entrepreneurship [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment/women-entrepreneurship). Figure 1.59 below will help to clearly depict The WomenLeaders India Fellowship, powered by Reliance Foundation.

Figure 1.59 The WomenLeaders India Fellowship, powered by Reliance Foundation

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment/women-leadership). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Women Leadership. WomenLeaders India Fellowship: Cultivating change agents.** The WomenLeaders India Fellowship, powered by Reliance Foundation with technical inputs from Vital Voices, is a leadership development programme focused on advancing women's leadership in India. [89]Launched in 2022, the fellowship has, to date, supported two cohorts, empowering a total of 100 women leaders from across the social sector. Across its first two rounds, the 10-month fellowship engaged 50 fellows per cohort working in areas including Rural Transformation, Education, Sports for Development, and Arts, Culture, and Heritage. This investment in women changemakers has translated into tangible leadership outcomes — 84% of fellows from Round 1 and 91% from Round 2 reported maintaining or significantly strengthening their confidence as women leaders, enabling them to lead with greater clarity and purpose within their organisations and communities (Reliance

[89] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Women Leadership*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment/women-leadership [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment/women-leadership). Figure 1.60 below will help to clearly depict The WomenLeaders India Fellowship, powered by Reliance Foundation focuses on leadership capacity building and skills development.

Figure 1.60 The WomenLeaders India Fellowship, powered by Reliance Foundation focuses on leadership capacity building and skills development.

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"Structured around three tracks — Economic Empowerment & Entrepreneurs, Social Sector Leaders, and Changemakers — the fellowship focuses on leadership capacity building and skills development through mentoring, peer learning, and increased visibility[90]. The strength of this approach is reflected in the scale of impact generated by fellows' work: Round 1 fellows collectively reached 1,147,922 individuals, while Round 2 fellows extended their reach to 2,929,559 new individuals in the past year, significantly amplifying the programme's ripple effect" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment/women-leadership). The following section will cover information about Reliance Foundation's Environment and Animal Welfare in-depth.

[90] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Women Leadership*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/women-empowerment/women-leadership [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

1.4.2.8 Environment and Animal Welfare

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Environment & Animal Welfare. Impact at a Glance**

• 1.5 lakh+ animals rescued[91]

• 2,000+ species cared for

• 3,500+ dedicated team, including veterinary professionals (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/environment-animal-welfare). Figure 1.61 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation environment and animal welfare initiatives across India.

Figure 1.61 Reliance Foundation environment and animal welfare initiatives across India

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/environment-animal-welfare). © 2026. All rights reserved.

““**Vantara: A Legacy of Wildlife Care and Conservation.** Extending its ‘We Care’ philosophy to encompass all forms of life, Reliance Foundation undertakes a wide range of environment and animal welfare initiatives across India. These efforts support rural communities, build disaster resilience, promote sustainable practices, and advance scientific, compassionate care for animals.

[91] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Environment and Animal Welfare*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/environment-animal-welfare [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

At the heart of this vision is Vantara – a landmark wildlife rescue, conservation, and rehabilitation initiative in Jamnagar, Gujarat. One of the world's largest such centres, it spans 3,500 acres and provides expert care to over 1.5 lakh animals across 2,000 species. With cutting-edge facilities, research, and veterinary excellence, Vantara redefines standards in wildlife care and conservation. **"I see God in animals and Vantara is my temple. It is born from a belief that every being, no matter how big or small, deserves dignity, care, freedom, and a chance to heal and live. At Vantara, we are not just saving animals; we are healing ecosystems, restoring balance, and redefining coexistence for our future generations."- Shri Anant Mukesh Ambani,** Founder, Vantara. [92]Vantara is advancing animal care through AI and genomic research, decoding disease resistance patterns — including cancer resistance in elephants — and contributing to the UN's 2030 Biodiversity Framework. It is also pioneering innovations such as robotic-assisted surgeries, teleconsultations, and species-specific ICU protocols. Beyond wildlife, Vantara supports environmental restoration and communities by planting 2.5 crore trees, cultivating medicinal herbs, and adopting renewable energy to reduce ecological impact. Alternative livelihood programmes help elephant owners and caregivers transition away from exploitative industries, while local veterinary capacity is strengthened through expert training and field camps. Animal care in rural communities. During disasters, support for domesticated animals becomes a priority, with veterinary treatment, feed aid, and advisories delivered to affected communities. Educational initiatives, such as student visits to veterinary hospitals and support to wildlife facilities, help raise awareness of conservation and biodiversity. Recognising the vital role of domesticated animals in rural economies, Reliance Foundation integrates their care and development into both Rural Transformation and Disaster Management initiatives. Veterinary camps offer doorstep services to farmers, promoting artificial insemination to increase productivity, while training on fodder management enhances year-round output. In disaster-prone areas, emergency animal health camps, feed support, and advisory services help protect critical rural assets. These interventions are vital to strengthening the resilience of farming communities, recognising domesticated animals not only as contributors to rural livelihoods but also as companions and carriers of tradition. Community-Centred Animal

[92] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Environment and Animal Welfare*. Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/environment-animal-welfare [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Welfare. Reliance Foundation supports gaushalas and animal shelters housing thousands of cattle, provides veterinary hospital services in rural areas, and offers hands-on learning opportunities for students in animal husbandry and veterinary sciences. Educational initiatives, such as student visits to veterinary hospitals and support to wildlife facilities, help raise awareness of conservation and biodiversity. By blending modern veterinary science with grassroots outreach, Reliance Foundation ensures that animal welfare is embedded in Rural Transformation, Disaster Management, and Environmental Protection"" (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/environment-animal-welfare). Figure 1.62 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation environment and animal welfare such as Chintu, an Asian small-clawed otter.

Figure 1.62 Reliance Foundation environment and animal welfare such as Chintu, an Asian small-clawed otter.

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/stories/chintu-the-little-otter-who-learned-to-swim). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2025) **Chintu: The Little Otter Who Learned to Swim**. Chintu, an Asian small-clawed otter is one of the world's smallest and most unique otter species. Native to freshwater wetlands, mangroves, and riverbanks across South and Southeast Asia, these otters are naturally agile swimmers and divers, spending much of their lives in and around

water. [93]But Chintu's early life was far from natural, living in captivity and raised in isolation, he was confined to a cramped enclosure with only a shallow water tray. He had never experienced flowing water, open space, or the instinctual joy of swimming behaviours essential not just for physical health, but for psychological well-being. Chintu's condition showed just how badly he had been affected by living in such an unnatural and uncaring environment. He wasn't just scared and withdrawn, he was also physically unwell. When he arrived at Vantara, he was not eating, the team examined him and found that he had serious dental problems. Two of his premolars were damaged, and he was struggling to eat and was in pain. But the most heartbreaking thing was his fear of water. Otters love water, it's where they play, explore, and feel most at home. But Chintu was terrified. He wouldn't even step into a shallow pool. It was clear that his time in captivity had taken away not only his freedom but his instincts from him. He didn't know how to be an otter anymore. The team at Vantara understood that water wasn't just part of his surroundings, it was part of who he was, helping him reconnect with it was the first step in helping him heal. Vantara's intervention focused on both Chintu's physical recovery and his emotional healing. After dental surgery and a soft fish diet to aid his recovery, the team turned to his psychological well-being. A temperature-controlled shallow pool was built to gently reintroduce him to water in a safe, controlled setting. Animal behaviour specialists designed an enrichment program that used visual cues and positive reinforcement to help him rebuild his confidence. Every small step a paw in the water, a curious glance, a hesitant splash was celebrated as a sign of progress. Through patient, consistent behavioural therapy, Chintu slowly began to reconnect with his natural instincts. He had once been afraid of water deep enough to swim in, but now he explored it with growing confidence and joy. Now from a fearful, hesitant little otter, he has blossomed into a confident swimmer who enjoys deep dives. These enclosures mimic the cool, flowing conditions of his wild habitat, with water carefully regulated for comfort, fun and health. Today, Chintu not only swims, he plays, explores, and glides through the water with ease, expressing the full range of natural otter behaviour's that were once unknown to him. There's something powerful about watching an otter slowly remember who

[93] Reliance Foundation (2025) *Chintu: The Little Otter Who Learned to Swim.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/stories/chintu-the-little-otter-who-learned-to-swim [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

they're meant to be. Chintu's progress isn't just about a recovery it's about the strength of care, and the understanding that even the most time-consuming beginnings can lead to remarkable transformations, especially when there is a place like Vantara (Reliance Foundation, 2025, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/stories/chintu-the-little-otter-who-learned-to-swim). Figure 1.63 below will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation environment and animal welfare through rescuing elephants.

Figure 1.63 Reliance Foundation environment and animal welfare through rescuing elephants

Source: (Reliance Foundation, 2024, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/mohini-the-loneliest-elephant-rescued-and-finds-a-new-family-in-jamnagar). © 2026. All rights reserved.

""**Mohini, the Loneliest Elephant, Rescued and Finds a New Family in Jamnagar.** For years, Mohini lived a life of isolation, far from her kind. Since she was a baby, she had never seen another elephant. Her world was a half-constructed shop in the heart of a bustling vegetable and fruit wholesale market in Jammu, surrounded by noise, people, and trucks. [94]The cramped space, with its low roof barely clearing her head and back, offered no shelter from the bitter cold during winter. Each day, she struggled to squeeze through the narrow doors, forced onto the hot, tarred

[94] Reliance Foundation (2024) *Mohini, the Loneliest Elephant, Rescued and Finds a New Family in Jamnagar.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/mohini-the-loneliest-elephant-rescued-and-finds-a-new-family-in-jamnagar [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

roads to beg for leftovers from households. Her unnatural life, walking on searing tar roads and eating leftover roti, rice, and sweets, took a toll on her body. Obese and showing early signs of arthritis and foot problems, Mohini's condition reflected years of neglect and a diet far from what nature intended for her. Thankfully, compassionate locals and an animal welfare organisation stepped in. They compiled and presented evidence of Mohini's abuse and illegal captivity to the relevant authorities. Their heartfelt plea was heard, and a plan was set in motion to provide Mohini with the life she truly deserved. In September 2023, Mohini's rescue began. Vantara was approached to offer her a new home. Under the careful supervision of Vantara's veterinarians, paravets, and experienced caretakers, she was transported to her new safe home in Jamnagar. The world changed for Mohini in an instant. At Vantara, she found companionship and joy with other rescued elephants, forming bonds that now feel like family. Her days now overflow with joy, leisurely strolls under the sun, splashing in big pools, playfully rolling in the soft sand and taking mud baths. At last, she is free to be herself, an elephant living her best life. With her new family by her side, she is never alone again!""[95] (Reliance Foundation, 2024, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/mohini-the-loneliest-elephant-rescued-and-finds-a-new-family-in-jamnagar). The following section will cover information about Reliance Foundation Urban Renewal in-depth.

1.4.2.9 Urban Renewal

Reliance Foundation Urban Renewal Initiatives to Create Cleaner, Greener, and Happier Cities for the Future will be clearly depicted by Figure 1.64 below.

[95] Reliance Foundation (2024) *Mohini, the Loneliest Elephant, Rescued and Finds a New Family in Jamnagar.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/insights/mohini-the-loneliest-elephant-rescued-and-finds-a-new-family-in-jamnagar [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.64 Reliance Foundation Urban Renewal Initiatives to Create Cleaner, Greener, and Happier Cities for the Future

(Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/urban-renewal). © 2026. All rights reserved.

According to Reliance Foundation (2026) **Urban Renewal. Creating Cleaner, Greener, and Happier Cities for the Future.** Reliance Foundation's Urban Renewal initiatives resonate with a profound mission: to enrich and elevate public spaces, thereby catalysing a transformative enhancement of urban life and infrastructure within cities. [96]Our overarching vision encompasses not only the modernisation of urban infrastructure but also the creation of an environment that's genuinely inclusive, accommodating everyone, including those with special needs. Enriching Public Spaces and Beautification. Reliance Foundation's overarching vision is to modernise urban infrastructure and create an inclusive environment that accommodates everyone, including those with special needs. One pivotal contribution is the support for cleaning and beautifying major public areas and city landmarks, which not only rejuvenates these spaces but also establishes new recreational and leisure zones. Modernising Urban Infrastructure. Reliance Foundation plays a crucial role in developing and modernising urban infrastructure, seamlessly integrating modernity into the urban fabric. Highlight the transformation of Goda Park in Nashik, featuring a children's park, walkways, and jogging tracks as a community-oriented improvement

[96] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Urban Renewal.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/urban-renewal [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

project. Reliance Foundation's partnership with the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) established a CSR cell, enhancing civic services through collaboration with the private sector. Empowering Specially-Abled Individuals. Reliance Foundation's innovation and compassion are evident in the creation of a ground-breaking park for specially-abled children in Panchkula. This park, designed in collaboration with the Haryana Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, supports physical, social, cognitive, and sensory growth. Enhancing Quality of Life. In Vadodara, the foundation led the creation of a sprawling park near Vadodara International Airport, improving the quality of life for residents and serving as a welcoming introduction to the city for travellers. Empowering Women. Reliance Foundation's commitment to women's empowerment is reflected in the establishment of state-of-the-art "She Toilets" in Navi Mumbai, featuring advanced security features. Impact Beyond Infrastructure. [97]Reliance Foundation's Urban Renewal initiatives extend beyond physical enhancements to touch the lives of communities, leaving a lasting impact on the urban landscape. It is creating a path toward a cleaner, greener, and happier urban environment (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/urban-renewal). The following section will cover information about Reliance Foundation Volunteering initiative in-depth.

1.4.2.10 Volunteering

Figure 1.65 will help to clearly depict Reliance Foundation employees initiative across the Reliance ecosystem to contribute their time, skills and compassion in order to strengthen communities across India.

[97] Reliance Foundation (2026) *Urban Renewal.* Available from: https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/urban-renewal [Accessed May 14, 2026] © 2026. All rights reserved.

Figure 1.65 Reliance Foundation employees initiative across the Reliance ecosystem to contribute their time, skills and compassion in order to strengthen communities across India

(Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/volunteering-at-reliance). © 2026. All rights reserved.

““**Volunteering.** Reliance Foundation believes in the power of collective action to drive meaningful social change. Guided by the We Care ethos, employees across the Reliance ecosystem contribute their time, skills and compassion to strengthen communities. From nurturing creativity in children to championing sustainability, volunteers continue to play a central role in shaping a more caring and inclusive society. [98]At the heart of this programme are *Volunteer Champions* — employees who take the lead in their neighbourhoods. They co-create volunteering programmes with community members, mobilise colleagues and help drive Rooted and Mission LiFE initiatives across India. Volunteering in the Neighbourhood: Rooted**.** **Rooted** brings volunteering closer to where employees live. By engaging neighbourhood schools, old age homes and shelter homes, volunteers build sustained connections with community institutions located within their own residential areas. Employees also contribute their specific skills to support children, youth and families. Activities include summer camps, digital learning sessions, personal safety awareness and skills-based engagements that help

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nurture confidence, learning and overall wellbeing. A widely appreciated Rooted initiative is Kahani Kala Khushi, where volunteers use storytelling and creative arts to spark imagination and self-expression among children. These sessions introduce young learners to inspiring stories and encourage creativity through simple, meaningful interactions. Volunteering for the Environment: Mission LiFE**.** Mission LiFE (Life For Environment) inspires volunteers to promote environmentally conscious living and encourage communities to adopt small but meaningful changes in their daily lives. Through neighbourhood engagements, volunteers help create awareness about sustainability, responsible consumption and mindful use of resources. Large-scale participation is a key part of this effort. Volunteers come together for campaigns such as Swachhata Hi Seva, Earth Hour and other environment-focused activities, leading cleanliness drives, waste reduction actions and plantation efforts. These collective engagements bring people together and reinforce the importance of caring for the environment. We Care in Action**.** Across these engagements, Reliance volunteers demonstrate the spirit of We Care — working within their communities to strengthen bonds, support those around them and contribute to a more sustainable and compassionate future""[99] (Reliance Foundation, 2026, https://www.reliancefoundation.org/what-we-do/volunteering-at-reliance). The following section will cover information about the conclusion of this chapter.

1.5 Conclusion

It can therefore be concluded that the Republic of India is one of the many countries in the world with highly distinguished global business leaders (*such as the iconic exemplary and exceptional Smt. Nita M. Ambani Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation*) and Ms. Isha Ambani (*Director of Reliance Foundation*) who are positively contributing towards the growth of the field of philanthropy. It can also be concluded that a global business leader must have a good reputation and be able to inspire others to follow their exemplary behaviour, perform their work tasks whole heartedly and produce excellent results on a regular basis. It can therefore be concluded that countries with global business leaders that embrace openness, effective leadership strategies and unity play a significant role towards the prosperity of their country. It can be

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concluded that the people of the beautiful great nation of the Republic of India are globally renowned for their high work ethic, values centered culture and so on.

1.6 Review questions

1) Define the following two terms '*principle*' and '*support*'?

2) Explain the ten focus areas of the Reliance Foundation from the Republic of India?

3) Describe the meaning of the term '*exemplary leadership*'*?*

4) Discuss the meaning of the term *'philanthropy'?*

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