

NATION BUILDING

Engineering India's progress

We have demonstrated a consistent commitment to customer centricity, technological innovation, environmental stewardship and community development since our inception in 1897.



Powering the recently launched Chandrayaan-3 mission with our engines and thrusters



Researchers at the Naoroji Godrej centre for plant research

Godrej & Boyce's growth as a business conglomerate reflects India's own confident journey as an independent nation that has built its scientific, industrial and commercial muscle through its own efforts. G&B has consistently partnered with the Indian government for several strategic initiatives.

A notable first was the association with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the successful indigenisation of cryogenic technology and launch of the GSLV series of satellites, opening up new frontiers of communication technology-led progress for India.

Our Material Handling and Security Solutions businesses collaborated with the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau for the indigenous manufacture of INS Vikrant – the nation's first completely home-built aircraft carrier whose commissioning marks the country's entry into an elite group with 'blue army' capabilities.

Putting into practice the dream for economic growth through greater self-reliance, G&B has scored many a first for industrialisation in India. From the first refrigerator to the first forklift, our journey of industrial innovation has fathered our extensive

portfolio, while providing Indian consumers with high-quality, yet affordable choices.

Two other key pivots have been environmental stewardship and community-led development. For G&B, sustainable business forms the core of why we do, what we do. Our efforts to conserve the Vikhroli mangroves or Mumbai's 'green lungs' began soon after India became independent. The launch of the Naoroji Godrej Centre for Plant Research (NGCPR) – an institution that carries out research in plant biodiversity, conservation and scientific understanding of plant species – signposts another untrodden path and an attempt to preserve India's rich legacy of flora and fauna. That same vision of sustainability and interdependence underlies our commitment to driving one-third of our revenues from 'Good & Green' products. Equipping the youth for a better life is one of our ongoing priorities and through Disha, we have successfully trained 1.6 Lakhs youth across 18 states and 80 towns and cities over the last 10 years.

Our journey has been an eventful one and here we share glimpses of the milestones that defined us, creating far reaching impact for India's progress.

Moments that define us



1909

Secured the first patent for springless locks (Patent No. 15773), under the seal of King Edward VII of England.



1923

Forayed into furniture business with the manufacture of **famous the Godrej Almirah** (Steel Cupboards).



1935

Setup of **India's largest and advanced tool room** with intent to encourage indigenisation of machine tools.



1943

Foundation laid for **construction of Pirojshanagar Industrial Township.**



1963

Manufactured the first forklift truck in India in collaboration with Clarke Material Handling Company, USA.



1958

Manufactured the seven cubic feet (212 litres) refrigerator – a first for the Indian market.



1955

Manufactured **the first indigenously 'Made in India' typewriter,** in a market dominated by imported brands.



1951

Manufactured 1.7 Mn ballot boxes to support India's first steps into democracy.



1985

Established the Soonabai Pirojsha Godrej Foundation for the conservation of the Vikhroli mangroves.



1992

Launched Godrej Appliances' EcoFridges project to phase out Ozone Depleting Substance use in refrigerators under the Montreal Protocol through the multilateral funding mechanism.



1997

Godrej Mangroves becomes the first Indian mangrove forest to be ISO 14001 certified.



1999

Built and delivered **India's first cryogenic engine for ISRO's Geo-stationary Satellite Launch Vehicle.**

2011

- Commenced mapping of our carbon emission for Scope 1 and 2 emissions to establish ESG strategy with cost abatement cures and develop high-level mitigation strategies.
- Established our Good & Green ESG strategy, based on 'Shared Value Principles'.

2007

Partnered with the Indian Navy to build critical marine equipment like Life Raft Container Ejection System and mooring capstan for submarines, manufactured for the first time in India.

2004

Established India's first Platinum rated green building at Hyderabad by partnering with the CII, USAID and Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

2000

Introduced India's first 100% CFC free refrigerators, using hydrocarbon technology.

2012

Launched world's first HC-290 based air conditioner.

2014

- Conducted Biodiversity Index Mapping Study for its Pirojshanagar campus, the world's first such study by any corporate.
- Carbon Sequestration Capacity' study conducted for the Vikhroli mangroves, the first such study in India by a corporate.

2017

Launched Mangroves Mobile App, the first such app in the world by any corporate.

2018

- Introduced 'Active Seating Concept'- a cushioned back work chair which adapts to body posture and keeps the user active. India's most awarded work chair with awards like I-Mark for Good Design and CII Design Excellence Award.
- Partnered with the World Green Building Council to accelerate the concept of Net Zero carbon buildings.

2021

- Launched ultra-low temperature refrigerators, mobile freezers for transportation and storage of Covid-19 vaccines.
- Joined the CII and WWF-India to launch 'India Plastics Pact'.

2020

Manufactured and installed the new automated assembly line for 'Pinaka Rockets' ordnance factory, Chandrapur.

2019

- Achieved the 'Net-Zero Energy Rating' from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for its Plant-13 Annexe Building.
- Built, assembled, tested and delivered critical parts for India's light- combat aircraft, Tejas, a first for the Indian private sector.
- Selected as a finalist in the USD 1 Mn Global Cooling Prize, the only Indian firm in a global innovation competition to pioneer new environment-friendly cooling technologies.