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India is witnessing a surge in corporate innovation aimed at sustainability. Leading the charge are Indian companies pioneering solutions such as heat-resistant crops and solar-poweredirrigation systems. This green technology revolution, supported by government initiatives like the National Hydrogen Mission, is driving India toward a more sustainable future. Beyond environmental concerns, businesses are now prioritizing social sustainability, evident in diversity, inclusion initiatives, and community engagement. India's leadership in these endeavors is attracting global attention, with its unique perspective, influenced by a vast population and diverse ecosystems, offering valuable insights. This growing demand for Indian expertise in sustainable development is creating exciting opportunities on the international stage.

Day 1 >> 25th Sept'24

Powering Progress: Innovations for a Sustainable World

- From Fields to Space to Cities
- Smart Manufacturing & Agile Logistics for Thriving Commerce
- The Future of Mobility: Powered by Green Energy

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From Disruption to Regeneration: Digital Strategies for a Thriving Planet

- Building a Resilient and Secure Digital Economy
- Driving Circular Economy through Innovation in Resource Management
- Technology for a Healthier You



#### From Fields to Space to Cities

Humanity's journey began in fields, where agriculture fostered settled societies. Our insatiable curiosity then led us to explore space, driving innovation that benefits life on Earth. Today, as cities grow ever larger, we're developing vertical farms to feed urban populations, while experimenting with space-based agriculture for future colonies. Smart city initiatives utilize technology to improve efficiency and sustainability, reminding us that our future on Earth is deeply connected to our explorations beyond, and that both rural and urban areas need sustainable development.

#### Smart Manufacturing & Agile Logistics for Thriving Commerce

The rise of e-commerce is transforming how goods move from factories to consumers.

Logistics companies are adopting innovative solutions like automation and data analytics to streamline

warehousing, picking, and delivery, ensuring faster and more efficient fulfillment. Factories themselves are

undergoing a digital revolution, with "smart factories"

utilizing robotics, AI, and the Internet of Things (IoT) to optimize production and supply chains. This interconnected ecosystem of commerce, logistics, and intelligent factories is driving economic growth while creating a more responsive and efficient system for getting products into our hands.

#### The Future of Mobility: Powered by Green Energy

Driven by environmental concerns, the transportation sector is undergoing a revolution. Electric vehicle sales are surging, with global EV sales projected to reach a whopping 17 million in 2024. This shift, from traditional cars to electric vehicles charged by clean energy like solar and wind, is creating a more sustainable transportation landscape. Micromobility options like e-bikes and scooters are also gaining popularity, offering convenient and environmentally friendly ways

to travel short distances.



Securing the digital future for a

sustainable economy requires tackling the rising threat of cyberattacks with cybersecurity measures. As robust cybercrime costs are expected to reach \$10.5

trillion by 2025, cybersecurity is now a crucial business priority. Organizations are investing in advanced security solutions, threat intelligence, and employee training to stay ahead of increasingly sophisticated attacks, making continuous adaptation essential. At the same time, the digital economy is booming, with global e-commerce sales projected to hit \$6.5 trillion in 2024. This growth is reshaping business and consumer interactions through digital platforms and remote work. To ensure that the digital economy benefits everyone, it is vital to address the digital divide by improving access to education, healthcare, and environmental solutions in underserved communities.

Apple's shift to USB-C, driven by EU regulations, is set to significantly reduce electronic waste and conserve resources. By standardizing on a single connector type, the transition is expected to cut e-waste by approximately 11,000 tons annually, according to the European Commission. Circular economy strategies can improve resource efficiency. According to the International Resource Panel, transitioning to a circular economy could lead to a 30% reduction in global material consumption by 2050, compared to a business-as-usual scenario. Circular economy practices often lead to substantial energy savings, can create jobs, while contributing to lower carbon emissions. As global investments in circular technologies continue to rise, the transition to a circular economy promises to address pressing environmental challenges, foster resilience, and build a more sustainable future for all.

#### Technology for a Healthier You

Healthtech and wellness are merging to create a dynamic landscape focused on preventative care and personalized well-being. Wearable devices and smartphone apps track our health data, providing insights into sleep patterns, activity levels, and even stress management. Telemedicine platforms offer convenient access to doctors and specialists, while Al-powered diagnostics are accelerating disease detection and treatment. This focus on preventative care, along with the growing popularity of mindfulness and fitness apps, empowers individuals to take a more active role in their health and well-being. Looking ahead, healthtech advancements like digital therapeutics and remote patient monitoring hold promise for further personalization and improved health outcomes.

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