



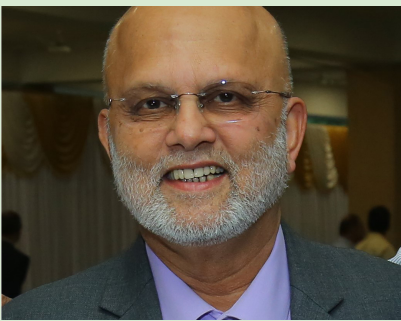
Covid Pandemic Should Accelerate Impact Investing

India has emerged as the 'Impact Investment Lab' of the world attracting \$ 10 billion investment in the last ten years. Yet, the size of the investment to the potential is miniscule. Could the 'new normal' driven by the Covid pandemic force governments, venture capitalists, development funding institutions to reimagine the impact investment play? [Read More>>](#)



JICA Looking Out to Fund Indian Social Enterprises

The **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** recently launched **SDGs Business Co-Creation Lab – Tsunagaru Lab** – in India to connect Japanese companies with Indian social enterprises. The lab is a platform meant to help India achieve its SDGs goals. SDGs are 17 social development goals the United Nations announced in 2015. They are meant to be achieved by 2030. The term "Tsunagaru" means "To connect" in Japanese. [Read More>>](#)



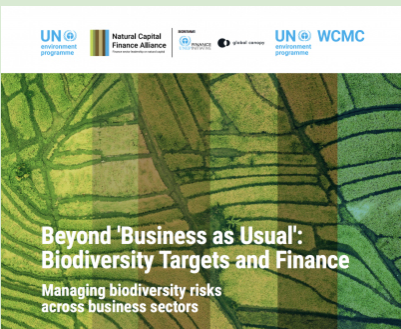
Praj Emerges as a Global Leader in BioEconomy

Dr. Pramod Chaudhari, executive chairman of **Praj Industries**, recently announced Praj's foray into the renewable chemicals and materials (RCM) industry by developing technologies to produce bio-based RCM. They are produced from bio-based feedstocks, which are sustainable alternatives to products made from fossil resources. Praj's vision is to develop and deploy environment-friendly and sustainable solutions. [Read More>>](#)



Small Houses and Kiosks from Plastic Waste a Big Draw

Bamboo House India has demonstrated that it's possible to solve the problem of housing for the poor in a big way if houses are built using plastic waste. The biggest challenge is people's negative perception. Innovative branding campaigns are needed to fight the negative perception around plastic. This can also help reduce plastic waste in a big way. [Read More>>](#)



How Financial Institutions can Help Improve Biodiversity

A June 2020 **United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)** report '**Beyond Business As Usual – Biodiversity Targets & Finance – Managing Biodiversity Risks Across Business Sectors**' has warned that if businesses did not heed to the growing threat of loss of ecosystem services, they will pay a big price soon. The report notes how the world's ecosystems have declined in size and condition by 47% globally compared to estimated baselines, and the continued degradation of ecosystem services represents an annual loss of at least US\$479 billion per year. [Read More>>](#)

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