

# THE WORLD'S LARGEST LESSON INDIA

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# 1. WHAT IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST LESSON INDIA ALL ABOUT?

In September 2015, the United Nations launched the Sustainable Development Goals, a series of ambitious targets to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and fix climate change for everyone by 2030. All governments around the world, including India, signed up to achieve these Goals, for their own country and for the world as a whole. If the Goals are met, they ensure the health, safety and future of the planet for everyone on it.

An initiative called Project Everyone, founded in 2015, enables people all over the world find out about the Goals, and the commitments their governments have made. Richard Curtis, filmmaker and founder of Comic Relief, founded the project with the support of the United Nations.

**The World's Largest Lesson** is one part of the **Project Everyone** initiative, focusing on helping children across the world know about and understand the Global Goals.

**The World's Largest Lesson** introduces children to the Goals in a lively, engaging way using animated films, comics and lesson activities. Since its launch in 2015, millions of children across the world have taken part, including many in India.

In September 2016 a unique World's Largest Lesson India launched. This initiative is brought to you by a group of education organisations, including GEMS education and UNICEF, and will focus on some of the issues most affecting India's young population – education, gender equality, sanitation and climate change. Comics, animated films and teaching materials are available free of charge in six languages (English, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Gujarati and Telegu) to enable you to teach a lesson about the Global Goals. All the free learning materials are housed on the website:

<http://worldslargestlessonindia.globalgoals.org/>

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## 2. WHAT ARE THE GLOBAL GOALS AND WHY SHOULD CHILDREN IN INDIA LEARN ABOUT THEM?

There are 17 Goals:



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The Goals were developed over a two-year period by the United Nations in collaboration with governments, civil society, academics and individuals including many in India– this included the largest ever global youth survey into what issues affect children and young people the most around the world. The 17 Goals affect everyone across the world and if they are met then the biggest challenges facing our world will be overcome. Each of the

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Goals has a set of targets that needs to be met in order for the overall Goal to be met. You can find out more about all the Goals at the bottom of the home page of the website: <http://worldslargestlessonindia.globalgoals.org/>

It is important children in India learn about the Goals because:

1. If nothing changes children will be the most affected.

For example: If climate change, poverty and violence continue at present rates, in India and around the world, the future children will experience will be more dangerous, more violent and more damaging to their health.

2. Children can help! The Indian government is committed to achieving the Goals, but everyone needs to play a part. The first step is to let people know of the government's plan to improve the country. The second step is for people to actually help by supporting the actions that the government takes, spreading the word throughout communities and even finding ways to catalyse change themselves. Young India is resourceful, creative and passionate – it is going to take all these skills to create the change we need.

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## 3. WHAT ARE SCHOOLS BEING ASKED TO DO?

Your school is asked to give at least one lesson on the Global Goals, to make sure your students are informed and empowered by the commitments India has made to ending poverty, inequality and climate change by 2030.

The lesson(s) are designed to take place during non-assessment teaching time, for example as part of an assembly or during your citizenship or moral education lessons.

You can deliver one lesson or a range of lessons. It is up to you to decide how much engagement and time you put into the initiative.

Once your lessons are concluded you can then encourage your students to create local change for themselves in support of the ambitions of the Global Goals by taking part in the Design for Change "I Can" Schools challenge 2016/2017. There's a special prize for a school project that makes change happen in support of the Global Goals!

Even if you undertake just one lesson on the Goals, please take photos and/or videos of the lesson and share back with the organisers. You can also share feedback and quotes from the students about their experience with the lesson and what, if any, action they plan on taking to achieve the Goals.

All of your feedback, pictures and videos can be shared to:

**Twitter:** @WorldsLesson\_IN

**Facebook:** @WorldsLargestLessonIndia

**Instagram:** @WorldsLesson\_IN

Don't forget to include #WorldsLargestLessonIndia

You can also email: [lesson@project-everyone.org](mailto:lesson@project-everyone.org)

The World's Largest Lesson will share your output so that other schools across India and the world can see the work you have done.

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## 4. WHAT MATERIALS EXIST TO HELP YOU TEACH THE WORLD'S LARGEST LESSON?

You can download or use the following materials for free.

4 Chakra the Invincible and Mighty Girl comics, and animated cartoons to help children to learn about all the Global Goals, with a focus on Water and Sanitation (Goal 6), Quality Education (Goal 4), Gender Equality (Goal 5) and Climate Action (Goal 13).

Note: The comic book that provides an overview of the Goals also includes a range of activities for children to complete in the classroom.

4 lesson plans to accompany each of the comics and help teachers create a lesson that their students will remember. 1 advice note on using comics in education.

All the above materials are available in English, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Gujarati and Telegu here: <http://worldslargestlessonindia.globalgoals.org/>

- Additional materials in English and Hindi only.
- Two animation films, written by Sir Ken Robinson, which provide an engaging introduction to the Goals and also highlight how children and young people can, and are, taking action to achieve the Goals.
- Lesson plans from around the world, on each of the 17 different Goals. You can use these materials as part of your teaching on Sustainable Development within your Geography or Social Studies curriculum.

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## 5. WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED IN INDIA?

The national Ministry of Human Resource Development has issued a message of support for the initiative. Within the message, the Minister, who is responsible for primary, secondary and university education, says that amongst the Sustainable Development Goals “the key goal is quality education for all”. He praises the comics and animated films as creative lesson materials that will have a sustainable impact.

If you would like to see this message you can watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/182833847>

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## 6. WHAT NEXT?

- Take a look at the materials! <http://worldslargestlessonindia.globalgoals.org/>
- Decide how you want to take part
- Help all the teachers in your school learn more about the Global Goals
- Plan and run your lessons
- Share your feedback.

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