

# SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2023-24

Envision the Future

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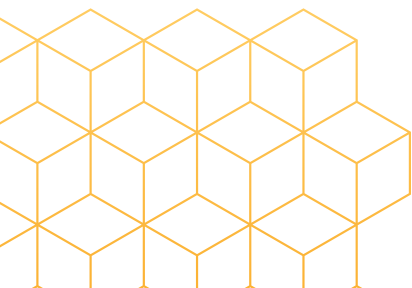






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# FROM OUR CEO



Dear Stakeholders,

At ThoughtSol Infotech Pvt. Ltd., we view ESG as an opportunity to drive positive change. Our commitment to excellence, innovation, and sustainability guides our actions as we navigate the rapidly evolving digital landscape. This Sustainability Report for FY 2023-24 highlights our efforts to integrate environmental, social, and governance initiatives into our operations, setting an example within the IT industry.

Our mission extends beyond digital transformation. We aim to ensure our progress is sustainable and beneficial for all stakeholders. We harness the power of technology to create a future where businesses thrive while mindfully addressing their environmental and social impacts. This report reflects our dedication to sustainability and corporate accountability, providing a comprehensive overview of our initiatives and performance.

By transparently sharing our progress, we reinforce our commitment to accountability and invite our stakeholders to join us on our journey toward a more sustainable world. We view this report not just as a document, but as a call to action. We welcome feedback and collaboration as we strive to make a lasting positive impact on our communities and the environment.

Together, let's create a future where technology and sustainability go hand in hand.

**Vinet Kuumar**

**Founder & CEO, ThoughtSol Infotech Pvt. Ltd.**





# ABOUT THIS REPORT

## INTRODUCTION

ThoughtSol Infotech Pvt Ltd. ("ThoughtSol") is committed to sustainable business practices. We believe that responsible operations are essential to the creation of long-term value. ThoughtSol is dedicated to corporate citizenship and adding value to its stakeholders through the integration of Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") considerations in its business practices.

ThoughtSol is committed to enhancing its ESG performance by upholding good corporate governance standards, adopting environmentally-friendly practices, engaging stakeholders and promoting diversity.

## REPORTING PERIOD AND ALIGNMENTS

This Sustainability Report (the "Report") provides an overview of ThoughtSol's sustainability performance for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (the "Reporting Period"). The Reporting Period aligns with the Company's financial year.

ThoughtSol Infotech Pvt Ltd. has prepared this report in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards. The Report also includes SASB and TCFD Index for alignment purposes. It is our first Sustainability report and has been prepared in compliance with applicable ESG reporting guidelines. The Report adheres to the fundamental reporting principles of Accuracy, Balance, Clarity, Comparability, Completeness, Sustainability Context, Timeliness, and Verifiability.



Our ESG vision drives our efforts to create lasting value for all stakeholders. This report maps our progress and initiatives to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), showcasing our commitment to global sustainability.

## CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any feedback on this report or would like to learn more about sustainability at ThoughtSol, please contact: [support@thoughtsol.in](mailto:support@thoughtsol.in)





# ESG PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

This report underscores key milestones, initiatives, and advancements we have achieved in driving sustainability across our organization. Our dedication to transparency, responsible business practices, and embedding sustainable initiatives into our operations remains unwavering.

This ESG Report provides a detailed overview of our efforts, strategies, and accomplishments in addressing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations.

It highlights our commitment to sustainable development and our ongoing journey to create positive impacts in the communities we serve.

## KEY ELEMENTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT

### ENVIRONMENT



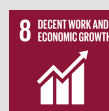
Energy Management  
Waste Management  
Water Management  
Carbon Footprint  
Renewable Energy



### SOCIAL



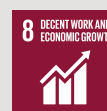
Employee Wellbeing  
Human Rights  
Occupational Health & Safety  
Diversity & Inclusion  
Customer Satisfaction  
Digital Inclusion  
Community Engagement



### GOVERNANCE



Data Protection & Privacy  
Compliance & Risk Management  
Reporting & Transparency  
Stakeholder Engagement  
Business Ethics  
Cybersecurity  
Supply Chain Management



We understand the importance of accountability and the need for continuous improvement. Our sustainability goals are aligned with international frameworks and standards, reinforcing our commitment to generating long-term value for our stakeholders while contributing to a more sustainable future.

This report highlights our dedication to transparency and our ongoing efforts to embed sustainability throughout our business activities.











# OUR JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS

## ENVIRONMENT INSIGHTS

CARBON FOOTPRINT	WATER	RESOURCE MEASURES	REDUCTION TARGET
Total Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions are 730.35 metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent.	Total water consumption at organizational level is 2500 liters.	Implemented optimal resource efficiency measures. GHG intensity: 0.19 mtCO <sub>2</sub> e per million INR revenue	2% reduction target set for annual total GHG Emissions.

## SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE INSIGHTS

 <p>Zero incidents of workplace injury and corruption</p>	 <p>80% of employees received career reviews as per career development programs</p>
 <p>Zero incidents of child labor in our operations and supply chain</p>	 <p>Great Place to Work® certified Recognized as Best Workplaces for Women</p>
 <p>Diversity metrics: 20% of governance body members are women</p>	 <p>Employee Turnover Rates: 12.91% for Males, 19.67% for Females</p>

## KEY METRICS

### Community Development

INR 1.49 million invested in community development and CSR initiatives

### Business Ethics

Zero incidents of anti-competitive behavior

### Data Security

Zero data breaches reported

### Economic Value

INR 3738.65 million direct economic value generated

### Human Rights

Zero incidents of discrimination reported

### Employee Development

18% of new hires were women





# WHO WE ARE?

ThoughtSol Infotech Pvt. Ltd., founded in January 2014, stands as a pioneer in digital transformation, driven by a vision to bring meaningful change through innovative technology solutions. As a leading IT services provider, ThoughtSol offers a comprehensive range of services across five key domains:

- **Cloud Services:** Offering Cloud Managed Services, Cloud Cost Optimization, Cloud Migration, Cloud Assessment, Cloud Monitoring & Governance, Managed DevOps and Data AI
- **Cybersecurity Services:** Offering Firewall Solutions, Email Security, End-point Security, Cloud Security, Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA<sup>st</sup>), Web Application Firewall (WAF), Data Loss Prevention (DLP), Endpoint Backup, Email Backup, Cloud Workload Backup, Physical/Virtualization Backup, and Backup as a Service
- **Data Center Solutions:** Encompassing Hybrid IT Solutions, Digital Edge & Security, Enterprise Data Solutions, and Everything as a Service (XaaS)
- **Digital Solutions:** Including Digital Device Choice, Digital Productivity Solutions, Digital Experience Solutions, and Device as a Service
- **NextGen Services:** Providing Hybrid Data Center Management, IT Service Helpdesk, Digital Workplace Management, IT Staffing Services, and Managed Print Services

ThoughtSol helps brands leverage the power of IT for comprehensive business impact. The company's commitment to excellence is demonstrated through certifications in Quality Management, Service Management, Information Service Management, Environmental Management, and Business Continuity Management. These drive ThoughtSol's commitment to high-quality, sustainable solutions focused on customer satisfaction. Additionally, ThoughtSol holds a CMMI Level 3 appraisal.

At ThoughtSol Infotech Pvt. Ltd., the goal is not just to adapt to the future of technology, but to shape it, always with an eye on sustainability and responsible growth.

**“IT’S THE THOUGHT IN  
THOUGHTSOL THAT BRINGS  
THE CHANGE”**

## → MISSION

Create a world-class organization that believes in happiness first, and always.

## → VISION

Strive to be acknowledged as a customer centric company and the most trusted IT solutions and services partner for our customers

## → MOTTO

Be young, nimble & happy!

## → VALUES

Our five values: Longevity, Excellence, Sustainability, Honesty and Adaptability

# OUR AWARDS & RECOGNITION

## GREAT PLACE TO WORK



### Recognized Excellence

ThoughSol's commitment to creating an exceptional work environment has been recognized through prestigious certifications and awards, showcasing our dedication to employee satisfaction and growth

### Great Place to Work<sup>®</sup> Certified

Our organization has received certification as a Great Place to Work<sup>®</sup> acknowledging our exceptional work environment and commitment to employee well-being

ThoughtSol underwent a rigorous certification survey where employees anonymously answered questions. The process included a culture audit of our HR practices, demonstrating our commitment to transparency and continuous improvement.

## BEST WORKPLACES FOR WOMEN

We're proud to be recognized as one of the Best Workplaces for Women. This accolade reflects our dedication to diversity and the substantial contributions made by women across all levels of our organization, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment.





# ESG STRATEGY

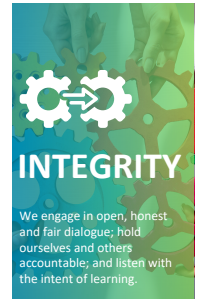
## OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

### Sustainability at Our Core



ThoughtSol is committed to integrating sustainability into our core business strategies, focusing on responsible practices, community engagement, environmental stewardship, and ethical governance. We uphold high ethical standards, fostering a culture of integrity and accountability.

Our efforts aim to reduce our environmental footprint through energy and waste reduction, while enhancing our social impact by supporting community health and social initiatives.



### OUR CORE VALUES



## THOUGHTSOL'S SUSTAINABLE APPROACH

ThoughtSol sustainability strategy is founded on a strong commitment to environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and effective corporate governance. We understand that sustainable business practices are vital not only for safeguarding the planet for future generations but also for fostering long-term value creation and resilience in a dynamic global environment.

We prioritize the well-being and safety of our employees, cultivating a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion where every individual is respected, valued, and empowered to realize their full potential. Additionally, we actively engage with our local communities to tackle social challenges, support economic development, and promote education, healthcare, and access to essential services.

Our approach reflects the belief that businesses must create value for shareholders while acting as responsible corporate citizens that positively impact society. Through collaboration and collective action, we strive to build a more sustainable and equitable future for everyone.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**  
Safeguard the Planet

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
Prioritize People

**EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE**  
Ensure Accountability

**EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING**  
Foster Inclusive Culture

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**  
Address local challenges

**VALUE CREATION**  
Balance Stakeholder Interests

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

ThoughtSol's stakeholder engagement process employs survey forms as a key tool for materiality assessment. Through targeted surveys, we systematically gather insights from stakeholders to identify and prioritize material topics that impact our business and stakeholders. These surveys are designed to capture feedback on a range of issues, from environmental and social concerns to governance and economic factors.

By analyzing responses, we gain valuable perspectives that-

- Informs strategic decision-making and sustainability priorities
- Aligns our efforts with stakeholder expectations
- Enhances overall transparency and accountability
- Serves as a framework for our ESG strategy
- Guides the integration of sustainability principles into business operations

STAKEHOLDER GROUP	KEY EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS	COMMUNICATION METHODS AND CHANNELS
<b>Employees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee Well-being</li> <li>• Data Protection &amp; privacy</li> <li>• Cybersecurity Measures</li> <li>• Energy Efficiency and Environmental Management</li> <li>• Business Ethics and Compliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materiality assessment survey</li> <li>• Employee satisfaction survey</li> <li>• Regular performance reviews</li> <li>• Internal communication platforms</li> <li>• Training and development programs</li> </ul>
<b>Customers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer satisfaction and high-quality services</li> <li>• Data protection &amp; privacy</li> <li>• Cybersecurity measures</li> <li>• Ethical business practices</li> <li>• Digital inclusion initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materiality assessment Survey</li> <li>• Regular client meetings</li> <li>• Client feedback</li> </ul>
<b>Executives and Senior Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business ethics and compliance</li> <li>• Risk management and cybersecurity</li> <li>• Sustainable business growth</li> <li>• Transparent reporting practices</li> <li>• Employee wellbeing and talent retention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materiality assessment survey</li> <li>• Board meetings and executive reviews</li> <li>• Strategic planning sessions</li> <li>• Governance reviews</li> </ul>
<b>Investors and Stakeholders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transparent disclosure</li> <li>• Strong Governance</li> <li>• Ethical business conduct</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materiality assessment survey</li> <li>• Investor relations communications</li> </ul>

## MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT

Our materiality assessment utilizes a systematic process to identify, evaluate, and prioritize issues based on their significance to our company and relevance to our stakeholders.

### Peer Analysis

- Identify common material topics from peers in the IT Services sector
- Consider topics relevant across our business locations

### Stakeholder Engagement

- Engage with internal stakeholders through questionnaires
- Request stakeholders to rank topics based on impact on Business (Scale 1-5)

### Internal Analysis

- Assess internal data and industry trends
- Evaluate regulatory developments
- Identify potential risks and opportunities associated with various ESG factor

### Materiality Matrix

- Construct a visual representation of prioritized ESG issues
- Base prioritization on impact on our business and significance to stakeholders

## MATERIALITY MATRIX

At ThoughtSol, we prioritize understanding and addressing key ESG factors impacting our business and stakeholders. Through an inclusive process, we've gained insights into our diverse stakeholders' concerns. This approach has sharpened our grasp of the ESG landscape and highlighted areas where our actions can have the most significant impact.





# ENVIRONMENT

## CLIMATE CHANGE

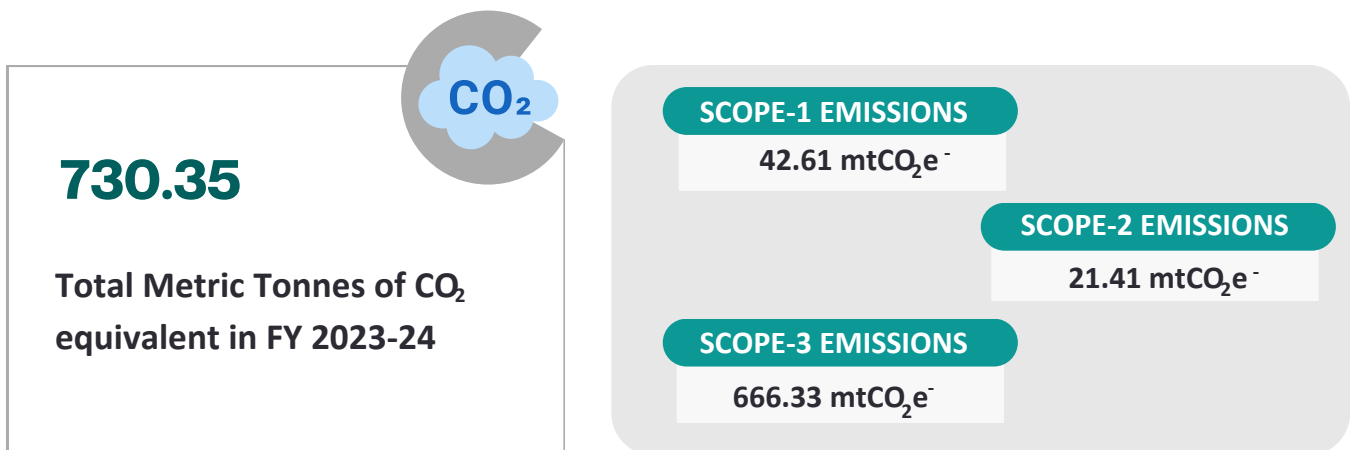


At ThoughtSol, we recognize the profound impact of climate change on our planet and understand the urgent need for responsible action. We are in the early stages of developing environmental strategy to address climate change and reduce carbon footprint.

By fostering a culture of awareness and responsibility among our employees, we aim to contribute to a global shift towards a more sustainable and resilient future.

### Carbon Emissions

In our efforts to address climate change, we've conducted a comprehensive assessment of our carbon emissions. Below are the key findings from our greenhouse gas inventory:



### GHG Intensity

In our efforts to address climate change, we've conducted a comprehensive assessment of our carbon emissions. Below are the key findings from our greenhouse gas inventory:

SCOPE	UNIT	GHG INTENSITY (FY 2023-24)
Scope-1, Scope-2* and Scope-3	Metric Tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent per Million INR (Revenue)	0.19

\*Our energy intensity from electricity consumption is 0.57 mtCO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>-</sup>/Million INR (Revenue).

## GHG Emission Assurance



GHG emissions data has been independently verified and assured as per **AA1000AS Assurance Standard** by a certified third-party body, ensuring the reliability and accuracy of our reported figures.



### ASSURANCE STATEMENT

#### ThoughtSol Infotech Pvt. Ltd.

has been verified according to AA1000 Assurance Standard version-3 (2020) and AA1000 Accountability Principles (2018) as meeting the requirement of ISO 14064-1:2018 and GHG protocol.

**Type and Level of Assurance:** Type 1, Moderate Assurance

**Reporting Period:** Financial Year 2023-24 (1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024)

With the application of the mentioned standard, the carbon footprint was examined by Ingenyria Projects Private Limited regarding its correctness and completeness and conforms below results.

Category	Emissions in tonnes of equivalent CO <sub>2</sub>
Scope 1	42.61
Scope 2	21.41
Scope 3	666.33
<b>Total GHG Emissions Accounted</b>	<b>730.35</b>

**Scope-1** emissions are direct emissions from the activities at the premises of ThoughtSol, these are emissions from mobile combustion (company owned vehicles) and refrigerant leak.

**Scope-2** emissions are indirect emissions from purchased electricity consumed by ThoughtSol.

**Scope-3** emissions are other indirect emissions from ThoughtSol's value chain. This includes selected categories such as business travel, employee commuting, upstream and downstream transportation.

Mr. Shishpal Negi (ISO 14064 Lead Validator and Verifier- Certificate No.: RIND/2023/121)

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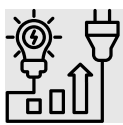


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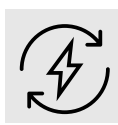


ThoughtSol demonstrates a steadfast commitment to sustainable energy practices through vigilant monitoring and analysis of our consumption metrics. While we are in the early stages of our sustainability journey, we recognize the importance of responsible energy practices as part of our commitment to environmental responsibility. Our approach begins with actively tracking the fuel consumption of our company vehicles and closely monitoring our electricity usage, which forms a significant part of our energy profile.

To build on this foundation, we have outlined a series of initiatives aimed at fostering a culture of sustainability within our organization. These include:



Monitoring and reporting of energy usage across our operations



Promoting energy-saving measures throughout our workplace



Striving continuous improvement in environmental stewardship efforts



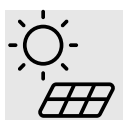
Encouraging responsible consumption behaviors within the organization



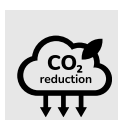
Exploring ways to optimize energy efficiency in day-to-day operations



Encouraging employees to adopt energy-conscious habits



Exploration of renewable alternatives



Settled a 2% reduction target on total GHG emissions annually



Alignment of operations with sustainable practices





## MATERIAL CONSUMPTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

ThoughtSol demonstrates a commitment to sustainable material practices by transparently reporting on its material consumption. Below is a breakdown of our primary material usage:

Name of Material	Units	Quantity consumed FY 2023-24
Laptops	Numbers	100
Paper	Kg	285
Mobiles	Numbers	20
Printer Toner	Numbers	16

### Eco- Friendly Measures

As part of our commitment to sustainable practices, ThoughtSol has embraced the following approaches:

- We have started reducing our paper consumption.
- We have initiated segregating waste into different categories.
- We strive to contribute to a circular economy by managing the consumption and handling of waste going forward.
- We have conducted employee training programs covering E-waste management and recycling.

**THOUGHTSOL**  
Exceeding Expectations

**eWaste Recycling Program**

*An Awareness Program by ThoughtSol!*

**What is E-Waste?**

E-waste is discarded electronic devices and equipment that are no longer in use or functioning.

**Why is E-Waste Hazardous?**

Chemicals released from e-waste and their effects on human health:

LEAD	CADMIUM	MERCURY	BFR	BERYLLIUM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes damage to the nervous system, blood system, and kidneys.</li> <li>• Impairs brain development in children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accumulates in kidney</li> <li>• Causes neutral damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic damage to the brain</li> <li>• Respiratory and skin disorders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disrupts endocrine system functions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carcinogenic (Lung Cancer Risk)</li> <li>• Skin diseases such as Warts</li> </ul>

**#ThoughtSolCares**



## WATER MANAGEMENT



At ThoughtSol, we recognize water as a critical, finite resource essential for life, ecosystems, and economic development. Our commitment to sustainability is reflected in our responsible approach to water management:



**2500**

LITRES

Total water consumption at the organizational level in FY 2023-24



### WATER STEWARDSHIP

- We prioritize water efficiency and conservation measures in our operations
- We address water-related risks to our operations, considering factors such as water scarcity and water quality issues
- By understanding risks, we better prepare and adapt strategies to mitigate potential impacts
- Preserving resources stands as a cornerstone of our eco-friendly pledge. We actively oversee resource utilization like water efficiency

Our commitment to sustainability is reflected in our adoption of eco-conscious practices, which are integral to our corporate ethos and highlight our dedication to environmental stewardship. We promote sustainable commuting, create green workspaces, and conserve resources to progress toward our sustainability goals.. We believe that our collective efforts, alongside those of our stakeholders, will help cultivate a more sustainable and responsible world.





# SOCIAL

## INTRODUCTION ●

In today's dynamic corporate landscape, cultivating a positive work environment is vital for sustainable business practices. Our organization's workforce brings together a diverse array of skills, perspectives, and experiences.

As a responsible employer, we prioritize:

- Employee well-being
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Professional Development

This report highlights our commitment to creating an atmosphere where every individual feels valued, respected, and empowered to contribute their best. Through targeted strategies, guidelines, and continuous communication, we aim to foster an environment where everyone can thrive.

“

***“Fostering a Better Workplace”***



”

***“Driving Positive Change Through Action”***







## HUMAN CAPITAL

ThoughtSol takes great pride in our talented workforce, which drives the success of the company. Our employees represent our commitment to responsible practices and form the pillar of our continued success.

We value our employees' well-being and ensure a supportive and inclusive work environment. We provide a comprehensive benefits package to support our employees as they grow along with the organization.

At ThoughtSol, all full-time employees can access our group benefit package throughout their employment, which includes:

- Group Term Life Insurance for financial security
- Comprehensive employee training to support professional development and growth



## HEALTH & SAFETY

We recognize that prioritizing our employees' well-being is not only a moral responsibility but also essential for creating a successful and sustainable workplace. Our commitment to health and safety involves cultivating an environment where everyone feels safe, respected, and empowered to perform at their best.



**ZERO**

Number of Injuries  
in the workplace

We take pride in our dedicated efforts to ensure employee safety, resulting in a work environment free from injuries.

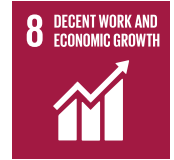




## EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ●

At ThoughtSol, we prioritize employee engagement to cultivate a productive and innovative workforce. Our approach includes:

- Regular communication with employees to address well-being
- Promotion of social activities
- Organization of awareness sessions to encourage healthy lifestyles



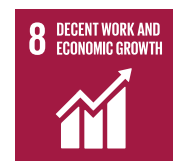
***“Empowering Employee Wellness”***



## CAREER ADVANCEMENT & TRAINING ●

Investing in training and career progression is integral to the growth of both our employees and our company. ThoughtSol Infotech provides a wide range of employee development programs, include:

- On-the-job training
- OEM workshops
- Online certifications through Partner Portals
- Internal mobility and leadership development programs
- Reskilling, upskilling, and transition programs, include outplacement services and educational partnerships



Training programs are tailored to meet job requirements and are informed by evaluations from managers.



## Key Statistics



**80%**

Percentage of employees who received career reviews



**10 hrs**

Average annual training for all employees, regardless of gender, with male and female employees benefiting equally from this training



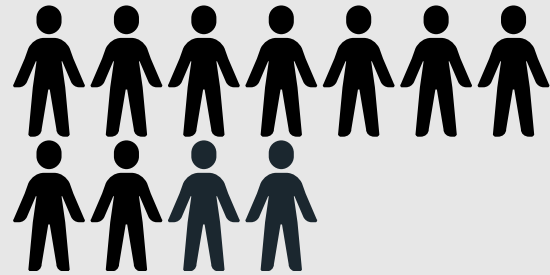
**12 hrs**

Average annual training for management levels with senior management and middle management



**20 hrs**

Average annual training for lower management



### SKILLS UPGRADING PROGRAM

We provide extensive skills upgrading and transition assistance programs to help employees navigate career shifts.

Our offerings include-

- Technical training in areas such as Cloud, Desktop, Network, and Servers
- Soft skills development in communication and leadership
- Emotional support when needed.

These initiatives ensure our employees stay employable and well-prepared for the evolving job market

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) is central to our company's principles, fostering an inclusive workplace where every individual feels valued and empowered.

We understand that embracing DEI means creating an environment where every individual feels valued, respected, and empowered to share their unique experiences and perspectives. DEI acts as a catalyst for innovation and problem-solving within our organization by leveraging diverse talents, perspectives, and ideas. Furthermore, our diverse workforce enhances our appreciation of various cultures and deepens our understanding of our target markets.





ThoughtSol exemplifies its commitment to fostering an environment where everyone feels a sense of belonging, as demonstrated by



**20% of women  
in governance  
bodies**



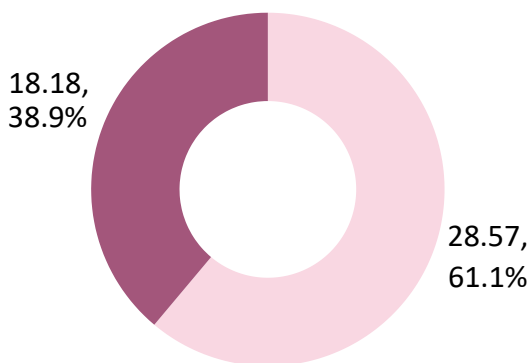
**18% of our  
newly hired  
workforce**



**Zero number of reported  
incidents of discrimination**

We are dedicated to achieving more equitable representation in the future.

### RATE OF NEW HIRE BY GENDER



MALE



FEMALE

The total new hires is 102, with a hire rate of 28.57% for males and 18.18% for females.

### NUMBER OF EMPLOYEE RATE OF TURNOVER



MALE



FEMALE

The total employee turnover is 47, with a turnover rate of 12.91% for males and 19.67% for females.



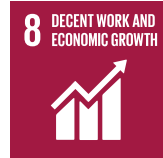




## HUMAN RIGHTS

We are committed to protecting individual rights within our organization and extending this dedication to our partner companies. Our focus includes:

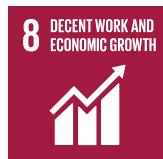
- Embedding human rights in our operations
- Raising awareness of human rights policies among employees
- Conducting due diligence checks



## CHILD LABOR

At ThoughtSol, we do not employ individuals under the age of 18.

- Age verification rigorously conducted at the time of hiring using valid government identification.
- ThoughtSol implements strict measures within its operations and among its suppliers to eliminate any form of child labor.
- Conducting thorough due diligence checks to ensure compliance with legal working age requirements is standard practice.



**ZERO**

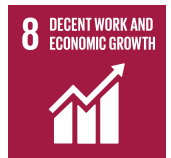
Incidents of child labor in our operations

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At the heart of our corporate responsibility is a steadfast commitment to active community engagement. We recognize the vital role that the community plays in informing our decisions for positive impact and providing diverse perspectives on our operations.

- Active dialogue with community stakeholders
- Building relationships based on mutual respect and trust
- Co-creating value and fostering resilience

Our dedication goes beyond mere compliance; it represents a shared goal of co-creating value, fostering resilience, and promoting sustainable practices that align with the interests of all stakeholders.

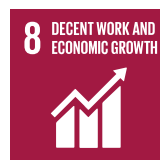


**INR 1.49 million**

ThoughtSol made a donation to charitable institutions, during reporting period



## DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE



### Financial Performance

At ThoughtSol, we generate economic value sustainably by prioritizing the meaningful impact we create for our stakeholders, rather than focusing solely on profit. Our approach ensures that we deliver exceptional value not just to our clients, but also to our employees and society as a whole. There has been a strong demand for our investment products, and we are determined to meet that demand by innovating and providing customized financial solutions.

### DIRECT ECONOMIC VALUE GENERATED AND DISTRIBUTED (IN INR MILLIONS)

CATEGORIES	VALUE
<b>DIRECT ECONOMIC VALUE GENERATED (A)</b>	
REVENUE (THROUGH CORE BUSINESS SEGMENTS)	3722.80
OTHER INCOME (THROUGH OTHER SOURCES)	15.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3738.65</b>
<b>ECONOMIC VALUE DISTRIBUTED (B)</b>	
OPERATING COST	3261.46
PERSONNEL EXPENSES (WAGES + BENEFITS)	182.21
INTEREST CHARGES	65.17
TAXES AND ROYALTIES - TAXES EXPENSES	31.16
TAXES AND ROYALTIES - DIVIDEND TAX PAID	0
DIVIDENDS (PAYMENTS TO CAPITAL PROVIDERS)	0
DONATIONS (POLITICAL PARTIES/POLITICIANS)	0
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CSR INVESTMENTS	1.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3541.49</b>
<b>ECONOMIC VALUE ADDED (A-B)</b>	<b>197.16</b>



**INR 3738.65 MILLION**

Total economic value generated



**INR 197.16 MILLION**

Economic Value Added



**INR 1.49 MILLION**

Significant Investment in Community Development

## CLIENT EXPERIENCE

At ThoughtSol, client satisfaction is at the core of everything we do. We are committed to delivering exceptional service by understanding our clients' unique needs and consistently exceeding their expectations.

By fostering open communication, providing personalized solutions, and maintaining high standards of quality, we ensure that our clients receive the best possible experience. Our dedication to continuous improvement, innovation, and responsiveness enables us to build strong, long-term relationships and deliver results that drive success for our clients. We have instituted a systematic process to address client satisfaction, encompassing:

- Gathering feedback through surveys and other mechanisms
- Evaluating client responses
- Resolving any dissatisfaction promptly
- Delivering outstanding client services consistently

We encourage clients to provide feedback, offering opportunities to comment on various aspects, including relationship management, products, services, and overall satisfaction.



# GOVERNANCE

## INTRODUCTION ●

ThoughtSol's governance structure ensures effective oversight and management through:

- Board of Directors
- Executive Management Team
- Advisory committees
- Operational committees
- Departmental heads

The highest governance body includes members responsible for decision-making and oversight concerning the organization's economic, environmental, and social impacts.

Our governance body balances executive and non-executive members, promoting leadership and independence. Mr. Vineet Kumar serves as both CEO and chair of the highest governance body, responsible for:

- Defining and communicating the organization's vision and mission
- Setting the company's future direction
- Overseeing development and execution of the company's strategic plan
- High-level decision-making on policy, direction, and strategy, guiding the company toward achieving its goals

To prevent conflicts of interest, the organization has established clear protocols and practices that ensure transparency and accountability.



### Key individuals on the Board of Directors:

- Mr. Vineet Kumar (Founder & CEO)
- Mr. Ratan Dargan (Co-Founder and CTO)
- Ms. Bindiya Vohra (Co-Founder & Director) (Digital Solutions Business)
- Mr. Saket Vohra (Co-Founder & Director) (Business Dev & Nextgen Services)
- Mr. Yogesh Pal (Executive Vice President (Govt. and Education))
- Mr. Rajesh Sachdeva (Vice President (Technology Solutions))
- Mr. BN Murthy (Vice President- South Oper.)
- Mr. Vivek Jain (Vice President- North Reg.)
- Mr. Anuj Gupta (Vice president- Client Success & Service Business)





## Governance Framework and Diversity

ThoughtSol governance framework is designed to maintain effectiveness and diversity:

- Regular evaluation of tenure and significant commitments held by each member
- Commitment to gender diversity and inclusion of underrepresented social groups
- Wide range of perspectives and competencies relevant to organizational impacts

The presence of advisory committees, including members such as Mr. B N Murthy and Ms. Chanda Jha, further enhances stakeholder representation and collaboration in decision-making processes.

Overall, the governance structure is built to uphold accountability, transparency, and effective management across all facets of the organization's operations.

## RESPONSIBILITY & OVERSIGHT

The governance structure at ThoughtSol ensures that the highest governance body plays an integral role in overseeing the management of organizational impacts, particularly with regard to sustainable development. This involves both strategic oversight and hands-on involvement from senior executives.



### STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT

The highest governance body, consisting of the Board of Directors and other senior executives, tasked with-

- Setting the overall strategic direction of the organization
- Approves long-term strategies integrating sustainable development goals
- Governs ESG policies
- Conducts regular reviews of company purpose, values, and strategies

### ROLE OF SENIOR EXECUTIVES

Senior executives at ThoughtSol play a critical role in strategy development and operational oversight.

- Propose strategies to implement organizational purpose and values, specifically concerning sustainable development
- Develop Board-approved policies approved by the Board
- Ensure policies are embedded into daily operations and culture





## ENGAGEMENT IN IMPACT MANAGEMENT

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The governance body oversees the organization's -

- Oversees due diligence processes to manage impacts on the economy, environment, and people
- Engages with stakeholders
- Integrates stakeholder input into decision-making

The outcomes of these processes influence policy updates, resource allocation, and strategic decision-making, aiming to mitigate risks and enhance positive impacts

## REVIEW OF PROCESSES

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The Board is responsible for reviewing the effectiveness of the organization's processes regularly.

- Regular effectiveness reviews (annual, quarterly, or ad-hoc basis), ensuring that the organization's strategies and policies remain aligned with its goals while fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

## DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

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To ensure effective impact management, the highest governance body delegates responsibility to senior executives and other key employees. Specific roles, such as Chief Sustainability Officer or an ESG committee, are appointed to manage impacts, with regular reporting, performance reviews, and feedback mechanisms in place to maintain accountability and transparency.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST MANAGEMENT

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The governance body also ensures conflicts of interest are avoided and managed through a comprehensive policy. This includes regular disclosure processes and procedures for managing conflicts, such as recusal from decision-making and independent reviews. This upholds identified transparency and maintains the organization's integrity.

## COMMUNICATION OF CRITICAL CONCERNS

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Critical concerns are communicated to the highest governance body through structured reporting channels. Regular updates and crisis management protocols ensure that the Board is well-informed to make prompt decisions. While no critical concerns were reported during the recent period, the organization remains committed to maintaining governance integrity by addressing challenges as they arise.





## Enhancing ESG Knowledge and Competence

To enhance the highest governance body's collective knowledge on economic, social, and environmental governance (ESG) topics, ThoughtSol implements several key measures:

1. Education and training programs
2. Engagement with external experts
3. Regular reporting on ESG issues
4. Strategic planning sessions focused on sustainability
5. Stakeholder engagement for diverse perspectives
6. Guidance from specialized governance committees

Comprehensive documentation of these efforts ensures continuous learning and alignment with the organization's long-term ESG goals, allowing the governance body to make informed and impactful decisions.

## Governance Framework Emphasis

This robust governance framework at ThoughtSol emphasizes:

- Sustainable development
- Risk management
- Accountability

Our approach ensures that both the organization and its stakeholders benefit from responsible business practices.



## Transparency & Accountability

At ThoughtSol, we believe that our responsibility extends beyond providing IT solutions, we are committed to integrating sustainable development principles across our operations.

As we continue to grow, our strategy focuses on eco-conscious practices that align with the global drive towards sustainability.



### EMBEDDING POLICY COMMITMENTS

To ensure that responsible business conduct is embedded across all levels of the organization, ThoughtSol has implemented robust mechanisms:



#### **Responsibility Allocation:**

- Senior executives oversee strategic implementation
- Operational managers handle day-to-day adherence



#### **Integration into Strategies:**

- Commitments woven into organizational strategies, policies, and procedures



#### **Commitments in Business Relationships:**

- Clear expectations and contractual obligations for partners and stakeholders



#### **Training and Awareness:**

- Continuous training sessions conducted to keep employees aware of their responsibilities, ensuring that ESG principles are upheld throughout the company's activities and relationships.

### MECHANISMS FOR SEEKING ADVICE AND RAISING CONCERNS

ThoughtSol provides multiple avenues for employees and stakeholders to seek advice and raise concerns about the organization's business conduct:

- Policy Manuals and Guidelines
- Dedicated Helpdesks
- Supervisory Support
- Regular Training Sessions and workshops

Multiple Reporting Channels, for raising concerns:

- Direct communication with management
- HR
- Anonymous online platforms

### COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

At ThoughtSol, compliance with all applicable laws and regulations is of utmost importance. We have robust systems in place to ensure adherence to legal requirements and to identify any significant instances of non-compliance. During the reporting period, we are proud to report:

- No instances of non-compliance with legal or regulatory standards
- No fines or non-monetary sanctions incurred



## Privacy & Data Security

At ThoughtSol, privacy and data security are fundamental pillars of our commitment to excellence in digital transformation.

As a leader in IT services, we understand the critical importance of safeguarding sensitive information and ensuring that our clients' data remains secure across all operations. Our comprehensive cybersecurity services are designed to provide robust protection against emerging threats, including-



**Firewall Solutions**



**Data Loss Prevention (DLP)**



**Email Security**



**Backup as a Service**



**Cloud Security**

We adhere to the highest standards of data security to ensure that our solutions meet regulatory requirements and industry best practices.

In addition to our cutting-edge cybersecurity services, ThoughtSol continuously invests in data privacy protocols that protect customer information. With certifications in-

**Quality Management**

**Information Service  
Management**

**Business Continuity  
Management**

ThoughtSol are dedicated to maintaining the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data. Our commitment to privacy and data security not only aligns with industry standards but also reflects our mission to foster trust and ensure the long-term success of our clients in the digital age.



## Risk Management

ThoughtSol recognizes the importance of identifying and managing risks, particularly those related to corruption in our operations. ThoughtSol have Risk Management Process in place to assess and address significant risks related to corruption across our business activities.

### Anti-Corruption Measures



#### Risk Identification

- Regular risk assessments
- Prompt addressing of significant risks



#### Operations Assessed

- Periodic evaluations of all key business units to mitigate corruption risks



#### Confirmed Incidents of Corruption

- ThoughtSol have an Incident Management Policy, Process, and Procedure in place

During reporting period, there have been:

- No confirmed incidents of corruption.
- No employees dismissed or disciplined for corruption.
- No contracts terminated with business partners due to corruption.
- No public legal cases involving corruption brought against ThoughtSol or its employees.

### Anti-Corruption Training & Communication

ThoughtSol ensures that all employees receive comprehensive training on anti-corruption policies and procedures. As part of our commitment to ethical business conduct:

#### 1. Training Program:

- Integrity-based training during Induction Process where they are educated about our anti-corruption policies, procedures, and the Code of Conduct.
- Mandatory signing of Code of Conduct.
- 100% employee have completed this training as part of their onboarding.

#### 2. Employee Categories:

We ensure that all governance body members, senior management, and associates are communicated with regarding anti-corruption policies. The breakdown of those informed includes:

- **Governance body members/ Top Management: 7**
- **Associates: Ongoing process**

### Anti-Competitive Behavior, Anti-Trust, and Monopoly Practices

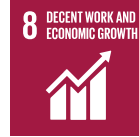
ThoughtSol is dedicated to upholding fair competition. Policies and procedures for preventing anti-competitive practices are outlined in Induction Manual, with all employees receiving training on these matters during their onboarding. To manage and report any incidents of anti-competitive behavior, we use an Incident Management Tool. During the reporting period, ThoughtSol had no pending or completed legal actions, and no decisions or judgments related to violations of anti-trust or monopoly legislation.

# ALIGNMENT WITH UN SDG'S

## ENVIRONMENT



## SOCIAL



## GOVERNANCE



At ThoughtSol, we are committed to advancing the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** by embedding sustainability into our operations. Our initiatives span environmental, social, and governance (ESG) efforts, focused on delivering lasting impact and value.

### SUSTAINABLE VALUE CREATION

We prioritize generating sustainable value for all stakeholders by:

- Maintaining responsible business practices
- Upholding integrity and transparency in all operations

### HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIVERSITY

ThoughtSol upholds human rights and empowers communities through:

- Educational initiatives
- Employee engagement programs
- Promoting diversity with a zero-tolerance policy against discrimination
- Aiming for at least 20% women in yearly hires

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through:

- Optimized logistics
- Responsible commuting initiatives
- Waste reduction programs aimed at promoting a circular economy

### ETHICAL PRACTICES

We maintain high ethical standards by:

- Implementing a zero-tolerance policy on bribery and corruption
- Ensuring transparency through comprehensive sustainability reporting



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<b>Environmental Footprint of Hardware Infrastructure</b>	(1) Total water withdrawn, (2) total water consumed; percentage of each in regions with High or Extremely High Baseline Water Stress	TC-SI-130a.2	Not Disclosed (Our operations neither is water intensive nor in water stressed area)
<b>Environmental Footprint of Hardware Infrastructure</b>	Discussion of the integration of environmental considerations into strategic planning for data centre needs	TC-SI-130a.3	Not Disclosed (Third-party data centres are used)
<b>Data Privacy &amp; Freedom of Expression</b>	Description of policies and practices relating to targeted advertising and user privacy	TC-SI-220a.1	Privacy and Data Security Section under Governance Chapter (29)
<b>Data Privacy &amp; Freedom of Expression</b>	Number of users whose information is used for secondary purposes	TC-SI-220a.2	Nil
<b>Data Privacy &amp; Freedom of Expression</b>	Total amount of monetary losses as a result of legal proceedings associated with user privacy	TC-SI-220a.3	Nil
<b>Data Privacy &amp; Freedom of Expression</b>	(1) Number of law enforcement requests for user information, (2) number of users whose information was requested, (3) percentage resulting in disclosure	TC-SI-220a.4	Nil

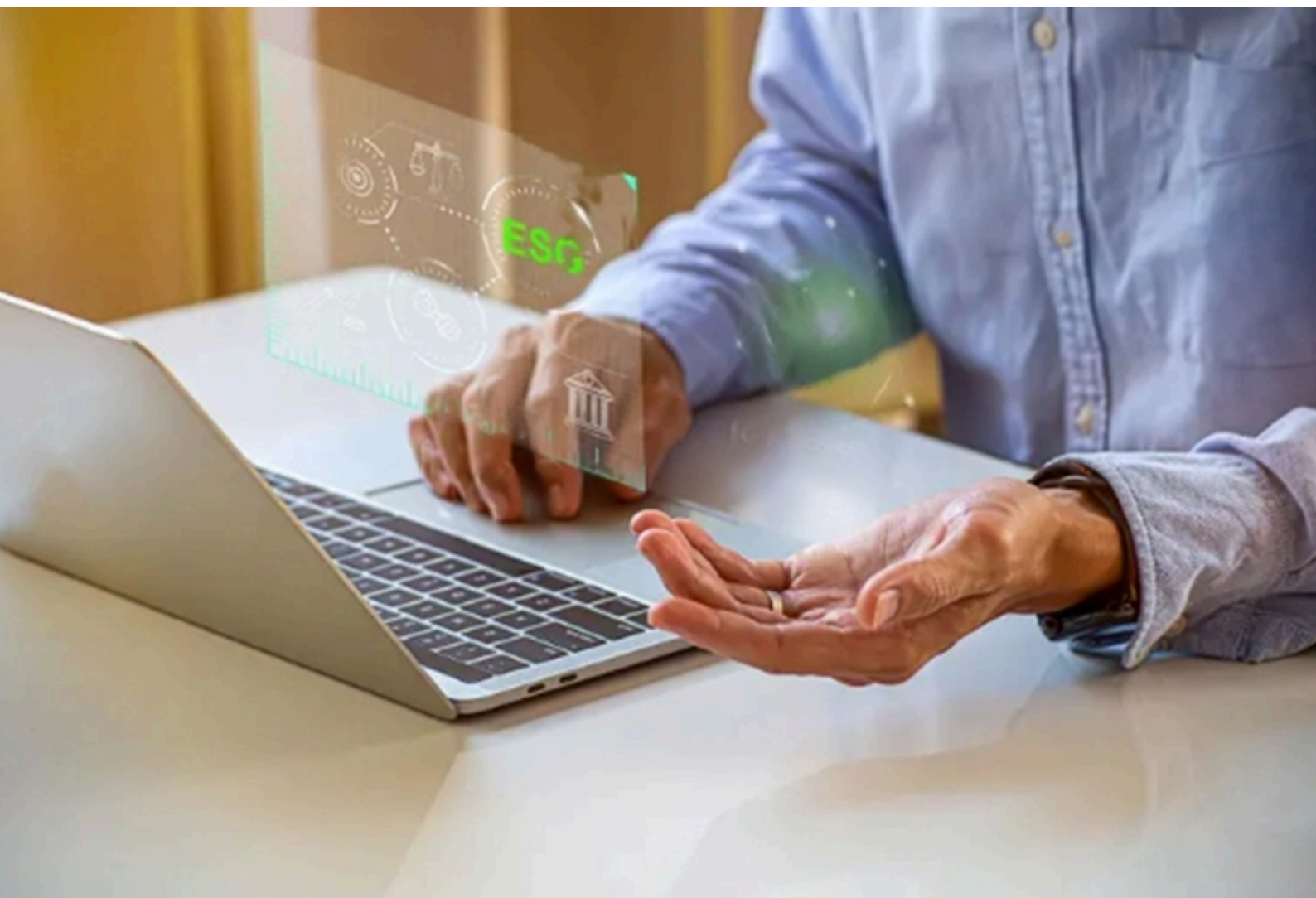


Topic	Metric	Code	Responses
<b>Data Privacy &amp; Freedom of Expression</b>	List of countries where core products or services are subject to government-required monitoring, blocking, content filtering, or censoring	TC-SI-220a.5	India only
<b>Data Security</b>	(1) Number of data breaches, (2) percentage that are personal data breaches, (3) number of users affected	TC-SI-230a.1	Nil
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