



Press Release

JSW Steel Named 2026 'Sustainability Champion' by the World Steel Association

Mumbai, India – April 17, 2026 – JSW Steel Ltd. ("JSW Steel" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has been recognised as a *Sustainability Champion* by the World Steel Association (worldsteel) for the eighth consecutive year.

worldsteel's *Sustainability Champions Programme* honours member organisations that demonstrate a robust and consistent commitment to sustainable development. To qualify, companies must meet three core criteria. First, they must provide verifiable evidence of meeting 20 criteria spanning environmental, social, governance, and economic (ESGE) dimensions, as defined by worldsteel's Sustainability Charter—a globally recognised framework outlining the principles and practices for responsible and sustainable steel production. Second, they must submit Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) data covering over 60% of their crude steel production to worldsteel. This data tracks and quantifies environmental inputs (e.g., raw materials and energy) and outputs (e.g., emissions and waste) across the cradle-to-gate life cycle of steel products. Third, they must have received formal industry recognition through a nomination for a worldsteel *Steelie Award* or acknowledgement under the association's *Safety and Health Recognition Programme*.

Commenting on the recognition, **Jayant Acharya, Joint Managing Director and CEO - JSW Steel**, said: "Being named a worldsteel Sustainability Champion for the eighth consecutive year reflects the seriousness with which sustainability is embedded in JSW Steel's business strategy. We view sustainability not as an obligation, but as a key source of long-term competitiveness—shaping how we invest, innovate, and operate at scale. This recognition validates our belief that disciplined execution and measurable progress are essential as the steel industry transitions toward a low-carbon, resilient future."

As the global steel industry accelerates its transition toward low-carbon production, sustained recognition of this nature underlines that JSW Steel's sustainability agenda is not only clearly defined, but also measurable, credible, and consistently advancing. JSW Steel extends its sincere appreciation to all internal stakeholders whose dedication to sustainable operations and value creation made this achievement possible. This recognition strengthens the Company's resolve to continue delivering sustainable value that endures for its stakeholders, its communities, and the planet, in a manner aligned with its ethos of being **#BetterEveryday**.

About JSW Steel:

- *JSW Steel is the flagship business of the diversified, US\$ 23 billion JSW Group. As one of India's leading business houses, JSW Group also has interests in energy, infrastructure, cement, paints, realty, e-platforms, mobility, defence, sports, and venture capital.*
- *Over the last three decades, JSW Steel has grown from a single manufacturing unit to become India's leading integrated steel company with consolidated crude steel capacity of 35.9 MTPA including 1.5 MTPA in US. Domestic crude steel capacity stands at 34.4 MTPA. Its next phase of growth will take consolidated capacity to 43.4 MTPA over next three years. The Company's plant in Vijayanagar, Karnataka is the largest single-location steel-producing facility in India with current capacity of 17.5 MTPA.*
- *JSW Steel has always been at the forefront of research and innovation. It has a strategic collaboration with JFE Steel of Japan, enabling JSW to access new and state-of-the-art technologies to produce and offer high-value special steel products to its customers. These products are extensively used across industries and applications including construction, infrastructure, automobile, electrical applications, and appliances.*
- *JSW Steel is widely recognized for its excellence in business and sustainability practices. Some of these recognitions include World Steel Association's Steel Sustainability Champion (consecutively for 8 years from 2019 to 2026), Deming Prize for TQM for its facilities at Vijayanagar (2018), and Salem (2019). It is a constituent of FTSE4Good Index and the Dow Jones World and Emerging Markets Sustainability Indices (DJSI 2024), and ranked #1 globally in the steel sector in the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA 2025).*
- *JSW Steel's 4 operations are now Responsible Steel Certified and more than 80% of domestic crude steel production is covered under the Responsible Steel™ Certified Sites.*
- *JSW Steel's Sustainable Energy Environment & Decarbonisation (SEED) project was awarded the Energy Transition Changemakers recognition at COP28.*
- *JSW Steel is ranked 6th among the top 34 world-class steelmakers, according to the 'WorldClass Steelmaker Rankings' by World Steel Dynamics (WSD) as of December 2025.*
- *As a responsible corporate citizen, JSW Steel's CO2 emission reduction goals are aligned with India's Climate Change commitments under the Paris Accord.*
- *JSW Steel aims to reduce its CO2 emissions by 42% from its steel-making operations by 2030 and has committed to achieve net neutral in carbon emission for all operations under its direct control by 2050.*
- *JSW Steel aims to lead the energy transition by powering steel-making operations entirely by renewable energy by 2030.*
- *Other sustainability targets include achieving no net-loss in biodiversity at the operating sites by 2030, substantially improving air quality, reducing water consumption in all operations and maintaining Zero Liquid Discharge.*
- *JSW Steel has emerged as an organisation with a strong work culture foundation. It is certified by Great Places to Work (2021, 2022 and 2023) as well as ranked as one of the Best Employers among Nation Builders (2023 and 2024) and one of India's best workplaces in Health & Wellness (2023).*