Our Mission
We support businesses uniquely identify products & locations, and share information in a structured and standardised manner. Our standards-based services enable digital transformation and enhance supply chain efficiency.

Our Vision
Our vision is to create a world where every product has a unique identity, which enhances visibility in the supply chain.

Core Values
1. Neutral & not for profit
2. Trust & integrity
3. Global & local
4. Inclusive & collaborative
We are grateful for GS1 India's leadership and significant contributions to the Verified by GS1 programme. From the first days through to today, GS1 India has been instrumental to our global programme, enabling the digital transformation of organisations through the use of GS1 standards and services. GS1 India brought valuable expertise to designing the global service, drawing from their technical proficiency and insights gained with DataKart. They rank among the top 10 contributing GS1 Member Organisations with nearly 22 million GTINs uploaded (of the 400+ million GTINs in the registry today), they consistently have among the highest data quality scores of all GS1 Member Organisations and the use of the data by the GS1 India community is strong and growing. We would like to congratulate GS1 India on these achievements and thank the entire community for their continued commitment to the growth, relevance, and usage of the GS1 Registries.
I am delighted to share with you the highlights of our achievements and initiatives in the year 2022-23. This year marked another leap of progression in terms of the adoption and fulfillment of global supply chain standards. With the rising need for digital transformation, GS1 India intends to establish and expand global standards for businesses so as to enable and make them capable of growing locally and globally.

GS1 India is moving towards its vision of enabling seamless and efficient exchange of information across supply chains. We adopted measures to the changing needs of our subscribers and ensured business continuity.

I would like to highlight how GS1 India is supporting the ‘Make in India’ initiative by helping businesses establish and adopt standardization throughout the supply chain to minimize the impact caused by disruptions. Over the years, GS1 India has played a key role in empowering organizations to upscale their businesses and ensuring end-to-end visibility. We have witnessed a significant increase in subscriber enrolments, reflecting the growing awareness and demand for our standards and services.

Companies are increasingly globalizing their supply chains for resilience and efficiency. India is playing an important role in creating new global supply chain ecosystems. The country has become a hub for technology innovation and start-ups. Emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing, and Blockchain are transforming the way businesses operate, making them more efficient, agile, data-driven, and creating digital trust.

We have also enabled access to accurate product data, which is a critical need for today’s consumers and businesses, via DataKart – the national repository of product data.

The use of Fastag is getting extended beyond its original usage for toll collection. It is now being used for payment of parking fee. Its proposed extended usage can be in areas that involve a vehicle such as insurance claims, fuel refilling and others.

As the country’s defence capabilities are being ramped up, there is a need for increased production. To ensure the safe and secure storage of arms and ammunition, traceability is important. GS1 India has extended support to the Indian Army to establish an RFID-based ammunition tracking system that is integrated with the ERP system run by the Computerised Inventory Control Group (CICG) of the Ordnance Services. The Army to establish an RFID-based

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The National logistics policy is a significant milestone in reshaping the logistics landscape and putting India on the global stage. Our Prime Minister launched Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity, essentially a digital platform to bring various Ministries including railways and roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects. The multi-modal connectivity will provide integrated and seamless connectivity for the movement of people, goods, and services from one mode of transport to another. It will facilitate the last-mile connectivity of infrastructure and also reduce travel time for people. GS1 India launched a white paper on ‘Unlocking the Potential of the Indian Logistics Sector’. It discussed the challenges of the logistics supply chain, initiatives taken by the Indian government to tackle those challenges and how GS1 can help improve the Indian logistics sector by eliminating data inaccuracies, lowering costs, and assisting the government in implementing the National Logistics Policy to achieve its objectives.

India is one of the largest producers and exporters of pharmaceutical drugs. GS1 India works with healthcare companies to secure patient safety via the adoption of standards and meet the global regulatory requirements. The agriculture sector is getting empowered as farmers get genuine information and accurate product data on pesticides, fertilizers and seeds through traceability, in compliance with regulatory requirements.

Continued commitment to bring standardisation to not just large corporations but also to SME enterprises and cottage industries, I foresee immense potential in the organisation to empower industries by standardisation and contribute to the country’s vision of economic growth both within the nation and also in terms of exports.

As we look ahead to our goal of becoming a $5 trillion economy, GS1 standards are poised to play an increasingly pivotal role. The standardisation of data exchange, the interoperability between systems, and the integration of emerging technologies such as RFID, IoT and Blockchain into the GS1 ecosystem will unlock new avenues for growth and innovation. With seamless communication between businesses, regulatory authorities, and consumers in today’s digital world, we are poised to create an environment that fosters trust, efficiency, and competitiveness.

The team at GS1 India led by its CEO, Mr. S. Swaminathan has been playing an active leadership role at the global front, being part of the GS1 Global Advisory Council and other leadership forums. I would like to extend my gratitude to Dr. Srikar K. Reddy, past President and the Board of Management for their continued support and guidance.

Vipul Bansal
We are pleased to present you the annual report for the year 2022-23. This year was marked by a remarkable recovery of the business environment, as the global situation stabilized and the Indian economy emerged as a leader in growth and innovation. GS1 India was able to capitalize on this opportunity by leveraging its services and expanded the subscriber base substantially, demonstrating our resilience.

After 50 years of domination of one-dimensional barcodes, GS1 is ready for every-changing world and launching two-dimensional (2D) barcodes at retail point of sales, which are capable of carrying additional data. With the emergence of digitization and variable information being the key driver, there is a need for a system that can drive 2D barcodes effectively and GS1 is working towards migration to 2D, thereby escalating trust to customers. We are aspiring to read 2D barcodes at retail points of sale around the world by the end of 2027.

We continued our engagement with the MSME sector in the adoption of global standards through the re-introduced financial reimbursement scheme by the Ministry of MSME, GS1 India initiated outreach programs with MSME DIs across the country through several workshops and webinars.

Traceability is another indispensable attribute which is crucial for industries to ensure product quality, safety, compliance, counterfeiting prevention and customer satisfaction. GS1 India has assisted the top 300 pharma brands to adopt GS1 QR codes on product packaging as per the regulatory guidelines to safeguard health and well-being of patients. We have been working with the API manufacturers to help them comply with the regulation and thereby converging the physical and digital worlds.

We have also collaborated with UNDP and Spices Board in the development of a Blockchain-based Traceability solution for Indian spices. End-to-end traceability is a key enabler of trust, transparency and sustainability.

Smart Consumer App has been revamped with new features that enhance the consumer experience. Now, consumers can check product availability and manage coupons with ease. Detailed information can be accessed which is not available on product packaging. This will help to attract and retain more consumers.
who can make informed buying choices. It is also expected to help brand owners to market their products better and reach out to consumers directly.

Similarly, several new features were added to DataKart enhancing its capability to make further value additions for users. To name a few, it has added a new API for data sharing, and a direct printing module to make the platform smarter and future-ready. Since the scale of change is much faster we have laid the foundation of redeveloping the platform to DataKart 2.0. It will meet the needs of better performance, improved scalability and easy digital transformation for continuous and consistent growth of the organization and also our subscriber base.

Furthermore, GS1 partnered with Midas Research Lab of IIIT Delhi, a leading premier research-oriented academic institute, to enhance the quality of product data in DataKart by using AI/ML-based OCR to extract product data from packaging, which will enable businesses and consumers to access reliable and accurate product data.

GS1 India and the Directorate General of Naval Armament (DGONA) have collaborated on a pilot project with the Naval Armament Depot, to explore the feasibility of ammunition tracking using barcodes. The project comprised of tracking the inward & and outward movement, locating the ammunition in case of expiry, and overall visibility of the ammunition inventory.

The Organization is in process of implementing an enterprise-wide ERP and CRM system, which would result in a 360° view of lead management and other processes, enhanced productivity, and operational efficiency. This would enable us to provide better and faster services to our subscribers.

We believe that when we invest in our people, we invest in our success. That’s why we are committed to providing our teams with the best training and resources to enhance their skills and knowledge. We have conducted several workshops on soft skills to help our teams communicate, collaborate and innovate more effectively.

GS1 India commits to remaining resilient in the face of disruptions. By embracing change, and fostering collaboration, we are confident in our ability to not only withstand challenges but to emerge stronger and more adaptable than ever before.

Besides, the changes in terms of growth and development, change is inevitable in every aspect. The President and CEO of GS1 Global, Mr. Miguel Lopera stepped down from his post on 30th June 2022 after completing more than 20 years of dedicated and outstanding service to GS1 and industry communities. Wishing him the very best for his future endeavors.

Moreover, I take this opportunity to thank our past President, Dr. Srikar Reddy for his guidance and support during his tenure. I would also like to thank Mr. Vipul Bansal, our current President, GS1 India Management Board, GS1 Global office, and member organizations for their support. Last but not the least, I feel fortunate to be surrounded by an enthusiastic team that ardently puts sincere efforts to make everything possible and is the heart and spirit of GS1 India.

S. Swaminathan
About GS1 India

We are affiliated to GS1 Global

We work with the Government and Indian Industry to help them bring supply chain efficiency, product visibility and consumer safety.

Our Board Members

Sectors in Focus:

- Retail & e-commerce
- Healthcare
- Transport and logistics
- Agriculture
About GS1

1 Billion Products Carry GS1 Barcodes

2+ Million Companies trust GS1 Standards

10 Billion Scans Everyday

116 Countries Working Together

Bridging the physical and digital worlds to improve consumer experiences and patient safety
Applications of GS1 Standards

- Unique Identification
- Automatic Data Capture
- Information Sharing

- Real-time stock monitoring
- Product recall
- Product authentication and counterfeit detection
- Track & Trace
- Expiry management
- Master data management
- Selling through retail chains and e-marketplaces

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- **GINC** - Global Identification Number for Consignment
- **GSIN** - Global Shipment Identification Number

### Services

**Shipments / Consignment**
- GSIN, GINC

**Locations**
- GLN

**Assets**
- GIAI, GRAI

**Products**
- GTIN®

**Logistics Units**
- SSCC

**Service**
- Relationships
- GSRN, GDTI

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**Standards Identifiers**
DataKart
Product data management

DataKart is a repository of information on retailed products with details of each attribute (ingredients, product image(s), MRP, net content, dimensions, etc.). It enables the streamlining of product information between various departments of brand owners and enables them to share accurate, trusted, and updated SKU data with retailers and e-tailers in a consistent, structured, and standardised manner in real-time. Benefits to brand owners:-

- Address inconsistencies in product information management
- Barcoding simplified
- One-click promotional offers management
- Timely implementation support
- Customer insights at your fingertips

As a manufacturer, we have to upload verified data for our products on GS1 DataKart. It is a very time-consuming task to collect all the data from different stakeholders. To upload in GS1 DataKart, the GS1 team helps us a lot and guides us as we exchange data with the retailer. They have helped us upload more than 180 products on DataKart.

Sudhanshu Mishra, Bikanervala Foods Pvt. Ltd.
Data Kart Services

ClickIt App
ClickIt app is an intuitive and easy-to-use photo app that enables product manufacturers to take catalogue-ready product photos and list them with online marketplaces.

Once taken, the photos get synced with the DataKart accounts of manufacturers, where they can edit them using global imaging standards.

E-Cataloguing
GS1 India’s e-Cataloguing and Imaging service offers a convenient, one-stop solution to meet various product cataloguing and imaging needs for selling products online, in stores, or both. The captured digital images and product attribute information conform to GS1 standards and guidelines, which are used by leading retailers and online shopping sites worldwide.

GTIN Validation
GTIN validation enables online marketplaces, retailers, and content aggregators to validate GTINs and product barcode numbers along with core data attributes of products. This service is powered by DataKart, the national product data repository, and verified by GS1, a global solution for verifying the identity of products.
Some of the brands onboarded on DataKart in 2022-23

DataKart Trace

DataKart Trace is based on Global Traceability Standards (GTS) that enable the tracking and tracing of goods in the supply chain across trading partners. It fully integrates with the ERP/SAP system to provide complete visibility of products across the supply chain, ensuring better expiry management, a reduction in pilferages, and meeting regulatory requirements such as FSSAI recall requirements, etc.

Sectors in DataKart

- **CLOTHING**: 1,170 companies, 2,16,61,343 products
- **FOOTWEAR**: 413 companies, 21,83,872 products
- **HEALTHCARE**: 3,562 companies, 5,14,040 products
- **FOOD**: 11,506 companies, 8,52,857 products
- **OTHERS**: 12,127 companies, 42,89,442 products

We are very happy with the QR code generated from the GS1 India DataKart platform. The platform is easy to use, even for non-technical users. The QR codes are clear and easy to scan, even on small devices. We have found the platform to be very helpful in our business, as it allows us to quickly and easily create and print QR codes for our products and services. We would definitely recommend the DataKart platform to others.

Mr. K. R. Gavish Kumar, Kemicides Crop Protection Private Limited
DataKart Centre of Excellence - A collaboration between GS1 India and MIDAS Lab

GS1 India has partnered with a leading research lab to enhance product data quality.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Midas Research Lab of Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Delhi, a leading premier research-oriented academic institute, was signed to create the DataKart Centre of Excellence (DCoE).

The objective of the creation of DCoE is to apply artificial intelligence, machine learning, and other futuristic technologies to develop tools for image compression, attribute extraction, and improving the quality of product data in DataKart (the National Product Data Repository).

The collaboration will enable the development of cutting-edge technologies to make DataKart more robust and dependable. This will provide accessibility to quality product data businesses (retailers, online marketplaces, point-of-sale providers, and aggregators) and end-consumers.
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**Availability across Platforms**

**Complete & Trustworthy Information**

**Usage Instructions**

**Marketing, Promotion and Coupon Codes**

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**Consumer Reviews and Feedback**

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**Product Origin Information**

**Product Authentication**

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APP DOWNLOADS

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GS1 Standards Development

Standards created by the industry, for the industry.

The GSMP (Global Standards Management Process) is a community-based forum for businesses facing similar problems to work together and develop standards-based solutions.

A neutral participant, GS1 facilitates dialogue and the development of standards-based solutions among business and technical people from nearly sixty countries. Industries represented include retail and consumer goods, fresh foods, healthcare, transport and logistics, governments and many more.

Large or small, all members share a seat at the table to ensure that their business challenges are heard and taken into account while shaping the future of industry.
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The notification specifies, “The manufacturers of drug formulation products as specified in Schedule H2 shall print or affix a bar code or quick response code [QR code] on their primary packaging label or, in cases of inadequate space in the primary package label, on the secondary package label that stores data or information legible with a software application to facilitate authentication.

When consumers scan the Barcode/QR code, the following information should be made available for verification:

- Unique product identification code
- Proper and generic name of the drug
- Brand Name
- Name and address of the manufacturer
- Batch number
Implementation of QR Code for API Traceability

The traceability application framework is designed based on the objectives set by the notification and existing supply chain practices of the pharmaceutical industry. The fundamental requirements of any traceability application are unique identification of all components or stakeholders in the supply chain, like product (API), consignment, and warehouse location, ensuring interoperability and visibility.

Components of global traceability standards, such as the Global Trade Item Number (GTIN) for unique and universal identification of products (API) and the Serial Shipping Container Code (SSCC) for unique and universal identification of logistic units (cartons), have been used as building blocks in the development of traceability applications.

Upon scanning the unique serial number, or SSCC encoded in QR code, the traceability application will be able to fetch details of the API, starting from the manufacturing point to the point of consumption by the formulation companies.

“...We have been utilising the GS1 India API traceability services since the commencement of compliance. The user-friendly application interface, designed with utmost simplicity and intuition, has made it remarkably easy to integrate into our operations. DataKart Trace, in its current form, perfectly aligns with our immediate requirements and exhibits the potential for seamless scalability as we broaden our traceability ambitions. The GS1 India implementation team has proven to be an indispensable partner, facilitating our timely adherence to regulatory obligations...”

Mr. Dinesh Bana, Badrivishal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals
Goal setting meeting

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GS1 India Events

**Internal Events**

**POSH Training**

Was conducted by Ms. Vandana D Vale, for employees to ensure prevention, prohibition, and protection against sexual harassment at the workplace.

**Town Hall Meeting**

A town hall meeting was conducted for employees to communicate important updates on various policies and organisational plans. It also provided employees with the option of asking questions and providing feedback and suggestions. Mr. Vinay Gupta was facilitated on the occasion of his completion of 25 years with GS1 India.

**External Events**

GS1 India organised a conference on “Harmonisation of 2D Barcodes on Pharmaceutical Drugs” at the India Habitat Center, New Delhi, on January 12, 2023, to provide guidance to the pharmaceutical manufacturers and help them comply with the regulation related to barcoding issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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Knowledge Sessions Conducted by GS1 India

**March 2023** -
Webinar on the “Role of global standards towards ensuring a safer and secure supply chain”

**January 2023** -
Webinar on “MSME Financial Assistance on Barcodes”.

**November 2022** -
Webinar on “The adaptation of the GS1 barcode was held with MSME-Balangir, Odisha.”

**October 2022** -
Webinar on “Learn QR code implementation on pesticides”.

**September 2022** -
Webinar on “Learn to Comply with API Notification”.

**September 2022** -
Webinar on “QR code implementation by pesticide manufacturers based in Rajasthan”.

**September 2022** -
Awareness session on “Supply chain standards for accredited members of NABCB”.

**July 2022** -
Webinar was organised along with the Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of Kerala, for pesticide manufacturers in the state.

**May 2022** -
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Whether in consumer-packaged goods, fresh foods, apparel, or general merchandise, in physical stores or online, GS1 is committed to supporting the retail sector’s digital transformation. We are working to enable ubiquitous, verifiable product identity with accurate, complete, and harmonised digital product information.

This is the foundation for an efficient, resilient, and transparent supply chain. It will also help actors across any retail sub-sector meet regulatory requirements, deploy traceability programmes, and meet sustainability goals.
Paving the way for a global migration to 2D Barcodes

The retail industry has begun a global evolution from classic barcodes to two-dimensional QR codes at the point of sale. 2D barcodes can hold more data in a smaller footprint than the 1D barcodes currently used. Additional information (e.g., batch or lot number, expiration date, serial number, best before date) is required to support critical use cases in retail around inventory management, traceability, safety, sustainability, and more.

Currently, at a pilot stage, GS1 anticipates a global rollout of 2D barcodes at the retail point of sale by the end of 2027.
Leveraging **GS1 Standards** and services in marketplaces

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Miguel A. Lopera joined GS1 as its President and Chief Executive Officer from Procter & Gamble in 2003. His remarkable leadership and unwavering dedication have played a pivotal role in shaping GS1 into the globally recognised organisation it is today.

Miguel’s visionary approach was evident from the very beginning, as he spearheaded the successful merger of EAN International and UCC, leading to the establishment of GS1. This monumental achievement laid the foundation for a unified global standard in supply chain management and data synchronisation.

Under his guidance, GS1 witnessed significant milestones, including the creation of new standards for RFID and data sharing. These ground-breaking initiatives have revolutionised the industry, enabling seamless product data exchange through the Global Data Synchronisation Network. Furthermore, his instrumental role in launching GS1 Global Healthcare has had a profound impact on patient safety and supply chain efficiency.

Miguel’s tireless efforts to foster a vibrant GS1 community have been truly commendable. Through his leadership, he has nurtured an environment of collaboration and innovation, empowering organisations across the globe to achieve operational excellence. His commitment to digital transformation has been instrumental in driving the adoption of 2D barcodes, revolutionising variable data to achieve visibility.

“Miguel led this organisation for more than 20 years and ensured laying new initiatives at the forefront of identification and also for long-term growth of the organization.”

Mr. S. Swaminathan, CEO GS1 India

Miguel A. Lopera’s legacy at GS1 will continue to inspire us as we strive to build upon the strong foundation he has laid. We are immensely grateful for his invaluable contributions and unwavering dedication.
Kathryn Wengel (Chair)
Executive VP & Chief Technical Operations & Risk Officer, Johnson & Johnson

Mark Batenic (Vice-Chair)
Chairman, IGA, Inc.

Laura Becker (Vice-Chair)
President - Global Business Services, Procter & Gamble

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