

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



### 17.2.2 - Does your university as a body initiate and participate in cross sectoral dialogue about the SDGs, e.g. involving government/NGOs?

**YES**

Manav Rachna University (MRU) plays a proactive role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through diverse cross-sectoral partnerships. Collaborating with entities like the Global Peace Foundation and Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation, MRU hosted the Sustainathon, focusing on sustainability and peace, featuring workshops, panels, and student presentations on global challenges. The university's initiatives, including the "Leaps Hub Challenge" and cleaning drives, engage students in community-centered projects, addressing societal and environmental issues. MRU's Peace and Sustainability Centre organized transformative events like the Youth: Risers and Lighters Seminar and the National Youth Peace Camp, empowering students to become peace advocates. The university also supports SDG awareness with events like "POP," featuring environmental games and sapling adoption drives. Internationally, MRU collaborates on research projects and provides internship opportunities, enhancing student knowledge and fostering a commitment to positive global impact.

**The Sustainathon cum Global Peace Leadership Conference**, organized by Manav Rachna University in collaboration with the Global Peace Foundation, The primary purpose of the Sustainathon, was to empower and educate students on two interconnected pillars of a better world: sustainability and global peace leadership. With a focus on sustainability and global peace leadership, the event featured inspiring keynote speeches, interactive workshops, thought-provoking panel discussions, and student presentations. Attendees had the unique opportunity to explore innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges, share their research and ideas, and connect with like-minded individuals committed to creating a more sustainable and peaceful world. The event facilitated valuable discussions, knowledge sharing, and networking opportunities, all of which contribute to the

broader goal of fostering a sustainable and peaceful world. The event was not only an educational experience but also a celebration of the collective efforts to drive positive change and leave a lasting impact on society and the environment. The Sustainathon organized by Manav Rachna University in collaboration with the Global Peace Foundation was a resounding success. The event facilitated valuable discussions, knowledge sharing, and networking opportunities, all of which contribute to the broader goal of fostering a sustainable and peaceful world.



**Leaps Hub Challenge - Presentation of Projects** to Support Sustainability The primary aim of the "Leaps Hub Challenge" presented at Youth Sustainathon is to foster innovative projects that support a sustainable future, Through the Cleaning Drive at Faridabad Railway Station, MRU aimed at community engagement, instil a sense of shared responsibility and contribute to the immediate cleanliness and hygiene of the public space. These young talents showcased a diverse range of projects, each focused on addressing critical societal and environmental issues. Some of the projects included innovations in diabetic care, lung cancer treatment, a vehicle breathalyser designed to disable the car when alcohol is detected, a nitrogen biosensor for identifying environmental hazards, and a compact chimney for safe and cost-effective ventilation of kitchen cooking units.



**Session on sexual harassment** at work place conducted by Manleen Kaur, a POSH specialist, aimed at to empowering faculty and staff with comprehensive knowledge and practical insights on preventing and addressing sexual harassment, fostering a safer and more respectful work environment. Manleen Kaur, a distinguished expert in the realm of Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH), conducted an enlightening session on the subject for faculty and staff members. With a rich background as a POSH specialist, legal educator, and former Assistant Registrar at the Supreme Court of India, Kaur brought a wealth of knowledge and practical insights to the discussion. Her expertise in the field, coupled with her academic prowess, made the session highly informative and engaging.

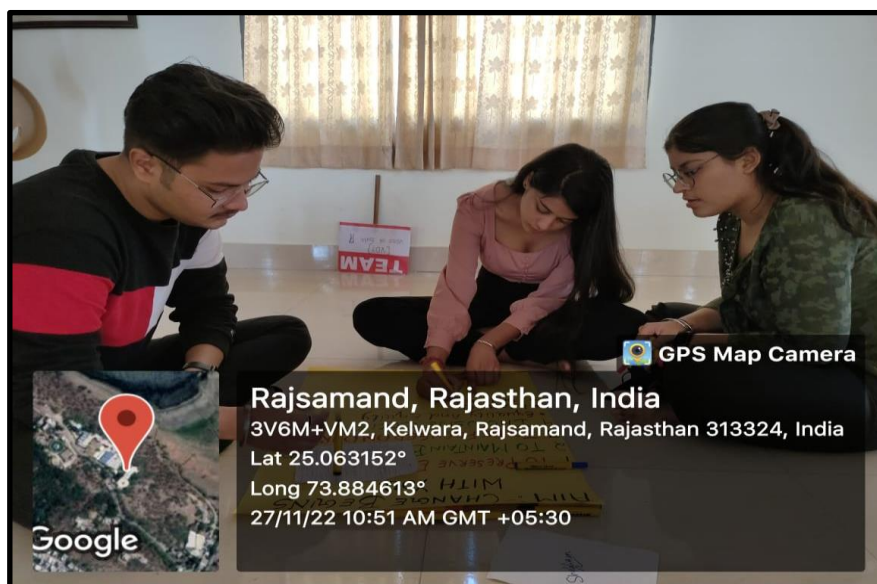
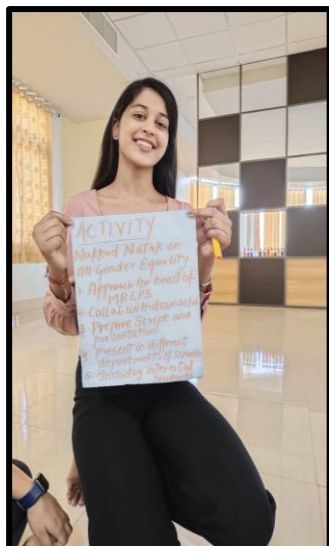


## Peace training at Gurgaon

**The "Youth: Risers and Lighters Seminar"** at the Heartfulness Gurugram Centre in Gurugram, Haryana, served as a transformative platform, nurturing the youth's holistic development through diverse sessions and meaningful interactions. This event enabled participants to embark on a journey of self-discovery, skill enhancement, and community building, igniting their potential as catalysts for positive change in society. The "Youth: Risers and Lighters Seminar" organized by the Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability at the Heartfulness Gurugram Centre in Gurugram, Haryana was a remarkable and impactful event for the youth of North Indian states. The three-day seminar was well-rounded, offering a diverse range of activities and sessions aimed at empowering and inspiring the young participants.



The **'Peace Champions'** of Manav Rachna University were sent on trip that provided students with a unique opportunity to participate in the prestigious **National Youth Peace Camp** organized by **Yuvsatta** and the **Global Peace Forum**. The 'National Youth Peace Camp' trip was a transformative experience for the Peace Champions of Manav Rachna University. It provided them with the knowledge, skills, and motivation needed to be agents of change in their communities and advocates for peace in the world. The National Youth Peace Camp brought together students from diverse backgrounds and regions. It served as a platform for meaningful conversations, sharing of experiences, and mutual learning. The exchange of ideas and perspectives enriched their understanding of peace-related issues and their capacity to work collaboratively towards a harmonious future. The purpose of the National Youth Peace Camp trip was to empower students to become advocates for peace and change-makers in their communities. The trip aimed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and inspiration needed to actively promote peace, resolve conflicts, and foster understanding among people from various backgrounds.



## SDG awareness stall at POP India Event

Manav Rachna University hosted an event called "POP" with the aim of spreading awareness about the importance of giving back to Mother Nature and adopting a more sustainable lifestyle. The event took place at the university's faculty and featured various activities, including a photography competition, dance and singing performances, stalls, and more. Over 500 students and teachers from all over India participated in this event. The Peace and Sustainable Centre of Manav Rachna University set up two stalls representing two of its projects: "ANG" and "Butterfly Garden." ANG (Adopt, Nurture, and Grow): The ANG project, initiated by the Deputy Commissioner of Haryana, encourages individuals to adopt, nurture, and grow saplings. During the event, saplings were distributed among students of Manav Rachna University with the request that they take care of them and return them on Environment Day to plant them on the university campus. The ANG stall featured two points-based games: "Dart Board" and "Ring Throw," both of which were easy yet tricky,

attracting many guests. Winners of these games received gifts such as badges or butterfly bookmarks. The "POP" event at Manav Rachna University achieved its goal of raising awareness about environmental sustainability and encouraging individuals to take concrete actions, such as adopting and nurturing saplings or creating butterfly-friendly gardens. The engaging activities and interactive stalls contributed to the event's success and left attendees motivated to make positive changes in their lifestyles for the betterment of the environment.



## Visit to Kanhavanam Meditation Centre at Hyderabad for Peace training

The 'Rising with Kindness' Youth Summit and Concert, held from August 12th to 14th, 2022, marked a significant milestone for students of Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability (MRCPS).

This global event, organized as a joint initiative between Heartfulness, UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), provided an extraordinary opportunity for more than 10,000 youth participants from around the world to come together. The 'Rising with Kindness' Youth Summit and Concert aimed to inspire and empower young individuals while fostering a culture of kindness and compassion among the global youth community. It provided a platform for young minds to collaborate, develop meaningful initiatives, and share

their experiences and projects centred on kindness The 'Rising with Kindness' Youth Summit and Concert was a monumental gathering that left an indelible mark on the participants, including the students of MRCPS. It exemplified the power of kindness as a universal language that can bring people together, inspire action, and drive positive change.



### **Discussion on SDG4**

Organized by Manav Rachna University a thought-provoking discussion with the UNESCO delegates. The discussion was chaired by Mr Nicholas Jefferys Assistant Director General UNESCO along with Abel Caine Project director UNESCO along with Honourable Vice Chancellor of Manav Rachna University and the Deans and Heads of the departments the discussion was on the current status of the education system worldwide and what changes are to be brought was discussed in detail through a fruitful discussion and presentation by Dean Academics showcasing various measures taken up by the university to strengthen the education system.





## Guest Lectures by International Academic Partners/International Institutes

### Career Counselling Session on Research and Project-based International Internship Opportunities

A session on “Research and Project-based International Internship Opportunities” conducted by Dr. Sandeep Inamdar, Vice President, Vishwaniketan, Raigad (Maharashtra) was organized collaboratively by the Research and Development Cell and the Office of International Affairs on 12.02.2023 at G Block Mandala. Dr. Inamdar provided insights into the International Summer Internship Program 2024 offered by Vishwaniketan-CGC Network having tie ups with 25+ universities abroad, outlining its distinctive features that set it apart from other internship opportunities.

He elaborated on the various benefits of the ISIP, highlighting its unique approach to Project-Based Learning. Offered by prestigious universities abroad, the program promises students a transformative experience spanning six weeks. Participants receive a certificate of completion, have the opportunity to publish technical papers, obtain a letter of recommendation, and ultimately enhance their prospects for better placements and start-up opportunities.

A total of seventy-two students attended the session, expressing their appreciation for the valuable information shared. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A round, providing students with the opportunity to seek further clarification and insights.



### School of Law invited Prof. Catherine Iorns Magallanes for a Guest Lecture - 31st January 2023

The School of Law, in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs organised a guest lecture on 31st January 2023. The speaker for the event was Prof. Catherine Iorns Magallanes, a Professor of Law at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. The topic for her session was “How to Argue: What is Law instruction like at Victoria University of Wellington”. Being a specialist in Environmental Law, Prof. Iorns first drew similarities between environmental jurisprudence in India and New Zealand. She then spoke about the style of teaching Law at Victoria University. The discussion was engaging, with Prof. Iorns quoting examples of judgements decided by courts at New Zealand, and students providing their inputs on the arguments they would present if they were counsel for those cases. The speaker was kind to answer the questions students had about the admission procedure, qualifying exams to practice law, and work visas in New Zealand. After the session, Prof. Iorns took a tour of the campus. She visited the CADR Hall and the Moot Court Hall, the Sports Science Centre, the Central Library, and the newly inaugurated Peace Wall.



## International Collaborative Research at Pohang Accelerator Laboratory, South Korea, during 18th -24th December 2022

### Dr. Aditya Sharma, Faculty In-Charge of University Instrumentation Centre (UIC-MRU) & Assistant Professor in department of Physics

To enrich the students of Manav Rachna University, with the concept & design of modern machines, their utilization in the Nano-Hybrid materials for probing their functionality in the futuristic applications; such as, Gas-sensors, Solar-cells, Batteries, photo-catalyst and bio-medical. The collaborative research efforts were aimed to provide hand-on training to the research student, developing the new material using the sophisticated techniques (which are less-accessible in our country) for the futuristic technology, and to fill the gap between academia and research centers/laboratories of high standard. Importantly, the visit was aimed to plan and design the research projects for Indo-Korean joint research scheme for the year of 2023.

### Dr Kyoung Hyo Kim Visit to Manav Rachna Educational Institution on 30 June 2023

Dr Kyoung Hyo Kim, the esteemed Executive Vice President of Family Peace Association-International, visited Manav Rachna Educational Institution where he engaged with faculties and students in an inspiring and thought-provoking session. His visit aimed to share his vision of One Family under God and the Korean Dream, underscoring the importance of peace and harmony in our global society.

During the visit, Dr Kim commended the efforts of the Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability and praised the Peace Corridor initiative led by the students. Interacting with faculty members, students and distinguished guests, including Dr N C Wadhwa, Prof Dr Sangeeta Banga, Dr Geeta Thakur. Dr Kim highlighted the significance of fostering unity and understanding among diverse communities.