



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



17.2.3 Does your university participate in International collaboration on gathering or measuring data for the SDGs?

Yes

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are being advanced by Manav Rachna University (MRU) through global partnerships centered on data collection and measurement. To support the SDG agenda, the university actively engages in worldwide research collaborations with other academic institutions, governmental agencies, and international organizations. Through the use of data-driven insights, MRU's multidisciplinary research efforts seek to address important issues such as gender equality, education, health, and climate change. The institution participates in collaborative initiatives that adhere to international data gathering standards, guaranteeing the precision and comparability of results. In order to support the tracking of SDG achievement, MRU's collaborative efforts also involve capacity-building programs in which students and professors take part in international data-sharing networks. In order to promote sustainable development and aid in the worldwide measurement of SDGs, Manav Rachna University nurtures international collaboration and data-sharing methods. The activities are as follows:

1. Global Peace Leadership Conference Indo-Pacific 2023

Youth 'Sustainathon' at Manav Rachna University Opens Three-Day Global Peace Leadership Conference in New Delhi

“The greatest threat to the planet is the belief that someone else will save it,” observed Dr. Prashant Bhalla, quoting the British explorer and environmentalist Robert Swan. The first person ever to





walk to both of the earth’s poles, Swan added that India “holds the key” to saving the planet in the next half-century.



Dr. Bhalla, President of Educational Institutions at Manav Rachna University, welcomed students and international guests on April 11 to the Youth Sustainathon: Leap Hubs Challenge Inauguration at Manav Rachna University. Leap Hubs is a Leadership and Entrepreneurship program piloted in Kenya by the Global Peace Foundation to provide guidance for highly motivated students to learn how to start a business or set up a social enterprise. The Sustainathon opened a three-day Global Peace Leadership Conference hosted in New Delhi by the Global Peace Foundation.

Bringing focus to environmental sustainability and entrepreneurship, Dr. Bhalla said the inaugural assembly and Sustainathon sought “to take a step forward for our own planet and sustainable future and for generations to come by encouraging youth to contribute their innovative ideas.” Students from the New Delhi regions and across the country were given the opportunity to showcase their projects to promote environmental sustainability.

“The Goal is not just to discuss but come up with practical and solutions that we can implement in our daily lives,” Dr. Bhalla said. “Sustainability is not just about protecting the environment but also about creating a just and equitable world.”

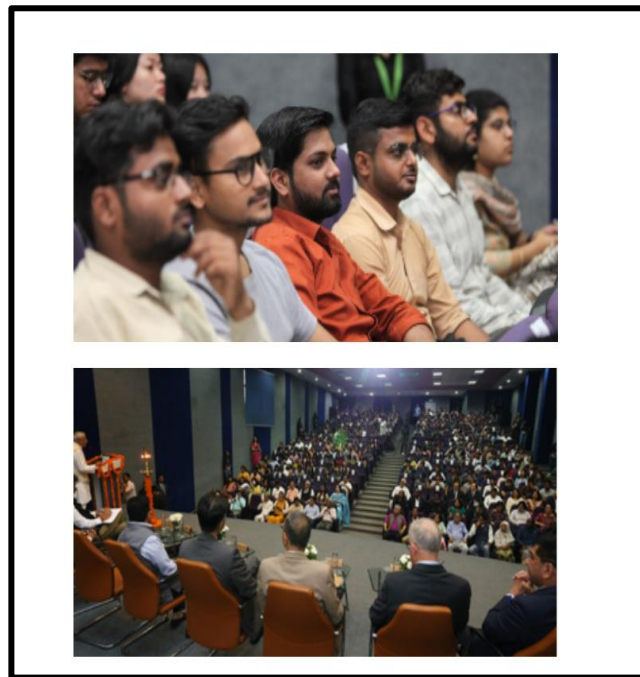
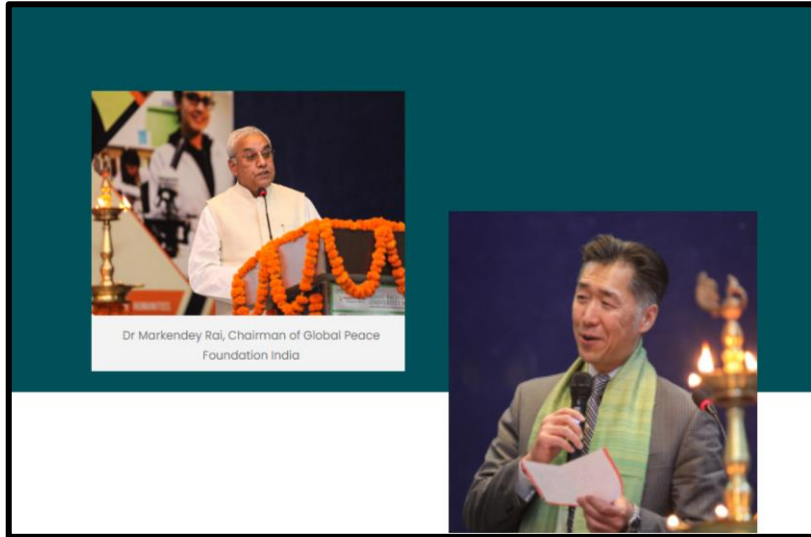




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Innovative Projects to Support Sustainable Future Presented at Youth Sustainathon



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Leap Hubs is a Leadership and Entrepreneurship program piloted in Kenya by the Global Peace Foundation to provide guidance for highly motivated students to learn how to start a business or set up a social enterprise. The program provides employability and work readiness skills such as professional CV development, presentation for job interviews, and office etiquette. The Leap Hubs approach supports young innovators through a development boot camp followed by mentorship and coaching. Selected teams presented their projects before the Jury of academicians, venture capitalists, and civil administrators at Manav Rachna University on Day 1 of the 2023 Global Peace Leadership Conference. Students from Netaji Subash University of Technology, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Manav Rachna University, and Symbiosis Law School in the states of Delhi, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh and their respective schools were awarded cash prizes for their winning entries. The projects included diabetic care, lung cancer treatment, a vehicle breathalyzer that disables the car when detecting alcohol, a nitrogen biosensor to identify environmental hazards, and a compact chimney to safely and economically vent kitchen cooking units.





Delegates from Around the Globe Gather to Discuss Innovative Ways to Foster Peace





2. International Exchange between Manav Rachna University Students , India & Seikei Univ. Students , Japan (EAGLE) –Virtual Meet

Oracle volunteers and ICT academy invited Manav rachna University to be a part of international cultural exchange event and nominate students for presentation and participation in understanding and appreciating Indian-Japanese culture. 25 students were shortlisted from **Manav Rachna University** and **Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies** to participate in the cultural meet. The exchange was conducted between students of Manav Rachna University in India and Seikei University in Japan.

Objective – Understanding and Appreciation of Indian and Japanese culture





Cultural awareness helps us respect diversity, appreciate uniqueness, enhance creativity and problem solving, broaden horizon and end discrimination. As businesses are getting multinational, culture appreciation is an important work place skill. The details of the interaction are as follows:

Event Date - Mar 26 March (Sat) 12:30 - 14:30 IST



Event Details:

The event was divided into two parts-

1. Session 1- Presentation and Q & A round
2. Session 2- Group Discussion round

The event was moderated by Dr. Peter Evans of Seikei university by welcoming the speakers and the students. Prof. (Dr.) Fuhito Endo - Director of Seikei Institute for International Studies was the first speaker to provide the opening remarks followed by Midori Kawamukai, Senior Manager, Corporate Citizenship, Oracle, JAPAN.

Prof. (Dr.) D.S. Sengar- Pro Vice Chancellor, Manav Rachna University represented India and highlighted the role of culture from Indian perspective. He further mentioned the possible outcomes of this Indo-Japanese cultural meet and invited them to visit India to experience the beauty of Indian Heritage. He further shared his experience of witnessing the famous Cherry Blossom festival on his earlier visit to Japan.

For the first session, two students from Manav Rachna, Chirag Varshney and Durga Bhardwaj were shortlisted to represent Indian culture. They presented the USPs of Indian culture to Japanese students and





answered their queries, followed by attending the presentation prepared by two students from Seikei University, Higashi Shimizu and Wakana Yasukouchi. The session lasted for about 1 hour of the entire meet.

For the second session, group discussion between the students was conducted. Ten breakout rooms with five students each (three from MR and two from Seikei) were created to help students understand each other's culture in a better manner. During the student discussion, the faculty representative interaction continued between the two hosts simultaneously.

Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep Varshney, Dean Research, Manav Rachna University expressed his desire for future collaboration with Seikei university in research and development. He also invited the Japanese representatives to visit Manav Rachna University and experience the diverse culture here.

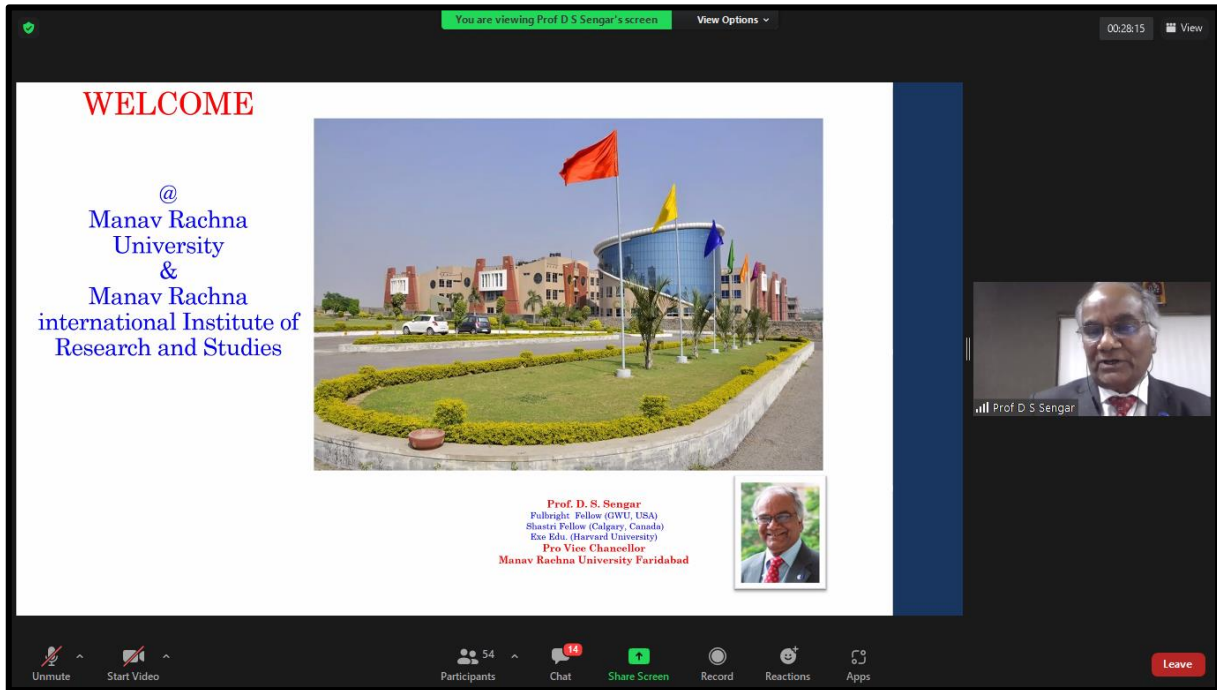
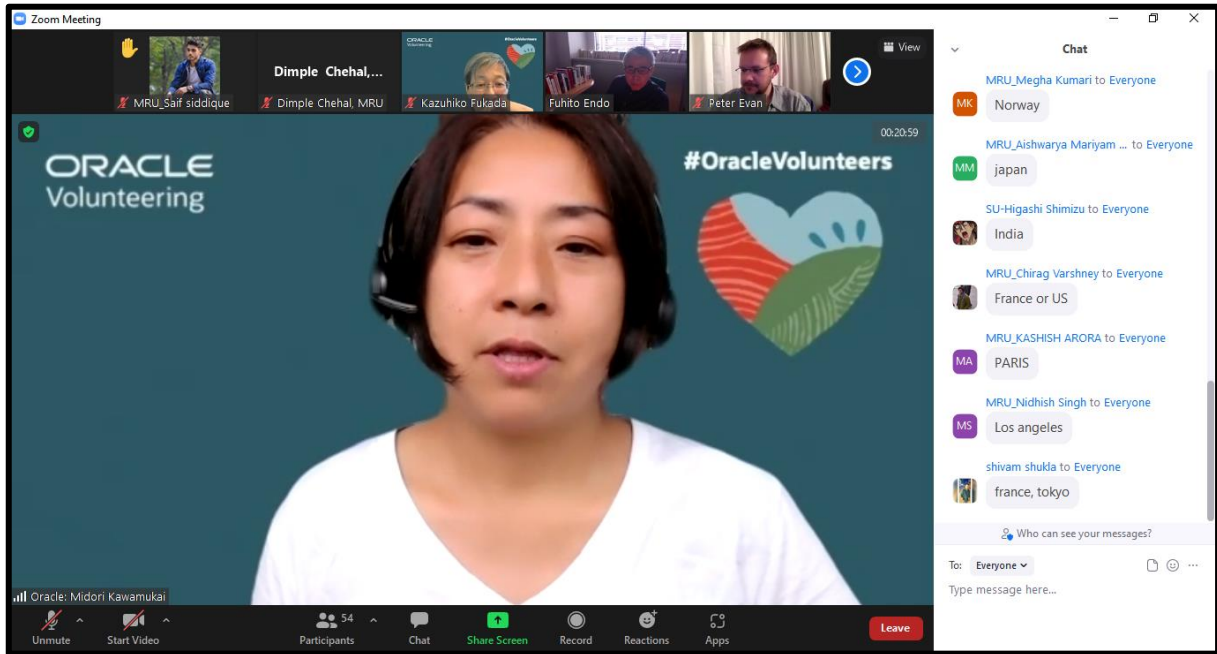
This was followed by vote of thanks provided by Prof. (Dr.) Geeta Thakur, Dean Student Welfare, Manav Rachna University.

ICT-Academy coordinators would like to thank Prof. (Dr.) D.S. Sengar- Pro Vice Chancellor, Manav Rachna University, Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep Varshney, Dean Research, Manav Rachna University for sparing their valuable time and gracing the event. We would also like to thank Prof. (Dr.) Geeta Thakur, Dean Student Welfare, Manav Rachna University for her valuable guidance to the students and making this event a success.





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Role of Cultural exchange

“Culture is the window reflecting history, culture, and spiritual world of a nation,...Culture exchange is a bridge to enhance the mutual understanding and friendship between the people of different nations”.

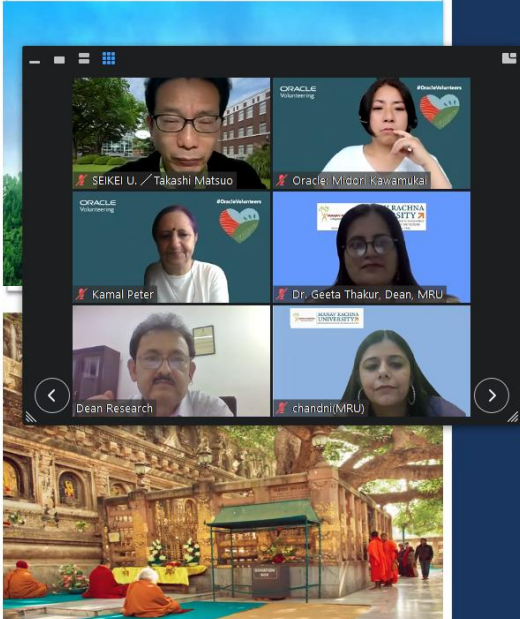
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Objectives & Expected Outcomes

Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interaction to understand and appreciate Indian and Japanese culture.
Appreciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An exchange of ideas culture adding value in the exiting knowledge and understanding of students of both countries
Bonding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A basis of greater bonding between the faculty and students of the Seikei University and MRU and MRI University leading to an academic and cultural exchange in future.
Opportunity to visit famous temples & Places in India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tawang Monastery, the largest monastery in India and cultural heritage Bodh Gaya - where Gautama Buddha had attained his enlightenment.
Opportunity to see Best technology in Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India Students can see the latest developments in Japanese technology including electronics, automotive industry and robotics etc.



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We Expect

Deep Understanding	Today's interaction will help the students of both the countries to know about each other's culture, choice of food, music and dance forms and most beautiful places to be visited.
Future Relationship	Thus, knowledge gained today will help the students tomorrow when they will be visiting the India and Japan under academic and cultural exchange program.
Meet, Greet, Treat better Way	Moreover, on the basis of this knowledge, they will meet, greet, treat each other in a better way.

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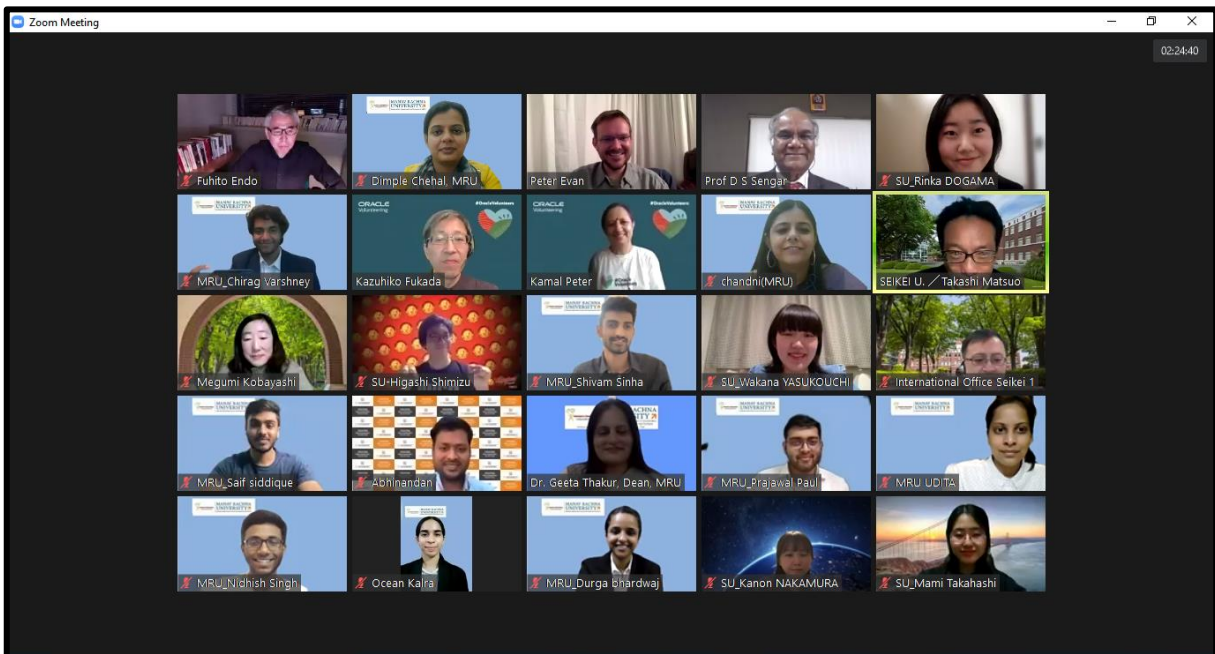
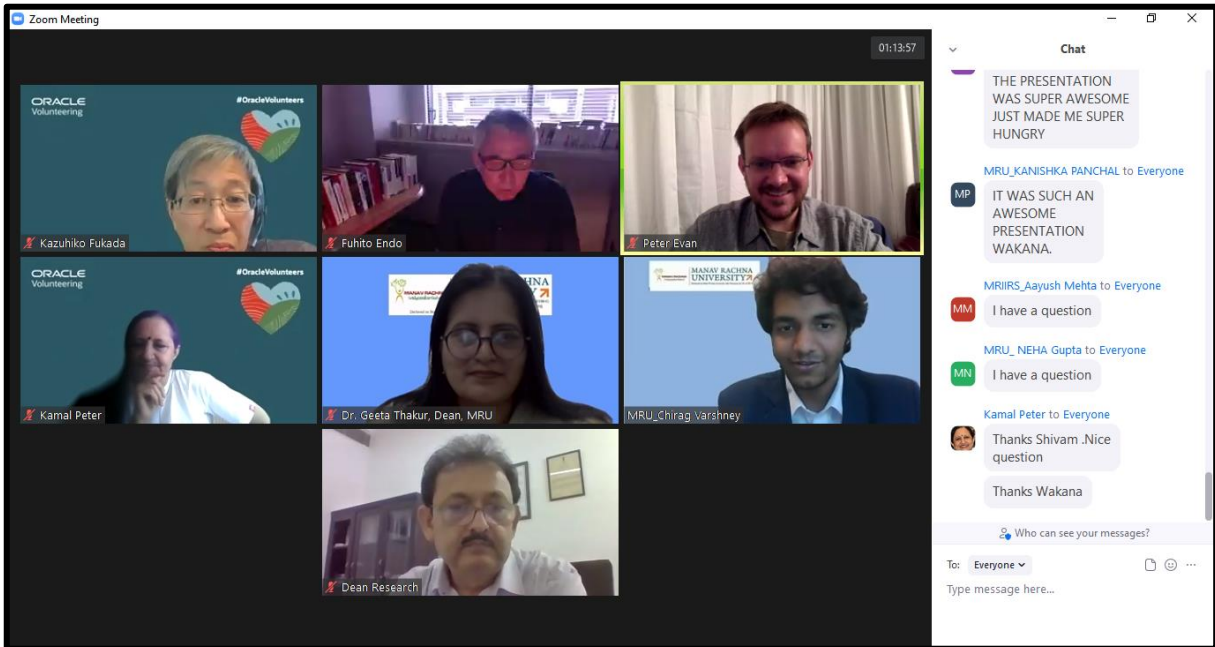
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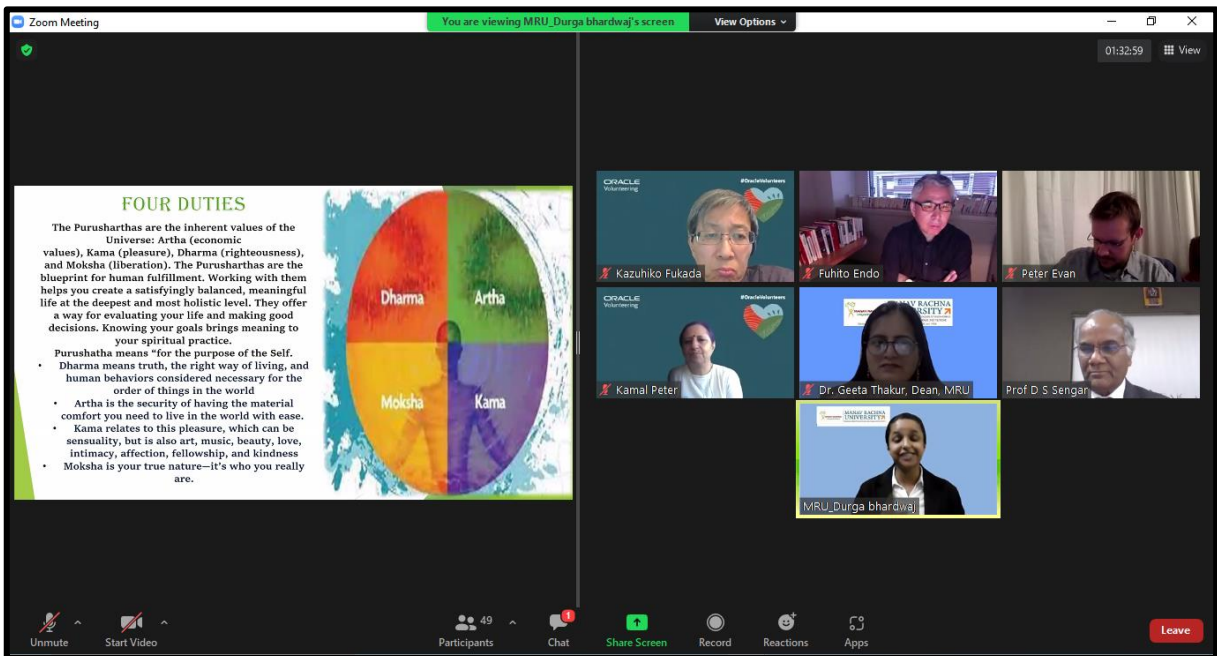
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3. **Dr. Kyoung Hyo Kim's Visit To Manav Rachna Educational Institution**

Dr. Kyoung hyo Kim, the esteemed Executive Vice President of Family Peace Association-International, recently visited the 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, Mr. Promod Sharma, and Mr. Bimal Rai, Dr. Kim highlighted the significance of fostering unity and understanding among diverse communities.

The session commenced with Dr. N.C. Wadhwa sharing insights into the historical relationship between India and Korea, emphasizing cultural exchange and shared values. Dr. Kim then delivered a captivating speech, elaborating on the concept of "One Family under God" and the "Korean Dream," stressing the importance of global citizenship and promoting peace across borders. Dr. Sangeeta Banga, Pro Vice Chancellor of Manav Rachna University, reiterated the institution's commitment to nurturing responsible global citizens and fostering a harmonious and sustainable world through holistic education.



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