



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



**17.4.3 Does your university have dedicated outreach educational activities for the wider community, which could include alumni, local residents, and displaced people?**

**Yes**

### **SDG 17.4.3 –Education for SDGs in the Wider Community**

**Manav Rachna University (MRU)** is committed to advancing SDG17 by supporting education and community upliftment initiatives that foster lifelong learning, skill development, and social support for alumni, local residents, and vulnerable groups. Spearheading these efforts is the **Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation**, MRU's Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) wing, which drives impactful projects across Faridabad and neighboring areas. MRU also partners with local and national NGOs to spread wings and impact the community at large. Through programs like “**Teacher on Call**,” MRU has provided free academic assistance to over 7,500 government school students of Faridabad and neighboring villages, enhancing their academic performance and board exam readiness. The Innovation and Incubation Center (IIC), of MRU offers skill-based training through “**Kaushal Kaaryashaala**,” preparing local youth for diverse career paths. Addressing essential needs in underserved communities, MRU's “**Ek Mutthi Daan**” initiative has distributed over 50,000 kg of grains, support broader educational, health, and environmental projects. In all these ventures, the alumni of the institution actively participate and donate as much as they can to pay homage to their alma mater.





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## NGOs with which MRU collaborated:



Yuvsatta Youth for Peace



Dr. O P Bhalla Foundation



Sahaj Path



Civil 20 India 2023



Yes We Can (NGO)



Innovation & Incubation Centre



Roshni Education Society,  
Faridabad



Khushi Ek Ehsaas NGO



Prakashdeep Trust Schools

and many more....

## Activities-

### 1. Report on Alumni Meet “Reminiscence 2022”

Manav Rachna University (MRU) hosted the alumni meet, “Reminiscence 2022,” welcoming over 300 alumni from the 2008–2021 batches to reconnect with their alma mater. The event commenced with a networking session where alumni had the opportunity to interact with faculty members, rekindling old memories and appreciating the university's recent developments.

The alumni received a warm welcome from Honorable Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) I.K. Bhat and Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Banga, who expressed pride in MRU's legacy and the achievements of its graduates. Many alumni, visiting after years, were delighted to witness the growth and transformation of the campus, underscoring MRU's ongoing commitment to innovation and quality education.





The event was enriched by current MRU students, who energized the atmosphere with a series of captivating cultural performances, including group dances, a live band, skits, and a dazzling fashion show, which were enjoyed by all attendees. Dean of Academics, Prof. (Dr.) Shruti Vashist, engaged with the alumni, sharing reflections on their time at MRU and reviving cherished memories. The event culminated with a touching video presentation, capturing unforgettable moments of student life, leaving everyone with a sense of nostalgia and pride. “Reminiscence 2022” was a memorable occasion that strengthened the bond between MRU and its alumni, celebrating shared achievements and the enduring MRU spirit. The alumni of MRU come forward time and again to offer a helping hand in the initiatives to honor their alma mater and foster positive social change.

## 2. Teacher on Call initiative by Sahaj Path:

This initiative provides free academic help to government school students, addressing educational disparities and supporting local youth. **Teachers on Call Program** is a toll-free remedial education service for the Government School Students of Haryana which allows them access to inclusive and quality education via. a simple phone call. The program is targeted towards Government School Students of Class 6th to 10th belonging to small towns, rural areas or underprivileged background. This event is particularly a regular practice and every year the faculty members are using this platform to teach students. The ‘Teacher on Call’ project that has been running successfully for three years in West Bengal was today launched for government school students (class VI to X) of Faridabad by Sh. Yashpal Yadav,





Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner of Faridabad through an online launch program attended by around 150 educationists, corporate leaders, students and media representatives. 'Teacher on Call' is an educational help desk for the students with curiosity. In this program teachers are available on call – 7 days a week. Students of class VI to X of the Faridabad District can call on the Toll Free number 1800 890 6006 for queries in Mathematics, Science, Social Science & English and will get connected to a well-qualified and experienced subject teacher, who would answer his/her queries over the call. While addressing the gathering, Sh. Yashpal Yadav appreciated the role of Manav Rachna in transforming the education landscape of Haryana. He complimented Sahaj Path Knowledge Foundation and the Faridabad Education Council for launching this project in Faridabad at such a crucial time and expressed hope that this would go a long way in improving the education standards and student performance in the region. The toll-free service will be beneficial for underprivileged children of the state. Thus, the project will identify and nurture nascent talent who otherwise may not be able to realize their full potential.



### 3. Visit to Govt school for peace sessions and plantation drive on 09<sup>th</sup> July 2022

On July 9, 2022, the Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability (MRCPS), in collaboration with Jagruti Sewa Trust, organized a meaningful event focused on environmental sustainability and student well-being through a plantation drive and sessions in meditation and yoga. The event aimed to foster peace and sustainability within the community and was hosted by the Government School, Sector 16, Faridabad. The day began with a plantation drive, where students, volunteers, and staff members planted saplings of local tree species to enhance biodiversity and adapt to the regional climate. Following this, certified instructors conducted a meditation and yoga session, teaching



students basic breathing techniques, yoga asanas, and meditation practices to help reduce stress and improve concentration. Additionally, interactive workshops educated participants on the significance of trees, biodiversity, and conservation, reinforcing the values of environmental stewardship. Through these activities, students gained practical insights into conservation and the importance of mental and physical well-being, fostering a strong sense of community engagement. This initiative served as a vital step toward a sustainable and peaceful future, aligning with the core objectives of MRCPS. The organizers extend their gratitude to all participants, with special thanks to Jagruti Sewa Trust for their partnership and the host school for their support.



Volunteers interacting with school students and teaching them about peace and sustainability





Peace and motivations sessions and plantation drive.



#### 4. Visit to Prakashdeep School for SDG awareness on July 29, 2022

ESDP(Education for Sustainable Development Program)- **The Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability's Education for Sustainable Development Program (ESDP) empowers young minds with the principles of sustainability through practical and interactive learning.** At Prakash Deep School, volunteers engaged students with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by organizing



eco-friendly projects, hands-on activities, and discussions on environmental preservation. This initiative goes beyond theory, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility and inspiring students to become proactive stewards of a sustainable future. By instilling these values, ESDP nurtures future leaders committed to creating a harmonious and environmentally conscious world.

The Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability (MRCPS) embarked on a meaningful initiative at Prakash Deep School by introducing the Education for Sustainable Development Project (ESDP). MRCPS volunteers dedicated their time and expertise to imparting knowledge about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to the students. Through interactive sessions and engaging discussions, the volunteers not only raised awareness about the importance of sustainability but also instilled a sense of responsibility towards the environment and society among the students.

The event went beyond theoretical learning, as MRCPS volunteers organized various hands-on activities aligned with the SDGs. From eco-friendly projects to collaborative efforts focusing on social responsibility, the students actively participated, gaining practical insights into the principles of sustainable development. The visit not only contributed to the academic growth of the students but also left a lasting impact by inspiring them to become conscientious contributors to a sustainable and harmonious future.



Volunteers teaching students the importance of sustainable development for future.

## 5. Visit to Govt school sec 16 Faridabad for Good & Bad touch awareness on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

The Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability orchestrated a comprehensive event at Government School in Sector 16, Faridabad, under the banner of "Project Kuch Kehna Hai". In addition to informative sessions conducted by dedicated volunteers, the initiative included the screening of an educational video aimed at sensitizing children about the nuances of good touch and



bad touch. The video, thoughtfully curated to be age-appropriate and impactful, served as an additional layer of engagement, effectively complementing the interactive sessions. This multimedia approach not only catered to different learning styles but also enhanced the overall effectiveness of the program. The incorporation of a video component demonstrated the organization's commitment to employing diverse and innovative strategies to ensure that the vital message of personal safety resonated with the students in a meaningful and memorable way. Through this holistic approach, the Manav Rachna team successfully fostered a safe and nurturing environment for the children while addressing a critical aspect of their holistic development.



Showing a video to students about a girl who suffered bad touches from her neighbor.



Volunteers teaching students about good & bad touch.





## 6. Adoption of Villages by Manav Rachna University - Dr. OP Bhalla Foundation:

The adoption of five new villages—Chhainsa, Atali, Mothuka, Dayalpur, and Gadkheda—marks a significant step toward community engagement and environmental stewardship. Each year, Team Foundation collaborates with faculty members and students to visit these villages and engage with the local Sarpanchs. These discussions aim to identify the unique requirements for plantation drives tailored to the needs of each village. The Sarpanchs provide insights into their villages' specific challenges and preferences, including the types of plants needed, such as flowering, non-flowering, and fruit-bearing trees, among other varieties. This ongoing dialogue ensures that plantation initiatives are both meaningful and impactful, aligning with the environmental and agricultural needs of each community. Manav Rachna University conducts village visits every year to interact with the people and teach the students and help those in need. Educate the girls about health and hygiene by events like distribution of sanitary napkins.



Sanitary Pads distribution in Govt. School to teenaged girls undergoing menstruation



Visit to the adopted Villages - Chhainsa, Atali, Mothuka, Dayalpur, and Gadkheda



## 7. Donation of 100 Computer Systems to Adopted Village (Dayalpur) on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022

On July 17, 2022, Manav Rachna Educational Institutions (MREI), in collaboration with the Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation, took a significant step toward enhancing digital literacy in the adopted village of Dayalpur. In alignment with the foundation’s mission to make computer education accessible to all, a donation drive was organized, where computer systems were distributed to Dayalpur Government School. This initiative aims to bridge the digital divide and empower students with essential computer skills.

Under this initiative, a total of 100 refurbished computers have been earmarked for donation to various government schools and organizations in nearby regions. To date, 40 of these systems have been successfully distributed, benefiting multiple educational institutions, including Nariyala, Panhera Khurd, Dayalpur, and Sanatan Dharm School, each receiving 10 computer systems. This support is expected to open new learning avenues for students, equipping them with the digital skills required in today's technology-driven world.

Through such initiatives, the Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation continues to drive impactful social change, reinforcing its commitment to community upliftment and quality education.



## 8. Visit to Government College, Mohna on 2nd Feb 2023 and conduct a workshop on “Encouraging Entrepreneurship Mindset in the Youth”

On February 2, 2023, a workshop on “Encouraging Entrepreneurship Mindset in Youth” was organized at Government College, Mohna, by the Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation, Manav Rachna University’s Innovation



and Incubation Center, BBA students, and the Bhartiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST). The event aimed to inspire and equip local youth with entrepreneurial skills, bridging knowledge and resources for self-employment. Led by Dr. Pragati Chauhan, Mr. Som Dua, and Dr. Bindu Agrawal, the workshop introduced students to startup concepts, government schemes, and mentorship opportunities. Student startups from MRU’s RCC Center shared insights, sparking creativity and enthusiasm among Mohna College participants. This collaborative effort will continue with mentoring and funding support for aspiring young entrepreneurs.



9. **Ek Mutthi Daan-** As part of Manav Rachna University's commitment to community welfare, the annual *Ek Mutthi Daan* initiative has successfully distributed over 20,000 kg of dry grains to support the objective that “No One Sleeps Hungry.” Contributions from faculty and various departments have been instrumental in achieving this goal. The School of Leadership and Management has set an inspiring example, exceeding its target by donating 2,210 kg of grains and an additional ₹9,300 in cash. Their dedication reflects the spirit of giving at MRU, motivating other departments to participate with equal passion and commitment.





## 10. Kaushal Kaaryashaala - Dr. OP Bhalla Foundation/ IIC, MRU

The Kaushal Kaaryashaala Initiative, launched by the Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation in association with the Innovation and Incubation Centre (IIC) at Manav Rachna University (MRU), addresses the pressing issue of school dropouts among underprivileged youth by equipping them with valuable skills for better employment prospects. Aimed at empowering Government School students in Faridabad from grades 9 to 12, the initiative combines online and offline hybrid teaching methods to impart essential IT skills, thereby preparing students for higher-paying jobs and safeguarding them against exploitation.

After successfully training two batches of 50 students each, the third batch commenced its sessions on April 25, 2024, with a focus on foundational IT skills, particularly Microsoft Office tools. Led by Dr. Prashant Bhardwaj and Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma, under the guidance of Dr. Parneeta Dhaliwal, students from GSSS Bhankri demonstrated strong enthusiasm as they explored introductory concepts in hardware, software, and computer navigation.



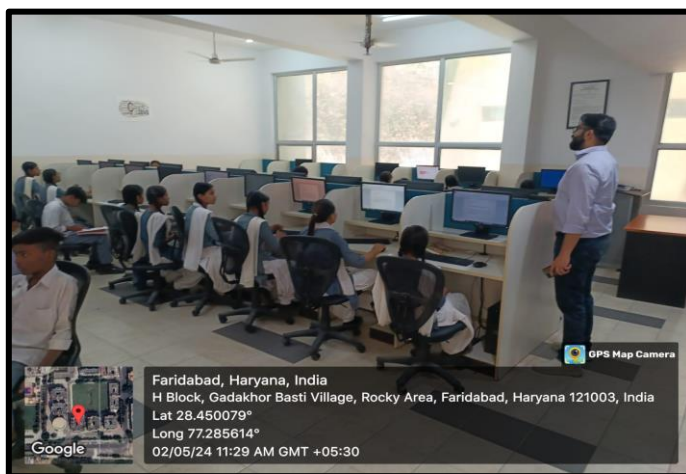


**Course Schedule and Content:** Classes are conducted every Thursday for 2 hours, covering a curriculum that includes:

- **Computer Basics:** Fundamentals of hardware and software, shortcuts, and system navigation.
- **MS Word:** Text formatting, headers/footers, tables, and printing.
- **MS Excel:** Data organization, functions, charts, and data sorting.
- **MS PowerPoint:** Slide creation, animations, transitions, and presentation tools.
- **Internet & Email:** Email usage, browsing, file sharing, and online safety.

The first sessions focused on familiarizing students with MS Word basics and core operating skills, setting a strong foundation for digital competency. This initiative not only strengthens students' practical IT skills but also significantly enhances their readiness for the workforce. The commitment of MRU and the Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation to this transformative program is expected to make a lasting impact on the lives and futures of these students.

#### Glimpses of Session Conducted:



## 11. E-Waste Collection Drive by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, MRU on 12th Oct 2022 in collaboration with Namo e-Waste Management Pvt. Ltd., Faridabad

On October 12, 2022, the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) at Manav Rachna University (MRU) organized an E-Waste Collection Drive, reinforcing its commitment to promoting environmental sustainability and raising awareness about the hazards of e-waste. This initiative





was organized in collaboration with **Namo e-Waste Management Pvt. Ltd., Faridabad**, a dedicated NGO focused on responsible e-waste disposal and recycling.



The drive served as an educational opportunity for students and the broader MRU community, emphasizing the severe environmental impacts caused by improper e-waste management. E-waste, which includes discarded electronic devices such as computers, phones, and appliances, poses a significant threat to ecosystems due to its toxic components. Through this drive, the Department of ECE aimed to inspire responsible e-waste disposal habits and encourage the community to minimize their ecological footprint.

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Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering

The University has collaborated with recycler and dismantlers like 'NAMO eWaste' for ethical disposal of E-Waste





Industry tie-ups and Awareness workshops for eradicating the menace of E-waste





During the event, students and faculty members contributed various e-waste items, showcasing their commitment to the cause and setting an example for sustainable practices within the academic community. The drive was a successful step toward fostering environmental consciousness, aligning with MRU’s vision of creating a sustainable future through community-driven initiatives.

Under the guidance of their teachers, students in the Department of ECE have actively participated in developing innovative solutions to recycle and repurpose e-waste. Faculty members encourage students to apply engineering concepts to create practical projects from discarded electronic components, fostering a culture of reuse and sustainability. Through hands-on projects, students learn to transform e-waste into functional items that can serve various purposes in daily life, such as creating electronic gadgets, DIY lab equipment, or low-cost teaching aids. This approach not only reinforces technical skills but also instills a sense of environmental responsibility, highlighting the potential for sustainable engineering practices to make a positive impact on society.

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Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering

**REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE**

The faculty of the department encourages students to recycle and reuse e-waste and build projects and products useful in daily life

A humanoid robot model built from E-Waste (Motherboards, RAM chips, PCBs, etc.)







## 12. Pehel Initiative by Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability (MRCPS)

Pehel, an initiative under the **Prakarsh vertical of MRCPS**, Manav Rachna University, is dedicated to advancing Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4), focusing on inclusive and equitable quality education. Since its inception, Peהל has worked to bridge educational gaps by providing free and quality education to learners of all ages, aiming to eliminate discrimination in education. Through engaging activities like school visits, workshops on teaching methodologies, and book donation drives, Peהל seeks to enhance the educational environment and inspire community involvement. Its primary mission is to foster universal literacy and enable both educators and learners to enhance their skills, thereby contributing to a more educated and informed society.





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