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1. PREAMBLE

The 2030 Agenda recognizes that sustainable development goes hand in hand with peace and security. The relationship between security and development has been made explicit through the inclusion of SDG 16 in the 2030 Agenda. SDG 16 stresses the need for strong institutions that are built on respect for human rights, effective rule of law, and good governance at all levels. It is arguably one of the most ambitious goals in the 2030 Agenda because it is not simply a goal by itself but also an enabler for the achievement of other goals. SDG 16 aligns with the broader human rights framework by promoting societies that respect and uphold individual rights, as well as the right to privacy, freedom of expression, and access to information.

Manav Rachna University is committed to promote Peace and Justice through promotion of human rights. The educational policies adopted by the University ensures embodiment of ethics and inclusivity and empowerment through knowledge, values and skills . The University has policies to encourage faculty and students to contribute through community outreach, active participation and research initiatives to foster an environment of inclusive governance, law,



and ethical practices and freedom and enjoyment of individual rights. The University emphasizes the importance of transparent governance, social responsibility, and legal literacy, which aligns with SDG 16's goals of reducing violence, ensuring equal access to justice, and building accountable institutions.

SDG 16 aims to

- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development,
- provide access to justice for all and build effective,
- accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

MRU also actively collaborates with various stakeholders to promote peace and justice in its community. By encouraging students to participate in community service, legal aid clinics, MRU contributes meaningfully to creating a just society.



2. STUDENT COUNCIL

Manav Rachna University is committed to holistic development of its students. The University recognizes that successful individuals possess a combination of high-quality life, a successful career, and a positive impact on society. To help students achieve these goals, the University offers a unique Clan-based Life Skills Program that focuses on enhancing life skills, developing career skills, promoting values, leadership, and communication, and fostering purposeful living. The Students Welfare department manages the Life Skills Program and the Clan-based structure, which includes four clans: Wild Cats, Forest Rhinos, Water Sharks, and Air Falcons. The department aims to create an environment that promotes academic excellence and personal development while keeping the fun factor alive. The Student Council, under the Dean of Students Welfare, handles various committees for technical and cultural events, and each committee has its coordinator to ensure the smooth organization and execution of events. The societies, such as the Art Society, Media Society, Fashion Society, Music Society, Dance Society, Drama Society, Literary



Society, Technical Society, Gaming Society, CSR, and Sports Society, provide students with opportunities to explore their interests and develop their talents. The Student Council at Manav Rachna University (MRU) serves as the central student body, promoting a vibrant campus culture and fostering a strong sense of community. It acts as a bridge between students and administration, advocating for student interests and creating an inclusive environment. The Council organizes various academic, cultural, and social events, encouraging students to engage in extracurricular activities that enhance their personal growth and leadership skills

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3. STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

The development of education is a collaborative process that necessitates the involvement of diverse stakeholders. Each group brings essential contributions that, when harmonized, can lead to an enriched educational experience for students. By fostering dialogue and collaboration among students, parents, teachers, administrators, government entities, and the community, Manav Rachna University aims to create a comprehensive and responsive educational system. In an ever-evolving world, the investment in education, driven by active stakeholder engagement, is paramount for nurturing informed, capable, and responsible citizens who will contribute to the progress of society. Education development is not just a goal; it is a shared responsibility that requires the collective effort of all stakeholders involved.

With this goal of Educational Development, Manav Rachna University was established to have a positive impact on the society. The University aims to achieve this goal with the involvement of stakeholders including local residents, local business men and civil society representatives. The Governing Body, Board of Management, Academic Council and IQAC have active



participation of stakeholders that ensure there is transparency in decision making. The policies for establishment of and appointments in these bodies ensures meaningful mechanism for local stakeholders participation in decision making. The community at large, including local businesses, organizations, and civic groups, plays a supportive role in education development. Partnerships between educational institutions and local stakeholders can provide students with real-world learning opportunities through internships, apprenticeships, and mentorship programs.

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Academic Council -

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IQAC - <https://mru.edu.in/university/iqac/>

Board of Management -

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Governing Body -

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4. POLICY AGAINST CORRUPTION

A strong institution that encourages and ensures justice can be created through honesty and fair means. Manav Rachna University have always been committed to imbibe ethical values in students and ensures that the faculty and staff of Manav Rachna University doesn't involve in any unfair means. To achieve this goal, Manav Rachna University has in place Anti Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy for students, Faculty and staff members. The aim of the policy is to maintain environment of honesty and integrity and to prevent and address any forms of corruption, bribery, or unethical conduct. It establishes a zero-tolerance stance towards bribery and corruption in all organizational activities, including interactions with public officials, partners, suppliers, and employees. The policy is inclusive of guidelines and instructions regarding Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery practices by all members of the Manav Rachna University. The policy was drafted according to the provisions



of law dealing with Anti-Corruption practices. The policy typically outlines acceptable practices, reporting mechanisms, and disciplinary actions for violations. By implementing this policy, organizations commit to fostering a fair, responsible, and accountable work environment, ensuring that decisions are made based on merit and ethics. This supports the organization's reputation and contributes to broader goals of transparency and trust in society.

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5. ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Academic freedom “addresses rights within the educational contexts of teaching, learning, and research both in and outside the classroom—for individuals at private as well as at public institutions”. Academic freedom allows for students to be introduced to a diverse range of ideas that often contrast and even compete with each other within an academic framework. Academic freedom plays an important role in that it allows for individual faculty members, as experts of the subjects they teach, the freedom to shape their courses in ways that allow for those subjects to be viewed and analysed from different and specific lenses. It safeguards the rights of both students and educators to delve into, impart, and pursue knowledge and research without undue interference, legal limitations, institutional constraints, or peer influence.

Manav Rachna University fosters the academic freedom to faculty members as well as the students giving them the liberty to learn and pursue knowledge without any hindrance and in an environment where they can freely explore



their area of interest. All the teaching learning at Manav Rachna University happens through activities that are outcome based. Problem based Learning, Experiential learning and Participative learning are the students centric methodologies that are followed.

The University follows the policy of academic freedom in providing flexibility in form of elective courses to be opted for by the students. The students can take courses of their choice, learn according to their interest and can have knowledge of subject that is interdisciplinary through opting for VAC Courses. The departments offer elective courses basket having pool of courses from which students can choose as per their interest. The University allows the online learning through MOOC Courses on SWAYAM or other verified platforms. Close monitoring of students performance supports in identifying the learners needs and accordingly faculty either facilitate the learning by modifying the pedagogy or by customizing the evaluation methodology specific to learners.

The pedagogy adopted by Faculty Members is student centric. The Faculty member prepares a lesson plan according to the needs of students and his own perspective of the subject. The lesson plan is uploaded on EMS after it is



vetted by the Departmental Academic Committee. The comprehensive lesson plan is inclusive of problem solving learning, analysis of concepts and field visits in respective subject. The internship and field experience provides the students opportunity to pursue their area of interest with a different perspective. The student with first-hand experience is able to understand the intricacies and real life challenges. The students are not expected to memorize the concept rather they are taught through these field /industry visits that equips the students with industry-relevant knowledge and skills.

The teaching methodology includes extensive use of ICT tools. Manav Rachna University campus is well equipped with ICT tools for blended teaching and learning. The projectors, virtual classrooms, smart boards, audio video aids benefits the students as well as the faculty members. Students are encouraged to learn through MOOCs on Platforms like SWAYAM/UNESCO . Faculty members and research scholars are provided access to plagiarism tools.

The University has policy of providing incentive to the Faculty members and Research Scholars for publications. The Faculty members are also provided reimbursement for participation in Conferences, seminars and FDPs. The



University has its own Innovation and Incubation Centre for fostering the environment of innovation and invention by the students. There are many specialised labs and centres of excellence for experimental research and product development activities. The labs and centres were established in collaboration with industries and knowledge partners for the promotion of Innovation activities. The Centres of excellence established in the departments facilitates the students, research scholars to deep dive into the research in their area of interest. Entrepreneurship cell, IPR Cell, Research Computing Clusters, Product and Design Development lab, Centres for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Legislative studies and Research, Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability nurtures the research acumen of faculty, research scholars and students. By offering high-quality teaching and learning methods, Manav Rachna University ensures that students receive a strong education that prepares them for their future careers.

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Academic Programmes

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Incentive for research

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6. SAKSHAM COUNSELLING CENTRE

Manav Rachna University believes in students empowerment through expert guidance and constant mentoring ensuring their psychological well-being and holistic development. ‘Saksham’ is the dedicated Counselling Cell at University that has been established with a vision to provide need based guidance and psychological support to the students enabling them to nurture their potential for optimum personal and professional growth. ‘Saksham’ works in close collaboration with important stakeholders for identification of students with emotional and psychological concerns and provides suitable intervention after appropriate counselling. The cell is functional on all working days for students across all the departments. Under the aegis of Saksham, University has installed ‘Suggestion Boxes’ across various locations within the University



premises to facilitate students to share their problems and issues keeping their identity anonymous. The cell aspires to play a catalyst role in students in their academic journey by further strengthening the support system through collaborative efforts involving various stakeholders and nodal agencies working in the area of Mental Health.

Link: <https://mru.edu.in/saksham/https://mru.edu.in/saksham-event/>

7. AWARENESS PROGRAMMES/ WORKSHOPS/ SEMINAR

Manav Rachna University organises various programmes to create awareness amongst students and society. Manav Rachna University has invigorated itself since its inception by harmonizing co-curricular and academic best practices. It is anticipated from higher educational institutions to design ideal practices for societal transformation by respecting diverse aptitudes. It is vital for a student to grow in an environment beholding social responsibility at the centre and become the flag bearers of the essential societal changes for their as well



as organization's growth. The unswerving approach of Manav Rachna University to the holistic development of students has lead university to sustain magnificent resources for activities in addition to the academic infrastructure and resources.

Peace training at Gurugram

The "Youth: Risers and Lighters Seminar" organized by the Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability at the Heartfulness Gurugram Centre in Gurugram, Haryana from 01st June- 3rd June 2022. It sounds like a remarkable and impactful event for the youth of North Indian states. The three-day seminar appears to have been well-rounded, offering a diverse range of activities and sessions aimed at empowering and inspiring the young participants.

Day 1: The event began with an opening ceremony and an orientation session, setting the tone for the days ahead. The Participants engaged in a meditation workshop, emphasizing inner peace and self-reflection. A Kavi Sammelan featuring national poet Mr. Ailesh Awasthi added an artistic touch to the day.



The day concluded with a meditation session led by Daaji, promoting mindfulness and inner tranquility.

Day 2: The second day started with a yoga workshop, focusing on both physical and mental well-being. Participants learned yoga postures and breathing exercises, followed by another meditation session to cultivate mindfulness. An entrepreneurship session by Mr. Devansh Bhatt and Mr. Devasheesh Sharma provided practical guidance on entrepreneurial skills. Parallel sessions focused on essential life skills like communication and problem-solving. Engaging group discussions on personal growth and societal challenges fostered a sense of community and encouraged diverse perspectives.

Final Day: The final day began with a meditation session, followed by fruit distribution and a tree plantation, emphasizing a connection with nature and sustainability. The esteemed speakers from various fields shared their insights on topics such as conflict resolution, agriculture, and heartfelt relationships by Ms. Ichha Bhan, a counseling psychologist. The seminar concluded with a live session and Q&A with Daaji, offering participants the opportunity to engage directly with an experienced speaker. The event wrapped up with a closing

ceremony where participants received certificates of participation and appreciation.

This seminar provided a holistic experience for the youth, equipping them with not only knowledge and skills but also a network of like-minded individuals. It encouraged personal growth, community building, and inspired participants to become agents of positive change. Such events play a crucial role in empowering and motivating the youth to contribute to the betterment of society and their own personal development.





Youth for peace online workshop

The Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability celebrated a significant milestone on July 6, 2022, by hosting the "Youth for Peace" workshop—an event that exemplified the institution's commitment to fostering a culture of peace and sustainable development. Conducted via Google Meet, the workshop provided a dynamic platform for youth engagement, bringing together eager participants from diverse backgrounds. The highlight of the event was the presence of Ms. Shweta Bhatnagar, a distinguished speaker renowned for her expertise in peace-building and conflict resolution.

Ms. Bhatnagar's insights proved invaluable as she shared strategies to empower the youth in their pursuit of peace in an increasingly turbulent world. The workshop seamlessly blended discussions and activities, creating an enriching experience for the participants. The event not only drew enthusiastic engagement but also left attendees motivated and equipped with the knowledge and tools needed to contribute positively to global peace and sustainability initiatives.

This successful workshop stands as a testament to the Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability unwavering dedication to nurturing young leaders of change. By continuing to be at the forefront of promoting harmony and sustainability in the modern world, the institution reaffirms its role as a beacon for those committed to creating a more peaceful and sustainable future. As the Center celebrates its one-year anniversary, this event further underscores its vital role in shaping the next generation's commitment to peace and sustainability.





National Youth Peace Camp at Rajasthan

The Peace Champions of Manav Rachna University embarked on a transformative journey to Rajsamand, Rajasthan, from November 16th to 18th, 2022. The trip provided students with a unique opportunity to participate in the prestigious National Youth Peace Camp organized by Yuvsatta and the Global Peace Forum. Beyond the formalities, the trip aimed to provide students with a holistic experience that would nurture their passion for peace.

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.

By participating in diverse activities and receiving comprehensive peacebuilding training, students were well-equipped to make a positive impact. The exchange of ideas and perspectives with peers from different backgrounds further enhanced their understanding of peace-related issues.

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.





Visit to Govt school for peace sessions and plantation drive

The event took place on July 28, 2022, and was aimed at promoting environmental sustainability through a plantation drive and enhancing the well-being of students through meditation and yoga sessions. This report provides an overview of the event, its objectives, activities, and outcomes.

Introduction: MRCPS is committed to fostering peace and sustainability in the community by engaging in various outreach programs. Partnering with Jagruti Sewa Trust, this event was organized to make a positive impact on the environment and promote holistic well-being among school students.

Activities: **Plantation Drive:** The event commenced with a plantation drive where students, volunteers, and staff members planted saplings in the school premises. Local tree species were chosen to promote biodiversity and adaptability to the region's climate. **Meditation and Yoga Session:** Following the plantation drive, a meditation and yoga session was conducted by certified instructors. Students were taught basic breathing techniques, simple yoga asanas, and meditation practices to reduce stress and enhance concentration. **Interactive Workshops:** Interactive workshops were conducted



to educate students about the significance of trees, biodiversity, and environmental conservation.

Through the plantation drive, meditation, and yoga sessions, students not only learned the importance of environmental conservation but also experienced the benefits of mindfulness and physical well-being. This initiative not only contributed to the local environment but also fostered a sense of community engagement among the participants. The event was a step towards creating a more sustainable and peaceful future, aligning with the objectives of the Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability. Acknowledgments: We would like to express our gratitude to the students, staff, and volunteers for their active participation in this event. Special thanks to Jagruti Sewa Trust for their partnership, and the Government School, Sector 16, Faridabad, for hosting us.







Visit to Kanhavanam Meditation Centre at Hyderabad for Peace training

The 'Rising with Kindness' Youth Summit and Concert from 11th August -17th August 2022 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.

By bringing together diverse voices and perspectives, the event not only encouraged dialogue but also served as a catalyst for innovative solutions to pressing societal challenges. It showcased how kindness can be a driving force for positive change and social impact, transcending geographical boundaries and cultural differences.

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.

The event reinforced the importance of fostering kindness and compassion in today's youth, as they are the torchbearers of a more compassionate and empathetic world. Through interactive sessions, shared experiences, and collaborative efforts, the summit empowered the youth to make a difference and create a brighter future characterized by kindness, understanding, and unity.





Let's walk in nature: Visit to the Leisure Valley

SADBHAV, the Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability, organized a rejuvenating Nature's Walk on November 17, 2022. The event brought together SADBHAV members and aimed to provide them with an escape from the daily grind while offering relaxation and rejuvenation in the lap of nature.

The participants embarked on a 3-kilometer trek in the serene surroundings of Leisure Valley, Faridabad. The natural beauty of the area provided the perfect



backdrop for this refreshing experience. The event was not just about physical activity but also focused on mental and emotional well-being.

Participants engaged in activities like meditation and deep breathing, which helped them to relax and center their minds amidst nature's tranquility. To invigorate both body and mind, the members participated in various physical exercises.

These exercises, combined with the fresh air and natural surroundings, contributed to a sense of physical well-being and vitality. The event added an element of fun with interactive games like "Catch Me If You Can" and "Chain," which encouraged teamwork, communication, and social interaction among the participants.

This event not only promoted relaxation and happiness but also fostered a deeper connection with nature. It highlighted the importance of taking time to unwind and enjoy the natural world, ultimately contributing to the overall mental and physical health of the participants. In essence, the Nature's Walk served as a reminder of the positive impact that nature and outdoor activities can have on one's well-being.

video and audio clippings on an LED Screen, search modules on kiosk and performance of street plays to sensitize the people about e-courts.

Students actively help visitors by addressing their law related queries and guided them on the usage of services available on National Judicial Data Grid and websites of High Court and district courts at the stall. The High Court initiative aims to take justice to the doorstep of people, by enabling litigants to view case details and take printouts at nominal costs of interim orders and judgments. The Law Students of MRU, as torch bearers of the judicial system, spread information on legal awareness.



Legal Aid Camp

Legal Aid Camp was organized by Legal Aid Cell of School of Law, MRU on 17th January 2023 at Anangpur and Ankheer Villages. Event was organized in the collaboration with O.P. Bhalla foundation which has set up other camps from various health departments such as Department of Physiotherapy, nutrition and dietetics.

There was a survey conducted by reaching out the locals to address their issues and discussed the course for it. Residents showed their concern and were keen to be aware about cyber frauds and security. Their concerns ranged from property disputes, domestic violence, assault and cyber security. The committee have successfully done the legal counselling and provide the appropriate solutions. For further assistance, contact information was shared to those who were in need and required our continuous support for the same.



Legal-Aid Session and Legal Aid Camp

The School of Law organized an introductory session on the role of the Manav Rachna Legal Aid Committee, which was accompanied by an in-house Legal Aid Camp on 24th February 2023 at 10:00 AM. The session was organised in G Block. The Session was organized for the students of the Law School but it was designed especially for the first-year students to introduce them to the concept of legal aid. Initially the students were introduced and apprised about the concept of Legal aid and then the role of the Legal Aid Committee. Then Advocate Ravinder Gupta, District Coordinator, DLSA, the resource person of the session interacted with Safai Karam Charis in which they were counselled and given support for their various issues. The students were enthusiastic about the whole event and then the event culminated with student's volunteering to get registered in the Legal Aid Committee.





Global Peace Leadership Conference

On 10th April 2023 almost 35+ students attended the volunteer's orientation at Malviya Smriti Bhavan conducted by GPLF, India. All the volunteers were briefed about what actually Global Peace Leadership Foundation is, what are the motive of Global Peace Leadership Foundation and much more. India has unique heritage and key leadership role in the region and world; therefore it offers a most fitting context to examine the civilization implications of universal principles and their practical applications for peace building. Thus the Global Peace Leadership Conference Indo-Pacific (GPLC) in New Delhi, India was organized on April 11-13, 2023, with the theme "Vasudhava Kutumbakam: Vision for Advancing Human Consciousness and Peace."

The core team first conducted an introduction session of all the members and gave a brief about the upcoming event. The students were divided under various teams and their heads were assigned. The students were assigned with the responsibilities and had various sessions with their heads.

Then there was a question answer session in which few students were provided with gift hampers worth Rs 1000. The volunteers were also provided T-shirts. The event was concluded after the lunch session





Stall at Remembrance Ceremony of Dr. OP Bhalla sir

The commemorative stall organized by MRCP Society Volunteers, in conjunction with NGO partners, students, and Minister Sh. Krishnpal Gurjar, proved to be a resounding success. Held on the remembrance anniversary of Dr. OP Bhalla, on 15th September 2023; the event celebrated his enduring legacy by providing a dynamic platform for NGOs to showcase their impactful initiatives, students to display innovative projects, and the community to engage with meaningful causes.

Chief Minister sh. Krishnpal Gurjar's presence added a significant touch, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in upholding the values championed by Dr. Bhalla. The event not only paid a fitting tribute to a visionary but also reinforced the spirit of unity and service within our community, aligning with the principles Dr. Bhalla held dear.





Vibrant Stalls on Fresher's 'Orientation Day'

On 14th July, 2023 Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and sustainability represented their respective stalls to educate freshers and encourage them to join us. During stall representation teams was divided into two halves where first half represented verticals under our center whereas second half represented mindfulness, to do so all the leaders and co leaders of respective teams came together along with team coordinator. /

On July 14, 2023, Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability set up their individual stalls to educate first-time visitors and encourage them to join us. During stall representation, teams were divided into two halves, with the first half representing verticals under the Centre and the second half representing mindfulness. To do so, all of the leaders and co-leaders of different teams, along with the team coordinator, gathered together.

Team beautifully decorated their stalls while maintaining our motto of sustainable development and carbon free environment. Stalls brilliantly captured a glimpse of environment, objectives and aspirations of our teams along with the milestones we have achieved so far. A pair of activities were

also set up to encourage engagement of freshers which attracted a lot of new members, another activity our members performed was a skit. /

Team decorated their stalls wonderfully while adhering to our objective of sustainable development and a carbon-free environment. Stalls effectively captured glimpses of our teams' atmosphere, ambitions, and aspirations, as well as the milestones we have reached so far. A pair of activities were also set up to encourage fresher participation, which drew a large number of new members; another activity our members had fun with was a skit. The new council made an excellent debut by skillfully enlisting 60 fresh members, a truly remarkable feat. Their unwavering resolve and eagerness to make a difference unquestionably signify that they will continually strengthen their short comings and enhance their effectiveness in upcoming endeavors. With such a promising beginning, there is no doubt that the council's future projects will be met with even greater success, and their positive impact will continue to flourish.

