

SDG 17.2.5

University **collaboration with NGOs to tackle the SDGs** through:

Yes, Manav Rachna university actively collaborates with NGOs and foundations to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through community outreach, education, and skill development initiatives. The *Kaushal Kaaryashaala* program, in partnership with the Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation, empowers government school students (Grades 9–12) with essential IT and employability skills, promoting SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 8 (Decent Work). The *SustainEd* program nurtures students as sustainability ambassadors, aligning academics with SDG-based experiential learning. Under the *Green Grah* initiative, students promote sustainable lifestyles and plastic reduction in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Additionally, the *Community Connect* program engages B.Ed. students with local schools and communities to address real-world educational challenges. These collective efforts foster inclusive, sustainable, and community-driven development.

Metric and indicator reference	Metric / Indicator	Evidence
Kaushal Kaaryashaala	The Kaushal Kaaryashaala Initiative of Dr. OP Bhalla Foundation aims to empower the Government School Students of Faridabad The Kaushal Initiative taken by Dr. OP Bhalla aims to empower government school pupils from standard 9th to 12th through variety of skill development program via. online and offline hybrid teaching method. Dr. O P Bhalla Foundation aims to impart skilsets necessary for better employment opportunities in the higher paying jobs.	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p0jbeqL3hV5ssDc2Oa8Zibonyd4RZOI/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=105132370171244645589&rtmpof=true&sd=true https://dropbhallafoundation.org/kaushal-3/#:~:text=The%20pilot%20batch%20for%20the,for%20the%20IT%20FITeS%20Skill

“Kaushal”: A Skill development program

What is kaushal kaaryashaala?

Approximately 47 million students drop out of school. They drop out of school to help support their families financially. The majority are unskilled and untrained, and they are vulnerable to exploitation by society and market forces. The **Kaushal Kaaryashaala** Initiative of Dr. OP Bhalla Foundation aims to empower the Government School Students of Faridabad from standard 9th to 12th through a variety of skill development program via. online and offline hybrid teaching method and providing necessary skill sets for better employment opportunities in the higher paying jobs.

Innovation and Incubation centre (IIC) MRU in association with the Dr. O P Bhalla Foundation has been diligently working on enhancing the skill development of Government School Students through its initiative called **Kaushal**. After the successful completion of two batches, each comprising 50 students, under this

program on **April 25, 2023**, marked the commencement of the first session of the third batch at Manav Rachna University (MRU). Under the mission of enhancing the skill of Government School Students and making them ready for job through its initiative called Kaushal Karyashala. The students were taught the basics of Microsoft Office emphasizing on MS Word. The Program is being conducted by Dr Prashant Bhardwaj, and Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma with the guidance of Dr Parneeta Dhaliwal.

The students of this third batch belong to Grades 9 to 12 and are from GSSS Bhankri. Their enthusiasm was palpable during the inaugural class, where they delved into the basics of Hardware and Software, mastering essential skills such as operating a mouse.

We are excited about the prospects of this new batch and remain committed to empowering these students with valuable IT skills that will undoubtedly shape their futures.

Schedule of Classes: 2hrs per Week (Every Thursday)
Detailed course content of the project Kaushal is as follows:
Course Content

Introduction to MS WINDOWS & COMPUTER BASICS

- Computer Basic, Creating Folder, Paint
- Directories, input units, Output unit
- Central Processing Units,
- What is hard ware, what is Soft ware
- Windows short cut keys

A. MS WORD

Module 1: Text Basics

Module 2: Text Formatting and saving file

Module 3: Working with Objects

Module 4: Header & Footers

Module 5: Working with bullets and numbered lists

Module 6: Tables

Module 7: Styles and Content

Module 8: Proofing the document

Module 9: Printing

B. MS EXCEL

Module 10: Introduction to Excel

Module 11: Formatting excel work book:

Module 12: Perform Calculations with Functions

Module 13: Sort and Filter Data with Excel

Module 14: Create Effective Charts to Present Data Visually

Module 15: Proofing and Printing

C. MS POWERPOINT

Module 16: Setting Up PowerPoint Environment:

Module 17: Creating slides and applying themes

Module 18: Working with bullets and numbering

Module 19: Working with Objects

Module 20: Hyperlinks and Action Buttons

Module 21: Working With Movies and Sounds

Module 22: Using SmartArt and Tables

Module 23: Animation and Slide Transition

Module 24: Using slide Master

Module 25: Slide show option

Module 26: Proofing and Printing

D. INTERNET & E-MAIL

- What is Internet?, Receiving Incoming Messages
- Sending Outgoing Messages, Email addressing

- Email attachments, Browsing, Search engines
- Text chatting, Job Searching
- Downloading video and Music
- Uploading Video or Music, Voice chatting, Webcam Chatting etc.
- Introduction to Blogging, Facebook

Glimpses of Session Conducted:



Faculty Taking the Session

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ESDP: SUSTAIN ED	This innovative initiative trains university students to serve as ambassadors of sustainability throughout their academic journey and beyond. The program's curriculum is meticulously aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring that every department of the university plays a role in sustainable education	https://mru.edu.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/doc_project-1.pdf

ESDP: SUSTAIN ED

SustainEd: Nurturing Tomorrow's Stewards" program is paving the way for a sustainable future by harnessing the potential of youth to become responsible global citizens. This innovative initiative trains university students to serve as ambassadors of sustainability throughout their academic journey and beyond. The program's curriculum is meticulously aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring that every department of the university plays a role in sustainable education. Additionally, value-added courses, such as "Essential for Sustainability," powered by OER and UNESCO, are attracting students from across India, highlighting the program's nationwide impact. Beyond the classroom, "SustainEd" organizes a series of awareness programs, including webinars, seminars, expert sessions, competitions, and international conferences, reinforcing the importance of sustainability. Level three of the program focuses on empowering enthusiastic students to connect with their communities and cultivate global sustainable citizenship, starting at the grassroots level. Through activities such as Nukkad Natak (street plays), peaceful rallies, cleanliness drives, and educational sessions, students actively engage with their localities to drive positive change.



Green Grah Initiative:

Students under the Social Internship Program prepared a project on promoting sustainable lifestyles through reducing plastic use. They conducted surveys to analyze the problem of plastic use and handbooks on waste segregation, sustainable alternatives and understanding types of plastic. Group 2 prepared a linktree as a one stop solution to conduct surveys, its results, handbook on waste segregation and simple videos on beginners steps on waste segregation and alternatives to plastics.

Team Members -

1. Muskan Tantia - IX, MRIS-14
2. Parth Tantia - XI, MRIS-14
3. Abhimanyu Kadam, XI, MRIS-14
4. Tanay Mathur, XI, MRIS-14
5. Vaidehi Verma, XII, MRIS-14
6. Ramya Jain, X, MRIS-14
7. Joanna Nagpal, IX, MRIS-14
8. Ayaan Abrol, XI, MRIS-14

Green Grah Initiative was launched under the guidance of Dr. Meena Kapahi from MRU on her project with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change which has funded the printing of the Handbooks to be circulated widely.



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Community Connect	The department collaborates with nearby schools to give our students real-world experience. This includes teaching practicums and internships, which give students the chance to see successful teaching methods and obtain practical teaching experience.	https://manavrachna.edu.in/mru/school-of-education-humanities/department-of-education-humanities/collaborations/tie-ups

The **Community Connect Program** is an initiative undertaken by students enrolled in Bachelor of Education (B.Ed, BSc BEd and BA BEd) programs to foster stronger links between educational institutions and the local community. This program aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world application, encouraging future educators to engage directly with the communities they will serve. The program allows B.Ed. students to contribute positively to society while simultaneously enhancing their professional development as educators. By engaging with and addressing the needs of local communities, these future teachers are better equipped to become socially responsible, empathetic, and effective educators in the future.



Imparting SDG awareness by gaming method



Poster making on 'Save water' addressing SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

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Legal Aid	Legal Aid Cell offers assistance through diverse approaches such as traditional casework, summary advice, self-help, community legal education, community development, and initiatives focused on policy reform. LAC is concentrating on spreading awareness and provide assistance to the needy people. Many Legal Aid and Awareness Camp has been organized so far. Beside these Cell conducts special lectures for practical exposure, or training to the first-year students. The members used to frequently visit nearby villages, providing legal assistance to the villagers and also conducting street plays on different issues like police atrocities, domestic violence etc. to raise awareness amongst the people	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IRn255azl03T8LacKXiPaNVVsS3aE92eOeGs7Fuv60Y/edit?tab=t.0

Established in 2017 as per the requirement under Section 4(k) of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the MRU Legal Aid Cell is mandated to develop programs for clinical legal education individually or in collaboration with the District Legal Service Authority/ Haryana Legal service authority. Its responsibilities extend to guiding and overseeing the setup and operations of legal services clinics in university. Operating under statutory law, the Legal Aid Cell offers assistance through diverse approaches such as traditional casework, summary advice, self-help, community legal education, community development, and initiatives focused on policy reform.

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Legal Aid Club (Anushka, Rishabh Kumar Ambashta, Amritansh Bansal, Shruti Nair and Dhriti Jain) counselling the students of Smt Sushma Swaraj College, Faridabad.



Legal Aid Club (Anushka, Rishabh and Sashwat) had a legal awareness session on basic rights and Cyber security with GSSS students.



Students talking to visitors for legal aid awareness at Surajkund Mela 2024

Metric and indicator reference	Metric / Indicator	Evidence
ISR	Instilling a culture of social responsibility is paramount for nurturing educated youth who can drive vital societal changes. Manav Rachna University recognizes this imperative and places utmost importance on Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR). The university's steadfast commitment to students' holistic development is evident in the establishment of significant resources for extracurricular activities alongside robust academic infrastructure. At the core of this commitment lies the role of the Dean of Students Welfare, serving as a crucial link between students and the administration. Through various programs and initiatives, students are empowered to engage in meaningful social endeavors, instilling values of empathy, compassion, and civic duty.	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_ynA5EfE9AzaYxoOAe_523SJJUSpq_uPzOzWIAG0TII/edit?tab=t.0

The university's dedication to environmental sustainability goes beyond providing material support, extending to active community involvement and awareness campaigns. We wholeheartedly endorse and participate in the Green India initiative led by the Government of India. Our Eco Club takes the lead in initiating eco-friendly projects. Moreover, we have embraced the UBA program to support the comprehensive development of villages such as Chhainsa, Atali, Mothuka, Dayalpur, and Gadkheda. In our pursuit of rural development, we prioritize aspects like healthcare, education, essential services, and job opportunities. Emphasizing gender equality and diversity, we empower women, connect with elderly individuals through visits to retirement homes, and undertake initiatives to reduce disparities among socially and economically marginalized groups. Additionally, we are dedicated to creating a safe environment by implementing provisions of the POCSO Act, including educating individuals on identifying appropriate and inappropriate physical contact. Sustainability education is also a priority, aimed at raising awareness among students and young learners about sustainable practices.

Plantation Drive

Hostel Green Belt: Plantation Drive

(17-07-2023)

On July 17, 2023, a collaborative plantation drive took place in Sector 45, Faridabad. The event was organized by the Dr. OP Bhalla Foundation and the Centre for Peace and Sustainability. Volunteers from multiple organizations, along with students from DSW-MRIIRS and MRU, participated in this initiative. Together, they worked to establish a Green Belt near the Off Campus Hostel, contributing to environmental sustainability in the area.

Dr. NC Wadhwa's address underscored the significance of tree plantation, culminating in a collective pledge known as the Green Oath commitment. Distinguished figures graced the occasion, stressing their unwavering dedication to forging a sustainable future.



Unnat Bharat Abhiyan



POCSO & Sustainability Awareness Visit

18-01-2024

The visit to Anangpur Village MSC School by the Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability aimed not only to raise awareness about POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) but also to foster a deeper understanding of sustainable development among the students. Dr. Pooja's sessions on sustainable development principles encouraged students to think critically about their impact on the environment and society, while Dr. Sumbul's discussions on good touch, bad touch, and POCSO awareness provided crucial knowledge to help keep them safe. The sessions were engaging and interactive, empowering students to take ownership of their learning and contribute positively to both their communities and the planet.



Blood Donation Camps



Nukkad Natak

14-09-2023

MRCPS volunteers actively advanced Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3) - "Good Health and Well-being" through a blood donation awareness camp. Their engagement included organizing a Nukkad Natak (Street Play), creatively conveying the message of the life-saving importance of blood donation. This initiative effectively raised awareness and inspired community participation in promoting public health initiatives, showcasing the impactful role of street drama in driving positive behavior change. Their commitment exemplifies the power of grassroots efforts in fostering a culture of voluntary blood donation for a healthier society.



Connecting with Animals and Nature



World Environment Day - Moujpur Village

01-09-2023

Manav Rachna University organized a comprehensive event at MSC Public School in Moujpur Village, Faridabad, aimed at addressing pressing environmental issues within the community. Through activities like tree plantation drives, awareness workshops, clean-up campaigns, cultural programs, and an exhibition, the event galvanized individuals to take tangible actions towards environmental stewardship and sustainability. Participants, guided by environmental experts and volunteers, actively engaged in planting saplings, learning about sustainable practices, and cleaning up public spaces. The event not only educated but also inspired attendees, fostering a sense of collective responsibility and empowerment. The success of this initiative highlights the transformative power of community-driven efforts in tackling environmental challenges and lays the groundwork for a greener and healthier future.



Project Khushi

12-10-2023

Manav Rachna Centre for Peace and Sustainability's 'Project Khushi' stands as a dedicated effort to promote mental well-being and happiness, aligning with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3 – Good Health and Well-being. Through interactions at Pacific Mall, the initiative prioritizes mental health discussions, spreading joy and supporting healthy lives. It exemplifies how local efforts can contribute to global goals, emphasizing the importance of community-driven actions in advancing the agenda for health and well-being.



