



University Vision and Action Plan for Sustainable Development Goals



Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions – Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels

1. Relevance and Significance

SDG 16 promotes peaceful, inclusive societies and strong institutions. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University (DDUGU) supports this goal by fostering ethical leadership, legal awareness, and institutional integrity. Through education, research, and advocacy, the university advances democratic values and human rights, contributing to a just and sustainable society.

2. Sustainable Practices

DDUGU actively advances SDG 16 through ethical governance and civic engagement. The university upholds transparency and accountability in administration, while legal literacy and human rights programs educate students and the community. Seminars on conflict resolution and good governance promote informed citizenship, and student-led initiatives encourage peace-building and community participation, reinforcing the importance of strong institutions.

3. Policies and Guidelines

To support SDG 16, DDUGU has implemented policies that promote justice, equality, and institutional integrity. Anti-discrimination, anti-harassment, and ethical governance policies ensure a safe and transparent academic environment. Courses on law, human rights, and governance equip students to contribute to social justice. Collaborations with government and NGOs enhance community engagement and policy advocacy. These efforts are reinforced by the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy, Whistleblower Policy, Code of Conduct, and Research Ethics Policy.

4. Outcomes

DDUGU's initiatives have strengthened peace and justice through measurable outcomes. Legal awareness programs have empowered students and the community to uphold their rights. Institutional reforms have enhanced transparency and accountability. Research in governance and human rights has contributed to policy discourse, while effective grievance redressal systems ensure fair conflict resolution.

5. Future Roadmap

Moving forward, DDUGU aims to enhance its role in promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions by introducing more academic programs in governance, law, and conflict resolution. Plans include expanding partnerships with legal aid and human rights organizations and establishing a Centre for Peace and Justice Studies for training in leadership and policy advocacy. These initiatives will reinforce DDUGU's commitment to SDG 16 and its role in building a just and peaceful society.