





## FOREWORD

### University of Dhaka – Commitment to the SDGs & THE Impact Ranking Excellence

As Bangladesh's oldest and most prestigious public university, founded in 1921 and constituted under the Dhaka University Order 1973, the University of Dhaka (DU) has long served as the intellectual engine of the nation. From producing the country's leading civil servants, academics, scientists, policy thinkers, and cultural leaders, to serving as the birthplace of key democratic and social movements, DU's history is deeply intertwined with Bangladesh's national aspirations.

In alignment with the Government of Bangladesh's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, DU recognises its statutory, academic, and ethical responsibility to lead from the front. As a comprehensive public university with 13 faculties, 83 departments, over 50 research centres and institutes, and a vast network of colleges affiliated under its academic supervision, DU is in a uniquely advantageous position to contribute to the SDG agenda across teaching, research, innovation, community engagement, and policy support.

### **DU's Strategic Position for SDG Implementation**

Dhaka University's contributions to the SDGs are strengthened through:

- A diverse ecosystem of academic departments that span science, technology, medicine, business, social sciences, arts, humanities, and environmental studies.
- Specialized research institutes and centres—including IER, IML, DSCR, BER, CMBT, NPU, NPT, CRP, and the newly established Centre for China Studies (CCS)—that produce nationally relevant research and policy inputs.
- Extensive partnerships with government ministries, UN agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNESCO, WHO), national NGOs, and global academic networks.
- A strong alumni footprint in public service, education, diplomacy, science, technology, business, the judiciary, and cultural sectors.
- Active linkages with industry, particularly through the Faculties of Business Studies, Engineering & Technology, Science, and Pharmacy, enabling internships, applied research, innovation, and workforce development.
- Robust connections to policy-making bodies, as DU's faculty routinely serve on national commissions, reform committees, advisory councils, and government task forces.

Together, these strengths place DU in an advantageous national and regional position to contribute meaningfully to the SDGs and to excel in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings.

Our Commitment to the SDGs & THE Impact Ranking Excellence

### **DU's Institutional Commitment to THE Impact Rankings**

Recognising the value of THE Impact Rankings in highlighting a university's contribution to society, DU has embarked on a multi-year effort to strengthen data systems, expand evidence collection, and embed SDG-aligned practices across the institution.

To coordinate these efforts, DU has established a central Steering Committee for THE Impact Rankings, chaired by:

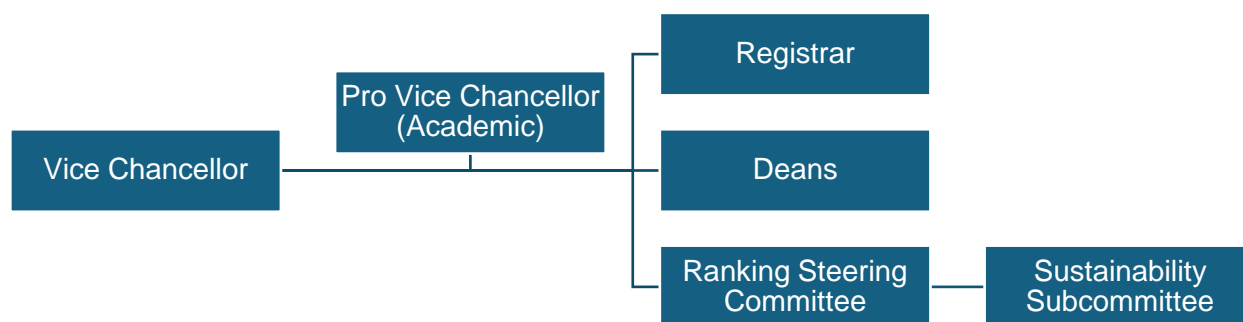
Professor Dr. Md. Mamun-Ur-Rashid Ahmed, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Dhaka and Prof. Shamsad Mortuza as the Ranking subcommittee (sustainability) convener.

Under his leadership, the committee works relentlessly to:

- Coordinate SDG-related data from all faculties, institutes, departments, offices and centres
- Validate evidence aligned with THE's measurement framework
- Facilitate training sessions and capacity building across units
- Ensure alignment with national SDG targets and development priorities
- Support data-driven decision making for institutional improvement

A network of SDG Focal Points—including deans, directors, chairpersons, and administrative leaders—works closely with the committee to ensure comprehensive and accurate reporting.





### Ranking Steering Committee

Professor Dr. Mamun Ahmed Honourable Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Dhaka	-	Convenor
Professor Dr. Sayema Haque Bidisha Honourable Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration), University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, PhD Honourable Treasurer, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. Abdus Salam Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. B M Mainul Hossain Director, Institute of Information Technology (IIT), University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. Mosaddek Hossain Kamal Director ICT (Information and Communication Technology) Cell, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. Syed Shahadat Hossain Institute of Statistical Research and Training (ISRT), , University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. M. Rezaul Islam Institute of Social Welfare and Research, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. Shamsad Mortuza Department of English, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. Md. Rakibul Islam Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. Md. Sharif Ullah Mazumder Department of Mathematics, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. Zafar Ahmed Khan Department of Statistics, University of Dhaka	-	Member

Professor Dr. Md. Ahsan Habib Department of Chemistry, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Mr. Md. Rashedur Rahman Chairman Department of Organization Strategy and Leadership, University of Dhaka	-	Member
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Mr. Rajib Mahmud Samim Parvez Deputy Registrar, Registrar's Office, University of Dhaka	-	Member-Secretary

### **Sustainability Sub-committee**

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Professor Dr. Mohammad Moninoor Roshid Institute of Education and Research, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Dr. Md. Anwarul Islam Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Professor Mohammad Abul Kawser Department of Histoty	-	Member
Mr. Rajib Mahmud Samim Parvez Deputy Registrar, Office of the Registrar, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Mr. Md. Sadiq Sarowar Computer Programmer, ICT Cell, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Mr. Md. Rifat Amin Technical Officer, Office of the Registrar, University of Dhaka	-	Member
Mr. Md. Rashedur Rahman Chairman Department of Organization Strategy and Leadership, University of Dhaka	-	Member-Secretary

## **Learning Through Engagement: DU in THE Masterclasses & Global Communities**

To build internal capacity and learn global best practices, DU actively participates in:

- THE Masterclasses & Workshops, where team members learn from international experts on evidence preparation, SDG data management, and benchmarking.
- Peer-learning initiatives with leading universities in Asia, the UK, and the Global South.
- Policy dialogues and roundtables hosted by THE and affiliated bodies.
- Collaborative activities with UN agencies, including curriculum design (UNICEF), research grants (UNDP), health and demographic projects (UNFPA, WHO), youth engagement (UNESCO), and climate-resilience initiatives.
- DU embraces a philosophy of “learning to learn with others”—engaging globally to strengthen national capacity and embedding sustainability literacy into university culture.

## **Looking Forward: DU’s Strategic Vision for SDG 2030**

With the Government of Bangladesh aiming to achieve the SDG goals by 2030, DU reaffirms that:

- Our research, teaching, and public engagement will remain closely aligned with national priorities. Our Vision statement, reads, “Create a world-class educational ecosystem that enables individuals to act as dynamic human capital and ethical leaders for a sustainable future.” [<https://www.du.ac.bd/university/VisionMission>]
- We will expand our documentation and impact measurement systems to ensure transparency and accountability.
- Partnerships with government bodies, international organisations and industry will be scaled up to amplify societal impact.
- We will continue to position DU as a leading SDG-driven university in South Asia, advancing the nation’s knowledge economy and development agenda.

As Bangladesh’s flagship university, the University of Dhaka is committed to becoming a global model of SDG excellence—through rigorous research, transformative teaching, social responsibility, and inclusive national development.



# SDG 12 — Responsible Consumption & Production

## Executive Summary

DU works toward sustainable consumption through recycling initiatives, waste-management coordination with DSCC, responsible chemical handling in laboratories, reduced paper use, and student-led environmental campaigns. Departments conduct research on pollution, resource efficiency, and sustainable materials.

**High-Impact Claim:** *DU is advancing sustainable practices across the country through research, policy inputs, and campus-based behavioural change campaigns.*

## SDG 12: Responsible Consumption & Production

SDG 12 focuses on reducing waste, improving resource efficiency, and cultivating responsible consumption habits—an especially relevant challenge for a large public institution like Dhaka University (DU), where tens of thousands share the same limited urban ecosystem. In 2024, DU demonstrated a marked shift toward a more participatory and disciplined approach to environmental stewardship. Rather than relying solely on administrative clean-up cycles, the University emphasized sustained awareness, community-wide engagement, and practical improvements to waste infrastructure. These efforts signal an evolving understanding that responsible consumption is rooted not only in policy but in culture and collective practice.

The year began with a series of high-visibility campus-wide mobilizations. On 25 November, the Arboriculture Center and the Dhaka University Environment Parliament convened the Clean Campus program at the University Mall—a full-day rally, awareness campaign, and hands-on cleaning initiative. The Vice Chancellor’s message underscored a central principle: keeping the campus clean is a shared, daily responsibility, central to responsible consumption.

A parallel effort, Green Campus, Clean Campus, was held on 10 December at the TSC premises, strengthened through collaboration with the Green Future Foundation Bangladesh. This initiative expanded the conversation beyond cleanliness to long-term environmental discipline, greenery preservation, and behavioral change. Students participated actively, and the Arboriculture Center’s supervision signaled strong institutional backing for environmental education and participatory sustainability.

Waste management and pollution control received targeted focus. On 9 December, a roadside meeting titled “Role of Cleaning Workers in Air Pollution Control” addressed leaf-burning and improper waste disposal—practices that contribute directly to Dhaka’s severe air pollution. By engaging cleaning staff, gardeners, and administrative workers, the University recognized the need to empower frontline campus maintainers with environmental knowledge and accountability.

Practical, measurable improvements followed. On 17 December, Shaheed Sergeant Zahurul Haque Hall installed new dustbins and launched a hall-wide cleaning initiative supported by Radiant Pharmaceuticals. The same hall conducted a three-day dengue-prevention cleaning drive beginning 25 November, linking environmental care with public health. These interventions represented meaningful steps toward proactive environmental management rather than reactive clean-up.

Together, DU's 2024 activities under SDG 12 reflect an institutional transformation: from episodic cleaning to a broader culture of sustainability. Through awareness campaigns, student-led participation, new waste infrastructure, and targeted efforts against pollution and disease, DU strengthened the behavioral foundations required for responsible consumption and sustainable production on campus.

## DU Responsible Consumption & Production — 2024 Highlights

### ✍ Campus-Wide Cleanliness & Awareness

Clean Campus program (25 Nov):

Full-day rally + hands-on cleaning

Led by Arboriculture Center & DU Environment Parliament

Focus: shared responsibility for daily environmental upkeep



**CLEAN CAMPUS  
UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA**

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অধ্যাপক নিয়াজ আহমদ খান  
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**সকাল- ১০ ঘটিকায়**  
**স্থান: সবুজ চত্বর**

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## Green Campus, Clean Campus Initiative

Held 10 Dec at TSC

Collaboration with Green Future Foundation Bangladesh

Emphasis on: greenery, waste reduction, environmental discipline

Strong student engagement under Arboriculture Center supervision



Full news link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1A8ryC5bye/>

## □ Pollution Control & Waste Reduction

Roadside meeting on air pollution (9 Dec)

Addressed harmful practices like leaf burning

Engaged: cleaning workers, gardeners, administrative staff



Full news link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17UQEqR4t5/>

## □ New Waste Infrastructure & Preventive Action

Zahurul Haque Hall upgrades (17 Dec):

New dustbins installed

Hall-wide cleaning initiative (Radiant Pharmaceuticals support)

3-day dengue-focused cleaning drive starting 25 Nov

## High-Impact Claims (THE Impact Ranking–Ready)

- ✓ DU implemented one of the largest student-engaged environmental programs among public universities in Bangladesh, involving multi-day campaigns and cross-campus mobilization.
- ✓ The University shifted from reactive clean-up to structured, proactive environmental management, reducing pollution sources and improving waste-handling capacity.
- ✓ Engagement of frontline workers (cleaners, gardeners, staff) is a notable global good practice for SDG 12, promoting equity and responsible resource management.
- ✓ DU's collaboration with national environmental organizations (e.g., Green Future Foundation) demonstrates increasing institutional responsibility in sustainable consumption patterns.
- ✓ By linking waste reduction, awareness, new infrastructure, and public health (e.g., dengue prevention), DU operationalized SDG 12 as daily practice, not symbolic activity.