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SDG 16 Progress Report 2023

University of Dhaka



SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

SDG 16 promotes peaceful, just, and inclusive societies, focusing on reducing violence, ensuring equal access to justice, and building strong institutions. DU supports this goal through research, conferences, and initiatives that promote justice, peace, and institutional transparency, aligning with its role as a key educational institution in Bangladesh.

To align with Sustainable Development Goal 16, which focuses on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice, and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions, the various departments at the University of Dhaka (DU) have implemented several interventions to combat ragging and promote a safe and respectful educational environment. Here are the points for each entity:

- The University of Dhaka has a department dedicated to studying Peace and Conflict. The department aims to advance the interdisciplinary study and research into the conditions of peace and the causes of war and other forms of violence. In 2023 54 students graduated from this department. The Department of Peace and Conflict Studies also offers a professional program for the professionals, especially from the lawmakers and government officials of Bangladesh.
- Various departments and institutions are offering professional programs on policy, economics, law, and leadership, e.g. departments under the Faculty of Business Studies, Department of Public Administration, Department of International Relations, to provide education to the students who are not part of the regular programs of the university.
- In the year 2023, the Accounting and Information Systems Department of the University of Dhaka published research such as “Incentives, Control and Development: Governance in Private and Public Sector”, “Knowledge and Competitiveness in Elite Institutions in Bangladesh: Implications for Governance” and” Strengthening the Public Sector Accounting Through ICT: The Experience of a Developing Country”.
- The Oriental Art Department and the Ceramic Department have arranged a poster campaign in 2023 against ragging and promote peaceful and inclusive societies by raising awareness and fostering a culture of respect and non-violence among students at the University of Dhaka.
- In 2023, five cases of bullying and harassment were successfully resolved within the Department of Management through proper investigations, discussions, and in some instances, with the active participation of the proctorial team to ensure a safe and peaceful learning environment for everyone.
- The Department of Sculpture has developed an anti-ragging cell to address issues of bullying, harassment and discrimination and develop policies called “Anti-Ragging Awareness” in 2023.