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Minutes of the 1st SDG Cell Implementation Committee Meeting

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Agenda

1. Introduction to the SDG Cell.
2. Overview of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
3. Institutional alignment and significance of SDG coordination.
4. Target Setting, Strategic Initiatives, Reporting, and Next Steps
5. Any other items with the permission of chairperson.

Members Present

S. No.	Name of the Faculty	Designation	Department	Role
1	Dr. Prateek Gupta	Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences	Chairperson
2	Dr. Ashok Kumar Pradhan	Associate Professor	Computer Science and Engineering	Member
3	Dr. Shaiju Panchikkil	Assistant Professor	Computer Science and Engineering	Member
4	Dr. Sanjeev Mani Yadav	Assistant Professor	Electronics and Communication Engineering	Member
5	Dr. Siddhant Dash	Assistant Professor	Civil Engineering	Member
6	Dr. Narayanamoorthy Bhuvanendran	Assistant Professor	Environmental Science and Engineering	Member
7	Dr. Dipesh Dattu Jadhav	Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences	Member
8	Dr. Sonali Mondal	Assistant Professor	Mathematics	Member
9	Dr. Prajukta Tripathy	Assistant Professor	Economics	Member
10	Dr. Maanvender Singh	Assistant Professor	History	Member
11	Dr. Ritika Verma	Assistant Professor	Literature and Languages	Member
12	Prof. Ravindran Kesavan	Visiting Faculty	Psychology	Member
13	Dr. Manasi Sinha	Assistant Professor	Political Science	Member

S. No.	Name of the Faculty	Designation	Department	Role
14	Dr. Ugen Bhutia	Assistant Professor	Media Studies	Member
15	Prof. Vandana Swami	Professor	Sociology and Anthropology	Member
16	Dr. P S Biswa Bhusan Sahoo	Assistant Professor	Management	Member
17	Mr. Ramu S	Assistant General Manager	Directorate of Campus Life and Management	Member
18	Dr. B Siva Kumar	Associate Dean	Office of the Dean-Academic Affairs	Member
19	Dr. Karthik Rajendran	Associate Dean	Office of the Dean-Quality Assurance and Rankings	Special Invitee
20	Ms. B. Revathi	Associate Director	Directorate of Student Affairs	Special Invitee
21	Dr. Sudeshna Saha	Assistant Director	Directorate of International Relations and Higher Studies	Special Invitee
22	Dr. Arundhati Ghanwar	Associate Director	Directorate of Communications	Special Invitee
23	Mr. P. Venkateswara Rao	Senior Manager	Directorate of Corporate Relations and Career Services	Special Invitee
24	Mr. K. Venkatesh	Sr. Executive	Office of the Dean-Research	Representative
25	Dr. Jagadeesh Kasi	Deputy Manager	Office of the Dean-Quality Assurance and Rankings	Representative

Leave of Absence granted by the Chairperson

S. No.	Name of the Faculty	Designation	Department
1	Dr. Ramanjaneya Reddy	Assistant Professor	Electrical and Electronics Engineering
2	Dr. Surfarazhussain S. Halkarni	Assistant Professor	Mechanical Engineering
3	Dr. Ravva Mahesh Kumar	Associate Professor and Assistant Dean	Chemistry
4	Dr. Krishna Prasad Maity	Assistant Professor	Physics
5	Dr. Prabakaran G	Manager	Office of the Dean- Quality Assurance and Rankings
6	Dr. Deblina Dutta	Assistant Professor	Environmental Science and Engineering

Welcome and Opening Remarks followed with Agenda Items,

Dr. Karthik Rajendran welcomed all members and introduced the objectives and functioning of the newly formed SDG Cell Implementation committee. He explained that the primary aim of the Cell is to align the university's activities with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) and to produce an annual report documenting these contributions. A dedicated budget of ₹15 lakhs has been allocated for the SDG Cell under the Office of the Dean - Quality Assurance and Rankings (QAR) for the financial year 2025–26.

Dr. Karthik Rajendran emphasized that the initial phase would involve mapping various departments and academic offices to relevant SDG goals. He informed that three SDGs have been shortlisted based on areas where the university has already shown significant progress. Over the coming years, the goal is to expand gradually to cover all 17 SDGs. The approach will be data-driven, supported by consistent documentation of achievements.

Prof. Vandana Swami raised a query regarding the mandate of the UNSDGs, Dr. Karthik Rajendran clarified that this integration significantly enhances global rankings and strengthens the university's branding efforts. He also mentioned that we measure the baseline, with data collection set for the period from January to May 2025. This data will help assess the university's current alignment with SDG targets.

Dr. Prateek Gupta, chairperson- SDG Cell Implementation Committee, provided an overview of the vision, mission, roles, and responsibilities linked to the 17 SDGs, along with their respective targets and indicators. Dr. Manasi Sinha sought clarity on the timeline and formats for data collection. Dr. Karthik Rajendran confirmed that data from January to May 2025 will be gathered using standardized templates and relevant metrics.

It was also discussed that events such as international festivals or observance days would be aligned with appropriate SDGs and tagged under relevant offices like the Directorate of Student Affairs or the Directorate of International Relations & Higher Studies.

Mr. Venkateswara Rao inquired about the graduate outcome data timeline. Dr. Karthik Rajendran clarified that such data would be collected six months post-degree completion. He also stated that, going forward, all event reports must include corresponding SDG numbers and be uploaded via the university's intranet portal. For the current reporting period, the existing report format will be used, while a new template will be introduced from

June 2025. Dr. Arundhathi Ghanwar asked the departments to map the SDG numbers while sending the data for social media.

Mr. Venkateswara Rao requested templates for compiling the current cycle's data. Dr. P. S. Biswa Bhusan Sahoo raised a question about the need for primary evidence for past data (i.e., Jan – May 2025). Dr. Karthik Rajendran responded that supportive evidence, wherever available, will suffice for the January–May 2025 period, but from June 2025 onwards, all documentation must follow the requirements outlined by the Office of the Dean-QAR.

Dr. Manasi Sinha sought clarification on the role of coordinators—whether limited to reporting or also including initiating activities. Dr. Karthik Rajendran clarified that, while the immediate requirement is to report existing data, coordinators will increasingly be expected to take on both reporting and proactive roles in future phases.

Prof. Vandana Swami also asked about the performance of Indian universities in SDG rankings. Dr. Prateek Gupta shared recent performance trends and notable achievements of Indian institutions in global SDG rankings. He concluded by stating that all data for the January–May 2025 period should be submitted by 15th June 2025, and detailed guidelines will be circulated via email.

The meeting concluded at 3:10 PM.

Attached: Attendance Sheet & Meeting Circular.



Chairperson- SDG Cell