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**Sustainable
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Goals**
**Annual Report
2023-24**



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, K R MANGALAM UNIVERSITY

The Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development Goals is focused on addressing specific development challenges in the field of Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. This report provides an overview of the Centre's objectives, major functions, collaborations, and key activities.

Objectives: The specific objectives of a Centre for SDGs can vary depending on the organization's focus and resources. However, some common objectives include:

- Raising awareness of the SDGs and their importance
- Providing education and training on the SDGs
- Supporting research and innovation on the SDGs
- Advocating for policies and practices that support the SDGs
- Measuring progress towards the SDGs
- Building partnerships to achieve the SDGs

A Centre for SDGs can play an important role in helping to achieve the SDGs by providing a forum for collaboration and coordination, and by raising awareness and support for the goals.

Major Function:

The major functions of a Centre for SDGs in a university are:

Raising awareness of the SDGs and their importance: This includes organizing events, workshops, and trainings to educate students, faculty, and staff about the SDGs. It also includes developing materials and resources to help people understand the goals and how they can contribute to their achievement.

Providing education and training on the SDGs: This includes offering courses and workshops on the SDGs, as well as providing support for students who want to conduct research on the goals. It also includes developing online resources and materials that can be accessed by students and faculty around the world.

Supporting research and innovation on the SDGs: This includes funding research projects that are relevant to the SDGs, as well as providing support for students and faculty who want to conduct research on the goals. It also includes developing partnerships with other organizations that are working on research and innovation related to the SDGs.

Advocating for policies and practices that support the SDGs: This includes working with governments, businesses, and other organizations to promote policies and practices that are aligned with the SDGs. It also includes educating the public about the importance of the SDGs and how they can be achieved.

Measuring progress towards the SDGs: This includes developing tools and methods to track progress towards the goals, as well as disseminating information about progress to stakeholders. It also includes conducting research on the challenges and opportunities for achieving the SDGs.

Building partnerships to achieve the SDGs: This includes working with other universities, businesses, non-profit organizations, and governments to share resources and expertise. It also includes developing joint initiatives to promote the SDGs and achieve their targets.

Key Activities:

Centre for Sustainable Development is working to educate students and faculty about the SDGs, and to support research and innovation on the goals. The centre also advocates for policies and practices that support the SDGs, and measures progress towards the goals.

The centre conducts research on the SDGs and also organizes events and workshops to raise awareness of the SDGs.

On-going Projects:

The Centre has initiated to research and publish books on all the 17 SDG's Goals.

University has actively published articles/ research papers under SDG 2, 3, 7, 8, 9,11,20,17

Robustly published 50 research papers/book chapters/ articles under SDG 3 and 32 under SDG 9

Internships for UG Students

The Centre of Excellence for SDG provides internships to the students on various challenging issues in nearby villages. The Centre remains committed to nurturing such collaborations and providing students with valuable internship experiences to foster their growth in the field of Sustainable Development Goals.

Centre has organised An Official Side Event of the UN ECOSOC Youth Forum 2023 on Transformative Potential of Youth Participation in SDGs Advancement Event Details

Date & Day: 28th April, 2023, Friday

Time: 10 am - 11:30 am (IST)

Format: Panel Discussion

Lead Organizer: Alexis Foundation

Co-Organizer: ECPD, UN University for Peace

Co-Organizer and Host: K R Mangalam University, Gurugram, Haryana, India

Partner: Adhrit Foundation

Mode: Blended – Online and Offline

Participation: 330 delegates from 11 Countries

Video Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQI6fdLeXgM>

Concept Note:

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership.

They recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and address a range of social needs including health, education, decent work, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, environment and climate change.

As we strive towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, there's a powerful catalyst that often goes overlooked: youth participation.

By empowering young people to take an active role in advancing the SDGs, we unlock their transformative potential and unleash a wave of innovation and creativity unlike any other.

From advocacy campaigns to community projects, young people are driving positive change around the world - and it's time we start recognizing and harnessing their incredible impact.

While leadership and political will are critical for achieving the SDGs, it is clear that no single government or actor can do it alone – everyone has a role to play in meeting these ambitious goals.

In particular, youth must be engaged and empowered to take ownership of their future.

Objectives of the event:

To increase awareness about the importance of youth participation in the Advancement of the SDGs; and

To provide concrete examples of how youth are already playing a criticalrole in advancing the SDGs in their communities.

This event is timely and relevant given that 2023 is a crucial year for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the progress made since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and to identify areas where further effort is needed.

The event will contribute to the review progress and advancement of several SDGs such as clean water and sanitation (SDG 6), affordable and clean energy (SDG 7), industry, innovation and infrastructure (SDG 9), sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11), and partnerships for the goals (SDG 17).

Speakers

Prof. Dr. Arthur Lyon Dahl, President, International Environment Forum

Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley, President, ECPD Executive Board, UN University for Peace

Ms. Pauline Laravoire, Executive Director, Sustainability and Social Innovation Master's Program, HEC Paris

Prof. (Dr.) Mehraj Uddin Mir, Chair Professor, Motilal Nehru Chair, KR Mangalam University

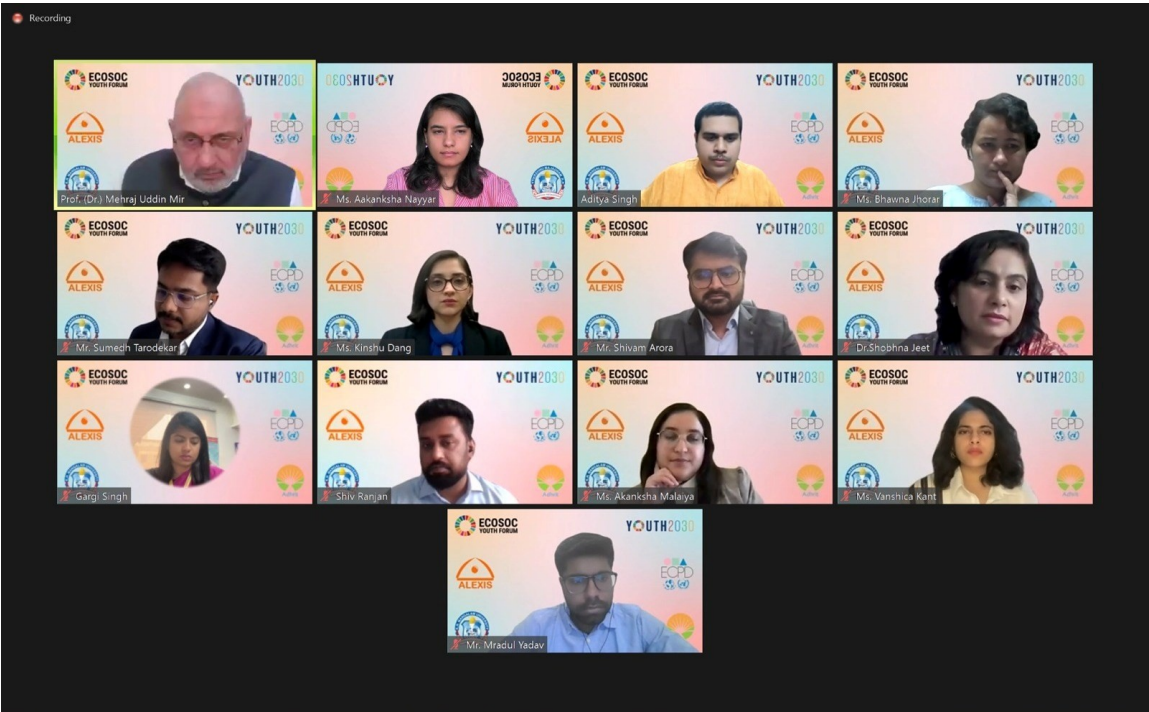
Dr. Shobhna Jeet, Chairperson, Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development Goals, K R Mangalam University

Event Coordinators:

Ms. Gargi Singh, Assistant Professor of Law, K R Mangalam University

Mr. Shivam Arora, Associate, Alexis Foundation

Pictures of the event



Pic 1: Speakers of the session



Pic: 2 Students attending the event

The Centre of Excellence for SDG’s Organizes National Symposium on ‘Contribution to Sustainability by Corporates’

The goal of this seminar is to bring together governments, business leaders, environmental educators, academics, and practitioners to share expertise and learn from one another about how to improve the implementation and application of international environmental rule of law in India and beyond. It will also serve as a hub for sharing and exchanging information on the resources, skills, approaches, and methodologies required to equip students and future environmental administrators in the region with the legal and governance skills necessary to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relating to climate action, green growth, and energy for all.

Speakers:

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:



Mr. Akshay Nagpal

Mr. Akshay Nagpal is a Certified Heartfulness Trainer. He is the Founder and Principal Sage Counsel LL.M, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Columbia University School of Law, New York, 2008 Dual Qualified (New York Bar and India).

Akshay has evolved over last 18 years with enriching professional experience as a senior private practice and senior in-house lawyer. Since 2013, Akshay has been a partner with different national leading law firms of the country and associate general counsel of a large cap listed entity. Akshay specializes in General Corporate, M&A,

joint venture, PE/VC and IBC related transactions and laws. Akshay believes in providing legal and advisory services from a space of holistic commercio-legal wisdom and not just myopic view of a legal problem.

Akshay is Partner at J. Sagar Associates, one of the top-ranking full-service law firms in India with around 320 lawyers across India, partner at Luthra & Luthra Law Offices (L&L Partners), one of the national leading full service law firms of India which had around 350 lawyers across India, partner at Saraf and Partners, a spin off from Luthra & Luthra Law Offices (L&L Partners). Akshay contributed to the growth of the firm from 100 lawyers to 180 lawyers within less than a year’s time, he is Associate General Counsel, InterGlobe Aviation Limited (“IndiGo Airlines”). Akshay used to head the verticals of commercial department, IT, Training wing, Engineering, and work extensively on Aircraft Acquisition matters, he has an experience of working in a globally leading international law firm – Davis, Polk and Wardwell.



Dr Ananya S Rao

has a PhD from the Centre for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India. She has had the privilege of working with pioneers of climate change research in India and has studied the terrestrial carbon cycle over the Indian region. She has published research articles in peer reviewed journals and has had the honour of being invited for talks and discussion at various reputed institutes in India and abroad. She has extensively travelled to different forest ecosystems across the country and has always been passionate about environmental conservation. Having been a witness to shrinking forest ecosystems across the nation and the blatant effects of climate change on the life of people from all walks of life, she is doing her part to help alleviate the situation in any way possible. She is currently working as an Individual Specialist with UNESCO MGIEP at New Delhi and is also a Senior Scientist with Forests by Heartfulness, a global greening initiative of the Heartfulness Institute.

Convenors:

Dr. Ruchika Yadav, Professor, School of Management and Commerce, KRMU

Dr. Shobhna Jeet, Associate Professor, Dr. School of Legal Studies, KRMU

Dr. Monica Yadav, Assistant Professor, School of Management and Commerce, KRMU

Event Details

Date & Day: 13 May 2023

Time: 10 am - 11:30 am (IST)

Format: Panel Discussion

Lead Organizer: Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development Goals

Co-Organizer: Heartfulness

Co-Organizer and Host: K R Mangalam University, Gurugram, Haryana, India

Mode: Blended – Online and Offline

Participation: 100 Participants

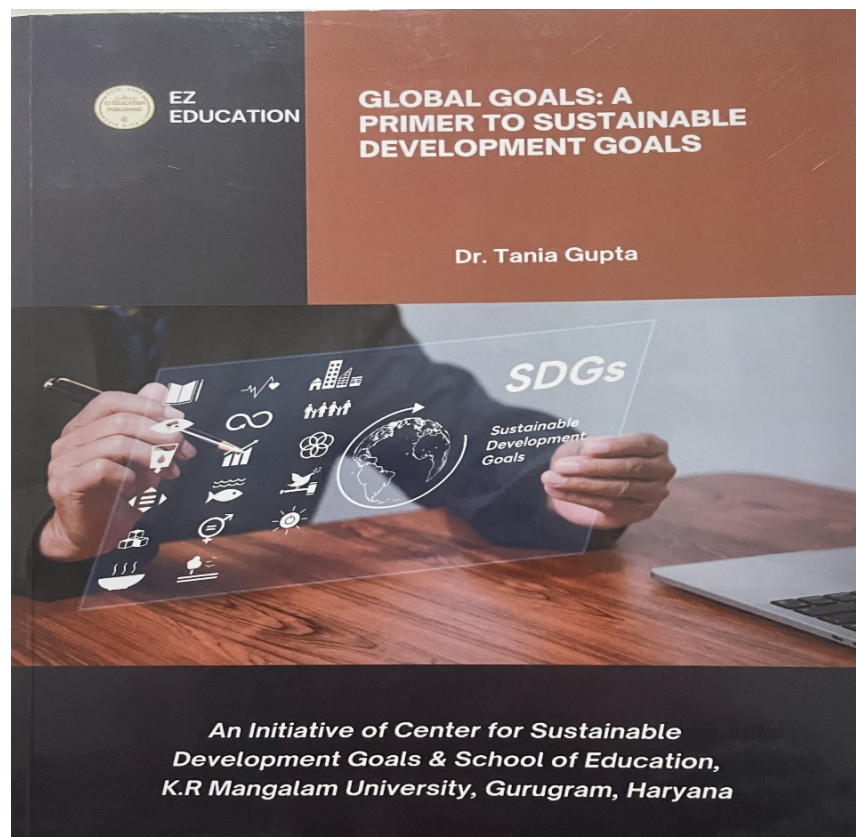
GLOBAL GOALS: A PRIMER TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In a world where progress has often been accompanied by inequality and environmental degradation, The world is at a pivotal moment in its history. As we stand on the threshold of a new era, the challenges and opportunities before us are unprecedented. Our planet faces pressing issues such as climate change, poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation. In response to these global concerns, the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a visionary roadmap that seeks to transform our world for the better.

"Global Goals: A Primer to Sustainable Development Goals" is a collaborative effort to illuminate the path toward a more sustainable, equitable, and just world. This edited book assembles a diverse range of perspectives, insights, and expertise, offering readers a comprehensive introduction to the 17 SDGs and their significance. It is a culmination of the collective wisdom and dedication of scholars, practitioners, and activists who share a common goal: to shed light on the SDGs and inspire action to achieve them.

As an editor, my aim is to empower readers with knowledge, to foster dialogue and collaboration, and to encourage a sense of global responsibility. The SDGs are not merely aspirational targets; they are a shared commitment to building a better world. We hope that this primer will serve as a compass, guiding individuals and communities toward informed, purposeful action. In a world characterized by complexity and uncertainty, the SDGs provide a clear vision and a universal framework for positive change. They remind us that our collective well-being is interconnected with the well-being of our planet and all its inhabitants. The success of the SDGs depends on our collective efforts, and this book is a testament to our dedication to this vital cause.

I extend our heartfelt gratitude to the contributors who have poured their knowledge and passion into these pages. I also thank the readers who pick up this primer, for it is through your engagement and commitment that the vision of the SDGs can be realized. Together, let us embark on this path, armed with knowledge, determination, and a shared vision of a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable future for all.



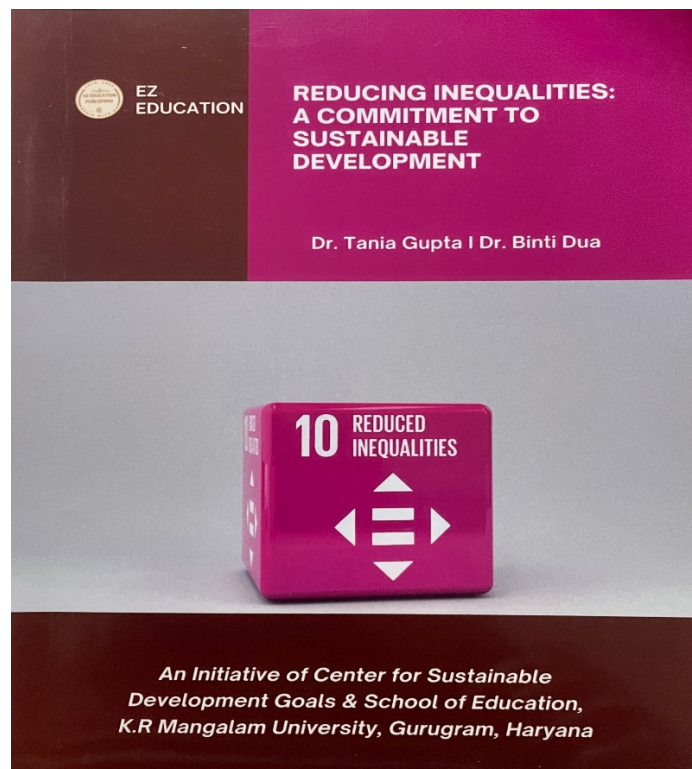
REDUCING INEQUALITIES: A COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In an increasingly interconnected world, the pursuit of sustainable development stands as a paramount global objective. At the heart of this pursuit lies the imperative to address one of the most pressing challenges of our time: inequality. The chasm between the haves and the have-nots, whether in terms of income, access to education, healthcare, or basic human rights, threatens not only the social fabric of our societies but also the stability of our planet.

"Reducing Inequalities: A Commitment to Sustainable Development" emerges as an illuminating volume that delves into the multifaceted dimensions of inequality and its intricate relationship with sustainable development. It transcends disciplinary boundaries to offer a comprehensive exploration of the various forms of inequality that persist in our world today. From the glaring gaps in wealth distribution to disparities in opportunities based on gender, ethnicity, and geography, the chapters presented within scrutinize the roots and repercussions of inequality in its myriad forms.

Central to the theme of this book is the resounding commitment to creating a more just and equitable world. As we embark on this intellectual journey, it is worth acknowledging that the pursuit of reduced inequalities is not a singular endeavour. It necessitates the collaborative efforts of governments, civil society, academia, and individuals alike. By recognizing that the fight against inequality is not only a moral obligation but also a strategic investment in the well-being and resilience of our societies, we can pave the way for a future that is defined by justice, compassion, and sustainability.

We extend our gratitude to the contributors of this volume, whose rigorous research and profound insights serve as beacons of knowledge, guiding us toward a deeper understanding of the challenges we face and the solutions we must champion. Through their collective wisdom, we are reminded that reducing inequalities is not merely an aspiration; it is a mandate that requires the unwavering commitment of us all. May this book inspire, inform, and ignite conversations and actions that bring us closer to the realization of a world where every individual's potential is nurtured, every voice is heard, and every life is afforded the dignity it deserves.



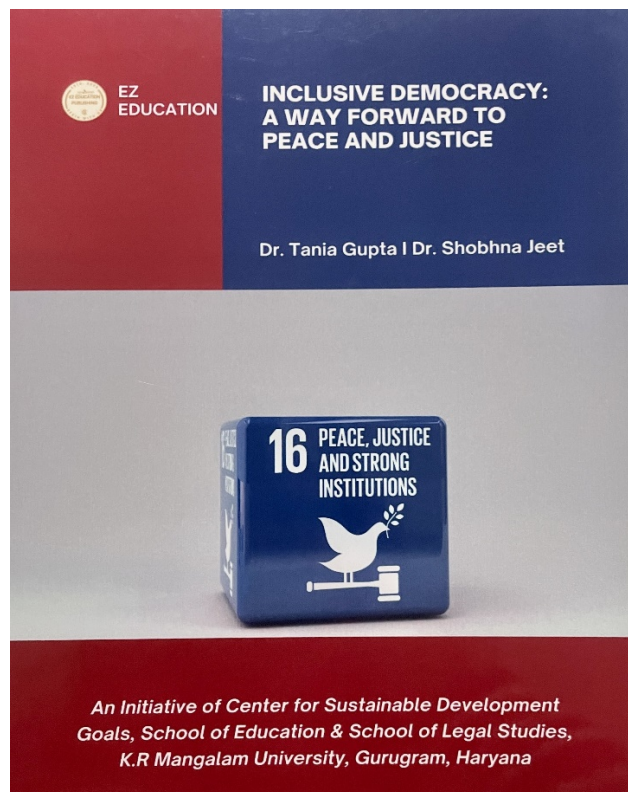
INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY: A WAY FORWARD TO PEACE AND JUSTICE

In a world shaped by diverse perspectives, evolving cultures, and the relentless march of progress, the concept of democracy has emerged as a beacon of hope and an aspiration for societies seeking to uphold principles of justice, representation, and equality. However, the journey towards achieving a truly inclusive democracy one that empowers every individual and ensures equitable participation-has been marked by both remarkable strides and sobering challenges.

The edited volume you hold in your hands, titled "Inclusive Democracy: A Way Forward to Peace and Justice," represents a collaborative endeavour to explore and illuminate the multifaceted dimensions of democracy in our contemporary world. As the pages unfold, you will embark on a journey through nuanced discussions, insightful analyses, and thought-provoking reflections from a diverse array of scholars, activists, and practitioners who have dedicated themselves to the pursuit of inclusive democratic ideals. The pressing need to address issues of exclusion, marginalization, and systemic inequalities within democratic systems has never been more evident. This book delves into the intricate interplay between democracy, inclusivity, peace and justice. Each chapter within this volume delves into specific facets of inclusive democracy, offering insightful analyses of historical precedents, contemporary challenges, and potential avenues for progress.

The quest for inclusive democracy is not without its complexities, and this book aims to confront these challenges head-on. As the world continues to evolve, so too must our understanding of democracy.

This book stands as a testament to the shared belief that inclusive democracy is not only possible but also essential for the advancement of peace, justice, and human flourishing. It is our hope that the insights contained within these pages will inspire scholars, policymakers, activists, and engaged citizens alike to work toward a more inclusive and just democratic future.



ALLEVIATING FROM BELOW THE LINE: ENDING GLOBAL POVERTY

In a world of opportunities and advancements, it is nothing short of a moral imperative that we confront one of humanity's most pressing challenges: global poverty. Poverty knows no borders, and our collective destiny is inextricably linked to the well-being of those who have been marginalized for too long. Our journey to alleviate global poverty is not a simple one. It is complex, multifaceted, and often fraught with obstacles.

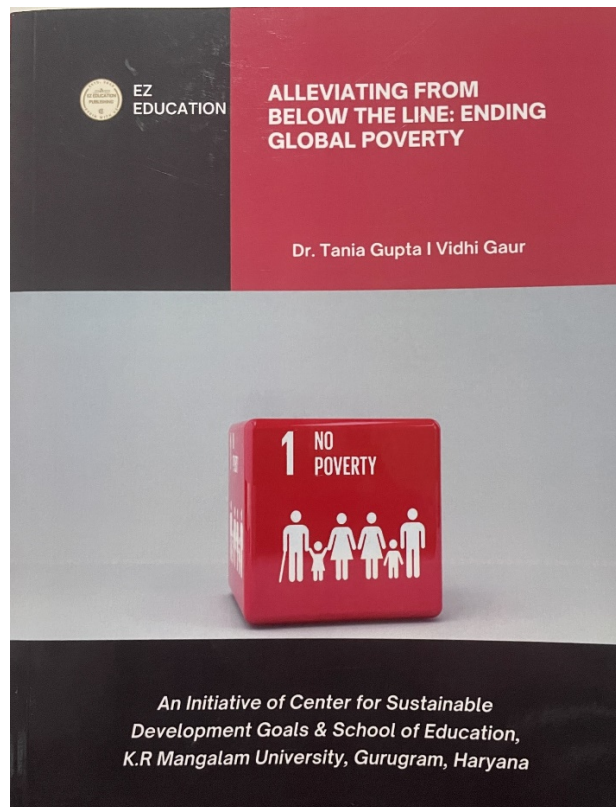
"Alleviating from Below the Line: Ending Global Poverty" is a profound and timely collection of insights and strategies of scholars and academicians. The phrase "below the line" speaks to the profound divide between those who enjoy the fruits of prosperity and those who endure the harsh daily realities of deprivation. It signifies the demarcation that separates the privileged from the marginalized, the fortunate from the destitute. This edited book is a testament to our shared commitment to erasing this line and, more importantly, to lifting those who find themselves trapped beneath it.

"Alleviating from below the line" signifies grassroots, community-driven approach to poverty alleviation. It recognizes the inherent agency and resilience of individuals who, despite their circumstances, can shape their destinies. It underscores the importance of localized solutions that empower communities to rise above poverty's suffocating grip.

Poverty knows no borders, and our collective destiny is inextricably linked to the well-being of those who have been marginalized for too long. "Alleviating from Below the Line: Ending Global Poverty" is a call to action to accomplish Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1, a reminder that we cannot stand idly by while our fellow human beings suffer needlessly.

We invite you to immerse yourself in these pages and join the chorus of voices advocating for a future where every person, regardless of their circumstances, can thrive and realize their full potential.

Together, we can create a future where everyone, regardless of their circumstances can live a life of dignity, prosperity, and hope.



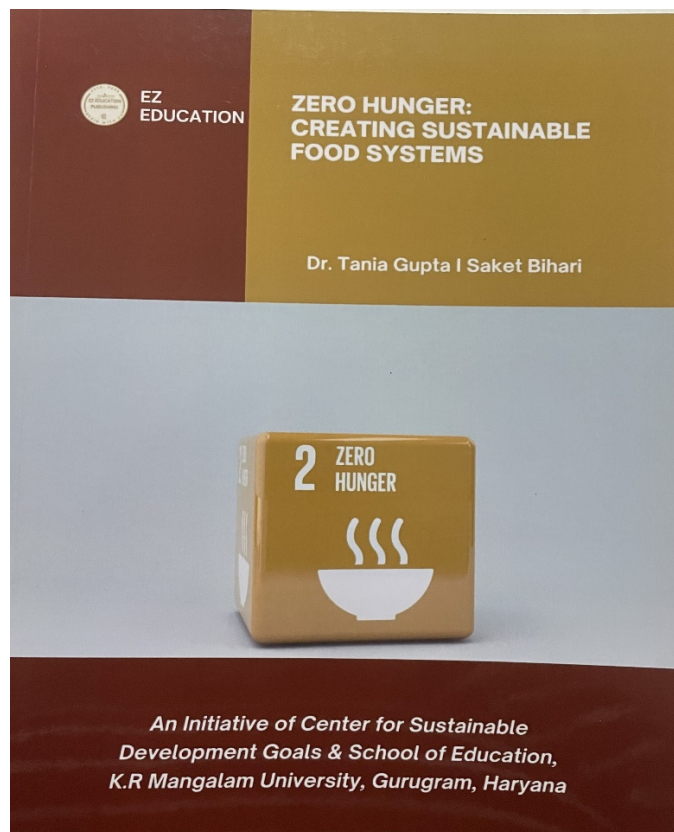
ZERO HUNGER: CREATING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

In a world where progress has often been accompanied by inequality and environmental degradation, the pursuit of a sustainable future has emerged as a paramount challenge. As we stand at the crossroads of history, the urgency to address the pressing issue of global hunger has never been greater.

This book brings together a chorus of visionary voices and innovative perspectives to explore the multifaceted journey towards nourishing a growing global population while preserving the planet that sustains us. It serves as a beacon of collective wisdom, illuminating a path toward a world where hunger is not just a distant dream but a tangible reality. The contributors to this volume, spanning diverse fields such as agriculture, economics, ecology, social justice, and policy-making, unite under the banner of a common aspiration: to build food systems that are not only efficient and productive but also socially equitable and environmentally regenerative.

The prologue of this book is an invitation to embark on a transformative expedition. Within these pages, readers will traverse the landscapes of history, exploring the roots of our current food systems and the profound consequences they have yielded. Yet, this journey is not intended to dwell solely on the past; it propels us forward into the realms of possibility. Through bold visions and pragmatic strategies, we delve into the heart of sustainable agriculture and its potential to nourish the world without depleting its resources. From regenerative farming practices that heal the land to technological innovations that empower smallholders, each chapter unfolds a narrative of hope and potential.

As we embark on this intellectual and emotional journey, we are reminded that achieving zero hunger is not an isolated goal but a critical corner stone of a broader mission - the mission to foster a sustainable and just world for all. "Zero Hunger: Creating Sustainable Food Systems is more than a book; it is a manifesto for change, a roadmap for policy makers, a toolkit for activists, and a wellspring of insight for scholars. It envisions a world where every stomach is full, every person's potential is nurtured, and the Earth's delicate ecosystems are revitalized



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY EDUCATION

In an era marked by unprecedented global challenges, the intersection of sustainable development and quality education has emerged as a beacon of hope. As societies strive to forge a harmonious coexistence with the planet while fostering human progress, the role of education becomes paramount.

By nurturing critical thinking, fostering empathy, and promoting a deep understanding of the interconnectedness of all life, education becomes a catalyst for sustainable development that transcends boundaries and creates ripples of positive change.

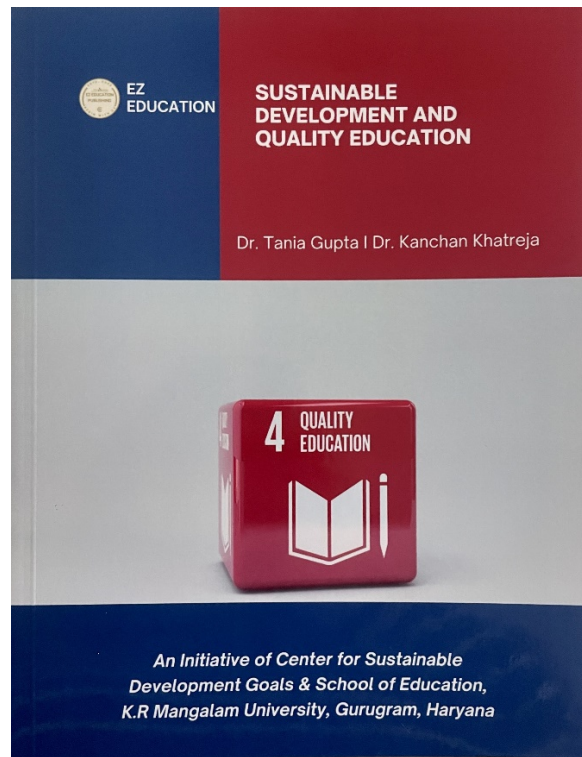
The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set forth by the United Nations outline a comprehensive roadmap for addressing the world's most pressing issues, from eradicating poverty and hunger to promoting responsible consumption and environmental sustainability. At the heart of this endeavour lies the transformative power of education. Education, in its myriad forms, has the capacity to cultivate informed global citizens, spark innovative solutions, and drive systemic change that echoes through generations. The relationship between quality education and sustainable development is intricate and mutually reinforcing. Quality education serves as a cornerstone of sustainable development, while sustainable development, in turn, is significantly enhanced through the provision of quality education.

This book brings together the insights of educators and practitioners and examines the intricate relationship between sustainable development and quality education, delving into both theoretical underpinnings and practical implementations. The chapters traverse the educational spectrum - from early childhood education to higher learning - and explore the ways in which curricula, pedagogical approaches, and institutional frameworks can be tailored to impart knowledge, skills, and values that align with the principles of sustainability. From navigating curriculum design to fostering community engagement, each chapter offers a unique vantage point on the transformative potential of education in building a more just, equitable, and ecologically balanced world.

The contributors to this book remind us that the journey toward sustainability is not a solitary endeavour. It requires collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to nurturing both the intellect and the conscience. Whether one is an educator seeking effective teaching strategies, a policymaker shaping educational policies, or a student embarking on a quest for knowledge, this book serves as a wellspring of inspiration and practical insights.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the contributors who have enriched this book with their insights.

Their dedication to advancing the discourse on sustainable development and quality education is an embodiment of the spirit that drives us toward a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable world.



RESILIENT PATHWAYS: INNOVATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND INCLUSIVE INDUSTRY

In a rapidly changing world, the need for resilience has become a paramount concern. Whether facing the challenges posed by climate change, global pandemics, or economic uncertainties, societies and industries alike must find innovative pathways to not only survive but thrive. It is within this context that we proudly present this edited volume, "Resilient Pathways: Innovation, Infrastructure & Inclusive Industry."

Resilience is a multifaceted concept that transcends the boundaries of traditional disciplines. It encompasses the capacity to adapt, endure, and even flourish in the face of adversity. As we navigate an increasingly complex and interconnected global landscape, resilience becomes the cornerstone of our collective progress.

The three pillars of our book- innovation, infrastructure, and inclusive industry offer a comprehensive framework for understanding and advancing resilience. Innovation, as a driving force behind progress, equips us with the tools to confront challenges head-on. Infrastructure, the backbone of our societies, must be designed and fortified to withstand the shocks and stresses of the modern world.

And finally, inclusivity, as a guiding principle, ensures that the benefits of resilience are distributed equitably, leaving no one behind.

We hope that this book serves as a source of inspiration and guidance for policymakers, academics, industry leaders, and anyone interested in the profound implications of resilience for our future. As editors, we are deeply grateful to the authors who have contributed their invaluable insights, and to the readers who embark on this intellectual journey with us. Together, we can forge resilient pathways towards a brighter, more sustainable, and inclusive future.



Youth Participation in SDG's Advancement

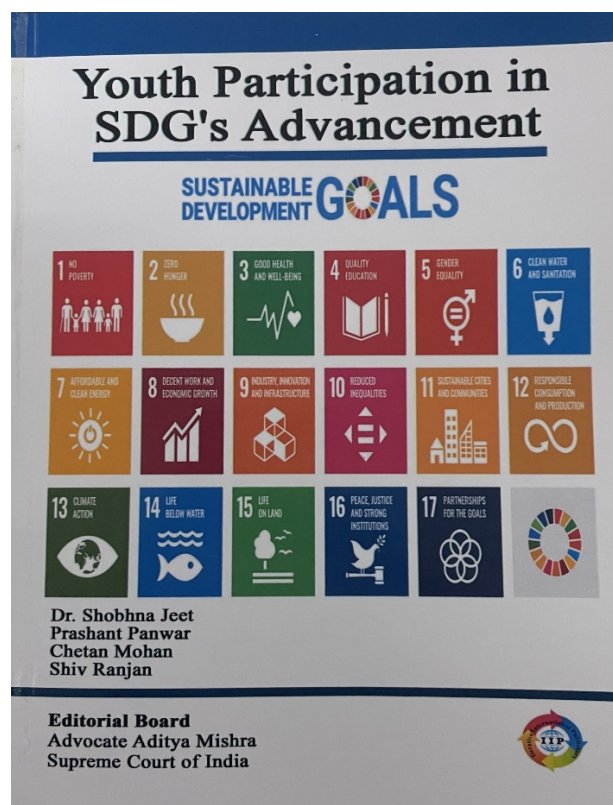
Youth's power is an amazing force that has moved society ahead throughout history. Young people have an unrelenting spirit, unwavering determination, and limitless potential. This essence is what inspires and revitalises communities, pushing change and innovation. As I consider the numerous stories of youth-led movements, humanitarian endeavours, and revolutionary projects, I am struck by the critical role they play in changing our world. Today, more than ever, it is critical to recognise and harness the strength and potential of our youth to provide them with the tools and direction they need to build a better future.

This book delves at the diverse function that youth play in our global society. It aims to unearth not only their great potential, but also the challenges they confront, the solutions they provide, and the influence they may have if given the right platform and resources. In an era of rapid technology breakthroughs and evolving societal standards, younger generations' viewpoints have proven important. Their capacity to see problems from different perspectives, challenge the established quo, and think outside the box has frequently resulted in innovative advances and social change. From climate change action to advocacy for marginalised areas, young people have boldly demanded a better world.

However, the road to empowerment is not without challenges. Many young individuals are hampered in their development and potential by systemic hurdles and societal prejudices. This book will delve into these issues, investigating their origins and solutions for overcoming them. Understanding these concerns is critical in order to develop an ecosystem that fosters and supports youngsters on their road to making a lasting difference. Furthermore, we must recognise that youth empowerment is a collective effort rather than an individual triumph. This book will emphasise the transformative power of joint efforts while emphasising the value of intergenerational discourse, mentorship, and inclusivity. We can unleash new levels of invention and construct a world that is truly representative and egalitarian by cultivating an environment that honours the voices of the young and accepts their ideas. This book intends to motivate readers to reassess their perceptions of youth and recognise their unique skills through personal experiences, research facts, and interviews with young leaders from diverse areas. It will also offer practical guidance and tangible strategies for individuals, organisations, and policymakers to effectively engage and empower young people.

Finally, it is my earnest goal that this book will work as a catalyst for change, a wake-up call to societies around the world to recognise, invest in, and amplify the voices and activities of our youth. It is time to celebrate their ingenuity, perseverance, and tenacity as we collaborate to create a more sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous future for all.

Allow the spark of empowerment to burn within us and let the promise of our youth illuminate the path to a better world.



Gender Justice Contemporary Issues and Challenges in India

Editing "Gender Justice in India: Contemporary Issues and Challenges" has been very satisfying as well as challenging. It was satisfying as reading contributor's work made us examine and sometimes revisit our own understanding of philosophy, structures, processes, and methods of education. It was more satisfying to note how scholars representing different disciplines, without compromising the core and the rigour of their respective streams have largely adopted multi-disciplinary approach to analysing various nuances of Gender Justice with special reference to issues and challenges face by women in contemporary world.

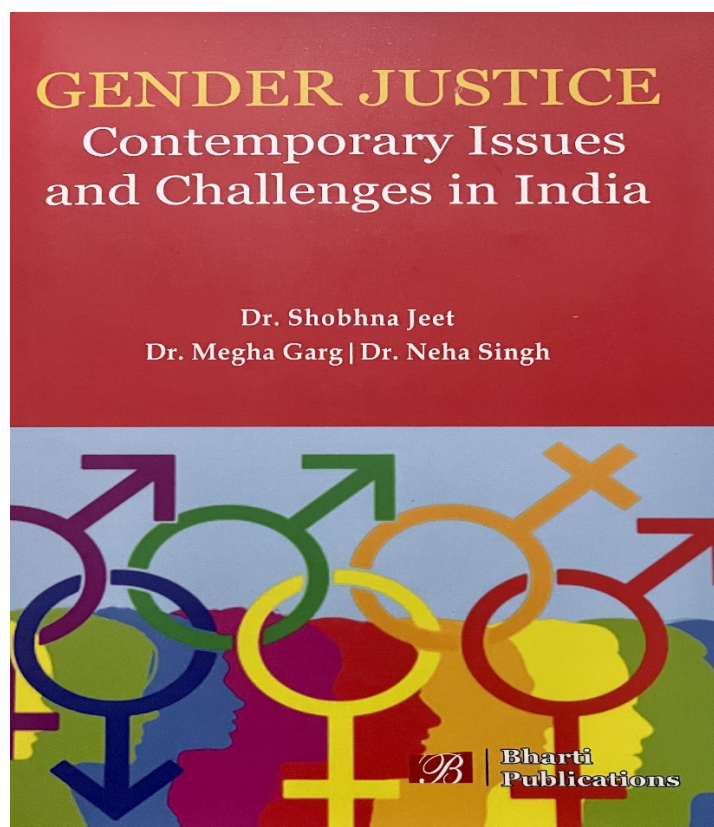
Reading contributors made not only demonstrate the wide range of readings, vast pool of information and critical approach in analysing various nuances of education but also provide testimony as to how these scholars in their research and writings are guided by their passion and commitment to help education becoming more inclusive, relevant, and contextual.

They are pleading and suggesting education institutions of every level to be more participative with environment of promoting excitement of learning.

I strongly believe that Gender justice, which is based on the ideas of fairness, equality, and human rights, is a very important issue in modern India. India is known for its rich cultural history and diverse people, but it also has problems with discrimination against women and other marginalised genders that go back a long way. To overcome these obstacles and achieve gender justice in India, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a useful framework. Achieving gender parity and ensuring all girls and women may realise their full potential is Goal 5 of the SDGs.

I take the opportunity to thank contributors who have given their best to see that the work in your hands becomes reality.

My special thanks and gratitude to For giving forward to the present work. I shall be failing if I do not thank to all the editors and contributors who went out of their ways to extend their professional support in the completion of this work.



Report on

Extension Activity under NSS on "Sensitization and Training Programme on Road Safety" in Collaboration with Centre for Excellence for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

21st September, 2023

Date: Thursday, 21st September. 2023

Venue: Village Ghamroj, Gurugram

Event Type: Sensitization and Training Programme Offline

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Villagers and school children of Ghamroj, Gurugram

Coordinators: Dr. P.C Jena, Professor, K. R. Mangalam University (KRMU), Gurugram & Mr. Saket Bihari, Assistant Professor, K. R. Mangalam University (KRMU), Gurugram.

Organized by: School of Education, K.R. Mangalam University, Gurugram

Number of Participants: 23

Brief Report

On September 21, 2023, the School of Education at K R Mangalam University, Gurugram, organized an extension activity focused on "Sensitization and Training on Road Safety" as part of their community engagement initiative under the National Service Scheme (NSS) in Collaboration with centre for Excellence for sustainable development Goals (SD. This event aimed to raise awareness about road safety measures and demonstrate their importance to the villagers of Village Ghamroj, Gurugram.

The primary objective of this activity was to contribute to the fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.6.2, which is dedicated to improving global health and safety by addressing road traffic accidents. Specifically, SDG 3.6.2 seeks to substantially reduce road traffic accident-related fatalities and injuries worldwide by 2030.

During the road safety event, students actively demonstrated various road safety measures, such as the proper use of helmets, seat belts, and pedestrian safety practices, along with showcasing safe driving habits and emphasizing the importance of obeying traffic rules. Interactive sessions were held to allow villagers to ask questions and clarify doubts about road safety, fostering meaningful dialogue and enhancing understanding. Additionally, educational pamphlets and materials on road safety were distributed to villagers, equipping them with valuable resources to promote safe practices in their daily lives. The organizers also collected feedback from participants, which will aid in evaluating the event’s effectiveness and making improvements for future initiatives.

Outcomes of the Event

The event yielded several positive outcomes. Firstly, it raised awareness and educated participants about road safety measures, promoting responsible behaviour on the roads. Secondly, the interactive sessions facilitated meaningful discussions and improved the understanding of road safety among the villagers. Thirdly, the distribution of educational materials provided valuable resources for on-going learning and reference. Lastly, the feedback collected will enable organizers to assess the event's effectiveness and make necessary improvements for future road safety initiatives, ensuring a lasting impact on the community's safety consciousness.

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Organized by: School of Education, K.R.Mangalam University, Gurugram

Number of Participants: 23

Brief Report

On September 21, 2023, the School of Education at K R Mangalam University, Gurugram, organized an extension activity focused on "Sensitization and Training on Road Safety" as part of their community engagement initiative under the National Service Scheme (NSS) in Collaboration with centre for Excellence for sustainable development Goals (SDG. This event aimed to raise awareness about road safety measures and demonstrate their importance to the villagers of Village Ghamroj, Gurugram.

During the road safety event, students actively demonstrated various road safety measures, such as the proper use of helmets, seat belts, and pedestrian safety practices, along with showcasing safe driving habits and emphasizing the importance of obeying traffic rules. Interactive sessions were held to allow villagers to ask questions and clarify doubts about road safety, fostering meaningful dialogue and enhancing understanding. Additionally,

educational pamphlets and materials on road safety were distributed to villagers, equipping them with valuable resources to promote safe practices in their daily lives. The organizers also collected feedback from participants, which will aid in evaluating the event's effectiveness and making improvements for future initiatives.

Outcomes of the Event

Primary Objective: The primary objective of this activity was to contribute to the fulfillment of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.6.2, which is dedicated to improving global health and safety by addressing road traffic accidents. Specifically, SDG 3.6.2 seeks to substantially reduce road traffic accident-related fatalities and injuries worldwide by 2030.

The event yielded several positive outcomes. Firstly, it raised awareness and educated participants about road safety measures, promoting responsible behaviour on the roads. Secondly, the interactive sessions facilitated meaningful discussions and improved the understanding of road safety among the villagers.

Thirdly, the distribution of educational materials provided valuable resources for on-going learning and reference. Lastly, the feedback collected will enable organizers to assess the event's effectiveness and make necessary improvements for future road safety initiatives, ensuring a lasting impact on the community's safety consciousness.

Glimpses of the Event

Report on

Extension Activity for-Opening Up a Small-Scale Restaurant for Women entrepreneurs in association with KEIC

Date: 21/05/23, Thursday.

Venue: Garhi Bazidpur

Event Type: Extension Activity

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Village Residents, Methodology: Observation, flash activity

Resource Person: Mr. Nitish Kumar Minz, intern from KEIC

Coordinators: Ms. Arushi and Chef Virendra (Asst. Professor)

Organized by: School of Hotel Management and Catering Technology in collaboration with KEIC.

Number of Participants: Approximately 10-15

Introduction:

SOHMCT, in collaboration with KEIC, has organized an extension activity for the women of Garhi Bazidpur village. The primary objective of this workshop was to empower and educate women on the process of setting up their own restaurant. Mr. Nitish Kumar Minz, intern from KEIC, and Assistant Professor Virendra Singh from SOHMCT have been actively involved in delivering sessions to the participants. Through this workshop, the participants gained valuable knowledge and skills related to entrepreneurship and the intricacies of the food business. The workshop session was held at the village's Anganwadi, providing a comfortable and conducive learning environment. The response from both the students and women of the village has been overwhelmingly positive, reflecting their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

By equipping the participants with the necessary knowledge and resources, the workshop aims to inspire and support the women of Garhi Bazidpur village in realizing their dreams of establishing successful restaurants. It served as a platform for fostering entrepreneurship and empowering women to make a positive impact in their community. The SOHMCT and KEIC are committed to providing ongoing support and guidance to ensure the long-term success of the participants. Together, they strive to create opportunities for economic growth and empowerment, promoting a vibrant and thriving culinary culture in the village."

The outcome of this activity was women of village seemed motivated to understand the business tactics. They were educated about the food business and how it can help them to earn extra money. This program helped in spreading awareness about even being women of

the village how they can earn and protect their families from financial uncertainty. This activity also promotes gender equality and empowering women.

SOHMCT in collaboration with the Centre of excellence for SDG and NSS organizes.

Extension activity -

To make them learn on how to calculate profits by selling the food items and per item cost in association with NSS.

Date: 10/11/23

Venue: Garhi Bazidpur

Event Type: Extension Activity

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Village Residents,

Methodology: Demonstration

Coordinators: Chef Virendra (Asst. Professor), Dr Neeraj Kumari (Asst. Professor)

Organized by: School of Hotel Management and Catering Technology in collaboration with NSS.

Number of Participants: 10 students of SOHMCT,2 volunteers of NSS and 21 village women

Introduction:

In the final event SOHMCT, in collaboration with NSS, organized an extension activity in the village of Garhi Bazidpur exclusively for the village's womenfolk. The event took place at the anganbadi of the Garhi Bazidpur village. the primary aim of this workshop was to educate and empower these remarkable women by imparting the art of portioning food items and the intricacies of calculating individual product profitability. SOHMCT students and faculty displayed some savory food items which can be made by village women. the students and faculty members of SOHMCT crafted a delectable array of savory food items that could be skillfully prepared by the village women themselves. The faculty also explained how to calculate the cost of making food. At the end, all the women were provided with samples of the food products displayed at the event. They hugely appreciated the concept and taste. Some women expressed a keen interest in learning the recipes and showed enthusiasm for understanding cost calculation and packaging. Nevertheless, transforming them into entrepreneurs may prove to be a challenging task. The women were occupied with their household responsibilities, and they also seemed hesitant about venturing into business endeavors. Recognizing this, the students of SOHMCT and NSS volunteers not only served the food samples but also collected valuable feedback from the women.

It is inspiring to see the women's interest and positive reception to the workshop. Even if not all of them pursue entrepreneurship, they gained valuable knowledge and skills that can enhance their daily lives.

At the end all the women were happy to taste the food. Some women assured that they will discuss the idea with their family and convince them to open some small-scale outlet.

The objective of this workshop was to promote gender equality and impart to them skills and knowledge of food business so that they can be a financial support to their families.

SOHMCT in collaboration with Centre of excellence for SDG and NSS organizes extension activity on
Discussing the entrepreneurship opportunities and identifing and sharing the recipes of snacks and
savory items for village women in association with NSS

Date: 27/10/23

Venue: Garhi Bazidpur

Event Type: Extension Activity

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Village Residents,

Methodology: Demonstration

Coordinators: Chef Virendra (Asst. Professor), Dr Neeraj Kumari (Asst. Professor)

Organized by: School of Hotel Management and Catering Technology in collaboration with NSS.

Number of Participants: Eleven students of SOHMCT, 3 volunteers of NSS and 9 village women

Introduction:

SOHMCT has organized an extension activity in the village Garhi Bazidpur for the women of the village in association with NSS. The workshop was held at the anganbadi of the Garhi Bazidpur village. The objective of the session was making women understand the recipes of snacks and savory items. The women of the village wrote down the recipes. Chef Virendra demonstrated some food products such as multi grain vegetables rolls, millets bread roll and pizza bases. SOHMCT students and NSS volunteers helped village women in understanding packing skills.

Overall, the event was a learning session for the women. Women looked less confident but willing to try the recipes.

The outcome of this activity was women looked interested in learning new recipes of savory snacks. The idea behind this activity is to spread awareness about profit making in food business and helping the village women to support their families financially. This activity also promotes gender equality.

Report on

Extension Activity for-Opening Up a Small-Scale Restaurant for Women entrepreneurs in association with KEIC

Date: 21/09/23, Thursday.

Venue: Garhi Bazidpur

Event Type: Extension Activity

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Village Residents.

Methodology: Observation, flash activity

Resource Person: Mr. Nitish Kumar Minz, intern from KEIC

Coordinators: Ms. Arushi and Chef Virendra (Asst. Professor)

Organized by: School of Hotel Management and Catering Technology in collaboration with KEIC.

Number of Participants: 11 from village and 13 students from SOHMCT and 05 volunteers from NSS.

Introduction:

SOHMCT, in collaboration with KEIC, has organized an extension activity for the women of Garhi Bazidpur village. The primary objective of this workshop was to empower and educate women on the process of setting up their own restaurant. Mr. Nitish Kumar Minz, intern from KEIC, and Assistant Professor Virendra Singh from SOHMCT have been actively involved in delivering sessions to the participants. Through this workshop, the participants gained valuable knowledge and skills related to entrepreneurship and the intricacies of the food

business. The workshop session was held at the village's Anganwadi, providing a comfortable resources, the workshop aims to inspire and support the women of Garhi Bazidpur village in realizing their dreams of establishing successful small-scale restaurants of their own. It served as a platform for fostering entrepreneurship and empowering women to make a positive impact in their community. SOHMCT and KEIC along with NSS are committed to provide ongoing support and guidance to ensure the long-term success of the participants.

Together, they strive to create opportunities for economic growth and empowerment, promoting a vibrant and thriving culinary culture in the village."

The outcome of this activity was women of village were motivated to understand the business tactics. They were educated about the food business and how it can help them to earn extra money. This program helped in spreading awareness about even being women of the village how they can earn and protect their families from financial uncertainty. This activity also promotes gender equality and empowering women.

HARMONIZING HUMANITY FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT:
ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN
EMPOWERMENT

Dr. Tania Gupta

Preface

In a world brimming with diversity, innovation, and untapped potential, the path to global development has never been clearer: it is through the harmonious integration of all of humanity's voices, experiences, and talents. As we stand at the precipice of a new era, marked by boundless opportunities and unprecedented challenges, the resonance of collective effort resonates with a harmonious melody that transcends boundaries, politics, and divisions.

"Harmonizing

Humanity for Global Development: Advancing Gender Equality and Women

Empowerment" is not just a title; it is a call to action, an impassioned symphony of voices united in the pursuit of a brighter future. In this edited book, we get on a journey that seeks to transform the global landscape, not through exclusion, but through the inclusion and empowerment of women - a journey that demands change at the individual, societal, and global levels.

Gender equality is not a mere catchphrase but a pivotal bridge to progress. It is our belief that societies can only thrive when the inherent talents and contributions of all their members are acknowledged and fostered. The women who grace the pages of this book are beacons of hope, bearers of wisdom, and embodiments of resilience. Their stories traverse continents and cultures, and their work spans fields as diverse as politics, economics, science, and the arts. Through their narratives, they exemplify the remarkable strength and limitless potential residing within every woman.

As we board on this literary journey, it is my hope that you, the reader, will join us in this symphony of harmonization. Let us challenge biases, break down barriers, and create an inclusive world that values and amplifies the voices of all its citizens. The quest for gender equality is a global endeavour, and it requires every one of us to play our part. May this book serve as a source of inspiration, a reservoir of knowledge, and a catalyst for action, as we harmonize humanity for global development and advance the cause of gender equality and women's empowerment. Together, we shall build a future where harmony prevails, and the symphony of human potential knows no bounds.

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