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OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Establishment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Cell

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, represent a global call to action to eradicate poverty, safeguard the planet, and ensure peace and prosperity for all. Encompassing 17 interrelated goals and 169 specific targets, the SDGs offer a comprehensive framework to address pressing global challenges, including quality education, gender equality, climate action, clean energy, sustainable urban development, and responsible consumption. As a center of higher learning and innovation, the university recognizes its significant responsibility in furthering these goals through academic, research, outreach, and sustainable operational practices.

In line with this commitment to environmental stewardship, social equity, and inclusive growth, the university is pleased to announce the establishment of a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Cell. The composition of the Cell is as follows:

1. Pro Vice-Chancellor – **Chairperson**
2. Dean (Projects) – **Member**
3. Prof. V.P. Uniyal, Biotechnology – **Member**
4. Prof. B.S. Negi – Director, Centre of Excellence for Clean Energy-**Member**
5. Dr. Gaurav Pant, AP Microbiology-**Member**
6. Dr. Shweta Khanduri, AP, HSS (Economics)- **Member**
7. Ms. Antima Chamoli, AP, HSS(English)- **Member**
8. Ms. Vidhi Kapruwan, AP, HSS(Psychology)- **Member**
9. Prof.(Dr.) Pratibha Naithani, HOD, EVS – **Member Coordinator**

The Cell may co-opt additional members from among the faculty, student community, or external domain experts as deemed necessary.

The SDG Cell shall function as the nodal body responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring initiatives aligned with the 17 SDGs across the university's academic, research, administrative, and outreach domains. It will operate in accordance with the attached Terms of Reference and report to the Office of the Vice Chancellor.

All stakeholders are requested to extend their full cooperation and support to the SDG Cell in fulfilling its objectives and driving the university's contribution to sustainable and inclusive development.

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PRO: For kind information of Hon'ble President

1. Vice Chancellor
2. Pro Vice Chancellor
3. Controller of Examinations
4. All Deans & HODs
5. All persons concerned


Registrar

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) CELL

Purpose

To embed and institutionalize the principles of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the university's ecosystem, encompassing academics, research, campus operations, and community engagement.

Functions and Responsibilities

Integration & Promotion

- ✓ Facilitate the integration of SDG themes into curricula, research, and extension activities.
- ✓ Promote awareness and sensitization programs related to the SDGs among students, faculty, and staff.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- ✓ Identify, document, and monitor the university's contributions to each of the 17 SDGs.
- ✓ Develop indicators and reporting mechanisms for internal and external assessments.

Research & Innovation

- ✓ Encourage interdisciplinary research and innovation in areas relevant to sustainable development.
- ✓ Support proposals and projects aligned with national and global sustainability priorities.

Campus Sustainability

- ✓ Recommend and implement campus-level sustainability initiatives (energy, water, waste management, green infrastructure, etc.).

Outreach & Collaboration

- ✓ Foster partnerships with government bodies, NGOs, industries, and international organizations for SDG-related work.
- ✓ Participate in national and international SDG networks and programs.

Reporting

- ✓ Prepare an annual SDG Progress Report of the university.
- ✓ Submit periodic updates to the university administration.

Meetings

- The Cell shall meet at least once every quarter or as required.
- Minutes and action-taken reports to be submitted to the Office of the Vice Chancellor.


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