



Sustainability Report 2024



**National Defence University (NDU),
Islamabad**

Abstract

National Defence University (NDU) reaffirms its enduring commitment to advancing sustainability across its academic, research, and administrative functions. In 2024, the University continued to strengthen its culture of environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and ethical leadership by integrating sustainability principles into teaching, research, and campus operations. Guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), NDU prioritized actions that promote resource efficiency, inclusivity, and responsible institutional governance. The University's 2024 sustainability vision emphasizes resilience, innovation, and transformative learning - preparing future leaders to address complex environmental and social challenges at both national and global scales. Through collaborative initiatives and evidence-based practices, NDU strives to serve as a model of sustainable higher education in Pakistan and beyond.

Preface

In an era where sustainability defines institutional excellence worldwide, the National Defence University (NDU) reiterates its steadfast commitment to advancing the principles of sustainable development and environmental stewardship. Anchored in the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), NDU recognizes that true academic distinction is inseparable from social responsibility, ethical governance, and ecological balance.

This report presents the University's sustained efforts to integrate sustainability across all facets of its academic, research, and operational spheres. From implementing green campus initiatives and fostering innovation in teaching and research to strengthening community partnerships, NDU strives to cultivate a culture where sustainability is not a peripheral concern but a defining element of institutional identity and purpose.

Looking ahead, NDU remains committed to collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement. The University seeks to empower its students, faculty, and staff to serve as agents of positive change-leaders who contribute to building a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable future for Pakistan and the global community.

This Sustainability Report 2024 stands as both a reflection of our achievements and a reaffirmation of our enduring vision: to transform commitment into measurable action and to inspire collective progress toward a sustainable legacy that transcends generations.

National Defence University (NDU), Islamabad

Vision

NDU as a centre of excellence in academic and research pursuits in diversified disciplines, will provide well thought out inputs on national security at policy/strategy level, promoting the cause of a free, open and critical inquiry and scholarly debate in the service of society

Mission

Prepare future leadership from public and private sectors of Pakistan and friendly countries through multi-disciplinary educational and research programmes, professional exchanges and outreach, focusing on security and contemporary studies

1. Introduction

The National Defence University (NDU) of Pakistan stands as the nation's premier institution for higher education, strategic research, and leadership development. As a center of intellectual excellence and policy innovation, NDU plays a pivotal role in shaping national and regional discourse on security, governance, and socio-economic advancement. Through its diverse academic programs and professional training, the University prepares future leaders from Pakistan and allied nations by fostering multidisciplinary learning, analytical thinking, and solution-oriented research.

NDU remains deeply committed to generating knowledge that strengthens national resilience and advances the principles of sustainable development. Its constituent and affiliated colleges continue to uphold the University's enduring tradition of academic rigor, intellectual inquiry, and professional excellence, contributing to both national progress and global dialogue.

In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), NDU integrates sustainability principles across its academic, administrative, and operational domains. The University emphasizes inclusive and quality education, gender equity, social justice, and responsible use of natural and institutional resources—affirming its dedication to environmental stewardship and community well-being.

This Sustainability Report 2024 presents NDU's ongoing journey toward embedding sustainability in all aspects of its institutional life. It highlights key initiatives, achievements, and strategic actions undertaken to foster a secure, equitable, and sustainable future—one that empowers present and future generations to lead with integrity, responsibility, and vision.

2. UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS)

SDG#1: No Poverty

SDG#2: Zero Hunger

SDG#3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG#4: Quality Education

SDG#5: Gender Equality

SDG#6: Clean Water and Sanitation

SDG#7: Affordable and Clean Energy

SDG#8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG#9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

SDG#10: Reduced Inequality

SDG#11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG#12: Responsible Consumption and Production

SDG#13: Climate Action

SDG#14: Life Below Water

SDG#15: Life on Land

SDG#16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

SDG#17: Partnerships for the Goals

3. Sustainable Team



National Defence University (NDU) recognizes the pivotal role higher education institutions play in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through education, research, innovation, and community engagement. Reflecting this understanding, NDU established its Sustainability Office to institutionalize and strengthen the University's long-term commitment to sustainable development. The Sustainability team at NDU is led by a group of committed professionals who are working toward embedding sustainable practices into every facet of the university's operations including coordinating, implementing, and monitoring sustainability initiatives across academic, research, and operational domains.

NDU focuses on a comprehensive range of initiatives, including reducing the University's carbon footprint, advancing sustainable research, promoting responsible resource management, and enhancing environmental awareness across the NDU community. Through educational campaigns, workshops, and partnerships with national and international organizations, the Sustainability Office fosters collaborative action and knowledge exchange that amplify NDU's impact in sustainability leadership.



Integrating sustainability within the academic curriculum remains a central objective. By aligning teaching and research activities with the SDGs, NDU ensures that its graduates possess the knowledge, skills, and values needed to address complex global challenges such as climate change, renewable energy transition, social inclusion, and environmental conservation.

Beyond campus boundaries, NDU actively engages with the broader community through outreach programs and applied projects. These initiatives mobilize faculty and students to contribute to Pakistan's national sustainability agenda and global efforts toward achieving the SDGs. Through these collective endeavors, NDU aspires to serve as a hub of sustainable innovation, ethical leadership, and transformative learning-creating enduring social, environmental, and economic value for current and future generations.

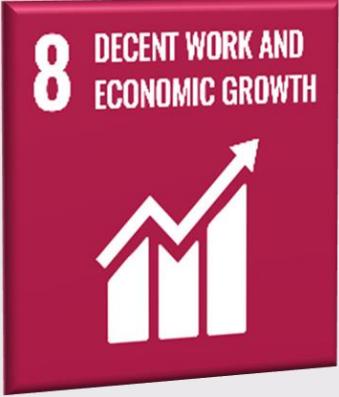
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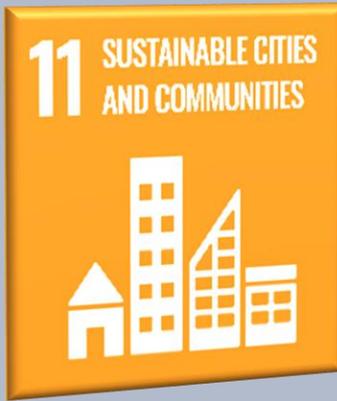
SDGs		Activity/ Event Details	Date
SDG 3	Good Health and Well-being	Breast Cancer Awareness Session - 2024	02-Oct-24
		NDU - Blood Donation Drive	08-Oct-24
		Youth Leading Change: United for a Tobacco-Free Future	20-Oct-24
		Launching of Special Anti Drug awareness/operation campaign to counter drug prevalence in Educational Institutions	30-Oct-24
		NDU Sports Gala 2024	18-Nov-24
		Friendly basketball (Female) match with COMSATS	10-Dec-24
		Friendly basketball match (male) between Bahria University and NDU	29-Jan-25
		Badminton Match NDU VS AIR University	23-May-25
		Basketball Girls Match	16-May-25
		Boys basketball match 25 April 2025	25-Apr-25
		Football match between NDU VS FAST students	26-Apr-25
		Football match between NDU VS NUST students	24-Apr-25
		Football match between NDU VS NUML Students	21-May-25
		Age with Dignity Program	2024-25
SDG 4	Quality Education	Orientation of Newly Admitted Ph.D, M.Phil & BS Students (Fall Sem- 2024)	02-Sep-24
		Participation in Coursera Event at HEC Islamabad	22-Nov-24
		Cybersafe Community – Empowering Digital Citizens	26-Nov-24
		NDU Convocation 2024	02-Dec-24
		Introductory Session for Parliamentary Debates	04-Feb-25
		Parliamentary Debates Workshop	25-Feb-25
		NDU x IUDC Exhibition Match Debates	28-Feb-25
		Pakistan Universities Debating Championship	26-Feb-25
		A lecture by Scholar Tuaha Ibn Jalil	15-May-25
SDG 5	Gender Equality	WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM	01-Dec-24
SDG 6	Clean Water and Sanitation	Sehat Sathi – Health in Every Hand	2024-25
SDG 8	Decent Work and Economic Growth	Sendoff Ceremony of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme on August 23, 2024, held at the Higher Education Commission (HEC)	23-Aug-24
		Submission of CVs for Program Associate Position at Fincon	09-Dec-24
SDG 11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	Cycle Rally and Walk on International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking	26-Jun-24

SDG 12	Responsible Consumption and Production	Waste Management and Sustainability Drive	2024-25
SDG 13	Climate Action	Tree Plantation Drive	13-Aug-24
		Plantation Drive	31-Oct-24
		Tree Plantation Drive UN Millennium Fellowship Program Kallinjar Village	01-Nov-24
		1st Dignity Awards Event	12-Dec-24
		PMYP's Green Youth Movement (GYM	12-May-25
SDG 16	Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions	Observance of Kashmir Black Day - 2024	24-Oct-24
		Youm-e-Tashakur (16-may-2025)	27-May-25
SDG 17	Partnerships for the Goals	Education Expo 2024	21-Jul-24
		NDU Summer Internship Program	2023-24
		National Youth Convention	20 - 21 Aug 2024
		Visit of Cadet College Mastung Balochistan to NDU	20-Sep-24
		Rahmat-Lil-Aalameen Wa Khatamun Nabiyyin Intl. Conference	20-Sep-24
		Eid-Milad-Un-Nabi NAAT Competition IIUI	03-Oct-24
		Datafest: Unleashing the Power of Data for Development	21-22 Oct 2024
		Invitation to Participate in Headstart School's National College Fair – November 5th, 2024	05-Nov-24
		ISPR Winter Intership 2024	13-Dec-24
		Delegation of the 66th Regular Shari'ah Course	18-Dec-24
		Akhuwat Awareness Session	20-Dec-24
		NDU Participation in OPF College F-11 Open House	13-Feb-25
		Beaconhouse Potohar Campus University and Internship Fair 2025	19-Feb-25
		Bosnian Movie Quo Vadis -Bosnian National Day	24-Apr-25

5. Executive Summary of SDGs Report

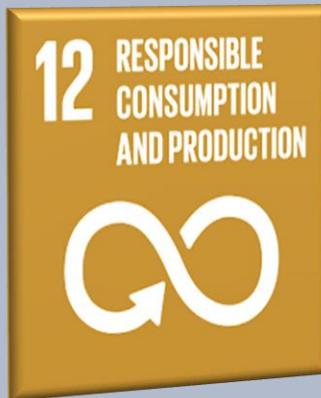
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 <p>➤ 02 Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sendoff Ceremony of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme on August 23, 2024, held at the Higher Education Commission (HEC) • Submission of CVs for Program Associate Position at Fincon



➤ **01 Activity**

- Cycle Rally and Walk on International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking



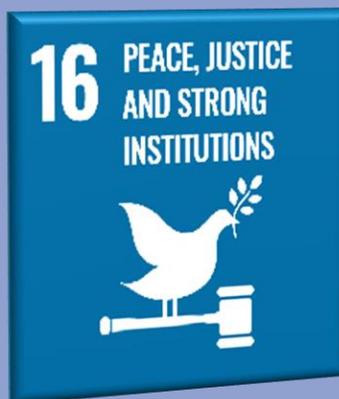
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- Waste Management and Sustainability Drive



➤ **05 Activities**

- Tree Plantation Drive
- Plantation Drive
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- 1st Dignity Awards Event
- PMYP's Green Youth Movement (GYM)



➤ **02 Activities**

- Observance of Kashmir Black Day - 2024
- Youm-e-Tashakur (16-may-2025)



➤ **14 Activities**

- Education Expo 2024
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- Bosnian Movie QUO VADIS -BOSNIAN National Day

6. Summary of Curricula Aligned with SDGs

SDG's	Title	No of Courses Aligned
SDG-1	No Poverty	8
SDG-2	Zero Hunger	2
SDG-3	Good Health and Well-being	8
SDG-4	Quality Education	90
SDG-5	Gender Equality	5
SDG-6	Clean Water and Sanitation	1
SDG-7	Affordable and Clean Energy	7
SDG-8	Decent Work and Economic Growth	9
SDG-9	Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure	48
SDG-10	Reduced Inequality	1
SDG-11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	10
SDG-12	Responsible Consumption and Production	1
SDG-13	Climate Action	15
SDG-14	Life Below Water	1
SDG-15	Life on Land	1
SDG-16	Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions	52
SDG-17	Partnerships for the Goals	33
Total		292

7. Good Health and Well-being - SDG 3

7.1. Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign-2024



A Breast Cancer Awareness session was held at NDU on October 2, 2024, featuring Dr. Rakhshanda Rashid, former Associate Professor and Surgeon at PIMS, as the guest speaker. The session, attended by NDU's female faculty, staff, and students, focused on educating participants about the symptoms, self-examination techniques, and preventive measures for

breast cancer. Begum President NDU honored the event as the Chief Guest. The session aimed to foster awareness and promote early detection as a critical step towards combating breast cancer.

7.2. NDU - Blood Donation Drive. The annual Blood Donation Drive organized by PRSA & IT at NDU in collaboration with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) was



successfully conducted on Oct 08, 2024, at Edhi Hall, FCS. Since its inception in 2017, NDU has donated over 1500 units of blood, and this year's drive continued the tradition, gathering a significant number of donations. PRCS provided the necessary medical staff and equipment for the event. NDU has been recognized as the best donating university twice, and this activity ensures support for

students, staff, and faculty in times of need. The event ran smoothly from 0930 to 1600 hrs.

7.3. Youth Leading Change: United for a Tobacco-Free Future. Mr. Hammad



Mubarak from the GPP program represented NDU at the "Youth Leading Change: United for a Tobacco-Free Future" workshop, organized by the Human Development Foundation (HDF) on October 20, 2024, at Ramada, Islamabad. The event gathered youth advocates, health professionals, educators, and policymakers to discuss strategies

for effective tobacco control. Key sessions included insights from Dr. Maheen Malik on youth-driven policy initiatives and Dr. Matiur Rahman's presentation on the health risks of

tobacco use. Participants also engaged in a collaborative action planning session, led by Tayib Jan, to develop advocacy strategies focused on mobilizing youth and leveraging social media to influence policy.

Launching of Special Anti-Drug awareness/operation campaign to counter drug prevalence in Educational Institutions. On October 30, 2024, Dr. Zara Kiran from the Anti-Narcotics Force Pakistan delivered an impactful lecture on “Anti-Drug Awareness/Operation Campaign to Counter Drug Prevalence in Educational Institutions” at



NDU’s Edhi Hall. The session educated faculty, students, and staff on the dangers of drug abuse, prevention strategies, and the critical role of educational institutions in combating drug prevalence. Participants engaged actively in the discussion, gaining insights into collaborative approaches to maintain a drug-free environment.

The event, organized by PRSA NDU, reinforced the university’s commitment to promoting a safe and healthy academic setting.

7.4. NDU Sports Gala 2024. PRSA&IT, in collaboration with the NDU FCS Sports



Adhoc Committee, successfully conducted the Annual Sports Gala 2024 from 18th to 22nd and 25th-26th November. The event included various sports matches as per the approved FCS Academic Calendar and SOP. Shahid Afridi was invited for the Closing Ceremony and Prize Distribution, as per the President's directive.

7.5. Friendly basketball (Female) match with COMSATS. PRSA organized a friendly basketball (Female) match with COMSATS on 10 Dec 2024.

7.6. Friendly basketball match (male) between Bahria University and NDU. PRSA organized a friendly basketball match (male) between Bahria University and NDU at the Margalla Sports Complex, NDU, on 29 January 2025.

7.7. Badminton Match NDU VS AIR University. A badminton match was held at the National Defence University between NDU VS AIR University .The primary aim of this event was to foster sportsmanship ,enhance the physical and mental capabilities of the students.

7.8. **Basketball Girls Match.** An intra-university girls' basketball match was held at National Defence University .The purpose of this activity is to promote healthy competition among intra department girls.

7.9. **Boys' basketball match 25 April 2025.** A boys' basketball match was held in NDU .The purpose of the event was to prepare and encourage students to engage in healthy sports activities and compete positively.

7.10. **Football match between NDU VS FAST students.** A football match between FAST and NDU was held in FAST University. The purpose of the match was to promote teamwork, healthy competition, and friendly relations between the students of both universities.

7.11. **Football match between NDU VS NUST students.** A football match was held in NUST. The Match was between the students of NDU and NUST. The purpose of this event was to promote healthy competition and build strong relationships among students through sports.

7.12. **Football match between NDU VS NUML Students.** A football match was held in NUML. The match was between the students of NDU and NUML. The purpose of this event was to promote healthy competition among students from both universities and to strengthen inter-university relationships through the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork.

7.13. **Age with Dignity Program.** The "AGE WITH DIGNITY " program by NDU CSC focused on supporting elderly individuals in old age homes .the initiatives aimed to reduce loneliness by creating joyful experience through conversation and games activities.

8. Quality Education – SDG 4

8.1. **Orientation of Newly Admitted Ph.D, M.Phil & BS Students (Fall Sem- 2024)**
NDU held a Reception, Briefing, and Orientation Session on September 2, 2024, to welcome the newly admitted students of Ph.D., M.Phil. and BS programs. The event aimed to familiarize the new entrants with NDU's academic environment, facilities, and regulations. Following the directives of President NDU, a warm welcome was extended to all students, reflecting the university's commitment to creating a supportive and engaging learning atmosphere. Various branches and offices collaborated to ensure the smooth execution of activities, setting a positive tone for the students' academic journey ahead.



8.2. **Participation in Coursera Event at HEC Islamabad.** The Coursera event, organized by HEC on 22nd November 2024 at HEC Islamabad, highlighted the

transformative impact of digital learning in higher education. Asst Dir PRSA, Mr. M. Asad, attended the event. The event featured presentations by esteemed speakers, reflecting on achievements, progress, and future strategies for enhancing digital education in Pakistan.



8.3. **Cyber safe Community – Empowering Digital Citizens.** The Cyber safe community project

by NDU community service club aimed to raise awareness and educate people about cyber threats, phishing attacks and managing privacy through workshops and public awareness campaign



8.4. **NDU Convocation 2024.** The Convocation 2024 was successfully held on 2 Dec 2024, celebrating the academic achievements of graduating students in a grand ceremony.

8.5. **Introductory Session for Parliamentary Debates.** PRSA, in collaboration with the NDU Debating Society, organized a one-day Parliamentary Debate Session on February 4, 2024.

The session featured Mr. Salar from LGS as the guest speaker, who shared valuable insights on parliamentary debating techniques. The event provided students with a platform to enhance their



critical thinking and argumentation skills. Assistant Director PRSA, Mr. Muhammad Asad, concluded the session with closing remarks and a vote of thanks to the guest speaker, acknowledging his contribution to the event's success.

8.6. **Parliamentary Debates Workshop.** A Parliamentary Debates Workshop was organized by PRSA in collaboration with the NDU Debating Society on 25 Feb 2025 at Edhi Hall. The workshop aimed to enhance students' debating skills, critical thinking, and public speaking abilities through interactive sessions on debate formats, argument construction, rebuttal strategies, and effective delivery. Participants engaged in mock debates, applying the techniques learned. The event provided a valuable learning experience, equipping students

with essential skills for academic and professional growth while reinforcing NDU's commitment to fostering intellectual development and informed discourse.

8.7. **NDU x IUDC Exhibition Match Debates.** An exhibition parliamentary debate match between NDU and LGS was organized on 28 Feb 2025. The event aimed to promote competitive debating and enhance students' critical thinking and argumentation skills. Both teams engaged in a rigorous exchange of ideas, demonstrating structured reasoning, rebuttal techniques, and persuasive delivery. The match provided an opportunity for students to refine their debating abilities in a formal setting, fostering a spirit of intellectual engagement and healthy competition.

8.8. **Pakistan Universities Debating Championship.** The Pakistan Universities Debating Championship was held at HEC, where the NDU debating team participated and secured 1st position in the Urdu category. Competing against top universities, the team showcased exceptional argumentation, critical thinking, and eloquence. Their victory highlights NDU's commitment to fostering intellectual excellence and a strong debating culture.



8.9. **A lecture by Scholar Tuaha Ibn Jalil.** A lecture by Scholar Tuaha Ibn Jalil was organized by PRSA for FCS students at NDU. The purpose was to share important lessons about spiritual learning and personal growth.

9. Gender Equality - SDG 5

9.1. **Women Empowerment Program.** The NDU CSC initiated a women empowerment program with collaborating with NGOs that provided skill-based training to help women achieve financial independence. Additionally, The program supported underprivileged students by covering their dues to promote a spirit of community support.

10. Clean Water and Sanitation - SDG 6

10.1. **Sehat Sathi – Health In Every Hand.** The sehat sathi initiative by NDU CSC aimed to improve hygiene and health awareness in underserved communities through education and preventive care.

11. Decent Work and Economic Growth – SDG 8

11.1. Sendoff Ceremony of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme on August 23, 2024, held at the Higher Education Commission (HEC). Mr. Muhammad



Asad, Assistant Director PRSA, attended the Sendoff Ceremony of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme on August 23, 2024, held at the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in Islamabad. The event celebrated the achievements of scholarship recipients and provided an opportunity for participants to connect with officials and fellow scholars. The ceremony underscored the significance

of international educational exchange programs, promoting cross-cultural understanding and academic collaboration between Hungary and Pakistan.

11.2. **Submission of CVs for Program Associate Position at Fincon.** The CVs of 89 NDU graduates were submitted for consideration for the position of Program Associate at Fincon. This initiative aimed to support graduates in securing career opportunities and strengthening the relationship between NDU and potential employers. The submission was coordinated by the PRSA office to facilitate the placement process for NDU's talented graduates.

12. Sustainable Cities and Communities - SDG 11

12.1. Cycle Rally and Walk on International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking.



The Ministry of Narcotics Control, in collaboration with various stakeholders, organized an event in F-9 Park, Islamabad, to observe the "International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking" on June 26, 2024, from 17:30 to 18:30 hours. This significant event aimed to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of drug abuse and the

dangers of illicit trafficking. The program included a cycle rally and a walk. A considerable number of people from the society and students from various universities participated in the event. Some FCS students were also sent to represent the NDU and mark their presence at the occasion. Their involvement underscored the academic community's commitment to social issues and the importance of collective efforts in combating drug abuse.

13. Responsible Consumption and Production - SDG 12

13.1. **Waste Management and Sustainability Drive.** NDU community service club organized a waste management and sustainability drive aimed at promoting the principles of reduces, recycle, and reuse while promoting the natural environment.

14. Climate Action – SDG 13

14.1. **Tree Plantation Drive.** PRSA, with the assistance of the Forest Department, successfully organized a Tree Plantation Drive on 13th August 2024 at NDU. The event took place from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM ON 13th Aug, 2024 and was attended by faculty, staff, and students.

14.2. **Plantation Drive.** Plantation Drive in the Memorial of Aimal Sarfraz and Shanza Jameel.

14.3. **Tree Plantation Drive | UN Millennium Fellowship Program | Kallinjar Village.** The plantation drive, organized by PRSA in support of the UN Millennium Fellowship Program, took place on 1st November 2024 in the nearby village of Kallinjar.

14.4. **1st Dignity Awards Event.** The 1st Dignity Awards event, organized in collaboration with the Green Youth Movement (GYM) Project, FDI, PMYP, Bargad, and HEC, was successfully held on December 12, 2024, at the HEC Auditorium, Islamabad. The event aimed to empower youth and promote sustainable development and inclusion. GYM Club members and students attended the event.

14.5. **PMYP's Green Youth Movement (GYM).** PMYP's Green Youth Movement (GYM) was organized by PRSA at National Defence University (NDU). The purpose of this initiative was to raise environmental awareness among students and promote sustainable development practices



15. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions – SDG 16

15.1. Observance of Kashmir Black Day - 2024.



Kashmir Black Day is observed annually on October 27 to mark the day in 1947 when Indian forces entered Jammu and Kashmir, beginning a long-standing conflict that continues to impact the region. The day symbolizes the struggle of the Kashmiri people for their right to self-determination and

raises awareness of the human rights violations they face under occupation. Institutions across Pakistan observe this day to express solidarity with the Kashmir cause and to keep the issue alive on international platforms.

15.2. Lecture by Dr. Zia ul Haq Shamsi, the Subject Expert. On October 24, 2024, NDU commemorated Kashmir Black Day with a lecture delivered by Dr. Zia ul Haq Shamsi from the Strategic Studies (SS) Department. The session, held at Edhi Hall from 1000 to 1100 hrs, provided an in-depth discussion on the historical, political, and humanitarian aspects of the Kashmir conflict. Dr. Shamsi emphasized the importance of international engagement to highlight the ongoing human rights abuses and the struggle for self-determination in Kashmir.

15.3. Solidarity Walk within NDU

Following the lecture, a solidarity walk was organized within the university campus to show support for the Kashmiri people. Faculty, officers, and students participated in the walk, demonstrating unity and commitment to the Kashmir cause. The walk served as a symbolic gesture of empathy and awareness for the ongoing plight of the people of Kashmir.

15.4. Event Organization and Impact

The event was organized by PRSA NDU, reflecting the university's commitment to engaging students and faculty in matters of national and regional importance. Through the lecture and solidarity walk, participants gained a deeper understanding of the Kashmir issue, reinforcing NDU's role in promoting awareness on socio-political challenges.

15.5. **Youm-e-Tashakur (16-may-2025).** Youm-e-Tashakur was commemorated at the National Defence University (NDU), organized by the Public Relations and Students Affairs (PRSA) department. The purpose of this event was to honor and celebrate the unwavering courage, resilience, and sacrifices of the Pakistani nation and its armed forces.



16. Partnerships for the Goals – SDG 17

16.1. **Education Expo 2024.** The first "Education Expo" organized by the Wah Cantt Garrison, FGEIs Regional Office, was held on 22- 23 Jul 2024. This event was designed to support students who have completed their Matriculation, Intermediate, and Bachelor's examinations by providing them with a platform to explore various academic and career opportunities.

16.1.1. The National Defence University (NDU) was honored to participate in this significant event to conduct their Road Show. NDU team, headed by AD PRSA, represented as per the fol:-

16.1.2. Day 1 (22nd July 2024): Mr. Muhammad Asad (AD PRSA), Mr. Usman (Admission Office), and Ms. Maria Rehman (Lecturer IR).

16.1.3. Day 2 (23rd July 2024): Mr. Muhammad Asad (AD PRSA), Mr. Imran Khan (Assistant Registrar), and Ms. Wajeeha Ghias (Lecturer LMS).

16.2. **NDU Summer Internship Program.** NDU Summer Internship Program 2024 PRSA Br successfully acquires around 300 internship slots from 20+ Public & Private organizations.

16.3. **National Youth Convention .** 17 x students from NDU actively participated in the "National Youth Convention" held on August 20-21, 2024, at the Pak-China Friendship Centre, Islamabad.

16.4. **Visit of Cadet College Mastung Balochistan to NDU.** A 29-member delegation from Cadet College Mastung, Balochistan, led by Associate Professor Mr. Nasir Murad, visited NDU on September 20, 2024. The visit aimed to familiarize the students with NDU's academic environment, infrastructure, and various functions. The delegation was given an overview of the university's operations and strategic role in higher education. The interactive sessions provided valuable insights to the students, fostering engagement and future academic aspirations.

16.5. **Rahmat-Lil-Aalameen Wa Khatamun Nabiiyyin Intl. Conference.** NDU students actively participated in the International Rahmat-Lil-Aalameen Wa Khatamun Nabiiyyin Festival held from September 20-22, 2024, at the National Skills University, Islamabad. The three-day event, organized by the National Rahmat-Lil Aalameen Wa Khatamun Nabiiyyin Authority (NRKNA), brought together participants from multiple higher education institutions across the region. NDU's students engaged in various activities during the festival, contributing to its spirit of knowledge exchange and cultural harmony. The event provided a valuable platform for students to enhance their understanding and foster inter-university collaboration.

16.6. **Eid-Milad-Un-Nabi NAAT Competition IIUI.** PRSA NDU proudly nominated two students, Ms. Tarain Ali and Malik Moazzam Ahmed Khan, for AIOU's Eid Milad-ul-Nabi competition. Tarain Ali secured 1st position in the final round, winning a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-.

16.7. **Data fest: Unleashing the Power of Data for Development.** A total of 28 students from the National Defence University (NDU) attended the "Datafest: Unleashing the Power of Data for Development," held on October 21-22, 2024, at the Pak-China Friendship Center, Islamabad. The event offered a valuable opportunity for participants to explore data-driven development strategies through engaging activities and discussions.

16.8. **Invitation to Participate in Headstart School's National College Fair – November 5th, 2024.** NDU participated in the National College Fair 2024, organized by Headstart School Islamabad on November 5, 2024, to engage prospective students exploring higher education options. Represented by a team including Dr. Adnan Jamil from LMS, Mr. Muhammad Asad (AD PRSA), Mr. Imran Khan (Assistant Registrar), and Mr. Usman from the Admissions Office, NDU set up an information stall to showcase the academic offerings of FCS-NDU. The team provided valuable insights to students on academic programs, career pathways, and admissions, contributing to NDU's visibility among several participating institutions and fostering interest among potential applicants.

16.9. **ISPR Winter Internship 2024.** A total of 30 students have been finalized for ISPR Winter Internship Program 2024, with an additional 10 students placed on the reserve list.

16.10. **Delegation of the 66th Regular Shari'ah Course.** A delegation of the 66th Regular Shari'ah Course, comprising Judges, Qazis, Armed Law Officers, Attorneys, and Public Prosecutor Trainees, visited NDU on 18 Dec 2024. PRSA conducted the visit.

16.11. **Akhuwat Awareness Session.** PRSA organized the Akhuwat Awareness Session on 20 Dec 2024.

16.12. NDU Participation in OPF College F-11 Open House. A delegation from NDU participated in the University Open House organized by OPF College F-11/2, Islamabad on 13 Feb 2025. The event aimed to provide high school students, parents, and educators with insights into higher education opportunities, career pathways, and academic programs offered by various universities.

16.12.1. A committee led by Mr. Muhammad Asad, Assistant Director PRSA, represented NDU at the event. He was accompanied by Dr. Aman Ullah, Assistant Professor PCS, and Mr. Imran Khan, Admission Officer. The team actively engaged with prospective students and parents, addressing queries related to NDU's academic programs, admission criteria, scholarships, and career prospects.

16.12.2. NDU's information desk attracted significant interest, providing attendees with brochures and guidance on various disciplines offered by the university. The event served as a valuable platform to showcase NDU's academic excellence and campus environment while fostering connections with potential applicants.

16.12.3. The participation of NDU in the OPF College Open House was a productive endeavor in promoting the university's academic outlook. The event strengthened NDU's outreach efforts, ensuring that aspiring students received the necessary information to make informed decisions about their higher education journey.

16.13. Beacon house Potohar Campus University and Internship Fair 2025. A delegation from NDU participated in the University and Internship Fair organized by Beaconhouse Potohar Campus, Islamabad on 19 Feb 2025. This event, the first of its kind in the vicinity, aimed to connect students with universities and organizations, helping them explore academic programs, career prospects, and internship opportunities.

16.13.1. The NDU delegation was led by Mr. Muhammad Asad, Assistant Director PRSA, accompanied by Mr. Imran Khan, Admission Officer. The team set up an information desk to engage with prospective students, providing them with comprehensive details about NDU's academic offerings, admission process, scholarships, and internship opportunities.

16.13.2. Throughout the fair, the NDU representatives interacted with a diverse group of students, addressing their queries and offering career guidance. Informational brochures and promotional materials were distributed to help students make informed decisions about their higher education choices. The event provided a valuable platform for NDU to enhance its outreach and attract potential applicants.

16.13.3. NDU's participation in the Beaconhouse Potohar Campus Fair was a successful initiative in promoting the university's academic excellence and career opportunities. The event strengthened NDU's engagement with aspiring students and reinforced its commitment to fostering educational growth and professional development.

16.14. **Bosnian Movie Quo Vadis -Bosnian National Day.** A Bosnian film on the Srebrenica massacre was shown at PNCA Islamabad to mark Bosnian National Day. NDU students attended the event, which highlighted the importance of cultural exchange in promoting peace and strengthening Pakistan-Bosnia relations.