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Report on SDG 16

Peace Justice and Strong Institutions

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Institutional Governance & Contribution

1. Executive Summary & Institutional Alignment

United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG 16) focuses on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels. Amity University Mumbai (AUM) embeds the spirit of SDG 16 into its institutional DNA across administrative frameworks, academic curriculum, student governance, and community outreach. Through a robust statutory ecosystem aligned with University Grants Commission (UGC) mandates, zero-tolerance anti-corruption policies, comprehensive student grievance mechanisms, and vibrant democratic student representation, the university demonstrates an all-rounder institutional contribution to justice, equity, and ethical leadership.

2. Institutional Governance Framework & Legal Compliance

Amity University Mumbai operates under the framework established by the Maharashtra State Legislative Act and statutory guidelines formulated by the UGC, AICTE, and the Bar Council of India (BCI). Institutional integrity and institutional strength are maintained via a multi-tiered governance structure:

- **Governing Body & Board of Management:** The highest decision-making authorities ensuring strategic oversight, ethical policy enforcement, financial accountability, and long-term institutional vision.
- **Academic Council & Boards of Studies (BoS):** Oversees academic rigor, curriculum updates on human rights, cyber law, and constitutional values, ensuring high academic integrity.
- **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC):** Regularly audits operational quality, academic metrics, and governance benchmarks to ensure systemic transparency and operational excellence.
- **University Ombudsperson:** Appointed as per UGC Redressal of Grievances Regulations, acting as an independent, neutral appellate authority ensuring impartial resolution of disputes.

3. Student Representation & Participatory Campus Governance

True to the core tenets of SDG 16 (inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making at all levels), Amity University Mumbai actively engages student voices across administrative, academic, and co-curricular spheres:

- **Student Council & Class Representative (CR) Network:** A structured democratic liaison system where elected/nominated Class Representatives and departmental student heads participate in administrative forums, conveying cohort feedback on academic delivery, infrastructure, and student amenities.
- **Statutory Representation on Critical Committees:** Nominated student representatives serve on statutory panels including the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC for peer-related hearings), Anti-Ragging Monitoring Cells, and IQAC student panels, ensuring youth perspective in policy execution.

- **Leadership Across Student Clubs & Professional Bodies:** Students lead more than 30 specialized clubs, student chapters (IEEE, ACM, CII-YI), and moot court societies, cultivating democratic deliberation, consensus-building, and organizational leadership.

4. Anti-Corruption, Financial Transparency & Code of Ethics

To ensure zero tolerance against malpractice and build transparent institutions, Amity University Mumbai enforces exhaustive codes of conduct and institutional integrity protocols across all operations:

- **Policy on Anti-Bribery and Corruption:** Strict non-negotiable guidelines prohibiting financial impropriety, kickbacks, or gifts that could influence administrative, examination, or admissions decisions. Annual third-party audits ensure complete fiscal integrity.
- **Code of Conduct for Students & Faculty:** Comprehensive charters articulating expected professional ethics, mutual respect, non-discrimination based on caste/creed/gender, and zero tolerance for intellectual property theft.
- **Research Integrity & Ethics Committees:** Operational Institutional Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) and Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC), supplemented by mandatory anti-plagiarism screening (Turnitin / URKUND) for all student dissertations and faculty publications.
- **Whistleblower Mechanism:** Confidential reporting channels that protect informants against retaliatory actions when reporting ethics breaches, fraud, or procedural misconduct.

5. Comprehensive Campus Grievance Redressal Mechanisms

Amity University Mumbai has operationalized multi-layered redressal infrastructure backed by institutional technology and statutory frameworks to guarantee fair, accessible, and expedited access to justice for all campus stakeholders:

Grievance Body / Platform	Core Mandate & Jurisdiction	Process & Composition
Amizone ERP Grievance Portal	Centralized digital grievance lodging system covering academic evaluation, attendance disputes, hostel services, and fee inquiries.	Hierarchical escalation matrix; tickets are tracked with mandatory turnaround SLAs (48-72 hours) and senior admin oversight.
Student Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC)	Statutory body addressing grievances relating to admissions, evaluations, amenities, and administrative unfairness under UGC norms.	Headed by senior Professor/Dean with student representatives, faculty mentors, and independent members; follows natural justice.
Internal Complaints Committee (ICC / POSH)	Zero-tolerance body enforcing the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act (2013) & UGC Regulations 2015.	Presided over by senior woman faculty, female staff, student representatives, and external legal/NGO member with civil court inquiry powers.
Anti-Ragging Committee & Squad	Enforces supreme court directives and UGC guidelines ensuring an abuse-free, welcoming campus environment.	Comprises Proctorial Board, local civil administration/police liaisons, faculty wardens, student representatives, and CCTV monitoring.
Equal Opportunity & SC/ST	Prevents discrimination against socially	Direct reporting portal, peer

Prevention Cell	vulnerable categories, minority groups, and persons with disabilities (PwD).	support mentors, and structured compliance tracking to ensure equality of opportunity.

6. All-Rounder Academic & Community Contributions to SDG 16

Beyond campus governance, Amity University Mumbai drives real-world societal impact toward justice and rule of law:

- **Amity Law School (ALS) Legal Aid Clinic:** Provides free legal counseling and rights literacy camps to underprivileged rural communities and tribal settlements in Panvel, Raigad, and Navi Mumbai, directly enhancing access to justice.
- **National & International Moot Court Competitions:** Regularly hosts prestigious moot court competitions on constitutional law, international humanitarian law, and cyber jurisprudence, fostering robust debate on legal institutions.
- **Global Fellowships & Policy Engagement:** Students actively participate in prestigious global initiatives such as the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) Millennium Fellowship (e.g., Project INSAAF focused on institutional justice systems) and national Model United Nations (MUNs).
- **Research & Conferences on Governance & Human Rights:** The Amity Institute of Liberal Arts and ALS publish research on public policy, international relations, democratic stability, and digital human rights, bridging scholarly inquiry and civil governance.

7. Institutional SDG 16 Key Indicators & Monitoring Matrix

Key Performance Dimension	Institutional Metric / Mechanism	Governance Impact
Accountable Decision-Making	UGC Ombudsperson + Autonomous IQAC	Elimination of administrative bias & guaranteed fair appeals
Stakeholder Representation	Student Council, CR body, ICC student members	Participatory input in university policies & student life
Anti-Bribery & Research Ethics	Audit compliance, HREC/IAEC boards, Turnitin	100% adherence to financial & academic integrity standards
Social Justice & Legal Literacy	Amity Legal Aid Clinic & Community Outreach	Empowerment of marginalized citizens in surrounding Raigad district

Progress overview

Amity University Maharashtra's event records show educational work relevant to SDG 16 through legal literacy, research integrity, responsible use of AI, governance and inclusive dialogue. The strongest documented contributions are capacity building and engagement.

Theme	Documented contribution
Law and legal literacy	Real-estate legal practice in 2025; & design-rights

	awareness
Institutional integrity	Research and publication ethics; responsible academic use of AI.
Governance and fairness	Selected IKS sessions on political thought, ethics, equality and diplomacy.
Peace and inclusion	Cultural diplomacy; literature addressing discrimination and social voice.
Responsible communication	Ethical issues in digital content creation and influencer practice.
Financial accountability	Background on compliance, financial forensics and ethical management.

Ethics in research and publication

Item	Recorded detail
Date	10 to 14 November 2025
Organiser	Amity Institute of Pharmacy with IIC and IQAC
Venue	Seminar Hall, A2 Block, and Zoom
Participation	106 attendees

Completed activity

Amity Institute of Pharmacy conducted a five-day FDP convened by Prof. Dr. Suneela Dhaneshwar and coordinated by Dr. Arti Gupta and Dr. Pankaj Bhamare. The programme brought academic integrity into research practice, publication decisions and the use of emerging technologies.

Specific educational contribution

Sessions addressed ethical proposal writing and implementation, research practices, intellectual property dilemmas, AI-generated science, predatory and cloned journals, fraudulent impact factors, academic writing integrity, publication quality and Committee on Publication Ethics guidelines. Contributors included Prof. Vandana Patravale, Prof. Sanjay Tiwari, Dr. Mrudula Bele, Dr. Elvis Martis, Prof. Sumit Narula, Prof. Shubhini Saraf and Prof. Alka Mukne.

SDG 16 connection and progress

The clearest connection is education that supports accountable and trustworthy academic institutions. The completed output of the event is a structured training programme. Attendance and feedback support its delivery.

Ethics in research and publication photographs



Research ethics teaching during the hybrid FDP.

Real estate law in practice

Item	Recorded detail
Date	28 November 2025
Organiser	CRC Department with Amity Law School
Venue	Art Guild House, The Phoenix Mall, Kurla, Mumbai
Participation	Approximately 30 law students and 1 faculty member

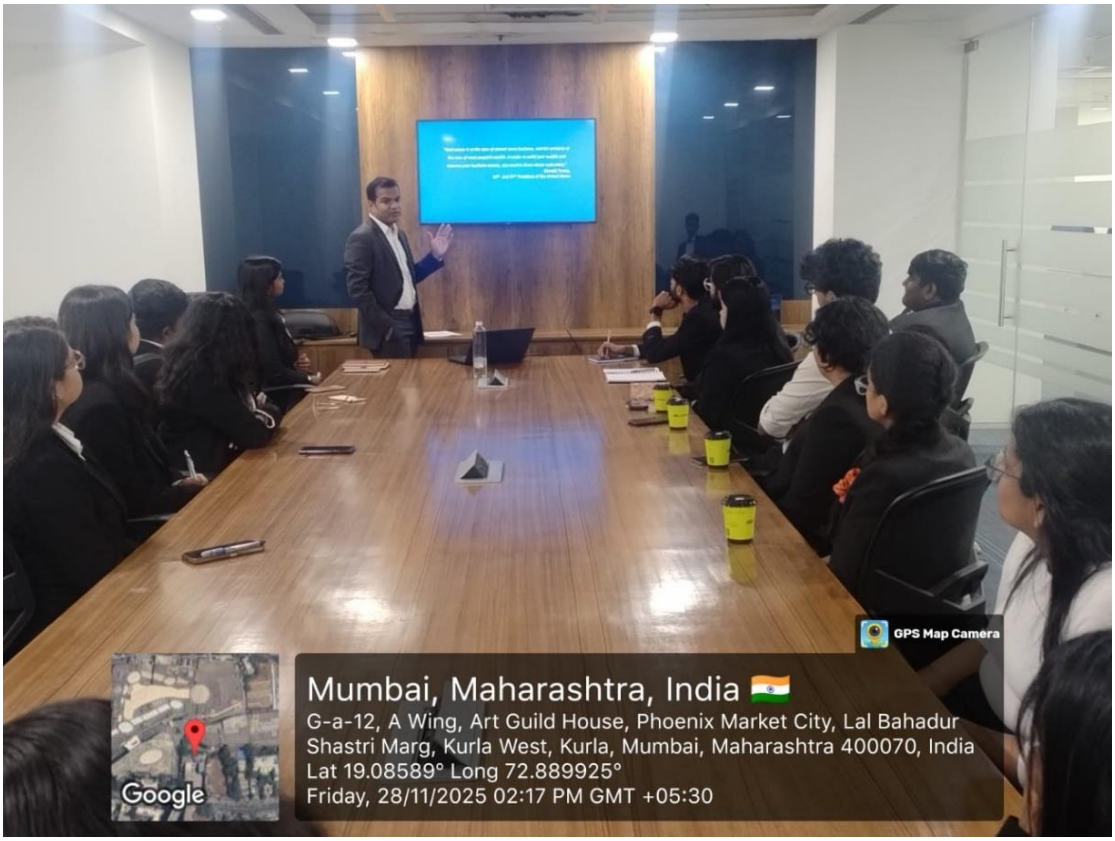
Completed activity

Mr. Sushant Shetty, Partner at FoxMandal, delivered a guest lecture on Real Estate Law in Practice: Structuring Transactions and Building a Career. Ms. Brigitte Fernandes coordinated the session, with Mr. Sanjay Gouda as convener and Prof. Dr. Gigimon V S as co-convener.

Specific educational contribution

Students examined transaction structuring, negotiation and documentation; land-acquisition due diligence; contracts; title verification; compliance checks; and regulatory requirements. The session linked classroom legal knowledge with professional practice and the skills needed for responsible transactional work.

Real estate law in practice photographs



Expert interaction during the real estate law lecture.



Students and faculty with the legal expert at the guest session.

Responsible AI in academic writing

Item	Recorded detail
Date	7 February 2025
Organiser	Amity School of Engineering and Technology
Venue	Seminar Hall, A2 Building, AUM
Participation	160 participants including HoIs, faculty members and students

Completed activity

Prof. Dr. Sangita Chaudhari of RAIT Nerul delivered the Vice Chancellor Lecture Series session Leverage AI for Academic Writing. Prof. Dr. Deepa Parasar as event coordinator.

Specific educational contribution

The lecture addressed AI-assisted writing, literature review, citation management and editing alongside originality, plagiarism detection, bias and reliability. The event outcome records attention to responsible AI use and academic integrity, providing a more specific institutional-trust link and productivity training.

Responsible AI in academic writing photographs



Governance fairness and diplomacy in IKS

Item	Recorded detail
Date	10 to 14 November 2025
Organiser	Amity Institute of Liberal Arts
Venue	Amity University Mumbai
Participation	50 students and 20 faculty

Completed activity

Amity Institute of Liberal Arts conducted a five-day Indian Knowledge System FDP convened by Dr. Deepak Hawaldar and Dr. Ritu Varshney, with Dr. Ritu Varshney and Ms. Shalmali Mali moderating. This report selects the governance and fairness content.

Specific educational contribution

Dr. Vatsala Shoukla's session on feminist ethics and diplomacy considered justice, fairness, equality, women's leadership and ethical frameworks. Dr. Aparna Jadhav's session on Kautilya's political thought considered governance, ethics, diplomacy, contemporary political systems and public administration.

Governance fairness and diplomacy in IKS photographs



Address during the Indian Knowledge System FDP.



Expert presentation during the Indian Knowledge System FDP.

Cultural diplomacy and peaceful understanding

Item	Recorded detail
Date	15 November 2025
Organiser	Amity Institute of Travel and Tourism
Venue	City Office, Kurla
Participation	14 students and 1 faculty member

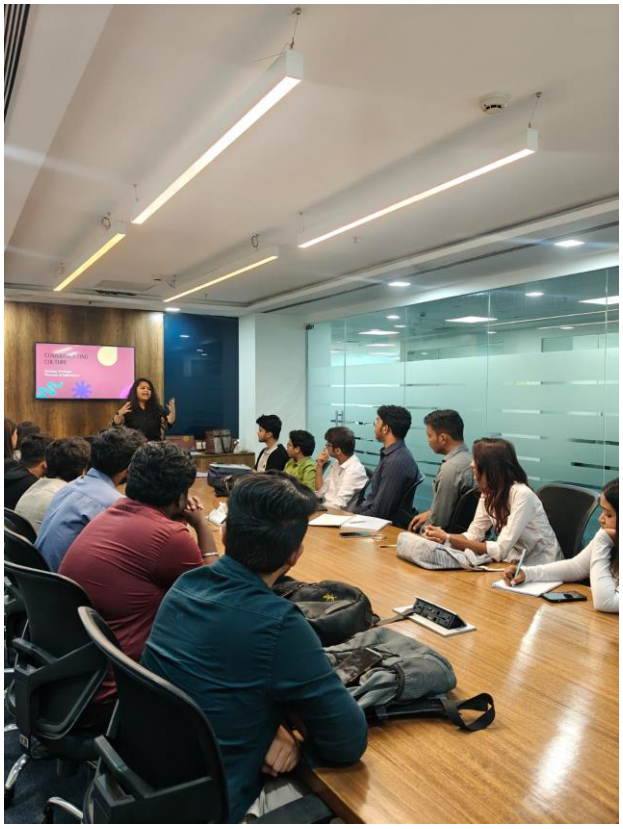
Completed activity

Ms. Atreyee Chakravarty, Public Diplomacy Officer at the Australian Consulate-General, led Communicating Culture: Linking Heritage, Tourism and Diplomacy. Mr. Sudarshan Nair coordinated and moderated the event.

Specific educational contribution

The session explored culture as soft power, heritage storytelling, national identity, people-to-people engagement and tourism as a cultural communicator. The event's stated rationale connected cultural understanding with peace and international relationships.

Cultural diplomacy and peaceful understanding photographs



Student interaction during the cultural diplomacy session.

Literature social discrimination and voice

Item	Recorded detail
Date	1 August 2025
Organiser	English and French Departments, Amity School of Languages
Venue	St. Xavier's College Library, Mumbai
Participation	10 participants

Completed activity

Amity Shool of Languages marked Eunice de Souza's birth anniversary as Poetry Day through a visit coordinated by Dr. Shalini Sharma and Ms. Sheetal Hambarde under Prof. Dr. Manjiree Vaidya. The recorded learners were AUM BA English and BA French students.

Specific educational contribution

The programme introduced the poet's work and its treatment of Mumbai, discrimination and taboos faced by women. Learners considered how poetry and academic work can give voice to social and

psychological concerns. The event outcome records learning about a poet's and teacher's role in society.

Literature social discrimination and voice photographs



Participants at the St. Xavier's College visit.



ASL learners during the Poetry Day visit.

Ethical digital communication

Item	Recorded detail
Date	12 August 2025
Organiser	Amity School of Communication and Amity Film School
Venue	Seminar Hall, A2 Block, AUM
Participation	Over 120 participants and 15 faculty

Completed activity

Amity School of Communication and Amity Film School hosted a social-media workshop featuring Mr. Akshal Choksi and Mr. Rishiwar Singh. Prof. Rajesh Sisodia convened the activity and Ms. Payal Jha moderated.

Specific educational contribution

The event identified authentic and ethical content creation as a purpose. Discussion covered ethical challenges in influencer marketing, audience research, branding, monetisation and examples of campaigns with social impact. Students participated through questions and polls.

Ethical digital communication photographs



Speaker interaction during the digital communication workshop.



Participants at the ASCO and AFS workshop.

Design rights and legal awareness

Item	Recorded detail
Date	18 September 2024
Organiser	Amity School of Fashion Technology with IQAC
Venue	Seminar Hall, A2 Block, AUM
Participation	158 students

Completed historical activity

Rajdeep Banerjee and Joyeeta Banerjee, advocates and patent attorneys, led Design Patent: Intellectual Property for Design Fraternity. Ms. Priya Mittal Govil and Ms. Neha Suradkar coordinated the seminar under Prof. Dr. Bhawana Chanana.

Specific educational contribution

Students learned about legal protection of creative work, infringement, filing requirements and stages, commercialisation and international perspectives on intellectual property. The session combined design, law and communication learners in a legal-awareness setting.

Design rights and legal awareness photographs



Expert presentation during the September 2024 legal-awareness programme.

Ethical financial management

Item	Recorded detail
Date	7 December 2024
Organiser	Academics and Alumni Committee, Amity Business School
Venue	ABS Room 326, AUM
Participation	60 faculty members and BBA and MBA students

Completed historical activity

Mr. Akshay Pillai, Deputy Manager, Inspection, National Stock Exchange of India Limited, delivered Ethical Management in Financial Institutions. Ms. Nithyasree G and Ms. Sulekha K coordinated the session.

Specific educational contribution

The session addressed regulatory compliance, financial forensics, financial-crime prevention, ethical decision-making and corporate governance. Real-world ethical-framework examples connected integrity and transparency with professional responsibilities in finance.

Ethical financial management in 2024 photographs



Financial-ethics session at Amity Business School.



Participants during the December 2024 session.