



SDG 4: Quality Education

# **GD Goenka University – Sustainability Initiatives and Achievements**

#### 1. Introduction

Quality education is the cornerstone of sustainable development, serving as a catalyst for social and economic progress. It equips individuals with the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking needed to address the world's most pressing challenges, while fostering innovation, resilience, and empowerment across communities. Despite significant progress in recent decades, global education continues to face major challenges. Over 265 million children remain out of school, including 22% of primary school—age children, and many students who do attend school still lack foundational literacy and numeracy skills. While strides have been made in achieving gender parity at the primary education level, few countries have realized equality at all levels of learning. Key barriers include a shortage of trained teachers, inadequate school infrastructure, and inequities in access, particularly for rural and marginalized children.

Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) seeks to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all and to promote lifelong learning opportunities. At its core, SDG 4 emphasizes universal access to primary and secondary education, affordable early childhood education, and the elimination of gender and socioeconomic disparities. It also highlights the importance of bridging education with employment, equipping learners with relevant skills for meaningful work, entrepreneurship, and economic empowerment.









Years of Alumni & Students La Petite 150K+ 11+ 20+ GD Goenka Across the Globe Preschools University Toddler House K-12 Healthcare 150+ **80+** 100+ Academies Schools **Preschools** 



# **GD GOENKA EDUCATION CITY**





Beyond academics, SDG 4 advocates a holistic approach to learning that incorporates environmental awareness, global citizenship, cultural understanding, and the skills necessary for sustainable development. Education is recognized not only as a pathway to individual growth but also as a foundation for broader societal advancement. By fostering educated and empowered communities, societies can break cycles of poverty, improve health and well-being, promote gender equality, and strengthen resilience against social and environmental challenges. Achieving SDG 4 is thus integral to realizing the broader 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Through strategic investments in scholarships, teacher training, infrastructure development, and inclusive learning environments, societies can ensure that all individuals—regardless of background or location—have the opportunity to reach their full potential and contribute to building sustainable, resilient, and equitable communities.

Beyond academics, GDGU encourages students to engage in community development, research, and innovation projects that contribute to societal well-being. By fostering awareness, critical thinking, and applied skills, the university helps learners become responsible global citizens capable of addressing challenges related to health, poverty, gender equality, and sustainable development. Through its educational, research, and outreach initiatives, GD Goenka University actively contributes to SDG 4, empowering students to reach their full potential and play a transformative role in building resilient, equitable, and sustainable communities.

## 2. GD Goenka University Initiatives

#### a) Students Enrolled

GD Goenka University (GDGU) is deeply committed to advancing Quality Education (SDG 4) through innovation, inclusivity, and excellence in teaching, research, and community engagement. The university aims to bridge educational gaps, foster creativity, and integrate real-world problem-solving into academic learning. By blending theoretical knowledge with practical experience, GDGU nurtures well-rounded professionals equipped to address contemporary social, economic, and environmental challenges.

Number of students in U, PG and PhD programs in GD Goenka University

### **Student Strength**

	U	G	P	G	Ph	.D.	Ţ	JG	PG D	iploma
							Dip	loma		
Total Number of Full-	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
time Students on Rolls	1993	1750	401	323	123	187	112	5	75	46
Total Number of UG					PG			F	h.D.	
Regular Academic Programs Offered (2023-2024)	43					26			2	26





Total Number of	UG	PG	Ph.D	PG
Degree(s) Awarded				Diploma
(Till August 2024)	3056	907	128	239

# b) Empowering Career Development and Lifelong Learning at GD Goenka University & Mentor-Mentee Policy: A Contribution to SDG 4: Graduates to Teach

GD Goenka University (GDGU) is deeply committed to delivering quality education in line with Sustainable Development Goal 4, which emphasizes inclusive, equitable, and lifelong learning opportunities for all. Since its establishment, GDGU has focused on nurturing a generation of skilled professionals equipped to contribute meaningfully to society and the nation's development. The university provides comprehensive career guidance, mentorship, and skill-building initiatives that ensure students are prepared to thrive in an increasingly complex and dynamic world.

To achieve this, GDGU has established a dedicated Career and Counselling Cell (CRC) that works in tandem with individual schools to design tailored training programs. These initiatives enhance students' aptitude, soft skills, and domain-specific competencies. The university administers assessments, employability workshops, and mentoring sessions to help students explore diverse career pathways and make informed choices aligned with their aspirations. Support is also extended for preparation in globally recognized exams such as IELTS, and national assessments including GATE, SSC, NET, Army, Judiciary Services, CTET, and other government examinations, enabling students to excel both domestically and internationally.

Guided career counselling lies at the heart of GDGU's approach to quality education. Structured sessions help students identify their strengths and areas for growth, while exposure to multiple professional pathways encourages informed decision-making. By integrating these programs within the academic curriculum, GDGU promotes holistic development, ensuring students are not only academically proficient but also capable of addressing contemporary challenges with innovation, adaptability, and resilience.

Through its rigorous academic framework, mentorship, and skill-building initiatives, GD Goenka University advances the objectives of SDG 4. The university empowers learners with knowledge, critical thinking, and practical skills necessary for lifelong learning, professional excellence, and active contribution to sustainable and inclusive societal development.

No. of Mentees	4467
No. of Mentors	232

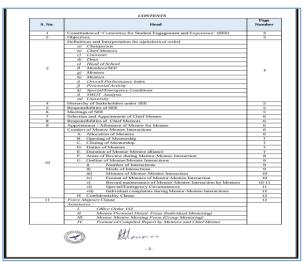
#### Claim

- At GD Goenka University, faculty members ensure the implementation of the mentoring system that allows peer group mentoring along with the teacher-student mentoring
- Mentors are allocated to mentees of GDGU for student mentorship. The mentors maintain their mentor-mentee data as per the devised formats.
- The day-to-day issues are resolved at the mentor level and further major issues/concerns reported at department head level are resolved by the concerned department head in consultation with the respective mentor and Chief mentor of the respective School.
- The mentorship reports are presented during the meetings of IQAC for the perusal of members.











#### Metric 2.3.2:

The institution adopts effective Mentor-Mentee Schemes to address academics and student-psychological issues

#### 2.3.2 Approved Mentor-Mentee list of School of Law

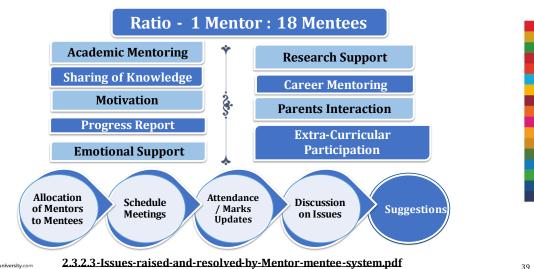
		SCHOOL OF LAW	,			
MENT	OR MENT	TEE LIST FOR THE ACAI	DEMIC YEAR 2023-2024			
BA LL.B. (H)						
NAME OF MENTOR	S.NO.	ENROLLMENT NO.	NAME OF THE STUDENT			
	1	230060401001	Vishwadeep Vijay Yadav			
	2	230060401055	Kumari Simran Simran			
	3	230060401042	Phenil Banerjee			
	4	230060401043	Payoja Banerjee Banerjee			
	5	230060401030	Alyn Ndlovu			
	6	230060401044	Aryan Kadian			
	7	230060401032	Krishna Malhotra			
	8	230060401035	Mehul Sharma			
	9	230060401036	Ubika Azni			
MR. PANKAJ	10	230060401033	Neeraj Sangwan			
AVASTHI	11	230060401037	Nishu Nishu			
	12	230060401039	Taniya Bisht			
	13	230060401002	Rajalakshmi Shankar Srinivasan			
	14	230060401004	Jitesh Chandna			
	15	230060401005	Isha Soni			
	16	230060401006	Dikshant Chauhan			
	17	230060401007	Gulafsha Khan			
	18	230060401009	Ansar			
	19	230060401010	Pari Gupta			
	20	230060401012	Yuvraj			
	21	230060401013	Nitin			
	22	230060401014	Kashish Soni			
	23	230060401015	Khushboo			
	24	230060401018	Sahil Kumar			
MS. VIBHA	25	230060401019	Kriti Kumari			
BANDHU	26	230060401022	Ruksaar Maksood			
(SS)	24	230060401026	Akarshak Singh Parihar			
9/-	281	230060401027	Archita Pithani			





# Personalized support through Mentor-Mentee Program





# **Student Support Initiatives**



# **Activities for Slow Learners**

- ❖ Peer Tutoring
- Remedial Classes
- Study Groups
- Structured Notes
- Visual Aids via Flowcharts, diagrams
- Assignments & Question Solving Sessions



MENTOR-MENTEE SESSIONS
www.gdgoenkauniversity.com



Assignments & Question Solving Sessions

#### **Activities for Average Learners**

- Collaborative Projects
- Case Studies
- \* Classroom Discussion
- \* Regular Assignments
- Seminar
- **❖ VAC Courses**
- ❖ Extracurricular







**Collaborative Projects** 

37





# c) Corporate Resource Center: Bridging Education and Employability at GD Goenka University

At GD Goenka University (GDGU), education extends far beyond classroom instruction. Preparing students to thrive in a rapidly evolving global environment requires a holistic ecosystem that combines academic excellence with practical industry exposure. The Corporate Resource Center (CRC) embodies this vision by creating career-ready graduates equipped with the knowledge, skills, and competencies demanded by today's workplaces.

The CRC bridges the gap between academic learning and industry expectations through structured initiatives, immersive skill-building programs, and sustained collaboration with corporate partners. Best practices in career advancement guide all CRC activities, ensuring personalized and high-quality student support. Key components include:

- o Career Counselling and Guidance Framework
- Structured Employability Programs
- Integrated Learning
- Continuous Feedback Mechanisms
- Industry–Academia Collaboration
- Employability Enhancement Programs
- Skill-Building Initiatives

Through these initiatives, GD Goenka University operationalizes SDG 4 by ensuring inclusive, high-quality education that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and competencies to excel in their careers, contribute to societal development, and engage in lifelong learning.

d) National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) - The institutional governance and leadership at GD Goenka University align closely with the vision and mission of the institution. This alignment is evident in various institutional practices, including the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP), sustained institutional growth, decentralized decision-making, active participation in governance by stakeholders, and the formulation and execution of both short-term and long-term Institutional Perspective Plans.







# **NEP Implementation**





- 34 courses implementation of NEP-2020 from AY 2023-24 (except programs governed by regulatory Bodies)
- **Major & Minors**
- **Skill Enhancement Courses**
- **Multidisciplinary Courses**
- Value-Added Courses
- **Ability Enhancement Courses**
- Nomination of NEP SAARTHI



- **Curriculum Updates with** Indian Knowledge System (IKS) Courses
- **Community Service Integration**
- MOOCs/NPTEL/SWAYAM courses integrated in the Curriculum
- Compulsory 4 credit Internship
- **Provision for Multiple Entry** and Exit



- Integration of Vocational education into mainstream program
- Introduction of Online Degree in conventional courses.
- Internationalization (joint/ twinning/ dual degree)
- **Establishment of National Research Foundation**
- Translation of books into Indian languages

# ACHIEVEMENT & RECOGNITION







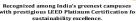
Part of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) Program. joining over 1,700 institutions worldwide in advan-





NIRF Ranking 2025 - Ranked 90 in Pharms









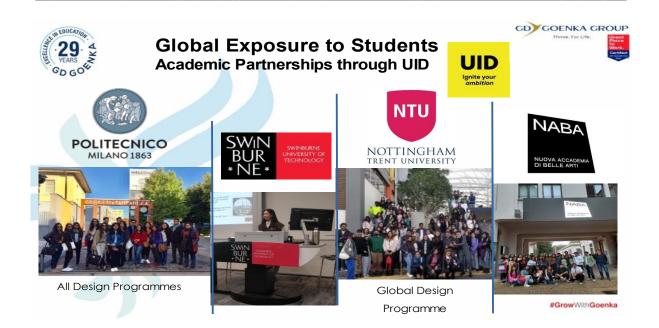


Gold Recognition under the Gree Campus Programme AY- 2025-26









# A Parisian Partnership

Hosting the 128 Year Old Le Cordon Bleu, the World's Leading Culinary School from France





GD GOENKA GROUP



# f) Revolutionising Education

GD Goenka University (GDGU) is redefining the future of learning through innovation, technology integration, and a learner-centric approach. The university's vision of "Transforming Dreams into Reality" is reflected in its commitment to revolutionising education by combining academic rigor with experiential and skill-based learning. GDGU emphasizes creativity, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary collaboration to prepare students for the evolving global landscape.

The university has adopted modern pedagogical practices, including outcome-based education, project-based learning, flipped classrooms, and digital learning platforms that enhance student engagement and autonomy. Advanced laboratories, smart classrooms, and virtual learning environments enable students to gain practical exposure and global perspectives.

GDGU's strong focus on research-led teaching ensures that students are not only consumers of knowledge but also contributors to innovation. The integration of technology, entrepreneurship, and sustainability into academic programs equips learners with the competencies required for Industry 4.0 and beyond.

Through collaborations with international universities, industries, and research organizations, GD Goenka University continues to create opportunities for global learning and cultural exchange. Its emphasis on inclusivity, lifelong learning, and social impact reflects a transformative approach that aligns education with the broader goals of human development and sustainable progress.



### g) Outcome Based Education

Outcome Based Education is an educational framework that focuses on what students are able to do after they graduate. Under OBE, curricula, teaching methods, assessments, and learning resources are all designed to ensure students achieve specific learning outcomes, such as subject knowledge, skills, and attitudes. How OBE works:

- Defining clear learning outcomes for each course and programme (e.g. critical thinking, technical skills, ethical reasoning)
- Aligning course content, assessments, and teaching methods with those outcomes
- Measuring students' achievements against those outcomes
- Continuously improving curricula based on feedback and assessment results





### **Examples of OBE at GD Goenka University:**

- Smart / interactive classrooms and labs where students learn by doing rather than just listening to lectures
- Capstone or project-based assignments where students solve real-life problems (e.g. a final year project designing a sustainable system or product)
- Regular feedback loops: collecting student feedback on what they learned vs what they expected, and reworking course modules accordingly
- Incorporation of industry-relevant skills (e.g. digital tools, communication, data analysis) into learning outcomes and assessments







# h) Scholarships



Dated: 29.12.2023

#### SANCTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS/FREESHIP FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2023-24

As per the recommendation of the Scholarship Awards Committee after reviewing the applications for Scholarships in different categories, the Board of Management, GDGU in its 51<sup>st</sup> meeting /Agenda 51.4 dated 22/12/2023 "(To approve the recommendations of scholarship by the Scholarship Award Committee for the students admitted in the academic year 2023-24)" has sanctioned the scholarship/freeship to students for the academic year 2023-24 as follows:

Sr. No.	Title of Scholarship/Freeship Category	Number of students benefitted by Scholarship/Freeship	Amount Sanctioned (INR)	
1	On-Admission Merit Scholarship	481	31446650	
2	Admission Sports Scholarship	1	11000	
3	Haryana MCM	112	11745000	
4	First Attempt AGPA	37	2191350	
5	MAT Based Scholarship	5	214800	
6	Chancellor Scholarship (Underprivileged Girls/Boys)	61	10420999	
7	Goenkan Scholarship	3	78000	
8	Tuition Fee Waiver 100%	5	749000	
9	EWS Scholarship	1	14600	
10	International Student Fee Freeship	377	20052200	
11	Student Learning Enhancement Support Scheme	278	1390000	
12	Financial Assistance to Girl- Students	476	2380000	
13	Edu Empower Scheme	2630	13150000	
	Total	4467	93843599	

Dr. Anand Kumar Singh Member

Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik Member

Prof. (Dr.) Anuradha Tiwari Member Secretary Mr. Mohit Singhal Member

Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Sharma Coordinator

Prof. (Dr.) Kim Menezes Vice-Chancellor





GD Goenka University offers a range of scholarships to support deserving students across academic, sports, and cultural domains. These include:

- Merit-based fee waivers for undergraduate and postgraduate admissions, depending on performance in board exams or entrance tests.
- Scholarships tied to national-level tests or university entrance examinations.
- Special scholarships for sports achievements, social service, cultural performance, or bravery awards.
- Eligibility for some scholarships based on domicile status (e.g. Haryana domicile).
- Scholarships are awarded for a specific academic year and reviewed annually, with continuation often dependent on student performance.

# 3. Student Engagement and Initiatives

GD Goenka University emphasizes experiential learning and community participation as essential components of quality education. Various initiatives—such as community learning programs, school outreach drives, and awareness campaigns—are conducted to promote education beyond the classroom. The university organizes inter-school competitions, leadership workshops, and youth innovation challenges to encourage creativity and critical thinking among students. Programs like Youth for Change, SDG Clubs, and skill-development workshops provide platforms for students to apply their learning in real-life contexts.









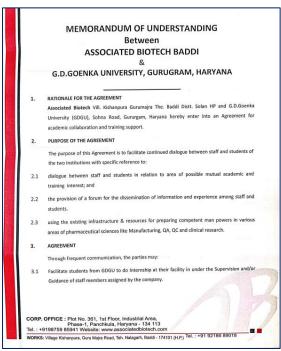
Through these outreach efforts, GDGU reinforces the values of inclusivity, sustainability, and social responsibility, ensuring that education contributes to building empowered and compassionate global citizens.

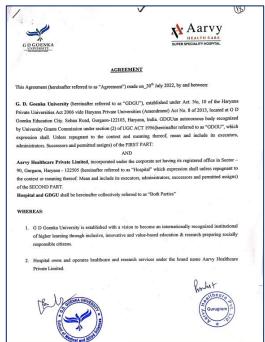


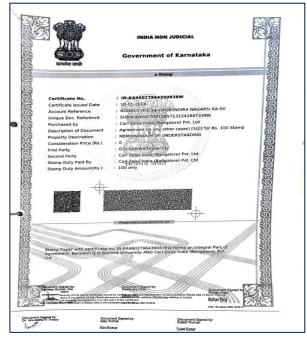


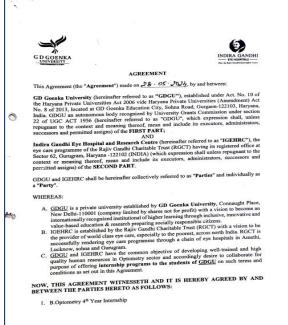
# 4. Partnerships for Inclusive Growth

https://www.gdgoenkauniversity.com/collaborations













### 5. Research and Publications

GD Goenka University (GDGU) has established itself as a hub for innovation, research, and interdisciplinary collaboration, fostering a strong culture of inquiry across diverse academic disciplines. The university's Research and Development (R&D) Department, established in 2016, serves as the central body for advancing high-quality research, facilitating research grants, promoting intellectual property rights (IPR), and nurturing collaborations with national and international institutions. GDGU's research ecosystem is structured around dedicated centres of excellence, state-of-the-art laboratories, and cross-disciplinary initiatives that align with national and global research priorities.

a) Key Research Centres and Facilities

Ideathon22

# **Centre of Excellence**





G D GOENKA





















Centre of Excellence in Occupational Health, Safety, Fire, and Environment (C-OHSFE)





GD Goenka University promotes a vibrant research ecosystem across its diverse schools, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation. Faculty and students are engaged in projects focusing on sustainable technologies, digital education tools, and social innovation. Research areas include the development of bio-based materials for sustainability, AI applications in education and healthcare, renewable energy utilization for campus operations, and smart agriculture solutions. These initiatives align with the university's vision of contributing to a sustainable and knowledge-driven society. Through partnerships with industries, research organizations, and government agencies, GDGU ensures that its research outcomes have practical, community-level impact.



#### c) Research and Innovation Governance

The university's University Research and Innovation Council (URIC) provides strategic direction to its research agenda, ensuring alignment with national priorities such as Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The council also oversees quality assurance, ethics compliance, and capacity building among researchers.

GDGU has received research grants from premier funding agencies, including the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), supporting projects on groundwater quality assessment in the Mewat region, digital learning systems, and astrophysical modelling.

The university also maintains centralized research facilities, promotes interdisciplinary collaboration, and regularly conducts seminars, faculty development programs, and international conferences to strengthen its research ecosystem.

https://www.gdgoenkauniversity.com/pdf/Innovations.pdf





### d) Publications

The university's faculty and researchers actively contribute to publications addressing key global challenges such as sustainable development, digital transformation, educational inclusivity, and environmental protection. GDGU's research outputs include policy briefs, journal articles, and case studies focusing on education innovation, technological interventions, and social equity. These scholarly contributions reflect the university's dedication to producing actionable knowledge that advances both academic discourse and societal well-being.

SDG 4 - Quality Education - Publications - 18

S.No.	Туре	Title	Authors	Journal / Book	Year
1	Article •	Faculty transformation for	Banerji, B.;	Journal of University	2025
	Open Access	enhanced student learning: A	Girija, S.;	Teaching and	
		structural equation modelling study	Sharma,	Learning Practice	
		on responsible management	D.R.; Batra,		
		education in India	N.;		
			Sriramneni,		
			C.		
2	Article •	Solar ViT: Vision Transformer for	Makwane,	International Journal	2025
	Open Access	Fault Detection in Solar PV Systems	P.; Kumar,	of Basic and Applied	
			Y.;	Sciences	
			Srivastava,		
			A.; Singh, S.;		
			Sisodiya, V.		
3	Book	Bringing Inclusivity for the	Saini, K.;	Leadership Paradigms	2025
	Chapter	Differently Abled Through	Khan, N.;	and the Impact of	
		Leadership and Innovation in	Khalique, F.	Technology	
		Higher Educational Institutes: The			
		Educationists' Perspective			
4	Book	Gender Difference in Mathematics	Kaushal, R.	Subverting Social	2025
	Chapter	Performance: A Global Perspective		Inequalities: Gender	
				as a Social Reality	
5	Article	Enhanced WDM system with	Gummadi,	Journal of Optical	2025
		dynamic bandwidth allocation and	D.V.;	Communications	
		performance monitoring	Nampally,		
			H.; Sagabala,		
			P.; Sachdeva,		
			S.; Shukla,		
			M.K.		
6	Review •	Critical Review of Use of Medical	Kapoor, G.;	Journal of Indian	2024
	Open Access	Versus Social Model for	Kaul, S.	Association for Child	
		Identification of Learning		and Adolescent	
		Disabilities		Mental Health	





7	Book	A comparison of India's higher	Kapoor, S.;	Evaluating Global	2024
•	Chapter	education quality accreditation	Khalique, F.;	Accreditation	
		parameters with those of other	Khan, N.	Standards for Higher	
		international accreditation agencies	,	Education	
8	Conference	Human-Centric Al Adoption and Its	Shchepkina,	Bio Web of	2024
	Paper •	Influence on Worker Productivity:	N.;	Conferences	
	Open Access	An Empirical Investigation	Ramnarayan,		
			N.; Dhaliwal,		
			N.; Nangia,		
			R.; Kumar,		
			M.		
9	Conference	Blueprint for a Commercial	Guven, U.;	Proceedings of the	2024
	Paper	Spaceport in the United Arab	Goel, E.	International	
		Emirates: A Springboard for		Astronautical	
		Innovation and Economic Growth in		Congress (IAC)	
		the Space Industry			
10	Article	Exploring the drivers and barriers to	Garg, R.;	International Journal	2024
		the non-formal education in	Chhikara, R.;	of Inclusive Education	
		Anganwadi centers for sustainable	Kataria, A.;		
		development education: a multiple	Agrawal, G.		
		stakeholder study			
11	Article	Ensemble Learning for Appraising	Kumar, R.;	International Journal	2023
		English Text Readability using	Arora, S.;	of Performability	
		Gompertz Function	Arya, A.;	Engineering	
			Arya, V.;		
			Singh, E.		
12	Article	Culture, Compliance, Collaboration	Prasad, M.;	Indian Journal of	2023
		led Green Entrepreneurship for	Jha, A.	Environmental	
		Environment Protection		Protection	
13	Conference	Educational AI and Ethical Growth:	Khan,	26th International	2023
	Paper	Exploring the effects of ChatGPT on	M.M.R.R.;	Conference on	
		student learning strategies, critical	Bin Habib,	Computer and	
		thinking, and academic ethics from	S.; Tasnim,	Information	
		a Bangladeshi academic	S.T.; Islam,	Technology (ICCIT)	
4.		perspective	M.A.		2555
14	Article	Sustainable consumption practices	Kaur, J.;	Society and Business	2022
		in Indian households: a saga of	Mogaji, E.;	Review	
		environment management linked	Wadera, D.;		
		to Indian ethos and generational	Gupta, S.		
4-	A	differences	Cin al. A	Tuesday	2022
15	Article	SDG 4 and Program inclusive credit-	Singh, A.;	Transnational	2022
		based MOOCs in Higher	Kakkar, K.B.	Marketing Journal	
		Educational Institutions of India			
		(HEIs): Students' perspective			



1.0	A mai al a la	Unification of modeline adia with	Davis C.V.	laureal an Efficiency	2020
16	Article •	Unification of multimedia with	Bawa, S.K.;	Journal on Efficiency	2020
	Open Access	techniques of art and vedic	Kaushal, R.;	and Responsibility in	
		aphorisms for development of	Dhillon, J.K.	Education and	
		mathematical skills: A study of		Science	
		Indian and UK school students			
17	Article	A meta-analysis of the impact of	Chauhan, S.	Computers and	2017
		technology on learning		Education	
		effectiveness of elementary			
		students			
18	Article	Determinants of acceptance of ERP	Chauhan, S.;	International Journal	
		software training in business	Jaiswal, M.P.	of Management	
		schools: Empirical investigation		Education	
		using UTAUT model			

### 6. Impact and Way Forward

GD Goenka University's initiatives in quality education have significantly enhanced student learning outcomes, employability, and holistic development. Through comprehensive academic programs, career counselling, skill-building workshops, and industry immersion, students have gained both theoretical knowledge and practical competencies aligned with global standards. The university's focus on inclusive education, interdisciplinary learning, and mentorship has fostered critical thinking, innovation, and lifelong learning among its student community.

Looking ahead, GDGU plans to further strengthen its academic and professional ecosystem by expanding research collaborations, enhancing partnerships with industry and government, and introducing innovative pedagogical approaches. The University aims to continuously improve access to quality education, reduce skill gaps, and equip students with the competencies needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. By advancing these strategies, GDGU remains committed to driving systemic educational transformation and contributing meaningfully to the achievement of SDG 4 at local, national, and global levels.

