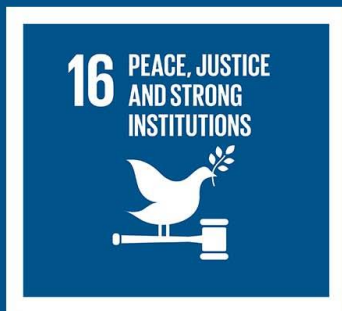


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## **SDG 16**

Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG 16 or Global Goal 16) is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations in 2015, the official wording is: "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels".

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**DIU's Contributions and Progress:**

Publication of Academic Journal: DIU Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences	1 issue
Elected representation on Governing Body	Ensured Faculty and Employee representation in the Governing body  Director, Students Affairs represents students in the Governing body
Students Association (foreign)	Yes (2)
Engagement of local stakeholders	Yes
Anti-Bribery & corruption policy	Yes, following
Academic freedom	Yes
Outreach and education for upskilling & capacity building	Yes

**Expert Advice/recommendation to Government**

**Recommendation to Government through National HR Summit**

Daffodil International University organized the National HR summit in collaboration with a2i (Aspire to Innovate) and supported by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) and the Bangladesh Society of Human Resources Management (BSHRM).



ICT secretary Md Shamsul Arefin was present as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony, while Mohd Monirul Islam, additional secretary, SDG affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Mohammad Nuruzzamn, CEO, Daffodil Family, Tapan Kanti Sarker, president CTO Forum, Mohammad Mashequr Rahman Khan, president Bangladesh Society for Human Resource Development Anir Chowdhury, policy adviser, Aspire to Innovate, were present as special guests.

**Contribution to the Development of National Secondary Education**



**Collaboration with Government and Contribution to Export Industry**

Dr. Md. Kamrul Hossain, Associate Professor of DIU, as a National Consultant collaborated with the Export Promotion Bureau under the Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for improving the capacity and capability of exporters of Bangladesh. He led a study on enhancing the capability of selected export-supporting organizations of Bangladesh compared to the similar ones of competing countries. He briefed the EPB and ministry of Commerce officials regarding the impact of the findings of the study and how those findings can be addressed better to improve the export performance of Bangladesh to achieve the national long term export target.



**Outreach and education for upskilling & capacity building**

**Conducted Outreach Advanced Training on Mobile Documentary**

Dr. Abdul Kabil Khan, Associate Professor of the Department of Journalism, Media and Communication, conducted the 'Advanced Training on Mobile Documentary' under the project 'Our Shared Cultural Heritage (OSCH)' in Rajshahi. At the two-day training session, the participants learnt about the fundamental aspects of mobile documentary, mind-mapping, video shooting, storyboarding editing and so on. A total number of 22 participants joined the training sessions.



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### The Hepatitis 'B' Virus or Liver Cirrhosis Immunization Program Arranged by DIU



One in every twelve people of the world are affected by Hepatitis 'B'. The Hepatitis 'B' Virus or Liver Cirrhosis Immunization Program was arranged by Social Business Students' Forum (SBSF) of DIU and managed by Family and Community Empowerment Support (FACES). This was organized as part of DIU's social responsibility with the motto of elimination of hepatitis B thinking about the health and safety of everyone including the students of the University. The three doses of the vaccine were given by arranging three camps between May to August 2022.

More than one thousand students, employees, faculty and local community people got Hepatitis 'B' vaccine under the program. There is a need to be fully aware of this virus and getting vaccinated against 'Hepatitis B' virus helps to protect ourselves and our surroundings, and our families

### Participation in government research

#### Collaboration with Bangladesh Medical Research Council



The Public Health Department of DIU has been conducting a research project entitled "Health problems of University Students Due to Smartphone Addiction" in collaboration with Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) under HPNSP. Prof. Dr. Md. Shahjahan from the Public Health Department of DIU is leading the project to identify the health-related problems resulting from excessive use of smartphones and how the problem can be solved.



### DIU Faculty Contributed to the Major Medical Journals of Bangladesh



Prof. Dr. Md. Shahjahan, Department of Public Health Department of Daffodil International University contributed to the workshop on “Orientation of Editors and Reviewers of Four Major Medical Journals of Bangladesh ” as an expert in this field. He is also contributing to the DIU Journal of Allied Health Sciences.

### Daffodil Youth Engagement and Support Club - DIU YES TIB Committee at DIU

Daffodil International University has a students’ club namely: Daffodil Youth Engagement and Support Club - DIU YES. The YES group in universities is an initiative of the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB). The motto of this group is to address contemporary social issues to help others and promote patriotism, democracy, good governance and anti-corruption values. A member of this group is to be an active volunteer, a member of a respected international organization, a leader in the community and a friend to people in need.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/diuyesclub>

### National Youth Conference 2023

DIU YES members participated in the “National Youth Conference 2023”, organized by Citizen’s Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh in collaboration with Plan International Bangladesh, Transparency International Bangladesh, Actionaid, WaterAid, British Council, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Heks Eper, etc. The objective of the conference was to encourage youths to protest against all sorts of corruption and to develop a sustainable society for all.



### DIU-YES Club Participated in the Inter-YES Debate Competition on Anti-corruption

An inter-YES Debate Competition on Anti-corruption was organized by the Youth Engagement and Support (YES) group. The DIU-YES Club also participated in the debate competition which was organized to create awareness among the youths of the country to campaign on anti-corruption concept.



### Art of Living course at DIU

To address the problem of degradation of moral and ethical values, Daffodil International University (DIU) has introduced an "Art of Living" main course with an objective to bring positive changes in individuals. In order to apply this learning in a practical context, DIU organizes parents day in each semester where both parents and students share their experiences, emotions and finally DIU found a huge impact on students' study, academic performance, living style, practicing moral values, employability etc. It creates three-dimensional relationships (students, parents and teachers) and has growth potential with scalability as it helps to develop responsive and sustainable citizenship. Its contents include: Learning to Learn, Self Esteem, Psychological Support, Personal Behaviour, Parents, Life & Living, Mind Mapping, Style of Living & Mindfulness, Job Searching Techniques, Transforming Failure into Success, Impression Management, Ethical Living, Career Plan, Out of the Box thinking, etc. are unique and innovative inclusions into the curricula. The students can learn the best ethical and moral practices through their academic learning that helps them to become ethical and responsible citizens of the country. It also helps them to keep aloof from all types of militancy, drug addiction, terrorism, cyberbullying, ragging etc. The most important and unique outcome of this initiative is that the students can truly believe in family bondings that makes them responsive to the society and the country as a whole.



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### Activities and Events:

#### Attended Freedom of the Press - Challenges in the Digital Age Seminar in Germany

The International Academy for Leadership (IAF) of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, a renowned non-profit organisation selected Dr. Abdul Kabil Khan to participate in the international seminar on "Freedom of the Press - Challenges in the Digital Age" in Gummersbach, Germany from 30 April to 12 May 2023. Dr. Khan contributed with his expertise and collaboration with IAF.



More details:

<https://en.prothomalo.com/youth/education/imfuqpyxkb>



#### Collaboration with JCI Barishal (A Youth Association) on Journalism Fellowship

JCI Barishal and the Department of Journalism, Media and Communication, DIU, have recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in order to foster a journalism fellowship project titled 'Barishal Voices: Empowering Regional Journalism' in the coming days.

#### Empowering Future News Presenters: A Skill Development Workshop



HRDI (Human Resource Development Institute) recently organized a workshop titled "Get One Step Closer to Becoming a News Presenter" at Aminul Islam Conference Room, Daffodil Smart City (DSC). The workshop featured Ms. Tahsina Yasmin, a senior news presenter at SATV, who shared invaluable insights on building a successful career in news presentation.

Participants had the opportunity to enhance their vocal skills, receive specific feedback on news reading, and explore various presentation techniques. This event aligns with SDG 4 (Quality Education) by providing skill development opportunities to empower individuals in pursuing careers in news presentation, contributing to their personal

growth and the media industry.



### Anger Management & Emotional Growth Workshop at DIU

Daffodil International University (DIU) and the Human Resource Development Institute (HRDI) collaborated to host a workshop on "Anger Management & Emotional Growth." Led by Assistant Professor Md. Ejaj-Ur-Rahaman, the event aimed to equip students with valuable anger management skills and promote emotional growth. It addressed the importance of emotional well-being, aligning with SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being). The workshop, held on September 17, 2022, featured Md. Abu Tareque, a psychologist from DIU, and drew students from the Multimedia and Creative Technology department.



### Unraveling World War II: A Comprehensive Exploration of Causes and Consequences



As part of the Erasmus+ faculty exchange program, Dr. Mihai Stelian Rusu, PhD, conducted a workshop on 'World War II: Causes & Consequences' at Daffodil International University. This event, held on February 14, 2023, demonstrated a commitment to international collaboration and knowledge-sharing. The workshop focused on the cultural and economic impacts of World War II, Cold War dynamics, and the post-World War II era in South Asia. It aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) promoting quality education and global partnerships. Dr. Mihai provided insights into how the Second World War shaped global cultures and economies, as well as the political and ideological divide between the United States and the Soviet Union. The workshop fostered cross-cultural understanding and advanced knowledge on significant historical events.

### WHEELS OF HOPE: A Collaborative Journey of Empathy and Education



Daffodil International University (DIU) and Lodz University of Technology (TUL), Poland, collaborated on the documentary film 'WHEELS OF HOPE,' premiered on March 3, 2023. Created by 16 DIU students under the guidance of Dr. Marta Miaskowska from TUL, the film highlights the challenging lives of rickshaw pullers in Dhaka, aligning with SDGs focused on reducing inequalities and promoting quality education. The premiere brought together academic dignitaries, students, and local audiences, emphasizing empathy and education's role in addressing social issues.

### DIU Air Rover Scout Group Celebrates Scout Day with a Day-Long Camp



To celebrate Scout Day, the DIU Air Rover Scout Group organized a day-long camp at Daffodil Smart City and Fantasy Kingdom. This event aimed to enhance rover scouts' skills and leadership qualities through practical activities like cleanliness drives, hiking, first aid training, and team-building games. The camp promotes camaraderie and responsibility while contributing to various UN Sustainable Development Goals, including Quality Education, Good Health and

Well-Being, and Partnerships for the Goals. It serves as a platform for youth skill development, community engagement, and leadership.

### Youth Engagement in Bangladesh's Human Rights Dialogue: A DLRC and ASK Initiative

Daffodil Legal Research Centre (DLRC) and Ain O Shalish Kendra (ASK) came together to organize a program titled "UPR and Bangladesh: Dialogue with Youths," which took place at Daffodil International University (DIU) on September 27, 2022. The dialogue was led by representatives of ASK and engaged around 30 students. The inaugural session featured notable speakers, including Abu Ahmed Fajjul Kabir, Senior Coordinator of Advocacy and Networking at ASK. Md. Riaduzzaman, Assistant Professor of Law, skillfully moderated the program. This initiative supports Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by fostering youth engagement in human rights dialogue and advocacy for a more equitable and just society.



### Enhancing Safety Awareness: DIU Fire and Earthquake Drill Training



In pursuit of safety and preparedness for fire and earthquake incidents, Daffodil International University's Safety & Security Department conducted a comprehensive training program on October 20, 2022, at Daffodil Smart City, Ashulia, Dhaka. The training encompassed Fire Evacuation Drill Practice, Firefighting, Earthquake Response, First Aid, and Rescue Techniques. These proactive measures align with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by prioritizing safety and disaster preparedness, ensuring a more resilient and secure future for all.