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### **Sustainable cities and communities**

**LINK of the the report of the event Centre of Excellence: Gwalior as a Smart City, Amity University Madhya Pradesh organized a presentation competition named ‘Ek Swapna: The Smart Gwalior,’ at Seminar Hall, D-Block is given below:-**

[Centre of Excellence – Gwalior as a Smart City ‘Ek Swapn: The Smart Gwalior’ Presentation Competition](#)

### **SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities – “Ek Swapn: The Smart Gwalior”**

The United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11) envisions cities and human settlements that are inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. As urbanization accelerates, the need for well-planned, sustainable cities has become a global priority. Smart city initiatives aim to integrate technology, environmental awareness, and civic responsibility to enhance the quality of life for all citizens. Recognizing this, Amity University Madhya Pradesh (AUMP) actively aligns its educational and community efforts with SDG 11 through experiential learning, collaboration, and innovation-driven activities.

On 24th May 2024, the Centre of Excellence – Gwalior as a Smart City at Amity University Madhya Pradesh organized a thought-provoking presentation competition titled “Ek Swapn: The Smart Gwalior” at the Seminar Hall, D-Block. This initiative served as a vibrant

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platform for students to envision a sustainable and technologically advanced Gwalior while learning from the successful models of other smart cities across India.

### **Empowering Youth for Sustainable Urban Development**

The competition was inaugurated with opening remarks by Prof. (Dr.) Anil Vashisht, Hon'ble Officiating Vice Chancellor, Amity University Madhya Pradesh. He encouraged participants to explore how the best practices of Indian smart cities—such as Navi Mumbai, Surat, Ahmedabad, Indore, Pune, Coimbatore, and Chennai—could be adapted to strengthen Gwalior's sustainability framework. Prof. Vashisht also highlighted that while technology is a key enabler, the true essence of a smart city lies in the responsible conduct and civic behavior of its citizens.

Judged by Dr. Rajeev Dwivedi (Associate Dean, Student Welfare) and Dr. Vivek Gupta (Assistant Professor, Amity Business School), the event saw 11 teams from various institutes participate with enthusiasm. Each team analyzed the smart infrastructure, waste management, renewable energy practices, and sustainable urban models of different cities and proposed customized strategies for Gwalior's development.

### **Objectives and Outcomes**

The primary objective of *“Ek Swapn: The Smart Gwalior”* was to crowdsource innovative ideas from students and empower them to contribute toward a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient city. It emphasized sustainability-oriented urban planning, citizen engagement and responsible innovation which are the key elements of SDG 11.

Approximately 80–90 students attended the event, gaining awareness about the importance of sustainable urban development and the role of citizens in maintaining smart city infrastructure. The discussions highlighted the benefits of integrating green technologies, improving public transport systems, and promoting waste segregation and recycling to minimize environmental impact. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, recognizing outstanding presentations such as Coimbatore (1st Place), Kota (2nd Place), and Pune (3rd Place).

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## AUMP's Commitment to SDG 11 and SDG 17

This initiative reflects Amity University Madhya Pradesh's long-term commitment to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals through education, innovation, and partnership. By organizing interdisciplinary events like ***“Ek Swapn: The Smart Gwalior,”*** AUMP fosters collaboration among students, faculty, and local stakeholders, thereby embodying the spirit of SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals. The event successfully demonstrated how academic institutions can serve as catalysts for sustainable transformation by connecting knowledge with community development. It also reinforced AUMP's role in nurturing future leaders who can design urban environments that are technologically efficient, socially inclusive, and environmentally responsible. Through such forward-looking initiatives, Amity University Madhya Pradesh continues to align education with sustainability, inspiring its students to not just dream of a smarter city but to actively build it by turning vision into action for a sustainable tomorrow.





Pics of the event-“**Ek Swapn: The Smart Gwalior**”

### **SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities – Building a Greener Tomorrow**

The United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11) emphasizes creating inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable cities and communities. In a world that is rapidly urbanizing, it is crucial to ensure that development does not come at the cost of the environment. Cities today face challenges such as pollution, waste generation, resource depletion, and loss of biodiversity. The goal of SDG 11 is to build urban environments that balance progress with preservation — where communities thrive harmoniously with nature.

Recognizing this shared global responsibility, Amity University Madhya Pradesh (AUMP) actively promotes environmental awareness and sustainability-driven learning. As a part of its vision to nurture socially responsible citizens, AUMP regularly organizes initiatives that strengthen community participation and environmental stewardship. One such impactful

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initiative was the Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition organized on the occasion of Earth Day, 22nd April 2024, by Amity Business School, AUMP, Gwalior.

### **Celebrating Earth Day: A Creative Call for Sustainability**

The Earth Day event, held in the Foyer of Block-D, Amity Business School, brought together 77 enthusiastic student participants from various programs. The competition aimed to foster creativity and innovation in addressing environmental challenges through art and expression. Coordinated by Dr. Kishan Singh Rathore, Dr. Minakshi Tripathi, and Dr. Shweta Saxena, the event highlighted the university's commitment to engaging youth in sustainable action.

The objectives of the activity were multidimensional:

- To stimulate creativity and innovation in addressing environmental concerns.
- To celebrate the beauty and diversity of our planet while promoting conservation and sustainable development.
- To instill environmental responsibility among youth through active participation.
- To foster community engagement, bringing together students, faculty, and staff.
- To educate participants about environmental challenges and encourage local solutions.

The competition allowed students to voice their thoughts on sustainability through visually compelling posters and thought-provoking slogans. The entries reflected a shared concern for issues like plastic pollution, deforestation, climate change, and the need for a cleaner, greener planet.

### **Impact and Learning Outcomes**

The event achieved more than just artistic engagement as it became a powerful platform for environmental education. Participants and attendees gained awareness about simple,

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everyday practices that contribute to a sustainable future, such as reducing plastic use, conserving resources, and promoting waste segregation.

The involvement of the entire Amity community, including faculty, administrative staff and support personnel, turned the competition into a campus-wide movement. The event encouraged behavioral change, reminding everyone that sustainability begins with individual action. As one of the key outcomes, the competition heightened awareness about the Ministry of Earth Sciences' guidelines on environmental conservation and reaffirmed AUMP's alignment with national and global sustainability priorities.

### **Commitment to Sustainable Communities**

This initiative underlines AUMP's contribution to SDG 11 by promoting sustainable thinking and collective responsibility within its campus and the surrounding community. By fostering an environment that values artistic expression, ecological awareness, and civic engagement, the university plays an active role in shaping future leaders who understand the interdependence of humanity and nature.

Amity University Madhya Pradesh continues to work towards creating a sustainable campus model which will be the one that integrates education, research, and community outreach to build cities and communities that are inclusive, safe, resilient, and environmentally conscious. Through such initiatives, AUMP exemplifies how higher education institutions can inspire the next generation to not only dream of a better world but to actively create it.

The link for the event report related to SDG-11 is as follows:-

[Poster Making & Slogan Writing Competition on the occasion of Earth Day](#)



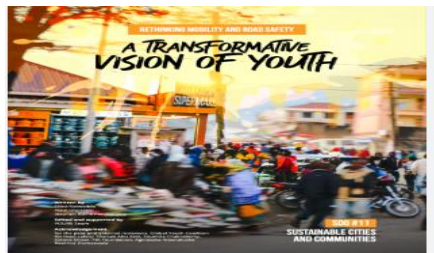


**SDG-11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

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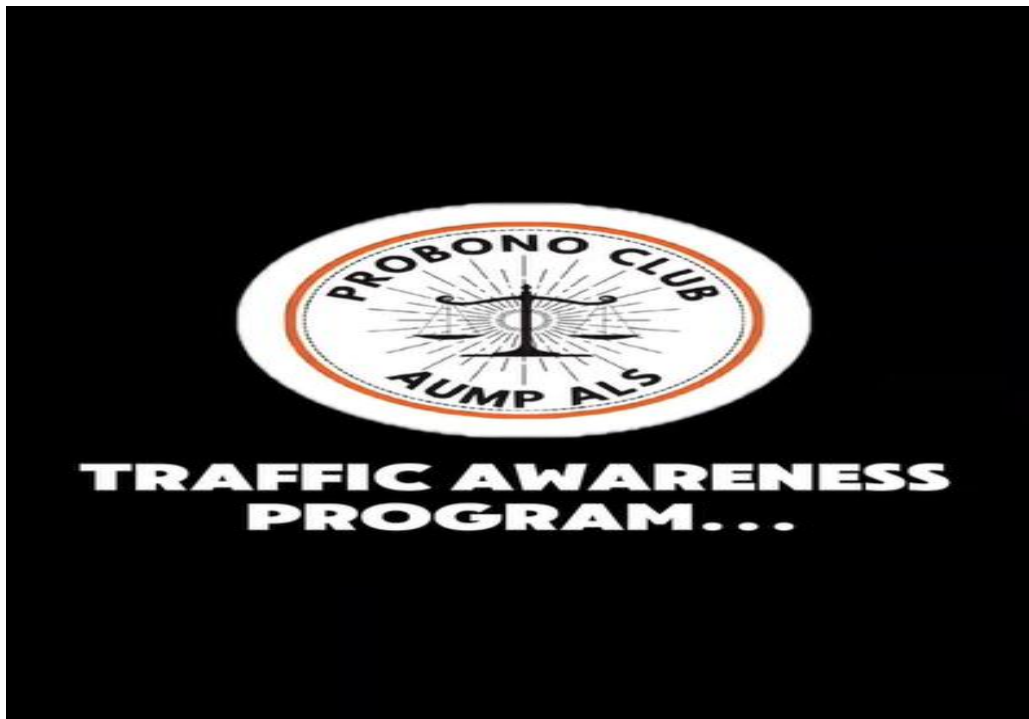
Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

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## Sustainable transport

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## **SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities – Creating Safer Roads, Responsible Citizens**

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11) aspires to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. A key element of sustainable urban living lies in ensuring road safety, responsible mobility and civic discipline. Road safety is not only a matter of infrastructure but also of awareness, behavior and shared responsibility. Sustainable communities flourish when citizens understand and practice the principles of safety, empathy and mutual respect in public spaces.

Recognizing this, Amity University Madhya Pradesh (AUMP) through its Pro Bono Club under Amity Law School has taken a proactive step in promoting civic consciousness and sustainable urban living through a series of Traffic Awareness Programs. These initiatives reflect the University's continuous efforts toward achieving SDG 11 and SDG 17 by combining legal knowledge, community service, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.

### **Traffic Awareness Program: A Step Towards Responsible Urban Citizenship**

On 04/04/2024 and on 18/04/2024, the Pro Bono Club of Amity Law School, AUMP organized a Traffic Awareness Program at Maharajpura, Gwalior, as part of its social outreach initiative. The program aimed to educate the public on traffic rights, essential road rules, and the importance of public safety. Students from Amity Law School actively participated, engaging with commuters and raising awareness about responsible driving habits and pedestrian safety. The initiative was conducted under the visionary guidance of Maj. Gen. Rajinder Kumar (AVSM, SM, VSM) (Retd.), Director, Amity Law School, and Dr. Arun Sharma, Associate Professor, who together mentor and oversee the Pro Bono Club's community programs. This activity was a continuation of AUMP's earlier awareness drives held in April 2024, including a Traffic Awareness Camp at the Tri-Junction of Amity University, where traffic challans were issued to violators which was including both

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students and faculty thereby reinforcing the message that no one is above the law when it comes to public safety.

### **Objectives and Outcomes**

The main objectives of the Traffic Awareness Program were to:

- Promote safe and sustainable mobility within urban spaces.
- Educate citizens about traffic regulations and civic responsibilities.
- Reduce accidents and road fatalities through preventive awareness.
- Encourage a law-abiding culture and strengthen public respect for safety norms.
- Build community partnerships between students, law enforcement agencies, and citizens.

The initiative impacted hundreds of commuters and raised awareness on issues like helmet usage, safe driving speed, avoiding mobile use while driving, and respecting pedestrian crossings. Students learned the importance of legal frameworks in maintaining civic order and the role of community participation in shaping safer cities.

### **AUMP's Commitment to SDG 11 and SDG 17**

Through these awareness campaigns, Amity University Madhya Pradesh has actively contributed to achieving SDG 11 by promoting safe, inclusive and sustainable urban environments. By fostering partnerships with local authorities, police departments, and civil society, AUMP also advances SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals, demonstrating how education and collaboration can drive societal transformation. These initiatives are not isolated events but part of AUMP's broader mission to embed sustainability and social responsibility in every facet of academic and community life. By engaging law students in real-world civic issues, the University cultivates responsible future leaders who understand that building sustainable cities begins with law, discipline, and awareness. The Traffic Awareness Program exemplifies Amity University Madhya Pradesh's holistic

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approach to sustainability, where education, law and community service converge to create lasting impact. By promoting road safety and responsible citizenship, AUMP is not only contributing to safer cities but also building partnerships that strengthen the global pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals.

