

SDG-17 Report

17 Partnerships for the Goals



**Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize
the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development**



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Report on

SDG 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad

Sustainable Development Goal 17 – Partnerships for the Goals (2024)



Preamble

Sustainability encompasses a paradigm shift in thought, behaviour, and operation that strives to fulfil the requirements of the current generation while safeguarding the capacity of resources to sustain future generations. The following are some essential aspects:

Social and Environmental Responsibility: Preserving natural resources, minimizing environmental damage, and minimizing carbon footprints are the primary objectives of sustainable practices.

Social equity: It is the practice of ensuring that all communities and individuals are treated fairly and equitably, and that decision-making processes take social justice and inclusiveness into account.

Economic viability: Sustainability aims to establish long-lasting economic systems that strike a balance between profitability and the adverse social and environmental consequences.

Innovation and adaptability: The adoption of innovation and adaptability is of the utmost importance in order to discover novel resolutions to preexisting challenges and effectively respond to evolving conditions.

Holistic approach: A holistic approach to decision-making entails taking into account the interdependencies among social, environmental, and economic factors.

Education and awareness: Advocating for education and raising awareness regarding sustainability contributes to the development of a responsible society and facilitates constructive transformation.

The university believes that through the implementation of sustainable practices across multiple domains, including resource management, policy formulation, business operations, and lifestyle selection, it is possible to strive for a more harmonious and balanced world that benefits both current and future generations.

About IFHE Hyderabad

The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad, is a deemed-to-be university established under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. Spread over a 91-acre, lush green campus, IFHE is one of India's largest multidisciplinary universities, with integrated programs across management (IBS Hyderabad—AACSB and SAQS accredited), science & technology (IcfaiTech), law (FoL), architecture (SArch), and the social sciences (ISoSS). The institution is widely recognized for its student-centric, research-driven approach, robust international collaborations, and direct engagement with social responsibility and sustainability. Emphasizing "Learning for Leadership," IFHE has secured A++ NAAC accreditation and is consistently ranked among India's top private universities for management, law, and engineering. The University is granted Category I autonomy by the University Grants Commission.

The university campus is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure—including advanced classrooms, laboratories, digital learning hubs, residential hostels, sports facilities, and a strong network of faculty drawn from academic and industry backgrounds. With over 10,500 students and a strong alumni base of over 22,500, IFHE's teaching, research, and outreach focus on ethics, practical skills, critical thinking, problem-solving, and social impact—directly aligned with the UN SDGs, especially in water, energy, health, innovation, justice, and partnerships.

Relationships to Support the Goals (Policy, Dialogue, and Research)

Policy Influence and Government Collaboration (Target 17.16):

IFHE engages directly with government agencies and national research institutions to support sustainable policy development. The University contributes to policy discourse through SCOPUS-indexed research in areas such as clean energy, water management, and resource governance.



IFHE has formalized collaboration with the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education – Institute of Forest Biodiversity (ICFRE–IFB) through an MoU on environmental resource management, promoting joint research and knowledge exchange. The University also hosts specialized training programs for Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officers, emphasizing environmental governance and sustainability policy capacity building.

Cross-Sectoral Dialogue:

The University fosters cross-sectoral collaboration through initiatives such as CONFLUX'23, a thematic event titled “The State of Sustainability”, which convened alumni, industry experts, and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to discuss applied sustainability strategies. This forum strengthened academia–industry partnerships and contributed to measurable SDG awareness outcomes.

International Best Practice (Target 17.9):

IFHE promotes global best practices in sustainability through academic exchange and collaborative learning. Notably, the University organized a Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) workshop, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), featuring experts from multiple institutions. This workshop exemplified cross-institutional collaboration focused on social and environmental health awareness.



Collaboration with NGOs and Civil Society (Target 17.17)

IFHE partners with NGOs and civil society organizations to extend its sustainability agenda to the community level.

Integrated NGO Partnerships:

- **Student Volunteering:** Under the “Welfare & Words: Book Donation Drive”, students collaborated with local NGOs and educational institutions to promote literacy in government schools.
- **Community Outreach and Research Collaboration:** The ICSSR-supported MHM Workshop reflected partnership between academia, NGOs, and social sector experts on gender and sanitation awareness.
- **Legal Aid Initiatives:** The Legal Aid Club at the Faculty of Law conducts outreach programs in local communities, spreading awareness on legal rights, gender equality, and social inclusion.
- **Committee Integration:** Representatives from NGOs are formally included in institutional committees such as the Anti-Ragging Committee, ensuring external, independent perspectives in campus governance.

These collaborations strengthen IFHE’s alignment with **Target 17.17**, which emphasizes multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development.

Education for the SDGs (Target 17.13)

IFHE integrates sustainability education across its academic programs and extracurricular initiatives.

Curriculum Integration:

Sustainability concepts are embedded across disciplines through core and elective courses. Courses such as Environmental Sciences, Air Pollution and Control, and Human Society in the Natural Environment: Sustainability Issues directly contribute to environmental awareness and SDG-linked learning.

Community-Oriented Learning:

Educational outreach programs like the Basic Literacy and Awareness Program and Legal Aid Club's Community Classes engage local populations in sustainability education and civic empowerment.

These initiatives fulfill Target 17.13, emphasizing policy coherence and systemic integration of sustainability knowledge.

IFHE Hyderabad Student SDG Field Projects and Internships

#	Name of the student	Company/Organisation	Project Title	SDG
1.	S Athool Kumar	Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Centre For Healthcare	The Influence First Aid On Halving The Number Of Deaths And Injuries From Road Traffic Accidents In Tamil Nadu	3
2.	Rohit Kumar	Lakshmi Hospital	Life Pulse	3.4
3.	Seelam Sharon Powell	We Are With You Charitable Trust	Promoting Mental Wellness: Addressing The Silent Epidemic	3
4.	Nihal Kumar Singh	Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee	Swachh Survekshan Sop Award Survey	3, 11
5.	Khan Mohammed Kaif Mohammed Nasim	Jivika Healthcare	A Project Report On Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3 – Good Health & Well Being)	3
6.	Ritika Saxena	Golden Empathy Foundation, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh	A Study On SDG 3: Reducing The Maternal Mortality Rate, By 2030 To Less Than 70 Per 100,000 Live Births	3
7.	Ayush Srivastava	Lions Club Sangam, Prayagraj	A Study On Sustainable Development Goal With Lions Club Sangam	3
8.	Preetham M S	Jivika Healthcare, Pune	Protecting The Food Chain: A Perspective On Vaccination In The Food Processing Industry & Engaging Key Stakeholders	3
9.	Agrawal Udit Suraj	Lokmat Media Pvt Ltd.	Early Warning, Risk Reduction And Management Of National And Global Health Risks	3
10.	Riddhi Chauhan	Umeed – A Drop Of Hope	Sustainable Development Goals Target 3.8- Achieve Universal Health Coverage	3.8
11.	Aditi Thakur	Society For Advancement In Tribes, Health, Education And Environment, Godda	Good Health And Well Being	3

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12.	Ishika Yadav	Naya Sawera	A Study On Ngo Naya Sawera Initiative In Reducing Maternal Mortality (Sustainable Development Goal 3)	3
13.	Akshat Agrawal		Vaccine Access & Awareness	3
14.	Gyanvi Bagwani	Jivika Healthcare	Tackling Vaccine Hesitancy: Stakeholder Engagement In Food Processing & Cervical Cancer Awareness	3
15.	Geetika Jain		Promoting Healthy Lives And Well-Being: Exploring The Path To Achieving SDG 3	3
16.	Ankur Malik	Jivika Healthcare	Vaccine Hesitancy In The Food Processing Industry	3
17.	Mansi Kushwaha	Teens Of Gods	Charting Menstrual Health Awareness For Overall Reproductive Health	3.7
18.	Mehak Khanna	People's Recovery Initiative For Solutions & More (Prism)	SDG Report	3
19.	Ananya Dogra		Promoting Well-Being For All	3
20.	Yashika Saraf	Aarogya Lifestyle Centre	Sustainable Developmental Goals Of Aarogya Lifestyle Centre	3,8
21.	Harsh Jain	Jivika Healthcare, Pune		3,8
22.	Shubham Sharma	<i>Lion's Club International, Burhanpur</i>		3.6, 4.0
23.	Talla Harichandana Goud	Marpu Foundation Youth For Seva	Harmony For Health, Education And Sustainability: A Holistic Approach Towards SDGs 3,4 And 12	3,4, 12
24.	Pranju Jain	Jivika Healthcare, Pune	Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy In Food Processing Industry In Giridih	3,8
25.	Anto Jovin Nadar	Jivika Healthcare	SDG Journey	3.3,8 .3, 8.5, 8.6
26.	Mansi Batra	Pratham Education Foundation, Kapurthala Under ITC Mission- Sunehra Kal	Inform, Educate And Empower: Enabling Youth Through Skills Development And Health Education	3,8
27.	Akanksha Garg	Umeed: A Drop Of Hope	Sustainable Development Goal	3.8
28.	Rudrani Banerjee	Abhivyakti Foundation	Health For All: Achieving Universal Health Coverage A Comprehensive Analysis On SDG 3.8	3.8
29.	Vakacharla Sharan Preeth	Jivika Healthcare	Safeguarding The Food Chain: A View On Vaccination In The Food Processing Industry And Engaging Key Stakeholders	3
30.	Nainar Radha	People's Action for Social Service (PASS), Tirupati	"Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including	3.5

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			narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol”	
31.	Swarnima Sapre	Robin Hood Army	Advancing Global Health And Nutrition Through A Sustainable Development Approach	2,3
32.	Samiksha Manoj Shrivastav	Assisi Bhavan (NGO)	Sustainable Development Goals	3.4
33.	Dibyendu Sarkar	Simla Old Age Home	“Social Contribution Of “Simla Old-Age Home” On SDG”	3
34.	Sarthak Singla	Lyness Youth Wing Club (Panipat)	Sustainable Development Goals	3
35.	Ansari Shahin Mohammadarif	Indianoil Corporation Ltd.	A Study On Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Initiative In Sustainable Development Goals	3,8,9
36.	Darji Daksh Kapil	Rotaract Club Of Bombay Uptown	Study On The Impact Of Injury And Death Caused Due To Road Accidents On Quality Of Life	3

Alignment with SDG 3 Targets (2024)

UN Target	Corresponding IFHE Activity / Evidence (2024)
3.3 – End communicable diseases and promote awareness	Health and hygiene outreach by Center for Women Development on menstrual health and sanitation.
3.4 – Reduce premature mortality through prevention and promotion	Sports and fitness initiatives including Olympia 6.0, Blood Run, and Fitness Workshops.
3.5 – Prevent substance abuse	Nukkad Naatak on Drug Awareness and Drug Abuse Prevention Campaign.
3.7 – Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health education	EcoFlow Event providing medical Q&A with Gynecologist on female reproductive health.
3.8 – Achieve universal health coverage and promotion	Blood Donation Camps with Red Cross and Arthritis Awareness Session by Dr. Prabhat Reddy Lakkireddy.
3.D – Strengthen capacity for risk reduction and preparedness	Menstrual Hygiene seminar with VRK Women’s Medical College and community health programs.



ICMR Case Studies (2023–2024)

Sl. No.	Academic Year	Title	Author(s)	SDG Goal(s)	Weblink
1	2023–2024	Maria Klawe – Promoting Gender Diversity and Inclusion in STEM Education at Harvey Mudd College	Anirudhan, Anil; Dutta, Sanjib	SDG 5	Link
2	2023–2024	PepsiCo’s Sustainability Strategy to Build a Positive Value Chain	Kumari, Shwetha; Nair, Jitesh	SDG 13; SDG 17	Link
3	2023–2024	SAP’s Innovation Approach: Boost Startups and Intrapreneurship	Prasad, Namratha V	SDG 9	Link
4	2023–2024	Starling Bank’s Anne Boden – The Founder and CEO of a ‘Profitable’ Challenger Bank in the UK	Anirudhan, Anil; Dutta, Sanjib	SDG 5	Link
5	2023–2024	Hilfr’s Labor Model: A First for Gig Workers of the Platform Economy	Nair, Jitesh; Pasala, Balaswamy	SDG 8	Link
6	2023–2024	Psudo – Setting New Standards for Sneaker Manufacturing	Zafar, Faria; Perepu, Indu	SDG 12; SDG 13	Link
7	2023–2024	SHEIN: Ethical Cost of Ultra-Fast Fashion	Zafar, Faria; Perepu, Indu	SDG 12	Link
8	2023–2024	Shubham Housing Development Finance – Social Impact through Financial Inclusion	Kumar, KBS; Perepu, Indu	SDG 10	Link

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9	2023–2024	Back Market and the Global E-Waste Crisis	Qumer, Syeda Maseeha	SDG 12	Link
10	2023–2024	Hemalatha Annamalai: Woman Pioneer of India’s Electric Vehicle Revolution	Koti, Vinod Babu; Prasad, Namratha V	SDG 5	Link
11	2023–2024	IKEA Builds Smaller Format Stores – Comes Closer to Customers	Anirudhan, Anil; Dutta, Sanjib	SDG 9	Link
12	2023–2024	You Mawo: Using 3D Printing Technology to Introduce a New Eyewear Concept	Koti, Vinod Babu; Prasad, Namratha V	SDG 9	Link
13	2023–2024	Climeworks – Empowering People and Companies to Fight Global Warming with DAC Technology	Anirudhan, Anil; Dutta, Sanjib	SDG 13	Link
14	2023–2024	Nepra’s “Let’s Recycle” Initiative – Tackling India’s Solid Waste Management Problem	Anirudhan, Anil; Dutta, Sanjib	SDG 12	Link
15	2023–2024	Cotopaxi: Creating Sustainable Social Impact	Kumari, Shwetha; Nair, Jitesh	SDG 10; SDG 12	Link
16	2023–2024	Ecokaari: Up-Cycling Waste Plastics into Fabrics	Kumari, Shwetha; Nair, Jitesh	SDG 9; SDG 12	Link
17	2023–2024	Marut Drones – Using Technology to Solve Social Issues	Zafar, Faria; Perepu, Indu	SDG 9	Link
18	2023–2024	Nestlé’s Diversification through Palforzia: The Setback and Lessons	Koti, Vinod Babu; Prasad, Namratha V	SDG 3	Link
19	2023–2024	Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) – A Scientific Approach to Define and Achieve the Carbon Emissions Reduction Targets	Vijaya, Lakshmi S; Nagendra Kumar, MV	SDG 13	Link
20	2023–2024	Unilever’s Sustainable Sourcing	Samantarai, Munmun; Dutta, Sanjib	SDG 12; SDG 13	Link

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21	2023–2024	VAAST Bikes: Building a Niche Brand through Sustainable Products and Processes	Nair, Jitesh; Pasala, Balaswamy	SDG 9; SDG 12; SDG 13	Link
22	2023–2024	Adidas: Sustainability Bond	Nagendra Kumar, MV; Perepu, Indu	SDG 9	Link
23	2023–2024	Enbridge: A Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Leader in the Energy Industry	Nair, Jitesh; Pasala, Balaswamy	SDG 8; SDG 10	Link
24	2023–2024	Etsy's Growth Strategy in India: Empowering Artisans	Koti, Vinod Babu; Prasad, Namratha V	SDG 8	Link
25	2023–2024	H&M – Can the Fast Fashion Giant Transition into a Green Future?	Kumar, KBS; Perepu, Indu	SDG 12; SDG 13	Link
26	2023–2024	LEAD's Integrated EdTech Solution: Combining Technology, Curriculum and Pedagogy to Transform Traditional Education	Nair, Jitesh; Pasala, Balaswamy	SDG 4; SDG 9; SDG 10	Link
27	2023–2024	Pesky Fish's 'Port to Plate' Technology Platform: Reinventing the Seafood Supply Chain	Kumar, KBS; Perepu, Indu	SDG 8	Link
28	2023–2024	Blueland: An Innovation-Led Solution Addressing Global Climate Challenges	Kumar, KBS; Perepu, Indu	SDG 13	Link
29	2023–2024	PhysicsWallah – A Disrupter in the Indian EdTech Industry	Zafar, Faria; Perepu, Indu	SDG 4	Link
30	2023–2024	Pure Harvest Smart Farms – A Technology-Enabled Agribusiness Startup Addressing the Food Security Challenges in the Middle East	Zafar, Faria; Perepu, Indu	SDG 2; SDG 9	Link
31	2023–2024	Zipline: Navigating the Rwanda Skies to Make Medical Supplies Accessible to Millions on Land	Samantarai, Munmun; Dutta, Sanjib	SDG 3	Link

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32	2023–2024	Danone: Realigning Sustainability for Profitability?	Kumari, Shwetha; Nair, Jitesh	SDG 12	Link
33	2023–2024	India's Moon Mission Chandrayaan-3: From Failure to Success	Harish, R; Dutta, Sanjib	SDG 9	Link

Publications Supporting SDG 17 (2024)

Review – Open Access: Calling for Better Ecological Values: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge System with Sustainable Policies

Authors: Mohanty, A.; Ghosh, A.; Roy, S.

Source: Purushartha, 2024.

Article: Dividend Policy Adjustments under Bankruptcy Law: Insights from Distressed Firms

Author: Singh, G.

Source: Finance Research Letters, 2024.

Article: Analyzing Interrelationships Among Factors Affecting Hygiene and Sanitization in India: Key Insights and Policy Recommendations

Authors: Thakkar, J.J.; Rathore, R.; Chatterjee, C.

Source: International Journal of Social Economics, 2024.

Article – Open Access: Linder Hypothesis and India's Services Trade

Authors: Chakradhar, J.; Singh, J.; Renukunta, A.

Source: Economics and Business Review, 2024.

Article: Understanding Sustainable Banking Practices: Empirical Evidence from an Emerging Economy

Author: Gautam, V.

Source: International Social Science Journal, 2024.

Book Chapter: Exploring the Intersection of AI, Healthcare, and Environmental Sustainability: Future Trends and Challenges

Authors: Arun Kumar, A.; Suryadevara, R.; Sowmya, T.; Chanal, G.B.

Source: Approaches to Global Sustainability Markets and Governance, 2024.

Book Chapter: Financing the Transformation to Net Zero Goals: IREDA Investment for Sustainable Initiatives

Authors: Nayak, D.V.; Arun Kumar, A.; Suryadevara, R.; Khan, S.

Source: Approaches to Global Sustainability Markets and Governance, 2024.

Article – Open Access: External Debt and Economic Growth of BRICS Nations: How Can BRICS Integration Help Them?

Authors: Gollagari, R.; Perini, P.

Source: BRICS Journal of Economics, 2024.

Conference Paper: Leveraging Machine Learning to Predict IFC Project Success and Failure
 Authors: Jayanthi, S.; Jeya Ganesan, J.; Begum, I.; Balaraman, R.; Gunasree, S.
 Source: Proceedings of 1st International Conference for Women in Computing (INCOWOCO 2024), 2024.

Book Chapter: Policy Framework and Implementation Strategies for Sri Lanka’s Transition to a Net-Zero Economy
 Authors: Rathnasiri, M.S.H.; Dewasiri, N.J.; Arun Kumar, A.
 Source: CSR Sustainability Ethics and Governance, 2024.

1. The Linder hypothesis and India’s services trade
 Authors: Jadhav Chakradhar, Juhi Singh, Anusha Renukunta
 Journal: Economics and Business Review, 2024

This study tests the Linder hypothesis in the context of Indian service exports from 2005 to 2021, using a gravity model framework covering 35 major importers. It finds the Linder hypothesis does not hold: Indian service exports tend to be more intensive between countries with dissimilar income levels. Factors such as geographic distance, exchange rates, and shared cultural ties (language, colonial history) are significant determinants. The study recommends nuanced trade policy approaches for service sectors.

2.Import tariff reduction and fiscal sustainability: A macro-econometric modeling for Ethiopia
 Authors: Gollagari Ramakrishna, Sania Khan
 Journal: Sustainability, 2023

This empirical modeling study examines how large-scale reductions in import tariffs could affect Ethiopia’s macroeconomic variables and fiscal sustainability. Using a computable general equilibrium model based on current national accounts, the research reveals that deep tariff cuts may adversely affect macroeconomic growth and long-term fiscal balance unless offset by higher consumption taxes. Joint reforms, however, produce mixed results, with only limited benefit to household income and consumption. The study offers guidance for fiscal reforms in developing economies.

Alignment with SDG 17 Targets (2024)

UN Target	Corresponding IFHE 2024 Activity / Publication
17.3 – Mobilize financial resources	Financing the Transformation to Net Zero Goals (IREDA-based collaboration).
17.9 – Capacity building and knowledge transfer	Policy Framework for Sri Lanka’s Transition to a Net-Zero Economy.
17.10 & 17.11 – Promote trade and economic integration	Linder Hypothesis and India’s Services Trade; External Debt and BRICS Integration.
17.16 – Multi-stakeholder partnerships	Leveraging Machine Learning to Predict IFC Project Success and Failure; government–university cooperation on environmental policy.
17.19 – Research collaboration and data monitoring	Analyzing Factors Affecting Hygiene and Sanitization in India; publication of annual SDG reports.

Conclusion

In 2024, the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad, demonstrated tangible, verifiable progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 17 – Partnerships for the Goals.

Through government collaborations, multi-institutional research, NGO partnerships, and academic networking, IFHE has positioned itself as a national leader in integrating academic knowledge with practical sustainability solutions. The University's interdisciplinary research — spanning environmental policy, trade, finance, and technology — reflects authentic engagement with global partnership frameworks.

By publishing dedicated SDG reports, fostering inclusive dialogue, and engaging in international collaborations, IFHE continues to strengthen its contribution to shared global sustainability objectives.