

## **Center for Sustainable Development Goals at Parul University**

In alignment with global sustainability efforts and Parul University's commitment to environmental and social responsibility, the establishment of a Center for **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** is both essential and timely. This initiative reflects the university's proactive approach toward contributing meaningfully to the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

The **SDG Center** is envisioned as a dedicated platform to integrate sustainability into the university's academic, research, administrative, and community engagement activities. It will act as a catalyst for fostering a culture of sustainability and social impact across all levels of the institution.

To effectively drive these efforts, a **dedicated multidisciplinary team** has been constituted under the leadership of the **ESG Officer**. The team comprises members representing various departments and functional areas, ensuring holistic implementation of sustainability initiatives. The members include:

1. **Dr. Mange Yadav** – Research & Development Cell (RDC)
2. **Mr. Yogesh Joshi** – Solar Energy and Carbon Emission
3. **Mr. Rahul Bharwad** – Water Resource Management
4. **Mr. P. C. Gandhi** – Purchase Department
5. **Mr. Divyang Joshi** – Accounts Department
6. **Dr. Ekta Modi** – Good Health and Well-Being
7. **Dr. Dipal Patel** – Good Health and Well-Being
8. **Mr. Vinod Parmar** – Social Responsive Cell (SRC), NSS, and NCC
9. **Mr. Dhruvil Shah** – Dean Student Welfare
10. **Dr. Rajkumari Soni** – Center for Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Education (CMIE)
11. **Dr. Govardhan Jethawa** – Partnerships for the Goals
12. **Mr. Jay Sudani** – Parul Innovation and Entrepreneurship Research Centre (PIERC)
13. **Dr. Ruchi Shrivastava** – Women Development Cell (WDC)

### **Core Functions of the SDG Center:**

The SDG Center will undertake a wide range of activities, including but not limited to:

1. **Education and Awareness**  
Organizing lectures, workshops, and campaigns to spread awareness on sustainable practices.

2. **Research and Innovation**  
Promoting research on sustainability-focused themes and facilitating innovation for societal benefit.
3. **Community Engagement**  
Collaborating with local communities for need-based interventions aligned with the SDGs.
4. **Monitoring and Reporting**  
Collecting and analyzing data to track the university's progress toward sustainability goals.
5. **Policy Advocacy**  
Recommending policy initiatives to enhance sustainability across institutional operations.
6. **Partnerships and Collaboration**  
Building alliances with national and international organizations for knowledge exchange and joint projects.
7. **Sustainable Campus Initiatives**  
Implementing eco-friendly practices in energy, waste, and resource management on campus.
8. **Student Empowerment**  
Encouraging student leadership, participation, and innovation in sustainability efforts.

Through this initiative, Parul University aims to foster an environment where sustainability is not only practiced but also embedded in its culture, preparing students to become responsible global citizens.