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NOTICE

Subject: Incorporation of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Ph.D. Research Programmes and Thesis

The Competent Authority, DTU is pleased to approve that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) shall be appropriately integrated and mapped in the Ph.D. Research Programmes of DTU. The SDG mapping shall form an integral part of the Ph.D. research process and thesis documentation and shall be undertaken in a manner that establishes a clear and demonstrable linkage between the research work and the relevant SDG(s).

The provisions regarding SDG Mapping of Ph.D. Research, covering the stages of incorporation, format, guidelines, responsibility for compliance, and the prescribed Certificate for SDG Mapping, are detailed below in Sections A to F.

A. SDG Mapping of Ph.D. Research

The Ph.D. scholar, under the guidance of the Supervisor(s), shall identify the relevant SDG(s) corresponding to the research work and indicate the specific contribution, relevance, findings, outcomes and/or practical implications of the research towards the identified SDG(s).

The mapping shall be research-specific, evidence-based and appropriately substantiated. It shall not be treated as a mere formal listing of SDG numbers.

The SDG mapping shall preferably be undertaken chapter-wise and/or research publication-wise, as applicable, so as to clearly establish which component(s) of the research work contribute to or are relevant to the identified SDG(s).

B. Stages for Incorporation of SDG Mapping

The SDG mapping shall be appropriately incorporated and reviewed at the following stages of the Ph.D. programme:

- i. SRC presentations/reviews, wherever applicable;
- ii. Pre-Ph.D. Seminar, wherein the SDG mapping shall be incorporated in the Synopsis as well as in the Pre-Ph.D. Seminar presentation; and
- iii. Final Ph.D. Thesis, along with the prescribed chapter/section on "Conclusion, Future Scope and Social Impact."

The Supervisor(s) and DRC/CRC shall ensure that the SDG mapping presented at the above stages is consistent with the research objectives, methodology, research findings, publications and overall contribution of the Ph.D. work. The SDG mapping shall also be suitably updated, wherever required, in accordance with the progress and outcomes of the research.

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C. Format for SDG Mapping in Ph.D. Thesis

The SDG mapping shall be presented in the following format:

S. No.	SDG (Number/Official Title/Logo)	Relevance of the SDG to the Research Work – Chapter-wise / Research Publication-wise (as applicable)	Strength of Contribution
1.	SDG No. ____ – _____	Chapter ____ / Research Publication ____: Clearly indicate the specific research component, findings, outcomes and/or practical implications relevant to the identified SDG.	Strong/Moderate/Weak
2.	SDG No. ____ – _____	Chapter ____ / Research Publication ____: Clearly indicate the specific research component, findings, outcomes and/or practical implications relevant to the identified SDG.	Strong/Moderate/Weak

D. Guidelines for SDG Mapping

The following shall be adhered to while undertaking the SDG mapping:

The SDG Number, official Title and coloured SDG Logo shall be indicated.

The relevance of the identified SDG shall be explained chapter-wise and/or research publication-wise, as applicable, with reference to the specific research objectives, methodology, findings, outcomes or applications.

Where a research publication forms the basis of a particular thesis chapter, the relevant research publication may also be identified/referenced for establishing the SDG linkage.

More than one SDG may be mapped where the research work has substantive and demonstrable relevance to multiple SDGs.

Only those SDGs having a meaningful and justifiable linkage with the research work shall be mapped. Unsubstantiated or incidental association with an SDG should be avoided.

The Strength of Contribution shall be indicated as Strong, Moderate or Weak, based on the extent, significance and supporting evidence of the contribution of the relevant research component towards the identified SDG.

The SDG mapping shall be complementary to, and not a substitute for, the Social Impact section prescribed vide Notice No. 105-70/Acad-PG/Misc/2023-24/1626-30 dated 13.02.2025.

The Social Impact shall continue to address the direct and/or indirect societal impact and practical implications of the research work, while the SDG mapping shall specifically identify the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goal(s) and the research component(s) contributing thereto.

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E. Responsibility for Compliance

All HoDs/ Center Heads, DRC/CRC Chairpersons, Ph.D. Supervisors and faculty members associated with Ph.D. programmes are requested to ensure strict compliance with the above requirements/checklist.

The concerned DRCs/CRCs shall ensure appropriate review of the SDG mapping during the relevant stages of the Ph.D. research programme and shall ensure that the final thesis contains the prescribed SDG mapping along with the "Conclusion, Future Scope and Social Impact" chapter/section.

The requirement shall be applicable to Ph.D. research programmes and thesis as per the directions of the University and shall be incorporated in the relevant academic/research documentation and thesis format, as applicable.

All concerned are therefore requested to ensure that the above provisions are followed in letter and spirit with a view to strengthening the integration of sustainability, societal relevance and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals within the University's research ecosystem.

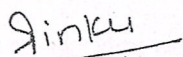
F. Certificate for SDG Mapping

At the time of submission of the final Ph.D. Thesis, a Certificate for SDG Mapping, duly signed by the Supervisor(s) and HoD/DRC Chairperson, shall be submitted along with the thesis/requisite research documentation.

The certificate shall confirm that the SDG mapping has been examined with reference to the actual research work and that the identified SDG(s), their relevance and the strength of contribution have a meaningful and justifiable linkage with the research work.

The prescribed format of the certificate is enclosed at Annexure 'A'.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Prof. Rinku Sharma)
Dean (Academic-PG)

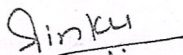
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Annexure – A



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Dated:-

UNDERTAKING-CUM-CERTIFICATION FOR SDG MAPPING IN Ph.D. RESEARCH

Name of Ph.D. Scholar: _____

Registration No.: _____

Department/Centre: _____

Name of Supervisor(s): _____

Title of Ph.D. Thesis: _____

I, _____, Ph.D. Scholar of the Department/Centre of _____, Delhi Technological University, hereby undertake and certify that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal(s) (SDGs) identified and mapped in my Ph.D. research work.

Signature of Candidate: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

We certify that the above SDG mapping has been examined with reference to the research work of the scholar and, to the best of our knowledge, the identified SDG(s), their chapter-wise/research publication-wise relevance and the stated strength of contribution are **appropriate and adequately supported by the research work.**

Signature of Supervisor: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Jt Supervisor, if applicable: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Date: _____

Note: This undertaking, duly filled in and signed by the concerned Supervisor(s) and HoD/DRC Chairperson, shall be submitted separately at the time of submission of the final Ph.D. thesis, along with the prescribed Ph.D. thesis/relevant research documentation, as applicable.