CROSS-SECTORAL DIALOGUE ON THE SDGs

Masters' Union, Gurugram

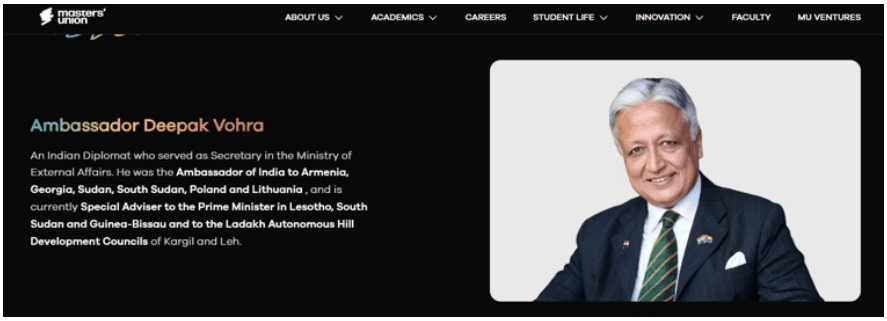
Masters' Union both initiates and takes part in cross-sectoral dialogue on the Sustainable Development Goals. It hosts conferences, forums, leadership conversations and public sessions that bring government leaders, industry, investors, sustainability practitioners, researchers and students together, and it participates in national forums convened by industry chambers and the media. These dialogues cover climate action, clean energy, sustainable infrastructure, gender equality, health, strong institutions and responsible business.

1. Multi-stakeholder forums hosted by Masters' Union

NCR Climate Party (7th edition). Masters' Union hosted the seventh NCR Climate Party, a shared forum for more than 250 participants from the entrepreneurial, investment, policy, research and student communities. Interactive discussions and networking sessions focused on climate innovation, community building and green entrepreneurship, helping participants exchange perspectives on emerging climate solutions and explore collaboration (SDG 13, 17).

The Next Tech 1.0 AI Summit. A public summit on artificial intelligence with speakers from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Google, PwC and Crunchbase, connecting government, industry and academia on responsible technology and innovation (SDG 8, 9, 17).

Intersect 4.0 – "Bharat on the Move!" with Ambassador Dr Deepak Vohra. At Masters' Union's flagship industry–academia conference, which brought together more than 350 participants from 15+ countries, Ambassador Dr Deepak Vohra, former Indian Ambassador and Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Lesotho and Guinea-Bissau, delivered the keynote on India's global positioning, diplomacy and leadership (SDG 4, 16, 17).



Ambassador Dr Deepak Vohra, keynote speaker at Intersect 4.0

2. Government–academia dialogue

Fireside chat with Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways. In conversation with Founder Pratham Mittal, the Minister discussed sustainable infrastructure, urban mobility and public–private partnerships with students, academia and industry professionals. The dialogue covered electric public transport, flash-charging and mass-transit solutions, alternative fuels such as hydrogen and ethanol, bio-bitumen and agricultural-waste fuels, and the need for coordinated

action between government, business and other stakeholders to deliver sustainable development (SDG 7, 9, 11, 13, 17).



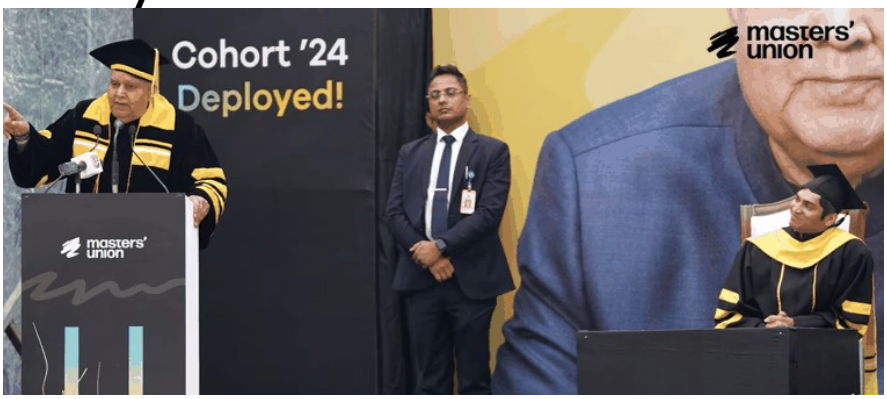
Fireside chat with Shri Nitin Gadkari

Leadership conversation with Shri Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister. A conversation on governance, public institutions and the role of youth in nation-building, highlighting transparent governance, institutional accountability, due process and citizen participation, and encouraging students to engage with public institutions and policymaking (SDG 16, 17).



Leadership conversation with Shri Kiren Rijiju

Fourth Convocation address by Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Vice President of India. As Chief Guest, the Vice President addressed graduates on constitutional values, ethical leadership, integrity and responsible citizenship, and the role of education in building principled leaders who strengthen democratic institutions and inclusive development (SDG 4, 16).



Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar at the Fourth Convocation

World Entrepreneurs' Day startup summit with the Chief Minister of Haryana. Masters' Union took part in a startup summit with the Chief Minister of Haryana, where student startups from its postgraduate, undergraduate and executive programmes presented their ventures to government and ecosystem leaders, contributing to dialogue on entrepreneurship and innovation (SDG 8, 9).



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Agreements with PHDCCI and the UAE–India CEPA Council. Masters' Union has signed agreements with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and the UAE–India CEPA Council, creating ongoing channels for dialogue between academia, industry and government on trade, entrepreneurship and economic development (SDG 8, 17).

3. Industry–academia dialogue on climate and sustainability

AI and Climate Change, with PwC India. In collaboration with PwC India, Masters' Union held a session with Manpreet Singh Ahuja, Chief Clients & Alliances Officer, and Sambitosh Mohapatra, Partner and Leader, Climate & Energy. It examined how artificial intelligence can contribute to climate solutions while managing its own environmental footprint, covering climate mitigation, net-zero strategies and energy management (SDG 9, 13, 17).



AI and Climate Change session with PwC India

SusMafia Thought Leadership Series. Through an ongoing collaboration with SusMafia, three online and hybrid sessions brought together sustainability professionals, corporate leaders, climate-tech founders, researchers and students on ESG, climate innovation, green entrepreneurship, climate resilience, the circular economy and the low-carbon transition (SDG 8, 12, 13, 17).

Building the Future with Sustainable Businesses – Vivek Mehra, Co-founder and Chief Sustainability Officer, Onlygood. A session on measuring and reducing business emissions, especially Scope 3 emissions in supply chains, how carbon policies are shaping global trade, and the use of AI and IoT for emissions monitoring (SDG 9, 12, 13).



Session with Vivek Mehra, Onlygood

Investing in Sustainability – Ruchira Shukla, Founder and CEO, Green Marble VC. A conversation with Swati Ganeti, Managing Director, Masters' Union, on climate-tech innovation, energy transition, AI-enabled sustainability solutions and India's role as a global climate-tech hub (SDG 7, 8, 13).



Investing in Sustainability with Ruchira Shukla, Green Marble VC

Sustainability in Practice – Tanya Singhal, Founder, Mynzo Carbon. A session on India's renewable-energy sector, carbon-footprint measurement and the respective roles of individuals, businesses and policymakers in the clean-energy transition (SDG 7, 12, 13).



Sustainability in Practice with Tanya Singhal, Mynzo Carbon

Why Sustainability Is the Smartest Growth Strategy – Jayati Talapatra, Founder, Dilli Meri Jaan. A conversation with Dr Anushree Poddar on responsible growth models and making sustainability a core business strategy rather than a standalone CSR activity (SDG 8, 12).



Session with Jayati Talapatra, Dilli Meri Jaan

Sustainability in Business: The Next Big Career Opportunity (public webinar). Led by Dr Anushree Poddar, Programme Director, PGP in Sustainability & Business Management, this open webinar introduced participants to ESG integration, responsible sourcing, climate-conscious decision-making, biodiversity and sustainable value creation (SDG 4, 12, 13, 15).



Sustainability in Business webinar

4. National forums in which Masters' Union participates

ASSOCHAM Joint Council Meeting on Sustainability, Environment and Water. As an institutional member, Masters' Union took part in the joint meeting of ASSOCHAM's National Council on Sustainability & Environment and National Council on Water in New Delhi. Industry experts, corporate leaders and sustainability practitioners deliberated on environmental challenges, ESG integration, water stewardship, resource efficiency and sustainable business practices (SDG 6, 12, 13, 17).

CII Women Leadership Summit. Swati Ganeti, Managing Director, represented Masters' Union at the Confederation of Indian Industry's Women Leadership Summit, which brought together women executives from across industries to discuss inclusion, leadership and greater representation of women in strategic decision-making (SDG 5, 17).



CII Women Leadership Summit

Mint Sustainability Impact Summit. Masters' Union was an associate partner and sponsor of the fifth Mint Sustainability Impact Summit in Mumbai. Dr Anushree Poddar delivered the address "Bridging

Academia and Industry: Rethinking Higher Education for Sustainability", calling for institutions and businesses to work together to build expertise in ESG, climate finance, the circular economy, renewable energy and responsible business (SDG 4, 8, 12, 13, 17).



Mint Sustainability Impact Summit

Sport India Conference, with the Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI). At Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, students of the Sports Management & Gaming programme engaged with the Sports Authority of India, the National Anti-Doping Agency, the Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, universities and industry on sport, physical activity and athlete well-being (SDG 3).

Outcomes

Through these forums and conversations, Masters' Union brings academia, government, industry, investors and civil society together, helps students and faculty understand SDG challenges from multiple perspectives, and builds partnerships for collective action on climate, clean energy, gender equality, health, strong institutions and responsible business.