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SDG PROGRESS REPORT



THE GLOBAL GOALS

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SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



Introduction

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as Global Goals, comprise 17 interconnected objectives focused on eliminating poverty, protecting the environment, and fostering peace and prosperity by 2030. SDG 11, “Sustainable Cities and Communities,” aims to make cities and communities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. Nakhchivan State University (NSU) actively supports this goal by promoting sustainable infrastructure, green campus initiatives, and community engagement programs. NSU incorporates sustainable urban planning in its curriculum, engages students in projects focused on green spaces, and collaborates with local authorities to improve urban sustainability practices. Through these initiatives, NSU contributes to creating a more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient community.

Nakhchivan State University (NSU) has made notable progress toward SDG 11, focusing on sustainable infrastructure, environmental stewardship, and cultural heritage preservation. In 2023, NSU upgraded safety and energy efficiency across six academic buildings and the student residence, planted 231 trees to enhance green spaces, and organized cultural events promoting Nakhchivan’s heritage. Initiatives included a "Nakhchivan Carpets and Embroidery" curriculum, the International Symposium on "Islam and Culture in the Caucasus," and a special exhibition on "Heydar Aliyev and Urban Heritage." Through these efforts, NSU fosters a resilient, sustainable campus and community.

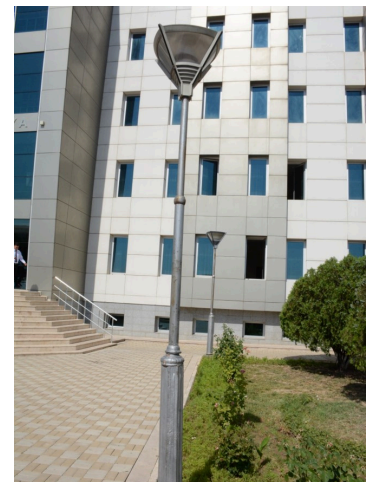
Nakhchivan State University (NSU) has taken significant steps to advance Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11) – "Sustainable Cities and Communities." Through targeted efforts to enhance infrastructure sustainability, promote environmental responsibility, and preserve cultural heritage, NSU demonstrates a strong commitment to building a resilient and inclusive campus and contributing positively to the broader community.

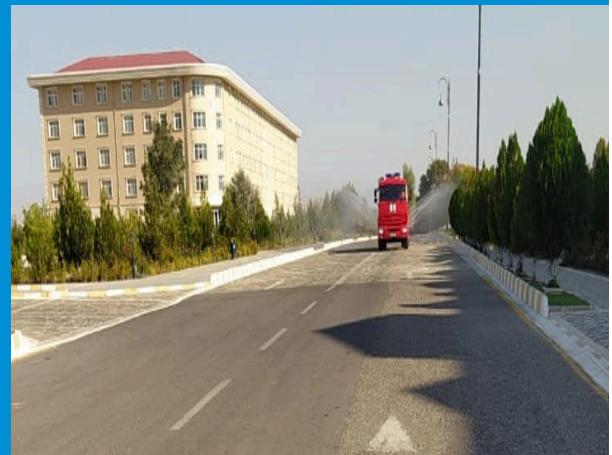
In 2023, infrastructure safety improvements were implemented across six of NSU's 13 academic buildings, the student residence, and other campus facilities. Renovations included the installation of modern LED lighting systems to improve energy efficiency and reduce consumption. Additionally, the student residential areas were upgraded to create a more comfortable and sustainable living environment for students, with updated plumbing and enhanced security measures.

NSU has also undertaken extensive initiatives to increase green spaces on campus. During 2023, 231 new trees were planted, and ongoing care of existing greenery has been intensified. These efforts underscore NSU's commitment to environmental stewardship, providing a healthier and more inviting atmosphere for students, faculty, and visitors alike.



Equipping students with sustainable values and practical skills, Nakhchivan State University advances SDG 11 by integrating hands-on learning in environmental responsibility and cultural preservation, preparing graduates to build resilient, inclusive communities locally and globally.







NSU has been actively engaged in cultural preservation and promotion. As part of the International Medical Forum, NSU organized site visits for international delegates to Nakhchivan's notable cultural and natural landmarks, including the Duzdag Physiotherapy Center and the Momine Khatun Mausoleum. Delegates were introduced to Duzdag's unique therapeutic properties, attracting visitors globally, especially those seeking treatment for asthma. The UNESCO-listed Momine Khatun Mausoleum, a masterpiece of Eastern architecture and a symbol of respect for women, was also highlighted as a significant historical monument.

In further efforts to celebrate Nakhchivan's rich cultural heritage, NSU introduced the "Nakhchivan Carpets and Embroidery" textbook and curriculum, expanding students' understanding of traditional arts. The university also hosted the first International Symposium on "Islam and Culture in the Caucasus" and commemorated the "International Day for Monuments and Sites" with a series of events. Additionally, NSU's International Congress on Duzdag Research provided a platform for exploring Nakhchivan's natural and scientific significance.



In conjunction with the "Heydar Aliyev Year" designation in Azerbaijan, NSU organized a special exhibition on "Heydar Aliyev and Urban Heritage." Students from the Faculty of Architecture and Engineering excelled in all categories, showcasing their talent and gaining a deeper appreciation for the region's urban and architectural heritage.

Through these diverse initiatives, NSU's SDG 11 activities actively support the creation of sustainable, safe, and inclusive campus spaces. By fostering environmental awareness, preserving cultural heritage, and enhancing infrastructure sustainability, NSU stands as a model for sustainable development, benefitting both its academic community and the broader society.

