



BRAINWAR UNIVERSITY

**Annual SDG-16 Report
2023-24**

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

***Promoting Accountability, Institutional Integrity,
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About SDG 16

Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions calls for the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies, access to justice for all, and the building of accountable institutions at every level.

For Brainware University, this goal defines the foundation of its academic culture and administrative philosophy — to foster justice, ethical leadership, and transparent governance across education, research, and community life.

The University functions through a participative governance structure that ensures every policy, appointment, and academic action is rooted in accountability, fairness, and respect for human dignity.

Institutional Framework for Governance and Integrity

Brainware University's governance ecosystem aligns with the UGC and NAAC Quality Assurance frameworks.

The Office of the Registrar (HR & Quality) anchors institutional compliance, while the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) continuously monitors academic and administrative quality.

Rule of Law and Justice Education

A. School of Law: Education for Social Justice

The School of Law, Brainware University, serves as a living laboratory for justice education. Its pedagogy blends legal theory with practical exposure through moot courts, internships, and legal aid outreach.

- Annual Legal Aid Camps: Conducted across five rural blocks, assisting over 400 beneficiaries in 2023–24.
- Moot Court Society: Organized 3 intra-University and 2 inter-University moot court competitions.
- Legal Awareness Drives: In collaboration with the Barasat District Court and local NGOs, focused on women's rights, cyber laws, and environmental justice.

Theme	Activity Type	Date / Venue	Outcome
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Rights of Women and Children	Awareness Camp	Feb 2024, Barasat Panchayat	80 women reached
Cyber Law and Data Protection	Workshop	Nov 2023, BWU Auditorium	150 students trained
Legal Literacy for Farmers	Field Visit	Jan 2024, Deganga Block	65 participants guided
Moot Court on Climate Justice	Simulation	March 2024	Student legal drafting assessment

B. Legal Research and Policy Innovation

The University's legal scholars contributed significantly to SDG-aligned jurisprudence, focusing on sustainable legal systems, rights-based governance, and digital justice.

Book Chapter / Publication (2023–24)	Author(s)	Title / ISBN	SDG Linkage
<i>Enhancing Legal Education in India: Elevating Quality via Outcome-Oriented Learning</i>	Subham Chatterjee	NEP 2020: Reforms in Indian Education System (ISBN 978-81-19428-51-9)	Strengthening rule-based education
<i>Sustainable Eco-System and the Role of Corporate Houses Through Effective CSR</i>	Debanjana Sasmal, Sudipta Adhikary	Environmental Evolution (ISBN 978-81-970323-7-0)	Governance and responsible institutions
<i>International Legal Issues and Plant Variety Protection Rights in Agriculture</i>	R. Dasgupta, P. Mukherjee	Crop Sustainability & IPR (Taylor & Francis)	Environmental justice and fair trade
<i>Application of Fuzzy Logic in Risk Management</i>	Sudipta Adhikary & Kaushik Banerjee	Wiley (ISBN 9781394174539)	Legal technology and risk governance

Research, Patents, and Digital Governance

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Brainware University researchers from law, management, and computational sciences have contributed to institutional governance technologies, ensuring transparency, efficiency, and ethical AI systems.

Patent Title	SDG 16 Relevance
<i>A Legal Chatbot Using Natural Language Processing</i>	AI-driven access to legal advice and justice delivery
<i>Blockchain-Driven Triple-Entry Accounting System</i>	Ensures transparency and accountability in financial systems
<i>Comprehensive Healthcare Communication System</i>	Governance in digital health record integrity
<i>AI-Based Plagiarism Detecting OCR Pen for Handwritten Text</i>	Enhances academic honesty and institutional integrity

These innovations reflect BWU's approach of merging technology with ethics — ensuring justice systems and academic environments remain transparent and accessible.

Institutional Collaborations Supporting SDG 16

Partner Organisation	Type	Area of Collaboration	Linked School / Cell
Banerjee & Associates	Law Firm	Skill training, legal research, internship	School of Law
M/s A.N. Dawn Solicitors & Advocates	Law Firm	Legal practice immersion and mentoring	School of Law
SKR & Associates	Law Firm	Professional ethics and corporate law interface	School of Law
Full Moon Foundation	NGO	CSR, social justice outreach, community inclusion	NSS & University CSR Cell
Social Welfare & Development for Empowered Society (SWADES)	Academic / NGO	Joint training and rural governance research	Management
Bengal Institute of Political Studies	Institution	Policy awareness and civic education	Media & Law

University of South Carolina, USA	University	Governance and research collaboration	Biotechnology & Institutional Policy Research Cell
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Institutional Ethics, Transparency, and Accountability

Brainware University maintains a strict code of conduct, integrated into the BWU Ethics Charter (2023), ensuring transparent and fair operations.

Ethical Mechanism	Scope
Transparency Portal	Public access to policies, minutes, circulars
Faculty Appraisal System (API)	Digital assessment for promotions
Anti-Plagiarism Policy	15% similarity threshold enforced
Whistleblower Mechanism	Anonymous reporting of misconduct
Student Grievance Portal	24x7 online grievance filing and tracking
Open Data on Governance	Quarterly data reports on HR and IQAC

These frameworks ensure public trust, accountability, and credibility in University operations — aligning perfectly with SDG 16.6 (effective, accountable institutions) and SDG 16.10 (public access to information).

Civic Engagement and Peace Education

- NSS Peace Drive (Dec 2023): 250 students joined a community dialogue on peacebuilding and interfaith harmony.
- Youth Parliament 2023: Simulated national-level governance debate with participation from 15 departments.

Alignment with National Frameworks

Brainware University's SDG 16 actions align with:

- National Education Policy (NEP 2020) – for outcome-based and ethical higher education.
- UGC's Good Governance Guidelines (2021).
- National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) framework for community legal awareness.

Conclusion

Brainware University's commitment to Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions is not confined to the classroom. It is embedded in governance, teaching, and the very ethics of administration.

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By blending technology with transparency and law with empathy, the University continues to strengthen its role as a beacon of ethical education and institutional accountability — ensuring justice and fairness remain integral to its growth.

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