

SDG 16

16.1 Research on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Parameter	Data
Scholarly Output	106
Field-Weighted Citation Impact	2.47
Citation Count	882



From 2022 to 2024, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham made significant advancements in promoting United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 — Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, through interdisciplinary research fostering transparency, ethical governance, and social harmony. With 106 scholarly outputs and a Field-Weighted Citation Impact of 2.47, Amrita’s research excellence far exceeds global standards, highlighting its leadership in strengthening institutional integrity and societal resilience. The university’s work spans crucial areas such as corruption prevention, cyberbullying mitigation, stakeholder engagement, and rural development, reinforcing its commitment to justice and inclusive governance. By integrating advanced technologies like Distributed Ledger Systems, Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory Networks, and Global Positioning Systems, Amrita enhances accountability, data-driven policymaking, and community-centric development frameworks. Supported by 30 international collaborations, 4,792 views, and 882 citations, Amrita’s SDG 16 research exemplifies its global impact and unwavering dedication to building

peaceful, just, and resilient societies.

16.2 Strengthening Grassroots Governance: Bridging Access to Welfare in Rural India

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham’s initiatives under the Centre for Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality (CWEGE) and AMMACHI Labs have been instrumental in strengthening institutional inclusivity and social justice through effective grassroots engagement. In alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goal 16 – Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, these efforts aim to ensure that every citizen, regardless of location or literacy, can access their rightful government entitlements and participate meaningfully in public governance.

Across several Indian states—including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and West Bengal—Community Organizers (COs) trained by CWEGE act as vital links between rural communities and government institutions. These women-led teams bridge systemic gaps by creating awareness, assisting with documentation,

coordinating with local officials, and facilitating continuous follow-ups to ensure the delivery of social welfare benefits.



Through these interventions, the university has established a participatory and transparent model of local governance—one that prioritizes inclusion, accountability, and empowerment. In 2024 alone, Amrita's COs implemented over 820 interventions, reaching 1,933 rural beneficiaries across seven states. These efforts have significantly enhanced access to critical services in areas such as healthcare, social security, financial inclusion, and livelihood development.

A defining feature of this initiative is its women-led approach to governance. Every CO is a local woman trained to act as a liaison between her community and the state. This not only promotes equitable access to welfare but also strengthens women's leadership and civic participation at the village level. By facilitating government service delivery through empathy and accountability, these community organizers are transforming governance from the ground up—creating systems that are transparent, people-centered, and resilient.

Ultimately, Amrita's model demonstrates how strong local institutions and

empowered women leaders can together drive inclusive development and ensure that the promise of justice and equity truly reaches the last mile.

16.3 Fostering Child Rights and Protection through Education: A Step Toward Peaceful and Inclusive Societies

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham continues to advance its commitment to social responsibility and inclusive development by nurturing a culture of empathy, justice, and awareness among youth. Reflecting the essence of **UN Sustainable Development Goal 16 - Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions**, the university's social outreach initiatives emphasize child protection, empowerment, and the building of equitable communities.

In November 2024, the **Department of Social Work** organized a week-long celebration titled *Snehakootam* in observance of Children's Day. The event brought together undergraduate and postgraduate social work students in a meaningful campaign focused on child rights, protection, and creative engagement. Through interactive workshops, educational outreach, and village-based community programs, the celebration reaffirmed Amrita's mission to promote social inclusion and institutional accountability for the well-being of children.

The program began with a series of educational sessions and workshops aimed at raising awareness of **child rights and safety**. Discussions explored the role of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in advancing children's welfare, alongside creative activities such as origami, art

from waste, and vegetable painting—each designed to inspire imagination and social sensitivity among participants. These sessions reinforced the belief that education, when combined with creativity and compassion, becomes a powerful tool for social transformation.



Extending beyond the campus, the celebration continued in **Mavuthampathy and Puthupathy village schools**, where Amrita students facilitated interactive

sessions that encouraged children to express themselves freely through play and dialogue. These community engagements created joyful, inclusive spaces where children felt valued and protected—bridging the gap between educational institutions and rural communities.

By integrating child-centered education with field engagement, *Snehakootam* demonstrated how universities can play a transformative role in **strengthening social institutions, fostering trust, and protecting vulnerable groups**. The initiative also aligned with Amrita's long-standing commitment to peacebuilding through compassion-based education, ensuring that every child's right to safety, expression, and dignity is upheld.

Through such efforts, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham continues to champion **peace, justice, and strong institutions**—laying the foundation for a society where every child can grow, learn, and thrive within a framework of equality, protection, and care.