SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 11

# Sustainable Cities and Communities

Woxsen University | Ethics, Responsibility & Sustainability (ERS) Activity Report | January – July 2026

This report presents 11 ERS activities carried out between January and July 2026 that contribute to SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). Activities that address several goals are reported under each relevant SDG, so some entries also appear in other SDG reports. Related recurring sessions have been grouped into a single entry.

## Gyan-Deep – Honouring Wisdom, Embracing Spring, Celebrating Science

23 Jan 2026, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | IoT Lab, Woxsen University | School of Sciences | Participants: 100

*Reported SDG alignment: SDG 4, SDG 9, SDG 11*

A gathering of undergraduates, PhD scholars, faculty and staff that blended India's knowledge traditions with modern scientific inquiry. The programme included a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and reflections on knowledge, curiosity and ethical responsibility in science.

Participants appreciated the integration of culture and science, and the event highlighted preserving cultural knowledge alongside modern education.







## Hyderabad Heritage Run

22 Feb 2026, 6:00 am | Qutub Shahi Tombs, Hyderabad | School of Architecture and Planning | Participants: 26

*Reported SDG alignment: SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 11*

SoAP students and faculty joined the Hyderabad Heritage Run (21K, 10K and 5K categories) organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of Telangana and Rapido, combining fitness with a deeper appreciation of Hyderabad's built heritage.








## Craft Innovation – Traditional Craft Exploration

17 Feb – 6 Mar 2026 | SoAD Studios, Woxsen University | School of Arts and Design – Industrial Design | Participants: 25 students

*Reported SDG alignment: SDG 4, SDG 8, SDG 11, SDG 12*

Semester VI Industrial Design students worked with terracotta and design-thinking exercises to reinterpret traditional craft methods as contemporary product concepts that connect traditional knowledge with modern needs.

The course emphasised experiential learning and material exploration, introducing students to traditional craft practices and their relevance in present-day design. It was supported by five faculty and craft mentors.





## Design and Architecture Learning for School Students

Dates: 31 Jan and 21 Feb 2026, 26 | Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School and Radiant Tapovan School, Hyderabad; Woxsen University Campus | School of Arts and Design; School of Architecture and Planning

*Reported SDG alignment: SDG 4, SDG 11, SDG 12*

Design, business and architecture faculty introduced school students to design literacy, design thinking and sustainable cities through sessions on campus and at partner schools.

**Design literacy for school students** (31 Jan and 21 Feb 2026; participants: ~180). Sessions on design literacy, design education and design ethics for school students of Grades 6 to 8, encouraging them to observe how design shapes everyday environments, and stressing inclusivity, sustainability and social impact. Led by Prof. Ar. Eesha Sharma with a student volunteer.

**Summer-school workshop on cities & green buildings** (26; participants: 60 school students). As part of the summer school for Grades 9 to 12, B.Arch faculty ran 'Reimagine Your City' and 'Sustainability & Green Buildings', covering climate indicators, the energy and CO2 footprint of buildings, passive and active design, and careers in architecture.





## Rang Tarang – Symphony of Colors, Tradition and Togetherness

5 Mar 2026, 2:30 – 5:00 pm | LT-4, Woxsen University | School of Sciences | Participants: 120

*Reported SDG alignment: SDG 11*

A cultural celebration with a rangoli competition, an Indian traditional fashion show and dumb charades, bringing junior scholars, PhD scholars, faculty and staff together to celebrate cultural traditions, creativity and community bonding.






## Road Safety Initiatives – School of Architecture and Planning

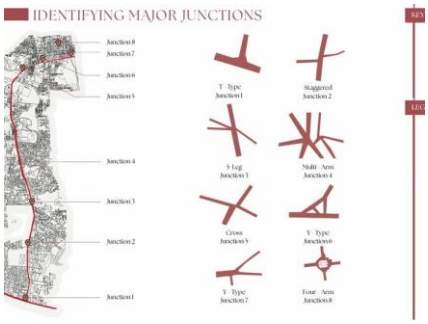
Dates: 23 Feb – 2 Mar 2026, 16 Apr 2026 | Sangareddy District and Woxsen University; Woxsen University Campus | School of Architecture and Planning

*Reported SDG alignment: SDG 4, SDG 11*

SoAP students took road safety from the classroom to the campus and the community, linking urban design education with civic responsibility.

**Traffic Awareness elective & road safety audit** (23 Feb – 2 Mar 2026; participants: 16). A one-week, 3-credit elective under Prof. Dhruma Bhavsar that introduced B.Arch students to road safety principles, design standards for roads and civic sense, including a road safety audit in Sangareddy district.

**'Arrive Alive' campaign** (16 Apr 2026; participants: 500+). SoAP joined the Telangana Police 'Arrive Alive' campaign on campus. Over 40 students took part in discussions with senior police officers, the Dean presented a road safety case study, and seven first-year B.Arch students performed a short street play on road hazards.






## Seed Ball Making and Reforestation Drive

23 Jun 2026, 1:30 – 4:30 pm | Woxsen University Campus | School of Architecture and Planning | Participants: 24

*Reported SDG alignment: SDG 11, SDG 13, SDG 15*

Third- and fourth-year B.Arch students attended a lecture on native species and peri-urban biodiversity, then made seed balls in teams for reforestation. More than 500 seed balls were produced.







## Global Goals Jam Hyderabad – Designing for Urban Resilience

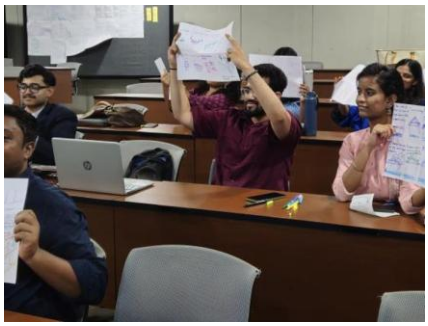
29 – 30 Jun 2026 | SoAD, Woxsen University (focus site: Durgam Cheruvu) | School of Arts & Design | Participants: 17

*Reported SDG alignment: SDG 11, SDG 13, SDG 15*

SoAD hosted the Hyderabad node of the UNDP-affiliated Global Goals Jam. Participants mapped stakeholders and community assets around Durgam Cheruvu, analysed flooding, waste and biodiversity issues, then ideated, prototyped and presented solutions.







## Donation Drive for Kamkole Boys Hostel

Collection by 6 Jul 2026 | Kamkole Boys Hostel | School of Architecture and Planning with SOB and SOLH | Participants: 11

*Reported SDG alignment: SDG 3, SDG 6, SDG 11, SDG 17*

Deans and faculty of SOB, SOLH and SOAP raised Rs. 30,000, used to install a new water purifier and repair toilet facilities at the hostel.

The aim was to provide safe, purified drinking water and improve hygiene and sanitation for the hostel residents, while encouraging collective participation among faculty from different schools.








## Summary of activities

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