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Uttara University hosts seminar on ‘Sustainable Development Goals for a Healthy Planet’

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Uttara University has held a seminar titled ‘Sustainable Development Goals for a Healthy Planet’.

The event, jointly conducted by the university’s Institutional Ranking Cell (IRC) and the Centre for Research & Training (CRT), was held at 2:30pm on Wednesday.

“The event aimed to enhance awareness and understanding of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), focusing on SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals. The seminar brought

together experts, faculty members, and stakeholders to explore how global partnerships can drive sustainable development and contribute to a healthier planet,” the university said in a press release.

Uttara University Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Gour Gobinda Goswami was the Special Guest at the event. Prof Md Mijanur Rahman, dean of the School of Science and Engineering and director of CRT, delivered the keynote address, and IRC Director Sheikh Yasha Shan chaired the programme.

“SDG 17 emphasises the critical importance of collaboration across governments, businesses, academia, and civil society to achieve the global sustainability agenda. As part of its commitment to education, sustainability, and international cooperation, Uttara University hosted this seminar to discuss how partnerships can be effectively integrated into educational curricula, environmental policies, and broader frameworks, aiming to create long-term solutions for a sustainable future,” the press release said.

In his keynote, Prof Mijanur spoke of the essential role of partnerships in achieving SDG-17.

“He highlighted the need for collective action, bringing together stakeholders from diverse sectors to share resources, expertise, and solutions. The discussion centred on fostering meaningful collaborations between universities, industries, government agencies, and international organisations to create synergies for sustainable development,” the statement said.

Prof Goswami said that Bangladesh had made significant progress, particularly in education, infrastructure, and public health and stressed the importance of continued collaboration in building a better future.

“Bangladesh has come a long way in terms of development, but the journey is far from over,” he said. “By working together, across sectors and borders, we can continue to build a more prosperous, sustainable future for all.”

Shan described the seminar as an essential platform for intellectual exchange between the faculty, students, and stakeholders.

“This seminar is a vital opportunity for our university community to engage with global sustainability goals and contribute to positive environmental and social change. The dialogue initiated here will help strengthen our collective commitment to SDGs and foster action-driven solutions.”

The seminar ended with a call to action, urging attendees to take tangible steps in fostering global partnerships and contributing to a healthier, more sustainable planet.