

Report on: Sustain-Our-Ability: Localising the SDGs

The Department of Economics, St. Anthony's College, Shillong, in collaboration with GIZ India, organised Sustain-Our-Ability: Localising the SDGs, an SDG Youth Engagement Programme held on **20th, 21st and 28th August 2026** under the Support to Green and Sustainable Development Partnership project. The programme brought together 11 colleges to engage with issues related to sustainability and the localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The programme focused on moving beyond awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals towards meaningful youth engagement. Students were given opportunities to explore local sustainability challenges, present their ideas and consider possible solutions. The programme included Sustainability Dialogues, Ideas in Action, and Reflections and Recognition, with activities ranging from expert discussions and student research to photo essays, reels, short films and other visual narratives.

The programme also resulted in the publication of two books: *Sustaining-Our-Ability: Visual Narratives on Localising the SDGs* and *Sustaining-Our-Ability: Emerging Perspectives on Localising the SDGs*. The books bring together the creative work, research and perspectives emerging from the programme and provide a record of young people's engagement with sustainability and the localisation of the SDGs.

Through these activities and publications, Sustain-Our-Ability created a space for students to connect the global SDGs with local concerns and to engage with sustainability through research, dialogue and creative expression.



