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The Role of Student Activism in Progressing Sustainability Goals in University Campuses

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Abstract: For better, peaceful, and good living conditions for each and every living being, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are much needed for all countries, whether they are developed or developing, in a manner of global partnership. Major challenges like poverty, malnutrition, unemployment, etc., and other deprivations should be dealt with with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth, climatic conditions, and so on.

A major question arises: how can we take part in all these... and what part has been chosen by students, colleges, and universities to achieve these goals locally and globally? Higher education institutions are the key agents in nurturing the future minds, and they have an indispensable role in achieving sustainability that will further contribute to the successful implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In this context, this research is an initiative to explore how student activism could play a pivotal role in driving sustainability initiatives and shaping campus sustainability policies.

This paper aims to examine the effectiveness of student-led movements, campaigns, and organizations in influencing university administration and the broader community to adopt green practices and policies. It would explore:

• The evolution over various periods of student activism in environmental causes.

• Successful sustainability initiatives by student's activism challenge traditional university practices, thus creating space for innovation in sustainability.

• Common issues in attaining sustainability with social justice, including efforts to make it accessible and inclusive for all.

• Exploring the social media and digital platforms to spread awareness and drive students' campaigns and hence to motivate students to raise voices and concerns refraining sustainability..

Keywords: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Global Partnership, Student Activism, Deprivations, Economic Spur, etc



