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SDG 9: Industry Innovation and infrastructure

(Building Resilient Infrastructure, Promoting Inclusive & Sustainable Industrialization, and Fostering Innovation)

1. Introduction

Harcourt Butler Technical University (HBTU), Kanpur, has embraced Sustainable Development Goal 9 (SDG 9) as a strategic driver to strengthen infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization, and stimulate innovation. Through its investments in smart infrastructure, promotion of research and development, and creation of a dynamic innovation ecosystem, the University continues to advance national and global objectives under SDG 9.

This report outlines HBTU's current initiatives, policy frameworks, and forward-looking strategies that align with specific SDG 9 targets and indicators. It also suggests new opportunities for growth and improvement at the institutional level.

2. Alignment of University Actions with SDG 9 Targets and Indicators

Target 1: Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure

University Actions

- Construction of green buildings in compliance with IGBC guidelines.
- Installation of rainwater harvesting systems and wastewater treatment units.
- Development of smart classrooms and digitally enabled laboratories.

Indicators Addressed

- Proportion of population with access to sustainable and resilient infrastructure.
- Institutional transport and campus logistics indicators (adapted at campus level).

Target 2: Promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization

University Actions

- Establishment of Centres of Excellence in AI, IoT, renewable energy, cleantech, and automation.
- Integration of industry-led training programs and industrial visits.



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• Implementation of industry-academic R&D collaborations for product development.

Indicators Addressed

- Value added through technology and innovation at institutional level.
- Proportion of technical graduates employed in manufacturing/industrial sectors.

Target 4: Upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries for sustainability

University Actions

- Campus-wide transition to LED lighting and energy-efficient devices.
- Deployment of solar panels and motion sensors to reduce energy intensity.
- Smart grid and utility monitoring systems under development.

Indicators Addressed

• Reduction in carbon footprint per unit of building area or utility consumption.

Target 5: Enhance scientific research and upgrade technological capabilities University Actions

- Internal research funding and publication incentives.
- Filing of patents and promotion of interdisciplinary innovation.
- Participation in national research schemes such as SERB, AICTE, and DST.

Indicators Addressed

- Proportion of total university budget allocated to R&D.
- Number of researchers, patents filed, and publications per faculty member.

Target 6: Support domestic technology development and value addition University Actions

- Innovation and Incubation Centre hosting more than 13 startups.
- Seed grants, prototype support, and IP protection services.



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• Startup exposure through industry mentors and accelerator programs.

Indicators Addressed

• Proportion of technology-based startups incubated and supported.

3. Policy Framework and Operational Guidelines

HBTU has adopted the following structured policies to institutionalize innovation and infrastructure excellence:

- Green Infrastructure Policy: Integration of IGBC/GRIHA norms in all new construction, resource-efficient designs, and waste minimization.
- **R&D** and Innovation Policy: Allocation of research grants, support for patent filing, and recognition for publication in high-impact journals.
- **Industry-Academic Collaboration Policy:** Framework for joint research, curriculum design, industrial training, and tech transfer.
- **Startup Incubation Policy:** Governs pre-incubation, mentoring, seed funding, market linkages, and exit strategy.
- **Smart Campus Governance:** Encourages sensor-based monitoring, e-governance systems, and digital infrastructure scaling.

4. Proposed University-Level Initiatives to Accelerate SDG 9

Initiative	Potential Indicator
Establishment of R&D Dashboard across departments	Number of publications, patents, grants, and citations per year
IoT-Based Utility Management Systems	Per capita water and electricity consumption
Campus Green Mobility (EV Charging + Smart Bikes)	% modal shift from fossil-fuel to sustainable mobility
Student Research Incubation Program	Number of student projects transitioning to startup/incubation phase
Industry-Focused Tech Transfer Cell	Number of technologies licensed to industries



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AI & Automation Bootcamps for	Faculty participation rate and post-training research
Faculty and Staff	collaborations
Annual Innovation Ranking for	Rankings based on measurable innovation output
Departments	and research application
Smart Classroom Expansion Plan	Number of digitally enabled teaching-learning
	spaces

5. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

A robust, indicator-based M&E framework will help measure the effectiveness and long-term impact of HBTU's SDG 9 initiatives:

Innovation Performance Index

- o Total R&D expenditure as % of annual budget.
- o Number of funded research projects, patents, and interdisciplinary collaborations.

• Green Infrastructure Metrics

- o Number of buildings certified under green construction standards.
- o Energy savings (kWh), water savings (litres), and GHG emissions avoided.

• Technology Transfer & Commercialization

- Number of tech solutions transferred to industry.
- o Licensing revenue generated from intellectual property.

• Entrepreneurship Development Metrics

- o Number of active startups, jobs created, survival rates after incubation.
- o Funding attracted (angel/VC/government schemes).

• Skill Development & Training Effectiveness

- o Participation rates in industry-focused bootcamps, certifications, and FDPs.
- o Post-training employment rate and competency improvement.

• Digital Infrastructure Utilization

o Utilization metrics of smart classrooms, online platforms, and IT tools.



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o Feedback mechanisms for technology-assisted learning and administration.

• Annual SDG 9 Impact Report

o A comprehensive report published annually showcasing all SDG 9 progress indicators, with comparative benchmarking and qualitative narratives.

6. Summary

HBTU Kanpur is strategically aligned with SDG 9 through integrated actions focused on building resilient infrastructure, fostering sustainable industrial partnerships, and cultivating innovation. Its forward-thinking approach, rooted in smart systems, research excellence, and entrepreneurial support, reinforces its role as a leading contributor to inclusive industrial and technological advancement.

Ongoing and future initiatives, if scaled effectively and supported by a rigorous monitoring framework, will ensure that HBTU continues to be a pioneer in realizing the national and global vision for innovation-driven development.