

## **Overview: SDG 9**

### **Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**

Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University is actively contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 by fostering a culture of innovation, promoting entrepreneurship, and strengthening industry-academia linkages. The University adopts a comprehensive approach that integrates academic learning with technological advancement, research, and practical exposure, thereby nurturing students to become innovators and contributors to sustainable industrial development.

The University regularly organizes start-up awareness and innovation sessions to cultivate entrepreneurial thinking among students. The session conducted by experts in the domain provided students from diverse disciplines with insights into transforming ideas into viable business ventures. Students presented innovative start-up ideas across domains such as artificial intelligence, healthcare, sustainability, and digital platforms, reflecting a strong innovation-driven mindset. Continuous mentoring and incubation support further strengthen the startup ecosystem within the University.

Initiatives such as Entrepreneurship Expo 2026 provide students with hands-on experience in business operations, enabling them to understand real-world market dynamics. With participation from over 140 students managing 22 stalls, the Expo allowed students to engage in planning, investment, marketing, and profit analysis. Such experiential learning platforms enhance entrepreneurial competencies and prepare students to contribute effectively to industrial and economic development.

The University actively promotes research and knowledge exchange through national seminars and academic events. The National Seminar on “Advances in Interdisciplinary Progress in Science and Technology” brought together scholars, researchers, and students to discuss emerging trends and innovations across disciplines. These initiatives encourage collaborative research, foster scientific temperament, and support technological advancement aligned with SDG 9.

The organization of workshops under the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission enhances awareness about Intellectual Property Rights among students and researchers. Sessions conducted by experts provides insights into patenting, design filing, and legal frameworks, thereby strengthening innovation protection and encouraging research

commercialization. The expert session on “Building the Future: Start-up Support and AI Innovation,” conducted in collaboration with Awadh Incubation Foundation, highlighted the role of artificial intelligence and data-driven innovation in solving real-world problems. Insights from Mr. Vasav Krishna emphasized the importance of incubation, prototyping, and scalability, while aligning with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020 to integrate innovation and entrepreneurship into higher education.

Under the leadership of Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ajay Taneja, these initiatives collectively demonstrate the University’s commitment to building resilient infrastructure for innovation, promoting sustainable industrialization, and fostering a vibrant ecosystem of research and entrepreneurship. Through these efforts, the University plays a significant role in advancing SDG 9 by empowering students with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities required for innovation-led growth and development.