



Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University Kanpur

Sustainable Investment Policy

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SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT POLICY

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur mandates for creativity and innovation to contribute to the progress of humanity through excellence in education and ensure environmental sustainability and deliver social responsibility. University invests its assets responsibly and ethically with approach of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) integration. This Sustainable Investment Policy aims to guide the university in aligning its investments with sustainability principles, promoting responsible and ethical investment practices while seeking to achieve attractive financial returns.

OBJECTIVES

The following are the main goals of the Sustainable Investment Policy:

- i. **ESG Integration:** The process of incorporating governance, social, and environmental considerations into investment analysis and decision-making.
- ii. **Positive Impact:** To look for investment possibilities that support social welfare, environmental preservation, and sustainable development.
- iii. **Responsibly Invest:** Steer clear of businesses or industries that participate in practices that have a major detrimental influence on the environment or society.
- iv. **Long-Term View:** Choosing an investment perspective that is long-term and takes the sustainability of investments into account throughout time.

POLICY STATEMENT

- a) The university takes a long-term view into account when making investments, taking into account corporate governance, social responsibility, and environmental sustainability.
- b) When allocating funds for the university's necessary resources, sustainability is the primary consideration. The impact of environmental changes and the necessity of the global transition to a greener, more sustainable environment are both acknowledged by universities, and they are supported in this transition through practical measures.
- c) To make sure that enterprises that might be detrimental to society or the environment are excluded and to invest in companies with responsible cultures, practices, and good governance, universities take into account a combination of negative and positive screenings.
- d) The university will engage with companies in its investment portfolio to encourage improved ESG practices and disclosure. It may also participate in collaborative initiatives


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or shareholder advocacy efforts to promote sustainability and responsible corporate behaviour.

- e) University investment is aligned with mandate that supports UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other frameworks and provide impetus to the business sectors critical (Renewable energy, Sustainable transport, Waste management etc.) to Nationally Determined Commitment (NDCs) of India to meet Paris climate change targets.
- f) University will establish ESG criteria and conduct thorough due diligence on potential investment opportunities. This will include assessing companies' environmental performance, social impact, governance practices, and ethical conduct.
- g) The university will regularly evaluate the financial and sustainability performance of its investment portfolio, making adjustments as needed to maintain the desired balance between returns and responsible investment.

REPORTING AND TRANSPARENCY

- a) **Public Disclosure:** The University will publicly disclose its Sustainable Investment Policy, providing transparency to stakeholders and the broader community.
- b) **Annual Reporting:** The university will publish regular reports on the performance and composition of its investment portfolio, including ESG considerations and impact assessments.

COMPLIANCE AND REVIEW

- a) **Compliance:** The university will ensure compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and ethical standards related to sustainable investing.
- b) **Periodic Review:** The Sustainable Investment Policy will undergo periodic review to ensure it remains up-to-date with evolving best practices and reflects the university's commitment to sustainability.


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