



Sustainability Investment Policy



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1. Preamble

Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University (SGT), as a progressive and socially responsible institution, commits to advancing sustainability in higher education by aligning its investments, operations, and academic practices with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and India's National Education Policy 2020.

This policy aims to guide the university's investment and operational strategies in a manner that strengthens its environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance while enhancing institutional impact.

2. Policy Objectives

- To integrate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles into all university investment and procurement decisions.
- To promote sustainable infrastructure, energy efficiency, waste reduction, and climate-resilient practices.
- To support research, education, and innovation aligned with sustainability goals.
- To involve stakeholders (students, staff, alumni, and local community) in promoting sustainable development.
- Include sustainability goals in the University's Strategic Plan.
- Mandate Departmental Green Plans as part of their Annual Reports.

3. Scope

- This policy applies to all academic units, support departments, and affiliated entities of the university. It covers:
 - Financial investments
 - Infrastructure and resource management
 - Curriculum and research
 - Governance and stakeholder engagement
 - Community and outreach initiatives

4. Key Policy Areas

A. Sustainable Financial Investments

- Preferential investment in **green bonds, ESG-compliant funds**, or low-carbon portfolios.

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- Disinvestment from sectors that **contribute to fossil fuel extraction, deforestation, and high carbon emissions**.
- Allocation of a fixed **Green Budget (e.g., 2–5% of annual expenditure)** to sustainable development and environmental innovation.

B. Sustainable Campus Infrastructure

- Adopt **green building norms** for all new infrastructure.
- Ensure **100% LED lighting**, solar energy adoption, and energy audits annually.
- Implement **zero-waste strategies** including recycling, composting, and reduction of single-use plastic.
- Promote **sustainable mobility**—bicycle lanes, e-vehicles, carpooling incentives.

C. Academic Integration

- Embed **Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)** in all curricula.
- Offer **interdisciplinary electives** on climate change, sustainable business, green technology, and biodiversity.
- Encourage student-led sustainability projects and capstone assignments addressing local and global SDGs.

D. Research & Innovation

- Prioritize funding and incubation for **research aligned with SDGs**, especially renewable energy, climate action, water conservation, and health equity.
- Collaborate with international universities, industries, and NGOs on sustainability-themed projects.

E. Governance & Monitoring

- Establish a **Sustainability Council** comprising faculty, students, and administrators.
- Assign **Sustainability Officers** in each department/unit to monitor and report progress.
- Publish an **Annual Sustainability Report**, covering emissions, investments, impact, and rankings status.

F. Community Engagement & Social Impact

- Partner with local panchayats, municipalities, and NGOs for **community-driven development** projects.
- Organize **tree plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns, climate literacy programs**, and livelihood skill development.

G. Data for Ranking

- Maintain a centralized Sustainability Database
- Environmental Research Output



- SDG-aligned Publications
- Gender Equality
- Community Engagement
- Institutional Governance

5. Implementation Framework

Activity Timeline Responsible Unit

Activity	Frequency	Unit Responsible
Formation of Sustainability Council	Within 1 month	IQAC
Green Audit & Infrastructure Plan	Within 6 months	Estate & Infra Committee
Green Energy Installation (e.g., Solar Panels)	Annual	Infra & Maintenance Department
Sustainability Hackathons or Ideathons	Biannual	Innovation & Incubation Cell
Climate Literacy Workshops	Quarterly	NSS/NCC & IQAC
Community Outreach Campaigns	Quarterly	NSS, NCC, Social Outreach Cell
Paperless Office Drive	Continuous	Admin & IT
SDG Research Project Funding	Every semester	Research Cell
Rainwater Harvesting Systems Installation	Yearly	Estate & Planning

Enhancement with Measurable KPIs:

Indicator	Target (Example)	Reporting Frequency
% of Budget Allocated to Green Initiatives	≥5%	Annual
% Reduction in Energy Consumption	10% by 2027	Annual
% of Buildings Certified	50% by 2030	Biennial
Number of SDG-Aligned Research Projects	10% per year	Semester
% of Recycled Waste vs Total Waste	30%	Quarterly
Gender Equity Index in Leadership Roles	Min 40%	Annual

6. Monitoring & Evaluation

- Biannual review of policy implementation by the Sustainability Council
- External **Green Audits** and third-party ESG assessments every two years.

7. Review & Amendments

The policy will be reviewed every two to three years or earlier as required, based on feedback, new government regulations, or changes in global ranking parameters.