

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY FRAMEWORK

Our Sustainability Policy Framework guides institutional actions and strengthens our commitment to a sustainable future.

OUR COMMITMENT

GD Goenka University is committed to environmental stewardship, responsible resource management, climate action, and creating positive social and economic impact through education, research, innovation and partnerships.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Environmental
Stewardship



Climate
Responsibility



Resource
Efficiency



Circular
Economy



Social
Responsibility



Ethical
Governance



Innovation &
Continuous
Improvement

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS



Climate Action
& Net Zero
Transition

Reduce emissions
and build a
climate-resilient
campus.



Energy
Management

Enhance energy
efficiency and
expand renewable
energy use.



Water
Stewardship

Conserve water
and promote
recycling and
responsible use.



Waste &
Circular
Economy

Minimize waste
and promote
reuse, recycling
and recovery.



Biodiversity &
Green Campus

Protect biodiversity
and enhance green
infrastructure
and ecosystems.



Sustainable
Infrastructure

Design and
maintain green,
resilient and
inclusive spaces.



Sustainable
Procurement

Purchase
responsibly and
support ethical
supply chains.



Education,
Research &
Innovation

Advance sustainability
through learning,
research and
innovation.



Community
Engagement &
Partnerships

Collaborate with
communities,
industry and
institutions.

ENABLERS



Policy & Governance



Capacity Building
& Awareness



Monitoring &
Performance



Compliance &
Risk Management



Transparency &
Accountability



Reporting &
Disclosure

OUR OUTCOMES



Responsible
Resource Use



Reduced
Environmental
Footprint



Resilient &
Green Campus



Well-being &
Inclusion



Knowledge
Leadership



Sustainable
Future

STAKEHOLDERS



Students



Faculty &
Researchers



Staff



Management



Partners &
Industry



Community
& Society



Government &
Regulatory
Bodies



Visitors &
Other
Stakeholders

Aligned with the United Nations
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Together We Learn.
Together We Sustain.
Together We Lead.

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Index & Overview of the Sustainability Policy Suite
GD GOENKA UNIVERSITY

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1. INTRODUCTION

GD Goenka University has adopted a coordinated suite of institutional policies to embed sustainability across governance, campus operations, financial decision-making, and procurement. This Framework document serves as the master index for that policy suite, explaining how the individual policies relate to one another, to the University's Institutional Development Plan (2023–2028) and Net Zero Commitment, and to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This document is intended for publication on the University's official website alongside the individual policies, so that students, staff, prospective partners, accreditation bodies, and award committees can navigate the University's sustainability governance framework at a glance.

2. THE POLICY SUITE

The following institutional policies together constitute the University's Sustainability Policy Suite. Each is a standalone, Board-approved document; this Framework does not replace or supersede any of them.

Document	Policy No.	Version	Effective Date	Review Cycle
Net Zero Commitment	GDGU/SUS/NZ/2026/01	2.0	July 2026	Biennial
Environment & Sustainability Policy	GDGU/SUS/ENV/2026/01	2.0	July 2026	Biennial
Sustainable Investment Policy	GDGU/SUS/INV/2026/01	2.0	July 2026	Biennial
Sustainable Procurement & Purchasing Policy	GDGU/SUS/PROC/2026/01	2.0	July 2026	Biennial

3. HOW THE POLICIES RELATE

The Net Zero Commitment sets the University's overarching climate goal — Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030 — across Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions. The Environment & Sustainability Policy translates this goal into an institution-wide environmental governance framework covering energy, water, waste, biodiversity, green buildings, and community engagement. The Sustainable Investment Policy ensures that capital and infrastructure decisions are evaluated against environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria consistent with these commitments, while the Sustainable Procurement & Purchasing Policy extends the same principles to day-to-day purchasing and supply-chain decisions. Together, the

four documents ensure that sustainability considerations are embedded consistently — from long-term strategy, through capital investment, to routine procurement.

4. GOVERNANCE AT A GLANCE

Implementation across all four policies is coordinated through a common institutional governance structure:

- Board of Management — strategic oversight and approval of sustainability policy and major investments.
- Vice Chancellor and Registrar — institutional leadership and cross-functional implementation.
- Environment Compliance Committee (ECC) — monitoring, audits, and compliance across environmental performance.
- Sustainability & Green Campus Committee — coordination of campus-level sustainability and community programmes.
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) — documentation, reporting, and continual improvement.
- Estate & Facilities Department and Procurement & Finance Department — operational implementation of environmental, investment, and procurement commitments.

5. ALIGNMENT WITH EXTERNAL FRAMEWORKS

The Sustainability Policy Suite is aligned with the University's Institutional Development Plan (2023–2028), India's National Education Policy 2020, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. It is further supported by independent verification through the University's annual Carbon Footprint Report, LEED v4.1 O+M: Existing Buildings Platinum certification, and statutory permissions and compliance records maintained with the Haryana Water Resources Authority and Haryana State Pollution Control Board.

6. ACCESS AND REVIEW

All policies in this suite are reviewed on a biennial cycle, or earlier where required by regulatory change, institutional priorities, or emerging sustainability practice. Current versions of all documents are published on the University's official website and are available on request from the Office of the Registrar or the Internal Quality Assurance Cell.



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