Sustainable Investment Policy

Statement/ Description

GD Goenka University affirms its commitment to sustainability and responsible investment by integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into all aspects of its financial decision-making. This Sustainable Investment Policy reflects the University's dedication to aligning its endowment and financial assets with its core mission—advancing academic excellence, fostering innovation, and driving positive societal impact.

The University aims to ensure that its financial practices not only support long-term economic growth but also contribute meaningfully to environmental stewardship and social equity. The policy is a key component of our broader sustainability vision and reinforces our role as a vision-oriented institution shaping a more resilient and inclusive future.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to integrate sustainability considerations into university's investment strategy to financial returns and positive societal impact and to uphold high standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability in investment practices. Moreover, the policy would also support projects and initiatives that drive positive social and environmental outcomes, such as renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure, and community development. The policy would also encourage research and innovation in sustainable investment practices and solutions.

Procedures

Holistic Integration

Our investment strategy will integrate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations into every phase of decision-making, fostering a balanced approach that maximizes both financial returns and societal benefits.

Ethical Leadership

We uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability in our investment activities, setting an example for responsible stewardship in higher education. Investments will prioritize projects and initiatives that directly contribute to positive social and environmental outcomes within these focus areas such as renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure, education access, and community development. We will actively engage with local communities and stakeholders to understand their needs, priorities, and aspirations, ensuring that our investment decisions make a positive impact for them. We will support research and innovation initiatives that advance sustainable investment practices, driving forward-thinking solutions to global challenges such as climate change, social inequality, and corporate governance reform.

Investments in academic research, technology startups, and social enterprises will be encouraged to catalyze positive change and foster interdisciplinary collaboration. We will establish mechanisms for ongoing monitoring, evaluation, and improvement of our sustainable investment framework, integrating feedback from stakeholders and adapting to emerging trends and best practices.

Roles and Responsibilities

This section would present an outline for the roles and responsibilities of the University office or individuals referenced in the policy and procedure.

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Reporting Concerns and Retaliation Policy

GD Goenka University maintains a strict non-retaliation policy. Suppliers and their employees are encouraged to report any policy violations in good faith and will be protected from retaliation. All reports will be handled confidentially, investigated thoroughly, and addressed with appropriate action.