



SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT POLICY

Policy Overview:

This policy establishes the objectives and parameters of the University investment and outlines how the University is embracing environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors within its investments, reflecting the ambitious sustainability agenda within the University.

Scope of the Policy:

The investment policy is applied to the University endowments and funds that are provided by other funding agencies including Governments. To reflect that this is a constantly developing area, the sustainable investment policy will be reviewed regularly, at least biannually, by the Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA) of the University by inviting the stakeholders to the review meeting.

Sustainable Investment Strategy:

Goa University is committed to reducing its carbon footprint. In line with this target, the University is committed to ensuring that its investments are according to the highest ESG standards. The strategy recognises that a responsible approach to sustainability and financial returns are not mutually exclusive and that a sustainable approach to environmental and social issues are more effective stewards of long-term capital.

The policy states that the University will make investments towards:

- Maintaining biodiversity of the University campus which harbours diverse flora and fauna
- Promote and provide walkways within the campus to reach to different faculty blocks and reduce carbon footprints
- Provide pool transport facility from hostels to the faculty blocks and return.
- Introducing courses within the syllabus that sensitize the student community towards environmental sustainability and environmental relates issues.
- Reduce paperwork by introducing e-governance and automation
- Carrying out research that promotes environmental safety and sustainability
- Segregate and disposing-off laboratory wastes and effluents.
- Recycling of waste water and reusing it for gardening and other proposes
- Identification of E-waste and disposing it through the appropriate agencies.
- Provide facilities for the good health and wellbeing of the students, staff and stakeholders.
- Run social outreach programmes and empower communities within the State of Goa
- Introduce rainwater conservation, affordable and clean energy on the campus
- Keeping campus green and plastic free.
- Improve the facilities for persons of disabilities.

The University will not make any investments of its endowment or other funds towards or with any organization that deals with:

- Tobacco and intoxicants
- Weapons
- Environment harming wastes

This policy is disseminated to all the internal and external stakeholders by placing the same on the University website.

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