

# **SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY**



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## **1. Introduction**

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur is devoted in enhancing sustainable development by decreasing the detrimental impact of the procurement procedures on the environment, society, and economy. Hence, the objective of this Sustainable Procurement Policy is to direct all purchasing and procurement procedures within the organisation while promoting responsible suppliers, minimising waste, and promoting responsible consumption.

## **2. Objectives**

The key objectives of the Sustainable Procurement Policy are as follows:

- a. To minimize both the carbon footprint and overall environmental impact of procurement activities by providing preference to environment friendly products and services.
- b. By selecting suppliers who are engaged in ethical practices, we plan to support inclusiveness, human rights, and fair labour standards.
- c. To encourage regional economic expansion and support local companies, specifically those which employ environmentally friendly procedures.
- d. To reduce waste production and maximize resource use through judicious procurement decisions.

## **3. Policy Guidelines**

- a. DDU Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur before making procurement decisions, will evaluate products and suppliers based on their sustainability practices. This will include environmental certifications, fair labour standards, social responsibility and adherence to relevant laws and regulations.
- b. Energy-efficient, environmentally friendly items with less impact on natural resources will be given preference. Whenever possible, materials that are recycled or biodegradable will be given preference.
- c. As an attempt to strengthen the local economy, lower emissions connected to transportation, and build community ties, the University will give priority to regional suppliers.
- d. Rather than emphasizing only on the initial purchase price, procurement decisions will take into account all phases of the cost of products and services. This covers expenditures for servicing, consumption of energy, and disposal.

- e. A code of conduct that supports equal treatment of workers, environmental responsibility, and ethical business practices will be encouraged for suppliers to comply with in accordance with the university's sustainability objectives.
- f. The University will work to reduce the production of waste by encouraging suppliers to use minimal packaging techniques, encouraging recycling, and avoiding superfluous packaging.
- g. The University will investigate modern and innovative environmentally friendly methods and technologies in order to consistently improve procurement procedures.

#### **4. Implementation and Reporting**

- a. The Purchase Committee of the Department/Section will be responsible for implementing this policy and ensuring compliance across all University Departments/Sections.
  - b. To educate all employees and stakeholders about sustainable procurement methods, awareness campaigns and training sessions will be held.
  - c. The intended objectives of the policy will be executed and areas for improvement will be identified in regular progress reports.
  - d. The Sustainable Procurement Policy will be subject to periodic review and update in order to incorporate new sustainable practices and adapt to changing circumstances.
5. The University will work with other academic institutions, governmental agencies, and sustainability groups to share best practices and together advance sustainability as a larger objective.
6. The University confirms its adherence to conservation, sustainable consumption, and ethical business practices by implementing this Sustainable Procurement Policy. The university aspires to make a difference in the environment, society, and economy through strategic and well-informed acquisition decisions, while serving as an inspiration model for the academic community and the general public.