



SUSTAINABILITY / CLIMATE
ACTION POLICY

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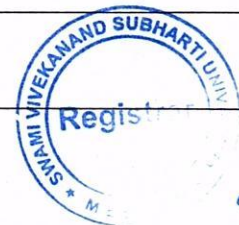


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S. No.	Particulars	Description
1	Policy Number	U-07/SVSU/2024/1417
2	Policy Statement	Swami Vivekanand Subharti University integrates sustainability into academics, research, administration, and campus operations. The University will phase in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and carbon reduction to reach carbon neutrality. It also promotes sustainable transportation, responsible resource management, and student, staff, and community awareness and engagement.
3	Scope of the Policy	This policy applies to all faculty, colleges, departments, centers, and community outreach wings of the University and to all procurement/purchasing activities covers the acquisition of goods, services, and construction projects, with a preference for environmentally friendly, socially responsible, and economically sound products and services.
4	Policy Status	Original
5	Originated By	The University Environmental Committee
6	Reviewed By	Registrar
7	Effective Date of Policy	21/08/2024
8	Approving Authority	Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
9	Policy Review Date	



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1. Preamble:

Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut recognizes climate change as one of the most critical global challenges affecting environmental sustainability, human health, and socio-economic development. The University acknowledges its responsibility as an educational institution to contribute towards climate mitigation and adaptation. In alignment with national frameworks such as the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) and global commitments including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), the University is committed to integrating sustainability into its academic, research, and operational activities. The policy aims to create a sustainable campus that promotes environmental stewardship and resilience.

2. Objectives:

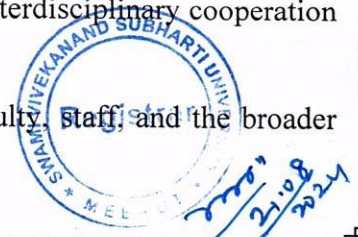
The objectives of the policy are;

- 2.1. To attain zero waste and carbon neutrality for the University in line with the national policy.
- 2.2 To progressively reduce institutional activities' greenhouse gas emissions.
- 2.3. To promote usage of renewable energy sources and increase energy efficiency in all operations.
- 2.4. To reduce water use, reduce waste production, and boost composting and recycling rates.
- 2.5. To encourage eco-friendly products and services, prefer sustainable procurement methods, and assist ethical and local vendors.
- 2.6. To include sustainability in governance frameworks, decision-making procedures, and organizational culture.

3. Principles:

The policy commits to the following principles:

- 3.1. **Sustainability Integration:** Incorporating environmental sustainability into academic curricula, research initiatives, and campus operations.
- 3.2. **Carbon Neutrality:** Executing strategies to attain carbon neutrality via energy efficiency, the adoption of renewable energy, and carbon offset initiatives.
- 3.3. **Resource Management:** Advocating for the judicious utilization of natural resources, effective waste management, sustainable transportation, and water conservation.
- 3.4. **Climate Education and Research:** Promoting climate-centric research, interdisciplinary cooperation and the integration of sustainability into the curriculum.
- 3.5. **Community Engagement:** Involving stakeholders, such as students, faculty, staff, and the broader community, in climate action via outreach initiatives and collaborations.





4. Scope:

This policy applies to all faculty/colleges, departments, administrative units, and facilities under the University. It covers all stakeholders including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors, encouraging their active involvement in sustainability and climate action efforts across campus.

5. Policy Framework:

5.1 Research:

- Promote and support research on climate change mitigation, adaptation, and related fields.
- Incentivize publications in high-impact journals related to climate action.

5.2 Low-Carbon Energy:

- Building on the existing Energy Efficiency Policy, set targets for reducing overall energy consumption and increasing the use of renewable energy sources.
- Implement a system for tracking low-carbon energy use.
- Explore opportunities for on-site renewable energy generation (solar, wind, etc.).

5.3 Environmental Education:

- Integrate climate change and sustainability into the curriculum across various disciplines.
- Develop local education programs and campaigns to raise awareness about climate change risks and solutions.
- Establish collaborations with local government and community groups to share the Institute's Climate Action Plan.

5.4 Carbon Neutrality:

- Set a target date for achieving carbon neutrality, aligned with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol.
- Develop a comprehensive plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all scopes (1, 2, and 3).

5.5 Resource Management:

- Expand the Water Reuse Policy to include broader water conservation measures.
- Implement waste reduction and recycling programs.
- Promote sustainable transportation options for students, staff, and faculty.





5.6 Community Engagement:

- Collaborate with local communities and NGOs on climate adaptation and resilience projects.
- Support local industries in improving energy efficiency and adopting clean energy technologies.

6. Implementation Strategies:

- 6.1 Establish a Climate Action Committee to oversee the implementation of the policy.
- 6.2 Develop specific action plans with measurable targets and timelines.
- 6.3 Regularly monitor and report on progress towards achieving the policy's goals.
- 6.4 Publicly disclose the Institute's Climate Action Plan and progress reports.

7. Review of Policy:

This Policy shall be reviewed as and when required to assess its continued effectiveness and to incorporate any amendments necessitated by changes in applicable law or institutional requirements.

