

# **Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University**

**New Delhi, India**

## ***Sustainable Investment Policy***

### **1. Introduction**

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University is committed to integrating sustainability into its investing policies and investment decisions contributing to beneficial environmental, social, and financial outcomes.

The Sustainable Investment Policy provides a framework for developing a sustainable investment policy tailored to GGSIPU's specific needs and objectives and has been worked out through stakeholder consultations and engagement to ensure its effectiveness.

It specifies the University's dedication to responsible investing methods that support sustainable development and aim to optimize long-term financial gains. This includes, the companies involved directly or indirectly into the sustainable practices either through sustainable production of goods, services or other means or have adopted green practices in their business operations.

By implementing this Sustainable Investment Policy, the University intends to align investment practices with its beliefs and principles while optimizing long-term financial gains.

### **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all investment activities undertaken by the University, including endowment funds, pension funds, and other investment portfolios managed or overseen by the university.

### **3. Objectives**

The objectives of GGSIPU Sustainable Investment Policy are:

- To align investment practices with environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles and sustainability goals.
- To incorporate ESG considerations into the investment decision-making process to mitigate risks and enhance long-term financial performance.
- To promote transparency, accountability, and stakeholder engagement in investment activities.
- To support the transition to a more sustainable economy and address global sustainability challenges, including climate change, social inequality, and resource depletion.
- To educate and raise awareness among stakeholders, including students, faculty, staff, and the wider community, on sustainable investment principles and practices.

## 4. Key Principles

**Integration of ESG Factors:** GGSIPU is dedicated to incorporating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations into its investment decision-making process. We believe that consideration of ESG risks and opportunities enhances investment performance and contributes to sustainable outcomes.

**Stewardship and Engagement:** The University values actively managing and engaging with business entities and asset managers to encourage ethical business practices and ESG transparency.

**Transparency and Reporting:** GGSIPU is committed to transparency and accountability in its investment activities.

## 5. Sustainable Investment Criteria

In alignment with our sustainability objectives, GGSIPU will consider the following criteria when evaluating investment opportunities:

**Environmental Criteria:** Investments should align with environmental sustainability goals and aid in the shift towards a low-carbon economy. The University will focus on investing in opportunities that exhibit environmental stewardship, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable resource management.

**Social Criteria:** Investments ought to emphasize social responsibility and aim to have beneficial social impacts. The university will focus on investing in ideas that support human rights, labor rights, diversity and inclusion, and community participation.

**Governance Criteria:** Investments must comply with rigorous corporate governance and ethical business practices. GGSIPU will focus on investing in firms that have clear governance structures, efficient risk management methods, and are accountable to stakeholders.

**Financial Prudence:** Maintain a balance between sustainability objectives and financial returns to ensure long-term viability.

**Enhance Long-Term Performance:** Seek investments that generate competitive financial returns while contributing positively to society and the environment.

## **6. Implementation**

To ensure effective implementation of this policy, the university will:

- Integrate ESG considerations into the selection, evaluation, and monitoring of investment managers and funds.
- Engage with the stakeholders to promote awareness and adoption of sustainable investment practices.
- Provide training and education to investment staff, trustees, and other stakeholders on sustainable investment principles and practices.

## **7. Compliance and Review**

All investment activities undertaken by the University must adhere to this policy. Non-compliance may result in review and remediation of investment decisions in accordance with established procedures.

This policy will be reviewed periodically every two years to assess its effectiveness, relevance, and alignment with the University's sustainability goals and evolving best practices in sustainable finance.