

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University

New Delhi, India

Sustainable Procurement Policy

1. Introduction

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU) is a young University of 25 years set up by the Govt. of Delhi (India). It not only practice but also produce citizens who are committed towards responsible consumption of resources. The University acknowledges the vitality of sustainable purchasing practices in achieving environmental, social, and economic sustainability objectives. This policy articulates our steadfast commitment to incorporating sustainable principles throughout the procurement process. We prioritize sustainable purchasing practices to avoid environmental harm, promote social responsibility, and stimulate economic growth while ensuring cost-effectiveness.

2. Scope

In line with our commitment, we have developed a Sustainable Procurement Policy, which is an extension of our values and is applicable to all procurement activities undertaken by the University and extends to all staff, students, contractors, and suppliers involved in the procurement process. We value our relationship with suppliers, staff, students and other participants, who share the same approach and vision of sharing and caring.

Objectives

The objectives of GGSIPU Sustainable Procurement Policy are:

- To integrate sustainability considerations into all procurement activities.
- To prioritize the purchase of goods and services that are environmentally friendly, socially responsible, and economically viable.
- To promote innovation and collaboration with suppliers to develop sustainable solutions.
- To comply with relevant laws, regulations, and international standards related to sustainable procurement and sustainable goals.
- To educate and engage stakeholders, including staff, students, suppliers, and the wider community, on sustainable procurement practices.
- To contribute towards making green India.

3. Key Principles

Environmental Responsibility: GGSIPU is dedicated to reducing its ecological footprint by procuring energy-efficient, resource-efficient, and ecologically friendly goods and services. We favor items with minimum packaging, recycled content, and recyclable or biodegradable components. The suppliers must follow business integrity, regulatory compliance and ethics. We look forward to follow Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and work towards - Reducing emissions and water intake, Efficient systems and process, disposal of toxic and hazardous wastes, Use of renewable energy sources, etc.

Social Responsibility: The University seeks to support suppliers who demonstrate commitment to ethical labor practices, including fair wages, safe working conditions, and diversity and inclusion. We understand that our operations not only affect our own communities but also of those who are our suppliers. Therefore, we encourage our suppliers to undertake steps to collaborate and associate with the local community for economic and social development by providing employment, helping in eradicating poverty, helping in developing skills of local people etc.

We expect our suppliers to adopt robust and relevant business practices in order to comply with applicable health and safety laws, rules & regulations and best industry standards. We also suggest suppliers to take reasonable actions to prevent accident and injuries by minimizing risk situations.

Economic Viability: While pursuing sustainability goals, the University recognizes the importance of achieving value for money in procurement decisions. We strive to balance sustainability considerations with cost-effectiveness, seeking opportunities to invest in long-term sustainability solutions that deliver economic benefits. Suppliers must comply with applicable local and international laws to promote free and fair competition in procurement and to get business by offering competitive prices and innovative products and services.

4. Sustainable Procurement Criteria

In alignment with our sustainability objectives, the University will consider the Sustainable Procurement Criteria when evaluating suppliers and purchasing goods and services.

5. Implementation

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

- Provide training and guidance to staff involved in procurement activities to raise awareness of sustainable procurement principles and practices.
- Establish mechanisms for monitoring, measuring, and reporting on the sustainability performance of procurement activities.
- Collaborate with suppliers to promote sustainability throughout the supply chain and encourage continuous improvement.
- Review and update this policy regularly to reflect changes in sustainability priorities, goals, regulations, and best practices.

6. Compliance and Review

All personnel and parties participating in procurement tasks must comply with this policy. Failure to comply may lead to disciplinary measures as outlined in the University's rules and procedures.

The policy will be evaluated every 2 years to determine its efficacy and alignment with the University's sustainability objectives.

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU) is dedicated to integrating sustainability into all areas of its operations, including procurement. Through implementing this Sustainable Procurement Policy, our goal is to support a sustainable future while upholding our commitment to excellence in education, research, and innovation.