

Sustainable Investment Policy



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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Harcourt Butler Technical University (HBTU) Kanpur is committed to advancing creativity and innovation to benefit humanity through excellence in education, environmental sustainability, and social responsibility. The university's vision includes “to achieve excellence in technical education, research, and innovation, aiming to develop analytical abilities in science and technology to serve industry and society, fostering entrepreneurial skills and sustainable development”.

In continuation to it university demonstrates a commitment to sustainability and social responsibility through its educational programs and community initiatives and ensure environmental sustainability and deliver social responsibility. University invests its assets responsibly and ethically with approach of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) integration. This Sustainable Investment Policy aims to guide the university in aligning its investments with sustainability principles, promoting responsible and ethical investment practices while seeking to achieve attractive financial returns.

OBJECTIVES

The following are the main goals of the Sustainable Investment Policy

1. **Alignment:** Align Investments with university Mission and Vision Values
2. **Integration of ESG Factors:** The process of incorporating governance, social, and environmental considerations into investment analysis and decision-making.
3. **Positive Impact:** To look for investment possibilities that support social welfare, environmental preservation, and sustainable development.
4. **Responsible Investment:** Investment in businesses or industries that participate in practices that have a major detrimental influence on the environment or society, thereby promoting ethical and sustainable business practices and will exclude businesses or industries that have a detrimental impact on society or the environment
5. **Maximize Long-Term Return:** Adopting a long-term view in investment decisions, considering the enduring impact and sustainability of investments over time

POLICY STATEMENT



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- a) The university takes a long-term view into account when making investments, taking into account corporate governance, social responsibility, and environmental sustainability.
- b) When allocating funds for the university's necessary resources, sustainability is the primary consideration. The impact of environmental changes and the necessity of the global transition to a greener, more sustainable environment are both acknowledged by universities, and they are supported in this transition through practical measures.
- c) To make sure that enterprises that might be detrimental to society or the environment are excluded and to invest in companies with responsible cultures, practices, and good governance, universities take into account a combination of negative and positive screenings.
- d) The university will engage with companies in its investment portfolio to encourage improved ESG practices and disclosure. It may also participate in collaborative initiatives
- e) University investment is aligned with mandate that supports UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other frameworks and provide impetus to the business sectors critical (Renewable energy, Sustainable transport, Waste management etc.) to Nationally Determined Commitment (NDCs) of India to meet Paris climate change targets.
- f) University will establish ESG criteria and conduct thorough due diligence on potential investment opportunities. This will include assessing companies' environmental performance, social impact, governance practices, and ethical conduct.
- g) The university will regularly evaluate the financial and sustainability performance of its investment portfolio, making adjustments as needed to maintain the desired balance between returns and responsible investment.

REPORTING AND TRANSPARENCY

- a) **Public Disclosure:** The University will publicly disclose its Sustainable Investment Policy, providing transparency to stakeholders and the broader community.
- b) **Annual Reporting:** The university will publish regular reports on the performance and composition of its investment portfolio, including ESG considerations and impact assessments.

COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

- a) **Compliance:** The university will ensure compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and ethical standards related to sustainable investing.



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b) Periodic Review: The Sustainable Investment Policy will undergo periodic review to ensure it remains up-to-date with evolving best practices and reflects the university's commitment to sustainability.

c) Continuous Improvement: The Institute will be committed to continuously enhancing its sustainable investment practices. This involves:

- I. Staying informed about emerging trends and innovations in sustainable finance.
- II. Participating in networks and collaborations that promote responsible investing.
- III. Revising the policy to incorporate new insights and address evolving sustainability challenges.