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DR. D. Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH, PIMPRI, PUNE
(Deemed to be University)

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SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT / PURCHASING POLICY

Date of Implementation: 18 December 2024



NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the resolution passed by the **Executive Council** at its meeting held on **18th December 2024**, vide **Resolution No. EC-55(v) -24**.

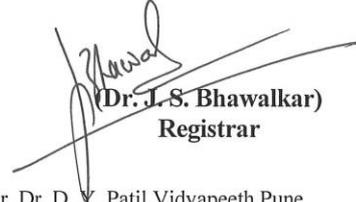
It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune, has published a "**Sustainable Procurement and Purchasing Policy**" to align procurement decisions with its commitment to environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic viability. This policy aims to minimize the institution's ecological footprint and foster a culture of sustainability across all operations.

The **Sustainable Procurement and Purchasing Policy** comprises the following parts:

1. Objectives
2. Scope
3. Implementation Strategies

The **Sustainable Procurement and Purchasing Policy** will serve as a detailed guideline and will be useful to all concerned. This will come into force with immediate effect.




(Dr. J. S. Bhawalkar)
Registrar

Copy to;

1. P.S. to Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Pune.
2. P.S. to Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
3. P.S. to Pro Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
4. Director (IQAC), Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
5. Director (Administration: Quality Assurance, Faculty Development & Research), Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
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7. Controller of Examinations, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
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9. All the Heads of the Colleges / Institutes of DPU
10. Web master for uploading on DPU website.

Encl.: As above

Sustainable Procurement/Purchasing Policy

WHEREAS Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune popularly known as "DPU", managed by **Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Society, Pune**, was declared as "Deemed-to-be-University", **under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956** in 2003.

AND WHEREAS today the Vidyapeeth has 14 constituent institutions under its umbrella. All the institutions have the approval / recognition of the relevant statutory bodies to offer UG, PG Degree, Super-specialty and Ph.D. programmes in relevant and emerging disciplines, specializations and super specializations.

AND WHEREAS, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2019 in Sub Clause Nos. 10.07 sub-sub clauses 10.07.1 and 10.07.2 provides that the Board of Management shall be the Principal Organ of Management and the Apex Executive Body of the Institution Deemed to be University, with powers to make rules and shall be the final decision-making body in respect of every matter including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, development matters of institution Deemed to be Universities.

AND WHEREAS, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2023 Clause 11 and Sub Clause No. 11 (3) and 11 (4), Clause 13 and Sub Clause No. 13 (1) and 13 (2) of the Regulations provides that the Executive Council shall be the Principal Organ of Management and the Apex Executive Body of the Institution Deemed to be University, with powers to make rules and shall be the final decision making body in respect of every matter including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, development matters of institution Deemed to be University.

AND WHEREAS, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, is committed to promoting sustainability, it shall align its Sustainable Procurement and Purchasing Policy with national and international guidelines to ensure compliance and contribute to sustainable development. The Vidyapeeth's purchase office shall adhere to applicable government regulations, including the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010; the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981; the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974; the Environment Protection Act, 1986; the Hazardous Waste Management Regulations; and relevant Environment and Climate Change guidelines. Furthermore, eco-labels compliant with ISO 14020 or voluntary environmental standards shall be used to establish environmental sustainability criteria. Priority shall be given to the procurement of sustainable, environmentally friendly items by incorporating well-defined technical specifications that encourage responsible purchasing practices.

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Introduction:

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune (Deemed to be University) is committed to fostering sustainability through responsible procurement practices. Recognizing the significant impact purchasing decisions have on the environment, society, and economy, the Vidyapeeth has established this Sustainability Procurement/Purchasing Policy. This policy aims to integrate sustainability into all procurement processes by promoting ethical sourcing, reducing environmental impact, and supporting local businesses where possible.

Objective:

The primary objective of this policy is to ensure that all procurement decisions align with the institution's commitment to environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic viability. Through sustainable procurement, the Vidyapeeth seeks to minimize its ecological footprint and promote a culture of sustainability across all operations.

Scope:

This policy applies to all procurement activities across Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth and its constituent institutions. It covers the acquisition of goods, services, and construction projects, with a preference for environmentally friendly, socially responsible, and economically sound products and services.

Key Principles:

- **Environmental Sustainability:** Prioritize products and services with lower environmental impacts, including energy-efficient products, recycled materials, and those with minimal packaging.
- **Social Responsibility:** Promote fair trade practices, ethical sourcing, and respect for human rights throughout the supply chain.
- **Economic Responsibility:** Support local suppliers and small businesses, contributing to the regional economy and reducing transportation-related emissions.
- **Resource Efficiency:** Encourage the use of renewable resources, reduce waste generation, and promote circular economy practices.
- **Compliance and Transparency:** Ensure all vendors comply with environmental regulations and provide transparent information about their sustainability practices.

Implementation Strategies:

- **Evaluation Criteria:** Sustainability factors are integrated into the evaluation criteria for all procurement decisions. This includes:
 - Lifecycle costing (considering the total cost of ownership, including environmental and social impacts).
 - Environmental certifications (e.g., Energy Star, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) star ratings).
 - Supplier codes of conduct and sustainability practices.
 - Local sourcing opportunities, ensuring economic viability and quality standards.

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- **Vendor Evaluation:** Develop criteria to assess suppliers' sustainability policies, including certifications, environmental management systems, and corporate social responsibility initiatives.
- **Green Product Preferences:** Give preference to products that are certified eco-friendly, biodegradable, recyclable, or made from renewable resources.
- **Lifecycle Assessment:** Evaluate the environmental impact of products and services throughout their lifecycle, from raw material extraction to disposal.
- **Training and Awareness:** Provide procurement staff with training to ensure understanding and implementation of sustainable procurement principles.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Establish metrics and reporting mechanisms to monitor the effectiveness of the sustainability procurement policy.

Specific Actions:

- **Paper and Printing:** Prioritize the use of recycled content paper (minimum 70%) and double-sided printing. Transition to electronic documents and cloud storage solutions to minimize paper consumption.
- **Electronics:** Purchase energy-efficient electronics with certifications like Energy Star and BEE star ratings. Ensure responsible e-waste disposal in compliance with the E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016.
- **Furniture and Supplies:** Prioritize durable, energy-efficient furniture made from recycled materials. Choose reusable or recyclable supplies wherever practical.
- **Cleaning and Janitorial Products:** Use environmentally friendly cleaning products with low toxicity and biodegradability.
- **Construction and Renovation:** Follow green building standards like LEED or IGBC guidelines. Use sustainable materials with low embodied energy, such as recycled steel and fly ash bricks.
- **Transportation:** Support sustainable transportation options, including electric vehicles and public transport, with infrastructure for EV charging stations on campus.

Supporting Ethical and Social Responsibility:

The Vidyapeeth considers the social and ethical practices of its suppliers, favoring those who:

- Uphold fair labour practices with fair wages and safe working conditions.
- Do not engage in child labour or exploitative practices.
- Are committed to diversity and inclusion.
- Support local businesses and communities whenever possible.

Existing Sustainability Initiatives:

In addition to the Sustainability Procurement Policy, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth has implemented complementary policies, including:

- **Smoke-Free Policy:** Promoting a clean, healthy, and smoke-free campus environment.
- **Green Campus Policy:** Encouraging green initiatives like tree plantation drives, energy conservation, waste management, and water conservation.

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Governance and Oversight:

The Vidyapeeth has established a Sustainable Procurement Committee responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy. The committee will recommend further actions, monitor compliance, and stay updated on evolving best practices and regulations.

Conclusion:

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth is committed to leading by example in promoting sustainability through responsible procurement and purchasing practices. By incorporating sustainability considerations into its procurement decisions, the Vidyapeeth aims to minimize its environmental footprint, support ethical and socially responsible businesses, and encourage the use of eco-friendly products and services. This approach not only enhances operational efficiency but also contributes to a more sustainable future by reducing waste, conserving resources, and lowering carbon emissions.

To ensure the effective implementation of its Sustainable Procurement and Purchasing Policy, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth will periodically review and update its practices in alignment with evolving regulations, industry standards, and emerging best practices. Continuous monitoring, evaluation, and stakeholder engagement will support the institution's commitment to sustainability. Through collective efforts from faculty, staff, students, and suppliers, the Vidyapeeth aspires to foster a campus environment that values and promotes sustainability across all its operations.

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