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Institution's Sustainable Investment Policy

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Sustainable Investment Policy

Policy Statement

This policy summarizes the approaches adopted by the University of Kerala for sustainable investment. The University promotes sustainable investment and highlights the progress made along with actions planned in response to policy decisions and strategic objectives relating to environmental, social and ethical considerations.

University's Approach

The approach for sustainable investment is fully aligned with the stated vision and mission of the University.

The vision of the University is reflected in the inscription, "Karmani Vyajyate Prajna," in its logo, meaning 'Knowledge reveals itself through Supreme Action'. Combining tradition with innovation, creativity with critique and compassion, and research with ethical entrepreneurship, the University aims to cultivate a passion for knowledge beyond disciplinary boundaries. The mission of the University is to create a haven of creative learning, innovative research, and entrepreneurial spirit, by providing holistic education for all, inculcating the ability for critical thinking and creative enterprise, and infusing knowledge and skill with social and ethical commitment. We also aim to make:

> *A significant, sustainable and socially responsible contribution to Kerala, India and the world, promoting health, economic growth and cultural wellbeing*

NEP 2020 and Sustainable Investment Policy

In 2024, the University took a significant step forward in linking its sustainability and investment strategies and exercised leadership amongst Higher Education Institutions through its adoption of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The NEP 2020 is a comprehensive reform of India's education system, aiming to transform it into a more holistic, flexible, and multidisciplinary approach. It focuses on enriching the quality of education, promoting equity, and aligning the system with the needs of the 21st century. Further, the NEP 2020 lays the foundation for

ESG-aligned thinking in future professionals by stilling sustainability, social responsibility, and ethical governance at the school level.

Sustainable or socially responsible investing is any investment strategy that seeks to consider financial return alongside environmental, social, and ethical governance goals. It recognizes that the generation of long-term sustainable returns is dependent on stable, well-functioning and well-governed social, environmental and ethical governance. It is driven by a growing recognition in the financial community that effective research, analysis and evaluation of ESG factors are fundamental in assessing the medium and long-term value as well as the performance of an investment, and that this analysis should inform project selection allocation, portfolio construction, shareholder engagement and voting at different meetings. The University is committed to implementing its investment policy to align with ESG principles and the directions of the government and/or UGC.

Sustainable Investment Policy

As a responsible institution, we must act in the best long-term interests of our stakeholders. In this fiduciary role, we believe that environmental, social, and ethical governance issues can affect the performance of investment portfolios. We also recognize that applying these Policies may better align investors with the broader objectives of society. Therefore, we commit to the following:

(i) We will incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis, selection and implementation stages.

(ii) We will be active owners and incorporate ESG issues into our ownership policies and practices.

(iii) We will seek appropriate disclosure on ESG issues by the entities in which we invest.

(iv) We will divest from fossil fuels, tobacco, and weapons, among others

(v) We will promote investment in renewal energy, sustainable technologies, and social impact projects

(vi) We will work together to enhance our effectiveness in implementing the Policy

(vii) We will consider the impacts of sustainable investments immediately after completing the investment

(viii) We will report annually on our activities and progress towards implementing the Policy, disclosure of ESG practices, investment outcomes, and impact metrics

(ix) We will work closely with the Extension and Institutional Social Responsibility Policy, the Institution's sustainable and or Climate Action Policy, the Policy on Carbon Emissions and Net-zero Emissions of the University

(x) We will be committed to changing or modifying the policy based on the directions of the UGC and/or government

Sustainable Investment Advisory Board

The role of the Sustainable Investment Advisory Board is to consider the sustainable investment projects of the University and to review the investments to ensure alignment with the Sustainable Investment Policy and to address concerns raised by the university community. The Board comprises ESG experts, staff, and student representatives, and the Board meets quarterly to review the performance of the appointed fund managers and to consider and implement policy developments and proposals from the University. The progress towards implementing the Policy, disclosure of ESG practices, investment outcomes, and impact metrics along with fund analysis and reports will be uploaded on March 30 every year on the University website.

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