



Sustainability and Climate Action Policy

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru

Preamble:

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru is committed to promoting environmental sustainability and addressing climate change through responsible institutional practices. As a leading health sciences university, JSS AHER recognizes the impact of climate change on health, environment, and society, and strives to integrate sustainability into its core functions.

The institution aligns its efforts with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially those related to health, energy, sustainable communities, responsible consumption, and climate action.

Policy Brief & Purpose:

This policy provides a structured framework to guide JSS AHER in adopting sustainable practices across campus operations, academics, research, and community engagement.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Reduce environmental impact and carbon footprint
- Promote efficient use of energy, water, and resources
- Encourage sustainable infrastructure and operations
- Support climate-conscious education and research
- Contribute to national and global sustainability goals

Scope:

This policy applies to:

- All campuses and units of JSS AHER
- Academic, administrative, healthcare, and residential facilities
- Students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders
- All existing and future infrastructure and operations

Objective:

The key objectives of this policy are to:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Improve energy efficiency and promote renewable energy
- Ensure water conservation and sustainable usage
- Implement effective waste management practices
- Promote green buildings and infrastructure
- Enhance biodiversity and green cover
- Encourage sustainable transport and mobility
- Integrate sustainability into teaching, research, and innovation
- Strengthen community engagement and outreach

Policy Guidelines:

To achieve the above objectives, JSS AHER shall:

- Conduct regular energy, water, and environmental audits
- Promote the use of renewable energy sources such as solar and biogas
- Implement rainwater harvesting and water recycling systems
- Ensure waste segregation, recycling, and composting practices
- Adopt green building standards for new and existing infrastructure
- Encourage eco-friendly procurement practices
- Promote sustainable transportation including electric mobility

- Integrate sustainability concepts into curriculum and research
- Establish a Sustainability & Climate Action Committee for implementation and monitoring

Review and Amendment:

This policy will be reviewed periodically to assess its effectiveness and to incorporate necessary amendments based on institutional feedback, emerging sustainability practices, and advancements in environmental and climate-related technologies.

The Sustainability and Climate Action Policy aim to transform JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research into an environmentally responsible and climate-resilient institution. Through the adoption of sustainable infrastructure, resource-efficient systems, renewable energy solutions, and data-driven environmental management, the policy seeks to create a holistic ecosystem that enhances campus sustainability and overall institutional performance.

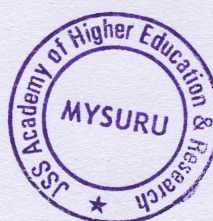
The policy emphasizes evidence-based decision-making, efficient resource utilization, and sustainable mobility solutions to optimize environmental performance and promote a culture of sustainability and climate responsibility across the institution.

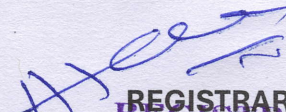
The Vice-Chancellor and Registrar hold delegated authority from and are responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and continual improvement of the Sustainability and Climate Action Policy of JSS AHER.

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