



Sustainable Procurement / Purchase Policy

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

Preamble:

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru is committed to promoting sustainability through responsible procurement practices that minimize environmental impact and enhance social responsibility. As a leading health sciences institution, JSS AHER recognizes that procurement and purchasing decisions significantly influence resource consumption, waste generation, and overall environmental footprint.

The institution is dedicated to integrating sustainability principles into procurement processes, ensuring that goods and services acquired are environmentally responsible, socially ethical, and economically viable. JSS AHER aligns its procurement practices with global sustainability frameworks, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Policy Brief & Purpose:

This policy establishes a structured framework to guide JSS AHER in adopting sustainable procurement and purchasing practices.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Promote environmentally responsible purchasing decisions
- Encourage procurement of sustainable, energy-efficient, and eco-friendly products
- Reduce waste and resource consumption through responsible sourcing
- Support ethical, socially responsible, and local suppliers
- Ensure value for money while maintaining sustainability standards

Scope:

This policy applies to:

- All procurement and purchasing activities of JSS AHER

- Academic, healthcare, administrative, and residential units
- All campuses and constituent institutions
- All staff, departments, procurement committees, and authorized vendors

Objectives:

The key objectives of this policy are to:

- Integrate sustainability criteria into procurement decisions
- Promote procurement of energy-efficient, recyclable, and environmentally friendly products
- Reduce the use of single-use plastics and hazardous materials
- Encourage local sourcing and support sustainable supply chains
- Ensure transparency, fairness, and accountability in procurement processes
- Minimize environmental impact across the product life cycle
- Strengthen institutional commitment to sustainable development

Policy Guidelines:

To achieve the above objectives, JSS AHER shall:

- **Adopt Sustainable Procurement Criteria:**
Integrate environmental, social, and economic considerations into vendor selection and product evaluation
- **Prefer Eco-friendly Products:**
Procure products that are energy-efficient, recyclable, biodegradable, non-toxic, and compliant with environmental standards
- **Promote Green Certifications:**
Encourage procurement of goods and services with recognized eco-labels and certifications
- **Reduce Single-use and Hazardous Materials:**
Minimize procurement of single-use plastics and materials harmful to health and environment
- **Lifecycle Approach:**
Consider the full lifecycle cost of products, including durability, maintenance, and disposal impact
- **Local and Ethical Sourcing:**
Prefer local vendors and suppliers who follow ethical labor practices and sustainable production methods
- **Vendor Engagement:**
Encourage suppliers to adopt sustainable practices and comply with institutional sustainability requirements
- **Digital and Paperless Procurement:**
Promote e-procurement systems to reduce paper usage and improve efficiency

- **Waste Reduction:**
Ensure packaging reduction, reuse, and recycling in procurement processes
- **Compliance and Transparency:**
Maintain fairness, accountability, and proper documentation in all procurement activities
- **Capacity Building:**
Conduct training and awareness programs for staff on sustainable procurement practices
- **Establish Oversight Mechanism:**
Constitute a Procurement and Sustainability Committee to monitor and guide implementation

Review and Amendment:

This policy will be reviewed periodically to assess its effectiveness and to incorporate necessary amendments based on evolving procurement standards, sustainability practices, regulatory requirements, and institutional priorities.

The Sustainable Procurement / Purchase Policy aims to ensure that JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research adopts responsible and sustainable purchasing practices that reduce environmental impact and promote social responsibility. Through the integration of sustainability criteria, lifecycle thinking, and ethical sourcing, the institution seeks to optimize resource use while contributing to sustainable development.

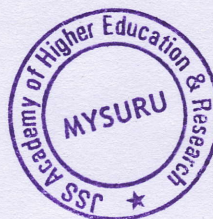
The policy emphasizes transparency, efficiency, and accountability, ensuring that procurement decisions support both institutional excellence and environmental stewardship.


The Vice-Chancellor and Registrar hold delegated authority and are responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and continual improvement of the Sustainable Procurement / Purchase Policy of JSS AHER.

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