



## Sustainable Procurement/Purchasing Policy

### Introduction

Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University is committed to contributing to a sustainable and environmentally responsible future. This Sustainable Procurement/Purchasing Policy aims to promote sustainable practices in our procurement processes, supply chain management, and purchasing decisions. By considering environmental, social, and ethical aspects, the university seeks to make responsible choices that align with its commitment to sustainability.

### • Sustainability Criteria

- a. **Environmental Considerations:** Prioritize products and services that have a reduced environmental impact, such as those with lower energy consumption, reduced carbon footprint, and minimal waste generation.
- b. **Social Responsibility:** Support suppliers who adhere to fair labor practices, uphold human rights, and demonstrate a commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and community engagement.
- c. **Ethical Sourcing:** Avoid procuring products or materials that involve child labor, forced labor, or exploitation of workers, and seek suppliers with transparent and responsible sourcing practices.
- d. **Local and Sustainable Goods:** Give preference to locally produced and sustainable goods whenever feasible, promoting regional economic development and reducing transportation-related emissions.

### • Supplier Engagement

- a. **Sustainable Supplier Evaluation:** Implement a vetting process to assess potential suppliers based on their sustainability performance, environmental practices, and commitment to social responsibility.
- b. **Collaborative Relationships:** Foster partnerships with suppliers who share our sustainability values, encouraging continuous improvement in environmental and social practices.
- c. **Supplier Code of Conduct:** Encourage suppliers to adopt a code of conduct aligned with our sustainability principles, outlining their commitment to responsible business practices.



- **Waste Reduction and Circular Economy**
  - a. **Packaging Minimization:** Prioritize suppliers who use minimal or eco-friendly packaging, and promote waste reduction through reusable or recyclable materials.
  - b. **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR):** Encourage suppliers to take responsibility for their products' end-of-life disposal and promote the use of products designed for ease of recycling or repurposing.
  - c. **Recycled Content:** Favor products and materials with high levels of recycled content to support the circular economy and reduce the demand for virgin resources.
- **Energy and Water Efficiency**
  - a. **Energy-efficient Products:** Choose products and equipment that meet recognized energy efficiency standards to reduce energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions.
  - b. **Water-efficient Solutions:** Prioritize water-efficient technologies and services to minimize water usage and support water conservation efforts.
- **Reporting and Evaluation**
  - a. **Sustainable Procurement Metrics:** Establish key performance indicators (KPIs) to track and evaluate the impact of our sustainable procurement practices.
  - b. **Annual Sustainability Reporting:** Provide regular updates on our progress towards sustainable procurement goals, including achievements, challenges, and plans for improvement.
- **Employee Engagement**
  - a. **Training and Awareness:** Educate staff involved in the procurement process about sustainable purchasing practices and the importance of considering sustainability criteria in decision-making.
  - b. **Green Procurement Advocacy:** Encourage employees to actively support and participate in sustainable procurement efforts within their respective roles.

## Conclusion

By adhering to this Sustainable Procurement/Purchasing Policy, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University demonstrates its commitment to being a responsible institution that contributes to a sustainable future. Through ethical sourcing, waste reduction, and environmentally conscious decisions, we can make a positive



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impact on our community and the world. This policy serves as a guiding framework to continuously improve our procurement practices and promote sustainability throughout our institution and beyond.