



SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT POLICY

PREAMBLE:

The Sustainable Investment Policy of Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute are primarily governed by its Divestment from Carbon-Intensive Energy Industries Policy, integrated within its broader "Green and Smart Campus" framework. This policy mandates a shift in the university's financial resources away from fossil fuels toward sustainable alternatives.

Core Investment Mandates

- **Carbon Divestment:** The University is explicitly committed to divesting its investments from carbon-intensive energy industries, with a primary focus on coal and oil.
- **Exposure Reduction:** A formal directive exists to actively reduce exposure to any companies involved in the extraction, production, or distribution of fossil fuels.
- **Reinvestment Priority:** Capital is redirected toward renewable energy research and green infrastructure, such as campus solar power systems

Alignment with SDG Goals

The university aligns its financial and operational investments with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- **SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy):** Investing in 5-star rated equipment, LED lighting, and BLDC fans to achieve considerable annual savings
- **SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure):** Funding cutting-edge laboratories for interdisciplinary research in environmental sustainability and IoT.
- **SDG 13 (Climate Action):** Using energy audits and disaster management protocols to address climate change at an institutional level.

Governance and Monitoring

- **Oversight:** Sustainable investments and divestment progress are tracked through the MGR Sustainable Development Centre (MGR-SDC).
- **Transparency:** Progress and compliance are documented in the Annual Sustainability Reports, which serve as the primary tool for stakeholder accountability.
- **Ethical Research:** The university invests heavily in its research centers to move beyond "outdated practices that harm the planet" and provide a roadmap for an equitable future.



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