



SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Preamble:

Dr. M. G. R. Educational and research Institute is one of the leading Universities across the country and to frame a **Sustainable Procurement Policy** for **Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute (ERI)**, we align the institution's existing Green & Smart Campus Policy and its commitment to the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.



Vision & Purpose

To leverage the University's purchasing power to minimize environmental impact and promote social equity. This framework transitions the campus from traditional purchasing to a Value-Based Procurement model, focusing on the total lifecycle of products rather than just the initial price.

Core Environmental Criteria

- **Zero Waste Priority:** In line with MGR ERI's "Zero Waste" goal, give preference to vendors offering products with minimal packaging or "take-back" programs for end-of-life disposal.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Mandatory procurement of 5-star rated electrical equipment, LED lighting, and BLDC motors to support SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy).
- **Water Stewardship:** Purchase water-saving fixtures (low-flow taps, dual-flush toilets) to align with existing campus water harvesting and STP recycling initiatives.
- **Divestment Focus:** Actively avoid sourcing from carbon-intensive energy industries, particularly those focused on coal and oil.

Social & Ethical Guidelines

- **Local Sourcing:** Prioritize suppliers within the Chennai region to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions and support the local economy.
- **Diversity & Inclusion:** Actively seek partnerships with MSMEs, Women Self-Help Groups, and socially responsible organizations.
- **Ethical Labor:** Suppliers must certify compliance with fair wage laws and a zero-tolerance policy for child or forced labor.



Implementation Framework

- **Supplier Segmentation:** High-spend categories (IT, Construction, Food Services) must undergo mandatory **Sustainability Audits** before contract renewal.
- **Digital-First Procurement:** Maximize the use of the Government e-Marketplace and e-tendering platforms to eliminate paper-based processes.
- **Governance:** Establish a Sustainable Procurement Committee to monitor adherence and report progress in the university's Annual Sustainability Report.



C. B. Palaniswami
REGISTRAR
Dr. M.G.R.
EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(Deemed to be University)
Periyar E.V.R. High Road,
Madhavayal, Chennai 600 095

REGISTRAR