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Pondicherry University Policy for SDG 13: Climate Action



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Policy Heading

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Introduction

Pondicherry University, established in 1985, is a Central University with a jurisdiction spread over the Union Territory of Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Its objectives include advancing knowledge through teaching and research, offering courses in Humanities, Sciences, and Engineering, and promoting interdisciplinary studies, and research. The University's main campus is located in Kalapet, spanning over 780 acres, and it also has satellite campuses in Karaikal, Mahe, and Port Blair. The University has signed MOUs with several International Institutions, industries, and research-based non-governmental organizations for collaboration and faculty development.

SDG 13: Climate Action is a crucial goal that is vital to the survival of the planet itself. Pondicherry University recognizes the urgent need for immediate action to address climate change and its impact on the environment and communities. Climate change has caused significant disruptions to agriculture, water resources, and ecosystems, leading to extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and a decrease in biodiversity. Pondicherry University is committed to taking action to mitigate the impact of climate change and promote sustainable development.

To uphold SDG 13, Pondicherry University is working towards reducing its carbon footprint and promoting sustainable practices on and off campuses. The university is encouraging the use of renewable energy, such as solar energy, and implementing measures to reduce energy consumption, such as installing energy-efficient lighting and air conditioning systems. Pondicherry University is also promoting sustainable transportation through the provision of bicycles, parking spaces, and shuttle services. Pondicherry University recognizes that climate action is a global effort and is committed to working with local communities, government agencies, and international organizations to address the impact of climate change and promote sustainable development.

Policy Statement

Pondicherry University is committed to taking every measure in supporting the student and communities through Climate Action in every sphere of life both on and outside campus in tandem with the targets of the goal.

Target

Pondicherry University will reach out to its students and communities through its main campus, its satellite campuses, its off-campus, and affiliated institutions in equitable partnership with government departments, relevant stakeholders, and working groups implementing SDG 13 at all levels.





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Policy

- 1. Pondicherry University shall uphold SDG 13: Climate Action and take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts through environmental education, innovation, and adherence to our nation's climate commitments, by making necessary changes to protect the planet while providing huge opportunities to modernize our infrastructure, create new green jobs, and promote greater prosperity across borders.**
- 2. Pondicherry University shall implement the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, University Grants Commission and various Union Ministries mandate on climate change missions in fast-track mode within the campus, its affiliated institutions, its satellite campuses, and communities in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on the implementation process, while measuring progress, and reflection.**
- 3. Pondicherry University shall strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related inland and coastal disasters by providing education programs or campaigns on climate change risks, impacts, mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction, and early warning to students and local communities.**
- 4. Pondicherry University shall integrate climate change measures into its policies, strategies, and planning for a nature-positive university and provide recommendations to the regional and national governments on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction, and early warning.**

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5. **Pondicherry University shall develop green protocols and standard operating procedures and prioritize on-campus quick launch climate actions, short-term goals, and long-term goals towards reducing waste, footprint(s), and emissions adhering to the Precautionary Principle 15 of the Rio Declaration.**
 6. **Pondicherry University shall in collaboration with relevant stakeholders draft a plan for climate change disasters and a university climate action plan, and share the same with the local government and local community groups.**
 7. **Pondicherry University shall with an intent to catalyze the students' participation and to inculcate climate-conscious behavior collect Green Climate Fund and use the same for on-campus and outreach programs lead and organized by the student community.**
 8. **Pondicherry University shall enhance the professional capacity of students by developing living labs to provide lab-to-land environment education, awareness-raising, training, capacity building, and green skill development, and to inculcate environment-conscious behavior for attitude change fostering the fundamental duties under the constitution.**
 9. **Pondicherry University shall follow strict compliance with rules, standard operating procedures, and environmental standards in all its operations and developmental activities for safety, healthy living, and national and international recognitions, awards, and rankings**
 10. **Pondicherry University shall have an interdisciplinary, practical, and applied approach by signing declaration(s), charter(s), and others to have an essential foundation with the regional and national government, international organizations, private sector, institutions, industries, and non-government organizations for climate commitment, campus sustainability, and outreach.**
 11. **Pondicherry University shall in collaboration with non-government research organizations host student-centered international and national symposiums, conferences, seminars, workshops, etc., to share best practices and strengthen equitable collaboration and partnerships for momentum.**
 12. **Pondicherry University shall individually measure the energy generated and energy purchased and the amount of low-carbon energy used across all the sectors of the university to become carbon neutral university adhering to the Greenhouse Gas Protocols.**
 13. **Pondicherry University shall in collaboration with non-governmental organizations and industries uphold water sustainability, food sustainability, renewable energy generation, energy recovery, nutrient recovery, and its application in the horticultural landscape for a 50% carbon-neutral campus by 2030.**
 14. **Pondicherry University shall through industrial collaboration invest in solar and other renewable energy generation to support the campus energy demand and to minimize fossil-dependent energy and associated power/electricity charges.**