



# DPU

**DR. D. Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH, PIMPRI, PUNE**

**(Deemed to be University)**

**(Accredited (3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle) by NAAC with a CGPA of 3.64 on four point scale at 'A++' Grade)**

**(Declared as Category - I University by UGC Under Graded Autonomy Regulations, 2018)**

**(An ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 Certified University)**



## CLIMATE ACTION POLICY

- **Date of Implementation: 25 April 2014**
- **Date of Amendment-1: 22 March 2024**
- **Date of Amendment-2: 18 December 2024**



**NOTIFICATION**

In pursuance of the resolution passed by the **Executive Council** at its meeting held on **18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**, vide **Resolution No. EC-55(iii) -24**.

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune has published a "**Climate Action Policy**". The university aims to create an eco-friendly campus by adopting clean energy solutions, enhancing waste management, conserving water, and promoting sustainable transportation. Additionally, it will encourage climate-related research, integrate sustainability into the curriculum, and engage the community in awareness and action.

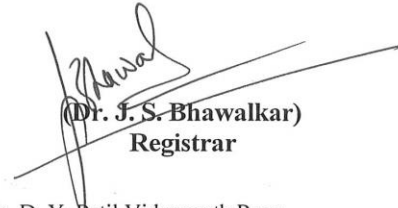
The **Climate Action Policy** comprises the following parts:

1. Objectives
2. Policy Statement
3. Scope
4. Implementation Strategies
5. Monitoring and Evaluation
6. Conclusion

This policy will be applicable to every students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors, of the Vidyapeeth and its Constituent Colleges/Institutes, encouraging active participation in sustainability initiatives.

The **Climate Action Policy** will serve as a detailed guideline and will be useful to all concerned. This will come into force with immediate effect.



  
**(Dr. J. S. Bhawalkar)**  
**Registrar**

Copy to;

1. P.S. to Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Pune.
2. P.S. to Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
3. P.S. to Pro Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
4. Director (IQAC), Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
5. Director (Administration: Quality Assurance, Faculty Development & Research), Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
6. Director (Research), Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
7. Controller of Examinations, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
8. Finance Officer, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
9. All the Heads of the Colleges / Institutes of DPU
10. Web master for uploading on DPU website.

Encl.: As above

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**WHEREAS** Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune popularly known as "DPU", managed by **Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Society, Pune**, was declared as "Deemed-to-be-University", **under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956** in 2003.

**AND WHEREAS** today the Vidyapeeth has 14 constituent institutions under its umbrella. All the institutions have the approval / recognition of the relevant statutory bodies to offer UG, PG Degree, Super-specialty and Ph.D. programmes in relevant and emerging disciplines, specializations and super specializations.

**AND WHEREAS**, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2019 in Sub Clause Nos. 10.07 sub-sub clauses 10.07.1 and 10.07.2 provides that the Board of Management shall be the Principal Organ of Management and the Apex Executive Body of the Institution Deemed to be University, with powers to make rules and shall be the final decision-making body in respect of every matter including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, development matters of institution Deemed to be Universities.

**AND WHEREAS**, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2023 Clause 11 and Sub Clause No. 11 (3) and 11 (4), Clause 13 and Sub Clause No. 13 (1) and 13 (2) of the Regulations provides that the Executive Council shall be the Principal Organ of Management and the Apex Executive Body of the Institution Deemed to be University, with powers to make rules and shall be the final decision making body in respect of every matter including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, development matters of institution Deemed to be University.

**AND WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (University Grants Commission) has emphasized the importance of environmental responsibility through various regulations and amendments. Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Pune shall align its Climate Action Policy with national and international guidelines to ensure compliance and contribute to global efforts in preventing climate change.



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## Introduction

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune (Deemed to be University) is dedicated to fostering environmental stewardship and promoting sustainable practices to address the pressing challenges of climate change. This Climate Action Policy aims to integrate sustainability into all institutional operations, reduce the university's carbon footprint, and encourage responsible resource management.

Through this policy, DPU commits to creating an eco-friendly campus by adopting clean energy solutions, enhancing waste management, conserving water, and promoting sustainable transportation. The university will also encourage climate-related research, integrate sustainability into the curriculum, and engage the community in awareness and action. This reflects our dedication to environmental responsibility, resilience, and long-term sustainability in all aspects of university life.

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## Objective:

The objective of this Climate Action Policy is to foster environmental responsibility within the Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth community. It seeks to reduce the institution's carbon footprint, enhance resource efficiency, and promote sustainability across campus operations. Through collaborative efforts, the university is committed to contributing to global climate action goals and building resilience against climate change.

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## Policy Statement:

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune (Deemed to be University) recognizes the urgent need for climate action and the pivotal role that educational institutions play in fostering sustainability. This Climate Action Policy establishes a framework to reduce the university's carbon footprint, promote sustainable practices, and encourage community engagement in climate resilience initiatives.

The policy commits to the following principles:

- Sustainability Integration:** Embedding environmental sustainability into academic programs, research activities, and campus operations.
- Carbon Neutrality:** Implementing strategies to achieve carbon neutrality through energy efficiency, renewable energy adoption, and carbon offset measures.
- Resource Management:** Promoting responsible use of natural resources, efficient waste management, and water conservation.
- Climate Education and Research:** Encouraging climate-focused research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the inclusion of sustainability in the curriculum.
- Community Engagement:** Engaging stakeholders, including students, faculty, staff, and the wider community, in climate action through outreach programs and partnerships.
- Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establishing a transparent system for tracking progress, setting measurable targets, and conducting regular assessments.

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## Scope:

This policy applies to all constituent institutions, departments, administrative offices, and associated facilities under the jurisdiction of Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune. It covers students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors, encouraging active participation in sustainability initiatives.

## Key Commitments

1. **Carbon Footprint Reduction:** The university shall implement measures to monitor, report, and reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency, renewable energy adoption, and sustainable transportation solutions.
2. **Sustainable Infrastructure:** Green building principles, water conservation measures, effective waste management systems, and responsible procurement practices will be promoted across campus facilities.
3. **Curriculum and Research Integration:** Climate change and sustainability will be integrated into academic curricula, interdisciplinary research will be encouraged, and projects focused on climate resilience will be supported.
4. **Community Engagement and Awareness:** Awareness programs, workshops, and training sessions will be conducted to foster a culture of sustainability within the university community and beyond.
5. **Monitoring and Reporting:** A Climate Action Committee shall be established to monitor progress, review initiatives, and ensure the successful implementation of climate action measures. The committee will meet at least once a year to evaluate actions taken and propose necessary improvements.

## Implementation Strategies

1. **Energy Management:**
  - Transition to renewable energy sources like solar, wind, or bioenergy.
  - Conduct regular energy audits and implement energy-efficient technologies.
2. **Sustainable Infrastructure:**
  - Construct and maintain green buildings following energy efficiency standards.
  - Promote eco-friendly design and materials.
3. **Waste Management:**
  - Establish a comprehensive waste segregation and recycling system.
  - Minimize biomedical waste through proper management and disposal practices.
4. **Water Conservation:**
  - Install water-efficient fixtures and implement rainwater harvesting.
  - Treat and reuse wastewater through appropriate technologies.
5. **Sustainable Transportation:**
  - Promote the use of public transport, bicycles, and electric vehicles.
  - Develop pedestrian-friendly pathways.
6. **Awareness and Training:**
  - Conduct workshops, seminars, and campaigns to raise climate awareness.
  - Provide sustainability training to staff and students.
7. **Research and Collaboration:**
  - Encourage interdisciplinary research on climate action and public health.
  - Establish partnerships with external agencies for joint climate initiatives.

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## **Monitoring and Evaluation**

The Climate Action Committee will oversee the implementation of this policy. Regular assessments will be conducted using key performance indicators (KPIs) related to energy consumption, waste management, water conservation, and emissions reduction. Annual reports will be prepared and presented to the university's Board of Management.

## **Conclusion:**

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune, through this Climate Action Policy, reaffirms its unwavering commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility. By fostering a culture of awareness, innovation, and accountability, DPU aims to set a benchmark in climate action for higher education institutions.

The university's integrated approach, supported by complementary policies like the **Smoke-Free Policy** and the **Green Campus Policy**, ensures a comprehensive response to climate change. Through continuous monitoring, evaluation, and adaptation, DPU will remain steadfast in its pursuit of carbon neutrality, environmental protection, and sustainable development.

Furthermore, by actively engaging students, faculty, and the wider community, the university will cultivate future leaders equipped to tackle global environmental challenges. Together, we will contribute to a resilient and sustainable future, exemplifying our commitment to environmental stewardship in all academic, operational, and research endeavours.

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