



Sustainable Investment Policy

Jaypee University of Information Technology (JUIT) is committed to integrating sustainability across all dimensions of its institutional functioning, including the responsible stewardship of financial resources. This Sustainable Investment Policy reflects JUIT's commitment to align investment decisions with its mission to uphold environmental integrity, social responsibility, and ethical governance (ESG). The policy draws on global and national frameworks, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), and principles such as those set out by the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI).

As a forward-looking academic institution, JUIT endeavors to ensure its investments not only foster financial growth but also support long-term environmental sustainability and social equity.

Policy Objectives and Commitment

This policy aims to ensure that JUIT's investment decisions are aligned with its commitment to sustainable development. Key objectives include:

- Promoting ESG-aligned investments supporting clean energy, social equity, and ethical governance.
- Avoiding investments that conflict with the university's sustainability goals.
- Incorporating sustainability risks and opportunities into financial decision-making.
- Supporting innovation and research in sustainable technologies and enterprises.

This policy applies to all financial instruments under university control, including endowment funds, fixed-income securities, equities, real assets, and third-party managed investments.

Strategic Framework

1. ESG Integration

JUIT will integrate environmental, social, and governance factors into its investment analysis, selection, and monitoring processes. The university will prioritize funds and organizations that demonstrate:

- Resource efficiency
- Use of renewable energy
- Social equity and inclusion
- Transparency and strong governance



2. Positive Screening

Preference will be given to investments that show measurable contributions to sustainability, including:

- Clean and renewable energy technologies
- Sustainable agriculture, water conservation, and biodiversity initiatives
- Inclusive labor practices and workforce diversity
- Strong anti-corruption frameworks and transparency mechanisms

3. Negative Screening

JUIT will avoid investments in sectors misaligned with its sustainability mission, such as:

- Fossil fuel extraction and major polluting industries
- Tobacco and controversial weapons
- Companies involved in exploitative labor practices or human rights violations
- Entities with poor financial transparency or unethical governance histories

4. Impact Investing

JUIT will pursue opportunities that deliver both financial returns and measurable positive environmental or social outcomes. This includes:

- Start-ups and incubators developing green technologies
- Ventures promoting community resilience and sustainability, including those incubated at JUIT

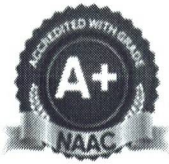
5. Stakeholder Engagement and Advocacy

Wherever feasible, JUIT will engage with investee organizations to promote ESG improvements through:

- Constructive dialogue
- Proxy voting
- Collaborative advocacy and partnerships

Governance and Implementation

Oversight of this policy shall be vested in the **Sustainability and Investment Committee (SIC)** at JUIT, comprising representatives from finance, academics, sustainability research, and external ESG experts.



The SIC will:

- Conduct periodic audits of the investment portfolio
- Establish performance benchmarks and timelines
- Recommend divestment from non-compliant entities
- Engage with fund managers to ensure ESG alignment
- Submit an **Annual Sustainable Investment Report** to the Governing Council, detailing performance, compliance, and alignment with SDG targets

All investments will be aligned with broader institutional sustainability goals under JUIT's **Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS) Policy**, particularly focusing on:

- Clean Energy (SDG 7)
- Climate Action (SDG 13)
- Resource Conservation

Transparency, Monitoring, and Continuous Improvement

JUIT pledges to maintain transparency in its sustainable investment practices by:

- Publishing an annual report on the university website
- Including regular ESG updates in institutional publications
- Conducting stakeholder consultations involving students, faculty, and the local community

This policy will be reviewed every two years, with updates incorporating evolving ESG standards, legal frameworks, and market trends. Feedback from internal and external stakeholders will be utilized to improve the policy continuously.

This **Sustainable Investment Policy** formally articulates JUIT's role in fostering a sustainable, just, and resilient future through principled financial governance. By embedding ESG principles into investment decisions, JUIT strives to balance economic advancement with ecological responsibility and social inclusiveness. As a university situated in the ecologically sensitive Himalayan region, JUIT embraces its unique responsibility to lead by example in sustainable academic and financial operations.

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