

## **CHRIST (Deemed to be University)**

### **Sustainable Investment Policy**

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) is a non profit, Christian Minority institution dedicated to academic excellence, holistic student development, and social transformation. In line with its core values of Social Responsibility and Pursuit of Excellence, the University commits to a reinvestment strategy that strengthens infrastructure, academic capacity, community engagement, and environmental responsibility.

This Sustainable Investment Policy outlines how institutional resources are channelled into meaningful and mission-aligned initiatives that contribute to long-term sustainability, social equity, and national and UN Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **General Guidelines**

1. As part of the cash flow management practices of the University, the finances are maintained in fund based securities, and fixed deposits.
2. All surpluses generated by the University are reinvested into academic programmes, research, faculty and staff development, and student welfare.
3. The University shall invest in sustainable campus development by prioritising green buildings, renewable energy systems (such as solar panels), energy-efficient infrastructure, water conservation mechanisms, and integrated waste management solutions.
4. Infrastructure investments shall prioritise eco-friendly procurement practices and incorporate lifecycle planning to ensure long-term environmental and financial sustainability.
5. All campus development initiatives shall be guided by principles of inclusivity, accessibility, and safety to foster equitable and supportive learning environments.

#### **Investment in Academic Excellence**

1. Provide full and partial scholarships to meritorious and economically disadvantaged students.
2. Support faculty development through advanced training, research grants, and participation in national and international academic forums.
3. Fund research projects, student innovations, and interdisciplinary Centres with a focus on societal impact.

#### **Social Outreach and Community-Focused Investments**

1. Direct sustainable investments toward institutional social impact programmes, such as the Centre for Social Action, that provide free or accessible education, livelihood support, and village development initiatives.
2. Allocate resources to rural development and community engagement efforts, in collaboration with NGOs and government bodies, promoting long-term social sustainability.
3. Promote inclusive and equitable education by investing in support systems for first-generation learners and students from marginalised and underserved communities.

#### **Transparency, Compliance, and Responsible Governance**

- Ensure that all sustainable investment activities comply with regulatory frameworks applicable to non profit educational institutions, including the Income Tax Act, UGC regulations, and the Foreign Contribution (Regulations) Act (FCRA) of India provisions (as applicable).
- Maintain transparent and auditable records of investment allocations.
- Periodically assess and update investment priorities to remain aligned with evolving sustainability standards and the developmental goals of the institution.

The University will periodically review and evaluate its sustainable investment practices to ensure alignment with institutional values, evolving sustainability benchmarks, and regulatory frameworks, while promoting responsible stewardship and continuous improvement.

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