

Sustainable Climate Action Policy

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Statement:

Commitment towards Net-Zero

Vision:

To be the part of globally sustainable Development Goals in attaining Net Zero carbon.

Mission:

- The institution understands that addressing sustainability and climate challenges requires collaborative efforts in partnerships with non-profit organizations, and local communities to leverage collective expertise and resources. It recognizes the importance of preserving and restoring natural resources, mitigating pollution, and protecting biodiversity.
- Aims to minimize its ecological footprint through sustainable practices, resource efficiency, and the adoption of clean technologies.

Introduction

Since its inception, the KLEF is committed for climate protection and sustainability.

By leveraging its resources, expertise, and collaborative efforts, the KLEF has been contributing significantly to mitigate and adapting to the impacts of climate change and achieve the sustainable goals.

Application and Commencement

These Rules, Ordinances and Regulations as applicable shall be called Academic Policy Rules created under UGC (Institutions Deemed To be Universities) Regulations 2019.

These Rules shall apply to KLEF and its off campuses.

These Rules, Ordinances and Regulations shall come into force from the date of approval by the Academic Council and the BOM of the University.

No Rule, Ordinance and Regulation shall be altered or amended by any authority of the University which would conflict with or detrimental to the provisions of UGC (Institutions Deemed To be Universities) Regulations 2019.

Background

The revision is motivated & initiated by the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals 2016- 2030, recognizing that addressing sustainability is on the global agenda, KLEF has an active role to play.

The seventeen goals are:

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
17. Partnerships for the Goals

Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation (Officers to Execute Policy)

- Dean(P&D) in co-ordination with Dean (Student Affairs) & **SAC (Student Activity Centre)**, a student body are responsible to implement the policy.
- The Dean(P&D), Dean (SA) and student body shall meet quarterly to monitor the implementation and recommend steps for further improvements.

- Green, Energy and environment audits are to be done regularly to measure the carbon emissions and to implement the sustainable practices.

Roles & Responsibilities of the Members

The implementation of the sustainability practices and social responsibility strategy rests primarily with KLEF. KLEF bears the responsibility of driving and overseeing the integration of sustainability practices and social responsibility principles throughout its operations. By taking the lead, KLEF sets an example and provide the necessary guidance, resources, and support to ensure that sustainability becomes a fundamental aspect of the organization. However, the active involvement and commitment of every student and staff member are essential to successfully embed these values and make a collective impact in promoting sustainability and social responsibility within the KLEF community.

Policy Objectives

The SAC will address four core objectives of sustainability:

- **Creating a culture which priorities and promotes sustainability at the SAC.**
 - To embed sustainability criteria into decisions, proposals, and projects.
 - To Communicate KLEFs work to all stakeholders and be honest about the progress.
 - To train, reward and recognize faculty, staff and Students for their work to address climate change and the SDGs.
- **Strengthen sustainability collaborations and ensure that partners are ethically and environmentally responsible.**
 - To make the most of the sustainability resources and partnerships at the University.

- To create criteria for external clients to show their ethical and environmental responsibility.
- To review supplier's and expand ways in which KLEF can work with local, sustainable, and ethical businesses.

➤ **Reduce the environmental footprint of operations.**

- To conduct an operations environmental audit.
- To set targets as an organization for the energy and waste management.
- To restrict single-use plastics and reduce paper across operations.

➤ **Empower, educate, and equip the members on sustainability.**

- To use established networks of engaged students to promote and take steps for climate protection.
- Educate and encourage students to make more sustainable choices through campaigns and communications.
- Broaden audience and widen impact within member. community by providing a hub for green action on campus and at adopted villages.

Initiatives and Strategies

Climate action policies can include a range of initiatives and strategies.

Carbon credit: Suggesting and Implementing mechanisms to reduce carbon emissions (restricted entry of vehicles, use of battery powered vehicles, plantation, use of renewable energy, etc.)

Renewable energy promotion: Setting targets of renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and bio power.

Energy efficiency measures: Establishing standards and regulations to improve energy efficiency in buildings and appliances.

Sustainable transportation: Encouraging the use of electric vehicles public transport & non-motor vehicles.

Reforestation and afforestation: Supporting initiatives to plant and restore forests, which act as carbon sinks and help absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide.

Adaptation and resilience planning: Developing strategies and funding mechanisms to help communities and ecosystems adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as sea-level rise, extreme weather events, and changing precipitation patterns.

Climate finance: Mobilizing and channeling funding for climate-related projects and initiatives, especially in developing countries that need support to transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient economies.

Climate education and awareness: Investing in public education programs and awareness campaigns to foster greater understanding of climate change issues and encourage behavior change.

National & International cooperation: Collaborating with social service organizations and other countries and participating in global climate agreements to collectively tackle climate change.

Research and development: Promoting research, innovation, and technology development in areas such as clean energy, carbon capture, and climate modelling to enhance the effectiveness of climate action policies.

Procurement/Finance/Human Resources

KLEF continues to pursue administrative efficiencies to improve resilience to the impacts of climate change, such as energy savings in buildings, use of renewable energy, restricted entry of vehicles, use of battery vehicles, ban on plastic, reduction in waste(dry and Wet), water re-usability and to review and refine existing or established policies, procedures, staff education programs that promote consideration of prevailing environmental & social concerns for enhancing climate adaptive and climate resilient practices by employees, not only while at work but also in their personal endeavors, that will serve to:

- Ensure that products purchased for business and personal use are environmentally safe and climate change adaptive and resilient.
- Include sustainable purchasing and services requirements in contracts where practicable and feasible.
- Continue and improve, where possible, landfill diversion rates by encouraging on-the-job and personal recycling or composting and availing personal property for reutilization.
- Practice environmental stewardship in facilities design and construction, landscaping design, and ground's maintenance to minimize emissions.

- Encourage use of public transportation, car pooling, and walking or cycling in lieu of personal vehicles.

Implementation

- Exploring the increase of BPAs (bisphenol A) that promote climate change and promoting their use across KLEF.
- Working with partners and Vendors to promote Climate Pledge Friendly products.
- Enhancing Climate Literacy in the Workforce and the Public.

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