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1. Preamble

The policy acknowledges the importance of higher education institutions as change agents and their role in the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals. Universities have a duty to educate students and society to actively participate in both mitigating and adapting to climate change. Higher Education Institutions should also emphasize on adopt carbon-neutral practices and low-carbon operational mechanisms for climate adaptation. All academic personnel, scientists, research experts, and students of Sri Sri University are covered by this policy.

2. Objectives

This policy establishes the following objectives;

- 2.1. Carbon neutrality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from university operations.
- 2.2. To transition towards renewable energy sources for electricity, promoting solar.
- 2.3. Promoting responsible consumption of water and other natural resources.
- 2.4. To enhance the Climate Resilience of the university infrastructure and community against the impacts of climate change.
- 2.5. To encourage sustainable Transportation and reducing emissions.
- 2.6. Waste Reduction and Recycling and move towards a zero-waste campus.
- 2.7. Aligning Sustainable procurement / purchasing policy with sustainability goals and services from ethical suppliers.
- 2.8. Awareness and Education: Improve literacy on climate change through sustained, community activities connected to local problem-solving and people's behavior among the staff, students, and stakeholders.
- 2.9. Integrate environmental education and sustainable practices in curricula and research: develop credit and value based courses and invest in thrust areas of climate change and sustainable development through multidisciplinary research.

3. Policy Guidelines

- 3.1. Climate Action Plan: The Sri Sri University will follow a comprehensive Climate Action Plan outlining specific targets and initiatives to achieve carbon neutrality and sustainability objectives.
- 3.2. Renewable Energy Adoption: The university will invest in renewable energy infrastructure and promote the use of clean energy technologies across campus.

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- 3.3. **Water Conservation:** The university will employ water-saving measures, rainwater harvesting, and water recycling systems to minimize water wastage.
- 3.4. **Climate-Resilient Infrastructure:** The university will integrate climate resilience features into new construction and renovations, ensuring infrastructure can withstand climate-related challenges. f. **Sustainable Transportation:** Promote cycling, walking, carpooling, and public transportation among students and staff. Provide facilities for electric vehicle charging and prioritize the use of electric and hybrid vehicles for university purposes.
- 3.5. **Waste Management:** university will Implement waste segregation, recycling programs, and promote composting to minimize landfill waste.
- 3.6. **Biodiversity and Green Spaces:** University will Preserve and enhance green spaces on campus to support biodiversity and improve air quality.
- 3.7. **Engagement with Suppliers:** University will encourage suppliers to adopt sustainable practices and give preference to suppliers with strong environmental and social responsibility records.
- 3.8. **Integration into Academics:** University will integrate sustainability concepts into the curriculum and research activities to foster a culture of sustainability among students and staff.
- 3.9. university will Promoting research on environmental issues aligned to SDGs in local and neighborhood and solution identification on climate change and its impacts.

4. Implementation and Reporting

Regular progress reports will be prepared to assess the university's performance in achieving sustainability targets and inform stakeholders about its progress. The university administration will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and appointing a Sustainability Officer or committee to coordinate sustainability efforts.

5. Collaboration and Engagement

The Sri Sri University will actively collaborate with government agencies, NGOs, industry partners, and other educational institutions to share knowledge, resources, and best practices related to sustainability and climate action.

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