

Central University of Himachal Pradesh

Sustainability Policy Document

1. Introduction

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh is committed to fostering sustainability in all its academic, administrative, and community endeavors. This policy outlines our dedication to human and social values, professional ethics, gender equality, environmental conservation, and sustainable development.

2. Core Values

- Promotion of environmental conservation and sustainable development.
- Gender equality and empowerment through education and active involvement.
- Ethical conduct in academic, administrative, and research activities.
- Human values inculcation through diverse curricular and co-curricular activities.

3. Educational Initiatives

- Introduction of courses related to feminist issues, environmental sciences, human values, and professional ethics across UG and PG programs.
- Mandatory core courses such as Environmental Studies are included in all UG programs to ensure awareness of environmental sustainability.
- Interdisciplinary courses on environmental sensitization are provided to all departments.
- Workshops, seminars, and celebrations like Earth Day and Water Day to foster environmental awareness among students and staff.

4. Research and Community Engagement

- Encouragement of research programs focused on environment sciences, natural hazards, climate change, and sustainable development.
- Adoption of the “Vocal for Local” approach in research and community activities to promote local resources and sustainability.
- Promotion of entrepreneurial courses like Bee Keeping, Silk Worm Production, and Mushroom Cultivation catering to local needs and sustainable practices.

5. Campus Sustainability Practices

- Maintenance of a well-developed nursery by the Department of Environmental Sciences.
- Implementation of the Three-R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) culture to minimize waste and promote recycling.

6. Gender Equality and Empowerment

- Operation of the Women Empowerment Cell to promote gender-neutral and safe environments for all.
- Inclusion of gender-related courses and sensitization programs to raise awareness and foster equality.

7. Art and Cultural Initiatives

- Encouragement of artistic expression and cultural connections through the Fine Arts Department, enhancing community engagement and cultural sustainability.