



COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SUSTAINABILITY/ CLIMATE ACTION POLICY

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

The Environmental Policy stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication of the University towards fostering environmental sustainability and recognizing the pivotal role a sustainable environment plays in shaping our collective existence and endeavors. With a profound acknowledgement of the implications our actions hold for the global and local environment, CUSAT conscientiously embraces the responsibility to curtail negative environmental impacts through proactive modifications to our operations.

- At the very core of our ethos lies an unyielding commitment to continually enhance our environmental performance and diminish our role in perpetuating climate change and environmental degradation.
- By seamlessly integrating sustainable environmental practices into our daily activities, we endeavor to position ourselves as trailblazers in the realm of environmentally conscious infrastructure development and operations.
- In pursuit of these noble objectives, CUSAT pledges to engender a culture of environmental stewardship across every facet of our institution. This encompasses promoting sustainable resource utilization, diligently managing waste and emissions, and actively seeking eco-friendly alternatives to conventional practices. Both staff and students are encouraged to become a party to all activities initiated at the campus.
- The university's efforts shall extend to encompass sustainable procurement, responsible energy consumption, and the seamless integration of environmental considerations into strategic decision-making processes.



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- CUSAT pledges to be a catalyst for positive change by fostering robust partnerships with stakeholders, government bodies, and local communities. Through collective action and knowledge sharing, we shall strive to propagate environmental awareness, conservation, and sustainable practices far beyond our campus borders.
- Maintaining and enhancing biodiversity at our campuses and sites, particularly in natural areas.

In essence, the Environmental Policy underscores our resolute commitment to serve as exemplary custodians of the environment. We firmly believe that by unifying our collective efforts and harnessing the power of education and research, we can pave the way for a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come. With determination and vision, CUSAT endeavors to lead the charge towards a harmonious coexistence of humanity and nature.

COMMITMENT TO NET ZERO TARGETS

Being a state owned university, Cochin University of Science and Technology has set its net zero agenda in conformity with the Kerala State's plans for achieving the same. As Kerala State has set its target by 2050, CUSAT follows the path to conform to State standards by achieving Net Zero Campus by 2050. An environment sustainability policy has been delineated by the university for creating an effective roadmap to achieve the set targets.

Documentary evidence to the set targets:

Item No. 45 of Government of Kerala's Budget 2023-24: "Kerala aims to become a 100% renewable energy dependent State by 2040 and a net carbon neutrality State by 2050. The State has a favorable atmosphere for the production of Green Hydrogen which is also called as *Clean Energy*", which is available at

<https://www.finance.kerala.gov.in/includeWeb/fileViewer.jsp?hDx=budget!2023-24!BudgetSpeech-2023-24-Eng.htm#:~:text=a%20net%20carbon%20neutrality%20State%20by%202050>