

PARUL UNIVERSITY

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NOTIFICATION

Sub: - Constitution of Sustainability & ESG Governance Structure and Committee – reg.

Ref: - (i) R/Notification-1824/2026-27 dated April 13, 2026

(ii) Orders of Dr. Geetika Madan Patel, Vice President (Quality, Research and Health Sciences), Parul University

The University, vide Notification No. R/Notification-1824/2026-27 dated April 13, 2026, has established the Centre for Sustainability & ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) in alignment with the provisions of UGC guidelines and NEP 2020, along with its Vision, Objectives, Scope, and Functions.

As part of its mandate, the Centre is entrusted with:

- Formulating and updating sustainability and ESG policies, frameworks, and institutional guidelines; and
- Establishing appropriate governance structures and coordination mechanisms for effective implementation.

In this regard, based on the proposal of the Director, Centre for Sustainability & ESG, the following Sustainability & ESG Governance Structure is hereby notified:

1. Governance structure

Level	Composition	Indicative role
Chief Patron	President	Overall institutional patronage and strategic encouragement to the ESG agenda.
Patrons / Institutional Mentors	Vice Presidents	Policy direction, senior-level guidance, and review of broad institutional priorities.
Strategic Oversight	CEO, Provost, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Registrar	Periodic review of implementation progress, cross-functional coordination, and administrative guidance.
Nodal Leadership	Director, Centre for Sustainability & ESG	Convening, execution oversight, monitoring, reporting, and inter-departmental coordination.

Sustainability & ESG Advisory Council	Advisors for Environment & Operations, Social, Governance, and Research	Domain guidance, quality review, prioritization, and strategic advice.
Domain Committees / Working Teams	Environment & Operations Committee; Social Committee; Governance Committee; Research Committee	Execution support, data collection, activity implementation, and thematic monitoring.
Student Platform	Sustainability Champions	Student awareness, outreach, campus action, volunteer mobilization, and feedback capture.

2. Constitution of Sustainability & ESG Committee

In pursuance of the University's commitment towards sustainability, environmental responsibility, social responsibility, good governance practices, and alignment with institutional priorities under ESG principles, it is hereby notified that the Sustainability & ESG Committee is constituted for FY 2025-26 with immediate effect.

The Committee shall function as a working body to support, coordinate, monitor, and promote sustainability- and ESG-related initiatives across the University. The Committee shall facilitate institutional efforts in the areas of environmental sustainability, social impact, governance practices, awareness generation, documentation, reporting, rankings, and related developmental activities.

- a) **Chief Patron:** Dr. Devanshu Patel, President
- b) **Institutional Mentors:** Dr. Parul Patel, Vice President; Dr. Geetika Madan Patel, Vice President; Dr. Komal Patel, Vice President
- c) **Strategic Oversight:** Mr. Dhruvil Shah, Chief Executive Officer; Prof. (Dr.) K. N. Madhusoodanan, Provost; Dr. Kunjal Sinha, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Prof. Manish Pandya, Registrar
- d) **Coordinator / Member Secretary:** Dr. Niketha Konikkara, Director – Centre for Sustainability & ESG
- e) **Sustainability & ESG Advisory Council:** Members of the Sustainability & ESG Advisory Council may be included from time to time, as required, with the approval of the competent authority.

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Department	Institute / Unit
1	Dr. Pankaj Kumar	Head of the Department	Department of Environmental Science	Parul Institute of Applied Sciences (PIAS)

2	Dr. Rushikesh Prajapati	Assistant Professor	Department of Chemical Engineering	Doctoral Studies and Research
3	Dr. Shivam Shukla	Assistant Professor	Department of Management	Parul Institute of Business Administration (PIBA)
4	Dr. Rina Kamlesh Chokshi	Assistant Professor	Department of Civil Engineering	Parul Institute of Engineering and Technology (PIET)
5	Dr. Shilpa Pathak	Assistant Professor	Department of Civil Engineering	Parul Institute of Technology (PIT)
6	Dr. Vinod Parmar	Director	Social Response Cell	Sakshamthad Foundation / Social Response Cell
7	Dr. Shiji Prasannan	Assistant Professor	Department of Management and Research	Parul Institute of Management and Research (PIMR)
8	Dr. Isha Derashri	Assistant Professor	Department of Commerce	Parul Institute of Commerce (PIC)
9	Hetanshi Bhatt	Teaching Assistant	Department of Psychology	Parul Institute of Liberal Arts (PILA)
10	Dr. Saurabh Parmar	Assistant Professor	Department of Public Health	Parul Institute of Public Health (PIPH)
11	Amandeep Singh	Executive	Department of Law	Parul Institute of Law (PIL)
12	Dr. Pathikkumar Bhatt	Assistant Professor	Department of Geography	Parul Institute of Liberal Arts (PILA)
13	Dr. Krishnamraju Manupati	Assistant Professor	Department of Electronics and Communication	Parul Institute of Engineering and Technology (PIET)
14	Dr. Jigneshkumar P. Desai	Associate Professor	Department of Robotics and Automation	Faculty of Engineering and Technology (PIT)
15	Dr. Dushmant Maharane	Assistant Professor	Department of Environmental Studies	Parul Institute of Applied Sciences (PIAS)
16	Dr. Ashita Rai	Assistant Professor	Department of Environmental Studies	Parul Institute of Applied Sciences (PIAS)

General functions of the Sustainability & ESG Committee

- Approve annual priorities, review progress, and guide the direction of sustainability & ESG initiatives at the institutional level.
- Support cross-functional coordination among academic, administrative, operational, and student-facing units.
- Review domain-wise data, documentation, progress notes, and evidence for institutional submissions and internal decision-making.
- Recommend policy, programme, awareness, research, and infrastructure priorities to the competent authority.
- Facilitate timely follow-up on action items, resource needs, collaboration opportunities, and implementation bottlenecks.
- Promote a culture of sustainability, responsibility, transparency, and measurable outcomes across the University.

The Committee shall work in close coordination with existing bodies such as IQAC, CMIE, Research & Development Cell, Estate Department, and other relevant units to ensure seamless integration of sustainability practices into academic, administrative, and operational processes.

3. Constitution of Sub-Committees (Environment & Operations Committee, Social Committee, Governance Committee, Research Committee) with their Scope

3.1 Environment & Operations Committee

➤ Scope

- Energy management, renewable energy, utility monitoring, and resource-efficiency initiatives.
- Water conservation, rainwater harvesting, reuse systems, and tracking of water-related data.
- Waste segregation, composting, recycling, e-waste handling, and green event practices.
- Green cover, biodiversity, plantation tracking, campus ecology, and sustainable built-environment measures.
- Support for baseline audits, dashboards, operational evidence, and environmental compliance coordination with relevant departments.

➤ Key functions

- Compile and review monthly data related to energy, water, waste, green cover, and relevant operational indicators.
- Work with Estate, Maintenance, Electrical, Housekeeping, canteens, hostels, and related units to implement practical measures.
- Recommend low-cost and medium-term interventions for visible campus improvement and measurable savings.

- Ensure that environmental initiatives are documented with bills, logs, photographs, attendance, minutes, and outcome notes.

3.2 Social Committee

➤ Scope

- Student and staff wellbeing, health awareness, inclusion, accessibility, gender sensitization, and ethical campus culture.
- Community engagement, extension, volunteering, outreach, and sustainability-linked social responsibility activities.
- Awareness campaigns, behavior change communication, campus participation drives, and stakeholder feedback mechanisms.

➤ Key functions

- Coordinate with Student Affairs, NSS, extension cells, disability support mechanisms, relevant counselling / wellbeing platforms, and other institutional units.
- Support evidence development for social impact, outreach, student participation, awareness sessions, and wellbeing programmes.
- Promote equitable participation and inclusive engagement across sustainability initiatives.

3.3 Governance Committee

➤ Scope

- Sustainability & ESG-related policy framework, institutional procedures, ethical practices, transparency, accountability, and documentation systems.
- Data governance, evidence repositories, review calendars, reporting templates, and readiness for accreditation / ranking exercises.
- Support for responsible procurement guidance, green event protocols, and alignment with institutional decision-making processes.

➤ Key functions

- Track policy-status, action points, submissions, and documentary evidence required for internal and external review.
- Coordinate with IQAC, administrative offices, and relevant authorities to streamline data collection and institutional records.
- Support periodic Sustainability & ESG dashboards, compliance tracking, and governance review notes for leadership.

3.4 Research Committee

➤ Scope

- Sustainability-linked research, innovation, projects, publications, grants, consultancy, and SDG knowledge development.

- Interdisciplinary academic linkages, student projects, faculty mentoring, external partnerships, and research dissemination.

➤ **Key functions**

- Identify priority sustainability research themes relevant to the University and local / regional context.
- Support SDG mapping of publications, projects, case studies, consultancy engagements, and funded proposals.
- Coordinate with CMIE and other academic units for multidisciplinary research activities, events, proposal support, and annual reporting of sustainability research outcomes.

By Order


Registrar

To,

Dr. Niketha Konikkara, Director, - Centre for Sustainability & ESG

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5. Chief Executive Officer
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8. Dean, Students' Welfare
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14. Chief Finance and Accounts Officer
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16. Accounts Section
17. Students' Section
18. Purchase Department

19. Transport Department

Submitted to,

- 1) The President
- 2) Dr. Parul Patel, Vice President (Student Affairs and General Administration) and Chairperson, Admissions Committee, Parul University
- 3) Dr. Geetika Madan Patel, Vice President (Quality, Research and Health Sciences), Parul University
- 4) Dr. Komal Patel, Vice President (Medical and paramedical Sciences), Parul University
- 5) The Provost
- 6) The Pro Vice-Chancellor