

**I.T. Policy for using the Systems and I.T. infrastructure**

This I.T. policy is binding on all the users of the I.T. infrastructure (Devices, Systems and Network) in the National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal (hereinafter called "Institute"). This policy states the responsibility of all users while using the Information Technology infrastructure of the Institute and is governed by Information Technology Act 2000 and its subsequent amendments.

**Statement of the Policy:**

**Content:** The user shall be responsible for the use of this network and also for all the contents of the devices used on this network, including those which are made available to the other users. The user will also be responsible for the contents stored by him/her on any of the I.T. resources on this network.

**Network:** The user shall be responsible for all the network traffic generated by his/her device on the network. The network capacity is a limited and shared resource. The user is strictly prohibited from physically tampering with the network connections/ equipments, sending disruptive signals or making EXCESSIVE USE of network resources. Repeated offences of these types could result in permanent disconnection of network services. The user shall not share the network connection beyond his/her own use and will not act as a forwarder/ masquerader for anyone else.

**Academic use:** The I.T. infrastructure at the Institute is purely for academic use and the user shall not use it for any non-official profit generating activities. Also, the user shall not host or broadcast information that might harm others or may be otherwise considered objectionable or illegal.

**Identity:** The user shall not impersonate while using this network and shall not use the I.T. resources of the Institute for any activity that is termed as illegal.

**Privacy:** The user shall not intrude on the privacy of anyone and shall not try to access any device belonging to others without their knowledge and explicit consent.

**Monitoring and Regulation:** The I.T. resources used by the user are subject to monitoring and regulation. The Institute reserves its right to perform necessary actions to protect and to preserve the overall integrity and efficiency of the Institute network.

**Malicious Software:** The user shall maintain his/her system/device on this network with appropriate security support.

**File Sharing and Downloading:** The user shall not use the I.T. infrastructure to engage in any form of illegal file sharing or downloading.

**Security:** The user shall not take any steps that endanger the security of the Institute network.

**Penalties:** Any use of I.T. infrastructure at the Institute that constitutes a violation of this I.T. Policy will result in administrative and/ or disciplinary procedures.