National Institute of Technology Calicut
Campus Networking Centre
Undertaking with respect to NITC IT Usage Policy

Whom this Document Concerns

All Users of IT infrastructure (Computers and the Network) at NIT Calicut

Reason for Policy

This policy outlines the responsible use of the Information Technology Infrastructure at NIT Calicut.

Statement of Policy

All users of IT infrastructure of NIT Calicut will be subject to the following **Acceptable Usage Policy:**

1. **[Content]** I shall be responsible for all use of this network. In case I own a computer and decide to connect it to NIT Calicut network, I will be solely responsible for all the content on it (examples: all files/data, software). This provision will also apply to any computer or device for which I am responsible, and is included in the meaning of "my computer". In case I do not own a computer but am provided IT resources by NIT Calicut, I will be held responsible for the content stored in the designated workspace allotted to me (examples: software, file storage area, web pages, stored/archived emails, on Computer Centre or Department machines).

2. **[Network]** I understand that network capacity of the campus network is a limited and is a shared resource. I agree that I will be held responsible for all the network traffic generated by "my account".

   a. I shall not use the NITC campus network for any illegal transmission, reception or storage of any files such as copyrighted materials.
   b. I shall not use the network for any communication involving obscene material.
   c. I understand that network capacity is a limited, shared resource and that excessive use of network resources is prohibited.
   d. I understand that physically tampering with NITC network infrastructure is prohibited.
   e. I shall not share the network connection beyond my own use and will not act as a forwarder for anyone else.
   f. I will be using the NITC network for only Academic and Research activities.
   g. I will not be connecting my own devices in the NITC network, to extend the range / bandwidth of usage of the network.
   h. I agree to use the NITC network as per the bandwidth, storage and data usage limits imposed from time to time by the authority.
   i. I agree that I will not take any steps that endanger the security of the NITC network. Specifically, I will not attempt to bypass firewalls and access rules in place.
   j. I shall not share the network connection beyond my own use and will not act as a forwarder/ masquerader for anyone else.

3. [Academic Use] I understand that the IT infrastructure at NIT Calicut is for academic use and I shall not use it for any commercial purpose or to host data services for other people or groups. Also, I shall not host or broadcast information that might harm others or may be otherwise considered objectionable or illegal as per Indian law.

4. [Identity] I shall not attempt to deceive others about my identity in electronic communications or network traffic. I will also not use NIT Calicut IT resources to threaten, intimidate, or harass others.

5. [Privacy] I will not intrude on privacy of anyone. In particular I will not try to access computers (hacking), accounts, files, or information belonging to others without their knowledge and explicit consent.

6. [Monitoring] I understand that the IT resources provided to me are subject to monitoring, with cause, as determined through consultation with the NIT Calicut administration, when applicable. The monitoring may include aggregate bandwidth usage to effectively manage limited IT resources as well as monitoring traffic content in response to a legal or law enforcement request to do so. I authorize NIT Calicut administration to perform network vulnerability and port scans on my systems, as needed, for protecting the overall integrity and efficiency of NIT Calicut network.

7. [Viruses] I shall maintain my computer on this network with latest virus detection software and current updates of my operating system, and I shall attempt to keep my computer free from viruses, worms, trojans, and other similar programs.

8. [Software Usage and File Sharing] I shall not use any device to engage in any form of unlicensed software storage/usage and illegal file sharing (examples: copyrighted material, obscene material).

9. [Library e-resources] I understand that Electronic resources such as e-journals, e-books, databases, etc. made available by the Central Library, NIT Calicut are for academic use. These resources can be searched, browsed, and material may be downloaded and printed as single copies of articles as is done in the case of printed library material. Downloading or printing of a complete book or an entire issue or a volume of one or more journals (called systematic downloading) is strictly prohibited. Use of robots, spiders or intelligent agents to access, search and/or systematically download from the e-resources is also prohibited. I am aware that illegitimate downloading will result in the publisher blocking the entire community of users at NIT Calicut from accessing these resources. Any violation of this policy will result in penal action as per the rules and regulations of the Institute.

10. [Security] I understand that I will not take any steps that endanger the security of the NIT Calicut network. Specifically, I will not attempt to bypass firewalls and access rules in place. This includes not setting up servers of any kind (examples: web, mail, proxy) that are visible to the world outside the NIT Calicut campus. In critical situations, NIT Calicut authorities reserve the right to disconnect any device or disable any account if it believed that either is involved in compromising the information security of NIT Calicut.

11. [Penalties] I shall fully abide by the Indian Copyright Act 1994, Indian Telegraph Act 1985 and Information Technology (IT) Act 2009 and amendments of these laws from time to time.

I understand that the laws of the Government of India with regard to use of devices and technology are the ultimate authority in case of any dispute. The policy matters discussed in this document are meant as guidelines and are subject to interpretation in light of the laws mentioned above. I understand that repeated offenses /violation of the rules from my side, could result in permanent disconnection of network services.

12.[Integrity] In case, I am aware of any security issues or loopholes in the campus network, as a genuine user, I will report the same to the Campus Networking Centre first and if so required, support the Centre's efforts to timely address such issues. I will not use the identified vulnerabilities as an opportunity to break into the network and violate the policies in place. I am also aware that attempting to penetrate or access a computer resource without authorisation or exceeding authorised access is considered as an offense (cyber terrorism) as per the IT Act 2000 of Government of India.

I hereby accept the above stated IT Policy of NIT Calicut. I also agree that my NITC Email Id **and NITC Campus Network** access will be **suspended / BLOCKED** Completely if the above stated IT Infrastructure Access Policy is not **ACCEPTED** or **VIOLATED** by me.

Name: Email Id: NITC Firewall id:

Roll No/Employee ID: Mobile Number:

Alternate Non- NITC Email Id: Date: