# IT POLICY

#### 24. IT Policy

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 **Purpose:** The purpose of this IT policy is to ensure the effective, efficient, and secured use of information technology resources to support the academic, research, and administrative functions of the college.
- 1.2 **Scope:** This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and any other individuals who use the institute's IT resources.

## 2. IT Infrastructure Management

## 2.1 Hardware Upgradation:

- Computers shall be upgraded every 2 to 3 years.
- Upgrades shall include RAM and SSD enhancements.

#### 2.2 Internet Bandwidth:

- Internet bandwidth shall be increased as per the rules and requirement.
- Regular monitoring and adjustments shall be made to ensure optimal performance.

## 2.3 Network Security:

- To adopt robust firewalls, intrusion detection systems, with regular security audits.
- Ensure that all network devices and systems are updated with the latest security patches.

# 3. Software and Licensing

#### 3.1 Licensed Software:

• Ensure that all devices purchased shall have an inbuilt software with adopted licensed version.

# 3.2 Open-Source Software:

- Encourage the use of open-source software where feasible and appropriate.
- Linux OS and open source related software's are to be used in the labs and R & D Cell.

# 4. Data Management and Security

#### 4.1 Data Privacy:

- Implement measures to protect personal and sensitive data of students, faculty, and staff.
- Ensure compliance with relevant data protection regulations.

#### 4.2 Data Backup:

- Regular backups of critical data shall be performed and stored securely.
- Implement disaster recovery plans to ensure data integrity and availability.

## 5. User Responsibilities and Conduct

# 5.1 Acceptable Use:

- Users must adhere to acceptable user policies and ensure IT resources are used responsibly.
- Prohibit unauthorized access, distribution of malicious software, and any other activities that shall compromise on the network's integrity.

## 5.2 Training and Awareness:

- Provide regular training sessions on IT policies, cybersecurity, and best practices.
- Promote awareness of phishing scams, password security, and data protection.

#### 6. Resource Allocation and Maintenance

#### **6.1 Resource Allocation:**

- Allocate IT resources based on academic and administrative needs.
- Ensure equitable access to IT resources for all users.

#### 6.2 Maintenance:

- Schedule regular maintenance of IT infrastructure to ensure optimal performance.
- Maintain an inventory of all IT assets and conduct periodic audits.

# 7. IT Support and Services

## 7.1 Help Desk:

- Establish an IT help desk to provide support and resolve technical issues promptly.
- Track and analyze support requests to identify areas for improvement.

## 7.2 Service Level Agreements (SLAs):

 Define and adhere to SLAs for IT services to ensure and provide timely and efficient support.

## 8. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility

#### **8.1 E-Waste Management:**

- Dispose of obsolete IT equipment responsibly by partnering with certified E-waste vendors.
- Promote recycling and environmentally friendly practices within the IT department.

## 8.2 Energy Efficiency:

• Implement energy-saving measures for IT equipment, such as power management settings and the use of energy-efficient devices.

## 9. Compliance and Review

## 9.1 Regulatory Compliance:

- Ensure compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and accreditation requirements.
- Conduct regular reviews to ensure the IT policy remains up-to-date and effective.

## 9.2 Policy Review:

 The IT policy shall be reviewed annually by the IT committee and updated as necessary to reflect technological advancements and changing needs.

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