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ICT POLICY

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Declaration

Realising the critical role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in higher education, we are committed to the application of ICT for enhancing administrative efficiency and to optimise teaching-learning experiences.

The ICT Policy for the college states that:

- Access, economy, efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, transparency, privacy, accountability, sustainability, learner-centre approach in teaching, and quality assurance – shall be the guiding principles of the ICT Policy.
- The ICT applications cover the areas system management; research; teaching-learning: student evaluation; support services; community engagement; student data management; human resources development; networking and quality assurance.
- As an ongoing process, ICT applications shall take note of the rapid pace of technology changes.
- ICT system management must ensure integrity, security, and legitimate applications of ICT.
- Use ICT effectively for building national and international networks to ensure innovative changes in providing quality education.
- The College shall take appropriate measures for the capacity building of academic, administrative, and professional staff to effectively use ICT in all areas/ dimensions of the college.

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3. ICT Policy-Objectives and Scope

Objectives:

The key objectives of the ICT Policy are to

- Make the College more accessible to the present and prospective stakeholders and empowering them through enhanced access to information and quality services by improving education using ICT.
- Facilitate effective communication for the learningenrichment and student engagement.
- Develop international linkages with a view to facilitate participation in national, regional, and international academic activities and strengthening teaching, learning and research in the College.
- Create employment opportunities for the youth and improve their employability through ICT based educational initiate and industry focused curricula and to help them participate in the ICT revolution, derive economic benefits, and eventually become self-reliant.
- Promote and strengthen new Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) in the college.
- Create effective ICT infrastructure for impeccably connecting and integrating all ICT Service Providers and End Users.
- Use appropriate technological systems to improve communication and interaction between college office and various departments.

Scope of the ICT Policy:

This policy applies to stakeholders of college including students enrolled in various academic programs, guardians, office staff, faculties and other institutions connected with the college directly or indirectly. ICT Resources will be used by the users including but not limited to:

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- Hostel staffs in the college
- Researchers who occasionally visits the college for their research purpose

ICT Resources Covered by the Policy:

The ICT policy applies to ICT resources and systems made available to the users, by or on behalf of, the College including but not limited to:

- IT resources in knowledge center
- Personal computers, laptops and terminals in college
- Peripherals e.g. printers, copiers, scanners and multimedia devices
- Mobile devices e.g. smart phones and tablets
- Networks with wired, wireless, dialup and/or internet connections
- Internet services e.g. world wide web, blogs and wikis
- and other messaging, social networking and Email collaboration services such as blogs, chats and forums
- Application software, services and databases
- Removable media including CDs, DVDs and memory Drive

4) Guiding Principles for ICT Application

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- Efficiency and Effectiveness: Use ICT with a view to increase efficiency of the college in delivery of services and improve effectiveness in achieving the expected results of the college.
- Relevance: Improve relevance of the learning experiences of the students in the college, and continuously use and adopt relevant ICT resources for the college.
- Transparency: Use ICT to foster openness in the college system management and delivery of services to the stakeholders.
- Privacy: Use of ICT within the college to protect individual privacy as per the applicable law.
- Accountability: ICT application in the College shall improve accountability of the system for its operation.
- Sustainability: Reduce the costs of ICT related energy consumption as well as promote the sustainability of ICT solutions and sustainability through the application of ICT.
- Learner Centered: Provide learner-centered pedagogy based on ICT tools that empower the students of the college and enable them to be responsible for their own learning.

5) Areas of ICT Application

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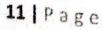
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- Provide data capture, analysis, and management tools for both qualitative and quantitative data.
- Ensure the credibility of research through use of appropriate tools to check plagiarism.
- Organise training and capacity building activities to help researchers to use latest tools for research.
- Strengthen the use of ICT by providing centralised and structured access to online databases, journals and resourcesover the Internet (e.g. MOOCs, INFLIBNET, NKN, NPTEL etc.)
- Provide improved administrative support systems to the researchers for efficient and effective management of research grants and other funding resources.
- Provide access to college research publications and other digital assets through a central repository
- Publish online editions of College journals for better reachand visibility
- Participate in regional, national and global discussions on collaborative research using ICT.
- Provide infrastructural and technological support in conducting research areas based national and international online seminars and workshops.

b) Admissions

The admissions in the college are conducted under Banaras Hindu University rules and regulations specially in university campus. The multi-campus and multi-disciplinary nature of the Banaras Hindu University and its colleges demands the use of ICT to ensure effectiveness.





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- Support the non-teaching staff by standardising routine administrative activities and automating their process flow.
- Provide advance learning and up-gradation opportunities to the teaching staff through online training programmes/ Seminar/workshops/ capacity building programmes.
- Build an online community of teaching and non-teaching staff to provide horizontal communication channel.
- Develop Knowledge Management Systems to capture and maintain the expertise for later use, particularly for curriculum development.
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- Encourage teachers to contextualise open educational resources available on the Internet for the students of the College.
- Encourage teachers to develop digital learning resources of their own. Facilitate teachers to collaborate and undertake projects to develop high quality digital learning materials for the students. The digital resources may include documents, presentations, animations, audio recordings and video clips.
- Create appropriate online learning space through economic and freely available Learning Management System (LMS) to share the learning modules created by the teachers. Through LMS students will have authorised access to relevant modules.
- Provide recorded sessions across the campuses through podcasts (for audio sessions) and webcasts (for video sessions).
- Facilitate synchronous (e.g. chatting) and asynchronous (e.g.email and forum) communication channels between teacher and student and among students for off-campus academic discussion.
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- Students should be informed about examination schedules and changes to schedules, if any, online.
- Create online systems for internal assessment and integrate with final student examination.
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- Create question banks and share them through a repository.
- Use ICT for improving the credibility of the examination by putting practices in place to check impersonation and other malpractices.
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- Promote the use of office computing to support general officetasks

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A support mechanism helps the students to excel and achievetheir full potential. The traditional student support systems need to be supplemented with ICT to increase its scalability and availability. The College may undertake a range of following activities to support students through use of ICT:

- Class-coordinators/ mentors play an important role in student support system. An online communication and information distribution channel between a class-coordinator/mentor and his/her students need to be provided.
- Online support is required to drive College centralized training and placement activity. It should integrate placement related services at college level, while providing college-level programme-specific services to students through the activities such as Placement training, Placement related activities and management of students' portfolios.
- Continuous strategic contacts can be maintained with alumniusing ICT. An exhaustive alumni database needsto be prepared and made available to all the department for use.
- Use ICT to provide various supplementary skills to students including soft skills, personality development. A blended learning approach can be adopted to facilitate such skills.
- Facilitate the data mining on learning analytics for student support.
- Use ICT in campus hostel to provide required information regarding hostel accommodation and to handle related complaints and feedbacks.
- ICT can be used to encourage students to actively participate in extracurricular activities. Individual student participation in these events can be recorded and made a part of their individual portfolios. .
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- Probing for the security weaknesses of systems by methods such as port scanning, password cracking, without permission
- Unauthorized extension or retransmission of network traffic including the installation of unauthorized wireless access points, routers or switches
- Unauthorized modification of college data
- Unauthorized download, installation or running of programs or utilities that may flood the network, causing denial of service to other users
- Sharing of network access credentials with third parties for the purposes of defeating network authentication.
- Using the network to break into other networks
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- Using the network to break into other networks

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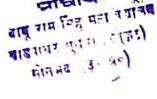
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 shall put in place training and development plans to address the skill
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- College will designate some staff as technical staff. These staffs will
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useful read for students and faculty.

- Continuously monitor the quality of ICT infrastructure and ICT services by technical staff.
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- Try to resolve 80% of all the technical problems within eight working hours after a complaint is received.
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- Ensure that 80% of digital network services (LANs/WANs) operate 24x7 in all departments of the college.
- Formulate and operationalize ICT policies within a reasonable time after their approval.
- Organize workshops, in coordination with ICT Advisory committee/cell at least two in every six (6) months, onlatest trends and practices in ICT for students and faculties.
- Establish an on-line help desk.

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The College will establish a disaster recovery planning capability which will develop and maintain coordinated plans, procedures and technical measures that would enable essential systems to be recovered following a disaster and provide assurance that these plans, procedures and measures are effective. A framework for disaster recovery may consider the following standards:

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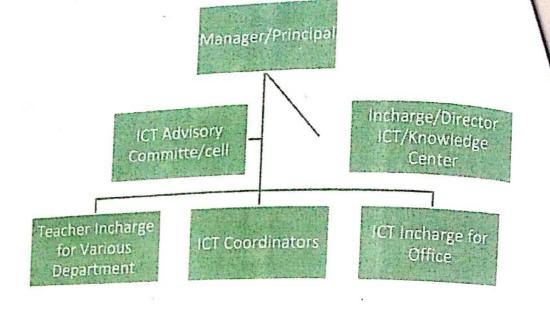
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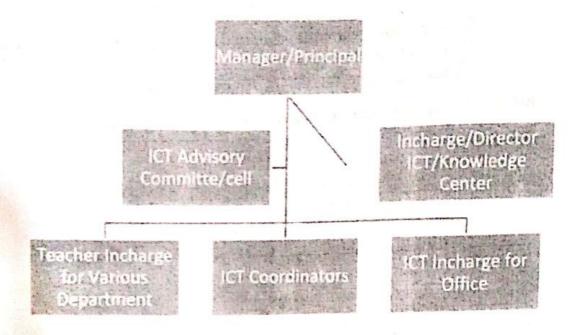
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