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Policy On Damage, Destruction, Theft and Misuse of University Property

1. Preamble

RIMT University is committed to maintaining a safe, secure, and conducive academic environment. Any act resulting in damage, destruction, theft, defacement, vandalism, arson, trespass, sabotage, or misuse of University property shall be treated as a grave act of misconduct and shall invite strict disciplinary and legal action.

2. Applicability

This policy shall apply to all students, including day scholars, hostellers, interns, research scholars, trainees, and any student participating in University activities on or off campus.

3. Zero Tolerance Policy

The University adopts a Zero Tolerance Policy towards:

- Willful damage or destruction of University property.
- Damage caused during protests, strikes, demonstrations, celebrations, ragging incidents, or unlawful assemblies.
- Theft, pilferage, or unauthorized removal of University property.
- Tampering with electrical systems, laboratories, internet infrastructure, surveillance systems, biometric systems, vehicles, or safety equipment.
- Defacement of buildings, walls, furniture, notice boards, buses, hostels, laboratories, libraries, or any other University assets.
- Incitement, conspiracy, abetment, or participation in acts leading to damage of property.

4. Liability for Damages

4.1 Every student responsible for damage shall be liable for:

- Recovery of the full replacement value of the damaged property.
- Recovery of repair and restoration costs.
- Recovery of consequential losses suffered by the University.
- Administrative charges up to 50% of the assessed damage.

4.2 In cases involving groups, mobs, student organizations, classes, hostel blocks, or unidentified participants, collective liability shall be imposed jointly and severally upon all identified participants, instigators, and beneficiaries of the unlawful act.

4.3 All liability under this policy shall be joint and several with the parents or legal guardians of the student, who shall stand co-obligated for the full extent of dues and penalties assessed.

5. Assessment of Loss

The University shall constitute a Damage Assessment Committee consisting of:

- Registrar/Nominee
- Estate Supervisor

- Purchase Officer
- Finance Officer/Nominee
- Concerned Department Head

The Committee shall determine the extent of loss and recommend recovery.

6. Disciplinary Penalties

Without prejudice to any criminal proceedings, the University may impose one or more of the following penalties:

➤ Minor Offences

- Written warning.
- Fine up to ₹50,000.
- Recovery of damages.
- Suspension up-to one semester /one year.
- Withholding of scholarships
- Cancellation of hostel accommodation

➤ Major Offences

- Fine up to ₹5,00,000.
- Suspension from classes, hostel, transport, library, laboratories, and other facilities.
- Debarment from examinations for one or more semesters.
- Withholding of scholarships, results, transcripts, certificates, or degrees.
- Cancellation of hostel accommodation.
- Rustication up to four semesters, or permanent rustication in cases of repeat or aggravated misconduct.

➤ Gross Misconduct

Where damage is substantial, organized, violent, repetitive, or affects public safety:

- Immediate suspension pending inquiry.
- Permanent rustication from the University.
- Cancellation of admission.
- Debarment from future admission to any program of the University.

7. Criminal Action

The University may lodge an FIR and pursue prosecution under applicable provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and other applicable laws in every case of Major Offence or Gross Misconduct, and may do so in any other case. Such criminal action shall be pursued in addition to, and not in substitution of, disciplinary penalties under this policy. Offences shall include:

- Mischief causing damage to property.
- Theft and criminal misappropriation.
- Criminal trespass.
- Rioting and unlawful assembly.
- Criminal intimidation.
- Obstruction of public servants and security personnel.
- Arson and acts endangering life and property.
- Any other cognizable offence disclosed during inquiry.

8. Immediate Suspension

Where prima facie evidence indicates involvement in serious damage to University property, the Vice-Chancellor may order immediate suspension of the student pending completion of inquiry.

9. Recovery of Dues

Student responsible for damage shall not be permitted to:

- Register for subsequent semesters.
- Appear in examinations.
- Receive transcripts, migration certificates, degrees, or other documents.

These restrictions shall continue until all assessed dues and penalties have been fully discharged.

10. Inquiry Procedure

- Show-cause notice shall be issued.
- Opportunity of hearing shall be provided.
- CCTV footage, electronic records, photographs, witness statements, and other evidence may be relied upon.
- The Disciplinary Committee shall submit recommendations within ten working days, extendable once by the Vice-Chancellor for reasons recorded in writing.
- The Competent Authority shall pass a final order.

11. Appeal

A single appeal may be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor within seven days from the date of the order, only on the grounds of

- (i) Procedural irregularity
- (ii) Disproportionality of penalty
- (iii) Discovery of material evidence not available at the time of the original order.

The filing of an appeal shall not operate as a stay on suspension, rustication, withholding of documents, or recovery of dues, unless expressly directed by the Vice-Chancellor in writing. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final and binding and shall not be subject to any further internal review.

University reserves the right to amend any clause of the Policy as and when required.


Registrar