

JOINT UNDERTAKING BY STUDENT AND PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN

(on a Rs.100/- Non-Judicial Stamp Paper and duly notarized)

We, Mr./Ms. _____ (Student),
BITSAT Application No. _____, admitted to the **Integrated First Degree**
Programme at BITS Pilani, _____ Campus, and Mr./Mrs.
_____ (Parent/Legal Guardian),
do hereby jointly and severally declare, acknowledge, undertake, and agree the following clauses:

1. GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that BITS Pilani is an Institution of Eminence and a premier residential institution of higher education committed to academic excellence, integrity, discipline, safety, inclusiveness, mutual respect, ethical conduct, innovation, and responsible citizenship.

We understand that admission to the Institute, continued enrolment, campus living participation in academic and co-curricular activities, use of Institute facilities, and allotment of hostel accommodation are subject to compliance with the provisions of this Undertaking and all applicable Institute regulations.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH INSTITUTE POLICIES

The Student shall comply with and remain bound by all Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Rules, Codes, Policies, Handbooks, Guidelines, Circulars, Notifications, Advisories, Standard Operating Procedures, and lawful directions issued by the Institute from time to time, including but not limited to:

(a) Student Code of Conduct:

(i) Hostel Rules and Residential Regulations (Available on SWD portal, as amended time to time);

(ii) Institute Disciplinary Guidelines and all sanctions prescribed therein (Available on the SWD portal, as amended time to time);

(b) Anti-Ragging Regulations and related policies;

(c) Prevention of Sexual Harassment Policies and Internal Committee procedures;

(d) Examination Regulations, Academic Integrity Policies, Unfair Means Guidelines, and Plagiarism Regulations;

(e) Information Technology Policies, Artificial Intelligence Usage Policies, Cyber Security Policies, and Network Usage Policies;

(f) Data Privacy Policies and Personal Data Protection Guidelines issued under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023;

(g) Social Media Policy, Brand Usage Guidelines, and Media Interaction Guidelines;

(h) Practice School Regulations, Internship Regulations, Student Activity Centre Rules, Club and Association Rules;

(i) Student Union's Cultural, Technical, Sports, and other student event regulations;

(j) Health, Safety, Security, Emergency Response, and Welfare Policies;

(k) Any future amendment, modification, replacement, revision, or re-enactment of any of the foregoing policies, regulations, rules, guidelines, or provisions shall be deemed to form an integral part of this undertaking and shall be binding upon the undersigned.

3. ADMISSION VALIDITY AND ELIGIBILITY

The Student and Parent/Legal Guardian declare that all information, records, documents, certificates, declarations, and credentials furnished to the Institute are true, complete, genuine, authentic, and accurate.

The Student and Parent/Legal Guardian further undertake and agree to abide by the following:

- (a) No forged, fabricated, altered, manipulated, false, misleading, or fraudulently obtained document has been submitted;
- (b) No material fact relating to eligibility, academic qualifications, identity, conduct, disciplinary history, category, nationality, or admission has been concealed;
- (c) Admission has not been secured through impersonation, fraud, misrepresentation, collusion, suppression of facts, or any unlawful means;
- (d) The Student has not used any unfair means, proxy candidate, impersonation, technological manipulation, organized malpractice, or any prohibited practice in BITSAT or any admission-related process.

The Institute shall have the right to verify or re-verify any information at any stage during or after the Student's academic association with the Institute.

If at any stage it is found, determined, or reasonably established after due verification that admission was obtained by fraud, impersonation, forged documents, false declarations, suppression of material facts, or use of unfair means in BITSAT or any admission-related process, the Institute may, without prejudice to any other remedy available under law:

- (i) cancel admission;
- (ii) withdraw registration;
- (iii) cancel hostel allotment;
- (iv) suspend or expel the Student;
- (v) cancel examination results;
- (vi) revoke scholarships, awards, medals, distinctions, credits, degrees, diplomas, certificates, or academic benefits;
- (vii) initiate disciplinary, civil, criminal, or regulatory proceedings.

4. CONDUCT BECOMING OF A STUDENT OF BITS PILANI

The Student shall at all times conduct himself/herself in a manner consistent with the dignity, values, reputation, discipline, and standards expected from a student of BITS Pilani.

The Student shall not engage in gambling, betting, wagering, online gaming for monetary stakes, speculative gaming, poker, card gambling, fantasy gaming involving monetary consideration, or any similar activity prohibited by law or Institute regulations.

Any conduct which adversely affects or is reasonably likely to adversely affect the reputation, goodwill, academic standing, functioning, safety, discipline, or lawful interests of the Institute may constitute misconduct.

5. FEES, CHARGES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The Student and Parent/Legal Guardian acknowledge that they have carefully reviewed and understood the fee structure applicable to the Programme, including tuition fees, hostel and mess charges, Practice School fees, summer term fees, laboratory charges, caution deposits, examination-related charges, and any other fees or charges prescribed by the Institute from time to time.

The Student and Parent/Legal Guardian undertake to pay all applicable fees, dues, charges, penalties, recoveries, and other financial obligations within the timelines prescribed by the Institute and acknowledge that non-payment may attract consequences in accordance with the applicable Institute regulations.

6. OFF-CAMPUS CONDUCT

The disciplinary jurisdiction of the Institute may extend to conduct occurring outside campus premises where such conduct affects the safety, discipline, academic environment, reputation, functioning, or lawful interests of the Institute.

This includes conduct during internships, Practice School programmes, industrial visits, exchange programmes, conferences, competitions, festivals, online activities, social events, travel, or any activity where the Student is associated with the Institute.

7. CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT

The Student acknowledges that acts constituting offences under applicable laws, including the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, Information Technology Act, 2000, Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ("NDPS Act"), and other applicable laws may independently constitute misconduct under Institute regulations.

The Institute may initiate disciplinary proceedings irrespective of the pendency, compromise, withdrawal, discharge, acquittal, or outcome of any criminal proceeding.

8. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND UNFAIR MEANS

The Student shall uphold the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity, and ethical conduct, and shall comply with the Institute's Examination Regulations, Academic Integrity Policies, Unfair Means (UFM) Guidelines, Plagiarism Regulations, and other academic regulations, as amended from time to time.

The Student shall not engage in cheating, plagiarism, contract cheating, proxy attendance, impersonation, unauthorized collaboration, examination misconduct, misuse of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, falsification of records, academic fraud, or any act constituting unfair means under Institute regulations.

9. DIGITAL CONDUCT, SOCIAL MEDIA, DATA PRIVACY AND CYBER SECURITY

The Student shall use digital resources responsibly and shall not:

- (a) engage in cyberbullying, hacking, phishing, password sharing, malware dissemination, identity theft, unauthorized surveillance, or unauthorized access;
- (b) publish defamatory, abusive, discriminatory, misleading, threatening, obscene, confidential, or reputation-damaging content;
- (c) unlawfully collect, process, store, disclose, transmit, or misuse personal data, recordings, photographs, videos, academic records, health information, identity documents, or confidential information;
- (d) engage in unauthorized photography, videography, audio recording, live streaming, or dissemination of recordings from classrooms, hostels, offices, laboratories, examinations, disciplinary proceedings, medical facilities, or private spaces.

10. RESIDENTIAL DISCIPLINE AND HOSTEL CONDUCT

The Student acknowledges that all first degree programmes of the Institute are residential programmes and undertakes to comply with all hostel and residential regulations prescribed by the Institute from time to time.

The Student shall:

- (a) reside only in the hostel room allotted by the Institute;
- (b) not occupy, exchange, sublet, transfer, or permit occupation of any room without authorization;
- (c) maintain cleanliness, hygiene, discipline, and peaceful coexistence within the hostel premises;
- (d) observe prescribed quiet hours and refrain from creating noise, nuisance, disturbance, or inconvenience to fellow residents;
- (e) not organize, host, facilitate, or participate in unauthorized parties, gatherings, celebrations, or activities within hostel premises;
- (f) not permit unauthorized entry of outsiders, visitors, day scholars, alumni, or off-campus students into hostel premises except in accordance with Institute regulations;
- (g) not keep or feed any pet, animal, bird, or other living creature within campus or hostel premises;
- (h) not possess or use prohibited electrical appliances, cooking devices, heating equipment, inflammable materials, hazardous articles, weapons, or prohibited substances within hostel premises;
- (i) comply with all regulations relating to hostel allotment, vacation stay, summer term accommodation, leave permissions, attendance requirements, and movement restrictions.

(j) not keep, park, possess, operate, store, or use any motorized vehicle within the campus or hostel premises except as specifically permitted under applicable Institute regulations; provided that bicycles may be used where permitted by the Institute from time to time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Institute reserves the right, in its sole discretion and in accordance with applicable regulations, to deny, suspend, withdraw, modify, or restrict hostel accommodation or residential privileges on grounds relating to safety, security, health, mental well-being, discipline, welfare, administrative requirements, or any other legitimate institutional consideration.

11. PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND LIMITATION OF INSTITUTE LIABILITY

The Student shall be solely responsible for the safety, security, custody, and protection of personal belongings, cash, valuables, electronic devices, jewellery, documents, and other personal effects. The Institute shall not be responsible for any loss, theft, damage, destruction, or misplacement thereof except to the extent required under applicable law.

12. UNAUTHORIZED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MULTI-LEVEL MARKETING

The Student shall not engage in, promote, facilitate, solicit, market, recruit for, or conduct any multi-level marketing, pyramid scheme, unauthorized commercial activity, direct selling activity, or business solicitation within campus or hostel premises without prior written approval of the Institute.

13. ANTI-RAGGING, RESPECTFUL CONDUCT AND STUDENT WELFARE

The Student shall strictly comply with all Anti-Ragging Regulations, UGC Regulations, judicial directions, and Institute policies.

The Student shall not engage in, participate in, encourage, abet, facilitate, conceal, tolerate, or fail to report any act of ragging.

The Student shall maintain respectful conduct towards all students, faculty members, employees, visitors, service providers, and stakeholders of the Institute.

Physical assault, verbal abuse, intimidation, threats, coercion, bullying, cyberbullying, discrimination, victimization, humiliation, stalking, or conduct adversely affecting the dignity, safety, or well-being of any person shall constitute misconduct.

14. SEXUAL HARASSMENT, GENDER SENSITIVITY AND SAFETY

The Student shall comply with the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, the UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015, and all applicable Institute policies, procedures, notifications, advisories, and directions issued from time to time relating to gender sensitization, gender equity, safety, dignity, inclusion, prevention of sexual harassment, and respectful conduct.

The Student shall not engage in sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, gender-based violence, stalking, voyeurism, bullying, cyber harassment, retaliation, victimization, or any unwelcome conduct, whether physical, verbal, written, visual, electronic, or otherwise, that violates the dignity, safety, privacy, or rights of another person or is prohibited under applicable law or Institute regulations.

The Student shall cooperate fully with the Internal Committee (IC) / Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), Gender Sensitization Committee, disciplinary authorities, inquiry committees, and other competent authorities of the Institute in relation to any complaint, inquiry, investigation, proceeding, counselling intervention, or preventive measure undertaken by the Institute.

The Student shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, intimidate, coerce, harass, retaliate against, victimise, or interfere with any complainant, respondent, witness, committee member, investigator, or person associated with any inquiry or proceeding relating to sexual harassment or gender-based misconduct.

The Student acknowledges that the Institute may initiate disciplinary proceedings and take appropriate interim, preventive, corrective, or disciplinary measures in accordance with applicable law and Institute regulations, independent of and in addition to any criminal, civil, administrative, or regulatory proceedings.

The Student further acknowledges that conduct occurring through electronic means, social media platforms, messaging applications, email communications, video conferencing platforms, anonymous digital accounts, or any other online medium shall be treated on par with physical conduct for the purposes of determining sexual harassment, cyber harassment, stalking, intimidation, or gender-based misconduct.

Any violation of this clause may attract action under the Institute's Disciplinary Guidelines, applicable law, and the relevant policies governing prevention and redressal of sexual harassment and gender-based misconduct.

15. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PROHIBITED MATERIALS

The Institute follows a strict zero-tolerance policy towards alcohol, narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, intoxicants, prohibited chemicals, and substance abuse.

The Student shall not consume, possess, procure, store, transport, distribute, finance, facilitate, promote, conceal, or otherwise deal with any prohibited substance under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ("NDPS Act"), or any other applicable law.

Possession of alcohol containers, empty liquor bottles, prohibited paraphernalia, or related materials may be treated as evidence of violation.

Any violation occurring within or outside campus premises may attract disciplinary action.

Where prohibited substances, narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, alcohol, intoxicants, or other prohibited materials are found within a hostel room, common occupancy space, or area under the control of one or more students, the Institute may, in accordance with its disciplinary procedures, hold all occupants or persons having control over such space jointly or severally responsible unless the facts and circumstances establish otherwise.

The Student shall cooperate with the Institute and competent authorities in the investigation, prevention, reporting, and deterrence of substance abuse, alcohol-related incidents, violence, cyber misconduct, ragging, sexual misconduct, and other violations and shall not knowingly conceal material information relating thereto.

16. MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, TESTING AND WELFARE INTERVENTIONS

Subject to applicable law and medical protocols, the Student and Parent/Legal Guardian consent to medical examination, testing, assessment, emergency treatment, hospitalization, counselling, psychological intervention, welfare intervention, and other appropriate measures where reasonably required in the interests of safety, health, welfare, investigation of substance abuse, intoxication, self-harm risk, violent conduct, or other serious incidents.

The Institute may communicate with parents, legal guardians, local guardians, hospitals, law enforcement authorities, or competent authorities whenever deemed necessary.

17. PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND WELFARE DISCLOSURES:

The Student and Parent/Legal Guardian undertake to disclose, to the best of their knowledge, any significant pre-existing medical condition, chronic illness, psychological condition, mental health concern, disability, allergy, medication dependency, or any circumstance requiring special care, support, accommodation, or emergency intervention that may reasonably affect the Student's health, safety, welfare, or residential life at the Institute.

The Student and Parent/Legal Guardian further undertake to promptly inform the Institute of any material change in such condition during the period of enrolment.

18. EVENTS, FESTIVALS, STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND REPRESENTATION OF THE INSTITUTE

The Student shall comply with all directions issued by the Institute during Student Union Events, conferences, competitions, student activities, club events, outreach programmes, Practice School programmes, internships, exchange programmes, industrial visits, and all other activities conducted, sponsored, recognized, or attended under the name of the Institute.

Misconduct during such activities shall be treated as misconduct under Institute regulations irrespective of whether such activity occurs within or outside campus premises.

19. FALSE COMPLAINTS, EVIDENCE TAMPERING AND OBSTRUCTION OF PROCEEDINGS

The Student shall not:

- (a) submit knowingly false complaints;
- (b) fabricate, alter, suppress, conceal, or destroy evidence;
- (c) intimidate witnesses;

(d) influence complainants, respondents, witnesses, investigators, or disciplinary authorities;

(e) obstruct, interfere with, or undermine investigations, inquiries, disciplinary proceedings, grievance proceedings, or institutional processes.

Any such conduct shall constitute serious misconduct.

20. SEARCH, INSPECTION AND CONFISCATION

Subject to applicable law and Institute procedures, authorized Institute officials may inspect hostel rooms, lockers, bags, vehicles, electronic devices, storage spaces, or other belongings where reasonable grounds exist relating to safety, security, prohibited articles, misconduct, or protection of Institute interests.

Unauthorized, unlawful, prohibited, dangerous, or objectionable materials may be confiscated and dealt with in accordance with applicable law and Institute regulations.

21. DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OF THE INSTITUTE

The Student acknowledges the authority of the Institute to investigate, inquire into, and adjudicate violations of Institute regulations.

The Student further acknowledges that any violation may attract one or more sanctions prescribed under the Institute's Disciplinary Guidelines, as amended from time to time.

Such sanctions may be imposed independently or in addition to any civil, criminal, regulatory, academic, administrative, or financial consequences.

22. PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parent / Legal Guardian undertakes:

(a) to cooperate fully with the Institute in academic, disciplinary, welfare, counselling, administrative, legal, and safety matters concerning the Student;

(b) to promptly respond to communications issued by the Institute;

(c) to encourage compliance with Institute regulations;

(d) to provide updated contact information at all times;

(e) to assist the Institute in addressing serious welfare, disciplinary, medical, or safety concerns involving the Student.

23. CONTINUING DUTY OF DISCLOSURE

The Student shall promptly disclose to the Institute any fact, circumstance, investigation, disciplinary proceeding, criminal proceeding, regulatory action, or information that may materially

affect the Student's eligibility, enrolment, academic standing, residential status, or continued association with the Institute.

Failure to disclose such information may constitute misconduct.

24. EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE INSTITUTE

In situations involving safety, health, security, welfare, missing students, criminal allegations, accidents, disasters, public emergencies, or other urgent circumstances, the Institute may take such immediate measures as it reasonably considers necessary in the interests of safety, security, discipline, and welfare.

25. TRAVEL, TRANSPORTATION AND OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The Student acknowledges that travel, riding, driving, commuting, excursions, personal visits, private trips, outings, and activities undertaken outside campus premises are ordinarily at the Student's own risk and responsibility.

The Institute shall not be liable for any accident, injury, illness, loss of life, loss of property, theft, damage, criminal act, or any other unforeseen event occurring outside the scope of its control, supervision, authorization, or responsibility, except to the extent required under applicable law.

The Student shall comply with all applicable laws relating to transportation, road safety, licensing requirements, and public safety while undertaking any off-campus activity.

26. NO WAIVER

Any delay, omission, forbearance, or failure by the Institute to exercise any right, power, authority, or remedy shall not constitute a waiver thereof.

27. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Undertaking is held invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

28. JURISDICTION

This Undertaking shall be governed by the laws of India.

Any dispute arising out of or relating to this Undertaking shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent courts having territorial jurisdiction over the concerned campus of BITS Pilani.

ATTESTATION AND DECLARATION

We hereby certify, declare, and confirm that:

- (a) we have carefully read each page & every points of this Undertaking;
- (b) we have fully understood the contents, implications, obligations, liabilities, disciplinary consequences, and responsibilities arising hereunder;
- (c) we have been afforded adequate opportunity to seek clarification regarding any provision of this Undertaking;
- (d) we are executing this Undertaking voluntarily, consciously, and without coercion, undue influence, fraud, misrepresentation, mistake, or misunderstanding;
- (e) all information furnished by us is true, complete, and accurate;
- (f) we acknowledge and accept the Institute's zero-tolerance approach towards ragging, substance abuse, sexual misconduct, violence, cyber misconduct, academic dishonesty, admission fraud, misuse of personal data, and other serious violations;
- (g) we agree to remain bound by all present and future Institute regulations, policies, guidelines, notifications, circulars, and lawful directions issued from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed this Joint Undertaking on this ____ day of _____, 20__.

STUDENT

Name:
BITSAT Application No:
Programme: Integrated First Degree
Campus:
Signature:

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN

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WITNESS – 1

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WITNESS – 2

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