



MALLA REDDY (MR)

Deemed to be University

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1. PREAMBLE

Malla Reddy (MR) Deemed to be University (MRDU) is committed to maintaining a campus free from ragging, intimidation, or any conduct that causes physical or psychological harm to students. This policy is framed in accordance with the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 and the AICTE Regulations on Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging, 2009, along with any subsequent amendments. MRDU adheres to the principles of safety, dignity, and equal opportunity for all members of the University community.

The MRDU has maintained zero tolerance to all forms of ragging and in pursuance of this we have set up Anti Ragging Committee, Anti Ragging Squad, Anti Ragging Cell, installation of CCTV cameras at vital points and also regular sensitization of students, to dissuade them from indulging or abetting in any kind of ragging.

All incidents of ragging shall be reported to the **UGC/AICTE Anti-Ragging Portal (<https://antiragging.in>)** and the national helpline **1800-180-5522**.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all students (undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral), faculty, staff, contract employees, and visitors within the MRDU campus, hostels, transportation, and off-campus facilities affiliated with the University. It covers all incidents occurring on or off campus that affect students or the University's learning environment. *This policy also applies to online/virtual interactions related to the University.* (reflects UGC's 2023 digital-ragging note).

3. OBJECTIVES

- Create and maintain a ragging-free campus that ensures safety, dignity, and respect for every student.
- Prevent and discourage ragging in any form through awareness, strict monitoring, and prompt disciplinary action.
- Comply with UGC and AICTE regulations on the prevention and prohibition of ragging in higher educational institutions.
- Provide clear procedures for reporting, investigating, and resolving ragging complaints in a fair and confidential manner.
- Promote a positive student culture through counselling, mentoring, and friendly interaction between seniors and juniors.

4. DEFINITION

Ragging includes any act of physical or mental abuse, including bullying, teasing, intimidation, or harassment by any student or group of students against another student. It includes verbal, written, or electronic communication that causes fear, humiliation, or disturbance to the victim. (As defined under Clause 3 of the UGC Regulations 2009)

5. COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Anti-Ragging Committee (Institutional Level)

Composition:

- Chairperson: Vice-Chancellor
- Member Secretary: Director (Student Affairs)
- Deans of Faculties (2)
- Chief Warden / Dean of Student Welfare
- Three Senior Faculty Members
- Two Parent Representatives
- Two Student Representatives (senior year)
- One Local Police Representative
- One NGO / External Member

Functions: - Monitor and ensure compliance with anti-ragging regulations. - Approve action taken by the Anti-Ragging Squad. - Review periodic reports from the Squad and forward summaries to the Academic Council.

4.2 Anti-Ragging Squad

Composition:

- Dean (Student Welfare) - Convenor,
- Coordinator
- Chief Warden,
- Security Officer,
- Faculty Representatives,
- Student Representatives (one male, one female), and
- Hostel Wardens.

Functions: - Conduct surprise inspections in hostels and academic blocks. - Receive and act upon complaints immediately. - Submit preliminary enquiry report within **7 working days**.

6. REPORTING MECHANISM AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Complaints of ragging may be made through any of the following channels: - **In-person:** Dean (Student Welfare) / Chief Warden / Head of Department. - **Online:** antiragging@mrdu.edu.in or

through the MRDU website complaint form. - **Helpline:** University emergency numbers or national helpline 1800-180-5522. (24x7 Toll Free) or e-mail to helpline@antiragging.in. Or They may also contact UGC Monitoring Agency i.e. Centre for Youth (C4Y) at antiragging@c4yindia.org or 011-41619005 or 98180 44577 (only in case of emergency).

Anonymous Reporting: Secure dropbox available in hostels and main academic blocks.

All complaints must be acknowledged within **24 hours**, and interim protection measures must be implemented immediately.

For more information, refer to the **INFORMATION EDUCATION COMMUNICATION (IEC) GUIDELINES FOR COUNCILS, UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES - Curbing the Menace of Ragging.**

By, **Ministry of Education and University Grant Commission (UGC)**

<https://www.antiragging.in/assets/pdf/information/ugc-iec-guidlines-for-councils-universities-and-colleges-for-curbing-the-menace-of-ragging.pdf>

7. INQUIRY AND DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

- **Preliminary Inquiry:** Conducted by the Anti-Ragging Squad within 7 working days.
- **Formal Inquiry:** Conducted by the Anti-Ragging Committee within 30 working days of receiving the preliminary report.
- **Police Notification:** Any cognizable offence must be reported immediately to local police by the Director (Student Affairs).
- **Decision:** Vice-Chancellor shall act upon recommendations of the Committee. All decisions shall be documented and communicated in writing to the complainant and accused.
- **Appeal:** May be made to the Vice-Chancellor within 14 days of decision communication.

8. PROTECTION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All information, including complainant and witness identities, will remain strictly confidential. Retaliation or intimidation of complainants will attract immediate disciplinary action.

9. PENALTIES

Nature of Offence	Action
Minor misconduct	Warning, apology, counselling, parent intimation
Moderate offence	Suspension up to two semesters, fine, community service
Major offence	Expulsion, cancellation of admission, fine up to ₹1,00,000, FIR filing

Nature of Offence	Action
Repeat offence	Permanent rustication and legal prosecution

All penalties shall be consistent with UGC Regulation 9 (4) and reported to UGC/AICTE Portal

10. MENTOR–MENTEE SYSTEM

In accordance with the spirit of the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, MRDU shall implement a structured **Mentor–Mentee System** across all Schools and Departments.

Under this system, senior students will be designated as mentors to guide and support junior students, helping them integrate smoothly into the academic and social environment of the University. Faculty advisors shall supervise these interactions to ensure that a healthy, respectful, and inclusive relationship is developed between seniors and juniors.

This initiative aims to promote mutual trust, empathy, and responsible behavior, thereby eliminating the scope for any act or perception of ragging within the University community. Periodic review of the mentor–mentee activities shall be conducted by the IQAC to ensure compliance and effectiveness.

11. COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT

The University shall engage qualified counsellors and, where necessary, refer cases to professional psychologists

12. AWARENESS AND ORIENTATION

- Anti-ragging orientation during admission and induction.
- Annual awareness programs and training sessions for faculty and staff.
- Posters and QR-code-based reporting displayed across the campus.

13. DOCUMENTATION AND RECORD-KEEPING

All anti-ragging records, minutes, complaints, inquiry reports, and actions shall be maintained by the Director (Student Affairs) for **minimum of seven years** and audited annually by the **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**.

14. ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORTING

The University shall upload an annual compliance report to the UGC Anti-Ragging Portal and publish Anti-Ragging Committee details on its website before commencement of admissions. A summary of compliance shall also be presented to the Academic Council and Board of Management annually.

Link: https://www.antiragging.in/compliance_desclaimer.html

15. UNDERTAKINGS (Mandatory at Admission)

Every student and parent/guardian must submit Anti-Ragging Undertakings during admission (online or printed).

Annexure A – Student Undertaking

“I, [Name], Roll No. [____], hereby undertake that I shall not indulge in any act of ragging and will report such acts to the University. I understand ragging is a punishable offence.”

Annexure B – Parent Undertaking

“I, [Name], parent/guardian of [Student Name], acknowledge that ragging is prohibited and will cooperate with MRDU in maintaining a safe environment.”

16. Police and Legal Cooperation

MRDU shall maintain liaison with the local police authorities to ensure prompt reporting of offences and cooperation in investigations. Police liaison officer contact details shall be displayed on the website.

17. Review and Amendments

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Anti-Ragging Committee and updated as per UGC/AICTE or statutory changes.

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