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IPR POLICY

1. PREAMBLE

Malla Reddy (MR) Deemed to be university , comprising all constituent units and Schools of Eminence, is committed to fostering a culture of innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship. The University recognizes the importance of protecting and managing intellectual property (IP) arising from academic, research, consultancy, and innovation activities. This policy provides a comprehensive framework for the ownership, protection, commercialization, and management of intellectual property generated within MRDU.

2. OBJECTIVES

- To encourage faculty, staff, students, and researchers to engage in innovative and creative activities.
- To establish clear rules for ownership and rights related to intellectual property.
- To promote commercialization of IP for societal benefit and institutional growth.
- To ensure compliance with national and international IPR laws.
- To create an ecosystem that promotes collaboration with industry, government agencies, and other academic institutions.

3. SCOPE OF THE POLICY

This policy applies to all faculty members, research scholars, students, staff, visiting faculty, consultants, and collaborators engaged in activities under MRDU.

4. DEFINITIONS

- **Intellectual Property (IP):** Includes patents, copyrights, trademarks, designs, trade secrets, know-how, software, plant varieties, integrated circuits, and any other form of IP as recognized by Indian law.
- **Creators/Inventors:** Individuals or groups of individuals responsible for the creation of IP.
- **University Resources:** Facilities, funds, infrastructure, or support provided by MRDU.

- **Commercialization:** Process of bringing IP to market through licensing, assignment, start-ups, or technology transfer.

5. OWNERSHIP OF IP

- IP developed using MRDU resources shall be owned by MRDU.
- IP developed without substantial use of MRDU resources shall be owned by the creator(s).
- In case of collaborative projects, ownership will be governed by specific agreements/MoUs.
- Students creating IP as part of coursework or research shall share ownership with MRDU, if institutional resources are used.

6. REVENUE SHARING

The revenue generated through commercialization of IP shall be shared as follows (subject to change as per Executive Council approval):

- **Inventor(s)/Creator(s):** 70%
 - **University (MRDU):** 30%
- This ratio may be revised for special cases based on agreements with funding bodies, industry partners, or government agencies.

7. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Inventors/Creators:**
 - Must disclose inventions to the University's IPR Cell.
 - Should maintain confidentiality until protection is secured.
 - Must abide by ethical standards in research and publication.
- **University:**
 - Will support filing, prosecution, and maintenance of IP.
 - Will facilitate licensing and commercialization.
 - Will provide legal and administrative support for IP disputes.

8. FILING AND PROTECTION PROCEDURE

- All IP disclosures must be submitted to the **University IPR Cell** using the prescribed form.
- The IPR Cell will evaluate novelty, utility, and potential for commercialization.
- MRDU will bear the cost of filing, unless otherwise agreed with external sponsors.

- Maintenance costs of granted IP shall be borne jointly by the University and the inventors, unless licensed/assigned to third parties.

9. COMMERCIALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

- MRDU encourages licensing of IP to industry partners, start-ups, or through incubation support at **MRDU Foundation for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (MRDU-FIIE)**.
- Revenue from commercialization will be shared as per the revenue-sharing norms.
- Start-ups by faculty/students using MRDU IP must enter into a licensing/assignment agreement with MRDU.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Creators must disclose any potential conflict of interest before commercialization.
- Consultancy, sponsored research, or start-ups using MRDU IP must have transparent agreements.

11. INFRINGEMENT, LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- MRDU shall protect its IP against infringement, subject to available resources.
- Creators are required to assist MRDU in enforcing rights.
- In case of disputes, MRDU's Executive Council decision shall be final.

12. CAPACITY BUILDING

- MRDU will conduct regular workshops, training, and awareness programs on IPR for faculty, staff, and students.
- The University will establish a **Technology Transfer Office (TTO)** under the IPR Cell.

13. POLICY REVIEW AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Malla Reddy (MR) Deemed-to-be University (MRDU) is committed to strengthening and continually improving its Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) ecosystem in alignment with the **National IPR Policy 2016**, **NISP 2019**, and **NEP 2020** objectives. This policy shall be periodically reviewed to ensure that it remains current with evolving national and international legal frameworks, institutional needs, and innovation trends.

1. The **University IPR Cell**, under the supervision of the **Dean (Research & Innovation)** and the **IQAC**, shall review this policy every **three (3) years** or earlier if mandated by UGC, MoE, or the **Board of Management (BoM)**.

2. Reviews will consider:
 - Amendments to national IPR laws and regulations.
 - Institutional experiences in patent filing, commercialization, and dispute resolution.
 - Feedback from inventors, start-ups, and industry partners.
 - Outcomes of MRDU's annual IPR audit and Innovation Index.
3. Proposed revisions shall be vetted by the **Registrar** and approved by the **BoM**.
4. The **IQAC** shall maintain version-control records and ensure that approved changes are reflected in all MRDU policy repositories and audit documentation.
5. Updated versions of this policy shall be circulated to all Schools, Research Centres, and administrative units and hosted on the MRDU website.

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ANNEXURES

Annexure A: Invention Disclosure Form (IDF)

Fields: Title of Invention, Inventor(s) details, Department, Summary of Invention, Novelty, Potential Applications, Funding Source, Resources Used, Signatures.

Annexure B: IPR Filing Approval Form

Approval workflow: Creator(s) → HoD/Dean → IPR Cell → Registrar → Vice-Chancellor.

Annexure C: Revenue Sharing Agreement Template

Details of revenue split, obligations of MRDU, obligations of inventor(s), dispute resolution.

Annexure D: Confidentiality & Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

Template for use with industry partners, collaborators, and consultants.

Annexure E: Annual IPR Report Format

- Total disclosures submitted
- Patents filed, granted, pending
- Copyrights/Trademarks registered
- Licensing/Commercialization activities
- Revenue generated
- Training/awareness programs conducted