MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, WEST BENGAL
(Formerly WEST BENGAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY)
Main Campus: NH 12, Haringhata, Post Office - Simhat, Police Station – Haringhata, Pin – 741249
City Office: BF-142, Sector -I, Salt Lake, Kolkata -700 064

Ref No: MAKAUT/RE/Notice-106/317 Date: 07.09.2026

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Prohibition of obstruction of ingress and egress, blocking/locking of University gates, gherao, wrongful restraint/confinement and obstruction of discharge of official duties within University campuses.

It has been noticed that on several occasions groups of students have blocked/locked the main gates of Haringhata and Salt Lake Campuses, thereby preventing teachers, officers, employees and other authorized persons from entering/exiting the premises and discharging their duties.

It has also been noted that women employees/teachers/officers were denied access to essential facilities including toilets due to such blockade. Further, instances of gherao, surrounding and wrongful confinement of members of Administration preventing them from leaving offices/rooms have come to notice. Such acts seriously disrupt University functioning and are wholly unacceptable.

While the University recognizes the right to place genuine grievances through lawful and peaceful means, physical obstruction, coercive blockade, wrongful restraint/confinement, intimidation or violence to compel acceptance of demands cannot be permitted.

It is hereby notified with immediate effect that the following are strictly prohibited in all Campuses/premises of the University:

1. Blocking, locking, chaining or obstructing any main gate / authorized entrance / exit.

2. Obstructing/restricting entry/exit of any authorized person, including students, teachers, officers, employees, visitors.

3. Preventing teachers/officers/employees from attending office/class/lab and from discharging official duties.

4. Preventing any person, including women employees, from accessing essential/basic facilities.

5. Gheraoing, surrounding or physically blocking movement of Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, officers, teachers or employees.

6. Forcible occupation of office/chamber/administrative room to compel acceptance of any demand.

7. Preventing any officer/teacher/employee from leaving his chamber/office by physical obstruction, threat or intimidation.

8. Threatening, intimidating, abusing, assaulting or using force against any person inside campus.

9. Causing damage to University property, equipment, records, gates, vehicles etc.

10. Any act amounting to wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, criminal intimidation, assault, trespass or damage to property.

Attention is drawn to Sections 126 and 127 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 dealing with wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement. The illegality of coercive gherao involving wrongful restraint/confinement has been held by Hon'ble Calcutta High Court in Jay Engineering Works Ltd. & Ors. v. State of W.B. & Ors., AIR 1968 Cal 407_ and affirmed in subsequent proceedings before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Any protest must therefore be peaceful and must not obstruct ingress/egress, functioning of University or involve wrongful restraint/confinement, intimidation, violence or damage to property.

Violation shall attract disciplinary action under applicable University Rules/Regulations, including suspension of privileges and disciplinary proceedings. Where conduct constitutes an offence under criminal law, University shall be at liberty to report the matter to law-enforcement authorities and initiate legal proceedings, in addition to departmental action. The Administration shall take immediate steps to restore normalcy and ensure safety of persons and property.

All HoDs/Deans/Directors/Officers/Security are directed to ensure strict compliance. All students are advised to use established grievance-redressal mechanism for placing their demands.

This Notification comes into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until further orders.

This has got reference to the approval dated 07-09-2026 of the Competent Authority in the File No. MAKAUT/RE/ Notice-106.

Sd/-
(Dr. S. K. Maity)
Registrar (Addl. Charge)
& Inspector of Colleges
MAKAUT, WB.

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1. The PA to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAKAUT, WB– Please bring it into the kind notice to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.
2. All Officers, MAKAUT,WB
3. All Directors/Heads of Schools/Departments/Centres of the University.
4. All Principal/Director of all Affiliated Colleges, MAKAUT,WB
5. The Information Scientist, MAKAUT, WB- with a request to upload in the University website
6. The DSW, MAKAUT, W.B
7. The Wardens and Hostel Superintendents
8. All staff members, MAKAUT, WB
9. Guard File.

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