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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Implementation of measures for prevention of ragging, promotion of student mental well-being and suicide prevention, and strengthening of institutional monitoring mechanisms in all affiliated colleges/institutions and University departments/in-house academic departments under MAKAUT, WB–regarding.

In pursuance of the Government of India, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Office Memorandum No. 16-2/2025-U.5 dated 03.10.2026 (copy enclosed) forwarding the minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the National Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee (NARMC), and in compliance with the directions conveyed by the Government of West Bengal, Department of Higher Education, University Branch, vide Memo No. 2251(42)-Edn (U)/HED-12016(99)/22/2025-UNV SEC dated 30.10.2026 (copy enclosed) the following directions are hereby issued for information and strict compliance by all Principals/Directors of affiliated colleges and institutions, All Directors, Heads of University Departments and Heads of in-house academic units of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal.

In view of the above, all affiliated colleges/institutions and University departments/in-house academic units are hereby directed to take the following measures on an urgent basis.

1. Strict implementation of anti-ragging regulations

- All institutions shall strictly comply with the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, and subsequent directions issued by the competent authorities.
- A strict zero-tolerance approach towards ragging in any form shall be maintained.
- Every institution shall ensure that its Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squad are duly constituted and actively functional.
- The composition and contact details of the concerned committees, squads and designated authorities shall be prominently displayed and communicated to students.

2. Special vigilance during admission and induction

- The months of June and July, coinciding with fresh admissions in many institutions, shall receive special attention with regard to preventive and monitoring measures.
- Special vigilance shall be maintained during admission, induction and commencement of academic activities, particularly for newly admitted first-year students.
- Freshers shall be sensitised regarding the consequences of ragging, their rights and the available mechanisms for reporting complaints.
- Regular interaction with freshers shall be ensured by faculty members, mentors, wardens and designated student welfare authorities.

3. Monitoring and zero-tolerance mechanism

- Anti-Ragging Committees and Anti-Ragging Squads shall remain vigilant and undertake regular and surprise inspections of vulnerable areas within the campus and hostels.

- CCTV surveillance facilities shall be maintained in functional condition at appropriate locations.
- CCTV footage shall be scrutinised regularly by the competent institutional authorities, particularly wherever any complaint or suspicious incident is reported.
- Any incident of ragging shall be dealt with promptly and strictly in accordance with the applicable regulations.
- The institutional authorities shall ensure that complaints are not ignored, suppressed or unnecessarily delayed.

4. Mentor–Mentee mechanism

- Every institution shall establish or strengthen an effective mentor–mentee mechanism to foster healthy relationships between senior and junior students.
- Faculty mentors shall interact regularly with students and provide appropriate academic, personal and emotional support.
- The mentor–mentee mechanism shall function under proper institutional supervision and shall not be treated as a mere formality.
- Students shall be encouraged to share their grievances, difficulties, experiences of intimidation and other concerns with their respective mentors.

5. Universal Human Values and orientation programmes

- Institutions shall organise orientation and sensitisation programmes for teaching staff, non-teaching staff and students.
- Emphasis shall be given to Universal Human Values, moral values, empathy, compassion, mutual respect, discipline and responsible behaviour.
- Institutions are encouraged to organise webinars and interactive awareness programmes involving college management, senior students and faculty members.
- The three-day orientation programme for teaching staff, including a dedicated day on anti-ragging aspects, as reported by AICTE in the NARMC meeting, may be taken as a model for appropriate institutional sensitisation initiatives.

6. Mental health, suicide prevention and student welfare

- All institutions shall take appropriate initiatives for promoting positive mental health and preventing student suicides.
- Awareness programmes on suicide prevention, prevention of ragging, mental well-being and emotional resilience shall be organised.
- Institutions shall endeavour to provide appropriate counselling and student-support facilities and establish referral mechanisms wherever professional assistance is required.
- Faculty members, mentors, wardens and student welfare officers shall remain attentive to signs of mental distress, harassment, intimidation, isolation and other serious concerns among students.
- Student grievances relating to excessive working hours, lack of cooperation, harassment or other institutional difficulties shall be addressed sympathetically and appropriately.

7. National Anti-Ragging Helpline

- All students, faculty members, wardens and concerned institutional authorities shall be familiarised with the 24×7 National Anti-Ragging Helpline facility.
- Information regarding the helpline and available complaint-reporting mechanisms shall be displayed prominently on institutional websites, notice boards and other appropriate platforms.
- Institutions shall ensure that students are aware of the procedure for seeking assistance and reporting ragging-related incidents.

8. Prompt response to complaints

- Every complaint or information relating to ragging shall receive immediate attention from the competent institutional authorities.
- Institutions shall ensure prompt response, preliminary inquiry and appropriate action in accordance with applicable regulations.
- Any ragging-related incident reported to an institution shall be communicated to the Registrar, MAKAUT, within 24 hours of receipt of information, along with the immediate action taken. A detailed report shall be furnished subsequently.
- Appropriate measures shall be taken to protect complainants and witnesses against intimidation or victimisation.

9. Observation of Anti-Ragging Day and Anti-Ragging Week

- All institutions shall observe 12th August as Anti-Ragging Day and 12th to 18th August as Anti-Ragging Week, as indicated in the minutes of the 32nd NARMC meeting.
- Activities may include awareness campaigns and rallies; seminars, webinars and interactive discussions; poster, essay and slogan-writing competitions; short video/reel competitions; programmes promoting moral values and positive student relationships; and interaction sessions between senior students and freshers.
- Students may be encouraged to participate in short videos/reels of approximately 1–2 minutes for wider awareness and participation.
- Reports, photographs and other documentary evidence of the programmes shall be maintained by the concerned institutions.

10. Monitoring, inspection and maintenance of records

- The Principal/Director or Head of the concerned University department shall personally oversee the implementation of the anti-ragging measures.
- Institutions shall maintain updated records relating to constitution and functioning of Anti-Ragging Committees and Squads; meetings and proceedings; complaints received and action taken; cases pending and disposed of; CCTV monitoring and inspection; mentor–mentee activities; orientation and awareness programmes; and counselling and student welfare initiatives.
- Institutions shall extend full cooperation to inspection and monitoring activities undertaken by the University and other competent regulatory authorities.
- All records shall be made available for verification whenever required.

11. Statistical reporting

- Every institution shall maintain updated statistics relating to total ragging-related cases reported; cases pending inquiry; cases disposed of; serious cases; action taken in each case; cases referred to police or other competent authorities, wherever applicable; and awareness and preventive programmes undertaken.

12. Submission of institutional compliance reports to MAKAUT, WB

- In view of the urgency communicated by the Government of West Bengal, all Principals/Directors of affiliated colleges and institutions and all Directors/Heads of University departments/in-house academic units are hereby requested to submit their respective Institutional Compliance Reports as on when called for.
- The reports shall contain the actual status of implementation of the measures prescribed in this notification, together with supporting information wherever applicable.
- Wherever any measure is yet to be implemented, the reasons for non-implementation and the proposed timeline for completion shall be clearly indicated.

- A NIL report shall also be furnished wherever no ragging-related incident has been reported during the relevant period.
- All reports shall be duly verified and authenticated by the respective Principal/Director or Head of Department/ All Directors & HoDs of In-House Academic departments, MAKAUT,WB.

13. Responsibility and accountability

- The Principal/Director of each affiliated institution and all Directors/ Head of each University department/in-house academic unit shall be responsible for ensuring effective implementation of this notification.
- Any negligence, failure to act upon complaints or non-compliance with the applicable statutory and regulatory directions shall be viewed seriously.

All concerned are requested to accord **TOP PRIORITY** to this matter.

This has got reference to the approval dated 29.10.2026 of the Competent Authority in file No. MAKAUT/RE-013.

Sd/-

(Dr. S. K. Maity)
Registrar (Addl. Charge)
& Inspector of College
MAKAUT, WB

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Higher Education, Bikash Bhavan, 6th Floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700091
2. The Senior Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Higher Education, Bikash Bhavan, 6th Floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700091
3. The Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Higher Education, University Branch, Bikash Bhavan, 6th Floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700091
4. The P.A to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MAKAUT, WB – Please bring it into the kind notice to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.
5. All Principal/Director of all colleges affiliated to MAKAUT, WB.
6. All Officers, MAKAUT, WB.
7. All Directors, MAKAUT, WB.
8. All Heads of the Departments, MAKAUT, WB.
9. All Faculty Members, MAKAUT, WB.
10. All Administrative Staff
11. The Information Scientist, MAKAUT, WB- with a request to kindly upload this in our University website.
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