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Ref No: MAKAUT/RE-013/654 Date: 02.11.2026

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

Enclo: As Stated

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

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No.2251(42)-Edn (U)/HED-12016(99)/22/2025-UNV SEC- Deptt.of HE **Date:30.10.2026**

From: Sumanta Banerjee, WBSS, Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
To: The Registrar, ...University (All)

Subject: Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions held under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle, AVSM, VSM on 01st June 2026 in UGC South Campus Office, Delhi University, New Delhi- regarding

Madam/Sir,

Enclosed please find herewith copy of Government of India, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education Office Memorandum No. 16-2/2025-U.5 dated 03.10.2026 along with enclosures received in the Department through the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal vide No. No. 6870-OSD dated 08.10.2026 on the subject noted above for perusal and compliance.

I am directed to request you for taking necessary action in the matter and submit an Action Taken Report **02.11.2026** positively.

This may kindly be treated as VERY URGENT.

Yours faithfully

Enclo: As stated

Assistant Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

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Received on 09/10/2026
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Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Higher Education

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith the minutes of the 32nd Meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions held under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle, AVSM, VSM on 1st June, 2026 in UGC South Campus office, Delhi University, New Delhi, for necessary action and compliance. An action taken report, in this regard, may kindly be sent to this Department and to Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.

Regards,

Section Officer
U.5 Section, HE Bureau,
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education,
Government of India.

1 Attachment(s)

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Kartavya Bhavan-2, Hall No. 20046,

New Delhi-110034, Dated 03rd October, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions held under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle, AVSM, VSM on 1st June, 2026 in UGC South Campus office, Delhi University, New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the minutes of the 32nd Meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions held under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle, AVSM, VSM on 1st June, 2026 in UGC South Campus office, Delhi University, New Delhi, for necessary action and compliance. An action taken report, in this regard, may kindly be sent to this Department and to Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.

Encl.: As above.

(Saroj Bala)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

1. All Members of the Anti-ragging Monitoring Committee
2. All Regulatory Bodies
3. Chief Secretaries of all States/ UTs
4. UGC, BSZ Marg, New Delhi

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Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle, AVSM, VSM held on 1st June, 2026 from 10.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M. in UGC South Campus office, Delhi University, New Delhi.

The meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr) Ajit S Bhonsle (Retd), AVSM, VSM was held on 01 Jun 2026 at 10 am in the UGC South Campus office, Delhi University, New Delhi.

The following Committee Members attended the meeting -

1. Air Marshal (Dr) Ajit S Bhonsle AVSM, VSM - Chairman
2. Prof Santanu Misra, Representative of Director IIT, Kanpur - Member

Note: Other Committee Members had taken leave of absence.

In addition, the following officers also attended the Meeting:

- Dr. Sunita Siwach, Joint Secretary - UGC
- Representative from AICTE - AICTE
- Dr. Arvind Kumar Drave, Consultant - NMC
- Dr. Dinesh Chand, Principal Scientist - ICAR
- Mrs. Jyothi B., Deputy Secretary - INC
- Representative from DCI - DCI
- Ms Alka Tomar, Chairperson - Monitoring Agency, UGC

The meeting began with a welcome note by Dr Sunita Siwach, JS(ARC), UGC.

Opening Address by the Chairman

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all attendees. Noting the presence of several newly deputed officers from the Regulatory Bodies, he provided an overview of the genesis of the NARMC and highlighted the UGC Regulation, 2009, which stemmed from the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment dated 08 May 2009. He informed the Members that the UGC Regulation, 2009, is presently under revision.

He further elaborated on two significant developments: first, the constitution of the Supreme Court–appointed National Task Force (2025) on the Mental Well-being of Students; and second, the anticipated transformation of the Higher Education System through the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill, 2025 (VBSA). Under VBSA, the UGC, AICTE, and NCTE would be replaced by three specialized Councils for Regulation, Accreditation, and Academic

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Standards, thereby streamlining governance and oversight. The Chairman emphasized that NARMC would continue to function within this new framework under VBSA, 2025.

He also underscored the importance of NARMC's "Boots on Ground" initiative, referring to the recent visit of a Joint Sub-Committee to Indore Medical College on 29–30 May 2026. The visit was led by Shri S. Jaganathan, IPS, a distinguished Member of NARMC. The Sub-Committee interacted with postgraduate students across all years, followed by a focused discussion with first-year PG students in the absence of college staff. While no ragging-related concerns were reported, students expressed grievances regarding the burden of extended working hours and occasional lack of cooperation from paramedical staff.

The Sub-Committee also inspected the premises and subsequently convened a concluding meeting with the Chairperson, Registrar, Dean, Anti-Ragging Squad, and Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee. Mechanisms and processes were reviewed, and the authorities were advised to ensure their functioning is emphatic and effective. A detailed report of the visit will be submitted in due course.

The Chairman suggested that the newly nominated representatives acquaint themselves with the 24x7 Helpline facility and engage with its operators, which was duly undertaken after the meeting. With these remarks, the Chairman requested JS (ARC) to proceed with the Agenda Points.

ITEM NO 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 31ST NARMC MEETING HELD ON 17.03.2026

JS (ARC) clarified that the minutes of the previous meeting could not be fully actioned owing to time constraints. These minutes are proposed to be placed for confirmation in the forthcoming 33rd NARMC Meeting.

ITEM NO 2: REPORT / ANALYSIS / REMEDIES

Ms. Alka Tomar explained that the months of June–July coincide with new admissions, and therefore compliance measures are accorded priority during this period. She further informed that, as in previous years, 12 August 2026 will be observed as Anti-Ragging Day, and 12–18 August 2026 will be marked as Anti-Ragging Week across all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). She added that new forms of activities are being contemplated for observance during these days.

Dr. Santanu Misra, Member NARMC, narrated a case of cheating during examinations. Referring to the Video/Reel Competitions, he emphasized the need for more decentralized and widespread participation from students across the country. He also suggested prescribing a time limit of 1–2 minutes for Reels/Videos.

The representative of INC highlighted that emphasis is laid on moral values, which in turn fosters behavioral modification among students of Nursing Institutes. This, she noted, could be a contributing factor to the absence of ragging incidents under INC. He further mentioned that INC oversees more than 3,000 institutes.

Shri Drave, representing NMC, reported that not a single case of ragging has been recorded this year. He explained that NMC follows a strict zero-tolerance policy and addresses issues by examining the root causes. CCTV footage is regularly scrutinized, and HEIs are required

to respond within 24 hours if any incident is reported. Awareness is promoted through webinars involving college management and senior students, which are addressed by the Chairman, NMC. He also noted that the mentor–mentee concept is practiced to strengthen bonds between seniors and juniors. At this stage, Prof. Santanu Misra elaborated further on the mentor–mentee mechanism, stressing that it requires proper supervision.

The ICAR representative explained that Agricultural Universities tend to report more ragging incidents compared to Veterinary and Horticultural Universities.

The representative of DCI confirmed that the mentor–mentee mechanism is being followed in their institutions.

The AICTE representative informed that a Universal Human Values Programme is conducted for teaching staff, which includes a three-day orientation programme, with one day dedicated to anti-ragging aspects. In the event of any ragging incident, AICTE deputes a Three-Member Committee to conduct an on-the-spot inquiry, and defaulting HEIs are liable to face penalties.

JS (ARC) emphasized to the participants that Regulatory Bodies should nominate two or three permanent representatives and formally intimate their names to JS (ARC). She observed that frequent changes in representation lead to discontinuity. She also stressed that Regulatory Bodies must present statistics on the number of cases reported, pending, and disposed, while highlighting serious cases and the actions taken by both HEIs and the Regulatory Bodies.

Closing Address by Chairman

- In order to further expand the footprint of the Anti-Ragging measures and enhance its effectiveness, the Chairman directed that: -

  a) State level / UT Awareness Programmes on Suicide Prevention, Prohibition & Prevention of Ragging and fostering of positive Mental Health be implemented by involving the State/ UT Educational departments/ entities and Regulatory Bodies. The mechanism for the same be formulated by JS(ARC) and discussed in the 33rd NARMC Meeting.

  b) Region-wise Inspectors be duly selected and nominated across the country to monitor the implementation of the Anti-Ragging measures in their regional HEIs. The process of Region- wise division, nomination of Regional Inspectors, their Charter of Duties, orientation & training and SOPs for Inspection and Reporting including resources support be formulated by JS (UGC) and discussed in the forthcoming 33rd NARMC Meeting.

- The Chairman urged all participants to devote their maximum efforts during the forthcoming months of new admissions in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), stressing the need to remain proactive and maintain constant vigilance.

- The Chairman declared the 33rd NARMC Meeting schedule as 11am to 1pm on 06th Oct 26 (Tuesday), at the main conference room in the UGC Headquarters.

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