

Extended Statement

Date: 29 August 2025

At Mahindra University, we are committed to maintaining a safe, disciplined, and drug-free campus environment. We strictly adhere to a zero-tolerance policy towards narcotics and any activity that could jeopardize the well-being of our student community.

In light of the recent developments and the considerable media attention surrounding the narcotics-related case, I want to draw your attention to an ongoing city-wide investigation led by the Anti-Narcotics Bureau. In the interest of our students, parents, well-wishers, and the community at large, I'd like to clarify a few points:

- The incidents under investigation occurred outside our campus, and no narcotic substances were discovered on our campus premises.
- Of the individuals identified during the investigation, 24 were confirmed to be students at Mahindra University.
- The students identified in the investigation were presented to the authorities, accompanied by their parents, for verification and questioning.
- Drug tests were conducted, and five of them tested positive. The Anti-Narcotics Bureau has since directed them for further action. The remaining students were released after their verification was completed.

I would like to stress that throughout this process, Mahindra University has actively and transparently cooperated with the Anti-Narcotics Bureau, ensuring that all necessary steps are taken to maintain the safety and integrity of our campus.

From initial reports, it appears that this unfortunate situation is part of a larger, city-wide issue affecting young people across various campuses in Hyderabad. This problem seems to exist across universities in the city and needs a collective push to stop. Organized trafficking rings appear to be targeting students, exploiting their vulnerabilities, and putting their futures at grave risk.

At Mahindra University, we are committed to not only enforcing our zero-tolerance policy but also redoubling our efforts to make our campus a substance-free zone. To this end, we are increasing awareness discussions among the student body, conducting random checks on campus, and implementing stricter security checks at all campus entrances.

We also call upon educational institutions across Hyderabad to come together and work collaboratively to address this city-wide issue. By uniting in our efforts, we can create a safer and more supportive environment for all students. A unified effort across institutions can help curb substance abuse and eliminate this menace from our academic and social spaces.

Furthermore, we request law enforcement agencies such as EAGLE and other relevant authorities to support and assist us in our endeavours. Their expertise and guidance will be invaluable.

As we move forward, Mahindra University remains steadfast in our commitment to the safety, well-being, and holistic development of our students. We will continue to uphold an environment that nurtures responsible citizenship, ethical behaviour, and respect for the law.

Signed,
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