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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the resolution passed by the Executive Council at its meeting held on 03/10/2026 **vide Resolution No. EC-8-07 as adopted in 3rd October 2026.**

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that **Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth**, has published the **"Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy"** for information to all concerned. The **IPR Policy Document** mainly comprises the following parts:

- **Types and Ownership of IP**
- **IPR Standing Committee**
- **Evaluation, Commercialisation and Revenue Sharing**
- **Transfer, Infringement and Disputes**

The **IPR Policy Document** will serve as detailed guidelines and will be useful to all concerned. It will come into force with immediate effect.

Registrar

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MRV INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY

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1 Preamble and Purpose

MRV seeks to promote research quality by encouraging creative and innovative ideas and the effective transfer of knowledge, technology, and best practice. This IPR Policy enables a conducive environment for IP development; protects the legitimate interests of employees, students, consultants, and retainers; provides a transparent administrative system for ownership, control, and transfer of IP; establishes management and procedural guidelines for utilising knowledge generated at MRV; empowers the University to use developed IP for the maximum benefit of creators, MRV, and the nation; and promotes fair use of traditional knowledge with benefit sharing.

2 Types of IP and Key Definitions

Recognised IP includes patents, copyrights, trade/service marks, industrial designs, software programs, IC layout designs, biotechnology/bioinformatics inventions, traditional knowledge, and geographical indications. "First Party" means MRV; "Second Party" means employees, students, consultants, and retainers of MRV; "Third Party" means any external organisation interacting with the First or Second Party. An "Inventor" is a person or group responsible for creating IP (with a Lead Inventor from MRV where there are several). "Work for hire" and "commissioned work" denote work produced for MRV's specific purposes by employees or contracted parties.

3 IPR Standing Committee (SC)

The IPR SC is the leading administrative body responsible for formulating procedures and implementing the IPR policy, subject to the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. Members: Chairperson – Director of Research; Member – Director, Coordination & Strategy; Member (technical) – Chief Innovation Officer; Member-Secretary (legal background); special invitees as required. Its functions include forming expert groups to assess potential IP; creating implementation procedures; maintaining records of filed IP; drafting IP clauses in agreements;

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conducting IP awareness programmes; mobilising external funds; collaborating for filing, licensing, and commercialisation; releasing IPR to inventors or third parties consistent with policy; and resolving disputes and violations. Appeals lie to the Grievance Committee of MRV and thereafter to the Vice-Chancellor, whose decision is final.

4 Ownership of IP

4.1 Patent, Software Copyright, Industrial Design, and IC Layout Design

IP is owned wholly or exclusively by MRV if it has been developed:

a. solely with MRV funds/facilities, or with a mix of MRV and external funds/facilities without any formal associated agreement;

b. with external funds/facilities, including sponsored research and consultancy projects, without any associated agreement;

c. under a contract arrangement, including work for hire and work commissioned or outsourced by MRV;

d. pursuant to a written agreement transferring ownership to MRV; or

e. in a manner not assignable to identifiable contributors (e.g., software or processes developed over time with contributions from many individuals).

IP may be owned by third parties, exclusively or jointly with MRV, where it is developed under sponsored research, consultancy, or collaborative activity with a formal associated agreement; under collaborations without external funding but with associated agreements; or during an MRV employee's formal visit to a third-party institution. For government-funded projects, ownership follows the funding agency's clauses; for non-government funders, ownership may be shared considering relative contributions and background IP. Multi-country/multi-institutional projects require an explicit ownership agreement, and collaborations involving indigenous biological material must respect the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. IP may be owned by the inventor(s) where none of the above applies, the IP is unrelated to the inventor's engagement with MRV, and the work was pursued outside normal working hours.

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4.2 Copyright Other than Software

Copyright in textbooks, research books, articles, monographs, teaching-learning resources, and other scholarly publications vests in the authors unless restricted by an associated agreement; MRV should be kept informed and revenue reported per prevailing rules. Copyright vests in MRV for works created under contract, and works normally assignable to MRV may be reassigned to authors on request where no third-party agreement is violated. Trade and service marks involving MRV are owned by MRV.

4.3 Other Provisions

a. Biodiversity and traditional knowledge: national laws must not be violated in securing IP protection or using such knowledge.

b. Waiver: MRV may waive its rights in favour of the inventor to enable commercialisation or where MRV does not favour protection; a decision to pursue or not pursue protection must be communicated within three months of complete disclosure. MRV normally retains a perpetual, royalty-free licence for research and educational purposes.

c. Trade secrets and know-how: protected through NDAs with reasonable time limits; work at MRV is not generally considered proprietary.

d. Third-party software and copyrighted material: licence restrictions must be settled before IP creation or commercial use; copyrighted material may be used only as permitted by law and with prior permission where required.

5 Evaluation and Commercialisation

The IPR Committee evaluates each Invention Disclosure Form and communicates within 90 days whether MRV wishes to own and commercialise the IP, is unwilling to commercialise it, or considers ownership to be in doubt (in which case the matter is referred to the Vice-Chancellor, who decides within one month). Where MRV commercialises, all statutory costs are borne by MRV. The commercialisation schedule runs from disclosure (date zero): filing or confidentiality-based commercialisation within three months; review at five years (costs met from licensee receipts, or one further year of protection where commercialisation is imminent); and reversion

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of all rights and responsibilities to the inventor after six years if not commercialised, subject to sponsor agreements. Where rights are reverted and the property is later commercialised, the inventor pays MRV a royalty on the first slab of net profit in the proportion 60% creator : 40% MRV. Licensing through third parties (exclusive, sole, non-exclusive, or sub-licensing) must safeguard MRV's interests, avoid conflicts of interest, demonstrate the licensee's capability, and may be revoked if not commercialised within one year. MRV maintains transparency with creators at all stages.

6 Revenue Sharing

Net revenue from commercialisation of MRV-owned IP, after deduction of agreed costs, is shared in slabs (with "X" initially fixed at ₹100 lakhs):

Case	Net earnings	Inventor(s) share	MRV share
1	For the first slab of amount "X"	65%	35%
2	For the next slab of amount "X"	55%	45%
3	For amounts beyond "2X"	50%	50%

Where MRV reassigns IP rights to creators for any country, the creators reimburse MRV's protection, maintenance, and marketing costs from cumulative earnings as follows:

Case	Cumulative earnings	Inventor(s) share	MRV share
A	Up to twice the cost incurred by MRV for protection, marketing, and associated costs	25%	75%
B	Beyond Case A	75%	25%

Co-creators sign a Distribution of IP Earnings Agreement at disclosure, revisable by mutual consent. The creator's share continues to be paid to the person or nominee irrespective of continued employment or demise. Where a third party (e.g., a funding agency) has a share, MRV and creator shares are calculated on net receipts after deducting that share. A fixed percentage of royalty revenue, as decided by the IP Committee, is directed to promotion and upgradation of the invention, IP protection, and commercialisation.

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7 Transfer and Use of IP

a. Material Transfer Agreements govern transfer of materials (e.g., biotechnology inventions) where not covered by an NDA.

b. Transfer of biological resources and associated knowledge complies with the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, including National Biodiversity Authority approvals.

c. Licensing guidelines: exclusivity only for limited periods; sub-licensing terms clearly stated; MRV and its donors indemnified; licensing must not restrict research/publication rights or student thesis content; MRV's freedom to conduct independent R&D in the same area is preserved.

d. Use of MRV's name and trademarks by licensees/assignees requires a signed agreement, responsible use, truthful claims, no liability to MRV for misuse, and prior approval of the manner of use in any media; in no case shall IP be used against the interests of India.

e. Handling of theses: copyright of the thesis vests jointly in the supervising teacher and student, who grant MRV a non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty-free licence for non-commercial academic use; additional commercialisable IP generated using MRV-supported resources is assigned to MRV, with confidentiality maintained until statutory protection is secured.

f. Foreign filings: MRV decides on foreign protection within six months of the complete Indian filing, subject to Section 39 of the Patents Act, 1970; where MRV opts out for a requested country, rights in that country are assigned to the creator(s). Foreign commercialisation proceeds through MRV's global partners.

g. All commitments, agreements, and MoUs for commercialisation of MRV-owned IP are executed in the name of MRV by the IP Committee, which also approves all NDAs, licence agreements, and MTAs, and provides templates.

8 Infringement, Conflict of Interest, Disputes, Jurisdiction, and Amendment

a. MRV shall seek indemnity in licence contracts from legal proceedings (manufacturing defects, production problems, design guarantees, upgradation and debugging obligations)

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and retains the right to engage or not engage in litigation concerning patents and licence infringements.

b. Employees must disclose any stake they or their immediate family hold in a licensee or potential licensee; such licences/assignments require the approval of MRV management.

c. Disputes on implementation of this policy may be appealed to the Vice-Chancellor; the decision at the apex level is final and binding.

d. All agreements signed by MRV are subject to the jurisdiction of the courts in Hyderabad, Telangana, and governed by the laws of India.

e. MRV reserves the right to amend or modify this policy, in whole or in part, at any time.

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Registrar

