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POLICY ADDRESSING POVERTY

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1. Policy Statement

MITS recognises financial hardship as a barrier to higher education and is committed to assisting eligible students through accessible information, guidance and available scholarships or fee-support mechanisms. The University aims to ensure that economically disadvantaged students are informed of relevant support and are treated fairly in administrative processes.

2. Purpose and Objectives

- Help eligible students access Government of Andhra Pradesh and Central Government scholarship or reimbursement schemes.
- Encourage consideration of means-cum-merit and other eligible institutional or third-party financial support.
- Maintain accurate records of low-income students and poverty-related financial aid, safeguarding privacy.
- Support institutional evidence reporting for SDG 1 financial assistance indicators.

3. Scope

This policy covers enrolled and applicant students seeking financial assistance on documented economic grounds, including students eligible under applicable below-poverty-line, income or scholarship scheme criteria. Eligibility is governed by the specific scheme or support programme, not assumed solely from an informal claim.

4. Definitions

Low-income student: A student meeting the income or poverty criteria specified by the relevant assistance scheme or authorised institutional process. Financial aid: A scholarship, tuition reimbursement, fee concession, grant or other documented financial support directly benefiting an eligible student.

5. Policy Provisions

1. The Scholarship / Student Welfare Office shall disseminate verified application information, deadlines and eligibility criteria for relevant State and Central Government schemes.
2. Eligible students may be guided towards means-cum-merit, private or philanthropic scholarship opportunities, subject to each programme's published rules.
3. Applications and supporting records shall be reviewed using transparent procedures, with due regard to income documentation, confidentiality and grievance mechanisms.

4. The Finance Office shall reconcile sanctioned awards with actual receipts or disbursements and avoid double counting multiple awards to the same student when reporting unique beneficiaries.
5. The University may conduct community poverty-awareness or welfare outreach through NSS and the Social Responsibility Club, without treating such outreach as student financial aid.

6. Implementation and Monitoring

Office / Unit	Responsibility
Scholarship / Student Welfare / Admissions	Communicate eligibility, support applications and maintain student-level records.
Finance Office / Finance Committee	Verify disbursements, concessions and reconciliation of scholarship records.
NSS / Social Responsibility Club	Plan and document appropriate poverty-related community outreach.
SDG Cell / IQAC	Compile validated institutional indicators and evidence, maintaining privacy.

7. Monitoring and Evidence

Annual records should distinguish the total number of students, verified low-income students, and unique low-income students receiving poverty-related financial aid. Programme source, amounts, beneficiary year and supporting approval or disbursement evidence shall be documented. Figures shall be reported only after verification by the responsible office.

8. Awareness and Training

The University shall communicate scholarship opportunities during admission and student orientation and may observe the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17th October) through appropriate awareness programmes.

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