SDG 16: Zero Hunger

Annual Report 2024–25

At Annamacharya University, we recognise that accountable, transparent and inclusive institutions, access to redress and awareness of justice and safety are central to peace, justice and strong institutions. Through our Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), publicly listed grievance-redressal and statutory committees, an Ombudsperson, a published examination framework with rules on unfair means, and awareness programmes on safety and the law, we seek to uphold governance, fairness and ethical academic practice.

- Promote accountability, transparency and quality through a statutory Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).
- Provide publicly listed grievance-redressal mechanisms and statutory committees for students, faculty and staff.
- Maintain an Ombudsperson office as a further channel for concerns.
- Maintain a transparent and fair examination system, with published regulations and rules on unfair means.
- Keep the campus safe and lawful through anti-ragging measures and awareness of safety, legal rights and substance-abuse prevention.

Area	Focus	Principal evidence
Accountable institution	Quality assurance and governance	University Statutes (IQAC composition, functions, meeting frequency); Public Self Disclosure
Access to redress	Grievance channels and statutory committees	Grievance Redressal Cell; Internal Complaints Committee; Equal Opportunity Cell; Ombudsperson
Fair examinations	Published rules and integrity safeguards	Controller of Examinations; Academic Regulations; Ordinances on unfair means and malpractice
Safe, lawful campus	Anti-ragging and legal awareness	Ordinances on anti-ragging; Community Policing Awareness Programme; Anti-Drug Awareness Programme (29 November 2024)

1. IQAC - Accountability, Transparency and Participation

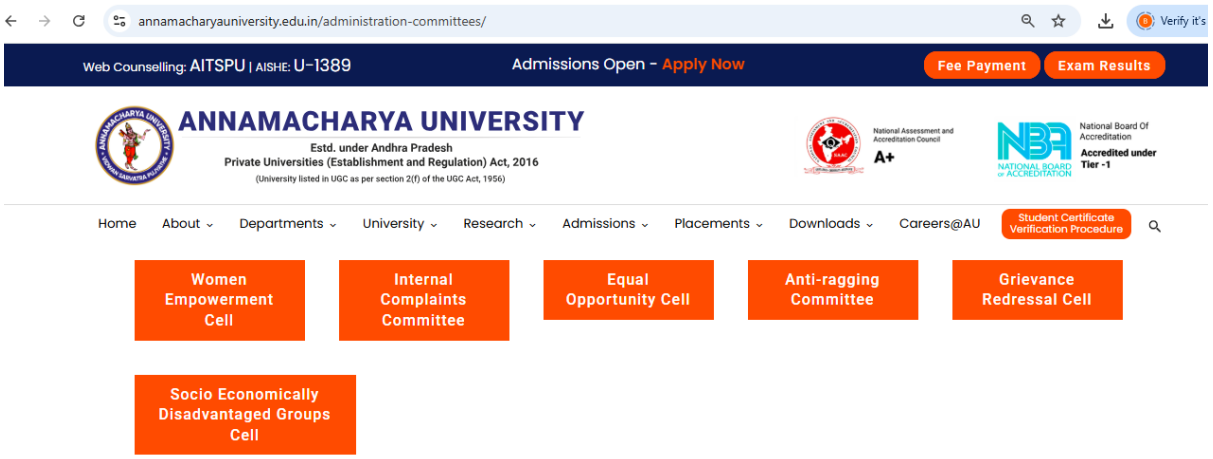
The University Statutes (March 2025) constitute the IQAC as a statutory body. Its members are the Vice-Chancellor (ex-officio), eight senior teachers of the University and one senior administrative official. A Director acts as chief coordinator of all IQAC matters under the general control and supervision of the Vice-Chancellor; the Director's appointment is for an initial period of one year, extendable year by year to a maximum of three years. The IQAC is required to meet at least once every three months, with a quorum of two-thirds of its members. The Statutes also set out the functions of the IQAC, and departments name IQAC coordinators on their public pages.

Fixed terms, a defined composition and a minimum meeting frequency give the quality system a transparent and accountable structure.

2. Grievance redressal and statutory committees

The Administration section of the University website publicly lists the committees below. The University describes its student-grievance mechanism as well structured and transparent: a dedicated committee of faculty members, administrative staff and student representatives handles grievances and is committed to fair and timely resolution, and the University conducts regular awareness programmes and workshops so that students know their rights and the processes that support them.

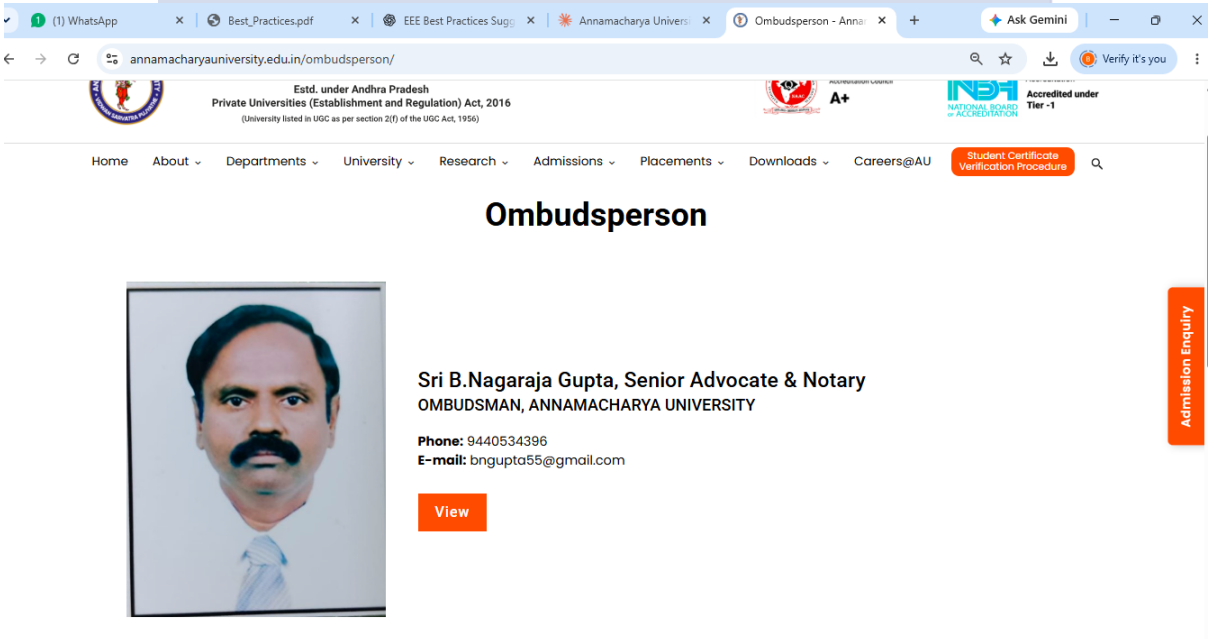
Committee / Cell	Role (as listed on the University website)
Grievance Redressal Cell	Handles student grievances through a committee of faculty, administrative staff and student representatives.
Internal Complaints Committee	Statutory committee listed under Administration for complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace.
Anti-ragging Committee	Statutory committee listed under Administration; see Section 5.
Equal Opportunity Cell	Listed under Administration in support of equal opportunity.
Women Empowerment Cell	Organises programmes on women's empowerment, equality and leadership.
Socio Economically Disadvantaged Groups Cell	Listed under Administration for students from disadvantaged groups.



The pages document the existence and purpose of these mechanisms

3. Ombudsperson

The University publishes a dedicated Ombudsperson page within its Administration section, giving the University community a further channel through which concerns can be raised beyond the departmental and committee mechanisms.



4. Transparent examination system and academic integrity

Examinations are administered by the Controller of Examinations, Mr. M. Maruthi Prasad, whose office is named in the University's Public Self Disclosure with a published contact address (coe@annamacharyauniversity.edu.in). The University publishes its Academic Regulations (AU24) on its website, and regulation documents hosted on the site set out the

rules for theory and laboratory end examinations, supplementary examinations, revaluation and recounting, challenge evaluation and announcement of results.

The University Ordinances (March 2025) also set rules on unfair means. Cases reported by an invigilator, together with the reported material and answer-books, are examined by an Unfair Means Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee decides the action to be taken in each case under the rules and reports to the Controller of Examinations, and its recommendations go to the Vice-Chancellor for approval. A malpractice committee is also provided for in the Ordinances. These steps give students a rule-based and reviewable process.

5. A safe and lawful campus: anti-ragging and legal awareness

5.1 Anti-ragging measures

The Ordinances state that the University has a zero-tolerance policy towards ragging. Ragging in any form is unlawful and strictly prohibited, and a student found ragging is liable to expulsion from the University and to a First Information Report (FIR) under the applicable orders. The Ordinances also commit the University to treating every employee and student with dignity.

5.2 Community Policing Awareness Programme on Crime Against Women and Children

The University organised a Community Policing Awareness Programme to educate students about personal safety, legal rights, crime prevention and the importance of reporting offences. The programme aimed to promote awareness of the protection of women and children, strengthen relationships between the community and the police and encourage a safe and responsible society. The published record gives the purpose of the programme.

5.3 Anti-Drug Awareness Programme

Date: 29 November 2024 | Venue: Annamacharya University, Rajampet

The NSS unit organised an Anti-Drug Awareness Programme at the University, coordinated by Dr. L. Obulapathi, to raise awareness of substance abuse among young people and to emphasise the importance of NSS-led social awareness initiatives.





Conclusion

At Annamacharya University, we recognise that accountable institutions, fair processes for redress and awareness of safety and the law are central to SDG 16. Our statutory IQAC, publicly listed grievance and statutory committees, the Ombudsperson, the published examination framework with its unfair-means procedure, our anti-ragging provisions and our community-policing and anti-drug awareness programmes provide documented evidence of our engagement. We will continue strengthening SDG reporting through publicly accessible reports, verifiable records and clearly described outcomes.