

#### May 30, 2025

# MNR Educational Trust: Rating moved to Issuer Non-Cooperating Category

## **Summary of rating action**

| Instrument^           | Previous rated<br>amount<br>(Rs. crore) | Current rated<br>amount<br>(Rs. crore) | Rating action                                      |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| Long-term-Term loans  | 49.00                                   | 49.00                                  | [ICRA]BBB (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING; rating |
|                       | 13.00                                   | 13.00                                  | moved to the "ISSUER NOT COOPERATING" category     |
| Long-term-Cash credit | 0.00                                    | 0.00                                   | [ICRA]BBB (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING; rating |
|                       | 8.00                                    | 8.00                                   | moved to the "ISSUER NOT COOPERATING" category     |
| Total                 | 57.00                                   | 57.00                                  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

#### Rationale

ICRA has moved the ratings for the bank facilities of MNR Educational Trust (MET) to the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as "[ICRA]BBB (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING"

The rating has been moved to the "Issuer Not Cooperating" category due to the lack of adequate information regarding MET's performance, leading to uncertainty about its credit risk. ICRA assesses whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its "Policy in respect of non-cooperation by a rated entity" available at www.icra.in. The lenders, investors and other market participants are thus advised to exercise appropriate caution while using the rating, as the same may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity.

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with MET, ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity so as to monitor its performance, but despite repeated requests by ICRA, the entity's management has remained non-cooperative. In the absence of requisite information and in line with the aforesaid policy of ICRA, a rating view has been taken on the entity based on the best available information.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures the Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities: <u>Click here.</u> ICRA is unable to provide the latest information because of non-cooperation by the entity.

### **Analytical approach**

| Analytical approach             | Comments  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Applicable rating methodologies | Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Higher Education Policy In Respect of Non-Cooperation by a Rated Entity   |  |  |
| Parent/Group support            | Not applicable  |  |  |
| Consolidation/Standalone        | For arriving at the rating, ICRA has taken a consolidated view of the MNR Group (MNRG) which includes MNR Educational Trust (MET) and MNR Research Conventions (P) Ltd (MNRRCPL) along with its subsidiary, MNR Teach Trillion DMCC (MNR TT). |  |  |

#### About the company

The MNR Group is promoted by Mr. M. N. Raju (Chairman) and his son Mr. M.S. Ravi Verma (Vice Chairman). The MNR Educational Trust (MET) was established in 1992 by Mr. Raju. At present, it runs schools, junior and degree colleges, postgraduate colleges and teacher training colleges. It also provides medical and engineering education and operates a

<sup>^</sup>Instrument details are provided in Annexure I



teaching hospital at Sangareddy, Telangana. There are ~25 institutions under the trust, which are located primarily in Hyderabad.

MNR Research Conventions Pvt. Ltd. (MNR RCPL) was incorporated in 2015. It operates 29 playschools under the MNR Golden Kids label and conducts pre-primary teacher training courses in Hyderabad and Navi Mumbai. MNRRCPL has a subsidiary, MNR Teach-Trillion DMCC, which owns a talent and skill development institute in the UAE and has constructed an American curriculum school named Mantena American School in Muwaileh Area, Sharjah.

#### **Key financial indicators (audited)**

| Consolidated   | FY2023 | FY2024 |
|--|--------|--------|
| Operating income                                     | 209.1  | 208.0  |
| PAT  | 12.5   | 38.4   |
| OPBDIT/OI  | 22.9%  | 33.0%  |
| PAT/OI   | 6.0%   | 18.5%  |
| Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times) | 0.5    | 0.4    |
| Total debt/OPBDIT (times)                            | 2.9    | 1.5    |
| Interest coverage (times)                            | 6.0    | 6.3    |

Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore

PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDIT: Operating profit before depreciation, interest, taxes and amortisation

#### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

## Any other information: None

## Rating history for past three years

|                            | Current (FY2026) |                                |   | Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years |        |                     |                       |                     |   |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
|                            | FY2026           |                                |   | FY2025  |        | FY2024              |                       | FY2023              |   |
| Instrument                 | Туре             | Amount<br>Rated (Rs.<br>crore) | May 30,2025                               | Date  | Rating | Date                | Rating                | Date                | Rating                                    |
| Cash credit-<br>fund based | Long<br>Term     | 8.00                           | [ICRA]BBB (Stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING | -   | -      | 15-<br>FEB-<br>2024 | [ICRA]BBB<br>(Stable) | 28-<br>FEB-<br>2023 | [ICRA]BB+ (Stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |
| Term loans-<br>fund based  | Long<br>Term     | 49.00                          | [ICRA]BBB (Stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING | -   | -      | 15-<br>FEB-<br>2024 | [ICRA]BBB<br>(Stable) | 28-<br>FEB-<br>2023 | [ICRA]BB+ (Stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |

### Complexity level of the rated instrument

| Instrument             | Complexity indicator |  |  |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Long-term- Term loans  | Simple               |  |  |
| Long-term- Cash credit | Simple               |  |  |

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments are available on ICRA's website: Click here

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#### **Annexure I: Instrument details**

| ISIN | Instrument name           | Date of issuance /<br>Sanction | Coupon<br>rate | Maturity date | Amount rated<br>(Rs. crore) | Current rating and outlook                |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---|
| NA   | Long-term- term loans     | May 2023                       | NA             | Sep 2026      | 49.00                       | [ICRA]BBB (Stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |
| NA   | Long-term- Cash<br>credit | NA                             | NA             | NA            | 8.00                        | [ICRA]BBB (Stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |

Source: Company

## Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

| Company Name                      | Ownership               | Consolidation Approach |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| MNR Research Conventions (P) Ltd* | 28% owned by MET        | Full Consolidation     |  |  |
| MNR Teach Trillion DMCC           | 97.35% owned by MNRRCPL | Full Consolidation     |  |  |

Source: MNR Educational Trust; \*The trustees of MET hold the remaining 72% stake in MNRRCPL

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