

MDU celebrates historic moment as alumnus Justice Surya Kant is sworn in as CJI

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It was a historic and emotionally uplifting moment for the MDU on November 24, 2025, when the university community came together to celebrate the elevation of its distinguished alumnus, Mr Justice Surya Kant, as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI). Justice Surya Kant is the first person from Haryana to occupy the highest judicial office of the country, a fact that has filled the entire MDU fraternity and the people of Haryana with immense pride.

To mark this momentous occasion, MDU organised a live telecast of the oath-taking ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, in the iconic Tagore Auditorium on the campus. A large number of teaching and non-teaching staff, research scholars, students from various departments, and school students from the University Campus School were present to witness the ceremony.

The stage proceedings at Tagore Auditorium were conducted by Prof Sonu from the Department of Law. She presented a brief bio-sketch of the CJI and highlighted the journey of the Department of Law since it was set up in 1978, underlining its academic strengths, research contributions and illustrious alumni.

Addressing the gathering, the MDU Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh described the day as one of the proudest in the history of the university, Haryana and the Republic of India.

"For us at MDU this is not just a national event being telecast live from Rashtrapati Bhavan. It is our own family celebration. One of our proud alumni, who once sat in a classroom of this very university as an LL.B. student, has become the CJ of the Supreme Court of India, world's largest democracy."

Prof Singh recalled that Mr Justice Surya Kant was born on 10 February 1962 in a humble, middle-class family in Hisar, Haryana, and rose through sheer hard work, integrity and commitment to the Constitution. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Law from MDU in 1984, started his legal practice at the District Court, Hisar, in 1984 and shifted to the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, in 1985, where he specialised in constitutional service and civil law.

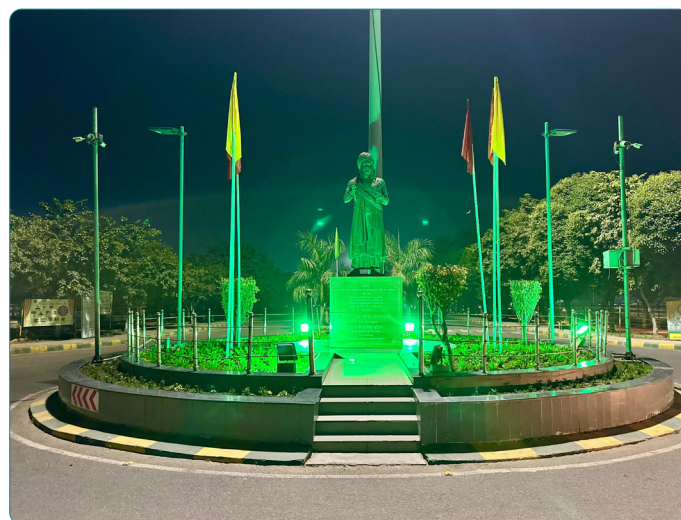
Over the years, Mr Justice Surya Kant came to be recognised as an eminent lawyer with a sharp legal mind and unimpeachable integrity. In July 2000, he was appointed the youngest Advocate General of Haryana, was designated Senior Advocate in March 2001 and was elevated as a permanent Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on 9 January 2004. In October 2018, he assumed charge as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh. On 24 May 2019, he was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India and, in November 2024, he took over as Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee.

Prof Rajbir Singh emphasised that Justice Surya Kant's journey is a powerful message to young Indians, especially those from modest backgrounds. "His life tells every student sitting in this Tagore Auditorium today that your background may be modest, but your horizon can be limitless," he remarked. "He has walked the path of svadharma—doing one's duty with sincerity and without attachment to personal gain."



Over the decades, this department has produced more than 150 judicial officers and law officers serving across Haryana and other states. Its distinguished alumni include Hon'ble Justice Jaswant Singh Phogat, former Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court; Mr. Justice Ranjan Sharma of the Himachal Pradesh High Court; Mr. Justice Rajesh Bhardwaj, Mr. Justice Harkesh Manuja and Mr. Justice Sanjay Vashisth of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh; numerous District and Sessions Judges in Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar and Himachal Pradesh; and several distinguished officers serving as Chief Judicial Magistrates, Additional District and Sessions Judges, and members of various tribunals and commissions.

The programme was attended by Dr Krishan Kant Gupta, Registrar, MDU; Prof S. C. Malik, Dean Academic Affairs; Prof Sapna Garg, Dean Students' Welfare; Prof Vinita Hooda, Dean College Development Council; Prof Jitender Dhull, Head, Department of Law; Prof Ashish Dahiya, Director, Public Relations; Prof Pratima Devi and other faculty members of the Department of Law; Prof Rahul Rishi, Controller of Examinations; Deans, Directors and Heads of various Departments and Branches of the University; teaching and non-teaching staff; students of the University Teaching Departments; and staff and students of the University Campus School.



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He came, he saw, he impressed, and inspired one and all. This aptly squeezes the essence of the two-day visit of Prof Asim Kumar Ghosh, Haryana Governor and Chancellor of the Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), on October 27-28, 2025. Accompanied by his wife and First Lady of Haryana, Mrs. Mitra Ghosh, he not only went around to have a feel of the campus but also interacted with top functionaries of the university, faculty members, and students.

Impressed by the MDU's achievements and the campus, the Governor, in his address, lauded the initiatives taken in the fields of innovation, student welfare, environmental conservation and value-based education. He appreciated the university's leadership, faculty, staff, and students for their outstanding work. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, expressed his gratitude to the Governor, saying that his visit was a source of inspiration for the university community.

During his visit, Prof Ghosh inaugurated the university's Golden Jubilee Souvenir at the MDU Faculty Club. On this occasion, he interacted with faculty members and appreciated their contributions.

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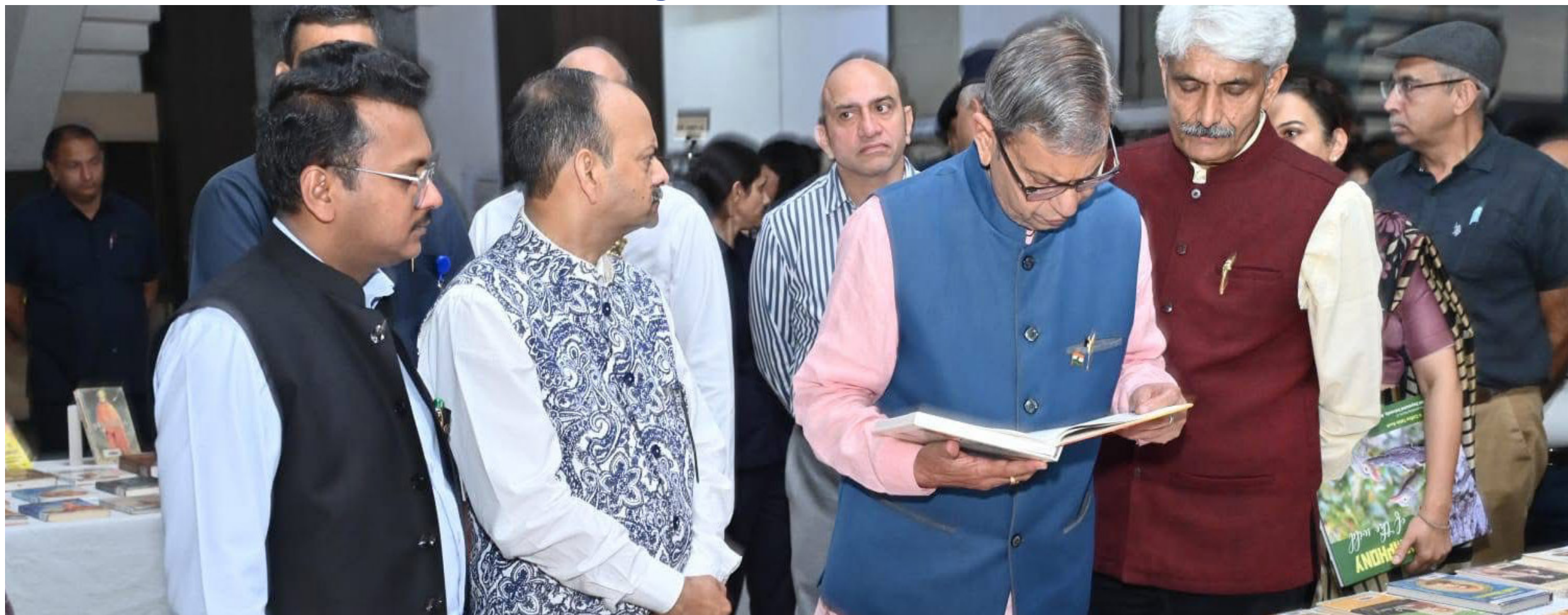
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Governor goes around the campus, interacts with VC, faculty members and students



The programme was graced by the Governor's wife, Mrs Mitra Ghosh, who was warmly welcomed by the university family. In his inspiring address, Prof Ghosh said teachers are the soul of any university. As the university enters its golden jubilee phase, it is the responsibility of the faculty to guide students towards innovation, ethics, and national values, he added.

Congratulating the university, faculty, and students on entering the Golden Jubilee year, he said this occasion not only warranted celebrations of the achievements but also offered an occasion to chart a new course for the future. The university should not only focus on education but also take the responsibility of societal development, he added.

Welcoming the Governor, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, said Prof Ghosh's guidance is a source of energy and inspiration for the university community. MDU has lined up several new initiatives in its Golden Jubilee year to promote innovation, research, social responsibility, and global outlook.

Registrar Dr Krishan Kant presented the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Governor and the First Lady of Haryana for their visit. "The Chancellor's guidance and support are invaluable to the university family. The souvenir's inauguration symbolises the university's glorious history and future commitments", he added.

Also present on the occasion were Dean Academic Affairs, Prof S.C. Malik, Registrar, Dr Krishan Kant, Faculty Club President, Prof Seema Singh, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, and a large number of faculty members.



Inspects Kasturba Gandhi Girls Hostel Complex, reviews facilities

Prof Ghosh, who went around the university campus, was impressed by various initiatives. He also inspected the Vivekananda Library, innovation spaces, girls' and boys' hostels, and interacted with students and faculty members.

The Governor was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Mitra Ghosh, Prof Rajbir Singh, Prof S.C. Malik, Dr Krishan Kant, and other senior officials.

He inspected the Kasturba Gandhi Girls' Hostel complex, where he interacted with students and reviewed the facilities made available to them. Prof Vinita Hooda explained in detail the Natural Farming project at the Kasturba Hostel Complex and how the girl students were involved in it.

Prof Ghosh appreciated the initiative of natural farming in the hostel and emphasized the importance of organic farming. The Governor and

his wife also planted mango and fig saplings to promote environmental conservation.

He also visited MDU's innovative initiatives, Moyos and Dafeteria, and appreciated the entrepreneurial spirit of the students who founded these start-ups. He praised the university's innovation culture, saying that such initiatives empower students to become self-reliant.

At the Vivekananda Library, the Governor paid tributes to Swami Vivekananda and inaugurated a book exhibition. He appreciated the modern facilities at the library and encouraged students to make optimal use of the resources. The Governor also visited the boys' hostel and interacted with students, taking feedback on their academic and extracurricular activities.

The Governor again appreciated the university's leadership, faculty, staff, and students for their outstanding work. The Vice-Chancellor expressed his gratitude to the Governor.



RCI stamp of Centre of Excellence MDU gets another feather in the cap

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This adds one more feather to the decorated cap of Maharshi Dayanand University. The university has been recognised as a Centre of Excellence by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI). This achievement is a result of the university's continuous efforts in promoting rehabilitation education and inclusion of persons with disability.

The RCI has recognised 144 institutions across the country, with 11 institutions from Haryana, including MDU, making it to the list. This highlights Haryana's commitment to empowering persons with disabilities and providing quality education.

As a Centre of Excellence, MDU will get a seven-year approval period and will mostly be subjected to virtual inspections. This will enable the university to focus on curriculum innovation, faculty development, and training, guide other institutions and collaborate on national-level assessments.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, has led the institution's progress in inclusive education, research collaboration, and community outreach programmes. This recognition will strengthen the activities of the Centre for Disability Studies at MDU, promoting equal opportunities, employment, and social respect for persons with disabilities.

Prof Pratima Devi Ranga, Director of the Centre for Disability Studies, expressed happiness over the achievement, attributing it to the university administration's support and team dedication. She acknowledged the contributions of Prof Radheshyam, Prof Yogendra Singh, and Dr Kapil Malhotra.

The recognition will inspire more effective work in society and help promote self-reliance and dignified living. With 11 institutions from Haryana receiving the Centre of Excellence status, the state is set to play a leading role in rehabilitation education and disability empowerment, developing new dimensions in education, training, and rehabilitation.

Keep communication short, simple: Dr Kim

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MDU hosted an inspiring session under the Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture Series on the theme "Mental Focus and Discipline to be a Global Leader", delivered by internationally acclaimed harpist, pianist, composer and academic Dr Chaerin Kim. The lecture was jointly organised by the Department of Students' Welfare, Centre for International Academic Affairs, Office of the Dean Research and Development, and Chaudhary Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change.

Envisioned as a platform to facilitate thought leaders from India and abroad to interact directly with campus community, the series aims to blend academic excellence with value-based leadership. Dr Kim's talk reflected this spirit, weaving together themes of mental well-being, disciplined focus, global exposure, innovation, and social responsibility.

Speaking to a packed audience of students, research scholars and, Dr Kim described life as "a journey to be lived with self-love, positive energy and clear purpose". She urged students to keep their communication "short and simple", to make every

day meaningful, and to give their goals the gift of consistent time and attention.

Drawing from her life in music, she underlined that just as excellence in performance demands daily practice and discipline, excellence in life and leadership also comes from rigour, routine and resilience.



Enthusiasm and excitement mark UNIFEST 2025 at MDU

K.L. Mehta Dayanand College for Women, Faridabad, wins Overall Trophy; GVM Girls College, Sonipat, is runner-up in 44th Inter-Zonal Youth Festival



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UNIFEST 2025, the three-day literary, cultural, and visual arts extravaganza, held at the Tagore Theatre, Mahrishi Dayanand University, witnessed outstanding performances from teams of university departments and affiliated colleges, showcasing their literary, cultural, and creative prowess. The festival, held from November 11 to 13, 2025,

transformed the university campus into a vibrant hub of creativity, enthusiasm, and cultural diversity.

The festival commenced with the lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana. The State Information Commissioner, Mr Amarjit Singh, graced

the event as the Chief Guest, while the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, presided over the function. The Registrar, Dr Krishan Kant, was also present.

In his inspiring address, Mr Amarjit Singh stated that education is the lamp that dispels the darkness of ignorance and spreads the light of knowledge, wisdom, and progress in society. He urged the students to move forward in life with discipline, dedication, and commitment. He emphasised that the role of youth is crucial in realising India's vision of becoming a developed nation, as they constitute the true strength of the country.

Prof Rajbir Singh attributed MDU's current stature to the collective hard work and dedication of its students, faculty, and staff. He noted that cultural activities, along with academic excellence, form the foundation of students' holistic development. Events like UNIFEST not only provide a platform for showcasing talent but also hone the qualities of leadership, confidence, and creativity in students.

On the second day of UNIFEST 2025, Rohtak Deputy Commissioner Sachin Gupta, IAS, and Rohtak Police Superintendent Surender Singh, attended the event as distinguished guests. The presence of DC and SP inspired the students. They urged the students to develop their personality through such extracurricular activities.

At the closing and prize distribution ceremony of UNIFEST 2025, Dada Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts Vice-Chancellor, Dr Amit Arya, was the Chief Guest. The MDU VC presided over the function. Dr Krishan Kant, prominent industrialist and social activist Mr Rajendra Bansal, and Mr Ankur Batra were present as distinguished guests on this occasion.

The winning participants and teams were presented with trophies and certificates. A unique musical performance was presented by 'The Chosen Ones', a music band comprising neuro-divergent children, at UNIFEST 2025. The band's captivating rendition of Bollywood songs enthralled the audience.

Dr Amit Arya emphasized that life without music, art, and literature is dull and meaningless. Describing participation in cultural activities as a form of intense devotion, he said that such pursuits shape individuals into better human beings. He congratulated all the participants and wished them well.

Prof Rajbir Singh highlighted the fact that MDU students and artists have achieved success both at the national and international level. An institution's reputation is built on its academic, sporting, and cultural accomplishments. Many artists, including Kumar Vishu, Jaideep Ahlawat, and Padmashri Mahavir Guddu, have showcased their talents in cultural and performing arts. He congratulated the winners.

Earlier, Dean Student Welfare, Prof Sapna Garg, delivered the welcome address, and Deputy Dean Prof Sonu Dehmival, expressed gratitude. Director Youth Welfare, Dr Pratap Rathi, coordinated and assisted in conducting the programme. The stage was managed by Dr Ravi Prabhat, Dr Priyanka Yadav, and Dr Shashi Rashmi. In the morning session, Dean Academic Affairs Prof S.C. Malik, and Dean College Development, Prof Vinita Hooda, attended as distinguished guests.

UNIFEST 2025, a grand celebration of music, dance, drama, literature, and visual arts, provided a remarkable platform for emerging talents, leaving behind cherished memories.

MDU starts PhD admission process for 2025-26



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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, has released the prospectus for PhD admissions for the session 2025-26. The university invites applications for admission to 457 seats across various subjects.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Rajbir Singh said MDU is renowned for its research and innovation. The university aims to connect research with societal needs, and help the students develop a scientific temper. The PhD programme is designed to equip the students with all that is required to play a significant role in the country's social and economic development,

The Vice-Chancellor assured the gathering that the admission process would be transparent and merit-based and shall have focus on research quality.

The university will provide modern resources, guidance, and a conducive environment to research scholars. To enhance research standards, the university is implementing new research policies, setting up advanced laboratories, and entering into international collaborations.

Prof Rajbir Singh expressed his vision to make MDU a leading research institution globally. The event was attended by Dean Academic Affairs, Prof S.C. Malik, Registrar Dr Krishan Kant, Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof A.K. Rajan, Prof Vinita Hooda, Dean, Colleges Development Council, Dean Research and Development Prof Harish Dureja, Prof Ashwani Dhingra, Director UIET, Prof Narshiman, Director IQAC, Prof Rahul Rishi COE, Prof KK Sharma, Prof Deepak Kaushik and other senior officials.

Seminar maps skills for future-ready hospitality

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Maharshi Dayanand University's Institute of Hotel & Tourism Management (IHTM) hosted a one-day national seminar on "Skill Development & Future Readiness for Hospitality & Tourism Professionals," positioning the campus as a bridge between the classroom and industry. The event opened with lamp lighting and Saraswati Vandana and drew about 200 participants.

Welcoming the delegates, Prof Ashish Dahiya, Director and Convenor, said India's fast-growing hospitality and tourism economy now demands "professionals who can blend hard skills with emotional intelligence and technology." Sessions were organised on policy and skilling, industry-academia linkages, and the "human edge" of service.

Keynote speaker Pradeep Singh, Vice-President, ITC Classic Golf Club, underlined that technology alone is not enough: "Sustainability and a values-driven service mindset will decide who wins." Prof Shruti Tripathi of Delhi Skill & Entrepreneurship University, called skill-centric, industry-linked learning "non-negotiable under NEP-2020."

Joining online, Prof Sitanshu Shekhar Jena (Dr B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi) said NEP-2020 has mainstreamed vocational education to meet market needs, while Prof Mohinder Chand (Kurukshetra University) argued that community participation is pivotal to sustainable tourism. Prof Sarah Hussain (Jamia Millia

Islamia) highlighted women's leadership and empathy as drivers of inclusive growth, and Prof Rahul Rishi (MDU-UIET) observed that AI and automation would reshape operations from kitchens to front-office analytics.

Dr Shilpi steered the proceedings. Proposing the vote of thanks, Prof Sandeep Malik said the seminar aligned NEP-2020 with the Skill India vision. Selected outputs of the seminar would be compiled into an edited volume (ISBN) to inform curricula and promote apprenticeships and industry partnerships, the department said.



VC asks youth to become agents of social change

Youth Red Cross Committee holds annual meet

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The 14th annual meeting of the University Youth Red Cross Committee was held on the Maharshi Dayanand University campus under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, to engage youth in social responsibilities and strengthen the university's service-oriented initiatives.

The meeting was attended by members of the Youth Red Cross Committee and student representatives. Prof Rajbir Singh emphasized that MDU Youth Red Cross is not just an organisation but a powerful catalyst for positive change in society. He stated that the university's goal is not only to achieve academic excellence but also to develop human values, service-oriented mindset, and social responsibility among the youth.

The Vice-Chancellor announced that the university would accelerate its social welfare programmes, including "Nasha Mukh Ghar Abhiyan" (Drug-Free Home Campaign), "Poshan Yukt Anaemia Mukh Abhiyan" (Nutrition-Centric Anemia-Free Campaign), and "Yog Yukt Motaapa Mukh Abhiyan" (Yoga-Centric Obesity-Free Campaign) through Youth Red Cross. These initiatives aim to build a healthy society and promote social rejuvenation through youth leadership and participation.

He urged the students to dedicate themselves to social service and embody the spirit of "Seva Paramo Dharma" (Service is the highest duty). The meeting discussed several important activities related to the upcoming activities, including



training camps and orientation programmes to equip volunteers with practical knowledge of first aid, blood donation, disaster management, and public health.

The meeting was coordinated by Youth Red Cross Coordinator Prof Anju Dhiman, who presented the agenda and reviewed the activities of the past year. The members appreciated the university's social commitment and suggested various ways to strengthen the coordination between the Red Cross branches in affiliated colleges.

The meeting was attended by Registrar, Dr Krishan Kant, Dean College Development Council, Prof Vinita Hooda, Dean Student Welfare, Prof Sapna Garg, NSS Coordinator Prof Savita Rathi, Professor of Practice Sunil Jaglan, Finance Officer Mukesh Bhatt, Principals of affiliated colleges, and other members.

Grand 'Run for Unity' organised

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A grand 'Run for Unity' was organised at Maharshi Dayanand University to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The event was held in collaboration with Khadi Gramodhyog, Government of India.

The Chief guest, Mr Manoj Kumar, Chairman of Khadi Gramodhyog Commission, emphasised the importance of adopting Swadeshi and urged the youth to play an active role in realising Sardar Patel's vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat'. Swadeshi is the true national duty and Khadi Gramodhyog is working towards achieving the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi's goal of self-reliant India, he said.

Dr Krishan Kant, Registrar and Guest of Honour, stated that the 'Run for Unity' symbolises the country's unity, integrity, and harmony. The event reminds us of the great leaders who sacrificed their lives to give us freedom.

The event included a run, followed by distribution of prizes to the winners. In the girls' category, Sudha Yadav, Vandana, and Avni & Niketa secured the first, second,

and third position, respectively. In the boys' category, Parveen Kumar, Anish, and Sahil Sindhu secured the first, second, and third position, respectively.

The university also honoured five students under the 'One Tree Mother' campaign. The event was successfully coordinated by Dr Shakuntla Beniwal, Director of Sports, and her team, with support from Prof Sapna Garg, Dean Students Welfare, and Dr Pratap Rathi, Director of Youth Welfare.

The event was attended by dignitaries, including Prof Bhagat Singh Rathi, Prof Sudhir Kumar, Prof Savita Rathi, and Prof Surendra Kumar Yadav, as well as faculty members, students, and officials from Khadi Gramodhyog.



'AI Ka Funda On Sunday' covers a wide range



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The Faculty Club of Maharshi Dayanand University, in collaboration with Ruhil Future Technologies, successfully concluded the two-month-long weekend teaching programme "AI Ka Funda on Sunday". The programme aimed at introducing school students to the fascinating world of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Thirty students from classes 4 to 8 participated in the programme, which covered topics such as smart robots, talking AI, Python coding, computer vision, game AI, AI for good, and problem-solving. The session every Sunday consisted of a one-hour teaching class, one hour of practical activity, and one hour of fun games.

The valedictory ceremony was attended by Dr Gunjan Malik, Registrar of SUPVA, Rohtak, as the chief guest. She awarded certificates and medals to the participants and appreciated their AI projects.

Faculty Club President Prof Seema Singh encouraged students to stay curious about new technologies and bring about a positive change in society through innovation. More creative and innovative programmes will be organised for faculty members in future.

The programme was successfully coordinated by Dr Hari Mohan and Dr Sanjeev. The Faculty Club expressed its gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor Prof Rajbir Singh for his encouragement and support.

NSS volunteers from 10 states attend National Unity Camp

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A seven-day National Unity Camp was organised at Maharshi Dayanand University by the National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell under the guidance of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, and in collaboration with the State NSS Cell, Department of Higher Education, Haryana.

The theme of this year's camp was 'Youth for My Bharat' and 'Youth for Digital Literacy'. Its aim was to instil in youth the spirit of national unity, digital literacy, and social responsibility. The camp hosted NSS volunteers from 10 states.

Rohtak Mayor, Mr Ram Avtar Valmiki, who inaugurated the camp, emphasised the importance of youth participation in nation-building. National service is not just a duty, but a way of life, and India's true strength lies in its youth, he said.

Registrar Dr Krishan Kant highlighted the camp's role in fostering all-round development of youth, teaching them self-discipline, teamwork, and sensitivity. Dean, Academic Affairs, Prof S.C. Malik, stressed the true purpose of education is achieved only when students actively contribute to the betterment of society.

The camp included activities like cleanliness drives, environmental conservation, digital literacy programmes, health awareness, and village development initiatives. A cultural session showcased Haryana's folk culture, with performances by local artists and NSS volunteers.

The seven-day camp was attended by NSS programme officers, volunteers, and dignitaries, including Prof Raj Kumar, Dr Krishna Kumar Gupta, and Dr Usha Dahiya.



55,000 books showcased at 8th Book Fair

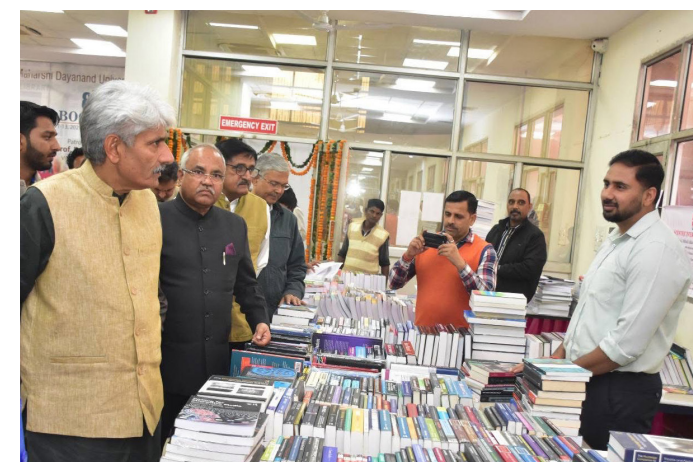
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The three-day Book Fair held on the MDU campus featured 82 publishers showcasing over 55,000 books spanning various subjects, including life sciences, physical sciences, engineering, technology, social sciences, humanities, and general literature.

Haryana's State Information Commissioner, Mr Amarjit Singh, who inaugurated the fair, said he has visited many universities in the state, but none has a book fair as excellent and rich as this one. He emphasised the fact that such events not only increased interest in books but also helped in promoting knowledge enhanceent..

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, who presided over the function, highlighted the importance of books, hailing them as true friends, especially in the present-day busy world. Books are constant companions, unlike family and friends who are often busy with their lives, and are always there to support and guide us, he added.

Dean Academic Affairs Prof S.C. Malik and Registrar Dr Krishan Kant shared their thoughts, urging young people to read more books and incorporate their message in their lives.



On the first day, the Vice-Chancellor released two books: "Mastering Python", co-authored by Dr Yudhvir Singh and Dr Nisha, and "Friendly Nature" by Mr Krishna Lal. Many researchers, students, and teachers visited the book stalls. On the second day, Registrar Dr Krishan Kant released two books: "Chutkula Darshan" by Pawan Gehlot and "Bechare Pati Peedit Log" by Prof Shyamlal Kaushal. He shared a humorous anecdote, entertaining the audience.

Prof D.S. Hooda, former Pro-VC of Kurukshetra University, and former Dean Academic Affairs of MDU Prof Harish Kumar, shared the stage in the morning session. Librarian Dr Satish Malik highlighted the importance of the book fair, stating that it is a meaningful effort to promote knowledge, literature, and the culture of reading. The event was attended by deans, directors, department heads, faculty, researchers, and students.

Enriching experience, say Law Department students on return from Udaipur

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A group of 39 students from the Law Department of MDU went to Udaipur on a five-day educational tour. The trip aimed to provide students with practical exposure to social, cultural, and historical aspects alongside law studies.

The tour was coordinated by Arya Manjit, Rit Dalal, Priyanshu Ahlawat, and Ashish Nehra, with faculty members Dr Rishabh Yadav, Dr Parvinder Solanki, and Manisha guiding the students.

During the visit, students explored Udaipur's historical, cultural, and legally significant sites, including City Palace, Fateh Sagar Lake, Bagor Ki Haveli, Maharana Pratap Memorial, Sajjangarh Palace, Karni Mata Temple, and other major tourist attractions.

Students described the tour as a memorable one and an enriching experience. They thanked the university administration for providing them with such opportunities.



Udaipur Rajasthan

Education Minister honours MDU sportspersons

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Haryana Education Minister, Mr Mahial Dhanda, honoured 643 players, coaches, and colleges for sessions 2022-25 with a prize money exceeding Rs 1.2 crore at the annual sports award distribution ceremony held at the Tagore Auditorium on the MDU campus, on November 28, 2025.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Dhanda said MDU not only provides opportunities to players but also gives due respect to their hard work. In the last three years, the university's players have performed brilliantly in All India Inter University, North Zone, Khelos India University Games, and World University Games, strengthening Haryana's sports tradition.

He appreciated the initiative taken by the MDU administration to increase the prize money to promote sports culture and said that MDU is emerging as a sports hub.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, said MDU's real identity lies in its sports culture. The university is committed to providing modern facilities and an excellent training environment to every talented player. The players' victory is a testament to their discipline, hard work, and character. This honour is not just an achievement but an inspiration to perform even better in the future, he added.

The ceremony was also addressed by Rohtak Mayor Ram Avtar Valmiki and renowned international wrestler Babita Phogat, who motivated the players and highlighted the importance of sports in life. The event was graced by the presence of Prof Devinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Dr B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat, and Prof Asim Miglani, Vice-Chancellor of Maharshi University, Rewari. Sports Director Dr Shakuntla Beniwal welcomed the guests and highlighted MDU's



sports development journey. Registrar Dr Krishan Kant expressed his gratitude. Dr Ravi Prabhat conducted the proceedings. Dean Students Welfare Prof Sapna Garg and Director Youth Welfare Dr Pratap Rathie supported the organization.

Minister inaugurates international conference:

Mr Dhanda later inaugurated a three-day international conference on "Global Advances in Statistical Modeling, Optimization Techniques and Data Sciences" organized by MDU's Statistics Department in collaboration with the Indian Association of Reliability and Statistics (IARS).

Speaking on the occasion, he urged researchers and students to develop a strong mathematical foundation, conduct research based on real data, and turn their work into useful solutions for society.

Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. S C Malik, HoD, Statistics and Convener of the international conference, welcomed the guests and highlighted the theme of the conference.

MDU signs MoU with BECIL to set up community radio station

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In a first, Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL) for setting up a community radio station.

Expected to start broadcasting by January 26, 2026, the station will be set up in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. The MoU was signed by Dr Krishan Kant, Registrar, MDU, and Mr Khushvinder Singh, Deputy General Manager, BECIL.

The Vice-Chancellor, Rajbir Singh, stated that the community radio will be the voice of the people, connecting the university with local communities, students, farmers, and citizens. It will serve as a medium for spreading education, awareness, and social change, promoting inclusive communication and empowering people with accurate information.

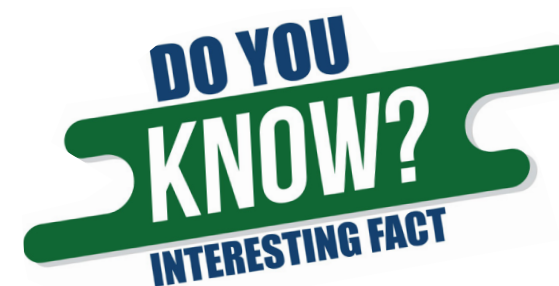
Speaking on the occasion, the Registrar, Dr Krishan Kant, said the collaboration is a significant milestone in the university's innovation and social engagement efforts. The radio station will strengthen the university's community service spirit and provide a platform for rural and semi-urban areas to express themselves.



Dean Academic Affairs Prof S.C. Malik noted that the community radio will be an academic and practical achievement, providing students with hands-on experience in media production, broadcasting, and mass communication.

Department Head Prof Randeep Rana described it as a new chapter in the university's communication education, offering students a real platform to learn and create.

Deputy Director Public Relations, Dr Naveen Kumar, expressed his gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and the university administration, stating that the community radio will be a "meaningful dialogue medium" between the university and the society.



MDU has a Next Gen Genome Sequencing Laboratory

An advanced Next Gen Genome Sequencing Laboratory has been functional in Maharshi Dayanand University since October 11, 2021. This advanced laboratory, unique in its application, was set up by PATH organisation with financial support of the Rockefeller Foundation.

This modern laboratory facilitates exploration of viral, microbial, animal, plant and environmental genomes, and applications of genomic sequencing in multiple fields.

The application of genome sequencing is done both for DNA as well as RNA. It has utility in viral genomics, microbial genomics, disease diagnostics, forensic genomics, environmental genomics, human genome sequencing, gene expression proficiency and evolutionary phylogenetics etc.

Notably, this advanced laboratory conducted genome sequencing during the challenging COVID-19 times. The World Health Organization (WHO), in its global report, lauded the pioneering work done by the laboratory during the COVID phase.

This laboratory was set up in MDU's Arya Bhatt Central Instrumentation Laboratory (CIL) at the cost of Rs 1.2 crore. The expenses were borne by the Rockefeller Foundation.



Our distinguished alumni

Somesh Goyal
IPS

Mr Somesh Goyal, a distinguished police officer (Indian Police Service of 1984 batch) has been an alumnus of Dept. of English, Maharshi Dayanand University, where he did his post-graduation during 1979-81. He later did Bachelor's in Journalism & Mass Communication from the Dept. of Journalism & Mass Communication in 1981-82. Notably, he worked as cub reporter with The Tribune and The Indian Express and was associated with All India Radio, Rohtak.



Somesh Goyal superannuated as Director General of Police (Himachal Pradesh). He has been awarded President's Police Medal for distinguished services, Kathin Sewa Medal and Police Medal for Meritorious Service. He also worked with the Border Security Force (BSF) and Sashatra Seema Bal (SSB) on deputation. As a progressive police officer, Somesh Goyal introduced several reformist measures in his department.

An avid photographer, he organised solo exhibitions of his photographs in prestigious art galleries. His articles on travel, wildlife, and strategic issues have been published in leading publications. Presently, he edits an online magazine Saviours.

As Author, Somesh Goyal has published ten books, including coffee table books.



Views & Suggestions

MDU Mirror fills one with pride and motivation



I find in the MDU Mirror newsletter an excellent platform that keeps us connected to our university's achievements and progress. Reading the August-September 2025 issue filled me with pride and motivation. What truly stands out is MDU's growing global recognition. The inclusion of 22 researchers in Stanford's list of top 2% scientists is a proud moment for all of us. It demonstrates that our university is creating a strong research ecosystem where scholars can excel and contribute to international knowledge. This achievement motivates me to work harder on my own research.

I particularly appreciate the way the newsletter highlights MDU's balanced approach, excelling in academics while staying committed to social causes. Initiatives like the "Nasha Mukh Ghar Abhiyan," the Industry-Academia Meet, and environmental campaigns show that our university cares about society's wellbeing while pursuing academic excellence. The visit by NITI Aayog team and recognition of our start-up initiatives prove that MDU is fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

Overall, MDU Mirror successfully connects the entire university family and makes us feel proud to be part of this great institution. It motivates us to work hard and contribute meaningfully to university's growing legacy.

Pooja Yadav,
Research Scholar, Centre for Bioinformatics

A bridge that connects all stakeholders

MDU Mirror effectively serves both as a chronicle of achievements as well as bridge connecting the diverse stakeholders in the academic community. The lead story on Stanford's prestigious recognition of twenty-two MDU researchers as among the top 2% global scientists serves as a powerful testament to the institution's research excellence. The editorial balance struck among various content categories, including administrative meetings, academic programmes, and sporting achievements, is particularly noteworthy. This variety ensures that readers from diverse groups-faculty, students, administrators, and external stakeholders-find the content both relevant and engaging.

For the upcoming issue, I suggest we should introduce a dedicated "student voice" section that addresses relevant educational policies or contemporary issues. Overall, MDU Mirror remains an exemplary institutional publication, effectively communicating the university's multifaceted achievements.

Ashish Kumar,
Research Scholar, Department
of Library and Information
Science

Offers comprehensive overview of initiatives

MDU Mirror is an impressive and comprehensive publication that effectively showcases the university's achievements, initiatives and vibrant campus life. The newsletter encompasses a broad range of topics, from academic achievements to social initiatives, offering a comprehensive overview of the university's activities. The newsletter covers various aspects of university life, including academic achievements, research initiatives, and social programmes.

What's more, the publication lends voice to students through sections like 'Views and Suggestions', fostering a sense of inclusivity and engagement. The well-designed layout and use of vibrant photographs enhance the overall readability and engagement of the newsletter. Sections like 'Meet Your Alumni' help build a strong alumni network and inspire the students.

As a research scholar, I particularly appreciate the coverage of 22 scientists from MDU figuring in the list of top 2% global scientists and the university joining hands with industry to transform Rohtak city. MDU Mirror serves as an excellent platform for showcasing the university's achievements, fostering a sense of community, and keeping all stakeholders informed about the exciting developments happening in different departments and centres. It truly reflects the dynamic spirit of our institution and enhances the sense of pride and belonging in the university community.

Diksha,
Research Scholar, Dept. of Mathematics

Has clean layout and engaging content

The Aug-Sept 2025 issue of MDU Mirror is an inspiring and well-presented publication that effectively captures the university's vibrant academic environment, major events, achievements, research activities, and creative initiatives. Its clean layout, engaging content, and well-organised structure showcase the dynamic efforts of students and the faculty across different departments, highlighting workshops, conferences, cultural programmes, guest lectures, and community outreach.

By emphasising innovation, interdisciplinary learning, and holistic development, the newsletter not only documents MDU's progress but also motivates students like me to participate actively and feel proud to be part of the university's continuous growth and excellence.

Prince Rohilla
MFA Final Year, Department of Visual Arts

Insightful content and engaging layout impress

Please accept our warmest congratulations on the successful launch of MDU Mirror, the official newsletter of MDU. This timely initiative reflects the dedication and vision of your Public Relations team and promises to enrich the academic and professional community associated with MDU.

MDU Mirror's insightful content, engaging layout, and timely delivery stand as a testament to your hard work and collaborative spirit. Sharing your efforts with peer institutions not only showcases MDU's commitment to excellence but also fosters a spirit of mutual support and innovation across the higher-education landscape.

I wish MDU Mirror continued growth, wider readership, and great success in the times ahead. May each issue build upon this strong foundation and further elevate MDU's reputation in scholarly publishing.

Anil Balhara
Director, Public Relation
BPS Women University, Khanpur Kalan, Sonipat

Ably reflects vibrancy on the campus

The August-September 2025 issue of the MDU Newsletter offers an inspiring overview of the university's academic progress, research achievements, and community-focused initiatives. Key highlights include the recognition of 22 MDU researchers among the world's top 2% scientists by Stanford University, the Vice-Chancellor's proactive leadership and impactful campaigns like Nasha Mukh Ghar Abhiyan and Poshan Yukt Anemia Mukh.

The newsletter also showcases strengthened collaborations through the Industry-Academia Meet, NITI Aayog's visit, new partnerships, and teachers' up-skilling programmes.

The vibrancy of the campus is amply reflected in sports events, social drives, and student accomplishments, making the issue a motivating and pride-worthy document for the entire MDU community.

Parul Bansal, Research Scholar (IMSAR)