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The MDU ViceChancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, paid a courtesy call on the Haryana Governor and Chancellor Prof. Asim Kumar Ghosh, at Haryana Raj Bhavan on September 16, 2025.

During the meeting, Prof. Rajbir Singh presented a detailed overview of the university's academic excellence, research advancements, innovations, social initiatives, and future plans. He said that during its Golden Jubilee year, MDU is taking concrete steps to strengthen quality education, research, and student-centric activities in tune with the new National Education Policy.

The VC also apprised the Governor about the university's initiatives, such as the "Nasha Mukta Ghar Abhiyan" (Drug-Free Home Campaign), "Poshan Yukt Anemia Mukta" (Nutrition-Rich Anemia-Free Campaign), and "Yog Yukt Motapaa Mukta Abhiyan" (Yoga-Based Obesity-Free Campaign).

The Governor appreciated the university's efforts in education, research, sports, cultural activities, and social initiatives. He hailed MDU as a vital centre for higher education not only for Haryana but for the entire country.

"I am confident that this institution will reach new heights in academic excellence, research innovation, and social responsibility," Prof. Ghosh said, extending his best wishes to the university family.

Prof. Rajbir Singh expressed his gratitude to the Chancellor for his guidance and inspiration, assuring him that under his able direction, MDU will further strengthen its national and international presence.

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– Abigail Adams

MDU makes history again: 22 researchers included in Stanford's list of top 2% scientists

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Maharshi Dayanand University has once again made a mark globally. In its prestigious list released by Stanford University, USA, and published in Elsevier BV, 15 faculty members and seven students from MDU have been recognized among the world's top 2% scientists. This list was released on September 19, 2025.

This achievement is a testament to MDU's growing reputation in research and innovation. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh while congratulating the university family on this success, stated that MDU's research ecosystem is continuously strengthening and gaining international recognition. He emphasized the university's focus on quality research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and global standards.

The Registrar, Dr. K.K. Gupta, and Dean of Academic Affairs, Prof. S.C. Malik, also extended their congratulations to the faculty members and students on this glorious moment.

This year, four faculty members have been recognized both for their career long research contributions and their exceptional output in 2024 - Prof. C.S. Pundir (Biochemistry, retired), Prof. Narasimhan B. (Pharmaceutical Sciences), Dr. Sarvjeet Singh Gill (Biotechnology), and Dr. Bijender Singh (Microbiology), and 7 students have been included for their notable research work in 2024.

The recognized faculty members include Prof. Jaya Prakash Yadav (Genetics), Prof. Naveen Kumar (Chemistry), Dr. Vineet Kumar Singla (UIET), Prof. Krishna Kant Sharma (Microbiology), Prof. Devender Singh (Chemistry), Prof. Harish Dureja (Pharmaceutical Science), Prof. Ramphul Ohlan (IMSAR), Prof. Rajesh Punia (Physics), Dr. Deepak Chhabra (UIET), Dr. Anil Ohlan (Physics), Prof. Nar Singh Chauhan (Biochemistry). The students who received this honor include Priyanka, Anju Hooda, Kapisha Nehra, Anuj Dalal, Isha Gupta, Vikas Kumar and Mukesh Suresh Yogendra Kumar.

Stanford's database evaluates the world's top 100,000 scientists or top 2% category researchers based on citation index, H-index, co-authorship indicators, and composite score (C-score). MDU's research achievements have also been appreciated in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). Despite the fact that about 90 faculty members retired in the last six years, MDU has shown significant growth in both quantitative and qualitative research standards.

The university leadership believes that timely faculty appointments will enable MDU to become a pride not only for Haryana but for the country as well. MDU's continuous progress is evident, with the number of researchers increasing from 14 in 2023 to 19 in 2024 and 22 in 2025, further strengthening its position on the global research map.

Panwar hails MDU's Nasha Mukht Ghar Abhiyan

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Haryana's Development and Panchayats, Mining, and Geology Minister, Mr. Krishna Lal Panwar, has hailed MDU's various achievements, especially the "Nasha Mukht Ghar Abhiyan" (Drug-Free Home Campaign), calling it a unique and commendable Seven-day up-skilling programme for teachers initiative. "This campaign would serve as a source of inspiration not only for Haryana but also for the educational institutions across the country. Engaging the students in social causes would help promote harmony and accelerate development", he said. Mr Panwar was speaking after he was accorded a warm welcome when he paid a formal visit to MDU. He was warmly welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, with a bouquet of flowers. Senior university officials and faculty members were also present to greet the minister.

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, Mr Panwar congratulated all MDU teachers, calling them "nation-builders." He emphasized that teachers shape future generations and give direction to the nation. He praised their invaluable contribution in every sphere of society.

The VC briefed the minister on MDU's development journey and various social initiatives. He highlighted the university's commitment towards fulfilling its social responsibilities alongside providing quality education.

He also shared details about MDU's research, academic, and sports achievements, as well as its social initiatives. Prof Rajbir Singh announced that a grand programme would be organized in October-November under the Nasha Mukht Ghar Abhiyan, with the Chief Minister, Mr Nayab Singh Saini, as the Chief Guest. He expressed the confidence that this event would bring new energy and direction to the cause of drug-free society in the state.

The occasion was attended by Director Public Relations, Prof. Ashish Dahiya, Director Centre for Disability Studies, Prof. Pratima Devi, PRO Pankaj Nain, Professor of Practice Sunil Jaglan, and other faculty members and officials.

NITI Aayog team commends bid to promote innovation

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A high-level team from NITI Aayog has lauded MDU's start-up policy and other inclusive initiatives, especially the nationally acclaimed start-up "Dafeteria - The Inclusive Food Truck."

The team visited the campus as a part of its national study on research, innovation, and entrepreneurship in state universities. The team, comprising Ms. Pratibha, Mr. Nikhil, and Mr. Bhival, engaged in rounds of in-depth discussions with MDU students, researchers, faculty members, start-up founders, industry representatives, and other stakeholders.

Ms. Pratibha, leader of the NITI Aayog team, praised MDU's start-up policy and inclusive initiatives. She particularly appreciated the nationally acclaimed start-up "Dafeteria - The Inclusive Food Truck," and hailed it as an excellent example of empowering differently-abled individuals. The team also commended the university's ice cream venture.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. S.C. Malik, and Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant welcomed the NITI Aayog team with bouquets of flowers at the VC's office.



Speaking on the occasion, Prof Rajbir Singh said MDU is committed to promoting research and innovation, aiming to empower the students to become job creators, rather than just job seekers. He hoped that NITI Aayog's study would not only highlight MDU's achievements nationally but also serve as an inspiration for other universities.

The VC highlighted that the university has empowered students to turn their ideas into reality through its start-up policy and innovation-friendly environment. Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. S.C. Malik, and Registrar, Dr. Krishan Kant also welcomed the team, stating that under the VC's leadership, MDU is working towards making education practical and useful in real life.

MDU, industry join hands to transform Rohtak city



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Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has added another first to its bulging kitty of first-time firsts. The campus witnessed the first-ever Industry-Academia Meet, organized with the avowed objective of building a strong bridge between education and industry, and making higher education employment-oriented, innovation-driven, and socially relevant. The meet, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, attracted participation from prominent industrialists, start-up founders, faculty members, and senior officials from Rohtak.

Encouragingly, the participants took a pledge to work together to transform Rohtak into a clean and model city, similar to Indore, during the MDU's Golden Jubilee Year. It was also decided that industry and the university would collaborate to create new opportunities in education and employment, while accelerating initiatives related to the city's cleanliness, drug-free campaigns, and environmental protection.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor emphasised that MDU is committed not only to academic excellence but also to working with industry and society to make Rohtak clean, green, and drug-free, and education job-oriented.

Rajesh Jain, Managing Director, LPS Bossard, stated that the collaboration between MDU and industry would give Rohtak a new identity and that they would provide all possible support to promote education, cleanliness, and greenery.

Rajendra Bansal of Rohit Steel and Nikhar Chemicals Pvt. Ltd, highlighted

that cleanliness and environmental protection are collective responsibilities. If industry engages with youth, skill development and social campaigns,

Rohtak would become a model example for the entire country. The meet featured industrialists and young entrepreneurs from various sectors, including steel, textiles, healthcare, technology, entertainment, and services. They shared their experiences and highlighted the changing needs of the industry, emphasizing the importance of equipping future generations with skills, innovation, and practical knowledge.

The MDU administration clarified that this initiative goes beyond placements,



focusing on long-term partnerships, joint research, innovation promotion, and shared social responsibilities. The university officials stated that MDU is committed to strengthening industry-academia relations in line with the recent guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC), which emphasize industry-university collaboration in research, skill development, innovation, and community upliftment.

The key discussion points included increasing internship and apprenticeship opportunities, promoting joint research projects, modernizing laboratories, providing scholarships and fellowships, supporting start-up incubation and entrepreneurship, and organizing joint workshops and community programmes. Industry representatives also expressed willingness to collaborate under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for student development, cultural promotion, and creating a clean and green campus.

The university announced several concrete steps, including establishing a Industry Relations Cell on the campus to facilitate continuous dialogue and project monitoring. It has also been planned to set up University Relations Cell in industries to maintain coordination between both parties. Additionally, a suggestion was made to celebrate an annual University-Industry Day to showcase shared achievements and research outcomes.

The industry leaders who praised MDU's initiative included Manmohan Goyal, Rajesh Jain, Rajendra Bansal, Jasmere Lather, Arvind, Anshul Ruhil, Ajay Sangwan, Sarita of Mashu Brakes Pvt. Ltd.,

Suresh Gupta, Chandra Garg, Satwant Hooda, Rajesh Khera, Ankur Batra, Naresh Kumar Jain, Sandeep, Paras Ahuja, and Harsh Jain.

The meet marked a significant step towards establishing Rohtak as a hub of academia-industry collaboration, benefiting the students, society, and industry through new ideas, research, and innovation. IQAC Director

Prof. B. Narasimhan, coordinated the meet and expressed his gratitude to the participants. Besides the VC, the event was attended by MDU's Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. S.C. Malik, Vice-Chancellor's Advisor, Prof. A.K. Rajan, Deans, Directors, faculty members and other officials.

58 units collected at blood donation camp



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Maharshi Dayanand University's Youth Red Cross, in collaboration with Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Arya Nagar Meditation Centre, Rohtak, organized a blood donation camp at the YRC office in the Mechanical Engineering Block, UIET, where a total of 58 units of blood were collected.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, who presided over the event, emphasizing that blood donation is the greatest humanitarian act that saves lives and spreads the message of compassion and sensitivity in society. Renowned industrialist Rajesh Jain, Chief Guest, highlighted the life-saving importance of blood donation in emergencies like accidents and natural disasters.

Swami Kapil Puri Ji Maharaj (Gokarn Teerth Dham), who was the Guest of honour, stressed the need for regular blood donation for patients suffering from thalassemia and sickle cell anemia. LPS Bosard Pvt. Ltd., Rohtak, provided special support for the camp and distributed helmets to all blood donors, promoting the causes of blood donation and road safety.

The medical team from World Medical College of Sciences and Research and Hospitals, Jhajjar, managed the camp. The event was attended by YRC Programme Coordinator Prof. Anju Dhiman, Chief Consultant University Outreach Prof. Rajkumar, Jat Shikshan Samiti's President Gulab Dimana, retired CMO Dr. S.N. Chugh, UIET Director Dr. Ashwini Dhingra, other faculty members and YRC volunteers.

Brahmkumari Uma Didi and other members of the Brahma Kumari organisation also helped in making the camp a success.

Set clear goals in life and strive to achieve them, Manohar tells students

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The Union Cabinet Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs; and Minister of Power Mr Manohar Lal, has asked the students to set clear goals in life and strive to achieve them, and follow the ideals of Maharshi Dayanand who emphasised the pursuit of truth and knowledge.

He was speaking on the concluding day of the Diksharambh Utsav ceremony held at Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) to induct new students. The Minister lauded the initiatives taken by the MDU under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh.

Besides the VC, Dr. Sharanjeet Kaur, Chairperson of the Indian Rehabilitation Council, Prof. S.C. Malik, Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Krishan Kant Registrar, Prof. Sapna Garg, Dean Student Welfare, along with other Deans, Heads of Departments, students, and distinguished guests, were present on the occasion.

The Minister encouraged the students to connect with values, culture, and social responsibility, highlighting their significance in life. Praising the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi's initiatives, such as "One Tree for Mother" and "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao," he urged the youth to actively engage in social responsibilities and commended MDU's initiatives for social upliftment, describing them as inspiring.

Referring to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Mr Manohar Lal noted its focus on nationalism, practical knowledge, and social responsibility. Sharing his life's experiences, he underscored the role of education and teachers and appealed to the alumni to contribute to their alma mater's development.

The Minister lauded VC Prof. Rajbir Singh for his lifelong



commitment to creating a drug-free society and wished him success in this endeavor. He also praised Prof. Sunil Jaglan, Professor of Practice at MDU, for his social service and MDU alumnus Neeraj Sehgal for developing a free app for the university. He launched MDU's Community Service and Outreach App, designed to engage students in social activities. Through this app, students can register for community service and participate in such initiatives as the National Service Scheme, Youth Red Cross, and University Outreach. MDU alumnus Neeraj Sehgal developed this app free of cost.

Later, the Minister inaugurated MDU's Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Skill-Based Incentive Scheme for Students, aimed at empowering students through skill development. He described this initiative as crucial for the "Viksit Bharat" mission, emphasizing its potential to enhance students' holistic skills and financial empowerment.

Mr Manohar Lal also honoured the heads of drug-free homes in villages adopted by MDU under the "Nasha Mukht Ghar" campaign. A 90-year-old resident, Deep Chand, was particularly moved while expressing his gratitude for the recognition and lauded MDU's initiative. The heads of drug-free homes from various villages were awarded nameplates, symbolizing their commitment to a drug-free society.



Journalism is a challenging profession: Expert

MDU Mirror Bureau

Continuous learning and writing practice are essential for the students of journalism and mass communication. These insights were shared by renowned journalist and former editor, Parveen K. Modi, who was the chief speaker at a Media Skills and Capacity Building Workshop organized by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Maharshi Dayanand University.

Mr Modi delivered a special lecture on "Future Roadmap for Aspiring Journalists." Drawing on his vast experience, spanning several decades in reporting, editing and newspaper production, he emphasised the importance of mastering language skills, including grammar, and advised the students to engage in additional reading. He also stressed the need for in-depth research in reporting.

Prof. Randeep Rana, Chairperson of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, highlighted the significance of such programmes in developing students' skills and knowledge. He assured the students that the department would continue to organize similar initiatives to provide practical insights into journalism.

Assistant Professor Dr. Naveen Kumar welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of media skills for success in the field. The workshop was moderated by Assistant Professor Sunit Mukherjee, who introduced the guest speaker and encouraged students to focus on career planning and preparation.

The workshop was attended by students from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, MDU, and L.N. Hindu College, Rohtak. Faculty members Dr. Sumit Sahrawat and Dr. Sandeep Kumar from LN Hindu College were also present.



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30 teams from Gulf countries take part in CBSE Swimming Championship

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The CBSE National Swimming Championship, hosted by Maharshi Dayanand University's University Campus School, concluded with great enthusiasm and dignity. The five-day sports extravaganza, held from September 17 to 21, 2025, attracted participation by about 700 swimmers from 300 teams across nine zones from India and abroad.

The event gained international prominence with 30 teams from the Gulf countries, featuring 90 athletes, participating.

A total of 60 competitions were held across four age categories—Under-11, Under-14, Under-17, and Under-19. The athletes' technique, focus, and determination impressed the audience in every match.

At the closing ceremony, Prof. S.C. Malik, Dean of Academic Affairs, was the Chief Guest. He congratulated the winners by felicitating them with medals, emphasizing that sports teach discipline, confidence, and resilience. He praised swimming as an exemplary sport that embodies patience and courage.

The Director of University Campus School, Prof. Sunita Saini, presided over the ceremony, expressing pride in hosting national and international talents. The

Organizing Secretary, Mr Manoj Hooda, attributed the success of the event to teamwork and the athletes' hard work, calling it a moment of pride for the university and the state.

The top institutions in the championship were Jain Heritage School, Kempapura, with 82 points, followed jointly by Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, and DPS North Bangalore, with 66-68 points.



CM honours MDU coach for outstanding contributions

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Dr. Ramesh Sindhu, Athletics Coach at Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), has been honoured by the Chief Minister, Mr Nayab Singh Saini, for his exceptional contributions to athletics at a grand felicitation ceremony held recently in Panchkula. Mr Saini presented Dr. Sindhu with a check of ₹15 lakh.

This accolade is not only a personal achievement for Dr. Sindhu but also a proud moment for MDU's sports department. He has been training university athletes to excel at the national and international levels for a long time. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant, and Director of Sports, Dr. Shakuntala Beniwal, congratulated Dr. Sindhu on his achievement and wished him a bright future.

The university administration described this honour as an inspiration for young athletes. Dr. Sindhu dedicated this recognition to his team and the university family, stating that it will motivate him to perform even better in the future.



NEP provisions for distance and online education implemented



From the academic session 2025-26, the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) has implemented provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in all its programmes offered through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) as well as through Online Learning (OL) modes.

The scheme and syllabi of the programmes offered by CDOE are aligned with those of conventional, on-campus programmes. Currently, the Centre offers:

- ▶ 11 postgraduate programmes through the ODL mode 7 postgraduate programmes through the OL mode For undergraduate learners, CDOE provides the flexibility to choose from eight subjects available in both ODL and OL modes. Skill Enhancement courses have been introduced for both PG & UG programmes. Additionally, from the current academic session, CDOE has introduced:
- ▶ A Certificate Course in Food Truck Operation, offered through both ODL and OL modes.
- ▶ A Certificate Course in Professional Skills, offered through the Online Learning mode All programmes offered by the Centre are duly approved by the Distance Education Bureau (DEB) of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India.

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Seven-day up-skilling programme for teachers

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With a view to familiarising teachers with new technologies, digital resources, and innovative teaching methods, Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) launched a seven-day up-skilling programme under the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre. Titled "Leveraging Technology for Effective Teaching-Learning in the Modern Era in Light of NEP-2020," the programme was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, who was the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Singh said that technology is the key to progress in the rapidly evolving education sector. Highlighting the challenges of access, equity, and quality in higher education, he stressed the fact that technology can effectively address these issues. Prof. Singh urged teachers to use multimedia

tools, smart classrooms, and digital platforms to make teaching more engaging and effective.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 places special emphasis on integrating technology in education to provide students with globally competitive learning experiences, Prof Singh said. He congratulated the UGC-MMTTC for this initiative and wished the programme success.

Prof. Rajiv Kumar, Dean of the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, who was a special guest, highlighted the benefits of the training programme for teachers. Teaching today goes beyond imparting knowledge and involves guiding students in innovation, analysis, and practical understanding, where technology plays a crucial role, he added.

Prof. Munish Garg, Director of the UGC-MMTTC, elaborated on the programme's content and training modules, which included digital tools, hybrid teaching models, e-learning resources, AI-based learning platforms, and multimedia teaching techniques. The programme is being conducted in hybrid mode to ensure maximum participation from both online and offline participants.

The event was attended by Deans of various faculties, including Prof. Randeep Rana, Prof. Meenakshi Vashisth, Prof. Rajpal Singh, and Prof. Jitender Dhull, along with other faculty members and participating teachers. Dr. Sunil Devi conducted the programme and Dr. Madhuri Hooda coordinated the event.

Three sisters who shone in World University Games call on VC

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Three sisters—Priya Yadav, Geeta Yadav, and Ritu Yadav—who brought glory to MDU, the state and the country with their outstanding performance in taekwondo at the World University Games 2025, met the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh. The meeting was attended by Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant

The three international athletes are students of Maharani Kishori Women's College, Rohtak. They discussed important issues related to their academics and cash prize incentives with the VC, and pointed out that due to their participation in the international competition, they were unable to take the exams, which might affect their academic progress.

They requested an additional opportunity to take the exams to avoid any adverse impact on their academic session and sought help in getting the cash prize money awarded by MDU for their excellent performance in the sports competition.

Prof. Rajbir Singh said it was a moment of pride to meet the three talented sisters. He assured them that the university would take positive steps in their favour as MDU is committed to encouraging sports and athletes at every level. The VC assured the athletes that their academic issues would be resolved soon and that the university would ensure no athlete falls behind academically due to sports commitments.

Prof. Singh announced that the university would soon hold a ceremony to honour the athletes, where cash prizes would be awarded to those who excelled in sports.



He mentioned that the university administration had already formulated several schemes to support athletes, including a provision for incentive prize of up to ₹1.50 lakh for the athletes participating in national and international competitions.

The Registrar, Dr. Krishan Kant congratulated the athletes and wished them a bright future, highlighting the university's efforts to provide a conducive environment, sports facilities, and resources for athletes.

The father of the athletes, Jitendra Singh Yadav, expressed gratitude to the MDU administration and the VC for their support.

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Cycle rally marks National Sports Day celebrations

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The three-day National Sports Day celebrations, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Department of Physical Education at Maharshi Dayanand University, concluded with a cycle rally organised to promote a healthy lifestyle and environmental conservation. The rally was attended by Prof. S.C. Malik, Dean Academic Affairs, who encouraged the participants as the Chief Guest.

Prof. Malik emphasised that such activities not only keep the youth physically active but also raise awareness about environmental protection. The rally was led by Dr. Shakuntala Beniwal, Director of Sports, and Prof. Bhagat Singh Rath, Head of the Department of Physical Education.

Faculty members, sports coaches, and a large number of students participated in the event. The cyclists traversed the campus and the surrounding areas, delivering a strong and conscious message to society about the importance of health and environmental protection.

The event turned out to be a fitting finale to the National Sports Day celebrations, highlighting the university's commitment to promoting fitness and sustainability.

Drive to make campus greener

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Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) hosted a tree plantation programme in its campus, emphasizing the importance of greenery and environmental sustainability. Renowned industrialist Rajender Bansal and MDU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh planted Kesar mango saplings during the event.

Prof. Rajbir Singh highlighted the significance of tree plantation, stating that it is not just a means of environmental protection but also a foundation for sustainable energy and human health. He urged everyone to plant at least one tree and make caring for it a lifelong commitment. The Vice-Chancellor added that MDU is continuously working towards making its campus green and eco-friendly through well-planned initiatives.

Industrialist Rajender Bansal emphasized that tree plantation is a critical need of the hour, as trees provide not only oxygen but also ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. He praised MDU's initiative and stressed the importance of collaboration between industry and academia to create a greener and safer future for society.

The programme was coordinated by Director of Horticulture Prof. Deepak Kaushik and Director of Campus Forestry and Plantation Prof. Surendra Yadav. They informed that MDU is undertaking tree plantation on a mission mode, with efforts being made to cover every part of the campus with greenery.

The event was attended by faculty members, horticulture supervisors, and staff, who all pledged to care for the plants and make environmental protection a part of their lives.

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10-Day Research Methodology Course launched

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Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has initiated a 10-day Research Methodology Course to familiarize researchers with the latest techniques and methods in research. The course, organized under the aegis of the Ch. Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), began at Swaraj Sadan.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. B.S. Ghumman, a renowned academician and former Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala, as the Chief Guest.

MDU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh presided over the inaugural session, while

Prof. Dhyanchand and Dean of Research and Development, Prof. Harish Dureja, were distinguished guests.

In his address, Prof. Ghumman highlighted the pivotal role of research in society and nation-building, urging young researchers to focus on solving pressing social issues rather than merely pursuing degrees. He emphasized that research must bring about practical changes in life to be meaningful.

Prof. Rajbir Singh noted that MDU is committed to promoting quality research and that such courses not only introduce researchers to new methodologies but also foster a scientific approach. He stressed the importance of honesty, patience, and originality in research.

Dean of Research and Development, Prof. Harish Dureja, mentioned that participants would gain in-depth knowledge of research methodology through direct interaction with renowned experts. The course would be a significant academic experience and a milestone in shaping the careers of researchers.

The course director, Prof. Sandeep Malik, outlined the detailed framework of the programme, which would cover key aspects such as research design, data collection, statistical techniques, research ethics, and report writing. Assistant Director and Course Coordinator, Dr. Rajesh Kundoo, expressed gratitude to the guests, participants, and collaborating institutions.

The 10-day workshop includes 30 participants from various institutions across the country.



Tiranga Yatra concludes with grand ceremony

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Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) hosted the grand concluding ceremony of the Tiranga Yatra 2025 in the FDC auditorium. The yatra, which began from MDU's Swaraj Sadan campus, proved historic in spreading the message of patriotism from Haryana to Kashmir. A total of 111 girls from the region participated in this special journey, setting an inspiring example in national pride.



The concluding ceremony, organized by the Student Welfare Department and Media Students Organization, was attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, as the Chief Guest, and Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant as the Guest of Honour.

Prof. Rajbir Singh described the yatra as historic, highlighting that the brave daughters of Haryana had brought honour to the state and the country with their courage and patriotism. The yatra sent a strong message about the importance of youth, especially girls, in strengthening national unity and integrity through their commitment to patriotism.

The VC praised the Media Students Organization for choosing MDU as the starting point for the yatra, noting that it reflected the university's national role and social responsibility. During the ceremony, participant students who excelled during the yatra were honoured by Prof. Rajbir Singh and Dr. Krishan Kant. The souvenir of the Tiranga Yatra 2025 was also released on this occasion.

Additionally, NCC officer Colonel Sukhbir Singh and Subedar Bijender were honoured by the VC. The coordinators of the yatra, including Mr Narendra Kumar, shared details of the journey, while participants Ms Shashi Yadav and Ms Divya expressed their experiences, calling it an unforgettable journey.

The event was coordinated by Dean of Student Welfare, Prof Sapna Garg, with Deputy DSW, Prof Sonu, providing support. Director Youth Welfare Dr. Pratap Rath oversaw the programme. The ceremony was attended by faculty members, NCC officials, and student participants.



World Suicide Prevention Day observed

MDU Mirror Bureau

The Department of Psychology at Maharshi Dayanand University organized a youth awareness workshop on the theme "Be a Warrior, Not a Worrier" to observe World Suicide Prevention Day. Dr. Sharanjeet Kaur, Chairperson of the Indian Rehabilitation Council, emphasized that while suicide is often driven by social and psychological factors, family support, self-confidence, and inner strength serve as the greatest shields against life's challenges.

She added that taking responsibility for oneself and adopting a positive outlook are the foundations of true progress in human life. Prof. Anjali Malik, Head of the Department of Psychology and Director of the workshop, delivered the welcome address, while Prof. Shalini Singh, Convener of the workshop, provided insights into the theme's background and objectives.

Renowned psychiatrist Dr. Harish Vashisth highlighted the risk factors

associated with suicide and suggested measures for prevention, emphasizing the crucial role of parents and psycho-education. Prof. Radheshyam, Chief Advisor at CDS, discussed the prevalence of suicide across different societal segments and advised adopting the "Three Cs"—Commitment, Control, and Challenge—to face difficult situations and avoid suicidal tendencies.

The programme was moderated by research scholars Varsha, Khushboo, and Manasi, with Dr. Shashi Rashmi coordinating the workshop. Over 200 students participated in the event, where experts shared useful strategies for suicide prevention and encouraged youth to prioritize mental health awareness.

The event was attended by faculty members, research scholars, and students, including Prof. Ashish Dahiya, Prof. Deepthi Hooda, Prof. Pratima Devi, Dr. Pratap, and Dr. Promila.

Lecture on geospatial tech and resource management a draw

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The Department of Geography at Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, organized an extension lecture with Prof. B.S. Choudhary, Chairman of the Department of Geophysics, Kurukshetra University, as the chief speaker. The lecture focused on "Geospatial Technology and Resource Management."

Prof. Choudhary was welcomed with a bouquet of flowers by Senior Professor Pramod Kumar, Head of the Department, and other faculty members. In his lecture, Prof. Choudhary provided an in-depth overview of geospatial technology and its applications in resource management. He highlighted its global and Indian perspectives, emphasising the utility in areas such as effective resource management, urban planning, agriculture, water conservation, and disaster management.

A large number of research scholars and M.A. students from the department attended the lecture. Senior Professor Binu Sangwan



expressed his gratitude to the guest speaker. In response to the students' request, Department Head Prof. Pramod Kumar, assured that similar academic programmes would be organized in the future.

The event was also attended by Prof. Sachinder Singh, Prof. Renu Arya, and Dr. Pradeep Kumar.

DO YOU KNOW? INTERESTING FACT

Eminent personalities have been conferred Honorary Degrees in various university convocations of MDU, acknowledging their sterling contribution in their respective fields. These include;

1. Dr. B. D. Sharma, Governor, Orissa:

First Convocation 27 Nov 1978

2. Sh. Natwar Singh, Foreign Secretary, Govt. of India :

Fourth Convocation 10 March 1984

3. Sh. Shiv Dass, Noted Scholar:

Fifth Convocation 5 April 1989

4. Justice A. M. Ahmadi (Chief Justice, Supreme Court) and Sh.H. R. Bhardwaj (Union Law & Justice Minister):

Sixth Convocation 26 March 1989

5. Sh. Mahendra Chaudhary, ousted Prime Minister of Fiji:

Eight Convocation 17 August 2000

6. Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Director- General, CSIR (eminent scientist):

Twelfth Convocation 10 April 2005

7. Dr. C. Rangrajan (Noted Economist) and Sh. Khushwant Singh (Famous Author- Journalist):

Thirteenth Convocation 23 March 2006

8. Lord Swraj Paul (Leading Industrialist) and Sh. Bhupinder Singh Hooda (Chief Minister, Haryana):

Fourteenth Convocation 3 April 2007

9. Pandit Jasraj (Noted classical Singer):

Fifteenth Convocation 9 April 2012

10. Justice Permod Kohli:

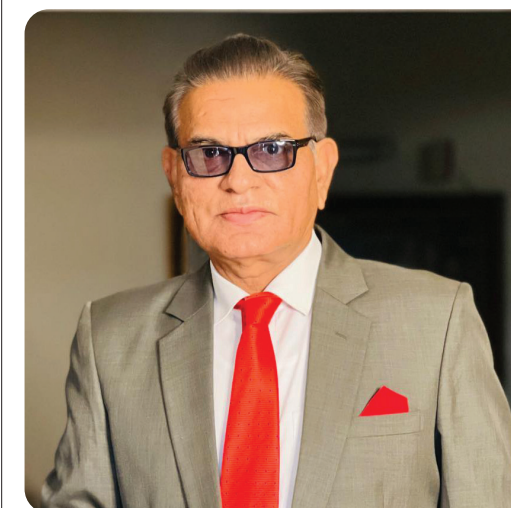
Sixteenth Convocation 23 April 2017 Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) and Prof. B.K. Kuthiala, eminent media academician Vice Chancellor, Makhnallal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism & Communication, Bhopal

11. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India:

Eighteenth Convocation 26 December 2023



Sh. Rajbir Deswal,
IPS (Haryana Cadre)



Sh. Rajbir Deswal, a distinguished Police Officer of Indian Police Service (IPS)- Haryana Cadre, is an Alumnus of Department of English of Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU). He did his post graduation in English in 1978.

A multi-faceted personality, Rajbir Deswal made his mark in policing but also in Journalism & Literature. He served as Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) in Haryana holding several key positions in the police service. He was decorated twice with the prestigious President's Police Medal in 2008 and in 2016 for distinguished services in policing.

Rajbir Deswal has written about two dozen books and over 3500 articles published in leading dailies. He has been awarded Haryana Sahitya Akademi's Pandit Lakhmi Chand Award, Vishesh Sahitya Sevi Award, and Haryana Gaurav Samman Award. He has also been the Managing Editor of the reputed Indian Police Journal. Currently, he practices Law at the Punjab & Haryana High Court.

M. D. University felicitated Sh. Rajbir Deswal, its eminent alumnus, in the year 2012 with Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Notably, his wife Chander Koumudi is also an alumnus of MDU.

VS Views & Suggestions

Very inspiring and informative

As a student, I found the June-July 2025 issue of MDU Mirror very inspiring and informative. It reflects the university's progress and showcases important initiatives in academics, research, social engagement, and collaboration with industry. I especially liked the coverage of student-centric programmes, the Apprenticeship-Embedded BBA Hospitality degree, MoUs with industry partners, and campaigns like "Ek Ped Divyang ke Naam." The design, photographs, and simple language make the newsletter engaging and easy to read.

I would suggest adding a section for students' achievements, brief departmental highlights, and a calendar of upcoming events to encourage more participation. A "Student Spotlight" column would make the newsletter more interesting. Overall, this issue beautifully captures the spirit of MDU in its Golden Jubilee year, and motivates students like me to contribute actively to academics, innovation, and social service.

Naveen, Research Scholar
(Department of Mathematics)



Reflects commitment to excellence

MDU Mirror amply reflects the university's strong commitment to academic excellence and innovation, creating an inspiring environment for research scholars. The institution provides state-of-the-art laboratories, advanced instrumentation facilities, and a well-resourced library which, together, help create a vibrant platform for high-quality research. Scholars are encouraged to explore interdisciplinary areas, collaborate across departments, and contribute to knowledge that addresses real-world challenges.

The university's academic culture which promotes critical inquiry, creativity, and problem-solving, essential for meaningful research outcomes, is well captured by the newsletter. Regular workshops, conferences, and interactive sessions with experts further enrich the research ecosystem by exposing scholars to new ideas and global perspectives. MDU's emphasis on fostering independent thinking and intellectual curiosity makes it an ideal place for pursuing higher studies.

Overall, MDU Mirror holds a mirror to the efforts of the university to equip its research community with the necessary infrastructure and how it nurtures values of integrity, responsibility, and innovation. It continues to inspire scholars like me to work with dedication and contribute to society through impactful research and academic contributions.

Kiran Kangra, Research Scholar
(Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences)

A remarkable initiative

As a proud student of Maharshi Dayanand University, I truly believe that MDU Mirror is a remarkable initiative that captures the essence of our institution in the most inspiring way. It not only reflects the vibrant academic achievements and cultural spirit of our campus but also highlights the countless opportunities, events, and success stories that make MDU such a special place to be in.

Every edition of MDU Mirror brings us closer to the heart of the university by showcasing the dedication of our teachers, the talent of our students, and the progressive vision of our administration. It serves as a bridge that beautifully connects us to every milestone, achievement, and moment of pride, thereby strengthening our sense of belonging and unity within the MDU family. For students like me, it is more than just a newsletter; it is a source of inspiration, motivation, and a reminder of the strong legacy we are a part of.

Poonam, Research Scholar
(Department of Mathematics)

Airs voice of vibrant community

The June-July 2025 issue of MDU Mirror is more than a newsletter. It airs the true voice of a vibrant academic community. What stands out most is the university's focus on holistic education, seen in initiatives like the Community Engagement and Service Course and student skill-incentive schemes, which show how MDU is reshaping learning beyond the classrooms.

The coverage of apprenticeship-based degrees, MoUs with industries, and entrepreneurship programmes highlights innovation, while stories on tree plantation and anti-drug campaigns reflect a genuine social conscience. The design, photographs, and inclusion of student and alumni voices make the newsletter both engaging and relatable. For future issues, a stronger event preview section and more student spotlights could add further value.

Overall, this edition celebrates achievements, builds connection, and strengthens the pride in being a part of the MDU community.

Vibha, Research Scholar
(IMSAR)



Mirrors academic growth, initiatives

The June-July 2025 issue of MDU Mirror is an impressive reflection of the university's academic growth, innovative initiatives, and strong commitment to social responsibility. The detailed coverage of new collaborations, apprenticeship-based programmes and community engagement activities clearly shows how MDU is preparing the students for both life and livelihood.

I particularly enjoyed the inspiring interviews and the way student-centric policies were highlighted with clarity and vision. The design and use of photographs make the newsletter engaging and reader-friendly. For future issues, I would suggest including a regular section on student achievements, upcoming academic and cultural events, and voices from different departments to make it even more relatable for the student community.

Overall, the newsletter is not only informative but also motivating, and it makes me feel proud of being a part of MDU.

Kuldeep, Research Scholar
(Dept. of JMC)