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## Factual Position on the issues being raised regarding Distance and Online Education Programmes in Press and Media

Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, has taken serious note of a news item circulating in a section of the media regarding the status of its Distance and Online Education programmes. In the larger interest of students, parents and stakeholders, the University wishes to place the following facts on record. The University, through its Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), is running all programmes strictly in accordance with the University Grants Commission (UGC) (Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes) Regulations and other applicable norms. The necessary approvals for both Distance and Online Education have been duly obtained from the competent regulatory authorities which is valid for offering the already approved programs till the academic session 2025–26. The Current programs for which the learners have already been enrolled are valid till the students complete these programs. It is pertinent to mention that the UGC-DEB has created the DEB ID also for all the students admitted in 2025-26 session by the CDOE of Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak which also implies the validity of these Programs by the regulatory authority i.e. UGC-DEB.

Students and parents are assured that the interests of learners remain paramount for MDU. All students presently enrolled in Distance and Online Education programmes will continue their studies, examinations and award of degrees as per prevailing regulations and notifications issued by the competent authorities. Stakeholders are advised to rely only on official communications uploaded on the University website and issued through the Office of the Registrar/Director, CDOE, and not to be misled by rumours or half-baked information.

It is unfortunate that certain elements, for reasons best known to them, are attempting to tarnish the image of a leading public university which has been serving the cause of higher education for decades. Maharshi Dayanand University remains firmly committed to providing quality education, maintaining academic standards and upholding the trust reposed in it by society.

As various stakeholders—including thousands of students, their families and the larger academic community—are directly affected by such reports, the University holds our friends from the press and media in high esteem and respectfully urges them to publish any news or content on this matter only after due verification of facts from the University through its official channels. Responsible and fact-based reporting will help avoid unnecessary confusion, protect the interests of learners and further strengthen public faith in institutions of higher education.

The factual position is being issued with the approval of the competent authority.

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