

MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY, ROHTAK

Internal Quality Assurance Cell

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Factual position on the issue being raised regarding NAAC accreditation of MDU in press and media

Maharshi Dayanand University has taken serious note of the news item published in a section of the media regarding the accreditation and ranking status of the University. In the larger interest of our students, parents, alumni and all other stakeholders, we consider it our duty to place the factual position on record in a calm, respectful and transparent manner.

To begin with, it is a matter of pride for all of us that in the latest National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, Maharshi Dayanand University has been ranked 43rd in the State Public University category at the national level. For more than the past five years, MDU is the only state university from Haryana to figure consistently among the top 100 universities in the overall category/ State Public Universities category in India as per the NIRF rankings released by the Ministry of Education. At a time when there are more than 1,100 universities in India, this sustained performance clearly reflects the academic standards, research culture and quality systems of the University. Further, the researchers of MDU find their place in the list of Top 2% Scientists of the world as per the Stanford University, USA for the last five years and in 2025, twenty two researchers of the university are listed amongst Top 2% scientists.

With regard to NAAC grading, all stakeholders are aware that MDU was accredited with NAAC Grade A+ in 2019 for a period of five years. Before the expiry of the validity period of that cycle, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) issued a public notice on 27.01.2024 announcing a new accreditation framework and system, wherein it was mentioned that the new methodology of accreditation would be implemented in the next four months and that no new applications would be accepted as per the present methodology thereafter.

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In view of this development, the University decided to apply under the new methodology of NAAC accreditation and accordingly requested NAAC well before the expiry of the validity of NAAC grade to allow submission of IQA and SSR as per the new guidelines and, till then, to permit continuation of the existing A+ grade and since then, MDU has been in regular touch with NAAC.

NAAC had again in June 2024 indicated that the new accreditation systems would be implemented from the July 2024 (Binary Accreditation) and January 2025 (Maturity-Based Graded Level Accreditation) cycles, but these revised modalities are still in the process of being made fully operational at their end. The University is fully prepared for the next cycle; however, till date, the University is awaiting to apply for assessment and accreditation under new methodology of accreditation which has not yet been launched by the NAAC.

MDU wishes to reassure all its students, parents, alumni, teachers, employees and well-wishers that your University has been a consistent and responsible performer at the national level and will continue to strive for excellence in teaching, research, innovation and community service. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and other statutory bodies of the University are working continuously to strengthen quality benchmarks in line with national policies and regulatory requirements.

At the same time, we respectfully urge our friends in the press and media to kindly exercise due care and verification while publishing news related to such sensitive academic and regulatory matters. In the present age of fast communication, any unverified, partial or motivated information, sometimes circulated by individuals or groups for their vested/politically motivated interests may create bad perception about the institutions and confusion among students and stakeholders.


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