

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

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scientists—made a resounding validation of the research ecosystem on the campus. The issue also chronicled how MDU's leadership is taking concrete initiatives in the Golden Jubilee year to strengthen quality education and student-centric activities, while running meaningful social campaigns like Poshan Yukt Anemia Mukd and Yog Yukt Motapaa Mukd. It also highlighted the words of reassurance and encouragement from the Hon'ble Governor Haryana and Chancellor of MDU, Prof Asim Kumar Ghosh, who expressed confidence in MDU's rise in academic excellence, research innovation, and social responsibility. Then came the October–November issue bringing

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.

together recognition, celebrations, and pride. It carried, among other highlights, the RCI stamp of Centre of Excellence, the colour and energy of UNIFEST 2025, and a strong call to the MDU students to become the agents of social change. It also recorded moments that will stay etched in MDU's collective memory—the historic milestone of alumnus Mr. Justice Surya Kant being sworn in as the Chief Justice of India. The issue meaningfully captured the Chancellor's two-day

visit (27–28 October 2025), which inspired the campus community and affirmed the momentum of MDU's journey.

Now, you have in your hands the December Special issue, the year-ender, which looks at 2025 in retrospect through visuals besides turning the spotlight on some key events on the campus. We, at MDU Mirror, remain committed to translating our resolve to make the product more vibrant, pulsating and participatory, into reality, in 2026. Wishing our readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

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## Initiatives, feats and community outreach mark 2025

By Ashish Dahiya

### The Year That Was

New Year eve is the time for looking over our shoulders, doing stock-taking, listing what all we have achieved; and making a resolve to finish the unfinished agenda.

First, the stock-taking. We can afford to draw a deep breath of satisfaction over the launch of "MDU Mirror", the first-of-its-kind university newsletter in the region, aimed at reflecting "so much life and so much happening" on the campus. And, now the resolve. Bowing to the overwhelming response it has elicited, both on and off the campus, we shall make this widely acclaimed product more vibrant, pulsating and participatory in 2026.

spaces must constantly speak to ambition, clarity and public purpose.

Besides, this issue captured the university's spirit of innovation which had travelled beyond the campus, courtesy Dafeteria, South Asia's first inclusive food truck start-up incubated at MDU's CIIE, with the headline "Dafeteria wins hearts at Rashtrapati Bhavan." It symbolised the truth that MDU's best ideas reflect inclusion, entrepreneurship, and real-world impact. It also underscored the consistency of MDU's direction: student-centricity, social responsibility, research excellence, and an ever-widening public connect—all amplified in the university's Golden Jubilee year.

Bowing to the growing demand, overwhelming response, and a clear message from our readers "Don't make us wait for three months," we decided to elevate "MDU Mirror" to the level of a bi-monthly from a quarterly, and brought out the April–May 2025 issue. Setting the tone for what this product would stand for—public purpose fuelled by campus energy—it carried one of the year's most defining social interventions: MDU's country-first "Nasha Mukd Ghar Abhiyan". Determined to widen the horizon, we also introduced columns like "Meet Your Alumni" and "Do You Know"—small additions but big bridges between generations of the MDU family.

The June–July issue highlighted how the university is aligning policies with NEP 2020, strengthening capacity-building ecosystems, and creating platforms for holistic growth—academic, entrepreneurial, cultural, and athletic. A key milestone featured was the decision to integrate education with social engagement by introducing the 'Community Engagement and Service' courses for UG and PG students—an initiative rooted in the belief that education without social engagement is incomplete. The issue also underlined the university's strong standing in national rankings, including its 35th position in NIRF 2024 among state universities.

The August–September issue made a powerful blend of research and public impact. One of the headlines that captured wide attention—22 MDU researchers featured in Stanford's list of the world's top 2%

**MDU Mirror wishes its readers a happy and prosperous NEW YEAR**



Early 2025—the year marked by initiatives, feats and community outreach—we acknowledged the long-felt need for an in-house publication to mirror the life on MDU campus; serve the students of mass communication a hands-on platform for practical training; and build a shared archive of this great institution that is constantly evolving and scaling new peaks. The acceptance of this need made us do the spadework, put the infrastructure together, and launch the inaugural January–March 2025 issue of "MDU Mirror".

It is gratifying to state that the response to the maiden issue was unexpectedly overwhelming. It was formally launched on 19th April 2025 and visit of Sh. Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Union Minister, whose presence underscored how higher education

## NEW YEAR greetings



I wish the faculty, staff, students and stakeholders of Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) a happy and prosperous New Year. May 2026 see this great institute of learning scale greater heights of academic excellence and research. It gives me great satisfaction to state that MDU has been honoured with NEP Implementation Excellence Awards 2025 in Gold category.

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**Rajbir Singh**  
Vice-Chancellor



I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all members of the MDU family—students, teachers, officers, employees, alumni, and our well-wishers across India and abroad. Let us work together with new zeal in 2026 to take our institution to greater heights.

**Krishan Kant Gupta**  
Registrar

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# 2025 in retrospect: Freeze-frame shots of key events on MDU campus

## Governor comes, tells students to carry forward the legacy

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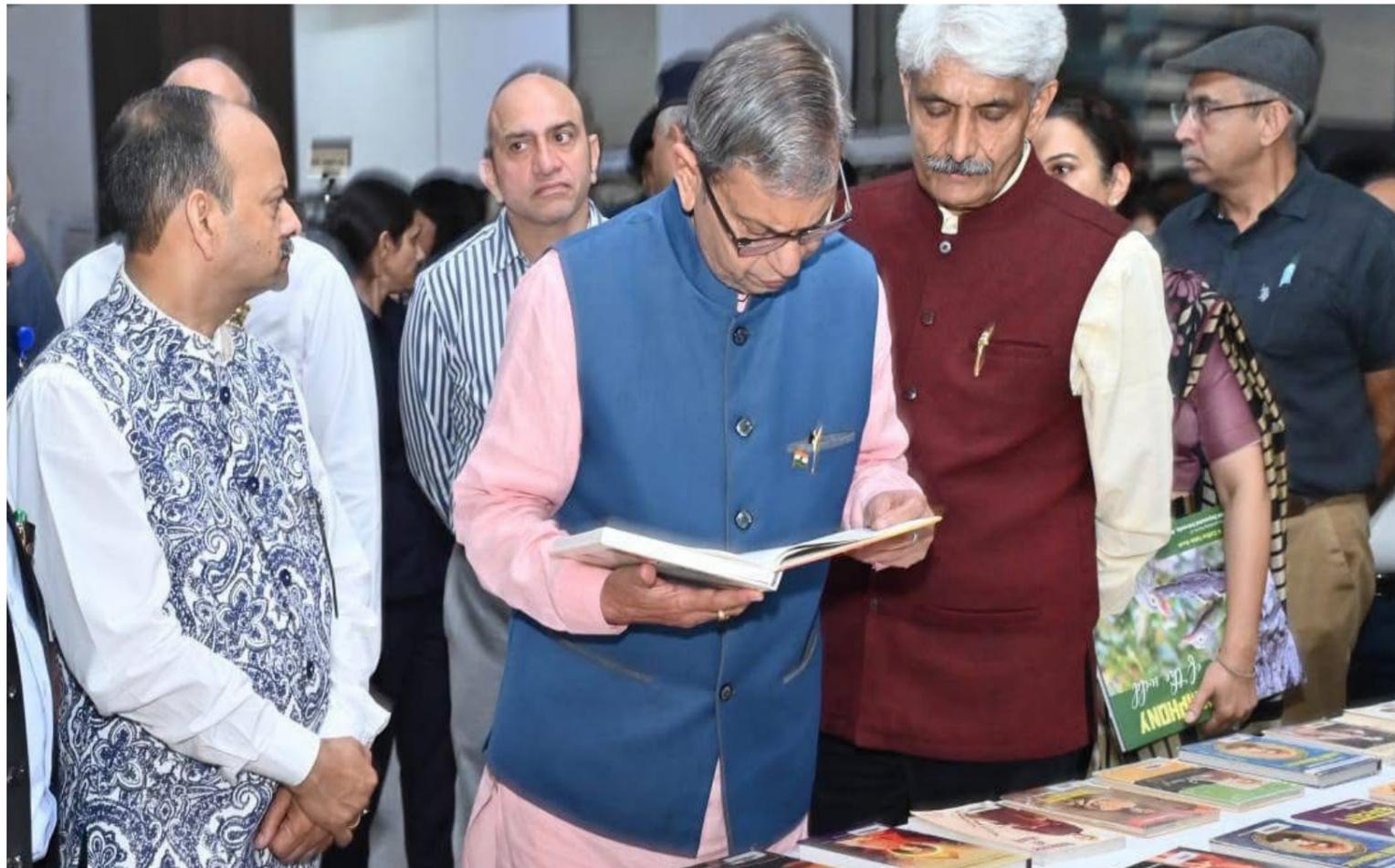
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## 2025 leaves behind a rich legacy for us to build on

It so happened. Before going into the sunset, the ageing 2025 met its nascent successor 2026 on one of the sprawling lawns of the campus, and said, "I am leaving behind a rich legacy for you to build MDU on." Dissecting this claim, one realises it was grounded and not far-fetched.

While 2025 marked the Golden Jubilee celebrations, several notable feats and first-time initiatives entered the record books. These included the birth of MDU Mirror which is set to enter its second year. As we prepare to welcome the New Year, I am pleased to share with you all that MDU has logged comprehensive progress on most fronts with renewed confidence and visible outcomes.

Our continued presence among India's leading public universities in NIRF Rankings, NAAC Grading, and, in the top tier within the state, reflects the collective commitment of Team MDU—our students, faculty, staff and alumni. One of the notable markers of the year was the inclusion of our faculty and researchers in Stanford University's global list of the top 2% scientists which further affirmed MDU's growing scientific footprint.

With state-of-the-art infrastructure; a 24x7 accessible and hugely rich library; a vibrant research-innovation-incubation ecosystem; and student-centric incentive schemes, MDU has made its impact across Life Sciences, Law, Pharmaceutical



*From VC's desk*

and Physical Sciences and even beyond. Our strong alumni network—exemplified by Hon'ble Justice Mr. Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India, several senior officers in civil services, judiciary, Olympians, Padam Shree and other national awardees—underscore the university's academic excellence, quality and values.

We have implemented NEP 2020 in regular, online and distance modes, added certificate and skill-focused programs, launched Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes, revamped assessment and examination systems, and strengthened inclusivity. All these prove beyond an iota of doubt that 2025 was right in making the

claim of a rich legacy. Let's all resolve to join hands and work together to not let the outgoing year down and further enrich the legacy in 2026. I am hopeful, nay confident, we will, in the New Year, launch community radio on the campus; expand international collaborations; beef up and embellish the infrastructure; strengthen our faculty and staff; scale up student capacity-building through start-ups, skilling and excellence guided by Samajik Sarokar Connect; and live up to our proud sports legacy.

Our New Year resolve: Together, we shall strive to achieve more in the New Year!

# Dafeteria rocks, wins hearts at Rashtrapati Bhavan



# Enthusiasm and excitement mark UNIFEST 2025



**Cabinet Minister Krishan Lal Panwar visits MDU, distributes prizes and lauds initiatives**

**Spring festival a big draw**



MDU takes a big step towards digital education, launches six important online services on student portal



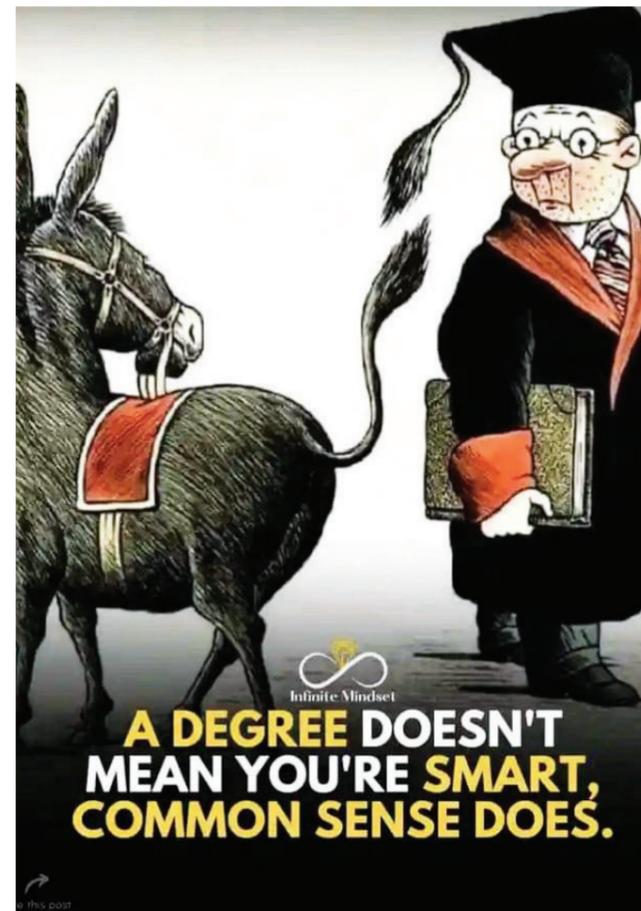
“Comes yet another student-run start-up: MOYOS”



MoU signed with Ruhil Future Tech to foster start-ups



Spreading happiness through cartoons



New initiatives  
MDU launches Nasha Mukta Ghar Abhiyan



## A fruitful dialogue with an international academic delegation at MDU



## MoU signed with BOAT to launch apprenticeship embedded degree programmes under NATS



## MDU makes history again:

22 researchers included in Stanford's list of top 2 percent scientists



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



**NITI Aayog team commends bid to promote innovation**



**MDU, industry join hands to transform Rohtak city**

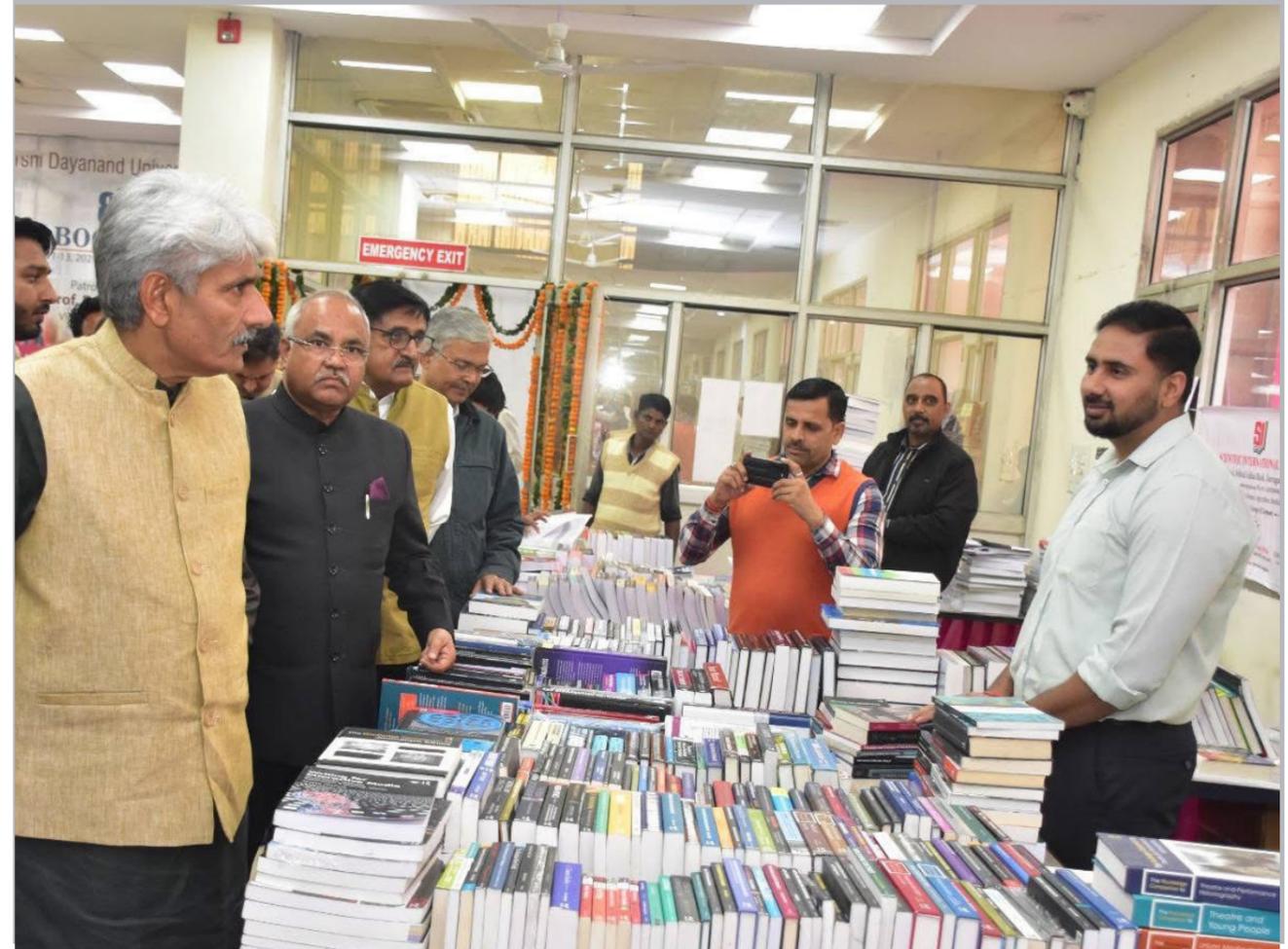


**MDU inks landmark MoU with ITC Hotels' Classic Golf & Country Club**

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



## **55,000 books showcased at 8th Book Fair**





## JSW Haryana Steelers Academy comes to campus, will provide global-standard facilities to players

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The JSW Haryana Steelers Academy has come to MDU campus. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, said that Haryana is known as the “kabaddi Factory” of India, and MDU is rapidly becoming a major hub for producing kabaddi talent.

The academy will not only nurture kabaddi talent but also instill qualities like competitiveness, discipline, and teamwork in the students. MDU is committed to providing best sports facilities to its players, he added.

Mr Divyanshu Phogat, CEO of Haryana Steelers, advised the players to focus on both sports and education. Mr Manpreet Singh, Head Coach, urged the players to make the most of the facilities to hone their talent.

The Sports Director Dr. Shakuntla Beniwal said, “This academy has infused new energy in the players and brought opportunities for

them. The university will continue to guide players to be disciplined, concentrate on fitness, and give excellent performance.” Chief Consultant, University Outreach, Prof. Rajkumar expressed his gratitude to the guests.

The Haryana Steelers Academy will provide players with state-of-the-art gym, physiotherapy, advanced training, experienced coaches, and other facilities free of cost, courtesy JSW.

On this occasion, the following were present: Director CDOE Prof. Gulshan Taneja, Proctor Prof. Randeep Rana, Director Public Relations Prof. Ashish Dahiya, Director CCPC Prof. Divya Malhan, Head of Physical Education Prof. Bhagat Singh Rathi, Deputy Dean DSW Prof. Sonu, Professor of Practice Sunil Jaglan, Executive Engineer J.S. Dahiya, SDO Rajesh Gulia, faculty members, sports coaches, players, students, and JSW Steel players and members of the staff.

## MDU logs major innovation: Osmotic tablets without laser

### Technology bags design patent

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Maharshi Dayanand University has achieved a significant breakthrough in pharmaceutical manufacturing. A **notched tooling technique, developed by research scholar Kripa Shankar Tiwari** of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences under the leadership of Principal Investigator Prof Munish Garg, has been granted a design patent. The innovation is expected to offer a cost-effective alternative to the expensive laser drilling currently used to create pores in osmotic tablets.

The research work was carried out by Mr Kripa Shankar Tiwari with leadership and support from **Prof. Munish Garg (PI) and Dean, Research and Development, Prof. Harish Dureja.**

Explaining the innovation, Prof. Munish Garg said the technique allows **special notched tools** to be fitted directly into existing tablet compression machines. This enables precise pores to be formed in tablets during compression itself, eliminating the need for a separate laser drilling machine. Researchers said the method can **reduce production costs** and **shorten batch preparation time.**

Mr Tiwari said the technology brings a strong opportunity for **machine manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies.** With this equipment, the production process would be faster and more economical.

## Two key MoUs signed to set up day-care centre, promote mental-spiritual wellbeing

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Maharshi Dayanand University signed two important Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in the Vice-Chancellor's Office. The first MoU was signed between MDU and the Rajyoga Education & Research Foundation (RERF), Education Wing, Mount Abu, Rajasthan. The second MoU was signed between MDU and the District Child Welfare Council, Rohtak. This has been facilitated by the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Rajbir Singh.

These were signed in the gracious presence of Dean, Academic Affairs, Prof. S.C. Malik. On behalf of the university, Registrar, Dr Krishan Kant, signed the MoUs while BK Pandiyamani Bhai Ji signed on behalf of RERF and District Child Welfare Officer Somdutt signed on behalf of the District Child Welfare Office.

The primary objective of the MoU with the District Child Welfare Council, Rohtak, is to set up a safe, well-organised and professionally managed day-care centre (crèche) for the children of faculty and staff working on the campus. The Council, working under the Department of Women and Child Development, Haryana, will operate the centre in accordance with national standards.

Under the MoU with RERF, Mount Abu, various programmes will be organised on the campus to strengthen the mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of students, youth and employees. These initiatives will include sessions on Rajyoga, stress management, positive life values, and personality development, along with the establishment of a Thoughts Lab. The aim of these programmes is to promote balanced health and positive thinking in society.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof S.C. Malik said these MoUs would make the university's academic environment more sensitive and supportive. Registrar Dr Krishan Kant stated that MDU is continuously working for the holistic welfare of its students and employees. He expressed the confidence that the day-care facility will provide significant relief to working parents.

Those present included Director IQAC, Prof. B. Narasimhan; Dean, Interdisciplinary Studies, Prof Rajeev Kumar; Director, Public Relations, Prof Ashish Dahiya; Head, Department of Genetics, Prof. Santosh Tiwari; Chairperson, Department of Psychology, Prof. Anjali Malik; Professor in-charge, Day Care Prof. Deepti Hooda; BK Uma Didi, BK Sushma Didi, BK Rahul Bhai; from the District Child Welfare Office; APO Pramod and Accountant Shubham; Academic Branch officials and other staff members.



## VC greets Prof Malik, hails his feats

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Prof. Rajbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), has extended heartfelt congratulations to Prof. S.C. Malik, Dean of Academic Affairs and Head of the Department of Statistics, for being conferred the prestigious ISPS Fellow Award 2025 by the Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS).

The award recognises Prof. Malik's sustained high-quality research contributions in the fields of statistics and probability, as well as his long-term and notable services to the society.

Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant and Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.K. Rajan also felicitated Prof. Malik on this significant achievement.

Faculty members and university officials also conveyed their congratulations, describing the achievement as a matter of pride for MDU.

## IPR backbone of economic growth: Agarwal

In today's era of knowledge, innovation, science and technology, intellectual property has emerged as the strongest foundation of economic development, said renowned academician and Director, ITAG Business Solutions Limited, Dr. Dhanpat Ram Agarwal. He was delivering an expert lecture at Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak.

The lecture on “Role of Intellectual Property and Innovation in Economic Development” was organised jointly by MDU's Faculty Development Centre (FDC), Centre for IPR Studies, and the Research and Development Cell.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Agarwal said that for India to become a developed, prosperous and self-reliant nation, it must increase its share in the global GDP. For this, converting human resources into intellectual property and ensuring protection of intellectual property rights is the need of the hour, he said.

Dr. Agarwal emphasised that a strong IPR ecosystem requires strengthening five key pillars—creativity, protection, enforcement, commercialisation and awareness. He also underlined the need for educational institutions and industry to work together. Stressing balanced use of natural resources, he said development should not mean exploitation of nature, but prudent and responsible utilisation.