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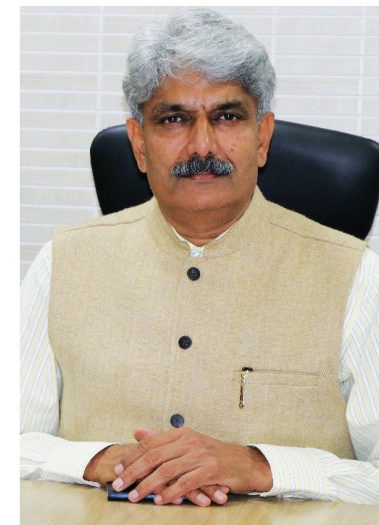
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Friends, your 'MDU Mirror' will now come every two months

The success of any journalistic product is gauged by the response it gets, the involvement it attracts, and the pace at which it gathers traction. Encouragingly, the response, both on and off the campus, to the inaugural quarterly issue of 'MDU Mirror' (January-March, 2025), formally launched by the Hon. Governor, Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, on April 19, 2025, has been overwhelmingly inspiring.

It gives me great satisfaction to share with you that the newsletter has been appreciated by one and all with the reaction ranging from "excellent" to a "product making a great debut". I have been flooded with calls and emails hailing the product with many wanting to see the next issue of "MDU Mirror" well before the interregnum of three months, ends. Well begun, they rightly say, is half done!

Friends, enthused by the response and inspired by the



swelling demand to reduce its periodicity, we have decided to elevate 'MDU Mirror' to a bi-monthly from a quarterly. And the issue you have in your hands today is a bimonthly for the months of April and May, 2025.

Also, we have decided to introduce some new columns, two of which "Meet Your Alumni" and "Do You Know" appear on page 15. Many more innovations are on the anvil, and these will show up in the subsequent issues.

Given your indulgence, involvement and interest in the product, and the zeal of the team involved in bringing it out, "MDU Mirror" will surely graduate towards the level of a monthly before long. And we hope to cross this milestone sooner than later.

Prof. Rajbir Singh
Vice-Chancellor

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New initiatives—1

MDU launches Nasha Mukht Ghar Abhiyan



Adding another first to its bulging kitty of first-time-firsts, Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) launched the country's first-ever "Nasha Mukht Ghar Abhiyan" (Drug-Free Home Campaign) on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day, in village Madaudi Rangan.

This unique initiative aims to promote awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse and encourage families to become drug-free and earn social acclaim.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, who initiated the campaign, emphasized that a drug-free home is essential for the security of families and society. The campaign would be a milestone in the direction of drug elimination in the country.

Dr. Sharanjeet Kaur, Chairperson of the Rehabilitation Council

of India, appreciated MDU's initiative and encouraged the villagers to join the campaign. The program was attended by village sarpanch Mrs Mausam, who thanked Prof. Singh and MDU for choosing village Madaudi for the launch of the campaign. The campaign aims to involve students from the affiliated colleges as "Gram Sarthis" (village volunteers) to promote awareness about the ill effects of drugs, and encourage families to become drug-free. The programme concluded with the villagers resolving to make their homes and the village drug-free.

Notably, out of the 450-odd households in Madaudi village, only 22 are drug-free, and the village has a population of 2,800. The survey was conducted by MDU's outreach volunteers, and the programme marked the beginning of a massive campaign to make the village drug-free.

With this, MDU Mirror brings to its readers a series of articles which will open a broad window on some of the new initiatives taken by the MDU leadership team helmed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh. Futuristic, reflecting out-of-the-box thinking, and belonging to the first-time-first stable, some of these spill over to the social domain from the academic world to do the society good, and make the students agents of social change.
NEXT: Connecting students to family roots

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*“ The pursuit of enlightenment is a pilgrimage
of the soul, guided by inner light.”*

(Swami Dayanand Saraswati)

MDU, Ruhil Future Tech sign MoU to foster start-ups

In a significant step towards empowering student innovation and entrepreneurship, MDU, Rohtak, has signed an MoU with Ruhil Future Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

The MoU aims to promote innovation, incubation, and start-up culture among students and young entrepreneurs. The agreement was signed by MDU Registrar, Dr. Krishna Kant, and Mrs. Bala Devi, representing Ruhil Future Technologies.

Under this collaboration, MDU will provide necessary infrastructure and policy support through its Innovation and Incubation Centre, while Ruhil Future Technologies will offer industrial mentorship, training, and expert guidance to start-ups. The partnership will include services such as business modeling, financial management, digital branding, investor connect, and product prototype development.

The Vice-Chancellor described this initiative as a transformative step aligned with India's start-up vision, emphasizing MDU's commitment to providing practical training and innovation-based skills to students. A Joint Coordination Committee and Executive Committee have been formed to ensure effective implementation.

The MoU marks a new high in academia-industry collaboration in north India and positions Haryana as a key player on the national innovation landscape. The ceremony was attended by Prof. A.S. Maan, Prof. Gulshan Lal Taneja, Prof. Rahul Rishi, and others.



Comes, yet another student run start-up: MOYOS



Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has taken another decisive step towards strengthening its start-up ecosystem with the inauguration of MOYOS – Ice Cream & Frozen Desserts, a gelato venture incubated at the university's Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CIIE).

With MOYOS, now open to public, MDU has added another flavourful success story to its growing list of campus-bred enterprises—demonstrating that innovation at the university is more than an idea; it is an experience meant to be savoured.

The outlet, a see-through dome-shaped “pod shop” inside MDU's Food Park, was formally inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh. The Registrar, Dr. Krishna Kant, graced the occasion as guest of honour and Dr. Sharanjit Kaur, Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council of India, was a distinguished guest.

Congratulating founding chef-entrepreneur Digvijay (alumnus, IHTM 2015-20), Prof. Singh shared his “success mantra” with budding entrepreneurs: “A passionpreneur needs patience for long-term sustainability, but equal emphasis on speed,



A scoop of innovation

MOYOS fuses traditional Italian gelato techniques with locally sourced ingredients and eco-conscious practices, positioning itself as a “sustainable, community-first dessert hub”. The rotating menu features over 15 gelato flavours (Vanilla, New York Cheese, Crunchy High), tangy sorbets, brain-freezer slushes, pastry pairings and “MOYO Slurry” shakes, with vegan and dairy-free alternatives priced between ₹50 and ₹100.

scale and excellence. Continuous product development and meeting customer expectations are non-negotiable in today's globally competitive market.”

“MDU is not just creating graduates — we are nurturing innovators, creators and job-providers. MOYOS is a shining example of student-led enterprise rooted in innovation and excellence,” said Prof. Rajbir Singh.

To celebrate the recent CBSE and Haryana Board results, the vice-chancellor announced that MOYOS and fellow campus start-up Dafeteria will treat any student who scored 90 per cent or above to complimentary desserts until May 24 upon producing a copy of their marks-sheet.

Dr. Kant lauded the university's “vision turned into action”, commending passionpreneurs Padmajai, Sahil, Mandeep and Digvijay for translating MDU's start-up policy into tangible enterprises. Prof. Rahul Rishi, Director CIIE, highlighted that the invitation Dafeteria got from Rashtrapati Bhavan “validates our quality and consistency” and expressed confidence that MOYOS would soon earn national recognition.

Prof. Ashish Dahiya, Director IHTM, reaffirmed the institute's commitment to mentoring student ventures, congratulating Prof. Sandeep Malik, MOYOS's faculty mentor.

“Gelato symbolises joy and connection,” Digvijay noted, adding that MOYOS seeks to “honour tradition while adding a bold, local twist”. His parents, Rajiv and Shalini, said they were proud their son had “chosen the entrepreneurial path with MDU support”.

The launch drew deans, directors and wardens, including Prof. Gulshan Lal Taneja (Controller of Examinations), Prof. Vinita Hooda (Dean, CDC), Prof. Randeep Rana (DSW) and Prof. B. Narasimha (Director, IQAC), reflecting the university's collective push to transform students into job creators.

Carry forward legacy of excellence, Governor tells MDU



FOUNDATION DAY APRIL 19, 2025

The day was auspicious, the mood was upbeat, and the spirit was buoyant. Toppers and innovators waited in their wings to be honoured at the grand felicitation ceremony as the Golden Jubilee logo, ‘MDU Mirror,’ the university newsletter, and a start-up awaited to be unveiled. With springs in their feet, the faculty, other staff and students looked like a large well-knit family.

Celebrations filled the air on the Maharshi Dayanand University campus, Rohtak, on April 19, 2025, the foundation day of this great abode of learning which is celebrating its Golden jubilee. The day began with Vedic havan yagna and concluded with the felicitation ceremony and the ceremonial vote of thanks.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor and Chancellor of MDU, Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, who was the Chief Guest, asked the students to promote new ideas, be innovative, and pave the way for generating employment.

Celebrating the golden jubilee is a proud milestone in the university’s journey, he said while congratulating the MDU family on completing 50 successful years. “Carry forward the legacy of excellence and get inspired by the values and vision of Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati, the great visionary the university has been named after”, he told the students.

He appreciated the university’s progress and noted that MDU alumni had earned recognition in various fields, including education, sports, culture, and public service.

He lauded the efforts made by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, and his team to strengthen the university’s future. He honoured teachers and the non-teaching staff, class toppers and students who have made significant achievements in various fields, including social service, NSS, and YRC volunteers for their distinguished services.

Later, Mr Dattatraya inaugurated a cafeteria and released a souvenir as well as the quarterly newsletter of the university named ‘MDU Mirror’. He also unveiled the Golden Jubilee logo and the university’s alumni website.

Addressing the students, the Education Minister, Mr Mahipal Dhanda, praised the 50-year journey of MDU and said that it is an honour to be associated with a university named after a visionary like Maharshi Dayanand, who showed the world how to live a meaningful life.



The Vice-Chancellor said the 50th Foundation Day marks an important moment in the university’s journey. MDU has been constantly setting new benchmarks in research, education, sports, and cultural activities.

Prof Rajbir Singh announced the launch of 50 new Research Fellowships

and two Institutional Research Chairs—one in Life Sciences & Pharmacy, and another in Physical Sciences, Engineering & Technology. MDU currently hosts 10 Research Chairs, all in Social Sciences.

The Governor led the dignitaries in releasing the Golden Jubilee Logo,



a special souvenir, the Golden Jubilee Calendar of Activities, the inaugural issue of MDU Mirror, and the Alumni Website.

An exhibition was organised to mark the occasion where 40 departments and 21 cells of MDU displayed their works and progress. It was appreciated by the Governor, Education Minister and other guests.

At a grand felicitation ceremony, 180 UG/PG toppers and innovators, including Team Dafeteria, Youth Red Cross and NSS volunteers,

outstanding athletes, faculty with research awards and distinguished service, and meritorious non-teaching staff were honoured. Also present on the dais were Dr. Sharanjit Kaur, Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council of India, who appreciated the inclusive and student-centric approach of MDU, and Prof. Randeep Rana Dean Students Welfare. The other prominent personalities included Rohtak Mayor Shri Ram Avtar Balmiki, Prof. Deepti Dharmani (VC, CBLU Bhiwani), Shri Satish Nandal, Shri Manmohan Goyal, and industrialist Shri Rajesh Jain.

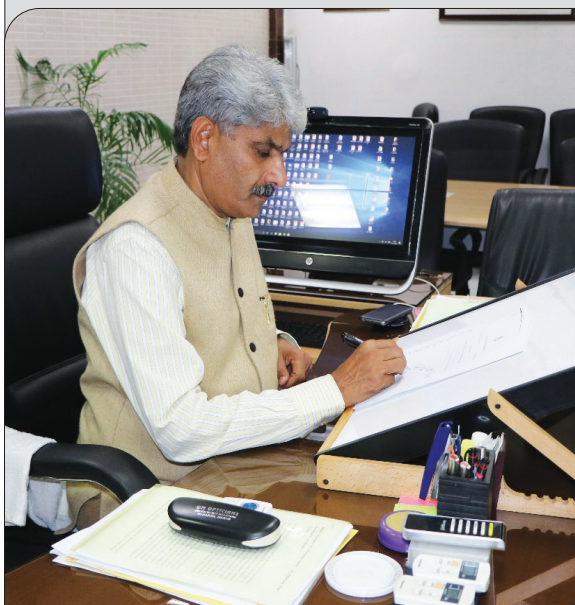


Key highlights of celebrations



HAVAN YAGNA: The celebrations began at 8 am on April 19, 2025, with a Vedic Havan Yagna at Motiram Yagya Shala, invoking the values of Indian knowledge system and spiritual tradition. This was followed by the inauguration of the Graduate Glory Wall at Pariksha Bhavan, dedication of Dayanand Vatika, and the opening of a modern Faculty Cafeteria by the Governor, Mr Bandaru Datatraya.

DHANDA LAUDS HAPPITUDE LAB: The Education Minister, Mr Mahipal Dhandu, appreciated initiatives such as the Happitude Lab and called for deeper efforts in entrepreneurship and innovation in line with Viksit Bharat @2047.



VC ANNOUNCES 50 NEW RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS:

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UNIVERSITY KULGEET: The main function at Tagore Auditorium commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the University Kulgeet. Prof. A.S. Maan, Dean Academic Affairs, welcomed the guests and the gathering, while Dr. Krishan Kant, Registrar, delivered the Vote of Thanks. The stage proceedings were ably anchored by Prof. Divya Malhan from the Department of Management.



Research Promotion Policy Award For The Year 2023

A 1 MDU Research Excellence Award	Dr. Harish Dureja , Deptt. of Pharmaceutical Sciences
A 2 MDU Best Researcher Award	Dr. Devender Singh, Dept. of Chemistry

B. Research Incentives

B 1 Research Publication Promotion Incentives

Sr. No.	Name of Awardee
1	Dr. Deepak Chhabra , University Institute of Engg. & Tech.
2	Dr. Ravinder Kumar Sahdev , University Institute of Engg. & Tech.
3	Dr. Surender Singh Yadav , Department of Botany
4	Dr. Anil Ohlan , Department of Physics
5	Dr. Santosh Kumar Tiwari , Department of Genetics
6	Dr. Vandana Garg , Deptt. of Pharmaceutical Sciences
7	Dr. Ritika , Department of Food Tech.
8	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Marwaha , Deptt. of Pharmaceutical Sciences
9	Dr. Minakshi Sharma , Department of Zoology
10	Dr. Nar Singh.Chauhan , Department of Biochemistry
11	Dr. Hari Mohan , Centre for Medial Bio-Tech.
12	Dr. Komal Jakhar , Department of Chemistry
13	Dr. Rashmi Bhardwaj , Centre for Medial Bio-Tech
14	Dr. Priti Boora Doon , Department of Chemistry
15	Dr. Krishna Kant Sharma , Department of Microbiology
16	Dr. Sarvajeet Singh Gill , Centre for Bio-Technology
17	Dr. Poonam Redhu , Department of Mathematics
18	Dr. Mukesh Tanwar , Department of Gentics
19	Dr. Sajjan Dahiya , Department of Physics
20	Dr. Harish Dureja , Deptt. of Pharmaceutical Sciences
21	Dr. Naveen Kumar , Department of Chemistry
22	Dr. Anil Kumar Chhillar , Centre for Biotechnology
23	Dr. Rajesh Punia , Department of Physics
24	Dr. Savita Rathee , Department of Mathematics
25	Dr. Rajesh Kumar Malik , Department of Chemistry
26	Dr. Ajit Kumar , Centre for Bioinformatics
27	Dr. Anju Panwar , Department of Mathematics
28	Dr. Arun Nanda , Deptt. of Pharmaceutical Sciences
29	Dr. Preeti Gulia , Department of Computer Science & Applications

B.2). R & D/Consultancy Project Promotion Incentives (Rs. 21000/- + Certificate)

1	Dr. Anil Ohlan , Department of Physics
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C). Grants To Promote Research At University Level

a) Seed Grant for newly appointed Faculty members (up to five years from the date of their joining) - NIL

b) Post Seed Grant for Faculty members (teachers who have more than 5 years of experience in MDU) :-

Sr. No.	Name of Awardee
1	Dr. Sajjan Dahiya , Department of Physics (5 lakh)
2	Dr. Sarvajeet Singh Gill , Centre for Bio-Technology (5 lakh)
3	Dr. Krishna Kant Sharma , Department of Microbiology (5 lakh)
4	Dr. Deepak Chhabra , University Institute of Engineering & Tech (5 lakh)
5	Dr. Anil Ohlan, Dept. of Physics (5 lakh)
6	Dr. Ravinder Kumar Sahdev , University Institute of Engineering & Tech (3 lakh)

C (c) Travel Grant for Faculty members to attend international conference outside India

Sr. No.	Name of Awardee
1	Dr. Sarvajeet Singh Gill , Centre for Bio-Technology
2	Dr. Sajjan Dahiya , Department of Physics
3	Dr. Rajesh Punia , Department of Physics
4	Dr. Deepak Chhabra , University Institute of Engineering & Tech.

Collaborative research in the capacity of Supervisor, Co-supervisor or Joint Authors

Sr. No.	Name of Awardee
1	Dr. Rajesh Kumar Malik , Department of Chemistry
2	Dr. Naveen Kumar , Department of Chemistry
3	Dr. Ritu Yadav , Department of Genetics
4	Dr. Anita Rani Santal , Department of Microbiology
5	Dr. N.P.Singh , Centre for Bio-Technology
6	Dr. Komal Jakhar , Department of Chemistry
7	Dr. Hariom Dahiya , Department of Chemistry
8	Dr. N.S.Gill , Department of Computer Science & Applications
9	Dr. Priti Gulia , Department of Computer Science & Applications

Students made wise on patents, opportunities

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Career Counseling and Placement Cell, MDU, organized a lecture on “Futuristic Patent Professional Career Opportunities and Insights of IPR for Pharma Students.” Renowned IPR professional and Senior Project Manager at Sun Pharmaceuticals, Gurugram, Dr. Rakesh Vats, delivered the lecture as an expert speaker.

Dr Vats shared practical insights on the basics of patents, the process of filing patents in India and abroad, and the benefits of patenting inventions. He also highlighted various career opportunities in the field of IPR and answered students’ queries.



Prof. Deepak Kaushik, Head of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, welcomed the audience and spoke on the importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

The programme was attended by faculty members, research scholars, and students of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Prof. Mahesh Kumar, Departmental CCPDC Coordinator, expressed his gratitude while Dr Saloni Kakkar moderated the programme.

Creativity vital for development of society: VC

Creativity is not just imagination; it helps in building the future. Preserving creativity is the key to the development of society, country, and the world,” said Prof. Rajbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, MDU, while inaugurating a national seminar on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day.

The seminar featured expert speakers, including Dr. Sangita Nagar, Chairperson of the Patent Facilitation Center, and Dr. Anil Kumar, senior scientist at CSIR-TKDL Unit. They shared practical insights on various aspects of intellectual property rights.

The seminar, organized by the Centre for IPR Studies, aimed to promote awareness, dialogue, and innovation in intellectual property rights. The vice-chancellor emphasized the importance of intellectual property rights in giving due respect to creativity and innovation. He congratulated the Centre for IPR Studies for hosting this excellent event.

The seminar provided a vibrant platform for the participants to engage with experts, exchange ideas, and explore the emerging landscape of intellectual property law, innovation, and its social impact. The event was attended by faculty members, research scholars, students, and participants from various institutions.





Views & Suggestions



Commendable initiative

I went through MDU Mirror. I must say, it is a truly commendable initiative. The newsletter effectively captures the academic and cultural activities of the university in a well-structured and engaging manner. The layout is appealing, and each section has been thoughtfully curated.

One of the most impressive aspects is the photographs. The images are sharp, relevant, and perfectly aligned with the content. They infuse life into the newsletter and make it more attractive and reader-friendly.

I would like to offer a few suggestions that could enhance the quality and impact of the newsletter. Let there be a dedicated section for the achievements of students across academics, sports, or extracurricular activities. The MDU Mirror should also have departmental updates to showcase their initiatives, seminars, workshops or events, and a section highlighting research publications and recognitions.

Shubham Mehta
Research Scholar, Dept. of Mathematics

Reflects vibrancy of life on campus

The picture presentation in MDU Mirror is both visually appealing and purposeful, adding significant value to the content. The use of photographs to complement news articles, event reports, and feature stories enhances readability and engagement.

The images are well-selected and placed thoughtfully, helping to capture the vibrancy of the university life, be it academic seminars, student achievements, cultural programs, or administrative functions.

The clarity, relevance, and quality of the images reflect professional editorial approach. What stands out is that the visuals are not merely decorative; these also effectively document milestones and convey the mood of the events. This makes the newsletter not just a document of information but a visual archive of the university's journey.

I would like to suggest that each visual should carry a caption to provide context and credit. We should pick and reward "Photo of the Month" to highlight and inspire exceptional photography talent.

Aman
Student, M.F.A
12th Semester, Dept. of Visual Arts

Captures vibrant spirit

As a research scholar, I was delighted to read the very issue of MDU Mirror. It is a commendable initiative that brings the pulse of our university to the forefront, highlighting not only events and achievements, but also the vibrant spirit of the MDU community.

The first issue sets a strong foundation for what promises to be an engaging and informative publication. It effectively captures a wide range of university activities- academic, cultural, and social- providing students with a wholesome view of the campus life. The first issue of MDU Mirror is a wonderful beginning to what will surely become an essential and eagerly awaited publication for the entire university. As a student, I feel proud to see MDU taking such initiatives to celebrate its community and foster engagement.

Niraj Kumar,
Research Scholar, IHTM

Dear readers,

MDU Mirror' team feels inspired by the views and suggestions made by some of you after going through the inaugural issue of the university newsletter. Let me assure you that your response and reaction eggs us on to do more and better to improve the product. Rest assured, all good suggestions made in right earnest, will be duly weighed and the workable ones, constraints notwithstanding, will be factored in while planning every subsequent issue. We shall endeavor to live up to your expectations.

You can mail your "Views and Suggestions"—not exceeding 150 words—at editormdumirror@gmail.com.

Editor, MDU MIRROR

Covers a broad spectrum of activities

MDU Mirror does a commendable job of showcasing the rich cultural life of our great abode of learning. The coverage of cultural activities adds vibrancy and diversity to the newsletter, reflecting the university's commitment to holistic development beyond academics. From student-led performances to various cultural fests, the newsletter captures a broad spectrum of activities, celebrating student creativity and participation.

High-quality images of cultural events bring energy and colour to the pages, allowing readers to visually experience the enthusiasm of the campus. The diversity of events featured reflects the inclusive spirit of the university, welcoming multiple traditions, languages, and forms of expression.

We should also carry short interviews or insights from participants, coordinators, or faculty mentors to offer a personal touch and inspire greater involvement. A dedicated cultural column or article exploring the significance of certain events or traditions could provide educational value along with entertainment.

Priya
Research Scholar, Dept. of JMC

Touch of professionalism

The page layout and design of MDU Mirror reflect a clear sense of professionalism and aesthetic consideration, making it an appealing publication for both internal and external readers. The pages are well-structured, with a good balance between text, images, and white space, ensuring that the content does not get cluttered or becomes overwhelming. The use of consistent fonts, headings, and color schemes help maintain a cohesive look throughout the newsletter, enhancing readability and brand recognition. The sequencing of content follows a logical order, allowing readers to smoothly navigate through sections such as university news, academic highlights, events, and features. I would suggest that a subtle variation in font size or style for different content types (e.g., editorials, news updates, student submissions) would add value to the publication.

Nitika
Student, MAJMC 2nd Semester

News & Events



Focus on advances in biological research

The Department of Genetics, Maharshi Dayanand University, organized a one-day national seminar on "Recent Advances in Biological Research for Human Health" at Swaraj Sadan. Sponsored by Dr. Radha Krishna Foundation Fund, MDU, the seminar was inaugurated by Prof. A.S. Mann, Dean, Academic Affairs, as the Chief Guest.



Registrar Dr. Krishna Kant attended the inaugural session as a special guest. Prof. Mann emphasized that biological research had opened new avenues for human health, and its advancements could revolutionize preventive medicine, personalized treatment, and longevity.

He noted that new technologies like AI have accelerated progress in biological research, which is now translating into better health, longer lifespan, and improved quality of life for

the common man. Dean of Research and Development, Prof. Harish Dureja, also shared his thoughts.

Prof. S.K. Tiwari, Chairman, Genetics Department and seminar convener, welcomed the guests and highlighted the seminar's theme. Prof. Meenakshi Vashisth, Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, discussed the courses and opportunities offered by the faculty.

The seminar featured expert lectures, including one by Prof. Pawan Malhotra from the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi, who discussed strategies for vaccine development and the status of malaria vaccines. Prof. Tapasya Srivastava from the University of Delhi South Campus, delivered a lecture on genetic predisposition, lung cancer development, and hypoxic tumor microenvironment.

Dr. Jyoti Arora, Chief Dietician and Head of the Department of Integrated Dietary Sciences at AIIMS, New Delhi, spoke about harnessing the untapped potential of adaptogens. The lectures were followed by interactive sessions, where experts engaged with students and addressed their queries.

Stress on inclusive education for special children

We need to develop an inclusive education system that provides equal opportunities, resources, and support to every child, especially those with disabilities, and ensure that no child is left behind due to his unique abilities," said Dr Sharanjeet Kaur, Chairperson of the Rehabilitation Council of India, while addressing a national seminar on the MDU campus.



Themed "Role of Inclusive Education in Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Current Scenario," the seminar was organised by the Centre for Disability Studies, Saksham NGO, and Ch Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change.

Dr Kaur emphasized the importance of inclusive education in empowering persons with disabilities and congratulated the organizers for hosting the event.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, who presided over the programme, stated that inclusive education not only empowers persons with disabilities but also plays a vital role in building a tolerant, equal, and inclusive society.

He emphasized the need to make concrete, practical, and widespread efforts in this direction so that no child is deprived of education and can contribute to the development of society to their full potential.

Other speakers, including Prof. Dayal Powar, Mr Narendra Batra, and Mr Lalit Anand Ek, shared their valuable insights on the importance of inclusive education, strong policies, innovative teaching methods, and social participation in achieving true inclusion.

The seminar was attended by faculty members, research scholars, students, and dignitaries from the city.



News & Events

50 innovative projects showcased on National Technology Day

With a view to fostering innovation, research, and technological development among students, the University Institute of Technology and Engineering at MDU celebrated National Technology Day 2025 as part of the university's Golden Jubilee Year.



The ceremony was inaugurated by Prof. A.S. Mann, Dean, Academic Affairs, as the Chief Guest. Prof. Mann emphasized India's continuous progress in innovation and technological development, highlighting the impact of technology on daily life and encouraging youth to contribute to the country's development through science and technology.

Prof. Randip Rana, Dean, Student Welfare; Prof. Vinita Hooda, Dean of CDC; and Prof. Harish Dureja, Dean of Research and Development, attended the program

as special guests. Prof. Yudhvir Singh, Director of UIET, welcomed the guests and highlighted the significance of National Technology Day.

The celebrations included a project exhibition, speech competition and poster-making competition. Over 50 innovative projects were showcased in the exhibition, which was coordinated by Dr. Deepak Chhabra, Dr. Vipin, and Dr. Manju Bala. The programme was organized by Dr.

Kavita and Dr. Yogesh Kumar, with student coordinators Adil Ali and Sagar Solanki assisting in the organization.

Prof. Yudhvir Singh announced the winners of the project exhibition, with Sahil Goswami and team receiving the first prize, Ranjan and team receiving the second prize, and Kriti Vardhman and team, and Lavanya and Rohit, sharing the third prize.

Go for talent, not drugs, VC tell students

Empower yourself with talent and get rid of drug addiction. Young people must be aware of the ill effects of drugs and spread awareness among others to eradicate them from society," said Prof Rajbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Maharshi Dayanand University, while addressing a special programme on World Red Cross Day-2025.

Themed "Our Principles in Action," the programme was organized by the Youth Red Cross Committee and Dean, Student Welfare Office, in collaboration with the university. Emphasizing the importance of values in life, the vice-chancellor asked them to inculcate them. He urged the students to channelise their energies in the positive



direction and develop a sense of self-reliance and self-respect.

Highlighting the significance of blood donation, he said that every drop of blood is precious. The event aimed to promote awareness about the long-term consequences of drugs and encourage them to play an active role in eradicating this menace from society.

The programme included a voluntary blood donation camp, where 60 units of blood were collected. Resource persons Dr. Indu Tanwar and Dr. Promila Dahiya Suhag, delivered special lectures on mental health and awareness generation against drug abuse.

The event was attended by prominent guests, including Rohtak's Mayor Ram Avtar Valmiki and former Mayor Manmohan Goyal, who emphasized the need for awareness and collective efforts to combat the menace of drug abuse.



News & Events



Talk on how to turn innovative ideas into successful ventures

The Center for Medical Biotechnology organised a mentorship session under the University's Golden Jubilee Year Lecture Series, titled "From Campus to Career: Mentorship for Biotech Industry".

Dr. Hari Mohan, Director of CMBT, welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of such programmes. Dr. Jaya Saini, scientist at Centauri Therapeutics in England and a former student of CMBT, delivered a lecture on career opportunities in the biotech industry. She shared her expertise on capacity building and strategies for entering the biotech industry after completing MSc and PhD.

Dr. Saini also provided valuable guidance on securing scholarships for pursuing PhD abroad, including prestigious programs like Commonwealth Scholarship and Curie Fellowship. She encouraged the students to build their capacity, acquire skills, and develop soft skills.

Aastha Singla, founder of Learners Academy in Delhi and a former student of CMBT, inspired students to become entrepreneurs and guided them on how to turn their innovative ideas into successful ventures. She focused on various funding agencies like DBT, BIF, and Atal Incubation, and emphasized the importance of exploring diverse opportunities and broadening one's horizon for successful entrepreneurship and career growth. She also discussed the major challenges that dog this path.

The programme was attended by Dr. Hari Mohan, Dr. Amita Suneja Dang, Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. Rashmi Bhardwaj, Faculty members and students.



MDU employees win 11 medals

The employees of Maharshi Dayanand University have scored a remarkable achievement by winning 11 medals in the recently concluded 44th National Veteran Athletics Championship held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Mysore. The university's employees showcased outstanding performance, securing three silver and eight bronze medals.

MDU employee Sunil Saini excelled in the competition, winning 1 silver and 2 bronze medals. Other notable performances include Pankaj winning 2 bronze medals, Dalvir winning 2 silver medals, Anshul Kumar securing 1 bronze medal, Digvijay Singh winning 1 silver medal, Amarjit claiming 1 bronze medal, and Rakesh Sharma also winning 1 bronze medal.

MDU Registrar, Dr Krishan Kant, Finance Officer, Mr Mukesh Bhatt, and Non-Teaching Employees' Union President, Mr Anil Malhotra, congratulated the participating employees on this achievement. They attributed success to the hard work, dedication, and passion for sports.

Dr Krishan Kant emphasized that participation in sports helps employees stay healthy and enhances their work efficiency. The university administration is actively promoting sports culture among the employees, he added.

VC lauds, awards sportspersons



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, honored the players who had participated in the North Zone/North East Zone and All India Inter-University Tournaments at a grand ceremony held at the sports complex of MDU. The players were awarded tracksuits and kit bags.

Lauding the players for their hard work, dedication, and efforts to bring glory to the university, Prof Rajbir Singh said MDU players are the pride and glory of the university. Showcasing excellence in sports, they have enhanced the university's reputation nationwide. He asked them to maintain excellence in both sports and academics.

Dr. Krishna Kant, Registrar and Guest of Honor, motivated the players to deliver better performances while highlighting the importance of physical activity in boosting energy levels and concentration.

Dean of Student Welfare, Prof. Randip Rana, attended the ceremony as a special guest. Dr Narendra Singh, Chairman of MDU Sports Council, emphasized the role of sports in fostering teamwork. Sports Director, Dr. Shakuntala Beniwal, welcomed the guests and highlighted MDU's glorious sports development journey and achievements.

Our distinguished alumni



Justice Surya Kant

Justice Surya Kant, Judge of the Supreme Court, is a distinguished alumnus of the Department of Law, Maharshi Dayanand University. He is also Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority.

Justice Surya Kant was a student of the Department of Law from 1981

to 1984 and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Law (LLB). He started his legal practice in the district court in 1984. From 1985, he started legal practice in the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, specializing in constitutional, service and civil matters.

He was appointed Advocate General of Haryana in July, 2000. He served as Advocate General until his elevation to the coveted position of Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on January 9, 2004.

Justice Surya Kant was appointed Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh on October 5, 2018. He was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court on May 24, 2019. Notably, MDU conferred the Honorary degree of D. Litt. (Honoris Causa) upon Justice Surya Kant at the 18th convocation of the University on December 26, 2023, in recognition of his sterling contribution to the field of law and justice.

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Workshop on how to ensure mental well being and be happy

A workshop on "Mindfulness for Authentic Happiness" was organized in the Conference Hall of CDOE building, under the joint auspices of the Department of Psychology, Maharshi Dayanand University, and Haptitude Laboratory. The objective of the workshop was to familiarize participants with mindfulness techniques for mental well-being, self-awareness, and attaining true happiness.

Dr. Aparna Batra, noted academician and experienced mindfulness trainer from Adarsh Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Bhiwani, was the chief speaker at the workshop. In her impactful address, Dr. Batra emphasized the importance of developing authentic happiness, which arises from being true to our inner values, being aware of who we are, and cultivating inner peace. She discussed the teachings of Indian knowledge systems, including the Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, and Buddhist Vipassana, which emphasize the importance of being present in the moment and developing awareness.

The workshop was an attempt to revisit these

timeless teachings in the light of modern psychology. Prof. Anjali Malik, Chairperson of the Department of Psychology and convener of the workshop, presented the concept note. Prof. Deepti Hooda, coordinator of the workshop, delivered the welcome address and introduced the resource person.

Moderated by Pratigya, a research scholar of the department, the workshop was attended by faculty members, research scholars, students, and staff of the university.

