



MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY
ROHTAK



International Conference on
**Fostering Global Collaboration
in Higher Education**
(April 1-2, 2024)

Centre for International Academic Affairs (CIAA)
Maharshi Dayanand University
Rohtak, Haryana - India



The Centre for International Academic Affairs (CIAA) at Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana announces Two Days International Conference on **"Fostering Global Collaboration in Higher Education,"** Theme: *Enhancing Global Engagement in Higher Education: Opportunities and Strategies* scheduled for **01 & 02 April 2024**. This pivotal event is designed to underscore and enhance the global engagement in higher education, focusing on "Opportunities and Strategies" that drive forward the International collaboration between higher educational institutions. In an increasingly interconnected world the importance of global collaboration in higher education cannot be overstated. It serves as a critical mechanism for enhancing educational quality, research innovation, and cultural exchange. The conference aims to foster a deep-seated understanding and appreciation of the myriad opportunities that arise from International collaboration, alongside effective strategies to navigate the challenges inherent in such ventures.

This conference will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including academicians, researchers, policymakers, and students from around the globe, to engage in dialogues that span the spectrum of fostering global collaboration. Through keynote addresses, panel discussions, interactive sessions and networking opportunities, participants will explore themes such as global trends in higher education, capacity building, employment and internship opportunities abroad, and the global branding of Universities.

Moreover, the event will provide a platform for participants to understand practical aspects of International education, including research collaborations, guidance for studying abroad, and strategies for publishing in high-impact journals. The ultimate goal is to cultivate an ecosystem that not only promotes International academic exchange but also enriches the educational experiences of faculty and students, thereby elevating the global stature of higher education institutions. Attending this conference will give participants invaluable insights into the latest trends and best practices in global higher education collaboration, empowering them to contribute effectively to the global academic community.

About Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak

Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak is a State University established under Haryana Act No. 25 of 1975 with the objective to promote inter-disciplinary higher education and research with special emphasis on studies of environmental, ecology and life sciences. The University offers 159 Programs through 10 faculties comprising 41 University Teaching Departments/Centres/Institutes and a satellite campus at MDU-CPAS, Gurugram. Blooming flowers in the Rose Garden, well-paved sidewalks, carefully pruned plants along both sides of the campus roads, abundant greenery, and the resulting eco-friendly ambiance give a majestic look to our clean, green and eco-friendly campus. More than 12000+ students are enrolled in different programmes at MDU University Campus. Besides above there are 236 affiliated colleges/Institutions from MDU imparting education.

The University has been:

- Accredited Grade A+ by NAAC with CGPA of 3.44.
- Ranked 96th among top 100 Indian Universities in NIRF 2023 by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- Green Institutional Mentor Award by MHRD in 2020.
- Authorized Institutional Partner of 'Study in India' programme of Govt. of India

The University is fast marching ahead with determined efforts to achieve academic excellence of reckoning, qualified, experienced and hardworking faculty, congenial academic and administrative environment, transparent, dynamic, responsive, and responsible administrative set-up, strategic academic and research linkages at national and international level, Wi-Fi Campus, state-of-the-art library services, a time-tested tradition of timely holding examinations and time-bound result declaration, pulsating campus life, ample career growth opportunities for students, and harmonious relationship among all stakeholders are its essential hallmarks.



The Centre for International Academic Affairs (CIAA)

The Centre for International Academic Affairs at Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, serves as a beacon of International academic exchange and support for the global student community. Acting as the nodal agency, the CIAA is dedicated to providing a comprehensive suite of services to International students, ensuring their educational journey is seamless and enriching. From the moment of their interest in registration, through navigating the nuances of programs, fee structures, eligibility criteria, visa requirements, accommodation, health insurance, and beyond, the CIAA leverages a unique 'single window system'. This efficiency is further bolstered by a dedicated online portal specifically designed for foreign students, streamlining their academic and administrative queries responsively and effectively.

MDU, Rohtak offers the conducive educational environment and provide affordable cost of higher studies. The CIAA not only focuses on the academic excellence of International students but also encourages their participation in a wide range of extracurricular activities. This holistic approach fosters a vibrant multicultural and interdisciplinary learning environment, enriching students' educational experiences and preparing them for global challenges.

In a strategic move to enhance its educational influence and reach, the CIAA is expanding its services to facilitate Indian students aspiring to study abroad. This initiative aims to provide Indian students with the necessary resources, guidance, and support to navigate the complexities of pursuing higher education Internationally. By doing so, the CIAA is setting a new paradigm in educational support, promoting not just inbound Internationalization but also fostering outbound mobility of students.

This expansion is rooted in the understanding that global exposure and International academic experiences are invaluable in today's interconnected world. It aligns with the CIAA's commitment to create a truly global educational ecosystem, where students, irrespective of their geographical origins, can access world-class education and opportunities. Through this initiative, the CIAA aims to empower Indian students with the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to thrive in global academic and professional arenas, thereby reinforcing Maharshi Dayanand University's position as a leader in education.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT

- Keynote addresses by renowned speakers and education leaders.
- Panel discussions and plenary sessions focusing on capacity building, employment, research, and publications.
- Interactive sessions offering practical guidance for students and faculty.
- Networking opportunities to foster international collaborations.
- Cultural exchange events to celebrate diversity and promote global understanding



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INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



Mr. Balinder Singh
Chairman of the Global Haryana
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Dr. Pawan Budhwar
Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor International
Aston University, UK



Dr. Om Parkash Dhankar
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Dr. Kiran Gulia
Senior Academic in Advanced Manufacturing,
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University of Wolverhampton, Birmingham, UK



Dr. Jogender Tushir-Singh
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Dr. Suman Grewal
Educator,
Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Affairs Professional
NY, USA



Dr. Laxmi Budhwar
Clinical Psychologist and
Independent Expert Witness



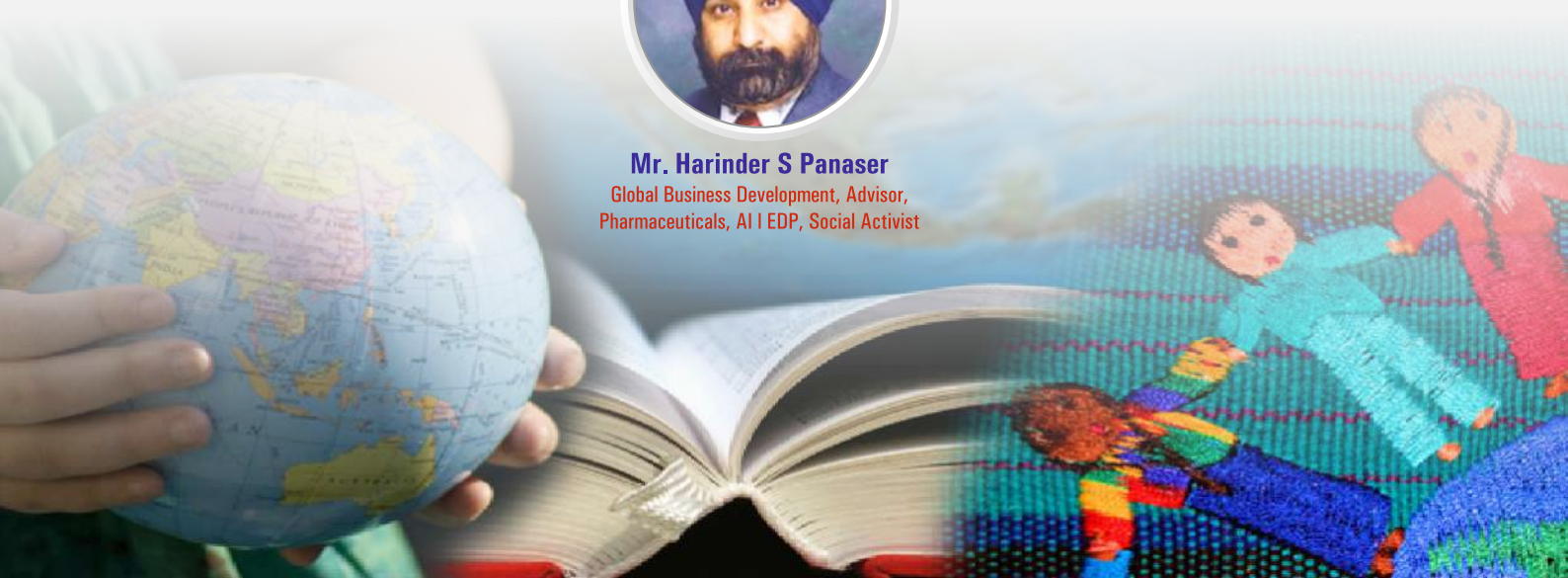
Dr. Gajendra Ahlawat
BDS, DDS, Ontario, Canada



Dr. Manjeet Kaur
Professor, Author, Motivational Speaker,
Wellness Coach, Corporate Trainer



Mr. Harinder S Panaser
Global Business Development, Advisor,
Pharmaceuticals, AI | EDP, Social Activist



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Day 1: 1st April, 2024 (Monday)

Campus Visit: (9:00 AM - 10 AM) - University Tour for International Delegation in Battery Operated Vehicles by DSW Office (Library, CBT Building, ACIL, Sports Complex)

Pick Up from Faculty House at 09.00 AM and Drop at **Tagore Auditorium** at 10.00 AM

Inaugural Session: (10:00 AM - 11:30 AM)

Venue: Tagore Auditorium, MDU, Haryana

Target Audience: PG Students, Research Scholars and faculty members of MD University Rohtak.

Objective: Foster academic collaboration between Indian and international higher education institutions.

Inaugural Session (10:00 AM - 11.30AM) Venue: Tagore Auditorium

(Coordinators: Dean, CIAA, Respective Deans and HODs/ Directors)

Schedule	Time	
Lamp Lighting & Kulgeet of the University	10:00 AM	10:05 AM
Floral Welcome to the Dignitaries	10:05 AM	10:10 AM
Welcome Address & Introduction of International Experts– By Prof. Rishi Chaudhry – Dean Centre for International Academic Affairs (CIAA)	10:10 AM	10:15 AM
Concept Note – By Prof. Ashish Dahiya, Associate Dean, CIAA	10:15 AM	10:20 AM
About the University by Prof. Gulshan Lal Taneja, Registrar, M.D. University, Rohtak	10:20 AM	10:25 AM
About the Academic Initiatives in context to NEP-2020 by Prof. A.S. Maan – Dean Academic Affairs, M.D. University, Rohtak	10:25 AM	10:30 AM
Address by eminent speakers on ‘Fostering Global Collaboration in Higher Education’ by <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sh. Balinder SinghProf. Pawan BudhwarProf. O.P. Dhankher	10:30 AM 10:40 AM 10:50 AM	10:40 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM
Address by Chief Guest : Sh. Rajesh Jain, Managing Director, LPS Bossard, Rohtak	11:00 AM	11:10 AM
Presidential Address: Prof. Rajbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, M.D. University Rohtak	11:10 AM	11:25 AM
Vote of thanks: Dr. S.S Gill, Deputy Dean, CIAA	11:25 AM	11:30 AM

(Networking Tea for All) 11:30 AM

12:00 Noon –1.30 PM: Theme: Students Guidance for Higher Studies Abroad

Venue: IHTM Conference Hall (Target Audience: Research Scholars and PG students of Sciences, Engineering, Management, Commerce and IHTM)

Panelist: Dr. O.P. Dhankher (US - perspective) and Dr. Kiran Gulia (UK - perspective)

Themes include the following Sub-themes:

- Different Tests for Admission Abroad
- Choosing Academic Partners
- International Funding
- Post Doc Positions

Moderator: Prof. Divya Malhan Director, CCPC & Team

15 minutes presentation by Prof. Divya Malhan followed by panel discussion

**1:30 - 2:30 PM: Networking Lunch at Faculty House for Invited Guests
& Organising team/Committee**

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM: Theme: Academic & Research Collaboration Opportunities Abroad

Venue: DDE Hall (Target Audience Research Scholars and Assistant Professor of Sciences, Engineering, Management, Commerce, Economics, Geography and IHTM)

Panelist: Dr. Suman Grewal (USA), Dr. Jogender Singh (USA), Harinder Panaser (USA)

Themes include the following Sub-themes:

- Expectations from Academia & Students
- Challenges & Opportunities faced by Indian Students & Researchers
- Strategies for building long term partnerships between higher education institutions in India & Abroad.

Moderator: Prof. Arun Nanda, Dean R&D; Prof. Mehtab Singh, Associate Dean & Dr. KK Sharma, Associate Dean and Coordinators

15 minutes presentation by Prof. Arun Nanda followed by panel discussion

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Cultural Programme, DSW, DYW, Tagore Auditorium

7:00 PM: Dinner, Faculty Club

Day 2: 2nd April 2024 (Tuesday)

Morning Common Session (9:30 AM - 11:00 AM)

Theme: Academic and Research Challenges

Venue: DDE Conference Hall (Target Audience: Research Scholars & Assistant Professors of Eng./Life Science/Physical Sciences/IHTM/IMSAR/Commerce/ Economics/ Psychology/ Geography)

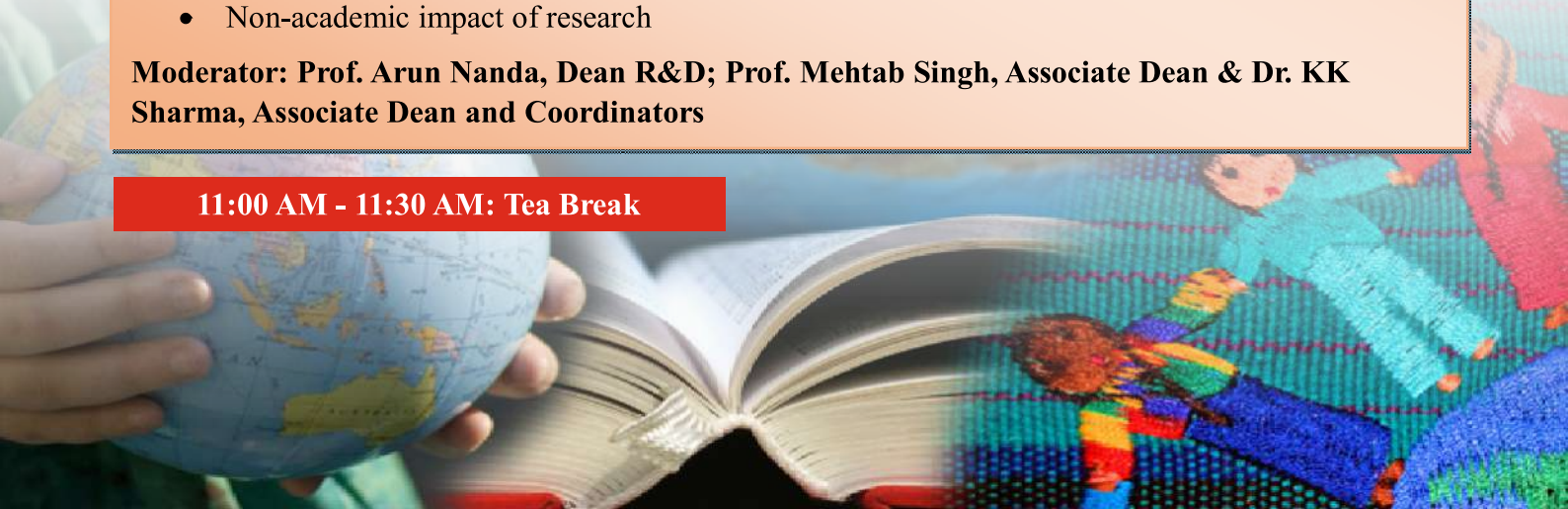
Plenary Speakers: Dr. Pawan Budhwar, Dr. Kiran Gulia, Dr. O.P. Dhankher, Dr. Suman Grewal, Dr. Jogender Singh

Themes include the following Sub-themes:

- Changing life of an academician and challenges
- Non-academic impact of research

Moderator: Prof. Arun Nanda, Dean R&D; Prof. Mehtab Singh, Associate Dean & Dr. KK Sharma, Associate Dean and Coordinators

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM: Tea Break



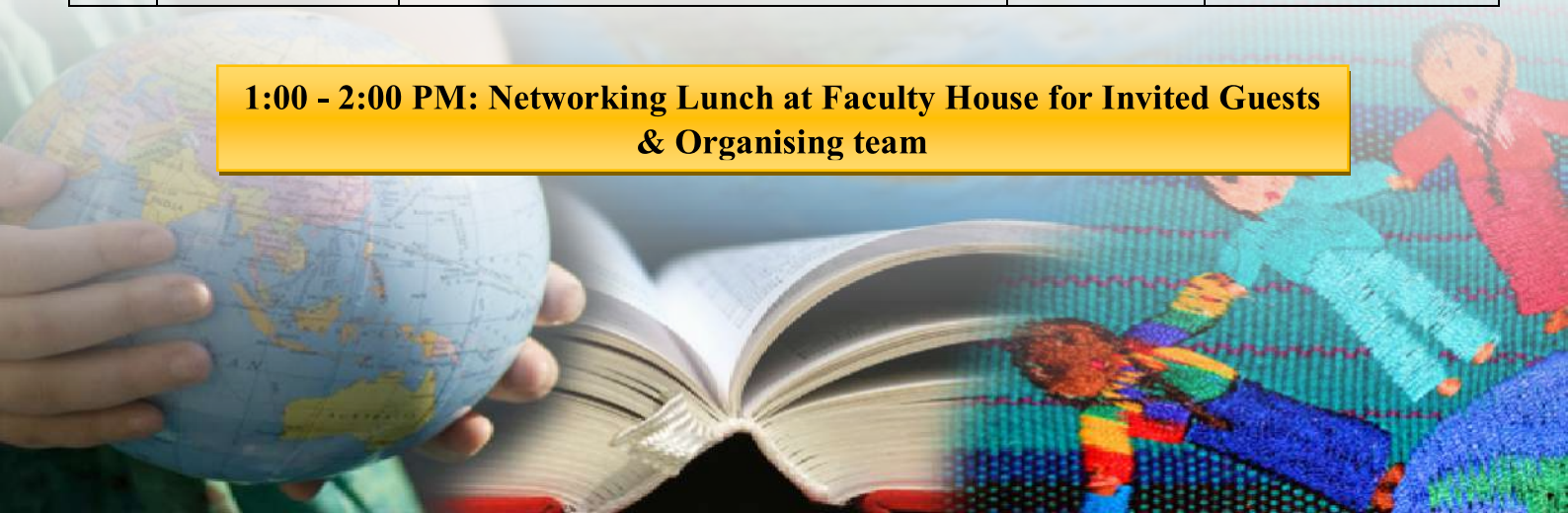
INVITED TALKS

Parallel Sessions: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Target audience: Assistant Professors and Research Scholars

S. No.	Theme	Sub-theme	Invited talk by	Venue	Moderator/Coordinator
1	Business & Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications (discipline specific areas) • Research grants and their significance (discipline specific areas) ▪ Research collaborations ▪ Writing innovative proposals ▪ Developing Research Centres 	Dr. Pawan Budhwar, USA	IHTM Conference Hall	Director IHTM, Director IMSAR, HoDs – Economics, Commerce
2	Engineering & Technology		Dr. Kiran Gulia, UK	UIET Conference Hall	Dean, Faculty of Engg. & Tech.
3	Life Sciences & Medical education and professional journey		Dr. OP Dhankher, USA; Dr. Jogender Singh, USA & Gajender Ahlawat, Canada	CBT Seminar Hall	Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences; Director(s) CBT, CMBT, CBINF & HoD, Microbiology
4	Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Affairs	Dr. Suman Grewal, USA		Deptt. of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Dean, Pharmaceutical Sciences
5	Delegation preparations & MoU	Mr. Harinder Panesar		ACIL	Dean R&D
6	Psychologists	Dr. Laxmi and Dr. Manjeet Kaur		Psychology Dept.	HoD, Psychology & Sociology

1:00 - 2:00 PM: Networking Lunch at Faculty House for Invited Guests & Organising team



Afternoon Session (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM)

Venue: Faculty Development Centre (Target Audience: Research Scholars)

Plenary Speakers: Dr. Pawan Budhwar, Dr. O.P. Dhankher, Dr. Kiran Gulia, Dr. Suman Grewal, Dr. Jogender Singh, Harinder Panaser

Theme: Career Development

Themes include the following Sub-themes:

- Networking
- Citations
- Ethics and Integrity in Scientific Space
- Soft Skill Development
- Technical Skill Development

Moderator: Director, FDC, Dean, R &D, and Director, CRSIS & EC

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM - Overall panel discussion- wrap up

4:00 PM: Vote of Thanks

Followed by Coffee Break

Conference Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of global higher education trends, facilitating the integration of contemporary knowledge and practices within MDU's academic framework.
- Formation of international educational partnerships, fostering collaborative research, student exchanges, and academic advancements.
- Showcasing of MDU's academic and research capabilities, elevating its reputation on the global stage and attracting international students and faculty.
- Guidance for students on global educational opportunities, including detailed insights into studying abroad, internships, and career planning in an international context.



MDU *at a glance...*

