

# MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY, ROHTAK

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

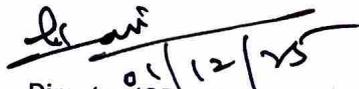
Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, has taken serious note of a news item circulating in a section of the media regarding the status of its Distance and Online Education programmes. In the larger interest of students, parents and stakeholders, the University wishes to place the following facts on record. 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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