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## Why this newsletter

It is a matter of immense satisfaction to have MDU Newsletter, "MDU Mirror" in our hands. With the release of the inaugural issue (Jan-March, 2025) timed with its Foundation Day i.e. 19th April, the Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has added yet another feather to its decorated cap, and crossed one more milestone.

Constantly engaged in purposeful pursuit of excellence in promoting education and research, our great abode of learning has made rapid strides and come to occupy a seat on the high bench of institutes of eminence in the country. Having a formidable track record in academics, research, cultural activities and sports, MDU has grown into a teaching-cum-affiliating university.

With territorial jurisdiction extending to 7 districts of NCR in Southern Haryana, MDU today boasts of as many as 42 Post-Graduate Departments under 10 Faculties led and run by leading names in the field of education. The Directorate of Distance Education is providing quality education to the students with traditional UG/ PG courses, as well as some new programmes in emerging areas of knowledge.

Beautiful landscaping is a hallmark of the MDU campus which houses hostel facilities for more than 2,500 boys and an equal number of girls. A vibrant institute of higher learning, MDU helps the students in realizing their academic dreams.

With so much life and so much happening on the pulsating and vibrant campus, I have always felt the need for an in-house publication, and this need



### From VC's desk

will be met by the 'MDU Newsletter' you have in your hands today.

Holding a mirror to the goings-on on the campus, it will serve the students of mass communication as a perfect platform for hands-on training in how to produce a publication. It will also help them in acquiring the ability to report and write, the two fundamentals the edifice of journalism rests on.

Also, this product will serve as a glue to bind the entire mass of students as well as the faculty of MDU into a bond, record their scholarly achievements, and open a channel for communication with the academic universe. The inaugural issue of 'MDU Newsletter' offers an overview of the university's rich history and its remarkable achievements.

I would like to appreciate the editorial team led by Prof. Harish Kumar, HOD

JMC, Prof. Ashish Dahiya, DPR for making the 'MDU Newsletter' a reality within a short span of a few days. I must also thank Dr. Naveen Kumar, Deputy DPR, Mr. Pankaj Nain, PRO and faculty, research scholars, students of Journalism and Mass Communication Department and the senior officers of the university for their indulgence in making this venture see the light of day.

I am sure the 'MDU Newsletter' will scale peaks of popularity and will grow into a journalistic product to represent what all this great university stands for.

**Prof. Rajbir Singh**  
Vice-Chancellor

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## Vision

The Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) aspires to be a leading 'transformative learning community' recognized all over the world for excellence in teaching, research and service, and, as a catalyst for intellectual, social, cultural and economic development

## Mission

**The MDU is committed to transforming lives and serving the society through the pursuit of excellence in teaching, innovation, lifelong learning, cultural enrichment and outreach services.**

- ◆ To realise its Vision and achieve the Mission, the university will endeavour
- ◆ To provide intellectually inspiring, academically challenging and supportive environment conducive to positive personal growth.
- ◆ To provide a comprehensive education, benchmarked against the highest global standards.
- ◆ To engage in innovative, high-impact and leading-edge research within and across disciplines.
- ◆ To produce graduates of distinction committed to academic/professional excellence and lifelong learning.
- ◆ To provide a safe, healthy and sustainable workplace.
- ◆ To act in partnership with the community over the generation, dissemination and application of knowledge.
- ◆ To act as a gateway and forum for scholarship with the rest of the world.

## Core values

**Academic Excellence:** MDU strives for uncompromising quality and highest standards of excellence in teaching, learning, research and scholarship across various disciplines.

**Pursuit of Excellence in Research and Innovations:** The university is driven by research and innovation and ensures continuous engagement in scholarly activities in the pursuit of innovation, creativity and excellence.

**Morality and Ethics:** The university upholds the highest ethical values, integrity and professionalism and an unwavering commitment to academic freedom, transparency and accountability.

**Social Commitment and Inclusiveness:** The university stands committed to nurturing and preserving an environment of safety, trust, mutual respect, equality and diversity in its all endeavours to ensure fairness and inclusiveness.

**Environmental Sustainability:** The university is aware of its environmental responsibilities and embraces the principle of sustainable development to ensure that any adverse environmental impact of its activities is minimized.

**Service:** The university seeks to serve the diverse, personal and professional development needs of its constituents and encourage the habit of engagement, caring, and civic responsibility by emphasizing the need for a connect between service, excellence, and career growth.

## MDU journey-A tale of transformation



- ◆ Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak was established through the Haryana Act No. 25 of 1975. The Act received the assent of the Governor of Haryana on August 21, 1975, and was first published in the Haryana Government Gazette (Extraordinary), Legislative Supplement Part I, on August 25, 1975. The primary objective of the University was to promote interdisciplinary higher education and research, with a special emphasis on Life Sciences, Environmental, and Ecological Sciences.
- ◆ The University formally came into existence on April 19, 1976, which is celebrated as its Foundation Day. At its inception, MDU started with 9 departments and 4 faculties.
- ◆ In 1977, the University was renamed as Maharshi Dayanand University, in honor of the great visionary and social reformer, Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati Ji.
- ◆ By 1978, MDU became a teaching-cum-affiliating university. It was recognized under Section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 in 1979, and under Section 12(B) in 1983.
- ◆ In 1988, MDU established a Postgraduate Regional Centre, which was later upgraded to a State University named Indira Gandhi University, Mirpur on September 7, 2013.
- ◆ The University set up a Correspondence Cell also in 1988 to provide education through distance mode. This was renamed to the Directorate of Distance Education in 2012, and later transformed into the Centre for Distance and Online Education on April 1, 2022, with the goal of offering quality education through distance and online education programs to all, especially the unreached.
- ◆ In 2000, MDU founded a prominent satellite campus known as the National Law College in Gurgaon to extend its excellence in legal and management education. Over time, it was renamed to Institute of Law and Management Studies (ILMS), Gurgaon in 2005, University Institute of Law and Management Studies (UILMS), Gurgaon in 2011, and MDU Centre for Professional & Allied Studies (MDU-CPAS), Gurugram in 2017.

## Major Achievements of the University include:

- ▶ Accredited by NAAC with 'B' Grade in 2004
- ▶ Accredited with B++ Grade (CGPA: 2.97/4) in 2010
- ▶ Reaccredited with 'A' Grade (CGPA: 3.03/4) in 2013
- ▶ Accredited with 'A+' Grade (CGPA: 3.44/4) in 2019
- ▶ Ranked 1st in All India Swachhta Ranking among Government Universities by the Ministry of Education, Government of India (2018-19)
- ▶ Recipient of the Green Institutional Mentor Award by the Ministry of Education, Government of India 2020
- ▶ Winner of the First Prize in the State Level Energy Conservation Award (2022-23) by the New & Renewable Energy Department, Haryana
- ▶ Consistently ranked among the top 100 universities in the NIRF Rankings since 2016; currently holds the 35th rank among State Public Universities in India (2024)
- ▶ Featured in Stanford University's list of Top 2% Scientists in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Three faculty members were recognized each year for their exceptional research contributions during their career. Additionally, the list included 05 faculty members along with 01 student, 11 faculty members along with 04 students and 13 faculty members along with 06 students for outstanding contribution in a single year.
- ▶ The Vivekananda Library of the University was honored with the ILA-Dr. L. M. Padhya Best University Library Award 2024 during the 70th Indian Library Association Conference held at Raichur, Karnataka from March 19-22, 2025.

## Current Infrastructure & Academic Offerings:

MDU currently has 18 teaching blocks that accommodates 42 University Teaching Departments (UTDs) spread across 10 Faculties. In addition, the University has a Centre for Distance and Online Education, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programs across various disciplines through its Faculty of Distance and Online Education. MDU also has 248 affiliated colleges, a satellite campus- MDU Centre for Professional and Allied Studies (CPAS) located in Gurugram. The University offers 212 academic programs encompassing 5475 courses, with a strong focus on holistic education, community engagement, and world-class sports facilities. The University has extensive hostel facilities, accommodating approximately 5000 students in: 10 Boys' Hostels, 10 Girls' Hostels, 01 International Hostel, 01 Transit Hostel, 01 Sports Hostel.

# Spring in feet, MDU poised for the big leap



By Prof. Harish Kumar

**Q: You are the longest-serving Vice-Chancellor of the university, how do you reflect upon the initiatives and achievements of the university during your tenure?**

**A:** I am fortunate to have got this opportunity to serve this and other universities of the state. I remain committed to giving my best for the growth and development of the institution I am asked to serve. And this is amply reflected in the growth of the institution. I am happy that with the efforts of faculty and other staff, MDU has secured 35th rank in the universities of the country, and first rank in Haryana. I have concentrated on student-centric initiatives through capacity building of both faculty as well as students. I formed consortium of Youth Skills Development Centre, Career Counseling and Placement Cell, Centre for Life Skills and Soft Skills, and University Centre for Competitive Examinations. The Consortium has logged overwhelming output. We have also set up a Faculty Development Centre for overall growth of our faculty members and it keeps buzzing with academic events throughout the year. During this tenure only the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies and University Institute of Public Health Sciences has been established. We have also come up with a Centre for Yogic Studies and Centre for Maharshi Dayanand and Vedic Studies as well as a Centre of Intellectual Property Rights. Our Institute of Public Health Sciences is a novel initiative which has attracted attention and applaud across the academic world. We have also come up with a Studio for E-Content Development. The list is endless but for brevity sake, I would say our national and international achievements in the fields of research, publications, sports and science speak volumes about where MDU stands today. Our Genome Sequencing Lab and Aryabhata Central Instrumentation Lab are only one of their kind in the entire state, appreciated even by the WHO. We have an appreciable waste management system and have been adjudged the best clean-green university of the nation in Swachhta Rankings – 2018 by MHRD, Government of India.

**Q2: What factors distinguish MDU from the sister universities in Haryana, and how do you plan to capitalize on them to promote academics and research? Any targets set for your last year in office?**

**A:** The education system in Haryana is doing wonderfully well and I do not want to make any comparative analysis. But when other institutions want and attempt to adopt our best practices, it does MDU proud and eggs us on to do more and better. The infrastructure we could build, the facilities we could create for taking performances to the next level, the laboratories we could establish for research promotion, and other accomplishments tell the tale of how resources can be capitalized. Our library has been adjudged as the best in the entire country. It was conferred the Best Library Award in recognition of its rich reservoir of study material and seating capacity. Its reading hall is available 24X7. We also handhold each one of our 248 affiliated educational institutions spread over eight districts. I have always endeavored to provide a conducive environment for teachers' learning. We are going to implement outreach activities that would be a compulsory credit-based course under which every single student will be required to undertake some social activity for maintaining social connect to ensure their holistic development. The green volunteer scheme for natural farming program with kitchen gardening and terrace gardening as two-credit course is also a new initiative towards women's empowerment and healthy living. My prime objective is to facilitate and ensure holistic development of students and faculty members in conjunction with the NEP. Our focus remains on research consultancy and patents.

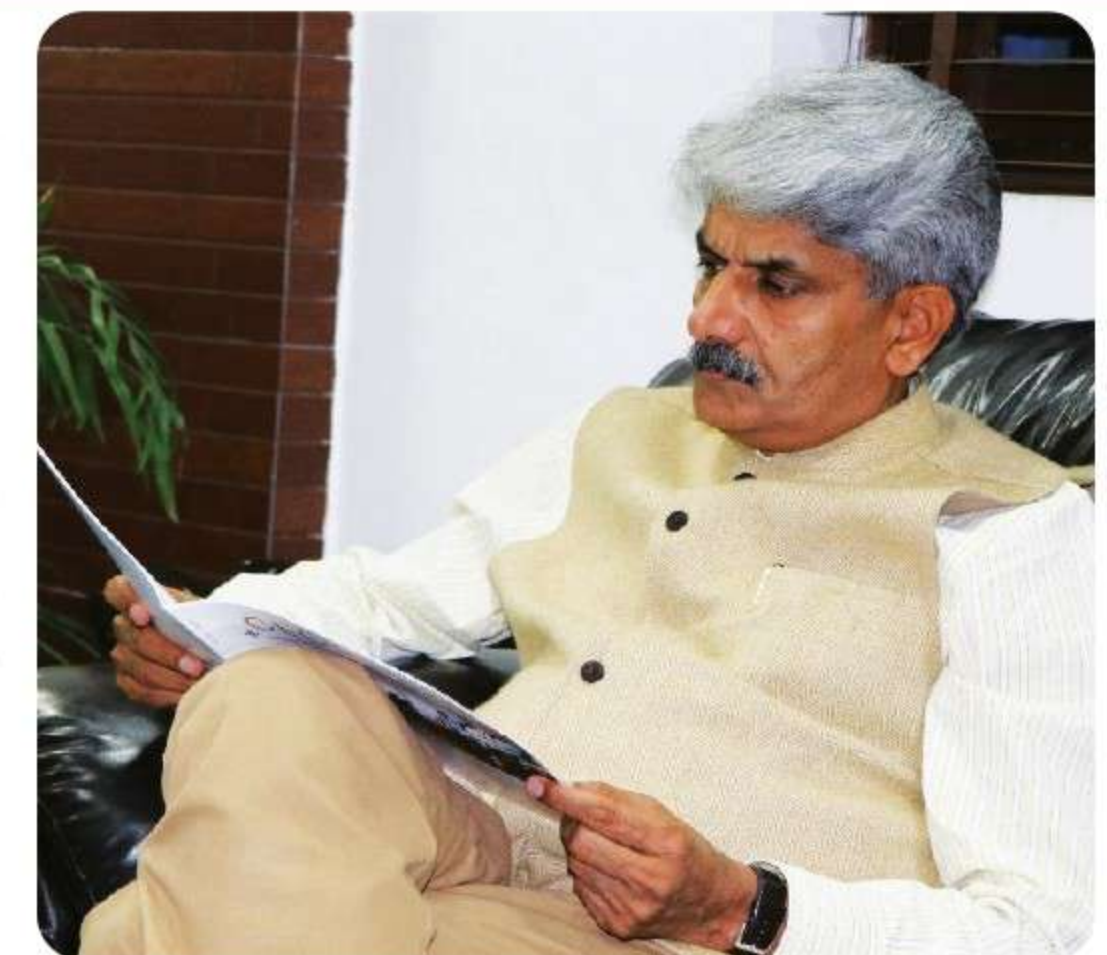
**We have also come up with a Centre for Yogic Studies and centre for Maharshi Dayanand and Vedic Studies to promote Indian knowledge system.**

**Q3: Have any measures been taken to bridge the gap between academia and industry and reorient the education in tune with the National Education Policy to make the students future-ready?**

**A:** During the past more than five years we have attempted to fill the gap between theory and practice by involving industrialists and policy makers from different domains, who now constitute an essential component in our Boards of Studies and other academic platforms. Their thoughts and suggestions are incorporated in the syllabuses of academic courses so that the outcome could be 100% compatible with the latest industrial requirements. We keep updating our knowledge transfer system by keeping our faculty members abreast with the latest happenings globally. The enormity of our placement numbers, including in some of the best internationally acclaimed business houses, denote the future readiness of our students. We have already incorporated majority of the nuances of NEP in our education system, including internships for practical exposure. We would be among the firsts to fully implement the NEP.

**Q: MDU boasts of vast and rich infrastructure. How it is being tapped to create more facilities and boost revenue?**

**A:** Our energy conservation initiatives and vast solar energy generating plants have been appreciated and won us State level Energy Conservation Award from the Haryana Government in 2023. We facilitate usage of our infrastructure and facilities like auditoriums by the aspirants to boost revenue generation. We have also initiated KG to PG scheme on the campus. Our focus is riveted on extending quality educational and research services to our students and research scholars. In fact, we offer massive scholarships for research and have launched research promotion awards for academia. We are persisting with efforts to make this institution self-sustainable, and for this, we are concentrating on consultancy and more patents.



**Q: What future you see for the MDU. What are the grey areas to be addressed, and how early it can be made to rub shoulders with top ten universities of India?**

**A:** We are already in the top 35 and are working hard to inch our way up at a fast clip. Our intent is to internationalize higher education with industrial and academic collaborations. We are determined to develop skills in the youth through integration of vocational education and practical learning skill sets. We are moving from summative to formative assessment and continuous and comprehensive evaluation for wholehearted involvement of the faculty members in teaching and learning. We have already undertaken massive examination reforms which have yielded positive results. We are also moving towards commercialization of patents. Learning is being made more flexible. We are lacing it with practical skill sets to make the students job-ready at the national and international level. Scores of qualitative changes are on the anvil and while those made are visible on the campus. For instance, our Centre for Disability Studies is a very successful and one of its kind initiative. The Dafeteria has come up as a successful start-up and entrepreneurship skill incubated by our fully functional Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship. It was recently invited at the Purple Fest on the Rashtrapati Bhawan lawns. We are also initiating programmes in new knowledge areas like machine learning, artificial intelligence, big data courses and capacity building to increase the capabilities of our youngsters. The entire fraternity is supportive for removal of any teething problems or bottlenecks during the launch of new initiatives with futuristic orientations.

**Q: You are in the last year of your extended term. What, in your view, are the three main achievements of your extended stint as Vice-Chancellor of MDU?**

**A:** I do not believe in counting days. I believe in making the most of every hour at my disposal to improve things and take the institution forward. We have crossed several milestones making this university a milestone on the road to academic excellence. When our peers look up to us we feel inspired to move forward. Several institutions are replicating our best practices. Our research and academic performances are being recognized far and wide and our national and international achievements in sports and culture have brought us laurels. But, no time to sit on our laurels. We are taking more initiatives to place MDU on a higher pedestal of academic excellence and research. All I can say is that with spring in feet, MDU is poised for the big leap. ■

# Internal Quality Assurance Cell initiatives help keep things on track



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The IQAC Cell proactively prepared the roadmap for implementation of NEP-2020 and Institutional Development Plan in keeping with the UGC guidelines.

Curriculum and Credit Framework for UG and PG programmes as per the UGC guidelines under the National Education Policy 2020 has been prepared and implemented in the various UG and PG programs offered by the UTDS w.e.f. 2023-24 session and affiliated colleges w.e.f. 2024-25 session with the provisions of multiple entry and exit and academic bank of credits.

Further, Curriculum and Credit Framework for Employability Enhancement Certificate Programme has been developed the implementation of which is borne out by more than 40 certificate and PG diploma programmes offered by the university.

The IQAC played an active role in offering Ph.D. programmes in various disciplines as per the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of Ph.D.) Regulations, 2022 and the amendments made therein.

IQAC has played an active role in the establishment of a Centre for Curriculum Design and Development and Research and Development Cell as per UGC guidelines.

Further, in coordination with the Centre for Curriculum Design and Development, FDC-MMTTC, the IQAC has organised a number of workshops/sensitization programmes/seminars for faculty members of UTDS and affiliated colleges

regarding NAAC accreditation and NEP 2020 implementation. The quality initiative of the Research Promotion Policy as well the condition of mandatory publication in Scopus/web of science indexed journals by the research scholars / resource persons on extension lecture has helped the university to maintain a leading position in research among the state universities of Haryana.

Quality initiatives related to NIRF related activities resulted in the maintaining the NIRF ranking of the University within top 100 universities till NIRF-2023 and positioning of the University at 35 th among the State Public University in NIRF-2024 (MDU maintains the highest ranking in NIRF among the various State Public Universities of Haryana).

Guidelines for Appointment of Distinguished Visiting Faculty, Honorary Faculty, Visiting Professor, Scholars-In-Residence, Adjunct Faculty, Professor Emeritus, Chair Professor and Floating Faculty as well the guidelines for appointment of consultants and advisors have been formulated and effectively implemented by the university.

MD University-corporate connect for CSR funding and University Sustainability Framework guidelines have been framed to facilitate the receipt of CSR funding and attainment of SDG goals.

The IQAC has also effectively contributed to implementation of various UGC guidelines and University Activity Calendar by UTDS/branches/cells in a time-bound manner. ■

# Dafeteria wins hearts at Rashtrapati Bhavan

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Turns eyeballs into footfalls Dafeteria, an inclusive food truck start-up, incubated by the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) at Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, is an essay in innovation, inclusion, and an inspiration on wheels.

In a remarkable journey on the road to social commitment, Dafeteria achieved national acclaim by making its way to Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, at the Purple Fest 2025, turning eyeballs into footfalls.

Conceived by Ms. Padmajai and mentored by Prof. Ashish Dahiya, Director, Institute of Hotel and Tourism Management (IHTM), Dafeteria is operated by young entrepreneurs, Mr Sahil and Mr. Mandeep, including students from the Divyangjan (speech and hearing impaired) community.

The food truck served thousands of dignitaries and visitors from across the country at the fest held from March 20 to 30, 2025, earning accolades for its inclusive model, rich variety, affordable pricing and nutritional offerings.

MDU stands tall as the first university in India to launch a Certificate Course in Food Truck Operations, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, offering students hands-on learning and entrepreneurial exposure.

The initiative resonates strongly with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Zero Hunger, Reduced Inequalities, and Quality Education.

Dafeteria is more than a food truck. It's a movement of empowerment, innovation, and nation-building on wheels. As MDU celebrates its Golden Jubilee, this initiative reflects its bold vision and leadership in creating future-ready, socially conscious entrepreneurs. ■



# Rang Mahotsav - a heady mix of seven colours - draws visitors in hordes



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## Rang Bahar offers a riot of colour

Rang Mahotsav commenced with Rang Bahar, a flower festival celebrating the gift of nature. Various competitive events on flower arrangement, floral jewellery-making, cut flowers, potted floral exhibits, rangoli, photography, reel-making and selfie-taking, marked Rang-Bahar.

The Chief Guest at the inaugural session, Major General Jagdeep Singh Cheema, ADC, NCC Directorate, Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh, exhorted the students to nurture nature and help preserve the environment.

MDU Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, in his presidential address, said Rang Mahotsav is an endeavour to provide students with an enabling environment where they can hone their skills, and have experiential learning. It is a platform for learning beyond the class-room, he added.

Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council of India, Dr. Sharanjeet Kaur, who was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony, gave away prizes to the winners of various competitive events. Rang Bahar is a perfect platform for celebrating the floral glory of MDU which attracts visitors from all over the state", she said. Welcoming the dignitaries, Convener Rang Bahar Prof. Vinita Hooda stressed the importance of colour in life.



The much awaited multi-hued Rang Mahotsav 2025, a cultural extravaganza offering a heady mix of seven colours of life, organised on the Maharishi Dayanand University campus in Rohtak from March 19 to March 31, 2025, drew visitors in hordes.

Thousands of people from all parts of the state, enjoyed the large number of programmes, including flower festival, competitive events and spectacular cultural programmes featuring soulful melodies and scintillating dance numbers, that marked the gala annual event.

## 'Rang Raas' underscores import of theatre

The two-day Theatre Festival 'Rang Raas' was held in the Radhakrishnan Auditorium on the MDU campus to mark the World Theatre Day.

While inaugurating the festival, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, said theatre is a powerful medium of expression, and has the potential to bring people together. He announced the decision to organise theatre workshops during the summer vacation.

The convener of "Rang Raas", Prof Harish Kumar, HoD, Journalism and Mass Communication Department, welcomed the audience and shed light on the organisation and objectives of the festival, as well as on the traditions of theatre of Haryana.



NSD alumnus and Director Reparatory of Shri Ram Centre for Arts, and Culture, New Delhi, Sameep Singh, who was the guest of honour, emphasized that theatre is timeless and a vibrant art form that surpasses the artificiality of AI. Technology cannot replace the magnificent platform of theatre, which showcases human emotions and feelings.

The first theatrical presentation at the festival was 'Checkmate,' written by world renowned storyteller Anton Chekhov, and successfully directed by Sonu Ronjhiya, a prominent theatre personality of Haryana. The second play staged at the Theater Festival, 'Cycle of Life,' presented a poignant portrayal of the diverse hues of life.





## Rang Srijan spells creativity

Celebration of creative arts through pictures, paintings, artistic creations marked the Rang Srijan event at Rang Mahotsav. The Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the two-day Rang Srijan event with a clarion call to the students to unleash their creative self.

“Art is a powerful medium of self-expression; it helps in expressing feelings, emotions, and imagination. Art form is a platform for expressing compassion and empathy”, Prof Rajbir Singh said, adding that effective social messages can be delivered through art works.

He announced the decision to set up an Arts Museum on the campus for the Department of Visual Arts. A painting exhibition and a photo exhibition were also organized as a part of the Rang Srijan event.

The Guest(s) of Honour – Vishwa Ranan Nirmal and Dr. S. K. Kushwaha– also spoke at the inaugural ceremony of Rang Srijan.

Convenor, Rang Srijan and HOD (Department of visual arts), Sanjay Kumar delivered the welcome address.



## Rang Sur has people tapping their feet and groove

Enchanting music emanating from the saxophone made the listeners tap their feet and groove at Rang Sur, a musical event.

While young saxophonist Aaliyah Gupta gave a divine performance on saxophone, instrumental musical versions of popular Hindi film songs took the audience down the memory lane. She excelled with her musical performance, and captivated the audience in Tagore Auditorium. She was ably accompanied by Varun Sharma on dholak, Narender Kumar on keyboard, Ajit Singh Rathor on octapad, and Stanlay on guitar. The musical show was managed by Vipul Gupta.

Earlier, students of the Music Department sang beautiful songs of Bollywood Mashup Medley under the guidance of faculty member, Dr Saurabh Verma. Prof Vimal, Convener of Rang Sur, expressed the vote of thanks.



## Rang Kalam offers a dip in literature

Rang Kalam, a literary event organized as a part of the Rang Mahotsav, sent out a loud and clear message on the importance of literature in life and how literary creations create an environment of positivity in the society.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, said literature awakens human sensibilities. It gives life skills, helps in understanding oneself and in personality development by teaching the art of living and linguistic skills.

He disclosed that a literature festival would be held in the month of October. Along with this, MDU would organise workshops on story writing, poetry writing, literature review etc. during the summer vacation, and a university magazine would be published to mark the occasion.

Eminent writer and poet Dr Rashmi Bajaj said literature has the ability to change life. Literature has an effective role in protecting humanity. Underlining the importance of positive, life-giving literature, he inspired the students by reciting aloud, “We have sung enough about death, let us sing the songs of life.”

The chief guest, MDU Alumnus and Padma Shri, Dr Sant Ram Deswal, said that literature is not just entertainment, but a serious work. It should contribute to social uplift and help in building a better society.

The special speaker, Associate Professor and poet of the Department of Mass Communication, Guru Jambheshwar University, Hisar, Dr. Mihir Ranjan Patra gave an emotional presentation of poems like My India, Magnificent India, Main Hi Devta, Main Hi Daitya, Aurat Ka Ahsaas etc.

Famous Urdu poet Suhaib Ahmed Farooqui attracted the audience with beautiful poems, ghazals and charming couplets and shayari. Convener Prof. Sunita Saini welcomed the authors and dignitaries.



## Rang Tarang, a cultural melange



A spectacular cultural programme featuring soulful melodies, scintillating dances highlighting Haryanvi culture, and vintage Bollywood music and dance numbers, marked the Rang Tarang event. The cultural razzmatazz marked the grand finale of Rang Mahotsav organized under the aegis of the Students' Welfare Office.

The Vice-Chancellor who presided over the cultural event, said Rang Tarang is a platform for promoting cultural talent of the students. The Guest of Honour, noted philanthropist Rajesh Jain, and Dr Sharanjeet Kaur, Chairperson, RCI, stressed the importance of cultural hues in life.

Dean, Student Welfare and Convener, Rang Mahotsav, Prof Randeep Rana, welcomed the dignitaries. Director, Youth Welfare and Convener of Rang Tarang, Dr Partap Rathee, gave the vote of thanks. Director, CCPC, Prof. Divya Malhan also spoke on the occasion. Earlier, MDU Director PR, Mr Sunit Mukherjee, delivered the welcome address.

A special highlight of the Rang Tarang event was the wonderful musical performance by MDU's Aaryan Band. Led by faculty member of the Department of Music, Dr Saurabh Verma, talented students sang beautiful songs to create an atmosphere of musical bliss. Students of IMSAR and GVM Girls College, Sonapat, gave a scintillating Bollywood retro dance performance.

Captivating Haryanvi group dance numbers and Haryanvi group songs highlighted the rich cultural heritage of Haryana. A heady combo of music and dance brought the curtains down on Rang Mahotsav-2025.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, presided over the function. MDU alumnus and corporate expert Mr Vishwa Raman Nirmal was the Chief Guest.

## Rang Vyanjan tickles taste buds



**R**ang Vyanjan, organised as a part of Rang Mahotsav, rocked the show with lip-smacking delicious food, fun and frolic. Rich culinary flavours of India, especially of Haryana, and their gastronomic heritage was highlighted at the Rang-Vyanjan event.

Special dishes of the state, including Pude, Choorma, Bajre Ki Roti, Lassi, Chutneys, Chawal-Kadhi, Kheer and Dal Tadka, were the culinary attractions at the Rang Vyanjan festival. The students of SIASTE, Jhajjar, offered vivid tastes of India at their stalls. A star attraction was the cuisine of Odisha.

Refreshing Drink Tanka Torani, popular Pakhala, Dahi Baingan, Badi Chura, Poto Posto, Kanika, Bhindi Masala, sweet dish Rasa Bali, etc. formed part of the culinary delights served at the stall. In all, twenty teams participated in the event. Visitors thronged the stalls, and ate to their heart's content. Folk musicians playing Been and Dhol filled the environment with charming folk music.

Director, Institute of Hotel & Tourism Management & Convener of Rang Vyanjan, Prof Ashish Dahiya, threw light on the theme Rang Vyanjan to the invited dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor said 'Rang Vyanjan', a culinary mega event, is an attempt to provide the university community exposure about the rich culinary heritage of India, and the special dishes of Haryana.

Vice Chancellor, BDS UHS, Prof. H. K. Aggarwal, Director, Pt. BDS PGIMS, Dr. S.K.Singhal, graced the event as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. Team IHTM assisted in organizing Rang Vyanjan events in collaboration with the DSW office. ■



# MOU signed with Nasscom, IBM Skill Build

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Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has inked an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with prestigious organizations NASSCOM and IBM Skill Build to facilitate capacity-building, skill development and internships by university students.

(CSR Programs) and Uzma Urooj (Associate Manager) represented IBM Skill Build. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, expressed happiness on this strategic tie-up with NASSCOM and IBM Skill Build for ensuring holistic development of the university students. The MOU will not only pave the way for providing corporate work exposure to the students but will also hone their employability skills.

Dean, Academic Affairs, Prof A. S. Maan, said the tie-up would facilitate outcome-based education and help the students in building up technical skills. Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant expressed his gratitude to both organizations. ■

The MoUs were signed on March 4, 2025 by the MDU Registrar, Dr Krishan Kant, and official representatives of NASSCOM as well as IBM Skill Build. While Anuj Gangola, Customer Lead, Govt. & Academia, NASSCOM, and Sankalp Madan (Regional Lead, North, NASSCOM) represented NASSCOM, Shikha Dogra, Manager



# Spreading happiness through cartoons

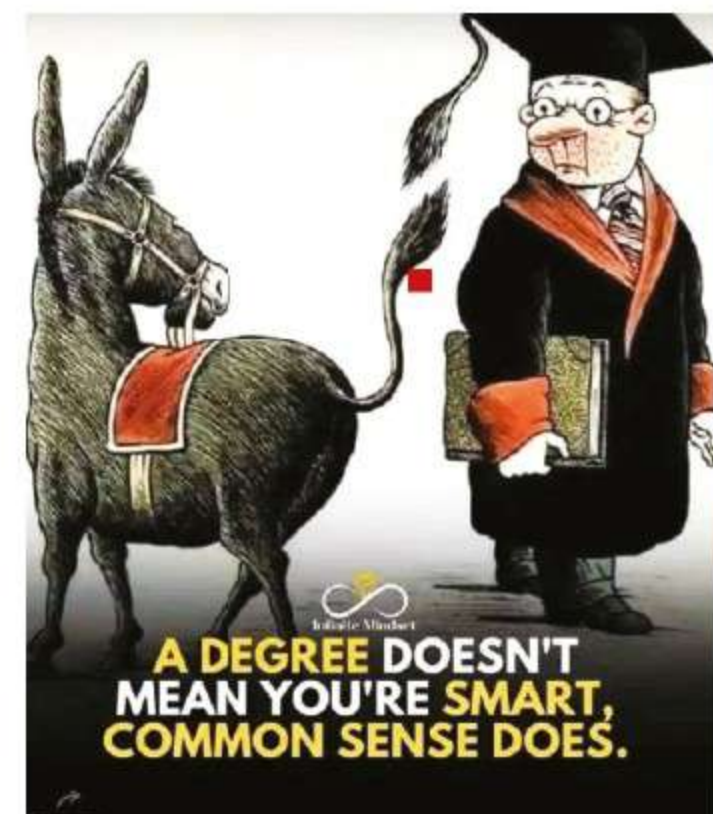
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Cultivating happiness through expressive art of cartooning was the focus at the "Building Happiness Sukh Srijan" workshop organised by the Department of Psychology and Happitude laboratory of Maharshi Dayanand University on the occasion of International Day of Happiness.

Mr Joshi gave a talk and a demonstration on the art of cartooning. He drew caricatures and cartoons to explain the creative art. In the technical session, Joshi gave assignments to the participants who enthusiastically drew figures, sketches and cartoons.

Eminent cartoonist Sandeep Joshi, the resource person, elucidated upon the art of happiness through cartooning. "We must relish each and every happy moment of life and express ourselves creatively", he said.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, who was the Chief Guest, said a positive mindset is required to be happy in life. One must cultivate an appreciative mindset in life. Creative art is a platform for happiness, he said. ■



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# Wall of Academic Glory, mural pay tribute to Dayanand Saraswati

The Wall of Academic Glory and a dedicated wall-mural depicting the sterling contribution made by the leading social reformer of India Swami Dayanand Saraswati, was dedicated to the MDU community by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rajbir Singh, on the occasion of Maharshi Dayanand Jayanti.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Rajbir Singh said the Wall of Academic Glory has been raised to mark the onset of the Golden Jubilee Year celebrations of MDU and commemorate the 200th birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati.

The Wall seeks to acknowledge the university's contribution to academic excellence, research, and service to society. It highlights Swami Dayanand's observation on the importance of knowledge: "Without Knowledge, no one can experience true happiness."

The Vice-Chancellor praised the stupendous efforts made by the Visual Arts team in creating the wall mural.

Created by the Head of Visual Arts Department, Mr Sanjay Kumar, and his team the wall-mural depicts the sterling contribution made by Swami Dayanand in combating various social evils prevalent during his time and enlightening the world through his immortal literary creation Satyarth Prakash. ■



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# Tributes paid to Swami Vivekanand, B R Ambedkar

Low tributes were paid to the inspiring Icon Swami Vivekanand on the occasion of Vivekanand Jayanti and National Youth Day and rich tributes were paid to the architect of Indian Constitution, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, at the Samvidhan Gaurav Samaroh and Rashtriya Yuva Diwas Samaroh organized on the MDU campus.

The Union Power, Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, who was the Chief Guest, said that youth must take inspiration from the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. He exhorted the youth to dedicate themselves to the cause of uplift of the society following the path shown by Swami Vivekananda.

Paying tributes to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, he said the concept of equality, equity, inclusive development owes its origin to Baba Saheb's pioneering work in drafting the Constitution. The Government is working steadfastly for the welfare and development of all sections of society following the vision of Dr. Ambedkar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, paid wholesome tributes to Swami Vivekanand and Dr B. R. Ambedkar. He highlighted their sterling contribution in various walks of life. The university will celebrate Indian Constitution's 75th anniversary by holding several programmes during the year, he added.

Retired IAS officer, Dr. Dalip Singh, speaking as the Guest of Honour, said that the Constitution has ensured rapid development of the nation. The status of the poor, downtrodden, and marginalized has improved drastically due to the constitutional provisions resulting in a welfare-centric state. ■







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