# **REDEFINING STANDARDS:**





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## About University

Maa Shakumbhari University, a State University located in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India, was established under The Uttar Pradesh State Universities Act of 2019. The university was initially named Saharanpur State University but later was renamed Maa Shakumbhari University by the Government. The university's foundation stone was laid on December 2, 2021, marking its establishment by upgrading the Government Degree College, Punwarka, which was founded in 1999.



Maa Shakumbhari University now oversees all government and private degree colleges in the districts of Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, and Shamli, which were previously affiliated with Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut. Currently, the university affiliates 8 Government, 11 Aided, and 193 Self-Financed colleges. The university envisions becoming a global centre of excellence in education, research and training by pursuing the following mission:

- To provide highest standards of learning in academic sphere.
- To attain specialization in interdisciplinary research and training in contemporary fields.
- To produce high skilled professionals in concerned field of knowledge.
- To evolve global leadership qualities in learners through mentoring and extension activities.



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सेवा में,

डा० पंकज एल० जानी कुलाधिपति के विशेष कार्याधिकारी उत्तर–प्रदेश, लखनऊ।

विषय :--उ०प्र० राज्य विश्वविद्यालयों/संस्थानों में मूल्यांकन तथा राष्ट्रीय/अन्तराष्ट्रीय रैकिंग हेतु की गई तैयारी के परिणाम स्वरूप विश्वविद्यालय/संस्थान में आये सकारात्मक परिवर्तन की संकलित रिपोर्ट उपलब्ध कराने के सम्बन्ध में।

महोदय,

कृपया उपर्युक्त विषयक अपने पत्र संख्या : ई–6088/32-जी०एस०/2023–(NAAC) दिनांक: 12 अगस्त, 2024 का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके द्वारा माननीय कुलाधिपति महोदया जी की प्रेरणा से राज्य विश्वविद्यालयों द्वारा राष्ट्रीय मूल्यॉकन एवं प्रत्यायन परिषद, बैंगलूरू (NAAC), राष्ट्रीय संस्थागत रैंकिंग फ्रेमवर्क (NIRF) एवं QS World Ranking एवं अन्य अन्तराष्ट्रीय रैंकिंग में राज्य विश्वविद्यालयों ने उत्कृष्ट स्थान प्राप्त किया है। राज्य विश्वविद्यालयों को यू०जी०सी० कैटेगरी–1 श्रेणी तथा प्रधानमंत्री राष्ट्रीय उच्चतर शिक्षा अभियान के अन्तर्गत अनुदान भी प्राप्त हुआ है तथा उत्कृष्ट ग्रेड एवं रैकिंग प्राप्त करने के फलस्वरूप आपके विश्वविद्यालय में कार्यरत शिक्षकों, छात्रों एवं विश्वविद्यालय के हित घारकों में क्या–क्या सकारात्मक परिवर्तन देखने का मिले है साथ ही विश्वविद्यालय की कार्य–पद्धति एवं समग्र वातावरण पर किसी प्रकार का प्रभाव पड़ा है, की रिपोर्ट संकलित कर सचिवालय को उपलब्ध कराये जाने की अपेक्षा की गई है।

उक्त के परिप्रेक्ष्य में आपको अवगत कराना है कि उत्कृष्ट ग्रेड एवं रैंकिंग प्राप्त करने के फलस्वरूप आपको विश्वविद्यालय में कार्यरत शिक्षकों, छात्रों एवं विश्वविद्यालयों के हित धारकों में हुए परिवर्तन साथ ही विश्वविद्यालय की कार्य–पद्धति एवं समग्र वातावरण पर हुए प्रभाव की संकलित रिपोर्ट फोटोग्राफ सहित सुलभ सदर्न्भ हेतु आपके कार्यालय को प्रेषित की जा रही है।

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### **Stepping Stone to Accreditation**

To promote continuous quality assurance and improvement, and to identify the strengths and weaknesses, Maa Shakumbhari University has consistently encouraged its affiliated colleges to pursue NAAC accreditation. To further enhance the university's reputation and credibility, ensuring that it meets or exceeds specific educational standards, Prof. Sudhir Kumar Pundir, Principal, Sanatan Dharm College, Muzaffarnagar, was appointed as the NAAC coordinator for the university.



The journey of accreditation was no easy feat and significantly supported by the Vice Chancellor and NAAC coordinator of the university attending the **"NAAC Manthan"** on April 4-5, 2022, at Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU), Lucknow, U.P. The event, which invited all State Universities of Uttar Pradesh, focused on guiding institutions in their preparation for the NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) evaluation. The program was further enhanced by the esteemed presence of the Honorable Chancellor, Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Brijesh Pathak Ji, Agriculture Minister, Shri Surya Pratap Sahi Ji, and Technical Education Minister, Shri Ashish Patel Ji.

## NAAC MANTHAN : PHASES

To kickstart the NAAC documentation process, Sanatan Dharm College, Muzaffarnagar, an affiliate of Maa Shakumbhari University, organized a program titled "NAAC Manthan - 1" on June 20, 2022. The Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. H.S. Singh, was invited to this event to inspire and motivate the college faculty to pursue their first cycle of accreditation.



Following the guidelines provided by NAAC and pursuing the path to accreditation, the college hosted "NAAC Manthan - 2" on July 2, 2023. The event featured the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. H.S. Singh and Prof. Mridul Gupta, IQAC Coordinator of C.C.S. University, Meerut and discussions regarding the accreditation process were held. Subsequently, another interactive session titled "NAAC Manthan - 3" was organized at Sanatan Dharm College under the guidance of Prof. Sudhir Kumar Pundir, bringing together esteemed members from various colleges affiliated with the university to discuss NAAC-related matters.









## ACCREDITATION STARTED

Following the accreditation of Sanatan Dharm College with a prestigious 'A' grade by NAAC (First Govt-Aided College in U.P. to achieve this grade at that time) in its first cycle on December 14-15, 2023, "NAAC Manthan - 4" was held to share the college's accreditation journey. The Honorable Vice Chancellor and distinguished Principals from different affiliated colleges were invited to this event to celebrate the achievement and address their queries. This session aimed to assist other colleges in their accreditation efforts by sharing the experiences and insights gained by Sanatan Dharm College, Muzaffarnagar.



#### NATIONAL SUMMIT OF INSTITUTIONAL LEADERS (NSIL)

Pundir, Prof. Sudhir Kumar Principal, Sanatan Dharm College, Muzaffarnagar and university coordinator, NAAC, also attended the three-day "National Summit of Institutional Leaders (NSIL)- Institutions for National Development 2024," organized by Vidya Bharati Uchcha Shiksha Sansthan, with support from the University of Lucknow and the Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh. The summit took place at the University of Lucknow from February 15-17, 2024. This event provided a platform for educational thought leaders to exchange ideas, share wisdom and best practices, engage in peer learning, and collaboratively design strategies for the collective advancement of our institutions and the broader education system.



## **Impact After NAAC Manthan**

As a result of the commitment, dedication, and hard work of the Honorable Vice Chancellor, NAAC coordinator, and the faculties of the affiliated colleges, several colleges under the university have successfully earned NAAC accreditation with various grades:





>>> The impact of accreditation is significant and creates a lasting impression among its stakeholders. Accreditation fosters accountability, attracts well-qualified faculty, and builds trust among students. Colleges revise often and upgrade their curriculum to meet the standards set by NAAC, leading to а more comprehensive and up-to-date educational experience for students.





PM-USHA (Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan)

#### >>> PROJECTS & GRANTS

Various colleges affiliated with the university have received government grants and financial assistance, such as the PM-USHA Scheme, along with numerous project and seminar grants from different government funding agencies. In order to meet NAAC standards, colleges have begun investing in improved infrastructure, including modern classrooms, labs, libraries, and other learning resources.

#### >>> INFRASTRUCTURE





To strengthen industryacademia collaborations, colleges have established strong ties with industry partners through various MoUs, resulting in improved internship and placement opportunities for students.



#### PLACEMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Students from accredited colleges have gained better job prospects as employers often prefer candidates from recognized institutions. The accreditation reflects the quality of education and infrastructure, assuring employers of the students' preparedness and competency.

#### **BEYOND COLLEGE PREMISES - TOWARDS ENVIRONMENT**





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The positive impact of accreditation extends beyond the college premises, reaching into society as students from accredited colleges become role models in their communities, promoting ethical practices and inspiring others to pursue education and personal development.

Different colleges have also adopted sustainable measures, such as energy-efficient buildings, automobile-free campuses, renewable energy sources, and water conservation systems, reducing their overall environmental footprint.









The institutions have regularly hosted workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns on environmental issues, motivating students and the community to embrace eco-friendly practices. Accredited institutions can also pursue NIRF ranking by meeting quality standards and addressing current needs. Overall, Maa Shakumbhari University's commitment to excellence in education, research, and community engagement marks a significant milestone in the advancement of higher education in Uttar Pradesh. Through its strategic focus on NAAC accreditation, the university has not only enhanced its own reputation but has also empowered its affiliated colleges to achieve greater academic standards and foster an environment of continuous improvement.

The successful accreditation of multiple colleges reflects the dedication of faculty, administration, and stakeholders who have worked collaboratively to realize this vision. As the university embraces sustainable practices and nurtures ethical leadership, it is poised to make a lasting impact on society, shaping the future of education and contributing to the overall development of the region. With a clear roadmap for growth and innovation, Maa Shakumbhari University stands ready to inspire and equip the next generation of learners, paving the way for a brighter future for all.

## CONCLUSION

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