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The announcement sparked jubilation among students and staff, who burst crackers and distributed sweets. "It's an extremely proud moment for us all," DAVV vice-chancellor Renu Jain said. DAVV secured 82% in the NAAC assessment, obtaining 3,138 points out of 3,804. The inspection was conducted



Pravin Barmal

CELEBRATION MODE: DAVV officials burst firecrackers on campus after NAAC upgrades university

Door open for more MNCs, ₹50cr grant & foreign faculty

Indore: After getting A+ grade, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV) is now eligible to get a grant of Rs 50 crore under component 10 of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). "In subsequent new components of RUSA where funding is envisaged, DAVV shall be a winner because of A+ status," DAVV's nodal officer for RUSA, Dr Abhay Kumar told TOI.

DAVV now needs to approach University Grants Commission (UGC) for inclusion under category II under graded autonomy. This shall enable the varsity with many autonomy such as starting courses through distance mode, admitting foreign students, recruiting foreign fa-

culity, he added. One major advantage of the grade is that it will now attract several multinational companies for campus placement. Moreover, students who opt for doing their masters or even doctorate will be benefited due to the grade and will have higher chances of admission. "The grade will also help attract foreign students besides the students with good percentage from across the country," said DAVV's placement cell head Dr Govind Maheshwari.

The varsity had got over three points in all the six out of the seven aspects and was close to A++. However, it was due to less points (2.68) in research that pulled the grades down. TNN

66 We are extremely happy with A+ grade as it has opened doors for several benefits. The university will now focus on implementing the suggestions by NAAC team
Dr Renu Jain | Vice-chancellor

66 It is because of the hard work of varsity's employees. We will now work on our weaknesses to get even better grades the next time
Anil Sharma | Registrar

66 We were expecting A+ grade and now we are satisfied with the result. Our hard work has paid off. It is a proud moment for all associated with the university
Dr Ashok Sharma | Chairman, IQAC

66 Now we will get more companies for campus placement. When our students go abroad for higher studies, their chance of admission/scholarship will be higher
Dr Chandan Gupta | Spokesperson