

MIT-ADT University Becomes First in Maharashtra to Earn DASCA Accreditation Across AI & Data Science Programs



Pune, Maharashtra Apr 13, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - MIT Art, Design and Technology University (MIT-ADT) has been awarded accreditation by the Data Science Council of America (DASCA), marking a significant milestone in its commitment to advancing high-quality education in data science and artificial intelligence.

With this recognition, [MIT-ADT](#) becomes the first institution in the state of Maharashtra, India to secure DASCA accreditation across a broad portfolio of programs including undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels. The accredited programs span artificial intelligence, data analytics, cloud computing, cybersecurity, blockchain, and intelligent systems—domains that together constitute the core architecture of modern data science and AI. From data engineering and algorithmic modeling to scalable infrastructure, secure systems, and real-world deployment, these disciplines operate as interconnected layers of a unified capability stack. This integrated approach reflects a deliberate academic design that prepares graduates to build, manage, and advance end-to-end AI and data-driven systems, rather than operate within isolated technical silos.

[DASCA accreditation](#) is conferred upon degree-granting institutions whose programs demonstrate alignment with globally benchmarked standards in curriculum design, academic rigor, and industry relevance. The recognition affirms MIT-ADT's focus on delivering structured, deeply integrated programs that prepare graduates for the evolving demands of the data-driven economy.

What distinguishes this achievement is not only the number of programs accredited, but the institutional consistency it represents. By securing accreditation across diverse specializations and academic levels,

MIT-ADT demonstrates a systemic commitment to quality, ensuring that standards are embedded across the academic ecosystem rather than limited to select offerings.

Reflecting on this milestone, Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Founder, MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions and Chancellor & President, MIT-ADT University, emphasized, "our continued focus on value-based education, innovation, and global academic standards has enabled the university to build strong capabilities in emerging technology domains."

Commenting on this achievement, Avik Dutta, Country Manager – India at Akademik America, said, "DASCA accreditation recognizes institutions that demonstrate depth, consistency, and alignment with global expectations in data science education. MIT-ADT's achievement stands out for its breadth across programs and levels, reflecting a well-developed academic ecosystem rather than isolated excellence. This is the kind of institutional maturity that global benchmarks are designed to acknowledge."

Further underscoring the significance of the recognition, Prof. Dr. Mangesh Karad, Executive President and Pro-Chancellor, noted that the accreditation reflects the university's sustained commitment to academic excellence and future-focused learning ecosystems, while Prof. Dr. Rajesh S., Vice-Chancellor, highlighted that it strengthens MIT-ADT's strategic direction toward delivering interdisciplinary, industry-aligned programs aligned with evolving global technology landscapes.

Adding to this, Dr. Virendra V. Shete, Dean – NEP, Ranking and Accreditation at MIT-ADT University, stated, "Becoming the first institution in Maharashtra to achieve DASCA accreditation across such a wide range of programs is both an honor and a responsibility. Our focus has been on building an integrated academic framework that combines rigor, relevance, and innovation. This recognition reinforces our direction and strengthens our commitment to delivering globally aligned education in AI and data science."

The accreditation also positions MIT-ADT to engage more deeply with global initiatives led by DASCA, particularly the [World Data Science & AI Initiative \(WDSAI\)](#). Through this engagement, MIT-ADT will have the opportunity to participate in structured faculty development initiatives aimed at strengthening teaching capabilities in advanced data science and AI domains, while also contributing to the development of Centers of Excellence that support research, innovation, and industry collaboration.

These initiatives are designed to extend the impact of accreditation beyond curriculum alignment, enabling institutions to build sustained academic capacity, foster interdisciplinary research, and create environments that support real-world problem solving in emerging technology fields.

MIT-ADT University, recognized for its multidisciplinary approach and emphasis on innovation-led learning, continues to strengthen its academic offerings in alignment with global standards. This milestone reflects the institution's broader vision to build capabilities that are not only academically sound but also globally relevant.

About MIT Art, Design and Technology University

MIT Art, Design and Technology University (MIT-ADT University), is a NAAC 'A' Grade higher education institution in India, rated in the "Excellent" band under ARIIA and is featured in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, including placement in the QS World University Rankings (Top 151–200 globally by subject – Art & Design) and the NIRF Innovation Ranking (Band 11–50 in India) underscoring its focus on innovation, sustainability, and global engagement.

With a distinctive academic model that integrates engineering, design, management, and emerging technologies, the university offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs, strengthening its academic ecosystem through outcome-based education, industry-aligned programs, and a focus on research-led innovation.

About DASCA

The [Data Science Council of America \(DASCA\)](#) develops globally referenced academic standards, professional certifications, and program-level accreditation mechanisms in data science and allied disciplines. Through its structured accreditation framework, DASCA evaluates governance, curriculum design, faculty capability, research integration, and industry relevance to strengthen program integrity, comparability, and graduate preparedness in emerging technology domains.

About Akademik America

[Akademik America](#) operates across 90+ countries through 50+ programs and partnerships with 200+ organizations. The organization collaborates with institutions, educators, and enterprises to enhance the design, delivery, and governance of education systems. As an institutional partner supporting accreditation and quality initiatives, Akademik America assists universities in advancing structured academic development, global alignment, and sustainable institutional growth.

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