Maharaja Agrasen University (MAU) derives its name from Maharaja Agrasen, born during the last stages of Dwapar Yuga in the Mahabharat epic era who established the Kingdom of Agroha, near Hissar in Haryana, about 5000 years ago. His monarchy consisted of 18 units.

The head of each unit was given a specific ‘gotra’. Equality, Humanism and Non-violence were the guiding principles of his kingdom. He promulgated that any immigrant coming to Agroha to settle down be given a brick and a rupee by each resident. Thus, he would have a hundred thousand bricks to build a house for himself, and a hundred thousand rupees to start a new business.

This way, with a small help from the society, all citizens could attain equal status in a community of equals. The Government of India issued a postage stamp in 1976 to commemorate the 5100th Jayanti of Maharaja Agrasen.

The visionary idea of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, whose name is linked with higher education in India, forms the foundation principle of this University. According to him, the University was not merely an institute meant for imparting knowledge or professional skills, but an institute which can transform individuals into responsible citizens. He wanted that the youth must be provided with integrated education having modern scientific knowledge and practical training with ethical standards.

The endeavour of Maharaja Agrasen Technical Educational Society (MATES ), the Sponsor of Maharaja Agrasen University (MAU) is to contribute to the society by establishing a Centre of Knowledge which fosters equality, integrity and excellence. MATES is a charitable non-profit organization dedicated to the society. Maharaja Agrasen University envisions itself as an emerging Center of Excellence.