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INTRODUCTION:

Lovely Faculty of Distance Education (LFDE) is bridging the gap between education and the education seekers at a fast pace, through usage of technology, which significantly extends the reach and quality of education. By providing education without a compromise, LFDE aims at making distance education a credible and valued mode of learning.

LFDE, filled with energy, enthusiasm and concern, is a modern and dynamic wing of the university. Its team strives hard to ensure quality in curriculum, teaching methodology, examination, and evaluation system, and in providing the best services to its students. LFDE takes pride in its values by virtue of which it ensures to make an impact on the education system and the learners, and meet the demands of the industry.

Through affordable education, online resources and other student support services, LFDE intends to reach the unreached.



ABOUT LPU

DISTANCE EDUCATION

LPU Distance Education, which caters to the needs of students who cannot pursue formal education in colleges and universities, is an endeavour of LPU aimed at 'Bridging the Distance in Education.' It allows upgrading of skills, increase in productivity, and development of a new learning culture with the use of cutting edge technological advancements. It makes significant contribution to enhance the cause of higher education by emerging as relevant and appropriate revolution to meet the challenges of access, affordability, suitability, and portability.

LPU Distance Education offers various Degree and Diploma programmes at the Bachelors and Masters Levels to various strata of the society, varying from students to professionals, housewives, and even entrepreneurs. This, in a way, will help every aspirant to accomplish his/ her unfulfilled dreams of academic pursuits.

LFDE constantly strives to provide a convenient study mode of affordable and anytime-anywhere quality education in a technology-rich environment.

VISION

Creation and establishment of versatile and competent Open & Distance Learning system to cater to the educational aspirations of the society.

MISSION

To deliver affordable and accessible quality Education for augmenting the academic value and skills of higher education aspirants.

RECOGNITION

LPU was accorded the continuation of recognition for offering programmes in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode for the academic session 2014-15 by the University Grants Commission Distance Education Bureau vide its letter no. UGC/DEC/LPU/PJB/7544-7548 dated 9th June 2014.

DISCIPLINES

Programmes in the following disciplines were offered in the academic year 2014-15:



**Computer Applications/
Computer Sciences/
Information Technology**



Management



Commerce



Arts



**Library & Information
Sciences**

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Following Programmes were offered in the academic year 2014-15:

- Diploma in Computer Applications
- Diploma in Computer Sciences
- Diploma in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Computer Applications
- Bachelor of Science (Information Technology)
- Bachelor of Science (Computer Sciences)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications
- Post Graduate Diploma in Information Technology
- Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Sciences
- Master of Computer Applications
- Master of Science (Information Technology)
- Master of Science (Computer Sciences)
- Bachelor of Arts
- Master of Arts (English, Sociology, Political Science, Hindi, Economics, Mathematics, Education, History)
- Diploma in Library and Information Sciences
- Bachelor of Library and Information Sciences
- Master of Library and Information Sciences
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Master of Commerce
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration
- Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management

STUDENT ENROLMENT

The academic year 2014-15 witnessed 23280 (UG-12222, PG-8635, Diploma-2423) fresh enrolments in various programmes and 40121 (UG-21237, PG-16859, Diploma-2025) student re-registrations in their subsequent terms of the concerned programmes.

TEACHING STAFF AT LFDE

32 Full-time teaching faculty members were engaged to provide academic counselling and support to distance education students.

INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL SPECIALISATIONS/ ELECTIVES

Additional specialisations were introduced in the Master of Business Administration Programme namely International Business, Retail Management and Operations Management. Additional electives namely, Hindi, English and Punjabi were introduced in Bachelor of Arts programme.

DEVELOPMENT OF SELF LEARNING MATERIAL

Self-Learning Materials for additional specialisations and electives introduced were developed.

AVAILABILITY OF DIGITISED SELF LEARNING MATERIAL ON LPU E-CONNECT

Self-Learning Materials for various courses were made available in the digitised format in the student log-in of Learning Management System – LPU e-Connect for 24x7 access and portability.

OPEN ACCESS TO THE STUDY MATERIAL THROUGH WEBSITE

Study material in the form of e-Books/PDF was made available on the University Website www.lpude.in with free of cost open access to all (Not only restricted to LPU DE students).

PERSONAL CONTACT PROGRAMMES (PCP)

Registration interface for PCP was developed on LPU e-Connect (Online Portal for students) enabling the students to register online for PCP through their e-Connect account. Personal Contact Programmes were conducted at the University Campus twice in the academic year during December 2014 and May 2015.



ADDITIONAL FEE DEPOSIT FACILITATION

Additional facility was provided to the students for submission of fee for continuation of the study at HDFC Bank branches at various locations.

CONVOCATION

The Convocation of the University was held on 20th & 21st April 2015, in which the President of the Republic of Mauritius, Mr Rajkeswur Purryag was the chief guest. All the eligible Distance and Regular mode students were conferred with the degrees, diplomas and awards of academic honours.



PLACEMENT DRIVES

42 placement drives in total were conducted at different locations to enable the interested Distance Education students to avail the job opportunities by the recruiters such as Max Life Insurance, Neva Garments, Airtel, Dish TV, HDFC Bank, OM LOGISTICS LTD., Videocon, Competent Synergies, ICICI Bank, Infotech Line BPO, Indigo Airlines, Vistara Airlines, Deepson Jewellers, INFD Jalandhar, Home Credit Pvt. Ltd., Burger King, AON Hewitt and Denave etc.



CAMPUS VISITS

Students were invited to visit University Campus and interact with University Officials for general orientation and broadening their outlook. Students visited the campus and interacted with university officials.



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

Students participated in 7th Annual Sports Meet of the University held on 13th & 14th February 2015. Following are their achievement highlights:

- With two meet record establishing golds and 4 bronze medals, students secured 3rd runners up position
- Students also secured 3rd position in March Past.
- Mr. Jasdeep Singh secured 1st position in Long Jump with new meet record of 6.06 metres.
- Mr. Jasdeep Singh secured 1st position in 400 m race for men with new meet record.
- In 400 m race for men, Mr. Simardeep secured 3rd position and in 5000 m race for men Mr. Kirandeep Singh secured 3rd position.
- Ms. Pardeep Kaur secured 3rd position in Hammer Throw in women's event.
- Students' team comprising of Kirandeep Singh, Simardeep Singh, Sukhjinder Singh and Sagarjeet Singh won 3rd position in 4x100 m relay race.



CULTURAL EVENTS

Students participated in the University Mega Event 'One World' held on 14th & 15th April 2015 at University Campus and represented the country - Cameroon.



Students participated in the University Mega Event 'One India' held on 24th & 25th March 2015 at University Campus and represented the state of West Bengal.

Padamshri & Sangeet Natak Academy awardee Kathak Exponent Guru Rani Karnaa (Nayak) joined hands with Lovely Faculty of Distance Education to represent the state of West Bengal during this mega event. She was accompanied by her senior disciple Ms. Sohini Debnath.



In the five-day Global Open Fest "Youth Vibe-2014" held on 11th to 15th November 2014, distance education students registered their remarkable presence by competing with students from top-notch national and international institutions. Following are their performance highlights:

Students' team comprising of Ms. Renuka and Ms. Poonam secured first position in 'Heena Making' competition winning cash prize worth Rs. 7000/-.

LPU Distance Education students amused the audience with their acting prowess in the skit competition "Kal Aj Aur Kal" with their hilarious skit "Platform No. 2".

One student Ms. Rupinder Kaur was also shortlisted for Campus Princess Competition.



FACULTY/ STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

8 Faculty/ Staff development programmes comprising of one short term course, three workshops and four seminars were conducted for the professional development of LFDE faculty and staff on variety of topics which include Handling learners' queries through email, Enhancing Efficiency of ODL System through Online Portal (LMS), Development of Online Test and Quiz for learners, Accessing and Using Open Access Resources for Distance Learning, Tracking System for Self Learning and other Material dispatched to learners, Effective handling of learners' calls, Best Innovative Technologies & Pedagogical Practices for Distance Learners, and Understanding SLM guidelines as per ODL Regulations.



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