



DISTANCE EDUCATION
Bridging the Distance in Education

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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 2015-16 by the University Grants Commission Distance Education Bureau vide its letter no. UGC/DEB/13/ILPU/2015/88 dated 15 September 2015.

DISCIPLINES

Programmes in the following disciplines were offered in the academic year 2015-16:



Computer Applications/
Computer Sciences/
Information Technology



Management



Commerce



ARTS



Library & Information
Sciences

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Following Programmes were offered in the academic year 2015-16:

- Diploma in Computer Applications
- 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
- 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 2015-16 witnessed 19987 (UG-10182, PG-8005, Diploma-1800) fresh enrolments in various programmes and 30434 (UG-17769, PG-12343, Diploma-322) student re-registrations in their subsequent terms of the concerned programmes.

TEACHING STAFF AT LFDE

30 Full-time teaching faculty members were engaged to provide academic counselling and support to Distance Education students.

PERSONAL CONTACT PROGRAMMES (PCP)

Frequency of the Personal Contact Programmes at the University Campus was increased from two to four in the academic session and PCPs were conducted during September-October 2015, December, 2015, March 2016 and May, 2016.



INTRODUCTION OF ONLINE FEE DEPOSIT FACILITY

Additional facility was provided to the students for submission of fee for continuation of the study through online mode.

ISSUING ID CARD ONLINE

ID cards to the students are now issued online through students' e-Connect login and verification of the students' identity is now made online for various university related purposes.

ENHANCED CONNECT WITH DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

In addition to the announcements on e-Connect, announcements related to admissions, examinations, events, placement drives etc. are made through SMS.

SEPARATE WINDOW FOR WALK-IN QUERIES OF DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

A separate window is now in place at the university campus to deal with the walk-in queries/requests of the Distance Education students.

CONVOCAATION

5th Convocation of the University was held on 31st October 2015 during which Right Hon'ble Prime Minister of Kingdom of Lesotho, Dr. Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili conferred degrees, diplomas and awards of academic honours on eligible Distance Education students along with regular students.



During 6th convocation ceremony held on 23rd February 2016, Prime-Minister of Commonwealth of Dominica, Mr. Roosevelt Skerrit felicitated eligible Distance and Regular mode students for their academic performance in their respective programmes. All the graduating students were conferred degrees and diplomas during the convocation.

PLACEMENT DRIVES

37 Placement drives were conducted at different locations to enable the interested students to avail the job opportunities from recruiters such as Neva Garments, Airtel, Dish TV, OM Logistics Ltd., Videocon, Competent Synergies, Infotech Line BPO, Deepson Jewellers, INFD Jalandhar, Home Credit Pvt. Ltd., Burger King, AON Hewitt and Denave etc.



CAMPUS VISITS BY DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

Students were invited to visit University Campus and interact with University Officials for general orientation and broadening their outlook. Hundreds of students visited the campus and interacted with university officials in academic year 2015-16.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

Students participated in various sports events along with the regular students in the 8th Annual Sports Meet of the University held on 18th and 19th March, 2016 and competed in the racing categories of 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1500 m, 5000 m, 4x100 m Relay, 4x400 m Relay and also in other athletic categories like High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw and Shot Put.



CULTURAL EVENTS

Distance Education students participated in the Mega Event 'One World' held on 26th & 27th November 2015 at University Campus and secured 2nd runners up position for representing the Country Sudan.



Distance Education students participated in 'One India- 2016' held on 25th & 26th March 2016 at University Campus and bagged People's Choice Award (Popular Award) for representing the state of Maharashtra.

Distance Education students participated in the LPU's annual competitive inter-school cultural fest- Spectra 2015 held from 14th to 16th October 2015 and proved their mettle in the following events:

- 1st in Virasat - Folk Group Dance: The energetic and vivacious performance of students won the hearts of audience and judges alike and bagged the first position among all the schools of LPU.
- 3rd in Virasat - Folk Group Dance: In the same category, another team of students bagged 3rd position.
- 3rd in Soap carving+ Photo framing+ Paper flower bouquet making: students' team led by Ms. Renuka Jaswal bagged 3rd position in the Fine-Arts event of Soap carving+ Photo-framing+ Paper flower bouquet making.



CULTURAL EVENTS

In the “Youth Vibe- 2015” held from 27th November to 31st November 2015, distance education students won laurels in the following events:

- 1st in Greeting Card Making: Student Mr. Rohit exhibited his exemplary Fine Arts abilities and secured 1st position in Greeting Card making competition bagging Cash Reward of Rs. 4000.
- 1st in Heena Making: A team of students consisting of Ms. Poonam Rani and Ms. Paramjit Kaur impressed the judges with their Mehandi design thereby winning 1st position and a cash reward of Rs. 6000 in Heena making competition.
- 2nd in Karigiri: Team of Mr. Rohit, Ms. Renuka Jaswal and Bheena Jaswal secured 2nd position and cash reward of Rs. 4000 in another Fine Art event – Karigiri.



FACULTY/ STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

9 Faculty/ Staff development programmes comprising of one short term course, four workshops and four seminars were conducted for the professional development of LFDE faculty and staff on variety of topics which include Written Communication Skills, Making learning more accessible to Distance Education learners through Mobile App, Benefits of Mobile App for DE learners, Effective Communication Skills, Advantages of e-Books, Benefits of Open Access Resources available on World Wide Web, Innovations in the field of Distance Education, Useful tools for Development of MOOCs, and Learner Support in Distance Education.



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