



**DISTANCE EDUCATION**  
*Bridging the Distance in Education*



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DISTANCE 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 years 2016-17 & 2017-18 by the University Grants Commission Distance Education Bureau vide its letter no. 9-1/2016 (DEB-I)/382 dated 6 July 2016.

## DISCIPLINES

Programmes in the following disciplines were offered in the academic year 2016-17:



# PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Following Programmes were offered in the academic year 2016-17:

- ★ Diploma in Computer Applications
- ★ Bachelor of Computer Applications
- ★ Bachelor of Science (Information Technology)
- ★ Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications
- ★ Master of Computer Applications
- ★ Master of Science (Information Technology)
- ★ 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 2016-17 witnessed 22458 (UG-11082, PG-9146, Diploma-2230) fresh enrolments in various programmes and 22072 (UG-14611, PG-7142, Diploma-319) 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 students.

# INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR ODL STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Specially designed student induction programme was started to enable newly enrolled students to get acquainted with all systems and procedures related to their programme of study when they visit the university campus for admission.

# PERSONAL CONTACT PROGRAMMES (PCP)

Personal Contact Programmes at the University Campus were conducted during September-October 2016, December 2016, March 2017 and May 2017, which witnessed the registration of 2356 students.



# PROVISION OF PROVISIONAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS IN STUDENTS' LOG-IN

Students are now facilitated by providing provisional academic transcripts online through their LPU e-Connect log-in, doing away with the need of providing hard copy term DMCs (Detailed Marks Card) after each term.

## CONVOCATION

7th Convocation of the University was held on 21st November 2016 during which President of the Republic of Mauritius, Dr. Ameenah Firdaus Gurib-Fakim conferred degrees, diplomas and awards of academic honours on eligible distance education students along with regular students.



8th Convocation of the University was held on 2nd May 2017 during which Hon'ble President of India, Padma Vibhushan, Shri Pranab Mukherjee bestowed degrees, diplomas and awards of academic honours on eligible distance education students along with regular students.

# PLACEMENT DRIVES

13 Placement drives in total were conducted at different locations to enable the interested students to avail the job opportunities by the recruiters such as Tata BSS (Tata Sky Airtel), Future Retail Ltd. (Big Bazaar), Paytm Partners, Rich Infra Ltd., Emicon Advisory, Karvy Brocking Solution Limited, Club Mahindra, Bajaj Allianz, Smile Foundation and Akash Institutes etc.

## CAMPUS VISITS

Students were invited to visit the University Campus for interaction with University Officials for general orientation and broadening their outlook.



## WORKSHOPS FOR LPU DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

To provide additional academic support to students, conduct of academic workshops to students was initiated. A workshop on "Knowledge Organization and Library Modernization" was conducted for Library Sciences students on 24th February 2017.

# SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

International level shooting sports-person Mr. Amanpreet Singh (Shooting World Cup and Commonwealth Shooting Championship medallist), was granted sports scholarship in the form of full fee waiver for his admission.

University also initiated scholarship upto full fee waiver for aspirants with Spinal Cord Injury and students availed the same during this academic year.



## 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 17th and 18th February, 2017 and competed in High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw, Shot Put and race categories of 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1500 m, 5000 m, 4x100 m Relay and 4x400 m Relay.



# CULTURAL EVENTS

Distance Education students participated in the Mega Event 'One World-2016' held on 22nd & 23rd November 2016 at University Campus and secured 2nd runners up position for representing the Country Burundi.



Distance Education students also participated in 'One India-2017' held on 22nd & 23rd March 2017 at University Campus and bagged first runners up trophy for representing the state of Nagaland.

Distance Education students participated in the LPU's annual competitive inter-school cultural fest- Spectra 2016 held from 12th to 14th October 2016 and proved their mettle in the following events:

- ★ 2nd in Virasat - Folk Group Dance: The energetic and vivacious performance of students won the hearts of audience and judges alike and bagged the second position among all the schools of LPU.
- ★ 3rd in Rangoli: Student Ms. Loveneet Bedi bagged 3rd position in the Fine-Arts event of Rangoli making.



# CULTURAL EVENTS

In the "Youth Vibe- 2016" held from 18th October to 22nd October 2016, students won laurels in the following events:

- ★ 1st in Heena making: In Mehndi Designing competition students Ms. Bheena Jaswal & Ms. Renuka Jaswal won 1st position.
- ★ 1st in Poly-Papero: Dress Designing Mr. Rohit & Ms. Loveneet Bedi won 1st position.
- ★ 1st in Karigiri: Team of Mr. Rohit, Ms. Renuka Jaswal & Ms. Bheena Jaswal won 1st position in fine arts event - Karigiri comprising of Soap Carving, Photo-framing & Paper Flower Bouquet making.
- ★ 1st in Expression -Greeting Card making Competition: Mr. Rohit won 1st prize.
- ★ 1st in Kolam: Team of Ms. Rohit, Ms. Bheena Jaswal & Ms. Renuka Jaswal bagged 1st position in 3D Rangoli, Doodling & Re-use based competition.



# FACULTY/ STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

10 Faculty/ Staff development programmes comprising of four workshops and six seminars were conducted for the professional development of LFDE faculty and staff on variety of topics which include Handling learners' queries related to Admission in various DE Programmes, Useful Platforms for Open Access Educational Resources, Enhancing effectiveness of teaching during Personal Contact Programme (PCP), Review and Revision of Distance Education Study Material, Reinventing the Leader in you for enhancing Connect with DE Students, Introducing Goods and Services Tax (GST), Intellectual Property Rights- Trade Mark and Copyrights, Role of Soft Skills in dealing with learners, Student Dealing Skills, and Use of ICT for Effective Communication with learners.



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