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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

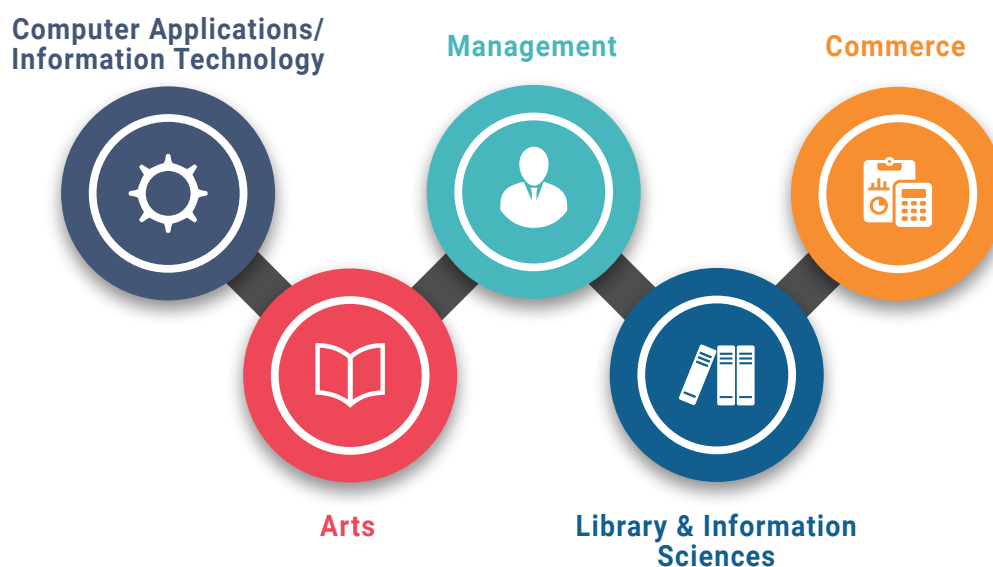
Creation and establishment of versatile and competent Open & Distance Learning system to cater to the educational aspirations of the society.

MISSION

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

DISCIPLINES

Programmes in the following disciplines were offered in the academic year 2017-18:



PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Following Programmes were offered in the academic year 2017-18:

- 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 2017-18 witnessed 16292 (UG-7997, PG-6844, Diploma-1451) fresh enrolments in various programmes and 20575 (UG-12664, PG-7521, Diploma-390) student re-registrations in their subsequent terms of the concerned programmes.

TEACHING STAFF AT LFDE

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

CENTRE FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE (CIQAC)

To ensure continuous improvement in Distance Education, LPU Distance Education established Centre for Internal Quality Assurance Committee to conduct institutional compliances & quality audits and to promote best-in-class quality measures in March 2018.

RANKING & AWARDS

One of the prestigious magazines of India '**Career Connect**' rated Lovely Professional University among top-10 "Excellent" distance education institutions of India. Gathering the highest rating of 4.5 stars for providing the best distance education in the country, LPU stands tall among top 58 universities/ institutes offering quality distance education programs. The ranking was published in the Volume 5, Issue 10 (July 2017 edition) of the magazine.



Lovely Professional University bagged double honours in CSR Excellence Awards Ceremony-2018 organized by the prominent magazine of India 'Competition Success Review' at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi. The event which is held every year by CSR group, felicitates, acknowledges and celebrates excellence in education sector. University bagged awards in two Categories - 'CSR Top Institutes of India' and 'CSR Top Distance Learning Institutes of India'.

LPU was honoured with 'National Education Excellence Award 2018' in the category "India's Best University in Open, Distance and Online Learning". Award ceremony was organized by 'Career Connect' magazine at New Delhi to acknowledge and felicitate excellence in education sector.



AVAILABILITY OF E-BOOKS ON MOBILE APP

In order to further equip the students with digital and electronic media, the Self Learning Material were made available through LPU Touch Mobile App as well in addition to the availability of the same through LPU e-Connect and Website.

PERSONAL CONTACT PROGRAMMES (PCP)

Personal Contact Programmes at the University Campus were conducted during September- November 2017 (on Saturdays), December 2017, March 2018 and May 2018, which witnessed the registration of 3845 students. Provision was made for providing PCP time table to the students through the student log-in of online portal - LPU e-Connect and Mobile App - LPU Touch. Provision was also made for faculty to mark online attendance of the students attending PCP.



PROVISION OF SPECIAL REAPPEAR EXAMS AT UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

To provide students more opportunities to clear their Re-appear courses, university started conducting special Re-appear Exams at University Campus in the months of February and August every year. Students can now avail two additional chances to clear their pending exams in addition to the normal End Term Exams being conducted by the university at various locations in Punjab in the months of June and December every year, facilitating students to fast track completion of their studies.

PROVISION OF IMPROVING THE GRADES

As per the feedback of the students, university made the provision for students who, after completion of their programmes, are not satisfied with their final grades and want to improve the same. Students need to submit their original documents issued by the university and pay requisite fee to avail the option of appearing in improvement exam at university campus.

PLACEMENT DRIVES

28 Placement drives in total were conducted at different locations to enable the interested students to avail the job opportunities from the recruiters such as Videocon (Connect); Globe Toyota (JCBL Group); St Michael Convent School, Devigarh Patiala; Overseas Healthcare Pvt Ltd; Club Mahindra; TATA STRIVE; IT Grid Solutions; Life cell international Ltd; Ludhiana Beverages (Coca Cola); Takahata Precision India Pvt. Ltd. ("TPIN"); Ravidas Sewa Society; OYO Rooms; Global Futures; Tally Solutions Pvt. Ltd; Sutlej Public School, Banga; HDFC Bank and Videocon etc.

WORKSHOPS FOR LPU DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

To provide additional academic and professional enrichment support to students, various Academic and Professional enhancement workshops were organised at university campus. Students attended the workshops on Employability Skills, Library Sciences, Research Methodology, Art of Professionalism and Hypothesis Testing.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

Sports achievers like Mr. Gurpreet Singh (Arjuna Awardee, Olympian sports person in shooting), Mr. Jagwinder Singh (International Paracyclist and motivational speaker) and Mr. Akshay Jain (International level sports-person in Shooting), were granted sports scholarship in the form of full fee waiver for their admission.

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



Mr. Gurpreet Singh



Mr. Akshay Jain



Mr. Jagwinder Singh

CAMPUS VISITS

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



STUDENT BROUGHT LAURELS FOR INDIA IN INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING COMPETITIONS

Distance Education MBA student, Mr. Amanpreet Singh brought laurel for the country by winning first position in the team event of 50m Pistol Men during 48th Grand Prix of Liberation Plzeň (Czech Republic) 2017.



He proved his mettle by bagging Gold medal in 25m Standard Pistol event during XVII Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship 2017 held in New Delhi from 26th Jul to 1st August 2017 under the aegis of The National Rifle Association of India.

He shot his way to a bronze medal in the 50-metre pistol final in his maiden appearance in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Final held at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi during October 2017.

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Hosts' tally rises to three medals, including gold by Jitu and Heena in the mixed 30m air pistol, making it their best performance of the event

World Cup Final There is no doubt that the Indian shooting team has made a significant mark in the ISSF World Cup Final. The team's performance was exceptional, with Sangram Singh and Amanpreet Singh bagging silver and bronze medals respectively in the 50m pistol event. This marks a historic moment for India as they secured their best haul ever at the event.

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City lad bags third medal in shooting

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JALANDHAR, NOVEMBER 3 Proving time and again his shooting skills, Amanpreet Singh, MBA student at Lovely Professional University, won a silver medal for the country in 50m pistol event of the Commonwealth Shooting



Making his mark in yet another shooting competition, Mr. Amanpreet Singh won Silver Medal for India in 50m pistol event of the Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Gold Coast, Australia on 3rd November 2017.

He showcased his distinct shooting deftness by clinching Gold Medal in the mixed team 10 meter air pistol event during 61st National Shooting Championship at National Games Shooting Range at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala. The event was governed by International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) and National Rifle Association of India.



STUDENT HONOURED WITH 'PRIDE OF PUNJAB AWARD' FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN SHOOTING

Distance Education MBA student, Akshay Jain, was honoured with 'Pride of Punjab Award' by State Govt. during 'Pride of Punjab Award' function organised by Punjab Rifle Shooting Association at Mohali, to honour the medal winners of National Shooting Championship Competitions. Akshay, a Sub-Inspector with Punjab Police, represented the state of Punjab in 61st National Shooting Championship held in December 2017 at Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) and won laurels for the state by bagging 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medals in various team events of Shooting. During the competitions, he bagged Gold in the men's team events of 10 M Air Pistol, 25 M Rapid Fire Pistol and 25 M Centre Fire Pistol Civilian Championships. In addition, he got Silver and Bronze medals in men's team events of 25 M Standard Pistol Civilian and 25 M Centre Fire Pistol National Championship.



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

Students participated in various sports events along with the regular students in the 9th Annual Sports Meet of the University held on 16th and 17th February, 2018. LPU DE MBA student, Mr. Amanpreet Singh (World Cup and Commonwealth Championship medallist in shooting), ignited the customary torch along with the top dignitaries and athletes of the university.

Students showed great deal of enthusiasm while participating in the March-past and in various racing events like 4x100 m Relay, 5000 m, 400 m etc. and also in field events like High Jump, and Shotput. Mr. Jatinder Singh, DE student from Nabha secured 3rd position in the finals of 1500 M race.



CULTURAL EVENTS

Distance Education students participated in the Mega Event 'One World-2017' held on 21st & 22nd November 2017 at University Campus and got first Runners up Trophy for representing the Country Lesotho.

Distance Education students also participated in 'One India-2018' held on 22nd & 23rd March 2018 at University Campus and bagged third position for representing the state of Sikkim.



Distance Education students participated in the LPU's annual competitive inter-school cultural fest- Spectra 2017 held from 1st to 2nd November 2017 and proved their mettle in the following events:

1st in Rangoli: Student, Ms. Arundeeep Kaur got 1st position in the Fine-Arts event of Rangoli making.

3rd in Poster making: Student, Ms. Arundeeep Kaur secured 3rd position in the Fine-Arts event of Poster making.



In the "Youth Vibe- 2018" held from 26th March 2018 to 28th March 2018, student Mr. Rahul Panday secured 1st position in Social Debate competition under literary category and won cash prize of Rs. 5000.



Distance Education students participated in "Graduation Project Expo 2018" of Lovely Professional University. Their projects caught the attention of all with following projects getting laurels in the event:

1st position (Rs. 5000/ cash Reward) - The Speaking Window (Indo Pak Peace Initiative) by Sandeep Dutt

2nd position (Rs. 3000/ cash Reward) – Thematic Paintings (Oil Paintings) by Manoj Kumar;

3rd position (Rs. 2000/ cash Reward) - Craft Rush (Soft toys, Best out of waste) by Anita Devi and Deepika.



In addition, other projects like Creative Revibe, Travel XP, Eh Ek Pal & Love Less Life (Books) by students were also appreciated.

FACULTY / STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

11 Faculty/ Staff development programmes comprising of two short term courses, five workshops and four seminars were conducted for the professional development of LFDE faculty and staff on variety of topics which include Enhancing Training Skills for DE Learner Support Services, NPTEL Awareness, Planning suitable Mobile App features for DE learners, Preparation of Instructional Plans for PCP, Planning new features in LMS for DE Learners, Development of Mini MOOCs, Designing Self-Assessment & Review Questions in SLM, Benefits of e-SLMs for DE Learners, Academic Counselling in Distance Education, Effective Learner Induction and Orientation Program, and Enhancing Communication Skills for Learner Support & Academic Counselling.



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