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## **DISTANCE EDUCATION**

*Bridging the Distance in Education*



# **Annual Report**

**LOVELY FACULTY OF  
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 various programmes in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode for the academic years 2018-19 & 2019-20 by the University Grants Commission Distance Education Bureau vide its letters no. 16-1/2018 (DEB-I) dated 18 September 2018 and 18 October 2018.

## DISCIPLINES

Programmes in the following disciplines were offered in the academic year 2018-19:



## PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Following Programmes were offered in the academic year 2018-19:

- 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 2018-19 witnessed 13523 (UG-6616, PG-5763, Diploma-1144) fresh enrolments in various programmes and 17750 (UG-11485, PG-6010, Diploma-255) student re-registrations in their subsequent terms of the concerned programmes.

## **TEACHING STAFF AT LFDE**

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

## **WORLD EDUCATION SUMMIT AWARDS FOR INNOVATION IN OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING**

Lovely Professional University was honoured with 12th & 13th World Education Summit Awards in the category of 'Innovation in Open and Distance Learning' by Digital Learning magazine, during the summit held at New Delhi on 10th August 2018 and at Mumbai on 7th December 2018.



## **INTRODUCTION OF WEB CHAT FACILITY ON WEBSITE**

In order to further strengthen pre-admission counselling services for aspiring students, LPU DE website was further equipped with web-chat facility for live interaction with university admission counsellors.

## **PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT RESOURCES ON LPU E-CONNECT**

LPU Distance Education Learning Management System (LPU e-Connect) was further enriched academically with a provision of providing additional academic and professional enhancement resources for the ready reference of the students.

## PERSONAL CONTACT PROGRAMMES (PCP)

Personal Contact Programmes were conducted at the University Campus in November 2018 and May 2019, which witnessed the registration of 2788 students. Provision was made for students to get their PCP attendance certificates online through their LPU e-Connect log-in on fulfilling the stipulated attendance criterion. Instructional Plans were developed and made available online through LPU e-Connect for all the courses in which the students registered for PCP for the ready reference of the students.



## PROVISION OF ONLINE INTERFACE FOR SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS

Provision of Online interface was developed on LPU e-Connect and LPU Touch mobile app for CA (Assignment) submission by distance education students, wherein students can access and download their customized assignments and after attempting in their own handwriting, upload the same in their log-in account for evaluation by the university. In this session, more than 80% assignments were submitted and evaluated in a timely manner. This percentage was around 50% before the introduction of this system. Total assignment submission rate has gone up to around 96% in this session. This provision has considerably saved time, money and physical storage space involved in submitting hard-copy assignments.

## CONVOCATION

The 9th Convocation of the University was held on 22nd October 2018 during which Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu conferred degrees, diplomas and awards of academic honours on eligible distance education students along with regular students.



## PLACEMENT DRIVES

36 Placement drives were conducted at different locations to enable the interested students to avail the job opportunities from the recruiters such as HDFC Bank, OYO Rooms, Reliance Fresh, SMC Insurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd, Tata Strive, Sony India Pvt. Ltd, STUDYPAD, Videocon, Life cell international Ltd, Amazon India, CM Associates Pvt Ltd, Wipro Ltd, Royal Bank of Scotland, Apollo Munich Insurance, Milestone institute, St. Michael Convent School, Global Futures, Lifestyle Stores, OPK eServices Pvt. Ltd. and Socket Magnate Pvt. Ltd. etc.

## 106<sup>th</sup> INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS AT LPU

Distance Education students got the chance to witness the biggest science event 106th Indian Science Congress held at LPU Campus from 3rd January 2019 to 7th January 2019 inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime- Minister of India, Sh. Narendra Modi and attended by the prominent scientists from all across the world including three Science Nobel laureates.



## WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES FOR LPU DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

Students attended various special classes, doubt clearing sessions, Academic and Professional enhancement workshops, which were organised at university campus on topics like Corporate & Business Laws, Object Oriented Programming, Quantitative Techniques, Networks, Human Resource Management, CV writing & Interview Skills, Digital Profiling, Job Interview & Group Discussion Techniques, Working with Excel, Impactful Communication, and Classification systems of Library Sciences.



## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

Sports achievers like Mr. Sukhmeet Singh (International level sports person in Rowing) and Mr. Arshpreet Singh Bhullar (International level Basket Ball Player) 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 students availed the same during this academic year.



## STUDENT BAGGED SILVER MEDAL IN ISSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Distance Education student Mr. Gurpreet Singh bagged Silver Medal in 25m Standard Pistol (Men) Individual Competition during the 52nd World Championship of International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) at Changwon, South Korea.

## MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD DURING FEDERATION CUP BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Distance Education MBA Student Mr. Arshpreet Singh Bhullar along with his team members of Punjab Police, emerged as Champions in 33rd Federation Cup Basketball Championship by defeating the team of Indian Army in the finals. Individually, Mr. Arshpreet won the Most Valuable Player award as he led the Punjabis with 24 points.



## STUDENTS PROVED THEIR METTLE IN NATIONAL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Distance Education students Mr. Gurpreet Singh and Mr. Amanpreet Singh once again proved their mettle in shooting by winning three medals during a 62nd National Shooting Championship held at Vattiyoorkkavu Shooting Range, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, who is pursuing B.A., won Silver Medal in 25M Centre Fire Pistol event by competing with 162 top national level shooting sports-persons. He also won Team Bronze in 25M Rapid Fire Pistol event.

Mr. Amanpreet Singh, who is pursuing MBA, won Silver Medal in 10M Centre Fire Pistol Mixed event.

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## SPORTS EVENTS

Students participated in various sports events along with the regular students in the Annual Sports Meet of the University held on 15th and 16th March, 2019 and competed in High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw, Shot Put and racing categories of 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1500 m, 5000 m, 4x100 m Relay, 4x400 m Relay. Student, Ms. Veerpal Kaur got first position in High Jump and second position in Long Jump.

Students also participated in the interschool sports events of the university in the Cross Country (Men), Tug of War (Men), Kho-Kho (Men) and Badminton (Men) sporting competitions and secured third position in Tug of War event.



## CULTURAL EVENTS

Distance Education students participated in the Mega Event 'One World-2019' held from 28th to 30th March 2019 at University Campus and secured first runners up position for representing the Country Nigeria.



Distance Education students also participated in 'One India- 2019' held from 28th to 30th March 2019 at University Campus and bagged second runners up trophy for representing the state of Karnataka.

## FACULTY/ STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

13 Faculty/ Staff development programmes comprising of one short term course, eight workshops and four seminars were conducted for the professional development of LFDE faculty and staff on variety of topics which include Usage of LPU Distance Education LMS Features available on LPU e-Connect and LPU Touch Mobile App, Promotion of Open Education Resources (OER) and MOOCs amongst DE Learners, Effective Communication Skills, Using Excel to Excel, Roles and Responsibilities of Faculty for enhancing learner engagement, Intellectual Property Rights, Conducting effective Learner Induction and Orientation Program, Impactful Communication Skills, Assessment and Evaluation of DE learners, Developing Quick Quiz for DE Learners on Mobile App, Use of Google Apps, Flipped Classroom: An Innovative Technology, and Making SLM more engaging for DE Students.



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