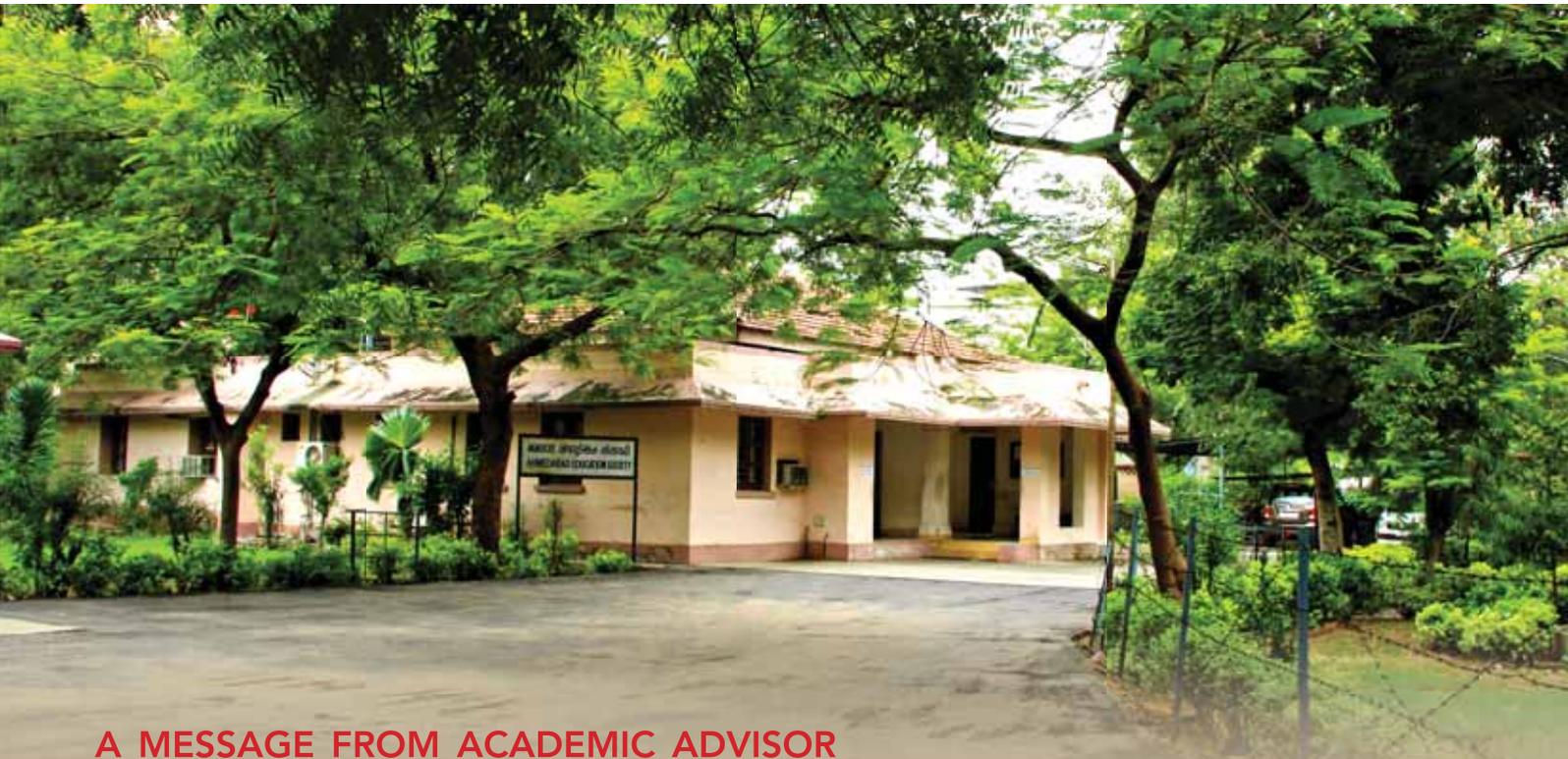


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A MESSAGE FROM ACADEMIC ADVISOR

We are pleased to present to you the second issue of our Newsletter. We thank our readers for their valuable suggestions and appreciation expressed for the first ever Newsletter of the Ahmedabad Education Society Grant In Aid colleges.

The Newsletter has emerged as a valuable vehicle to share information about our colleges not only with our various stake holders, but also to inform faculty, staff and students about the developments and achievements of their own college and other sister institutions in the AES family. It is thus motivating and inspiring them to achieve greater laurels and improve their performance within the AES family. Each of these colleges is an iconic institution and has to continuously work hard to maintain its position and reputation.

There have been several noteworthy achievements during this period. The L.M.College of Pharmacy has been selected for setting of an "Atal Incubation Centre" with financial assistance of up to Rs. 10 Crores over five years, from Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission. The AIC will support innovative ideas of incubates and help them to convert these ideas into prototypes and startups.

After many years, AES has started a new programme, the much sought after six year Pharm.D programme. It is affiliated to GTU, and includes a one year internship at the renowned Zydus Hospital, Ahmedabad. A large number of applications were received for the programme.

The L.D.Arts College has a new campus, which is one of the finest college campuses in the State of Gujarat. It has state of the art infrastructure and facilities. The college has witnessed a significant growth in demand for admission to some of its programmes, after it moved to its new campus at the beginning of this academic year.

The initiatives launched by the Management in the Governance of the colleges are now having a visible effect on the quality of our programmes, including results and cut offs for admission. Attendance has improved significantly after introduction of a strict attendance policy. Some students had to be denied permission to appear for examinations because of poor attendance. Further initiatives to strengthen leadership in education continue, required even more so, because of changes in policy of regulators and the government. We look forward to addressing the new challenges in our Academic Council, Advisory Committees and Governing Body.

With Seasons Greeting and Best Wishes,

With best wishes,

Amarlal H. Kalro
Academic Advisor

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A. G. Teachers College, CTE

Events at the College



A. G. Teachers College has been entrusted with the responsibility to train in service teachers of all subjects of Secondary & higher secondary schools of Ahmedabad (Urban/ Rural) Surendranagar & Gandhinagar districts. In this context:

- A Seminar on "Inclusive Education" for teacher-trainees was organized on 03/03/2017.
- A Seminar on "Education in changing Era" for secondary and higher secondary schools in-service teachers of Ahmedabad city was organized on 09/03/2017.
- A Seminar on "Teacher- 2020" for secondary and higher secondary schools in-service teachers of Ahmedabad city was organized on 30/08/2017.



- A yoga demonstration was held on the International Yoga Day on 21st June, 2017 with a view to encouraging the students for their comprehensive development.

- A.G. Teachers college organized a training program from 28/03/2017 to 05/04/2017 for pre-service teachers to prepare them for the Teacher Eligibility Test organized by the Government of Gujarat.





- The college organized a collaborative program with Sahitya Parishad for growing, nurturing & improving the Mother Tongue for the teacher-trainees from 4/09/2017 to 16/09/2017. Dr. Mansukh Salla, Dr. Arvind Bhandari, associated with Sahitya Parishad were invited to deliver the lectures.
- Organ Donation Programme was organized on 12/8/2017 to create awareness among the teacher-trainees by Shatayu Foundation (NGO), Ahmedabad.



- A Lecture Series was organized to foster awareness and inspire teacher-trainees of the college. Principals of various secondary schools of Ahmedabad were invited to deliver the lectures.



- The college obtained 100% result at B.Ed. (Sem-II & IV) in Annual Examinations held by Gujarat University in the year 2016-17.
- A.G Teachers College has been sanctioned a study centre of Open Distance Mode of Learning B.Ed Program under the coordination of Dr. C. P. Patel & Dr. S. L. Solanki from the year 2017-18 by School of Education, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad.

Faculty Achievements:

- Dr. C.P. Patel, Dr. K.H. Yadav & Dr. S.L. Solanki have been appointed as members in a visiting team of National Council Committee for assessing the institutions for Teacher Education in India.
- Dr. C.P. Patel was appointed as a member in a National Level Committee for bestowing the Best Teacher's Award.
- Dr. C.P. Patel was appointed as a member of the B.Ed syllabus framing committee for the years 2017-18 & 2018-19.
- Dr. C.P. Patel was appointed as a member of B.Ed centralised admission Committee of Gujarat University for the year 2017-18.
- Dr. S.L. Solanki has been appointed as a member of an expert committee of Education Department at Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, Veraval for the period 03/07/2017 to 02/07/2020

- Dr. G.S. Patel was appointed as a member of the Board of Studies of Education Department of Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Maheta University, Junagadh.
- Dr. G.S. Patel was a member of the Syllabus Revision Committee for the subject of Social Science of B.Ed., Gujarat University, 2017.
- Dr. G.S. Patel chaired a technical session at UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "Soft- Skills in Teacher Education" at Swami Vivekanand Education College, Mehsana, on 1st June,2017

Presentation in Seminars

- Dr. K.H. Yadav presented a paper in ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on "Blended Learning in Teacher Education" at Maitri Vidyapith, Surendranagar on 05/02/2017.
- Dr. S.L. Solanki presented a paper on "Educational Thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar" in the National Conference at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad on 14/04/2017.

Project Grants

- Dr. R.M. Patel was awarded a project grant of Rs.25,000/- for "A Study of Reading Comprehension of Teacher Trainees' in Gujarati Language" by GCERT, in 2017.

Participation

- The faculty members participated in National Level Seminars and Orientation Programmes.

Publications

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- Solanki, S. (2017). Education Through Practical Works with Reference to Innovation in Evaluation, in Teacher Education (Research Based) Lulu Publication, USA.
- Solanki, S. (2017). Factors Affecting Spoken English in Gujarat, in Teacher Education (Theme Based), Lulu Publication, USA.
- Solanki, S. (2017). *Challenges at Rural Area based Secondary Schools with Reference to English Language Teaching*. Indian E-Journal on Teacher Education, Ahmedabad.

Student Achievements:



- Pancholi Piyusha, (B.Ed Sem-I) secured 1st Rank in the Annual Examination held in 2016-17 by Gujarat University.



- Pathan Sohana, (B.Ed Sem-IV) obtained 4th Rank in the Annual Examination held in 2016-17 by Gujarat University.

H. L. College of Commerce

Events at the college



HLCC MUN

HLCC MUN 2017-'18 (5th Edition) was held from 11th to 13th August, 2017. It was the best event of its kind in Gujarat during 2017 with 555+ student delegates, eight committees in session and collaboration with the UNIC (United Nation's Centre for India and Bhutan) for the 4th successive year. Dr. Himanshu Pandya (Vice-chancellor Gujarat University) inaugurated this international conference and Shri Behram Mehta, (Chairman, Aava Natural Mineral Water) and Smt. Tina Mehta, (Co-

promoter and Founder, Aava Natural Mineral Water) graced the valedictory function as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively.

As a part of HLCC MUN, a Panel Discussion on 'The role of youth in nation building' was also organized. The panelists were Padmashri Reema Nanavati (Director, SEWA), Brig. Pem Tshering (Group Commander, Ahmedabad NCC), Shri B. N. Dastoor (motivational speaker and eminent writer) and Padmashri Kartikeya Sarabhai, (Director, CEE) as the chairperson.



- Dr. Indradeep Ghosh, a faculty from Meghnath Desai Academy of Economics and an ex-faculty at Haverford College, Philadelphia, PA delivered a guest lecture on 'Demonetization- a structural reform' on 30th March, 2017.

- The college celebrated its 80th Annual Day with Shri Jaymin Shah (Co-Founder and Managing Director, Dev



Information Technology Pvt. Ltd.) as the chief guest of the function. The rankers in exams and the outstanding achievers in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities were felicitated by the chief guest.



• A music concert by the famous Bollywood play back singer Ankit Tiwari was held at the college as part of the city level elimination round for accompanying artist's selection for his concert at US and Canada. The college had organized the audition round jointly with Bollywood Hub-GA 41 Entertainment. The accompaniment was provided by the Harmony Music Club Band of the college.



• The annual cultural festival 'Expressions' was inaugurated by the celebrated artists Shital Shah and Shaina Shah associated with movies as actors and directors. There were 25 different competitive events held during a week long programme.



• The college organized a Creative Career Seminar in collaboration with Ramoji Kriya Universe, Hyderabad on 17th of July 2017 with a view to introducing career opportunities to the students

in the fields of media, design, creative arts and applied social sciences. Ujjwal Choudhary (Director, Ramoji Kriya Universe), Anurita Rathore (Former Features Editor, Ahmedabad Mirror) and Vivek Vaswani (Bollywood Actor, Director and Producer) addressed the audience. The student winners of Mobile Film Making Competition held as part of the programme were felicitated.

• Calypso – The Club Fest a week long programme was held from 29th July to 5th August, 2017 in order to introduce and to motivate FY students to participate in various club activities. There were different competitions viz. Elocution, Essay writing, General Knowledge Quiz, Mad-Ad and Card-making competitions, fun and games activities and theatre, dance and music performances.

• Workshops on "Marketing-a 21st century tool for success" "Writing and Editing Skills" "dance workshop" were organized.

Class Attendance Policy

The college strictly enforced the minimum attendance policy. Despite the initial sense of shock and reaction, the class attendance improved dramatically. The students pursuing professional programmes concurrently have been provided an option to attend classes in the morning time in order to fulfill the minimum attendance requirement. There is online access to student's attendance record as well as examination results.

Admission Cut offs

The cut off in the 1st round of online merit based admissions at B.Com in the open category was 80.14% (English medium) and 73% (Gujarati medium) whereas at M.Com it was 73.87%.

Faculty Achievements

- Lt. Hervez R. Bharucha was awarded a medal as the Best Associated NCC Officer. He has been appointed on the Board of Examiners under the Ministry of Defence, for conducting 'B' level Certificate exam for the Ahmedabad zone as well as a Board Member for conducting University level Best NCC Cadet Competition.
- Sandip Parmar received a Gold Medal at the Inter-collegiate Faculty Table-tennis tournament for Gujarat University teachers organized by J. G. College of Commerce.

Faculty Publications

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- Doshi, H. (2016). A Separable Convex Programming and its Application, *ARS- Journal of Applied Research and Social Science*, 3(18), 1-13.
- Bhavsar, M. (2016). Profitability of Selected Indian Private Sector Banks: A Comparative Analysis, *SEMCOM Management & Technology Review*, 4(1), 73-78.

Seminars and workshops

- 5 faculty members participated in 3 different academic events. Dr. Hetal Choksi participated in an International Conference and presented a paper. 4 other faculty members attended two different workshops organized by KCG.
- All the faculty members participated in the 'Workshop in Classroom Experiments' organized by the college. It was conducted by an external faculty Dr. Indradeep Ghosh.

PhD awarded



- Saroj Rana was awarded PhD in March, 2017 for her thesis entitled 'Evaluation of Employee's Job Satisfaction in the Sugar Industries in Gujarat State: A Developmental Perspective' by Gujarat University.



- Hiren Doshi was awarded PhD in March, 2017 for his thesis entitled 'A Study of Some Optimization Techniques in Non-linear Programming Problem' by Gujarat University.

Students' achievements

• 2 students have been awarded Gold Medals by the Gujarat University for the exams held in March-April 2016. 5 students of B. Com. and 2 from M.Com have secured ranks in top 3 merit list at semester exams held in March-April 2017. There are 12 other students in top 10 and in all 68 other students have secured positions in top 50 at various other B.Com exams.



• Urvish Patel was awarded Shri Rasikchandra Gokaldas Shah Accountancy

Gold Medal for securing the highest number of marks in the Compulsory Accountancy subject at semester I & II.



• Jinal Patel secured the Prof. A. M. Mehta & Jyotsanaben Mehta Gold Medal for

securing the highest number of marks in Accountancy viz. Costing, Corporate Accounting & Auditing subjects offered at semester III & IV.

• At B.Com Akansha Mishra secured 1st rank (Sem. II) Abhishek Shah 2nd (Sem. II) , Irum Bisnagri 2nd rank (Sem. III), Priya Prajapati 1st rank (Sem. IV) and Lavina Kotwani secured 1st rank

(Sem. V) exams. At M. Com. Aarva Rajput stood 2nd and Chandrika Aswani stood 3rd in Sem. III exams



• Hardi Patel secured 3rd Rank at All India level and Worldwide 46th rank at

the Professional level ACCA examination conducted in September-2016.

In sports, 3 students played at the national level tournaments.



• Naman Patel represented Gujarat for Under 23 C.K. Naidu Trophy and took 17 Wickets.



• Prashant Trivedi participated in the All India Senior Ranking Badminton

Tournament at Karnataka and Valsad, played Mangala Cup at Mangalore and played State Ranking Tournament.



• Monish Dedhia participated in Youth National Table tennis

Championship in Kutchi Olympia. He also secured 2nd position in Central Excise Hyderabad.

The college received 1st prize and a trophy in 6 different intercollegiate competitions.



• Dhyuti Buch secured the 1st Prize in Light Vocal Indian at Inter University Youth Festival

North Zone and Inter Zonal Youth Festival,



• Erica Macwan and Shrushti Mandani teamed up to lift the N.R. Construction Trophy at Hindi Sahitya Sabha Vijay Padma Elocution Competition organized by the Department of Hindi, C.U. Shah Arts College.

• Shruti Nair stood 1st and received the Swami Vivekanand Rotating Trophy Award at an Inter College Elocution Competition organized by Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC) of GLS University on the topic of the "Relevance of Swami Vivekanand's message in modern times."





• Tanisha Sharma bagged the 1st prize and lifted Prof. B. R. Shenoy Trophy in the Inter-Collegiate Essay-Seminar competition organized by C. U. Shah City Commerce College. She had prepared an essay and also made a presentation on "Demonetization from economic point of view".



• The college secured the 1st as well as 2nd prize at the Sugam Sangeet Competition organized by Akhil Hind

Mahila Parishad on 11th August, 2017. Balin Vyas stood 1st and received a cash prize and a rotating trophy. Vandita Shah secured 2nd prize.



• Shreya Pota visited Japan for three months from May to July, 2017 at Otemon Gaukin University, Osaka as a representative of Gujarat University under the Indo-Japan Students Exchange Programme.



• 2 NCC cadets after competing for over 5 camps, were selected and represented

Gujarat State at all India Republic Day Camp 2017 at New Delhi. Cadet Durgesh Makwana, and Cadet Priya Gajera, participated in The Prime Minister's Rally also. Cadet Durgesh Makwana won 1st prize in group dance and 3rd prize in group song competitions.



• Cadet Priya Gajera was selected for The Rajpath Parade. She also won the 1st prize in Group Dance and 3rd prize in Group Song.

• Under Officer Pooja Chauhan, was selected for Vibrant Gujarat Summit' 2017 and she attended The All India Annual Training Camp of Navy at Kerala. She also represented Gujarat in All India Annual Training Camp

held at Indian Naval Academy, Ezimala Kannur (Kerala) and was declared the Most Spirited Cadet by the Camp Commandant LT CDR P. M. Purushothaman. She also attended Forest Expedition Camp conducted by Gujarat University at Abu. She received 'Student of the Year' award along with a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 from Wagh Bakri Tea Group, Ahmedabad.

• 8 cadets participated in national level camps. Cadets Santhumayor Allan, Pravin Dabhi, Sahil Patni, Bhavin Vaghela participated in Army Attachment Camp and Cadets Binal Makwana, Pathan Azra, Mehul Prajapati and Rahul Pandey attended National Integration Camp.



Alumni Activity



- H. L. College Alumni Association organized a Fitness Party on 22nd January, 2017 at the HL Campus. More than 340 students and alumni joined in the Sunday Morning event along with 10 trainers to enjoy fitness workouts like Zumba, Bokwa and Aerobics to the tunes of thriving Bollywood and Western Music.

HL Reunited (HRLU)



- HL Reunited, a body of National & International level HLCC cricketers formed with the aims of promoting the culture of sports and games and to extend financial aid to promising sports persons, hosted 7 day inter corporate cricket tournament among top 16 corporates like Adani, Arvind, HDFC Bank, Anil Group, Dishman Pharma,

AIA Engineering, Axis Bank, Constantia, CIMS Hospital, Oriental Group and many more. The Event was held with the support of AES, HLCC & HLCAA.

Retirement



- Shri Babubhai Patel, the Librarian, retired in June, 2017 after more than three decades of service.



Infrastructure

- The entire Computer Lab has been upgraded with latest computers at an approximate expenditure of Rs. 9.77 lac.
- The open air stage in the plaza has been completely renovated and modernized for theatre and concert activities at an approximate expenditure of Rs 6.12 lacs.



- The traditional stair case has been revamped at an approximate cost of Rs. 6.76 lacs.



- The new Pavilion constructed jointly by AES and HL Alumni Association was inaugurated by Shri Sanjay Lalbhai.

L. D. Arts College

College has a New Campus:

The new academic year marked a significant change for the college as it moved from its legacy campus to an entirely new Campus. The new campus has enviable verdant surroundings and is one of the finest college campuses in the state of Gujarat, with state of the art infrastructure and aesthetically designed Landscape. The new campus has 20MBPS Wi-Fi facility, smart classes, for Staff and students, Hi-Tech Computer Labs, Air-conditioned

Staff Room, Air-conditioned Library with computer facilities connected with the Inflibnet N-List program to access 1.50 lacs e-books and over 5000 journals, and Elevator facilities for physically handicapped students.

The new campus has hugely impacted the society at large as visitors are highly appreciative of the campus and its infrastructure. The College witnessed an unprecedented demand for admissions this year. It got highest first preference in the First Year admission processed by Gujarat University. The admission rush was so high that the College had to request the University for Additional Intake which was immediately sanctioned by the University.

This year there are more than 25 visually challenged students in the College.



Events at the College:

- The college was ranked between 151 and 200 in the College Category by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).



- The College celebrated Annual Day – Culfest at the new College premises with lot of enthusiasm.



- A National Conference on Gender justice for Harmony and Development was organized by the Collegiate Women’s Development Committee (CWDC). Held on April 7, 2017, the conference was attended by more than 200 delegates. A galaxy of Speakers that included Vice-Chancellors, Professors from IIMA, Allahabad University, PDP, American Embassy as well as media persons, came on a common platform to discuss problems of gender disparity. The conference focused on facets of

sustainability and how they add up as a game changer in the battle for gender justice.



- NSS volunteers donated more than 600 clothes in the slum areas of the city in the month of January 2017.
- 36 students donated blood in the Blood Donation Camp organized at the College by the NSS volunteers on 11th January 2017.
- Dr. N. P. Verma (PO) and 2 students participated in NIC camp at Chhattisgarh during February 1st to 10th, 2017.

Faculty Achievements:



- Dr. Jagruti Thummar completed PRCN-99 training course at Gwalior (16 Jan. 2017 to 15 April. 2017) and earned the rank of Lieutenant. She also achieved 'A' grade and was awarded a certificate for Excellence in Planning of Character Development and NIAP in this Course.
- 5 Research Scholars completed their Ph.Ds. under the guidance of Department of Psychology.
- Prof. Jayesh M. Solanki was elected as Chairman of Computer Society of India, Ahmedabad chapter for the term 2016-17.
- Prof. Shubha Nigam, a faculty with the Department of English was awarded Ph.D.
- Prof. B. A. Rohit, Head, Department of Gujarati was awarded Ph.D.

Participation in Conferences:

- 3 faculty attended, chaired and presented Research Papers at National Conferences. 8 faculty attended and presented research papers in National Seminars conducted at different places in India.

Students Achievements:

- 4 Cadets of NCC received gold Medals in CATC Camp in different events.
- 8 Cadets of NCC were selected for TSC Camp in Thamna.
- 3 Cadets of NCC were selected in NIC Camp.
- Vohera Zeel-Psychology 3rd, Agrawal Nikia-Political Science 4th, Pancholi Riya-English 5th were top performers in Sem-2.
- Chavda Nilesa - Economics 5th was a top performer in Sem-4.



- Pandya Manushree-English 1st, Kazi Tabassum - Economics 4th were top performers in Sem-6.
- In comparison with other Institutes and the University, the College has been consistently obtaining better results.

Retirement:

- Shri Ramanbhai Prajapati, a Chowkidar, retired last year, after his tenure of more than 20 years of service.



Obituary:



- We deeply regret the sudden demise of Dr. Salim M. Kaji, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology.

L. M. COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Announcement of Atal Incubation Centre at LMCP

L. M. College of Pharmacy has been selected for setting up an 'ATAL INCUBATION CENTRE', with financial assistance of up to Rs. 10 crores over 5 years, from NITI AAYOG's ATAL INNOVATION MISSION. Out of 3700 entries from all over India, 13 applications were finally selected among which LMCP is the only Pharmacy institute in the country selected for setting up the Atal Incubation Centre. Ultra sophisticated laboratory facilities will be established in the centre, thus making it a unique proposition to progress the innovative ideas of incubates into start-ups. The incubation centre facilities will also be accessible to healthcare industries and researchers.

Introduction of New Course



A Pharm. D. course (Self-finance) has been introduced at LMCP in June 2017, which is coordinated by Dr. Gaurang Shah (Professor, L.

M. College of Pharmacy). Our distinguished alumnus Shri Pankajbhai Patel, CMD, Cadila Healthcare Ltd. (Zydus group) was the inspiration behind commencing the Pharm. D. course at LMCP. It is a 6 years course, affiliated to Gujarat Technological University, and includes one year internship at the renowned Zydus Hospital, Ahmedabad. The course had seen an excellent beginning with 120

applications for admission, against the sanctioned intake of 30 students. The orientation programme for the pioneer batch was conducted on 21st August, 2017, in the graceful presence of Shri B. M. Shah (Director, AES) and Dr. A. H. Kalro (Academic Advisor, AES).

Events at College

- A GUJCOST sponsored one day National Seminar on 'Woman – An Inspirational Soul', was organized on 18th March, 2017. The event featured eminent speakers like Ms. Ruzan Khambatta (Founder of Police Heart, 1091), Dr. Sonal Kotdavala (Gynecologist and Obstetrician) and Dr. Pratibha Aathwale (Dentist).
- The college hosted 'Pharmachrome', as part of GTU Central TechFest-2017, on 30th and 31st March, 2017, which saw the participation of a multitude of pharmacy students from all over Gujarat. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Navin Sheth (Vice Chancellor, GTU).





- LMCP-NSS Unit in collaboration with 'Saksham'-The Red Ribbon Club of LMCP conducted a 'Blood donation and Thalassemia Testing Camp' in February, 2017. A total of 43 units of blood were donated by students and faculty; 74 students got tested for Thalassemia.
- An 'Awareness Program on AIDS, Thalassemia, Addiction and Voluntary Blood Donation' was organized by 'Saksham' - Red ribbon club, LMCP in January, 2017, for the children of Vivekananda High School, Ahmedabad.
- The NSS unit of the college organized a free 'Eye Checkup Camp', in association with Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Ahmedabad, in April, 2017. The students as well as teaching and non-teaching staff members were provided with a comprehensive computerized eye examination and counseling.
- The 2nd Alumni Meet of the college was held in January 2017, under the banner of 'LMCP Alumni Association and Research Society'. Distinguished alumni - Dr. C.J. Shishoo (Ex Principal, LMCP), Mr. Habil Khorakiwala (CMD, Wockhardt Ltd.) and Dr. N.R. Sheth (Vice Chancellor, GTU) graced the occasion with their presence.
- An 'Awareness Campaign for Cashless India' was conducted by LMCP NSS volunteers in January 2017, for the students and non-teaching staff members of LMCP and nearby colleges.

Research Grants

- Dr. Mamta Shah, Dr. Preeti Verma and Ms. Karuna Modi received an industrial grant of 30 lakhs in February 2017 spread over three years, from Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homeopathy (PCIM&H), Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India for developing Pharmacopoeia monograph on single drugs of plant origin.
- Dr. Mahesh Chhabria received an industrial grant of Rs. 13 lakhs from Emcure Pharmaceuticals Ltd. for 'Synthesis and characterization of known and unknown impurities of certain APIs', which was completed during the period February to April 2017.

Faculty Achievements

- Dr. Mahesh Chhabria was nominated as a Member of Search Committee for Vice Chancellor of Gujarat University in January 2016; as Fellow of Gujarat Science Academy, 2017 as well as Senate member for three years at NIPER-Ahmedabad from March 2017. He was also elected as Member of Board of Studies and Faculty Board in Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy, Charotar University of Science and Technology (CHARUSAT), in February 2017.
- Dr. Mamta Shah has been elected as Subject Expert at Siddha Committee by Pharmacopoeial Commission of Indian Medicine & Homeopathy (PCIM&H), New Delhi in March 2017.
- Two faculty members of the institute Dr. Anita Mehta and Dr. Mamta Shah were nominated as 'Best Research Guide for the Year 2016' for the prestigious 'Rajinibhai V. Patel Pharm Innova Award'.
- Dr. Mahesh Chhabria was invited as Chief Guest at the inaugural function of GUJCOST Sponsored One Day National Level Seminar on 'Recent Advancement in Pharmaceutical Development and Technology in India, organized by A-One Pharmacy College, Anasan, in March 2017.
- Dr. Mamta Shah was invited as Chief Guest at the valedictory function of GUJCOST sponsored National seminar on 'Role of Indian System of Medicine in Era of Make in India' organized in association with Society of Pharmacognosy, Gujarat Branch, at Shree Naranjibhai Lalbhai Patel College of Pharmacy, Bardoli, held in September 2016.
- Dr. Sunita Goswami received 'Best Poster Presentation Award' (as co-author) for 'Anxiolytic and antidepressant activity of sitagliptin and linagliptin in Rats' at State Level Poster Presentation in Pharmaceutical Sciences, organized by Arihant School of Pharmacy & Bio-Research Institute in October 2016. She also received third prize for her poster entitled, 'Early age at Menarch and health complication' presented at GUJCOST Sponsored One Day National Seminar on 'Women – An Inspirational Soul', organized by Women Development Cell (WDC), L. M. College of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad in March, 2017.
- Ms. Karuna Modi and Dr. Mamta Shah secured second position for the poster entitled 'HPTLC quantification of scopoletin in *Ipomoea turpethum* root and its market formulations' presented in Two days National Conference on 'Exploring Herbal Domain: Past, Present and Future of India on Global Map' and 21st National Convention of Society of Pharmacognosy, organized by Society of Pharmacognosy and Government College of Pharmacy, Aurangabad, in March, 2017.

Faculty Publications

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- Patel, M., & Mehta, A. (2017). Beneficial effect of capsaicin on acute doxorubicin cardio toxicity in mice: Possible role of oxidative stress. *World Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 6(2), 848-65.
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Placement Activities



- During the last semester, 12 renowned companies from all over Gujarat conducted on-campus interviews at the college and 34 students from all the courses were recruited.
- The placement committee of LMCP organized two industrial visits during the last semester: One for B. Pharm. Semester VII students to Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd., Ahmedabad in August, 2017; and the other to Nikol Formulation Pvt. Ltd., Talod, for B. Pharm. semester VI in April, 2017.

Implementation of Strict Attendance Policy

The Ahmedabad Education Society has enforced strict attendance policy at the institute for the students of all courses. The attendance is monitored on daily basis through online digitalized ERP system and students who do not fulfill the attendance criteria as per GTU rules will not be allowed to appear in college as well as university examination.

Alumni Achievements



- Ms. Norina Sookmoulla [Managing Director, Noripharm & Noorpharma Pharmacies, Mauritius], was honored as 'Africa's Most Influential Women in Business and Government Award 2016', organized by CEO Global. She also won the prestigious 'The Golden Globe Tigers Award-2017' under the category of 'Women leadership award in healthcare'.

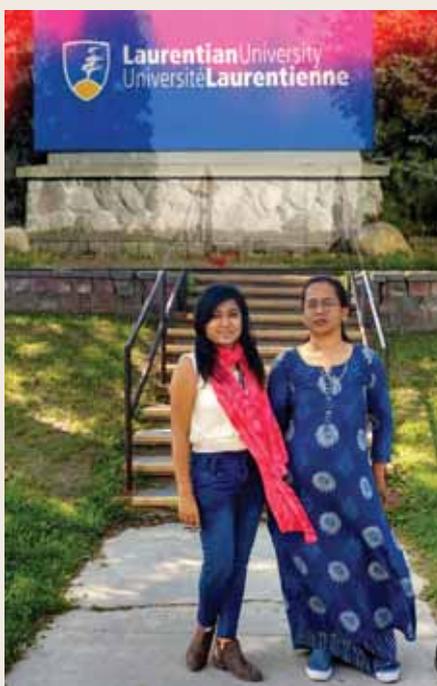


- Dr. Vipul Patel [Associate Professor, School of Pharmacy, RK University] was awarded the renowned 'Trend Setter Award' by Gujarat Innovation Society, for his innovation regarding use of solid hydrogelling system in agriculture to reduce water and fertilizer requirement.

Student Achievements

Six students of the college secured positions in 'GTU TOP 5' for scoring highest marks among all the pharmacy students of Gujarat Technological University:

- Zainfatema Bhimani (D. Pharm. Part-I) - 2nd
- Tanujaben Prajapati (D. Pharm. Part-I) - 4th rank
- Vidhi Makwana (D. Pharm. Part-I) – 5th rank
- Sachin Solanki (D. Pharm. Part II) - 1st rank
- Kamini Bhakti (D. Pharm. Part II) - 2nd rank
- Shreya Pandey (D. Pharm. Part II) - 5th rank



- Shailja Jhala (B. Pharm. Semester-7) visited Laurentian University, Sudbury city, Ontario, for 50 days under 6th consecutive International Experience Programme (IEP) organized by Gujarat Technological University (GTU). The student was escorted by Dr. Mamta Shah, HOD, Pharmacognosy Department, LMCP, who also coordinated all the Pharmacy students of GTU under this programme.



- Mitisha Ruperi (D. Pharm. Part-II) stood 1st in a District Level Badminton Competition (Singles, Open) and 2nd in 'Mixed Doubles', under 'Khel Mahakumbh-2017' held in Amreli, organized by Sports Authority of Gujarat in August 2017. She will now compete in the State Level competition to be held in October 2017.
- 18 students of LMCP secured top positions in different events of 'Pharmachrome', GTU Central TechFest' 17, out of which 9 students bagged the first prizes:
 - Khevna Maniar and Mrunalini Deshpande (in Potentia)
 - Pratik Gandhi and Shanaihi Patel (in Pharma Recipe)
 - Pathan Gulnaz, Heena Chauhan and Ekta Bhalja (in Pharma-Modeling)
- Jay Soni and Devang Vyas (in Poster Presentation).
- One of our NSS Volunteers, Vijaykumar Bhavsar (B. Pharm. Semester-4) was selected to represent Gujarat State in National Integration Camp, organized by NSS under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, hosted by Seven Star International Public School, Bani District, Himachal Pradesh, in 2017.
- Shivani Kothari, Kinjal Bhati, Vandana Thakur and Parth Khanderia (M. Pharm., Pharmacology) were awarded Prof. M. N. Jindal Prize, at the Western Region Conference of Indian Pharmacological Society held in August, 2017.
- Priya Maniar, Juhi Trivedi and Darshankumar Jadav secured top positions in the 'Poster Presentation' competition at the GUJCOST sponsored one-day National Seminar on 'Recent Advancement in Pharmaceutical Development and Technology in India', held in March, 2017 at A-One College of Pharmacy, Anasan.





- Maria Bandoorkwala and Archi Patel won the first prize in 'Poster Presentation' Competition at the one day National Seminar on 'Woman – An Inspirational Soul', organized by LMCP in March 2017.

Announcement of Rolling Trophy For B. Pharm. Toppers

Mr. K.D. Patel, the President of L. M. College Pharmacists' Club, Baroda, during the 'Golden Jubilee Year' Celebration of the club on 22nd April 2017, instituted trophy for the Topper of B. Pharm. Final Semester, which will be rotated every year.

Eminent Visitors

- Mr. Mark Blumenthal (Founder & Executive Director, American Botanical Council, Austin, Texas; Editor-in-Chief, Herbal Gram & Herb Clip; Director, ABC-AHP-NCNPR) visited the college in February, 2017. He also delivered a talk on "Adulteration of Ingredients in Herbal Dietary Supplements - An overview of the ABC-AHP-NCNPR Botanical Adulterants Program" for the UG and PG students.



Inauguration of AES Café

The Ahmedabad Education Society has invested approx. Rs. 50 lakhs to provide canteen facility to the college. The inauguration of 'AES-Café' was done on the auspicious occasion of Independence Day -2017 by Shri B. M. Shah and Shri Natubhai Panchal.



Retirement



Dr. R. V. Bhatt, Assistant professor, Department of Pharmacology, retired in March 2017 after 35 years of service.

Obituary



Shri J. R. Chavda, a non-teaching staff member, who was serving the college since last 40 years, left for his heavenly abode in July 2017.

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Events at the College



• A popular lecture on 'Sleep disorder in young generation' by Dr. Bhavin Dalal, MD, Professor at Beaumont Hospital, USA, was organized on 30th August, 2017 by the Chemistry Department.

• International Youth Day Celebration with Indian Society of Geometrics, Ahmedabad Chapter, was celebrated on 12th Aug. 2017. Eminent scientist Prof. Narendra Bhandari, Former Professor, PRL delivered a lecture on: 'Falling stones and secrets of the universe'. Nearly 160 students attended the lecture.



• A guest Lecture was delivered on 17th Feb. 2017, "Basics of Remote Sensing" for Undergraduate Botany Students' by Dr. Shivmohan, Retired ISRO scientist and Head IEEE-GRSS. More than 100 students participated in the same.

• One day seminar on "Swachhchgrah" was organized by Botany Department on 15th July 2017 in which 190 students of all disciplines participated.

• A one day seminar for final year students on "Quality improvement in teaching learning of some applied plant sciences" was conducted by resource person Sh. N. R. Mulia and Dr. Alpana Shukla on March 28th, 2017.



• M. G. Science Institute celebrated Establishment Day on 1st July, 2017 with a popular lecture by invited speakers, Dr. A. H. Kalro and Dr. P. K. Sahu



- Annual Day Celebration and felicitation of students for academic and sports excellence was held on 4th March 2017



Ranking

- The College has been listed at 22nd position in list of India's top colleges with a google score of 7.8 on a scale of 10 by The India Today-Nielsen survey 2016.
- Biochemistry department was declared as the best department of the college according to Shiksha.com Higher Education in India based on students result and feedback.

M. Sc. Self Finance Course:

Gujarat University has sanctioned additional 45 seats on higher payment basis for M. Sc. Chemistry from the current academic session.

Endowment Scholarship

Subject Experts of various disciplines have donated an amount of Rs. 16000/- to The Ahmedabad Education Society to give Cash award to the students of M. G. Science Institute to encourage them towards excellence in different subjects.

Renovation at M. G. Science

A major infrastructure and renovation has been undertaken for the institute with a grant of Rs. 3cr. from Ahmedabad Education Society. Chemistry & Biochemistry laboratories have been modernized and renovation of other departments is in progress.



Faculty Achievements



- Dr. B. K. Jain has been appointed as Coordinator, B. Sc. Admission committee and Coordinator, B.Sc. Examination (All Semesters), Gujarat University.



- D. K. Vaghela, Associate Prof. of Botany Dept. has been appointed as Co-coordinator, B. Sc. Admission committee and Co-coordinator, B.Sc. Examination (All Semesters), Gujarat University.

- Diti Chokshi Presented a Paper on "Can we save ourselves from Global Warming Emergency?" and participated at the IACS sponsored 30th International Conference on Imagination: India/Canada-Past, Present & Future from 25th-27th March, 2017.
- Alpana Shukla presented a paper at NASA-ISRO meet for hyper spectral remote sensing at SAC, ISRO.

Project Grants

- Grants of Rs. 1,23,35,000/- towards research activities were received by the institute for academic year 2017-18 from various funding agencies.
- Dr. Vivek N. Upasani (Asso. Professor, Microbiology department) has been awarded a total grant of Rs. 51 lakhs from Department of Biotechnology (DBT, New Delhi) for a period of three years (2016-2019).
- Dr. R. D. Chaudhary (Asso. Professor, Statistics department) has received a grant of Rs. 90,000/- to Develop Online Data Exploration tool for ICSSR from Information & Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, an IUC of University Grants Commission INFOCITY, Gandhinagar.

Ph. D. Awarded



Mr. Harshil H. Bhatt obtained his Ph. D. Degree in Biotechnology, under the guidance of Dr. Vivek N. Upasani.



Shri Jaimin K. Desai received Ph. D. Degree in Chemistry



Shri Suman H. Patel received Ph. D. Degree in Chemistry

- Dr. Alpana Shukla (Head, Botany department) has been granted a project with SAC-ISRO for 50 lakhs for a period of four years. (2017-2021) and Rs. 12 lakh for a minor project for two years.
- Dr. Alpana Shukla also received a grant of Rs. 1 lakh from ISRO Headquarters Bangalore, for conducting a Teachers' Training Programme on "Basic Principles of Remote Sensing and Data analysis" during the year 2016-2017
- Dr. Paras Solanki (Asso. Professor, Geology department) has been awarded a project entitled "Estimation of Feo and TiO₂ abundances on the Lunar surface using Chandrayaan-1 HySI satellite data" under Chandrayaan-1 mission from SAC-ISRO with a budget of Rs. 20.05 Lakh for three years.
- AES has sanctioned the Institutional charge amount of Dr. Alpana Shukla's research projects of Rs. 40000/- to be used in the development of Biodiversity Park and Green trail and the botanical garden.

Research Publications

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Students Achievements

- Four students are in top 10 of merit list of the university, with **Chintan Patel** of Zoology Department Standing First & **Harsh Gandhi** of Biochemistry Department at 3rd Position.
- **Harsh Gandhi** of Biochemistry Department secured all India rank 8th in the centralized JNU entrance examination for post graduate studies.
- **Ms. Pooja Sharma** stood First in Botany University exam of Gujarat University, 2016-17
- During Jan. 2017 to June 2017 some students did summer laboratory work and published their papers in journals
- **Mr. Harmit Patel** of Botany Department, stood third in 10m Air Pistol shooting competition at State level and was selected to represent Gujarat Uni. at Inter-University Nationals.

Placement Activities

- TCS made a campus placement drive on 19/1/2017. They conducted an aptitude test in which nine students were short-listed and one was selected.
- Job fair of INFOSYS was held by Gujarat University placement cell on behalf of all affiliated colleges. 16 sixteen students of M. G. Science were selected.
- FINAR Chemicals Ltd and Sun Pharma conducted campus interview for M.Sc. Chemistry students in March, 2017. Each company selected two students.
- In July 2017, ICICI bank recruited two of our students through Placement cell.

Eminent Visitor



Dr. Alexander Mac Gregor of Toronto Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology delivered a lecture on international opportunities in the field of Life Science on 10.03.2017.

Retirement



A farewell was organized for two staff members Dr. R. D. Shah, Geology Department and Prof. Snehaben Pandya, Microbiology Department who served the institute with dedication for more than 38 years.



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