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Writing spirit awakens
as students enjoy blog writing
competition.

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~ *Ginni Nijhawan*, Head of Wing,
Centre for Distance and Online Education,
LPU Online.

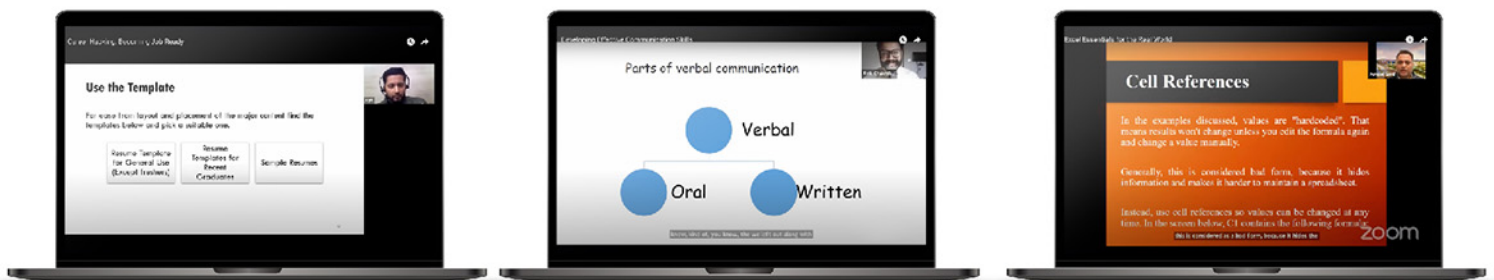


HAPPENINGS AT LPU ONLINE



Master Classes and Workshops offering a 360-degree development.

We recognise that for students to achieve holistic growth, they must keep up with the latest industry trends. Therefore, LPU Online offers multiple Workshops, Master Classes, and Guest Lectures on a variety of subjects such as soft skill development, CV Writing, tech skills and more. These sessions provide real market insights, cover current industry needs and equip our students with the necessary skills to remain up-to-date.



LPU Online students attended multiple Master Classes and Workshops from January to March. Striking a perfect balance between theory, practical and industry insights, our Master Classes covered topics like:



'Excel Essentials' with Mr. Puneet Soni, Corporate Trainer, Human Resource Development Centre, LPU

'Career Hacking: Becoming Job Ready' and **'Mastering PowerPoint Presentation'** with Mr. Arpit Thakur, Assistant Professor, LPU




'Developing Effective Communication Skills' with Mr. Avik Chakraborty, Centre for Professional Enhancement, LPU

'Cloud Computing' with Prof. (Dr.) Manmohan Sharma, LPU




'Grow Yourself to Grow Your Business' with Mr. Vikrant Kapoor, Entrepreneur and Author

'The Ins and Outs of Emerging Technologies' with Dr. Hitesh Jhanji, Associate Professor, LPU

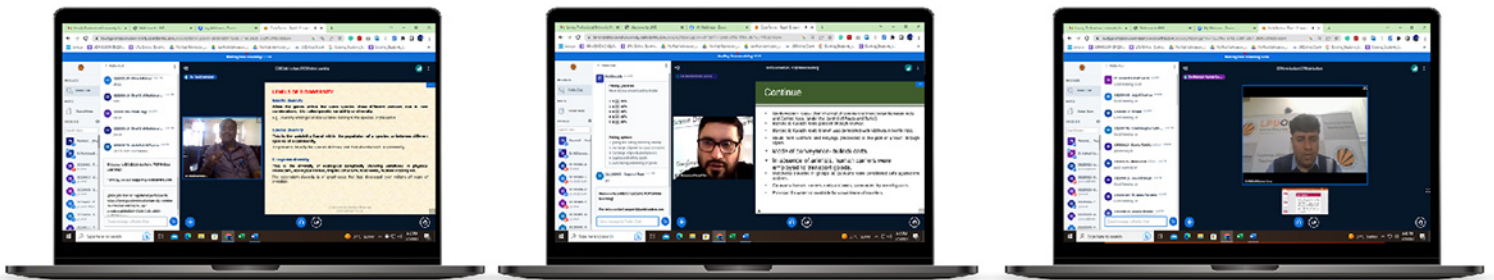


These much-awaited interactions provided students with an in-depth knowledge of various industry-related subjects like programming around data fields, crunching and optimising big data for usage, mastering software like MS Excel and MS PowerPoint.

LIVE INTERACTIVE SESSIONS CONNECTING STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

Apart from numerous Workshops and Master Classes, LIVE interactive sessions are also provided to students. Keeping in mind the busy schedule of working professionals, LIVE classes take place every weekend, enabling maximum attendance.

These interactive sessions enable students to get in touch with the faculty and their peers and also clear their doubts.



PRESENTING THE EXAM TOPPERS OF LPU ONLINE

LPU Online successfully conducted Online proctored exams monitored LIVE through proctors and various Artificial Intelligence tools. Students utilised the 'Draw your own Datesheet' feature of LPU Online and planned their own exam schedule according to their convenience.

The hard work of our students paid off, as was evident from the tremendous exam results. Here are the top performing students of different programmes at LPU Online.



Aishwarya Chavala
8.8 CGPA
Master of Arts
(Sociology)
Batch - Nov 2021



Muskan Meghani
8.71 CGPA
Master of Computer
Applications
Batch - Nov 2021



Kanwaljeet Singh
8.57 CGPA
Master of Computer
Applications
Batch - Jan 2022



Janvi Koli
8.57 CGPA
Master of Computer
Applications
Batch - Nov 2021



S. Gyanesh Patro
8.5 CGPA
Master of Business
Administration
Batch - Nov 2021



Richa Goyal
8.5 CGPA
Master of Business
Administration
Batch - Nov 2021



Ravijot Kaur
8.33 CGPA
Master of Business
Administration
Batch - Nov 2021



Deepak
8.33 CGPA
Bachelor of Computer
Applications
Batch - Jan 2022



Vinoth M
8.33 CGPA
Master of Science
(Mathematics)
Batch - Jan 2022



Sunil Kumar
8.33 CGPA
Master of Business
Administration
Batch - Nov 2021

FRESHMEN INDUCTION

To mark the start of a new chapter, brimming with possibilities and fresh ambitions, we welcomed our new batch of students with open arms. With the aim of upholding the time-honored tradition of induction, we conducted a successful freshmen induction event on February 16, 2023.

The event kicked off with a brief introduction to LPU Online, followed by a series of engaging ice-breaking sessions, which offered an opportunity for the students to interact with our resource persons. The students were treated to informative speeches from our experts, which ignited a sense of enthusiasm among them and set the tone for the event.

Students were subsequently briefed about their curriculum, e-Connect Portal, Mobile Application, Online Exams, Placement Support, Student Support Services and other processes at LPU Online, which equipped the students with comprehensive understanding of what they can expect during their time with us.



PRESENTING OUR SUPER 5



The diligent efforts of our students have already begun to bear fruit, as five students from LPU Online have been offered employment at Wayspire . We congratulate Ankita, Hitesh, Shubhnish, Gobardhan and Avinash and wish them the very best for their future.

WRITING SPIRIT AWAKENS

BLOG WRITING COMPETITION



Every individual possesses the potential to be a writer. This was demonstrated through the blog writing competition that was organised for all LPU Online students. With active participation, students wrote blogs on various interesting topics, crafting incredible pieces

of 800-1000 words. The submissions were due by January 27, 2023 and the winners were announced by the jury on March 2, 2023.

Aman Kumar Mallik from MBA
MBA, Anoop Chandra from MCA,
and A.C. Sri Likhita from MCA

were awarded cash prizes of 5,000, 3,000 and 2,000 Indian rupees, respectively, for their top three blogs. Several students were given special recognition on social media, for their efforts.



1ST PRIZE
CASH AWARD
₹5,000



2ND PRIZE
CASH AWARD
₹3,000

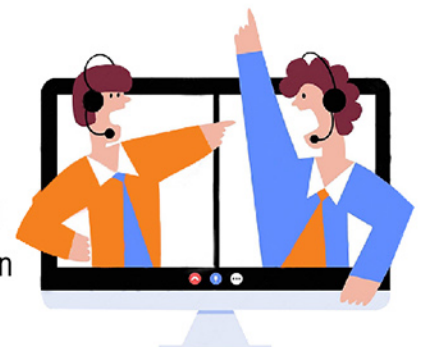


3RD PRIZE
CASH AWARD
₹3,000

Battle of opinions at LPU Online

DEBATE COMPETITION

A healthy debate is a building block of a healthy society. Taking this notion ahead, LPU Online is organising a Debate Competition for students in April, which has already seen over 100+ entries from students across various programmes in March. LPU Online looks forward to a great event with some ground-breaking debates.



3 INDUSTRY TRENDS THAT WILL RULE 2023

Accelerated Digital Transformation

Industry will witness rapid digital transformation with the help of AI, IoT, VR/AR, cloud computing, blockchain and the arrival of 5G. These tech advancements will largely become supplementary to each other.

These trends will include wider adoption of low-code platforms, migration of important data to cloud services, virtual business collaboration and increased investment in Blockchain.



Rise of Green Tech

Green technology may sound new, but it has its roots deeply seeded in the world of sustainable innovation. According to Oxford University research, transitioning to a decarbonised energy system will save the world USD 12 trillion by 2050. More importantly, this will reduce the negative impact of human activity on the environment.

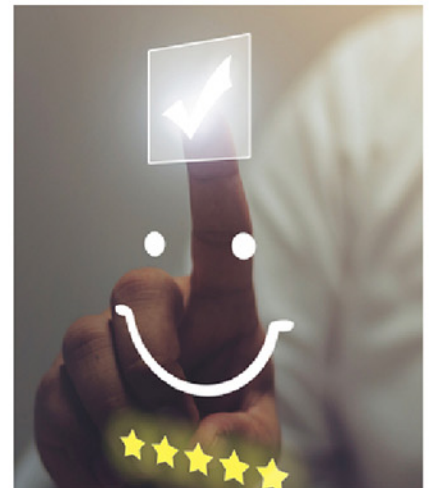
Green tech is not only limited to solar panels and wind turbines anymore. Technologies like self-sufficient buildings, low carbon construction, carbon capture and storage, carbon tracking software will take a lead.



Immersive Customer Experience

2023 will solidify the consumer's importance over and above price and product. Redefining the engagement between companies and their customers, immersive customer experience will work towards streamlining the processes and reducing the hassle faced by consumers.

Consumer data and its interpretation plays an important role in this trend and thus the demand for data analysts and AI algorithms that churn data will see a steep rise.



AI EMPOWERING STUDENTS IN INEFFABLE WAYS



AI is augmenting the student's future! It's time we demystify the ways in which AI can enhance the learning experience of students. Contrary to the old perception that AI will take away human jobs, it's now evident that mastering AI software like ChatGPT and DALL-E-2 can make students more effective and efficient in their work.

FAST FORWARD THE RESEARCH PROCESS

Research can be tedious especially when there's a deadline hovering over your head. This is where AI can expedite the research process by providing you with the right information instantly. Be it crunching big data, optimising large banks of information or converting perplexing data understandable charts, AI software can help you boost your productivity.



PRESENT YOUR IDEAS IN A BETTER WAY.

Sometimes you can't find the right words and visuals to explain your ideas. But with AIs like DALL-E-2, Midjourney and Copy.AI, you will never fail to present your ideas. From crafting your content to giving them a visual representation, AI makes everything possible.

SELF-GRADE YOUR ASSIGNMENTS.

A third person's perspective is always insightful. When you self-grade your assignments, you can leverage AI to find mistakes and areas that can be improved upon. Not only this, AI tools such as Gradescope give proper feedback that can improve your assignment.



In conversation with **Ms. Ginni Nijhawan**

Head of Wing,
Centre for Distance and Online Education

The Covid-19 pandemic has spurred the public interest to fulfil their academic needs over the internet. Continuing with the trend and setting the bar high in online learning, LPU is a premier Education provider offering world-class education with its people-friendly platform of 'LPU Online'. Ms. Ginni Nijhawan, the Head of Wing, Centre for Distance & Online Education, LPU, enlightens us about the questions surrounding online education.

Q&A

For the past 15 years, you have been a pillar of strength for LPU's domain of Distance education. How does the leap from Distance to Online make you feel?

Before online education came into existence, our Distance Education students at LPU were already leveraging online learning tools such as Learning Management System, live/recorded lectures, Discussion Forum and more. So, transitioning from Distance to Online has been a smooth ride. In fact, it enabled us to expand our global reach and bring diversity to our classrooms.

The pandemic disrupted the education sector, making online learning a reasonable alternative to traditional learning. What challenges did you face in making it accessible to the masses?

Today, a large number of Indians from smaller cities and villages are also tech-savvy, owing to easy access to smartphones and high-speed data. So, providing accessibility is not a challenge anymore. However, our top priority is to tackle the real challenge of regular upgradation of academic resources and curriculum and bringing it to the masses before the course/programme or technology goes obsolete.

Despite the growing public interest in online education and a rapid increase in the number of players, what does the future hold according to you?

Today, hundreds of universities globally offer quality education online, and 60+ top-ranking Indian universities are part of the league. In my opinion, online education will soon become a global standard for acquiring skills.

Q&A

How credible are online degrees, which are generally pocket-friendly, in contrast to the ones delivered on-campus that require huge investment of funds?

LPU Online learners are being offered degree programmes at a highly affordable fee structure, but they get access to the same curriculum taught by the same faculty. Our degree adds value to the resumes of both online and offline learners, equally. As per UGC, an online degree is equivalent to a regular degree. So, credibility is not an issue because what matters is one's knowledge and skill.

As a student, one would always like to interact directly with his/her faculty members, peers and industry experts, but won't it be lacking in a virtual classroom?

Active and passive learners make up every classroom, and their level of interaction is entirely subjective. For our online learners, there are discussion forums, chat rooms and one-to-one sessions with their professors and mentors. With so much on the platter, interactions can never be dull.

One crucial thing that intrigues the student community is the employer's perspective towards online learners. Are online graduates as valuable as regular ones?

In today's day and age, employers look for and recruit deserving skilled candidates, irrespective of their mode of education for high-paid jobs. It's a thing of the past when degrees and grades were valued over skillset. That's the reason why regular upskilling has become the need of the hour.

Talking about the international students who are ready to grow their horizons of knowledge and skills, are you able to reach out to global learners?

Technology and communication have made it extremely easy for us to reach out to learners globally. Indian Education system has takers across the world, which is evident from the fact that we already have learners from more than 30 countries enrolled in various online programmes, with BCA and MA being most sought-after.

Last but not the least, please share with everyone, the top 5 learnings you have gained in your professional tenure.

- There is no replacement for hard work.
- Do what needs to be done, even if no one is watching, even if you are not going to get the credit for it.
- There is so much learning, if you are ready to step out of your comfort zone.
- As a leader, get ready to take a little more blame and a little lesser credit.
- Take decisions based on data and not perceptions.

ON CAMPUS NEWS

LPU'S MITTAL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS RANKED AMONGST THE TOP IN INDIA

IIRF Ranking 2023

A significant jump of 43 spots has brought Mittal School of Business at Lovely Professional University (LPU) to the 41st rank amongst 2900 private B schools nationwide.

- North Zone Rank 5 and overall 21st in the list of 'top 45 business schools under university program in India 2023'.
- Overall 48th and North Zone rank 15 in the 'top 50 business schools for research in India 2023'.
- With a score of 720.27, it is ahead of many government institutions including IIM, Bodh Gaya (716.86); IIFM, Bhopal (710.70); FMS, Vadodara (706.10); Indian Maritime University, Chennai (703.70); and many more.

Tremendous victory for LPU Wushu players

LPU students have proved their mettle by securing victory in the All India Inter-University Wushu Championship 2022-23, winning six gold, two silver and ten bronze medals. This championship attracted over 450 students from 28 states and top universities, all competing for top trophies and medals.

The three-day-long 6th Wushu Federation Cup Championship 2022-23 was held at the Lovely Professional University (LPU) campus, and it was inaugurated by Shri HS Barratt of the Punjab Government under the aegis of the Wushu Association of India. It is an honour to have hosted such a prestigious event and LPU is proud of the outstanding performance put up by the students.



Active participation from Centre for Distance and Online Education

LPU Alumni Award 2023

LPU takes pride in its rich network of alumni spread across the globe. Hosting an annual homecoming event for our Alumni, LPU celebrated their success stories and rekindled college memories.



Successful Alumni Awards 2023 commenced at the LPU campus on 25th March 2023. The event was a big success with massive attendance from Alumni arriving from different parts of the world. Nominations were also invited from Centre for Distance and Online Education in different categories. The response to the event was exceptional, with a large number of registrations from Distance Education students pouring in for the ceremony.

These nominations were carefully judged by the jury and 9 super-achievers were selected from Centre for Distance and Online Education. LPU was honoured to felicitate these extraordinary individuals.

LPU'S PRIDE 50!

An invaluable participation in G20 Meet in Amritsar

Fifty students and faculty members from LPU represented the university on the global stage by participating in the G20 meeting on education, which took place in the holy city of Amritsar.

These 50 LPU students, accompanied by 5 faculty members, are providing invaluable translation support to foreign delegates. Utilising their language expertise, they are working to streamline the conversations among the participating foreign delegates.

Overall, Lovely Professional University (LPU) has contributed 100 students and faculty members to the G20 meeting. In addition to the 50 students and 5 faculty members mentioned above, 38 national students from various parts of the country are serving as liaison officers and volunteers in a range of activities at the event.

By participating in this prestigious global forum, LPU students and faculty members are showcasing the university's commitment to education and its dedication to fostering international cooperation and understanding.



13TH ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET CONDUCTED SUCCESSFULLY

13th instalment of the two-day, annual athletic meet was organised at the campus. The grand opening ceremony saw an enthusiastic participation of students from various schools of the university along with students from Centre for Distance and Online Education. A tough competition entertained the audience as the participants competed for the championship trophy and medals.

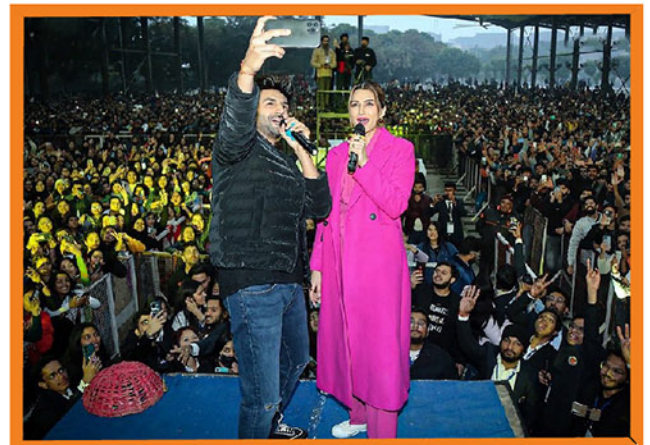
Presenting their Olympic level skills, these athletes participated in over 100 track and field competitive sport events. The School of Physical Education won the trophy for winning maximum number of medals while, the Mittal School of Business received the Runner-Up trophy.



A star-studded Lohri with Kartik Aaryan and Kriti Sanon

Mesmerising performances, Lohri songs, dhol beats and the ever-charming cast of Shehzada, Kartik Aryan and Kriti Sanon made the Lohri at LPU campus an event to remember. As Kartik & Kriti entered the campus, the hearts of thousands of students and staff members were filled with joy.

Visiting stars Kartik & Kriti mesmerised onlookers with their performances on Lohri songs, dhol beats and popular numbers of their upcoming movie Shehzada. They were enthralled to witness the multicultural environment at the university. Both of them appreciated LPU's study environment and infrastructure while wishing students a Happy Lohri.



The stars were welcomed at LPU by Chancellor Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal. He accorded them best wishes for the festive season and their forthcoming movies. He was also accompanied by Pro Chancellor Mrs. Rashmi Mittal, LPU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Preeti Bajaj, LPU Vice President Dr. Aman Mittal, Senior Dean Division of Student Welfare Dr. Sorabh Lakhanpal and other dignitaries.

MEA COLLABORATED WITH LPU TO ORGANISE A PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY CARE COURSE FOR 14 COUNTRIES' OFFICIALS.

In a successful collaboration with ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) and Division of Ministry of External Affairs (Government of India), LPU organised a specialised course on "Public Health & Community care" for 30 high-ranked officials from 14 countries.

The 14-day specialised training course commenced from 10th January, and continued till 23rd January 2023 at LPU Campus. The whole programmes was highly practical in nature and workshop-based with discussion on the concepts followed by their implementation.



Women's Judo team of LPU wins again!

Participating among 691 judoka students from 144 Universities, LPU's female Judo team once again lifted the 'All India Inter University Judo Championship trophy.' The five-day championship was held under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) at the indoor stadium of LPU.

While LPU lifted the championship trophy; GNDU Amritsar got second place and Rabindranath Tagore University Bhopal third. Performing strongly, LPU's players won four medals including 2 gold and 2 silver along with 7th position in five categories.