

## **Annual Report of L. D. Arts College for the Academic Year 2023–24**

The academic year 2023–24 at L. D. Arts College was marked by dynamic academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular engagement, reinforcing the college's commitment to holistic education and intellectual growth. The institution began the academic term for Semesters I and III on June 15, 2023, in alignment with the Gujarat University schedule. Internal evaluations were conducted from September 15 to 25, followed by the Diwali vacation from November 10 to 30. The first term concluded on December 16, 2023. The second term for Semesters II and IV commenced on December 18, 2023, and internal exams were held from March 1 to 10, 2024. The academic year concluded on April 30, 2024, with the summer break beginning on May 1.

The English Department conducted a significant State-Level Workshop on February 1, 2024, titled "Research Approaches in Humanities: Unveiling Methodological Diversity." The Department of Psychology facilitated educational visits to the National Forensic Science University in Gandhinagar and the Government Mental Health Hospital in Ahmedabad. The Sanskrit Department offered a 30-hour Certificate Course on the "Essence of Geeta," involving 164 participants, and organized a Geeta Jayanti Elocution Competition.

The Department of Economics arranged several field visits, including to 108-EMRI Green Health Services, a heritage walk in Old Ahmedabad, an environmental education tour to Bakor, and academic tours to Vibrant Gujarat, the Bombay Stock Exchange, and a Vipassana Introduction Programme. The department also organized a workshop on research paper writing in collaboration with the Gujarat Economics Association and hosted a national workshop on "Indian Financial Systems: Paradigmatic Shift, Challenges and Scope."

The Department of History conducted visits to the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Memorial and the L.D. Indology Museum. The Political Science Department hosted a guest lecture by Dr. Hitesh Patel on "Centre-State Relations in India," attended by over 200 students, and organized a Political Science Quiz involving more than 90 students. The Department of Sociology engaged students in role plays and skits on social issues, documentary screenings on caste and class, street plays on gender equality, and poster exhibitions on social movements.

In Statistics, a guest lecture was organized on diverse statistical methodologies in social sciences research. The Gujarati Department hosted expert lectures on topics like "ગુજરાતી

વિષયની જાહેર પરીક્ષાઓમાં ઉપયોગીતા,” “અર્વાચીન કવિતા,” and translation theory, in addition to celebrating “માતૃભાષા ગૌરવદિન.”

The Hindi Department observed Hindi Diwas and Tulsi Jayanti, engaging students in discussions on classical Hindi literature.

The Computer Science Department arranged a faculty workshop on dynamic presentations and an expert lecture on Artificial Intelligence.

Co-curricular activities under the NSS banner were vibrant and socially responsive. Programs included orientation sessions, tree plantation drives, visits to old-age homes and slums, celebration of Rakshabandhan and Independence Day, and seminars on personality development. The NSS also conducted traffic awareness campaigns, winter clothing drives, cleanliness initiatives, blood donation camps, and an inter-college camp. The NCC celebrated national events such as Independence Day and Republic Day, along with organizing lectures on armed forces entry, disaster management, and conducting a cleanliness drive.

The Sports Department actively encouraged student participation through registrations and trials for university competitions, leading to successful engagement from September to October 2023. Cultural engagement began with inter-class competitions in July and participation in Gujarat University’s youth festivals in August. January saw themed days like Executive Day and Peace Day, alongside participation in Mahadev Desai inter-college competitions and events like the Gita Jayanti Slok Gan and elocution contests. The academic year concluded with a vibrant college cultural fest in February.

Placement initiatives included expert sessions on grooming and interview skills in January, followed by campus recruitment efforts in February.

The year 2023–24 at L. D. Arts College was thus one of interdisciplinary collaboration, academic rigor, and creative expression. The institution remains committed to fostering an inclusive and progressive educational environment.