

The background of the entire page is a silhouette of a statue of Lakshmi Bai, a leader of the 1857 Indian Revolt. She is depicted in a dynamic pose, holding a sword high in her right hand and a mace in her left. The statue is set against a dramatic sky with soft, golden light filtering through the clouds. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

LAKSHMIBAI COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

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## Brief Profile of Lakshmibai College

### About the college

Lakshmibai College (University of Delhi, North Campus) was established in 1965 as a women's college, named in honour of Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi, a freedom fighter, fearless warrior and patriot of indomitable will and unbeatable courage. The college strives towards excellence and the holistic development of students. It is reaching newer heights under the dynamic leadership of the new principal, Dr. Pratyush Vatsala, who joined the college in July 2015. In 2014-15, about 3,924 undergraduate, and 49 postgraduate students were enrolled in the college. The college recently celebrated the completion of fifty glorious years of imparting quality education at the undergraduate level.

### Course list

Over time, the disciplinary courses offered by the college has grown, which now comprises of *Honours* courses in Business Economics, Commerce, Economics, English, Hindi, History, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sanskrit. It also offers B.Com and BA *Programme* in subjects such as Advertising Sales Management and Sales Promotion, Apparel Design and Construction, Food Technology, Music, Punjabi and Sociology besides conventional subjects. Some departments such as Philosophy, Political Science and Sanskrit also support Masters level teaching.

### Cut-offs

Each year, the college draws a large number of applications, including those from North Eastern and neighbouring states, and even some from abroad. The cut-offs for securing admission in 2015-16 were quite high. For instance, for B.Com (H) 96-92, B. Com 93-89, Economics (H) 95.5-94%, English (H) 95.9 and above 88%, Hindi (H) 80-75%, History (H) 78%, Philosophy (H) 75-71%, Political Science (H) 85-83%, Mathematics 92 and above 88.5%, and Sanskrit (H) 50-49%.

### Results

Students are also performing well in their final university examinations. In the academic year 2014-2015, the highest percentage secured in Business Economics (H)-79.12%, B.Com (H)-81.40%, Economics(H)-76.56%, English (H)-66.27%, Hindi (H)-67.95, History (H)-65.13%, Mathematics (H)-93.30%, Philosophy (H)-70.70%, Political Science (H)-69.87%, and Sanskrit (H)-80.31%.

There have been 124 first divisions in BA Programme, 120 first divisions in B. Com, 56 first divisions in B. Com (H), 22 first divisions in Hindi (H), 21 first divisions in BSc Mathematics (H), 18 first divisions in Economics (H), 17 first divisions in Political Science (H) and Bachelor of Business Economics (H) final year.

### **Faculty**

Each department is driven by a highly motivated faculty (including many PhDs) committed to enriching students' learning experience in the college. Several members have excellent achievements, outstanding honours/distinctions (including those in sports), have authored many books and research papers in national and international journals, and are involved in various research projects. The faculty strives to continuously review students' academic progress through tutorials, tests and presentations.

### **Infrastructure**

Located right across the picturesque Ashoka Garden, the college has an impressive red brick building, well-maintained lawns and sports ground, two air-conditioned lecture theatres, a furnished seminar room, supplementary audio-visual gadgets, two well-equipped air-conditioned computer labs, a food-technology lab, an apparel design lab, and an enabling unit for differently abled. The well-stocked, computerised library with internet facility has nearly 83,000 books and a spacious reading room. The college is now fully Wi-Fi enabled. Also, there is a bank extension counter, canteen and staff-quarters. The college is well connected to metro stations and bus services.

### **Sports, National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC)**

Students actively participate in co-curricular activities. Sports students have brought many laurels to the college at International, National, All-India Inter-University, Inter-College and State levels championships. Under the vibrant NSS, students participate in institutional service, working with NGOs, skill development projects, community service, solving daily problems and develop leadership abilities. The energetic National Cadet Corps (NCC) wing of the college continually wins achievements in extension and outreach work.

### **Student Societies**

Students enthusiastically participate in various extra-curricular activities organised by various societies as well. These include- **Navrang-The Dramatics Society**, *English Literary and Debating Society*, *Hindi Literary and Debating Society*, *Music and Dance Society*, *Fine Arts Society*, *Gandhi Study Circle*, *Punjabi Literary and Cultural Society*, *Sanskrit Literary and Cultural Society*, **Sanrakshan-Society for Environmental Awareness**, **NESDALF-the Society of Students from North-Eastern States**, *Darjeeling, Ladakh and Foreign Countries*, *Women's*

*Development Centre and the Society for Affirmative Action.* Under the *departmental societies and associations*, faculty and students of each department organise cultural activities, lectures and talks on contemporary issues regularly at an inter-college level. The aim of such activities is to make the students explore various ideas and cultures, and learn teamwork and co-operation skills. Recently, celebrating the college's Golden Jubilee, various societies and departments organised several UGC sponsored National Seminars; conferences, lectures, programmes, workshops, Food and Crafts Mela, symposium on 'Career in Media', a Spic-Macay performance, including training in self-defence. The college also actively participated in the Delhi University Cultural Festival 'Antardhvani' showcasing an Innovation Project on 'Understanding the Potential Determinants of Obesity among School Going Adolescents in Delhi' funded by the University of Delhi.

### **Internal Quality Assurance Cell**

There is an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) that holds interactive sessions with faculty once a month. The objective of this cell is to bring forth the achievements as well as the challenges before the departments and societies towards attaining greater excellence.

### **Students' Council**

Once a month, a students' council chaired by the Principal (with faculty presence) is held to share students' concerns and perceptions, and give their opinion on improving various aspects of college life.

### **Former students**

Many of our former students are pursuing their Masters programme in prestigious institutes in India such as the Indian Institute of Technology, University of Delhi, Delhi School of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Ambedkar University, TERI University, and Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics. Several students are also studying in foreign universities, for instance at the University of Nottingham, Queen's College, and the National University of Singapore. Also, many of our students are doing well professionally in the corporate sector, banks, research institutes, as permanent Assistant Professors in the University of Delhi colleges, and as entrepreneurs/in self-employment. Our alumni network is extending with each passing year.

### **Placement Cell initiatives**

The college Placement Cell (with three faculty members and several student volunteers associated with it) regularly organises career counselling programmes, talks and lectures to prepare students for their professional pursuits. The Placement Cell creates opportunities for developing students' technical and soft skills, scholarship programs and mentoring students.

### ***Seminars***

In 2015, a seminar on International CA program was conducted in association with the *Edupristine Institute* to appraise students on the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

The *National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD)*, an apex body under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises conducted an e-learning entrepreneurship development programme.

The *NIIT* recently conducted an IT aptitude test under the 25<sup>th</sup> BhavishyaJyoti Scholarship programme in the college campus and held a seminar-cum-workshop on 'Interview Handling Skills and CV Writing.'

### ***Selections***

Several of our students have been registered online at the Central Placement Cell (CPC) of the University of Delhi. The faculty members of the college Placement Cell regularly appraise and encourage students to appear for the placement drives conducted by the CPC. This year, under the CPC placement drives, eight students from B.Sc. (H) Mathematics were selected by *Wipro* for the M.Tech Program, four students were selected in *Tata Power*, one student was shortlisted for *Mera Job India*, and two students were selected for *British Telecom*.

### ***Our strengths***

The focus of college learning is on developing students' analytical/quantitative and soft skills. Students are hard-working and have a positive attitude. Students from several courses use statistical/accounting, mathematical and econometric methods and software for handling data and problem solving. Students display their growing creativity, organisational acumen and calibre in various forums. A growing number of students are participating and excelling in academic quizzes including maths quiz, extempore, creative writing, editing and illustrating a wall magazine in English, culinary innovations, apparel design and construction, book art competition, plays, folk dances and in other performing arts. Some of our students are active bloggers. In the field of sports, students have been performing remarkably well, maintaining the college's top performance in the University of Delhi. Students also take initiative in issues of societal importance such as environmental awareness and inclusive development. A growing number of students are displaying their academic brilliance and zeal for success through their performance in university examinations, clearing entrance examinations/getting selected in higher education institutes in India and abroad, and in procuring recruitment in good companies during the Central Placement Cell placement drives. Our students are thus very capable and can fit in well in various job profiles in corporate, industry, research and government organisations, media, journalism, publishing, sales and marketing, risk advisory and insurance, and NGOs.