

## **Comprehensive Annual Report**

**(June 2024 – April 2025)**

### **Introduction**

Ladhidevi Ramdhar Maheshwari Night College of Commerce (LRMC), under the Rajasthani Sammelan Education Trust, has had an eventful and productive academic year from July 2024 to March 2025. This report summarises the college's key academic, co-curricular, and administrative activities, faculty achievements, student engagement, and development initiatives during this period.

### **Academic Activities and Examinations**

Lectures for T.Y.B.Com Semester V and S.Y.B.Com Semester III began on June 12, 2024, while F.Y.B.Com Semester I classes commenced on July 26, 2024, with an orientation session led by Principal Dr. Shripad Joshi, who introduced the NEP curriculum and college associations. Examinations were conducted as scheduled across the year, including F.Y.B.Com Sem I Internals (3–5 October 2024), S.Y.B.Com Sem III Regular and ATKT exams (10–18 October 2024), T.Y.B.Com Sem V exams (23 October–13 November 2024), and F.Y.B.Com Sem I Externals (14–25 November 2024). Results for S.Y.B.Com Semester III were declared on 14th December 2024, and T.Y.B.Com Semester V results were released on 2nd January 2025. In early 2025, additional and regular examinations were held: F.Y.B.Com Sem I (NEP) Additional/Medical (6–11 January 2025), S.Y.B.Com Sem III Additional/Medical (6–13 January 2025), F.Y.B.Com Sem II Internal (5–11 February 2025), T.Y.B.Com Sem V exams (27 February–7 March 2025), and S.Y.B.Com Sem IV exams (7–15 March 2025). T.Y.B.Com Semester VI exams ran from 18 March to 8 April 2025, with F.Y.B.Com Semester II (NEP) from 5–12 April 2025.

### **Student Induction and Principal Appointment**

An important milestone was the induction of Dr. Preeti Oza as Principal on 8th October 2024. The ceremony was conducted in the Learning Centre, with retiring Principal Dr. Shripad Joshi and faculty offering a warm welcome. A farewell for Dr. Joshi followed on 19th October 2024, marked by heartfelt speeches and performances.

### **Governance and Quality Assurance**

LRMC demonstrated its commitment to academic quality by submitting the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for 2023–24 to the UGC on 30th December 2024. The College Development Committee and Governing Council also convened on 30th November 2024 at DGMC to discuss developmental plans. Additionally, the college achieved a major milestone in January 2025 by receiving UGC 2(F) Certification.

### **National Service Scheme (NSS)**

NSS volunteers were active throughout the year. From June to September 2024, they participated in mangrove and beach clean-ups at Manori, Bhayandar, Uttan Beach, and Gorai. They also assisted the Mumbai Police with crowd management during Ganpati Visarjan. Volunteers joined the University-organised Tiranga Padyatra on 14th August and marked International Yoga Day on 21st June with events in Dhudhmal Bajaj Hall and Goregaon West. Between October and December 2024, activities included Constitution Day celebrations on 26th November, where the Preamble was read and poems presented. Volunteers participated in International Human Rights Day with a drama on the Khairlanji incident. Other engagements included regular beach clean-ups, the Pinkthon Invincible Women Run, Samvidhan Diwas Padyatra, traffic safety sessions, voter awareness campaigns at the Gateway of India, birdwatching in Bhayandar, and a Gandhi Jayanti Bhajan Sandhya at the Gateway of India. From January to March 2025, NSS highlights included temple clean-up drives in January, volunteering at the IRB/JBB/BKT Freeship and Scholarship event on 19th January, and Annual Day assistance on 20th January. A 7-day Residential Camp was held from 22–28 January at Gondav near Khopoli with tree planting, village clean-up, and personality development sessions. Volunteers participated in rallies, beach clean-ups, and heritage and environment awareness events, including the Mega Padyatra on 19th February for Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti.

### **Cultural and Co-Curricular Activities**

The Cultural Association conducted a vibrant Cultural Week from 2–7 August 2024 featuring competitions such as Cartooning, Rangoli, Mehendi, Poster Making, Elocution, and Quiz, all themed on Freedom Fighters. Special days like Saree Day, Halloween Day,

and Bollywood Day were celebrated, along with Teachers as Students on Teachers' Day (5 September). Events like Dandiya (7 October 2024), Garba (7 October), Diwali Party (28 October), and a faculty Secret Santa (23 December) fostered community spirit. The college's Annual Day was celebrated on 20th January 2025 at P.D. Shah Sports Academy with a Rajasthani theme and Academic Fashion Show. LRMC Week was held from 10–14 February 2025, culminating in the Annual Prize Distribution on 14th February.

### **Women's Development Cell and Equal Opportunity Cell**

The Women Development Cell held a Drawing Competition on 'Naari Shakti' (13 August 2024) and organised a guest lecture on Women's Hygiene and Personality Development by Ms. Mishika Dhakan (20 August 2024). The Equal Opportunity Cell promoted gender awareness through a poster-making competition on 17th December 2024.

### **Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE)**

DLLE activities included a World Heart Day poster-making competition on 1st October 2024 and a POSH Act awareness lecture on 29th November by Dr. Shivani Ahluwalia. In early 2025, students participated in Elysium and UDAAN festivals, inter-collegiate essay competitions, debates, street plays on food waste, and the Annapurna Yojana food-stall event. Such initiatives encouraged creativity, social responsibility, and skill development.

### **Sports and Fitness**

LRMC prioritised sports engagement, with highlights including Smit Lokhande's participation in the University Athletics Competition (18 October 2024) and Gufran Khan's representation in University Powerlifting (7 December 2024). Sports Week (16–20 December) featured Carrom, Arm Wrestling, and Annual Sports Meet events at Goregaon Sports Club. In February 2025, the Sports Committee held an Intra-Collegiate Box Cricket Tournament on 17th and 18th February at P.D. Shah Turf with enthusiastic participation from 16 boys' teams and 4 girls' teams.

### **Guest Lectures and Academic Enrichment**

Several departments organised guest lectures to enhance student learning. Highlights included Financial Planning (17 January 2025), Environmental Impact Assessment (23 February 2025), Resume Writing (24 February 2025), and Computer Systems and Applications (6 March 2025). The IQAC arranged an expert lecture series from 28 February to 6 March for T.Y.B. Com students, helping prepare them for university examinations.

### **Conferences and Institutional Milestones**

LRMC showcased its academic leadership by organising the 1st International Conference on 'Change Management in Higher Education' on 1–2 February 2025. With 150+ delegates from six countries and 80 research papers published as book chapters, it fostered deep discussions on digital transformation, sustainability, and interdisciplinary education. The college also co-hosted the 5th International Virtual Conference on 'Artificial Intelligence in Interdisciplinary Studies' on 7–8 March 2025 with partners like DGMC, Lingaya's Institute, MISR University, and Grand Academic Portal. Topics ranged from AI's role in healthcare to ethics and sustainability, with renowned speakers from multiple countries.

### **Library and Reading Initiatives**

The Library promoted reading through 'Vaachan Sankalp Maharashtracha,' conducting 13 activities this quarter, including author talks, book exhibitions, reviews, and group reading sessions. These initiatives helped foster critical thinking, communication, and lifelong learning skills among students.

### **School Connect 2.0**

As part of the Government of Maharashtra's School Connect 2.0 initiative, LRMC organised NEP 2020 awareness sessions at Nirmala Memorial Foundation College and Dalmia College on 13th January 2025. Dr. Kishan Pawar delivered insightful sessions on higher education opportunities and career guidance.

### **Staff Achievements**

Faculty continued to excel, with Dr. Preeti Oza securing an ICSSR Senior Fellowship (2024–26), editing conference proceedings, presenting internationally, and publishing research. Other faculty members published books and research chapters on diverse themes such as taxation, financial accounting, digital learning, soft skills, and change management. Professors including Chandrabhan Prajapati, Siddharth Apte, Ankit Bandal, Vijendra Gupta, Chandrabhushan Yadav, Sangeeta Jalui, Neelam Maurya, Sandhya Shrivastav, Harish Paralkar, and Librarian Vishal Deodhar contributed scholarly chapters reflecting LRMC's robust research culture.

From launching NEP-aligned programs and fostering sustainability awareness to hosting prestigious conferences and community service through NSS, LRMC continued to strengthen its mission of delivering holistic education. The college community looks forward to building on these achievements in the coming year with renewed commitment to academic excellence, social responsibility, and inclusive growth.