

H L COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

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Annual Report 2013-14

at

Annual Day Celebrations

Tuesday, 25th March 2014 at H L Campus

Chief Guest

Mr Jaxay Shah
Managing Director
Savvy Group.

Presented by

Dr Mona S Kelshikar

Principal

Good afternoon, our Chief Guest Mr. Jaxay S. Shah, Director Savvy Group, Shri B M Shah, Director AES, Heads of Institutions on H L Campus, President and Secretary of H L Alumni Association, Invited Guests, Faculty members, Administrative Staff and my dear students. It gives me immense pleasure to cordially welcome you all to the 78th Annual Day Celebrations.

As the year draws to a close, it is time for us to take stock of the heights that we have scaled so that we can resume our journey with renewed rejuvenation and vigour. To preside over the annual function we have as our Chief Guest Mr. Jaxay S. Shah a young iconic entrepreneur who scaled heights in the field of real estate. He is a Civil Engineer with specialization in Foundation Technology from L D College of Engineering. Currently he is the Managing Director of Savvy Group. He is also the Promoter of Kensville Golf & Country Club.

He is the Founder Trustee of L D College of Engineering Alumni Association, Chairman of Land & Revenue Committee, GCCI. He is the Ex. Regional Advisory Committee Member of Service Tax Commissionerate, Ahmedabad and Sr. Vice President of CREDAI, India.

He was also the advisor to Dr. Ambedkar Open University, and has adorned the chair of President of The Gujarat Institute of Housing & Estate Developers (GIHED).

He was the initiator for the:

- 1st International Technical Tours (U.S.A, CHINA, DUBAI)
- 1st Mega Property Shows with Seminars on Various Subjects.
- Branding of Mega City Ahmedabad & Global Gujarat through Laser Show & GIHED Gallery.
- Awareness Program Best Bldg. & Best Maintained Bldg. Award Shows.

His Group is an Indian partner in one of the most exciting Vibrant Gujarat Project Kensville Golf Township.

Little wonder that he is regular at the Golf Club and is an adept hand at golf.

Savvy have been awarded, for two years in a row, the CNBC Awaaz Real Estate Awards for Shapath – V under Best Commercial Project and also the Gujarat's 1st Leed Gold Rated – Commercial Green Building by IGBC.

Recently Savvy has won the International Property Awards 2014 - 2015 for two projects among all major real estate companies in India and around the world for Kensville Golf & Country Club and Commercial High Rise Development - Shapath V.

I request our General Secretary Ms Chandrika Aswani, to offer a green welcome and a memento to Mr Jaxay Shah.

We also have some very special invitees with us and we would like to offer them a floral welcome.

Shri B M Shah, Director AES is not present due to prior commitments, he will join us later.

Our Cultural Secretary _____ will felicitate Prin. G.A.Pathak, Director HLCPE.

Our Debate Secretary, _____ will felicitate Prof. M T Patel Prin H L Institute of Commerce.

Our Games Secretary, _____ will felicitate Prof. H D Trivedi Director BKMIBA.

Miss _____, will felicitate Dr.Bhavesh Patel, Dean Amrut Mody School of Management.

_____ will felicitate President of our H L College Alumni Association Shri Savan Godiawala.

_____ will felicitate Secretary of our H L College Alumni Association Shri _____.

Ladies & gentlemen, I believe that the object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives so as to be self-reliant and to be an asset to the society, for a positive change in the environment.

Team HLCC this year also with coordinated efforts has been able to motivate the students for individual as well as team achievements. HLCC team has found support from the Ahmedabad Education Society and its Management for the achievements that I have the privilege to recount.

It gives me great joy to present an over view of our achievements.

This year our cut off for the Semester I (First Year B Com) admissions was 79%.

Once again our students have lived up to our expectations with brilliant academic performance at the Gujarat University examinations.

Mansi Mevada has been awarded the Shri Karamshibhai J Somaiya Medal by the Gujarat University for securing highest marks in Statistics subject at the Gujarat University TYB Com exams April'2013.

Ipsa Patel topped the Gujarat University and has bagged the Shri Hargovandas Lakshmidhand Medal for securing highest aggregate marks at the Gujarat University MCom exams April'2013.

At the First B Com Sem I we had a pass out rate of 81.10% with 131 securing 1st class,

At the First B Com Sem II we had a pass out rate of 90.5% with 225 1st class,

at the Second B Com Sem III our pass out rate was 84.12% with 138 1st classes,

at the Second B Com Sem IV our pass out rate was 91% with 175 1st classes,

at the Third B Com our pass out rate was 90% with 167 1st class,

at the M.Com sem 1, our pass out rate was 87.37% with 24 1st class,

the M.Com sem 2, our pass out rate 98.77% with 26 1st class,

the M.Com sem 3, our pass out rate was 87.18% with 23 1st class,

the M.Com sem 4, our pass out rate was 98.88% with 13 1st class,

More than 25 of our students have cleared the IPCC exam this year.

At the Company Secretary Executive Exam this year, Ms. Khushboo Shah secured 15th Rank at the All India Level, 2nd Rank in Gujarat and 1st in Ahmedabad.

The glory of sport is born at the moment when the game and the sports person become one, when all the complexity of one's life finds a moment to emerge in the game. This has amply been reflected by our sports enthusiasts through their National and International achievements.

In Roller skating

Ms. Anoli Shah :

Represented India at the World Championship – 2013 held at Oostende, Belgium, she was the only skater from the Gujarat State in the Indian Team. She bagged 1 Gold and 6 Silver Medals at the Gujarat State Roller Skating Championship, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals at the RSFI National Championship and became one of the top skaters of the country. Also won 2 Silver and 1 Bronze Medal at Khel Mahakumbh District Level and won 1 Gold and 1 Bronze Medal at the State Level Tournament

Rifle Shooting

Mr. Sheraz Vakil:

Will be representing India at International Pistol Shooting Competition be held in Germany during April 2014.

Mr. Kaizad Dastoor:

Represented Gujarat for National Rifle Shooting Competition held at Delhi.

Cricket

Mr. Raxlee Taylor:

Selected in 30 members squad for under 19 World Cup Championship. Represented State as a Captain for under 19 tournaments. He played 8 matches and made 450 runs. He was also selected for West Zone under 19 team.

Mr. Karan Patel:

Represented State for under 19 tournament. He played 8 matches and made 250 runs & took 15 wickets.

Mr. Chintan Gaja:

Represented State for under 19 tournament. He played 8 matches and made 150 runs & took 22 wickets.

Mr. Dhrushant Soni:

Represented State for under 19 tournament.

Tennis

Mr. Vidit Vaghela :

Participated in ITF Junior Grade Tournament at Thailand. He also participated at the under 18 open National Tournament held at Delhi and AITA Mens category at Mumbai.

Ms. Vaibhavi Trivedi :

Participated in AITA National Tournaments held at Pune, Secunderabad and Mumbai, she also represented the country at the International Tournament at Aurangabad.

Badminton

Mr. Adrian George:

Participated at State Ranking Tournament at Baroda, Gandhidham, Surat, Ahmedabad & Bharuch and won the singles title. He also represented Gujarat as captain for West Zone Under 19 tournament at Raipur, and at Junior National & Senior National Tournament, as well as at All India Junior Ranking Tournament at Hyderabad, Bangalore & Cochin.

Mr. Ansh Khanna:

Participated at State Open Ranking Tournament at Ahmedabad, Surat and Gandhidham, at West Zone Tournament at Raipur as well as at Senior National Tournament at Delhi.

Athletics

Ms. Dhvani Trivedi :

Represented Gujarat for West Zone Tournament. She was also selected for Inter Zonal National Tournament.

Ms. Pinkal Chauhan :

She represented Gujarat for Under 18 National Championship held at Guntoor. She also participated at the Junior National Competition at Hyderabad.

Ms. Ritu Prajapati, Mr. Rushi Trivedi & Mr. Parth Kapadia:

Represented Gujarat for West Zone Competition held at Baroda.

Table Tennis

Mr. Kushal Sangtani :

Represented Gujarat for 75th Senior National & Inter-State Table Tennis Tournament held at Patna, and at West Zone National Ranking Tournament.

Ms. Hely Shah :

Represented the State at major ranking tournaments held at Anand, Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad, Godhara, Baroda, Surat. Also at 43rd All India Tournament at Bharwada, (Karnataka.) She also participated at the West Zone at Gandhidham, East Zone at Siligudi, as well as represented the Gujarat State at 75th Senior National Tournament held at Patna.

Swimming:

Mr. Nihalsinh Saxena :

Represented Gujarat State for All India Sea Swimming Competition of 36 kms, he also participated at the senior state tournament.

Our Mermaid

Ms. Mansi Trivedi:

Participated at the Open Gujarat State Swimming Competition in six events.

Basket Ball

Ms. Fatema Masvi:

Represented Gujarat for 63rd Senior National Basketball Championship held at New Delhi, 28th National Federation Cup tournament held at Ahmedabad, where she was captain of the team, and at Gujarat Women Festival at National Level in Basket Ball.

Ms. Paridhi Gaglani :

Was selected for Women Festival at National tournament in Basket Ball.

Ms. Vyoma Upadhyay :

Selected for Junior National Basketball tournament.

Our college has won a staggering 31 Championships this year.

1	Badminton	Boys	Singles Doubles	and	Inter College & Inter Zonal
		Girls	Singles Doubles	and	Inter College & Inter Zonal
2	Table Tennis	Boys	Singles Doubles	and	Inter College & Inter Zonal
		Girls	Singles Doubles	and	Inter College & Inter Zonal
3	Tennis	Boys	Singles Doubles	and	Inter College & Inter Zonal
		Girls	Singles Doubles	and	Inter College & Inter Zonal
4	Swimming	Boys			Inter College & Inter Zonal
		Girls			Inter College & Inter Zonal
5	Basket Ball	Boys			Inter College and Inter Zonal Yash & Raj Inter College,
	Basket Ball	Girls			Inter College and Inter Zonal Yash & Raj Open, Women Festival Dist., Womens Festival State, Khel Mahakumbh District & State, Parents Cup under 21
6	Cricket	Boys			Chiman Patel Inter College, CBC Inter College
7	Handball	Girls			Inter College
8	Athletics	Boys			Inter College

Runners Up-9

1	Basket Ball	Boys			Khel Mahakumbh District, Parents Cup Under 21, Parents Cup Men, Eklavya Invitation, Yash & Raj Mens
2	Basket Ball	Girls			Senior District, Eklavya Invitation
3	Soft Ball	Boys			Inter College
4	Chess	Boys			Inter College

38 of our sports persons participated in various events at the Inter University Level.

Badminton

Mr. Adrin George

Mr. Ansh Khanna

Mr. Ruchit Khambhadiya

Ms. Herin P. Patel

Table Tennis

Mr. Kushal Sangatani

Mr. Karan Shah

Ms. Hely P. Shah

Tennis

Mr. Vidit Vaghela

Mr. Dishit Nathvani

Ms. Vaibhavi Trivedi

Rifle Shooting

Mr. Kaizad Dastoor

Mr. Sheraz Wakil

Mr. Vikas Yadav

Swimming

Ms. Mansi Trivedi

Mr. Nehal Saxena

Basket Ball

Raj Thacker (Captain)

Poojan Patel

Kashyap Degda

Saad Munshi

Aakash Sanghvi

Naquib Kadri

Raju Sapra

Raj Patel

Korine Gardener

Fatema Masvi

Paridhi Gaglani

Prarthana Khamar

Jinkle Kapadiya

Vyoma Upadhyay

Shikha Gupta

Soft Ball

Kaushik Vala

Football

Dharmendra Chauhan

Atul Ghatad

Ajayraj Chauhan

Divyesh Patel

Harnish Damor

Volleyball

Shalin Shah

Hand Ball

Poojan Patel

It is said “Great things are accomplished by talented people who believe they will accomplish them.” True to this saying our talented students have recognized their talents and have gone ahead to win laurels in extracurricular activities.

In extra-curricular activities our students have made spectacular achievements.

Youth festivals organized by Gujarat University have always been a benchmark to judge the level of students in co-curricular activities. In the current academic year, I am happy to share with all of you, that our students have bagged prizes in 13 different events at the Ellisbridge North Zone Youth Festival.

The events INCLUDE: Group Song(Indian), Group Song(Western), Classical Instrumental(percussion), Light Vocal(Indian), Classical Dance, Mono Acting Skit, Cartooning, Poster Making, On the Spot Painting, Collage, Debate and Quiz.

In 5 of these events our students have received prizes at the inter zonal level as well These include, On the Spot Painting- Pooja Sharma bagged the first prize, Classical Instrumental (percussion)- Rahul Kushwaha bagged the second prize, Light Vocal (Indian)-Stuti Karani bagged the second prize, Classical Dance-Mrinalini Mishra bagged the second prize and in Quiz- Bhoomika Khatri, Yajurv Algoter and Prashant Parmar bagged the second prize.

The culminating achievement was when Stuti Karani bagged the first prize in Light Vocal Indian at a national level competition held at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University which included a cash prize of Rs.25,000/- and a trophy.

Harmony Music Club:

Organised the Raga 'N' Rock inter collegiate Music & Dance competition for the 10th consecutive year wherein 24 Colleges participated in 4 different Competitions. The college nightingale Stuti Karani also bagged the first prize in Solo singing and second in Duet singing at the Raga 'N' Rock inter collegiate Music and Dance competition organized by HLCC. Ms. Sampada Desai participated in state level Pt. Omkarnath Thakur Competition (In Group A) and received the first prize and a certificate. She bagged the second prize in

Hindi duet singing at the Raga 'N' Rock. Rahul Khushwaha represented Gujarat University at a national level competition organized by Veer Narmad South Gujarat University and mesmerized the audience by his Tabla beats at this competition as well as at Saptak Live In Concert. Our Western Band Group comprising of Praveer V R, Hait Parikh, Shail Mehta, Krishna Bodiwala, Anmol Shah bagged the first prize at Raga 'N' Rock. H L College of Commerce won the RAGA 'N' ROCK Rotating Trophy.

ORATORS' PODIUM

Orators' Podium promotes elocutionary skills, creative writing abilities, knowledge and confidence. This year too, the Orator's Podium Club organized the legendary inter-university state level Mahatma Gandhi Elocution Trophy Competition which we have been organizing since 1942.

Dr Indira Nityanandam former principal of the S R Mehta Arts College, CA Tehmul Sethna and Advocate Mr. Jal Soli Unwala were on the panel of judges. Bhagyashree Joshi (T.Y) and Ashima Minocha (S.Y) represented the college at Mahatma Gandhi Elocution Trophy Competition in English organized by our college. 18 different teams of debaters from different universities participated in the event. Ashima Minocha secured 3rd individual prize

Ashima Minocha also won the 3rd prize in Hindi Sahityasabha Vijaypadma Elocution Trophy Competition and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Vijay Padma Elocution Competition organized by Gujarat Prantiya Rashtrabhasha Mahavidyalay.

Neel Duttaroy secured 3rd prize at Sarda Vallabhabhai Patel Rajat Vijay Padma Elocution Competition organized by S V Arts College.

Hardi Nanavati secured 1st position and Modi Siddhida secured 2nd position at All India Essay Writing Event 2013 organized by Shri Ram Chandra Mission and UN Information Centre, New Delhi.

“Jhankar Beats Dance Club”

Our western dance team comprising of Divya Manikandan, Harnish Damor, Avi Makkad, Anjali Ramchandani, Mrinalini Mishra, Ashish Harsolia, Divyesh Patel, Karan Rathod, Yash Dave, Delsy Shah, Aneri Gohil, Kaushal Singhvi won the 1st prize at the Raga ‘N’ Rock Inter Collegiate Music & Dance Competition and also won the 2nd Prize at Razmataz Competition.

The Rainbow Palette Club

The club organized a one day workshop on clay modeling and fine arts conducted by Mr Bhavesh Jhala of Art Point. Yet another one day workshop on hair styling was conducted by our alumnus Ms Pankti Patel of Cher Saloon. Priyanka Chauhan won the First prize for Collage at the G L S Institute of Commerce inter collegiate competition.

Our Rainbow Palette Team, through their joint endeavors this year created the wonderful backdrop for our Expressions – 2013–14.

The Theatre Artist Club aims at developing the theatrical skills of the students for which a week long workshop was conducted.

Our team of enthusiastic students presented their one act play “Kuvo” which has a social message at the INT Gujarat Samachar, Veenaveli and Arangam Competition.

Industrial Visit:

To enhance student’s exposure to industry our college organized two Industrial visits to M/s. Nandan Exim Ltd. and Chiripal Industries Ltd. where in a total of 240 students participated. As a part of their subject – Production

Management, the students had an opportunity to observe various production processes, from the raw materials stage to the finished product stage and interact with departmental managers.

The Info-Strings Club

Chandresh Bhagat and Chirag Shah stood Second at the MOCKSTOCK event, at the St. Xavier College Economic Festival. Sacchid Chhatbar and Ashima Minocha were honored with “EVENT MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD” for their work towards Event Management in our College.

H L TIMES

First Wall issue of H L Times for the year 2013-14 was launched amidst much excitement, dance and song. HL Times Team also revived long forgotten games on campus.

H L Times team organized 2 seminars, by well-known orators, Mr. B.N.Dastur and Mr. Achal Rangswamy. 2 new initiatives undertaken include, launch of Facebook page which has 1000+ followers and launch of a blog for all the aspiring writers.

The renowned Gujarati columnist, Mr. Jay Vasavda launched the sixth annual issue of H L Times. This time the focus was on topics related to youth, current affairs, life and relationships. It also featured interviews of personalities like Mr. N.P.Sarda, Ashish Nanda, Manpreet Juneja, Rupesh Shah, Shahnaz Hussain, Sunny Deol, Amrita Rao, Sona Mohapatra and Ram Sampat.

CWDC

The CWDC has been actively conducting the various workshops to make the Girls physically, mentally & economically strong.

Gynecologist Dr. Manoj Pandya had an interactive session with our girl students on health related issues including hormonal changes, nutrition, skin & hair.

Gynecologist Dr.Arpana Shukla of the Oncology department of HCG Hospitals delivered an interactive session on “Cancer Care Awareness” where in more than 250 Students attended.

A one week Yoga workshop was organized by CWDC Yoga Master Ms. Devarshi Patel who trained our girls with different Yoga postures.

As per the Order from Police Commissioner's office, all girl students filled up "Police Heart-1091" forms for their personal Safety.

Udisha – Placement Cell

Placement cell of the college facilitates on campus recruitment by giving a common platform to students seeking jobs. It invites companies related to finance, human resources, marketing and other recruiters to be a part of the placement process at HLCC. Profiles that companies offered were that of Junior Accountant, Public Relation Officer, Sales Executive, Research Analyst, etc.

MOU TCS

The college signed an MOU with Tata Consultancy Services for starting skill oriented courses in Business Process Services. The courses designed by TCS will be delivered by faculty trained by TCS. They offered jobs to 5 students. A Professional Skill Seminar was organized by NSDC.

EXPRESSIONS :

Our Interclass Annual Culfest – Expressions was an event full of fun and frolic which provided a platform for our students to express their creativity in Intellectual and cultural activities and an opportunity to sharpen their talents.

We also inculcate in our students an inclination towards social service through NSS and we bring about personal development, instill patriotic fervor and discipline in our NCC cadets.

NCC:

Cadet Sanjaysinh Rathod secured gold medal in Prime Minister's Rally at Delhi, he also secured a gold Medal in ballet dance competition in the Republic Day Camp held at New Delhi and his group came 1st position in cultural

activity. He was also received a Silver medal for camp senior of Combined Annual Training Camp. He was felicitated by the Governor of Gujarat.

UO Vikas Yadav bagged 2 Silver Medals at the NCC National Games in shooting and won a Bronze Medal at the All India G V Mavlankar Shooting Championship.

SUO Shalini Joshi was selected as the NCC Best Cadet of Gujarat University in Senior Wing Army Wing and was also awarded the prestigious Governor's Medal.

Cadet Hiteshi Kansara was selected for Guard of Honour at the Republic day camp held at New Delhi. She was felicitated by the Governor of Gujarat.

Cadet Nitu Yadav received Rs 12000/- as Annual Sahara Scholarship and her name is also forwarded for NCC Commendation Card.

2 Cadets Nitu Yadav & Anjali Rai attended the All India Thal Sainik Camp at New Delhi. Anjali stood 2nd in Map Reading at the Thal Sainik Camp.

Our Cadet Aheral Topan secured 2nd position in Marathon organised by H L College Alumni Association.

3 Cadets (namely Cadet Gohel Mehul, Cadet Gohil Aniruddhsinh, Cadet Bhadoriya Pankaj) attended the Army Attachment Camp at 85 Brigade Chiloda, Gandhinagar.

5 Cadets (namely LCPL Barad shakti, LCPL Makwana rajan, Cadet Aheral topan, Cadet Vaghela Indravijaysinh and Cadet Bhagora Ishwar) attended Basic Leadership Camp.

2 of our Cadets attended the All India Advance Leadership Camp. 38 Cadets attended Combined Annual Training Camp.

Our JUO Ramesh Prajapati secured 'A' Grade in the 'C' Certificate Examination and 05 Cadets secured 'B' Grade in the 'B' Certificate Examination held in 2013 under the authority of Ministry of Defense, Government of India.

Our entire Contingent of Cadets under the leadership of Lt H R Bharucha conducted the flag hoisting ceremony at our college and on Republic Day at the Gujarat University.

Our NCC Cadets were active participants in the HLCC Sayen Eco Buddy Club Rally organized by our college.

Our NCC Cadets volunteered to conduct:

- Blood Donation Camp held at L.D Engineering

- Dandiya 2013 held by H.L College Alumni Association
- Health awareness & Blood donation camp held by H L Alumni Association
- Model United Nations held by H L College of Commerce

NSS:

NSS is a voluntary association which aims at developing student's personality through community service. This time our NSS team organized:

- an interactive seminar on Solid Waste Management, in collaboration with the AMC,
- a Blood Donation camp in Collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society where in 45 Units of blood was collected.
- a one-day consumer awareness program in Collaboration with "Consumer Guidance Society of India" Mumbai.
- a program on entrepreneurship development to develop skills among the students wanting to start their own Small-Scale Units and create employment.
- a bird saving campaign during Utrayan was launched in association with "Trust PAPA" organisation.

NSS volunteers as usual participated in 15th August & 26th January flag hosting ceremonies both at the College Level & University Level.

Our NSS Volunteers also helped blind students as readers and writers in collaboration with Blind people Association, Ahmedabad.

Initiatives

HLCC SAYEN ECO BUDDY CLUB

The first environment club in the campus which is a joint effort of South Asia Youth Environment Network (SAYEN) and H L College of Commerce was launched on 12th February this year through.....

PRAYAS – an initiative to create a sustainable campus. This marked the beginning of the **first eco club set up under the SAYEN banner in the country**. The club organised an environment march along with a skit encouraging the students come up with ideas for an environment friendly campus.

HLCC SAYEN Eco Buddy Club has also collaborated with Wealth out of Waste (WOW) to recycle waste collected on the campus.

The Secretariat for SAYEN, which has membership from all the SAARC countries is hosted by the Center of Environment Education.

Nephele and Kayin, international interns from Wagenigan University, who developed the SAYEN club manual, worked with the HLCC SAYEN Eco-buddy club members on their action plan, attended the event and interacted with our students.

HLCC-MUN'13

H L College of Commerce hosted the first ever amongst the Commerce Colleges of Gujarat the Model United Nations Conference in September 23rd & 24th, 2013 in which three committees were simulated which include:

1. The General Assembly.

Agenda was Nuclear Disarmament

2. United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

Agenda was Situation in Syria and Egypt

3. World Trade Organization (WTO)

Agenda was Green Technology Intellectual Property Rights

Participants as members of the committee from different colleges and schools discussed / debated and resolved various issues pertaining to the world at large.

This initiative of HLCC is being applauded and used as a bench mark by MUN'ers.

Neel Duttaroy won the Best Delegate award and a cash prize of Rs.6500/- at the International Model United Nations Conference – BITSMUN at Pilani, Rajasthan.

Sports First Aid Workshop

H L College of Commerce in association with Exercise Medical Foundation and Gujarat State University & College Physical Education Teacher's Association organized a one day Certificate course cum workshop on "Sports First Aid" on 29/06/2013. The key note address was delivered by Shri A M Tiwari, IAS Commissioner Higher Education.

Ahmedabad Zone Sports Meet

H L College of Commerce on behalf of Gujarat University hosted the Ahmedabad Zone Sports Meet on 26th December to 28th December, 2013. It was inaugurated by I/c VC Dr Mukul Shah as Chief Guest and Shri B.M Shah, Director Ahmedabad Education Society who was the Guest of Honour.

The Chief Guest at the Valedictory function was Dr B. V. Patel (Registrar, Gujarat University). 550 players from 63 colleges participated in various individual events during this spectacular sports meet.

The General Championship trophy was lifted by H L College of Commerce for the fifth consecutive year. Mr Shalin Shah and Maheshwari Jadav of our college were declared as the best male and female athletes. We jointly lifted the Boys Athletic Championship along with St. Xavier's College.

Faculty Development Programme

H L College of Commerce organized a Faculty Development Programme on 28th October, 2013. The main purpose of this programme was to discuss environmental issues, conservation methods and to study the synthesis of different religious traditions, through a multidisciplinary approach. The faculty members visited Panchmahal District.

A presentation on environment issue was made by Prof. V M Bhatt. Prof. S S Shah spoke about plastic free model for educational institutes and indicated the importance of plastic waste recycling. Prof. H R Bharucha presented a talk on Kalptaru – Microcosm in Macrocosm. Shri B I Patel shared information about books, available in H L Library on above mentioned issues. Prof B M Patel shared information on the use of herbs for treatment of ailments. Concluding speech was given by Prof. P M Parmar on making studies interesting by bringing in practical learning methods like study tour and industrial visits.

H L College Alumni Association

I would like to make a special mention of the fact that for over 2 and a half decades to the college. The association has earned its reputation as one of the most active alumni associations of the Western India, by conducting more than 15 events annually for the benefit of the alumni of the college, the students on campus and the society at large.

The year 2013-14, was a special year for the association. Having established itself, in 1989, the H L College Alumni Association celebrated its Silver Jubilee. Year round events like Guest Lectures, Free Health Check Up and Blood Donation Camp, Dandia – the flagship event of the association, A Mini-Marathon, Sports Meet, Painting and Photography Competitions, free Reiki Workshop, were conducted to mark the Silver Jubilee of the association.

Over 1000 alumni came together to celebrate the Silver Jubilee on 10th and 11th January, 2014. The program included lectures by leading wisdom speakers like Swami Bhramaviharji, batch-meets of the alumni and performances by renowned artists like Sairam Dave and Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt. Outstanding alumni of the college from the fields of Politics, Business, Sports, Arts, Culture, Bollywood, Bureaucracy and Judiciary were felicitated for their outstanding achievements. Shri Sanjay Lalbhai, President AES, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The Alumni of the college wanted to mark this special occasion, by undertaking an infrastructure project on the campus. And I am extremely happy to announce, that the H L College Alumni Association raised an enormous contribution of 80 Lakh rupees, within just 48 hours of having solicited support. The raised funds shall be utilized to create a sports utility center on the campus. I would like to put on record my sincere thanks to Prof G A Pathak Chairman Emeritus, Shri Hemant Shah President Emeritus, Shri Savan Godiawala and the Governing Council for this special milestone.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS:

While our students have been marching ahead on their way to success, the faculty members have been involved in upgrading their knowledge as well as contributing to the society.

Dr N J Chaniyara

Presented a paper entitled “Meditation: A simple, fast way to reduce stress” at UGC Sponsored National Seminar held on Physical Education & Sports Science.

Helped organize a one Day Certificate Course cum Workshop on Sports First Aid, organized by H L College of Commerce, Exercise Medicine Foundation & Gujarat State Universities and Colleges Physical Education Teacher’s Association.

Presented a paper entitled “The Relationship between Stress Response & Physical Activity Level in College Students” at a National Seminar on Physical Education, (Sports Management, Exercise Science & Yogic Science) organized by Gujarat State Universities and Colleges Physical Education Teachers’ Association held at Mount Abu.

Nominated as a Ph. D. guide at Swarnim Gujarat Sports University in Physical Education.

Prof H R Bharucha

Has been appointed as the Zonal Head for East & West regions of India for systematic propagation of Integrated Clinical Hypnotherapy in India by the California Hypnosis Institute of India.

Prof Bharucha’s paper “Hypno-Reiki a tool to boost student performance” presented at the 49th National and 18th International Conference of the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology (on Psychology for Holistic Living in Global World) received the Best award in the Scientific Section.

He conducted a Mind Empowerment workshop for the students of HLCC.

Under Holistic Healing Foundation of India, he conducted free Reiki Training Seminars one at Gorakhpur, UP to teach more than 3500 people and yet another one with H L College Alumni Association to teach 101 HL'ites and persons from the public.

Dr Nisha Bhavsar

She received the best paper award for her paper "Advances and Challenges in Accounting & Finance" presented at the International Conference on Advances and Challenges in Global Business, (Management, Economics, Tourism & Information technology) held at Jaipur.

Prof P M Parmar

Attended an International Conference held at Pune University on Role of Statistics in the advancement of science and technology. He presented a paper "A study on various economics and activation playing crucial role in Indian Economy" at the National conference on "Statistics for Research and Development"

Our statistics department along with 10 students attended "technical sessions" as a part of Statistics Day Celebrations organized by Directorate of Statistics, Govt of Gujarat.

Prof Hetal B Chokshi:

Submitted her Ph.D thesis "Economic impact of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Gujarat" to the Gujarat University.

Prof. Hiren Doshi

Presented a paper on "Geometric programming with random exponents and its application" at the International Conference held at Pune, on role of statistics in advancement of science and technology.

He also presented paper on “A review procedure to solve unconstrained geometric programming problem and its application” at National Conference held by Gujarat Statistical Association on statistics for research and development. This paper was published in the Spark International online journal (vol-V issue-IX, Bearing ISSN NO. 0975-7929). Yet another paper “A comparative study of direct to home services in Ahmedabad city” was published in Abhidrashti Research Journal (bearing ISSN NO-0971-6629). He has also co-authored a book “Business Research Method” for M.Com-I Sem-I.

He has been appointed as Asst Subject coordinator in Sandhan Program of Gujarat Government.

Dr. Parag Shah

He presented a paper “Pressure Index in Cricket” at the International Conference held by Pune University, Department of Statistics (on role of statistics in the advancement of science and technology) and another paper “A statistical Analysis of Food Fortification Scheme” at National Conference held by Gujarat Statistical Association (on statistics for research and development).

Prof V M Bhatt

Participated in 4-day International Spiritual Seminar held at Manapakkam, Chennai organized by Shri Ram Chandra Mission (World HQ: Chennai).

Prof. Sandeep Parmar

In Sports Tournament conducted by J.G. College of Commerce, Prof. Sandeep Parmar & Dr. P.B.Shah Participated in Table Tennis & Badminton Doubles. Prof. Sandeep Parmar bagged championship medal & certificate in table tennis among the players of more than 20 different colleges.

Prof Avani Bhatt

Our visiting faculty in economics Ms Avani Bhatt has recently been conferred with the PhD degree by the Gujarat Vidhyapith.

Amongst all these achievements I also share the grief of having lost 3 of our students.

We also deeply mourn the sad demise of three of our students Mr Vadher Bhavesh of TYBCom, Miss Pooja Prajapati of MCom and Mr Devnani Narendra also of MCom who went on their eternal journey to heavenly abode.

“Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved” and our Annual Report simply reflects this.

We have always believed in maintaining old traditions and evolving new ones, and this journey forward has become meaningful with the support and dedication of all our faculty, staff members and our dear students who work as a team, and I am happy to be a part of this enthusiastic team.

I also would like to thank the Ahmedabad Education society especially Mr. B M Shah Director AES for unstinting support given by the Management, in all our endeavors for the development of our students and HLCC. I also thank the Heads of the Institutions on H L Campus for their co-operation. I would also like to thank the Alumni Association for their continual support.

Last but not the least I thank my faculty, staff and students for all their endeavors in bringing such multiple achievements worth celebrating.

And I conclude with Leonardo da Vinci’s quote “Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets.”

Thank you all for a patient hearing.