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Annual Report 2025-26

28th February, 2026

The Chief Guest



Dr. Jaimin R. Vasa

Chairman and Managing Director of Vasa Pharmachem Pvt. Ltd.

Presented By

Dr. Mona S. Kelshikar, Principal, HLCC (Autonomous)

About Our Chief Guest

Dr. Jaimin R. Vasa is a distinguished industrialist, academic, and thought leader in the field of MSME competitiveness and industrial development. A Chemical Engineer by qualification, he earned his PhD in Management in 2016 under the guidance of Dr. Akashai Agarwal, Ex-Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University.

Gujarat Technological University (GTU). He was the first PhD holder from the Faculty of Management at GTU. His doctoral research focused on a comparative study of SME contributions in India and China across key sectors including chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and textiles.

Dr. Vasa is the author of *Competitive Strategies for Indian SMEs – Lessons from China*, a widely appreciated work on strengthening India's MSME ecosystem.

He serves as the Chairman and Managing Director of Vasa Pharmachem Pvt. Ltd., the flagship company of the Vasa Group, engaged in manufacturing industrial chemicals and pharmaceutical raw materials including excipients, active pharma ingredients, and nutraceuticals. Under his leadership, the company has earned several recognitions from State and Central Government agencies.

An active industry leader, Dr. Vasa was President of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI) and has been associated with GCCI since 2000 in multiple leadership capacities, including Chairman of the MSME Committee and Foreign Trade Committee. He has organized numerous seminars, conclaves, and conferences to strengthen the SME sector.

He has also served as President of the Gujarat Chemical Association and Gujarat Pharmaceutical Association, and as Vice Chairman of the Gujarat Innovation Society. Additionally, he is associated with various Government and Semi-Government committees, including the State Level Inter-Institutional Committee (SLIIC) of the Reserve Bank of India, and serves on several Academic Advisory Boards of leading universities and institutions. Dr. Vasa also serves on the Board of Accuprec Research Labs Pvt. Ltd.

Opening Address by Principal Dr. Mona Kelshikar

Good evening everyone, respected Chief Guest Dr. Jaimin R. Vasa, Guest of Honour Dr. Shriram Nerlekar, distinguished faculty members, dear students, and honoured guests.



It gives me great pride and pleasure to warmly welcome you all to the Annual Day celebration of H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous). This evening is not merely a function, but a celebration of dedication, perseverance, and accomplishment. We come together to applaud the remarkable achievements of our students, acknowledge the unwavering commitment of our faculty, and reaffirm the spirit of academic excellence that has been the hallmark of our institution.

Established in 1936, H. L. College of Commerce stands tall with a glorious legacy of over nine decades. Through changing times and evolving educational landscapes, the institution has consistently upheld its values of integrity, discipline, and quality education. Our recently attained autonomous status marks a new and progressive chapter in this long journey, opening doors to greater academic flexibility, innovation, and excellence.

At H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous), education goes beyond textbooks and examinations. We strive to nurture intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, ethical values, and holistic development. Our mission is to shape responsible leaders and socially conscious citizens who can contribute meaningfully to society. The inspiring journeys and accomplishments of our esteemed Chief Guest truly reflect these ideals and serve as motivation for our students.

I sincerely express my gratitude to Dr. Vasa and Dr. Shriram Nerlekar for graciously accepting our invitation and enriching this occasion with their presence. I also thank each one of you for being part of this memorable celebration.

May this evening inspire us to aim higher, dream bigger, and continue the proud legacy of excellence that H. L. College of Commerce has sustained for nearly ninety years.

Thank you.

AFTER AUTONOMY STORY

Since attaining autonomous status from the University Grants Commission (UGC) beginning 2024–25, H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous) has demonstrated remarkable academic growth and strengthened institutional performance. The flexibility to design industry-oriented curricula and adopt progressive evaluation practices has significantly enhanced the quality of education and student engagement.

The response to both existing and newly introduced specialized programs has been exceptionally encouraging, with strong and impressive admission figures across all courses. The substantial enrolment in traditional B.Com and M.Com programs, along with the successful launch of FinTech, International Finance, and Banking & Finance programs, clearly reflects the increasing demand and trust in HLCC's academic excellence and forward-looking vision.

GOLD MEDALLIST AT THE GUJARAT UNIVERSITY EXAMS: 2023-24

Our students have outshone themselves at the Gujarat University Exam, and brought a rich haul of Gold Medals and Prizes, **winning 10 Gold Medals and Prizes** on offer in 2024-25.

SY B.Com

Ms. Parmar Dhvani Ajitbhai received “Shree Prof. A. M. Mehta & Smt. Jyotsnaben Mehta Medal for Accountancy



TY B.Com

Ms. Parmar Bhumikaben Jaswantbhai received
“Shree Karamshibhai J. Somaiya Medal



Ms. Kalvaatar Aksha Safibhai received “Late Niranjana Ranjitbhai
Divetia Memorial Medal



Ms. Padsala Manassvi Pareshbhai received

“Late Ray Ashabhai Hargovindbhai Smruti Medal for Business Law.



Parvadiya Charmi Chandulal received **Five Medals**

- A) Shree Amaratlal Damodardas Shodhan Medal (Accounting)
- B) Shree Dahyabhai Ravchand Medal
- C) Late. Shree Mojilal Purushottamdas M. Pandya & Smt. Jayalakshmi M. Pandya Medal
- D) Late Sumant M. Patwa Smruti Medal (Accounting)
- E) Shree Mansukhbhai J Shah Medal



Other Cash Prize

Parvadiya Charmi Chandulal also received:

“The Bank of India Prize” for Accounting

“The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Prize” (Adv. Acc. & Auditing)

“Company Secretary Cash Prize”

Jadav Smitbhai Dungarbhai received

Shree P V Bhavsar Shishyavruti (Accounting)

“Syndicate Bank Goldan Jubilee Scholarship”

“Company Secretary Cash Prize”



M.Com

Ms. Pandya Pahal Samir received Shree Hargovandas Lakshmidhand Medal by Shri Acharya Devvrat, the Hon'ble Governor of the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra, and the Chancellor of Gujarat University.



Sports Achievements and Events – 2025-2026

Beginning with **National Level Sports achievements of our students** - We take immense pride in celebrating our outstanding sports students who have represented the college at various national-level tournaments during the academic year 2024–25. Through their dedication, discipline, and competitive spirit, these students have carried the name of the institution to prestigious platforms across the country.

Their participation across diverse sports such as: Badminton, Tennis, Volleyball, Chess, Aquatics, Judo, Wrestling, Table Tennis, and Softball reflects not only their individual excellence but also the vibrant sporting culture of our college. These achievements are a testament to their perseverance, rigorous training, and unwavering commitment to excellence. We

congratulate all our sportspersons for bringing glory to the institution and inspiring their peers to strive for holistic development through sports and teamwork.

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DHAL SURAJ	TENNIS		
JETLEY KANISHK	TENNIS		
JOSHI NIKITA	VOLLYBALL (G)		
Vaghela Vasundhara	Chess		
CHAUHAN PAWAN	AQUATIC (M)		
PATEL DHYEY	VOLLYBALL (M)		
SHAIKH MOHAMMAD SAHAL	JUDO (81 KG)		
SHAIKH MOHAMMAD SAHAL	WRESTLING (79 KG)		
BAID PIYUSH	TABLE TENNIS		
GOHIL HARSH	SOFTBALL		
Mistry Bhairavi	Table tennis		

Moving ahead - Our athletes have brought remarkable honour to the college through their outstanding performances at the Gujarat University Athletics Competitions. Competing in demanding track-and-field events such as Pole Vault, Decathlon, Shot Put, Discus Throw, 110 Meter Hurdles, and Heptathlon, they demonstrated exceptional strength, endurance, and determination. Their medal-winning achievements, including multiple gold and bronze honours, reflect not only personal excellence but also the spirit of perseverance and disciplined training fostered by our institution. We proudly congratulate these champions for elevating the college's legacy in athletics and inspiring fellow students to pursue excellence both on and off the field.

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3	VRAJ BOLIYA	SHOTPUT	BRONZE	
4	VRAJ BOLIYA	DISCUSS THROW	BRONZE	
5	PARIKSHITSINH JADEJA	DECATHLON	BRONZE	
6	DHYEY PATEL	110 METER HURDLE RACE	GOLD	
7	DIVYA MALI	HEPTATHLON	GOLD	

Next, our college conducted Inter-Class Tournaments:

The Inter-Class Sports Tournament at HLCC Autonomous was organized to promote physical fitness and healthy competition among students. The event featured three major sports—Cricket, Kabaddi, and Volleyball—with separate tournaments for both Boys and Girls. The high level of participation and the professional standards maintained throughout the event made it a resounding success.

EVENT-WISE SUMMARY

A. Cricket Tournament

Cricket was the most anticipated event, featuring two different ball formats to suit the level of play.

* Boys' Category: * A total of 17 teams competed in a high-intensity Knockout format.

* To ensure professional standards, matches were played with Season Balls, and a new ball was introduced at the start of every inning.

* Girls' Category: * 4 teams participated in a competitive Tennis Ball tournament.



B. Kabaddi Tournament

The Kabaddi matches showcased exceptional strength and tactical awareness.

- * Boys' Category: 8 teams faced off in a knockout bracket.
- * Girls' Category: 4 teams competed for the top spot.

C. Volleyball Tournament

The Volleyball event concluded the sports meet with fast-paced action on the court.

- * Boys' Category: 8 teams participated.
- * Girls' Category: 4 teams participated.

D. Chess Tournament

Chess Tournament where:

- *18 boys participated.
- *7 Girls participated.

D. KhoKho Tournament: 4 Teams – 32 students participated

TEAM HONORS & CEREMONY

The grand finale of each event was followed by a prestigious Medal and Certificate Ceremony.

- * Champion Teams: Every winning team was awarded the Championship Trophy, along with Gold Medals and Certificates for all team members.
- * Runner-up Teams: The second-place finishers were recognized with a Runner-up Trophy, Silver Medals, and Certificates.

Statistics Department – Students Achievement (2025-26)

Rahulkumar Meena and Zeel Patel, Statistics major students of TY, secured 3rd Prize in the Presentation Competition held on the occasion of National Statistics Day 2025 at Gandhinagar. Their topic of presentation was “Fundamentals of Sampling”. The event was organized under the banner of the 75th National Sample Survey by the Department of Economics and Statistics, Gandhinagar.

Research Projects

Students of Statistics major undertook research projects on:

“An Empirical Study on Digital Payment Adoption and Usage Patterns among College Students”

“Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Traditional Educational Practices: A Data-Driven Analysis”

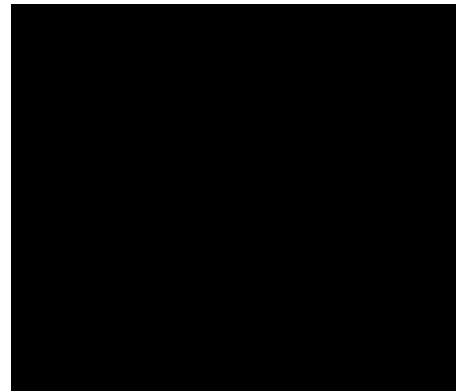
“A Comparative Study of Customer Experience: Quick Commerce Platforms versus Local Grocery Retailers”

HLCC Sarvodaya Spirit - RHA

HLCC Sarvodaya Spirit is the social outreach initiative of H. L. College of Commerce, Ahmedabad, dedicated to fostering empathy, inclusivity, and responsible citizenship under its motto,

“Where Hearts Unite to Serve.”

During 2025–26, the club undertook impactful initiatives:

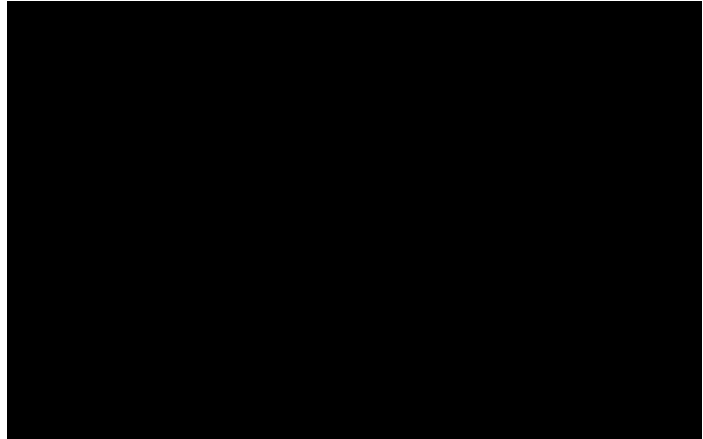


Udaan 2.0 (12–15 Feb 2026, Aekta Vidhyalaya, Vasna | 36 volunteers): A four-day educational outreach programme for 66 underprivileged children featuring activity-based sessions in English, Mathematics, Science, and GK. Students were given on-campus exposure at HLCC, including a Banking Model demonstration and Smart Classroom experience. Stationery kits were distributed, and a “Star Kid” award encouraged academic enthusiasm.

Mega Food Donation Drive (18–19 Aug 2025 | 36 s volunteers):

Phase 1: 412 kg of food grains and pulses donated to Mahipatsinh Foundation, Laval Gam, Kheda District, supporting orphaned, elderly, and specially-abled residents. Phase 2: 100+ kg donated to Sanskruti Manav Seva Sansthan, Ahmedabad. Volunteers attended a session by Dr. Ritu Singh, interacted with residents, and visited therapy and creative units.

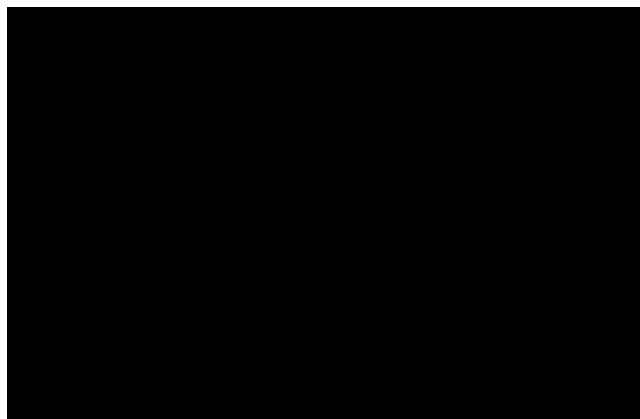
Bli
nd People’s Association Visit (25 July 2025 | 44 volunteers): Students attended Mr. Sameer Mehta’s session on free educational and vocational services (Braille books, scribes, internships, placements), experienced “Vision in the Dark,” and explored assistive technologies. Scribe Arrangement Initiative (2025–26 | 30+ volunteers): Continuous support arranging scribes for visually impaired candidates at exam centres. Collectively, these initiatives strengthened community welfare while instilling leadership, empathy, and social responsibility among students.



NCC Activities

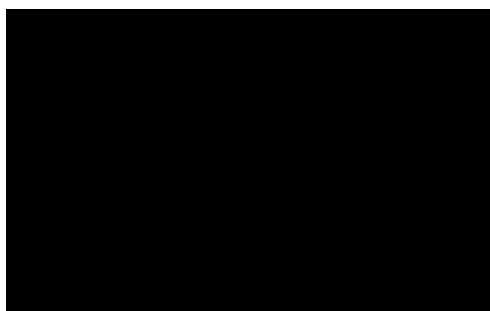
Independence Day 2025

Our NCC cadets proudly celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit on the college premises. The program was graced by the presence of College Principal Dr. Mona Kelshikar and NCC In-charge Pahal Pandya, who actively participated in the celebration and encouraged the cadets. The event included a ceremonial gathering that showcased discipline, unity, and dedication towards the nation. The presence of the respected dignitaries motivated the cadets and added significance to the occasion. The celebration reflected the true values of NCC.



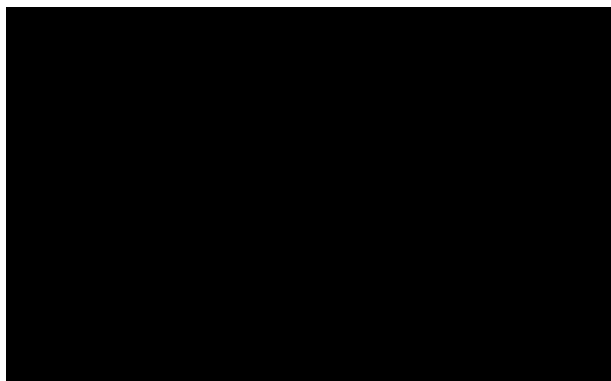
PUNIT SAGAR ABHIYAN

All NCC cadets of the college actively participated in the Punit Sagar Abhiyan at the Sabarmati River on 21st May with great enthusiasm and a strong sense of social responsibility. The cadets took part in a cleanliness drive, collecting waste and spreading awareness about the importance of maintaining clean water bodies and protecting the environment. Wearing gloves and working together, they demonstrated discipline, dedication, and commitment towards community service promoting environmental consciousness and motto of NCC — “Unity and Discipline.”



WORLD YOUTH SKILL DAY

The NCC cadets of H.L. College enthusiastically celebrated Paper Day on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day on 15th July at the college. The event aimed to promote creativity, environmental awareness, and the importance of skill development. Cadets actively participated by preparing posters, paper crafts, and informative displays highlighting the significance of paper recycling, sustainability, and innovative skills for a better future. The celebration reflected teamwork, discipline, and social responsibility — the core values of NCC.

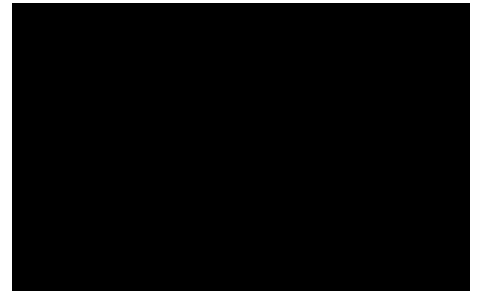


NCC RAISING DAY

All NCC cadets celebrated NCC Raising Day on 23rd November. The occasion was marked by an article-writing competition in which cadets actively participated and expressed their thoughts on the values, discipline, and significance of NCC in nation-building. The event was graced by the presence of CTO Dr. Nitin Verma, whose encouragement motivated the cadets. The celebration highlighted the spirit of unity, leadership, and commitment.

CONSTITUTION DAY

The NCC cadets of celebrated Constitution Day with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, cadets prepared creative drawings and posters highlighting the importance of the Indian Constitution, fundamental rights, duties, and the values of justice, equality, and democracy. The presence of the CTO, Dr. Nitin Verma and Ex-NCC UO Pahal Pandya, added motivation and support to the participants. The event reflected the cadets' commitment towards the country.



REPUBLIC DAY

Our NCC cadets proudly celebrated Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The event was graced by the presence of the chief guest Shree Anand Mashruwala and guided by NCC In-charge Pahal Pandya and other HLCC NCC Alumni members, whose participation motivated the cadets and made the occasion more enthusiastic. The program reflected the importance of the Indian Constitution and the values of democracy, freedom, and national integrity.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT NCC ACHIEVEMENTS

Our NCC cadets also attended various prestigious national-level camps, including the RDC, PM Rally, Trekking Camps, Army Attachment Camps, EBSB Camps, etc. The cadets continuously participate in initiatives undertaken by the Government of India in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence through campaigns, social media activities, and various community outreach programs.

These achievements highlight the dedication, discipline, and national spirit of the cadets, reflecting the true essence of NCC.

EKTA DIVAS

Two cadets from H.L college of commerce, KALMA MONISH and NIYATI DABHI, proudly participated in the "Ekta Diwas" celebration held at the Statue of Unity, Kevadiya, marking the 150th anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The event aimed to foster national unity, integrity, and patriotism among the youth. The cadets actively took part in drill demonstrations and various activities during the Special National Integration Camp, paying tribute to the Iron Man of India and reaffirming their dedication to the nation's unity, strength, and progress.

YOUTH FESTIVAL

H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous), Ahmedabad, proudly participated in the Gujarat University Youth Festival 2025, showcasing the diverse talents of its students through various cultural and literary events. The college achieved remarkable success at both the Ellisbridge North Zone Youth Festival (September 9–10, 2025) and the Gujarat University Inter-Zonal Youth Festival (September 14–15, 2025).

Ellisbridge North Zone Youth Festival: Held on September 9–10, 2025, the North Zone competitions hosted by Umiya Arts and Commerce College for Girls, witnessed participation from leading colleges. H. L. College of Commerce emerged as one of the strong contenders, securing victories in 13 different categories.

Winners from H. L. College of Commerce:

Classical Vocal Solo – Vraj Rajput

Classical Instrumental Solo (Non-Percussion) – Kirat Joshi

Light Vocal Indian – Vraj Rajput

Western Vocal Solo – Bhairavi

Western Instrumental Solo – Harshil

Poster Making – Vishwa

Debate – Misri Upadhyay and Nishtha Shah

Mimicry – Malhar Gadhvi

Classical Dance Indian Solo – Benita Bejoy

Group Song Indian – H. L. College Team

Western Group Song – H. L. College Team

One Act Play – H. L. College Team

Mime – H. L. College Team

The collective achievements highlighted the versatility of students across both performing and fine arts.

Inter-Zonal Youth Festival

Host College: JG College of Performing Arts

The Inter-Zonal Competitions, hosted by JG College of Performing Arts, brought together winners from across zones of Gujarat University. H. L. College of Commerce once again demonstrated excellence and talent, winning top honors in 5 events.

Positions Secured by H. L. College of Commerce:

Mimicry – 1st Position (Malhar Gadhvi)

Debate – 2nd Position (Misri Upadhyay and Nishtha Shah)

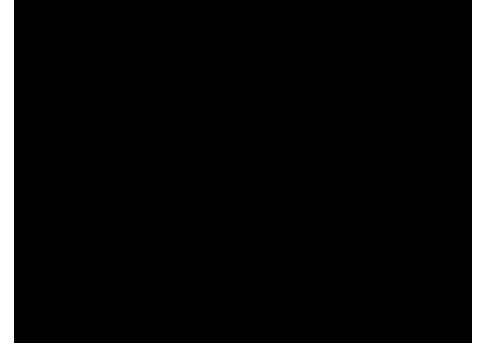
Classical Vocal Solo – 2nd Position (Vraj Rajput)

Light Vocal Indian – 2nd Position (Vraj Rajput)

Through its commendable performances and awards at the zonal and inter-zonal levels, H. L. College of Commerce has once again reaffirmed its commitment to promoting cultural talent and creativity among students. These achievements not only brought pride and recognition to the institution but also highlighted the college's consistent efforts toward the holistic development of its learners

Student Induction Program

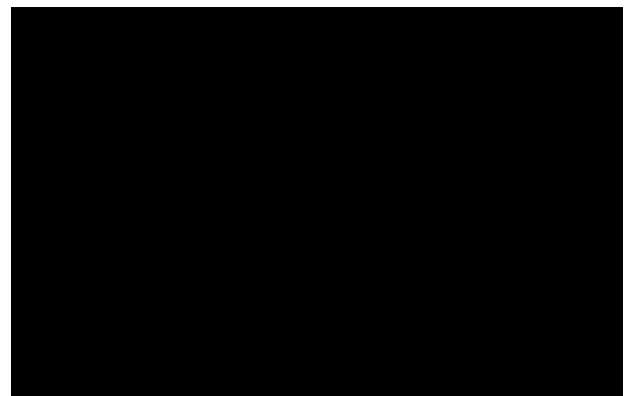
The Student Induction Programme (SIP) for the Self Finance Programmes at HL College of Commerce (Autonomous) was held on 23rd June 2025, beginning with a prayer and ceremonial lamp lighting symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge. Anchored by students Birva and Sneha Khandelwal, the programme warmly welcomed new students and introduced them to B.Com (Banking and Financial Services), B.S. (FinTech), and B.S. (International Finance), highlighting their practical and industry-oriented approach.



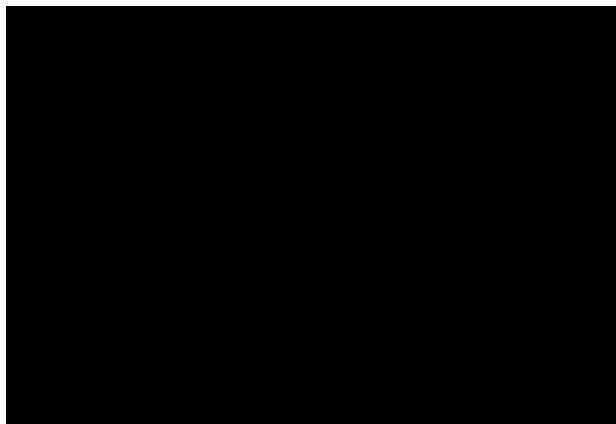
Principal Dr. Mona Kelshikar, Director Dr. Shriram Nerlekar, and Chief Guest Dr. CA Anchal Agrawal addressed the students, inspiring them towards academic excellence and holistic growth. Faculty and administrative teams were introduced, followed by a vote of thanks. The programme concluded with the HL Anthem, fostering unity, pride, and enthusiasm for the academic journey ahead.

“6 Days Orientation Program for 1st Year Students”

The 6-Day Orientation Program, titled "Udaan: A Personal Ascent Course," was organized by H.L. College of Commerce (Autonomous) from June 23rd to June 28th, 2025. Aimed at first-year students across B.Com (Hons) and B.S. Fintech programs, the event was coordinated by Dr. Payal Shastri and saw



participation from over 150 students. The sessions, held daily from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, were designed to bridge the gap between school and college life while introducing students to the institution's academic expectations and core values.



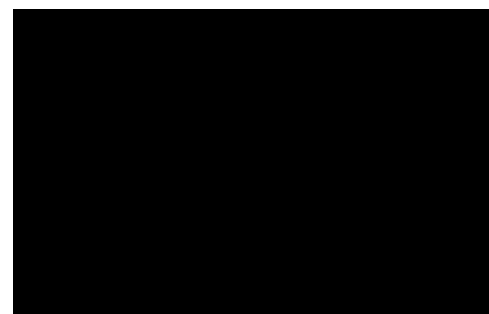
The curriculum focused heavily on holistic development, moving beyond just academic orientation to include personal growth, self-awareness, and confidence building. Students were encouraged to embrace discipline and punctuality as foundational habits for their professional journeys. By the end of the week-long program, the participants gained a clear understanding of the college's autonomous structure and developed a sense of belonging to the HLCC community, effectively preparing them for the academic challenges ahead.

Faculty Development Program (FDP) at H L College of Commerce (Autonomous)

H.L. College of Commerce organized a one-day Faculty Development Programme titled “AI Integration for Digital-Era Educators” on 1 December 2025, in collaboration with AI CERTs®. The programme aimed to equip educators with practical skills to integrate Artificial Intelligence into teaching, content creation, and assessment in alignment with NEP 2020. The training was conducted by Utkarsh Sharma, SME Manager, SAP Certified Application Associate, Certified Data Scientist, and Intel Certified Machine Learning Instructor. A total of 20 faculty members, along with the Principal, actively participated, with an additional participant from A.G.

Teachers College. Shriram Nerlekar, Director of Ahmedabad Education Society, attended the sessions and encouraged participants throughout the programme.

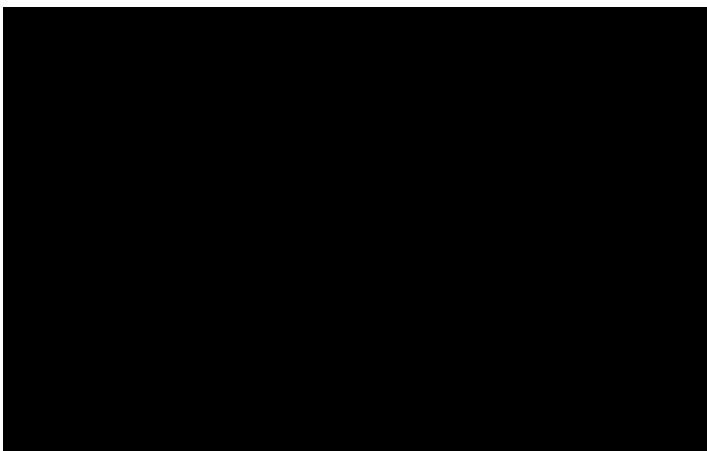
The FDP focused on AI-enabled teaching methodologies and interactive learning strategies. It introduced tools for AI-assisted content development suited for digital platforms. Sessions also demonstrated AI-driven assessment and feedback systems for efficient evaluation. Faculty members received hands-on exposure to contemporary AI applications for classroom engagement. The training emphasized personalized learning approaches and technology-supported pedagogy. Participants gained insights into streamlining academic workflows using intelligent tools. Certificates of Participation were awarded jointly by AI CERTs® and the college.



The programme significantly enhanced faculty digital readiness and fostered innovative, technology-integrated teaching practices.

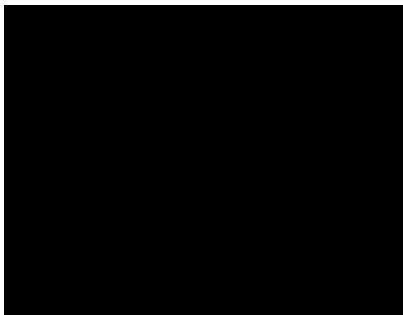
BANKING CONCLAVE 2026

The conclave “**Banking Digitalization for Viksit Bharat: Innovation, Inclusion & Trust**” was held on 7 February 2026 at CEPT University, bringing together policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, academicians, and students on a common platform. Jointly organized by Ahmedabad Education Society through H.L. College of Commerce in collaboration with National Institute of Bank Management, the conclave explored the transformative role of digital banking in India’s journey toward Viksit Bharat 2047. The inaugural address by P. Vasudevan of the Reserve Bank of India highlighted India’s rapid digital adoption, the scale of real-time transactions, and the emergence of CBDC and AI-driven systems as pillars of financial innovation, while emphasizing customer protection and regulatory resilience. Thought leaders underscored banking’s transition from traditional infrastructure to an intelligent, technology-led ecosystem powered by AI, digital public infrastructure, and inclusive financial initiatives.



Two high-level panel discussions examined Artificial Intelligence as the new core of banking transformation and Cybersecurity as the foundation of public trust. Experts deliberated on AI-enabled

services such as real-time fraud detection, video KYC, predictive analytics, and inclusive credit delivery, while also addressing emerging cyber threats, citizen awareness, and the need for collaborative safeguards between institutions and users.



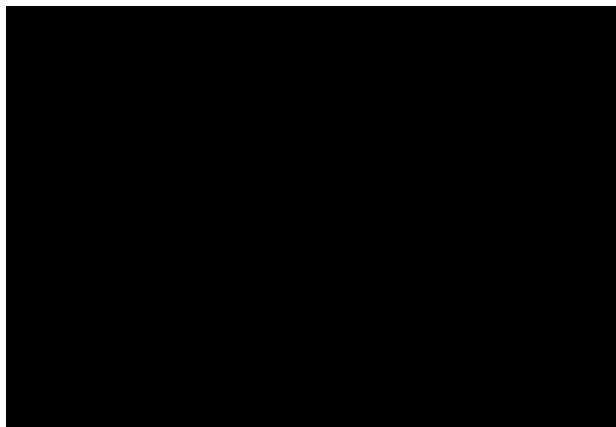
The valedictory session reinforced that innovation must remain ethical, inclusive, and trust-centric to sustain India's financial evolution. The conclave concluded with a strong consensus that technology-led banking, supported by responsible

governance and academic–industry collaboration, will be a key driver in shaping India's resilient and inclusive economic future.

SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS' OVERALL GROWTH

Road Safety Awareness Session

H.L. College of Commerce (Autonomous) organised an impactful awareness session titled **“Break the Habit, Not the Law: Traffic Rules Can Be Cool”** for **B.Com (Hons) Banking & Financial Services** and **B.S. FinTech** students at its auditorium on **January 8, 2026**. The initiative aimed to instil responsible road behaviour among youth through policy insights, real-life experiences, and interactive learning.



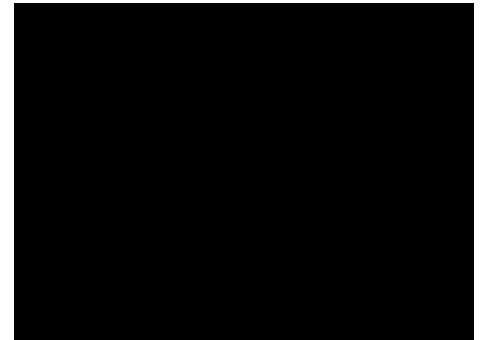
The programme was graced by **Shri Satish Patel, Retired IAS and Commissioner of the Gujarat Road Safety Authority (GujROSA)**, an esteemed alumnus of the institution, as the Chief Guest. Drawing from decades of administrative experience, Shri Patel sensitised students to the human and societal cost of traffic negligence, presenting road safety not merely as a legal obligation but as a shared civic responsibility. His address struck a strong emotional chord while offering a broader understanding of governance, public policy, and citizen welfare.

The Guest of Honour, **Shri Chirag I. Patel, IPS**, highlighted the importance of discipline and compliance through real-world enforcement perspectives, while Expert Speaker **Shri Nirav Baxi from the Regional Transport Office, Ahmedabad**, explained the practical functioning of transport administration, including licensing systems and AI-based driving test tracks. The session concluded with a PPT-based segment where essential road signs and signals were explained in a simplified manner, reinforcing practical awareness and everyday applicability for students. A key highlight of the programme was the introduction of the **‘Rah-Veer’** Good Samaritan Scheme, which encourages citizens to assist road accident victims during the crucial golden hour by offering legal protection and recognition. In a symbolic and culturally resonant gesture, the dignitaries were honoured with kites by the college carrying messages of road safety

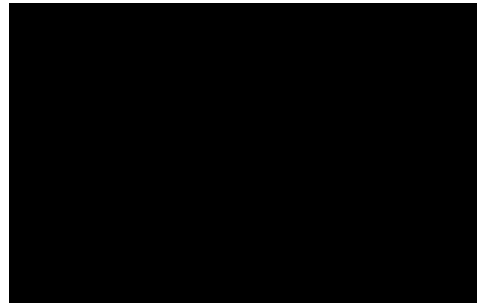
to be flown during the upcoming Uttarayan festival transforming celebration into an opportunity for public awareness.

“Exploring Career opportunities in BFSI Sector”

The "Careers in BFSI Sector" workshop, held on June 19, 2025, at H.L. College of Commerce, featured industry experts Mr. Nabaroon Chakraborty and Mr. Soumya Ranjan. The session provided students with practical insights into banking operations, specifically focusing on loan strategies, risk assessment, and the emerging growth opportunities within the insurance sector.

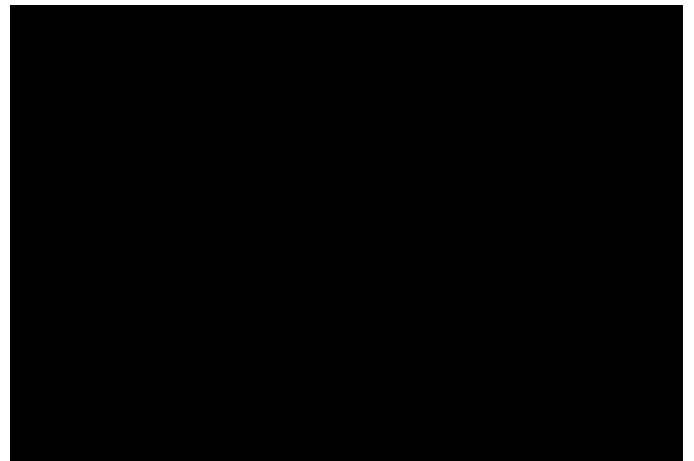


The program emphasized that while technical knowledge is the foundation, soft skills and analytical thinking are the primary drivers of career advancement in finance. By exploring diverse roles from RBI officers to investment banking, the workshop successfully helped students align their academic learning with the high professional standards of the global financial market.

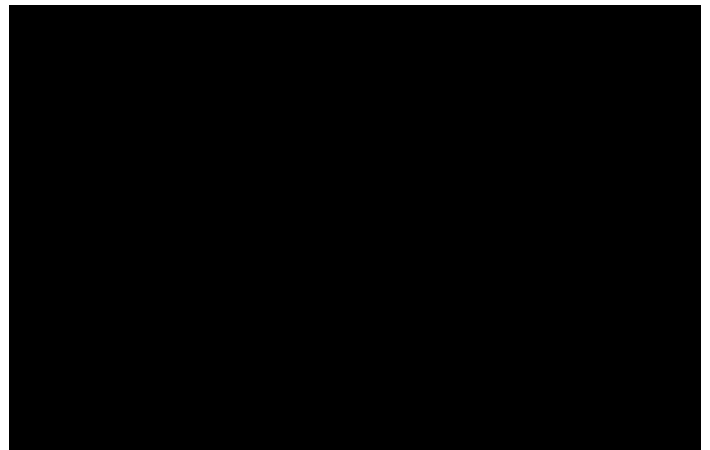


“From Campus to Career: How College Life Shapes Your Future”

The "From Campus to Career" workshop, held on June 30, 2025, at H.L. College of Commerce, featured Dr. Jainil Shah as the guest speaker for students across Banking, Fintech, and International Finance programs. The session focused on the essential transition from academic life to professional success, with Dr. Shah emphasizing that education is merely the starting point. He highlighted that nearly 50% of professional success is driven by effective communication, encouraging students to utilize platforms like the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) to refine their expression and interpersonal skills.



Beyond technical skills, the workshop underscored five pillars of personal growth: flawless time management, the necessity of a mentor for direction, and the importance of surrounding oneself with a challenging circle of talented peers. Dr. Shah also uniquely linked physical health to economic productivity, asserting that well-being is the foundation of financial stability. The session



concluded by reinforcing that while education shapes the mind, it is the combination of discipline, health, and proactive mentorship that ultimately defines one's professional destiny.

“FIN-O-MANIA 2025”

Date: 21st September 2025

Organizers: Self-Finance Programs of H L College of Commerce (Autonomous)

Professor In-Charge: Prof. Pruthvi Kalal

Number of Participants: Approx. 250 (11th and 12th Students)

Chairperson: Ronak Jain

Fin-O-Mania 2025 (2nd edition) was successfully organised on **21st September 2025** at H. L. College of Commerce, under the guidance of Faculty In-charge Pruthvi Kalal and Chairperson Ronak Jain. The event brought together approximately **250 students from classes 11 and 12**, creating an energetic platform to explore commerce and finance through competitive, hands-on learning.

The day was structured around four flagship competitions — Bid Bazaar, Quiz Tantra, Strategy Sabha, and Videshi Disputes — each designed to test a different skill set.

Bid Bazaar simulated a real-time stock market where participants began with a virtual corpus of ₹10,00,000. Teams boosted their funds through quiz rounds and then entered live bidding and stock presentation phases, forcing them to analyse risk, respond to surprise market envelopes, and make quick investment decisions under pressure.

Quiz Tantra delivered a high-energy knowledge battle featuring visual identification, MCQs, and a bidding-based finale. The quiz covered logos, currencies, marketing, finance, and current affairs, pushing participants to demonstrate both accuracy and speed.

Meanwhile, **Strategy Sabha** challenged teams through multi-stage case analysis — starting with written problem-solving, moving into group case discussions among shortlisted teams, and culminating in the “Pick-a-Card” finale where finalists tackled industry-specific twists and constraints, closely mirroring real-world business decision-making.

Videshi Disputes brought a strong debating dimension to the event through a three-tier format: a 2v2

geopolitical debate, followed by a group discussion on current affairs, and finally an individual debate round. The competition sharpened participants' research depth, diplomacy, rebuttal skills, and confidence in public speaking.

In terms of results, Yash Agarwal secured 1st position in Bid Bazaar, followed by Sankalp Poddar (2nd) and Pal Deliwala (3rd). In Quiz Tantra, Parva Shah, Kavya Raval, and Shubham Sanghvi achieved 1st position. Strategy Sabha was won by Team 15 (Karan Tekwani, Krish Parikh), while Khubi Bhavsar secured 1st position in Videshi Disputes.

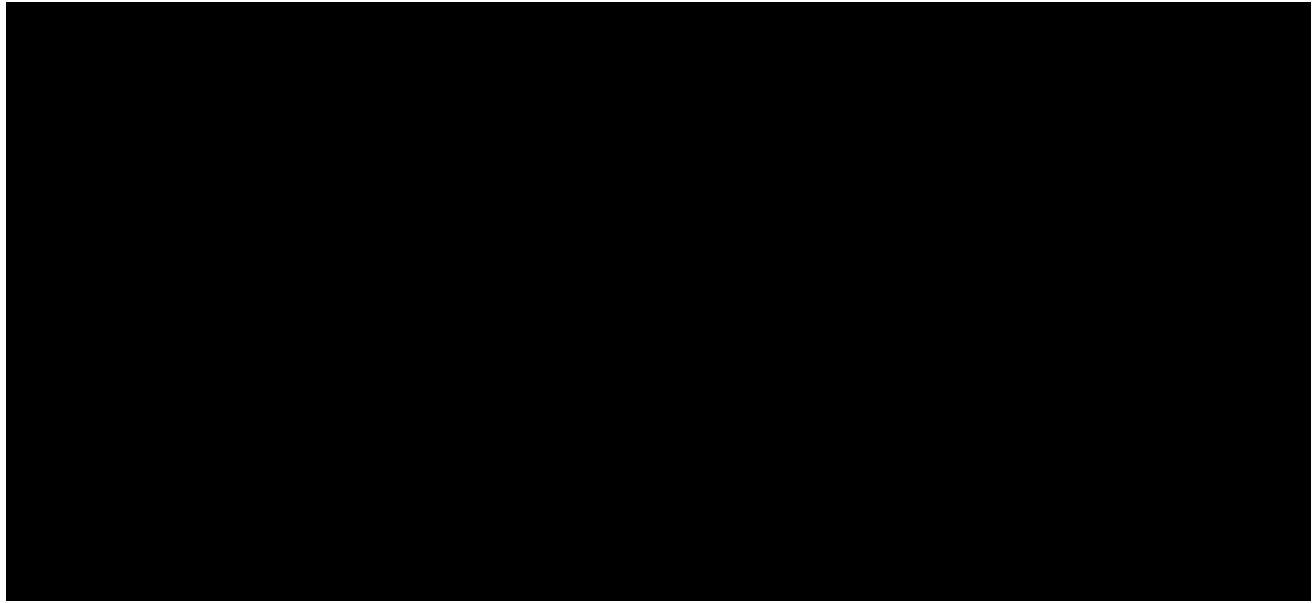
Winners received ₹3,500 (1st), ₹2,500 (2nd), and ₹1,500 (3rd) along with trophies and certificates. Karan Tekwani was named Best Campus Ambassador (₹2,000 prize), and St. Kabir School earned the Best School Award, bringing the event to a strong and celebratory close.

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS:

REGIONAL SEMINAR ON INVESTOR AWARENESS

On 22nd August 2025, H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous) organized a Regional Seminar on Investor Awareness at the HLCC Auditorium under the HLCC Empowerment Initiative, in collaboration with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL). The seminar aimed to build awareness about capital markets, depository services, and responsible investing while strengthening students' financial literacy. The session commenced with anchoring by Ms. Palak Lotia, followed by a green welcome to the speakers by Dr. Nisha Bhavsar and Dr. Poojan Parikh. Resource persons Mr. Himanshu Khatri and Mr. Dhaval Dave (Managers, CDSL) delivered insightful sessions on investor protection, the regulatory role of SEBI, functioning of depositories, trading mechanisms, and safe investment practices, supported by practical industry examples. Coordinated by Dr. Mona Kelshikar and Dr. Nisha Bhavsar, the seminar witnessed active participation from around 120

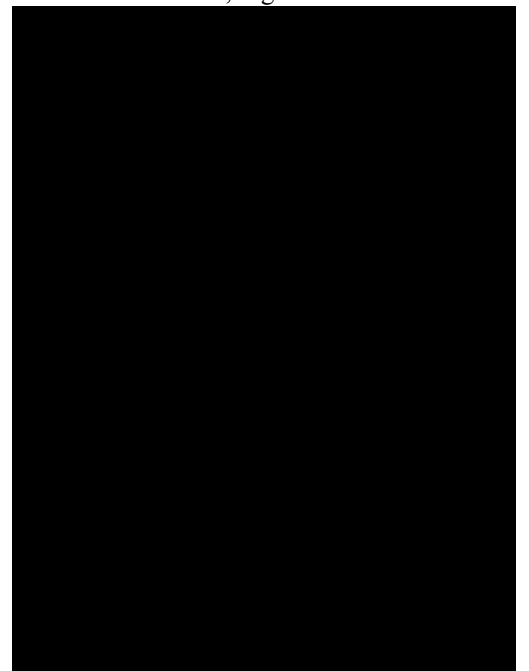
students of SY B.Com, TY B.Com, and M.Com, who engaged in an interactive discussion on demat accounts, stock markets, and investment strategies. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving students better informed and motivated to become responsible and knowledgeable investors.

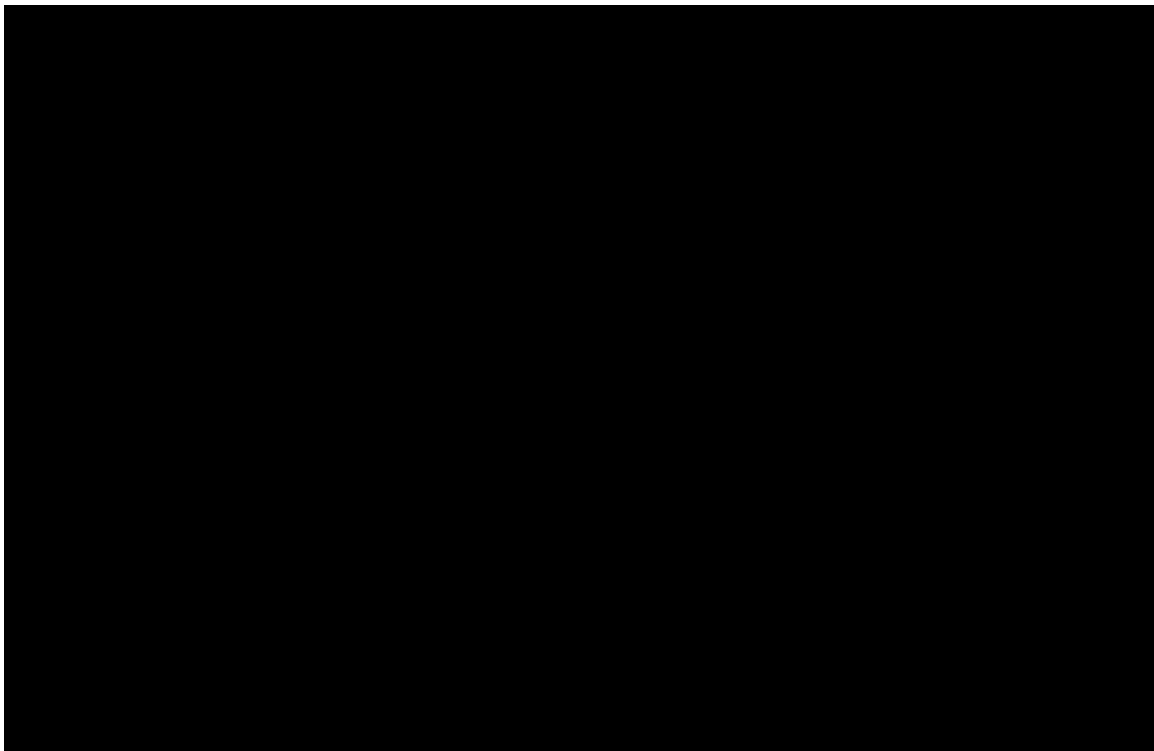


Seminar on Investment Analysis

On **8th September 2025**, H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous), through its **HLCC Finance Club**, organized a seminar on **“Investment Analysis”** at the HLCC Auditorium. The session was delivered by **Mr. Resham Jain**, a seasoned finance professional with over 20 years of experience, former Fund Manager at DSP Asset Managers, and a holder of CFA, FRM, and CFP certifications. The programme began with a welcome address and introduction of the guest by anchor Mahek Talreja, followed by a green welcome and presentation of a memento by the faculty members. During the seminar, Mr. Jain explained key financial ratios, practical valuation techniques, and various approaches to investment analysis, while also highlighting the importance of disciplined investing and adapting to changing market trends. The session was highly interactive, with active student participation during the Q&A segment, and was attended by around 100 students.

The event was successfully coordinated under the guidance of Dr. Nisha Bhavsar (Faculty In-charge) and Dr. Poojan Parikh (Co-coordinator), along with the core committee members, and concluded with a vote of thanks, making it a valuable experience that connected academic learning with real-world financial insights.





Finishing School 2025-26

On December 15, 2025, H. L. College of Commerce, Ahmedabad, in collaboration with HKUMAR'S Education Institution (HK School of Finishing – HSF) and supported by the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Government of Gujarat, commenced the **Finishing School Program 2026** for the December Batch. The program was conducted from December 15, 2025 to January 7, 2026, comprising a total of 80 training hours, with the objective of enhancing students' employability and bridging the gap between academic learning and professional expectations.

The training was organized at the college campus under the guidance of Principal Dr. Mona S. Kelshikar and coordinated by Prof. Y. D. Shastri, reflecting a strong academic–training collaboration. The curriculum was systematically divided into two modules of 40 hours each, ensuring balanced development of behavioral and communication competencies.

The first module, **Life & Employability Skills (40 Hours)**, focused on personal effectiveness and workplace readiness. It included sessions on SWOT analysis, self-esteem and confidence building, stress management, empathy, teamwork, leadership, and time management. Through discussions, group activities, and real-life examples, students developed greater self-awareness, interpersonal skills, and a proactive professional attitude essential for adapting to organizational environments.

The second module, **Functional English (40 Hours)**, emphasized practical communication skills required in real-life and workplace situations. Sessions covered self-introduction, describing people and situations, everyday English usage, vocabulary development, and structured communication practice. Interactive methods such as role-plays, group discussions, and presentations were used to build fluency, clarity, and confidence in expression.

A total of 33 students actively participated in the program. The sessions were delivered by experienced trainers Shri K. C. Shah and Ms. Deepti Srivastava, who followed a learner-centric approach combining conceptual inputs with practical application. Their engaging methodology resulted in noticeable improvement in students' communication abilities, confidence levels, teamwork, and readiness to face interviews and professional interactions, making the program a meaningful step toward preparing students for their future careers.

Seminar on UPSC Exam

HLCC EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE in collaboration with Saturn UPSC coaching centre, organised an informative seminar on 17th July, 2025 for FY BCom Students from 10 to 1 pm. Prof. Siddharth Anandjiwala had provided detailed information. Approx 150 Students attended the seminar, followed by a written entrance test on 26th July 2025. 34 Students qualified the exam and 10 Students have taken an admission for the coaching of UPSC exams.

Seminar on Understanding Derivatives

Market

A Seminar on **Understanding the Commodity Derivatives**

Market was organized on 20 January 2026 at the HLCC Campus

by H. L. College of Commerce in association with NCDEX, under SEBI's Investor Awareness Initiative and HLCC's Empowerment Programme. The session was conducted by SEBI-empanelled trainer Ms. Palak Lotiya and aimed at equipping students with fundamental knowledge of the commodity and derivatives market.

The objective of the seminar was to familiarize participants with market mechanisms, key stakeholders, and the role of derivatives in price discovery and price risk management, especially within an agricultural economy. Special emphasis was placed on agricultural commodities and the use of Futures and Options for hedging purposes.

Key topics included an introduction to commodities (hard and soft commodities), differences between virtual and physical markets, and the challenges in physical agri-markets along with real-time exchange-based solutions. The session highlighted the role of NCDEX as a leading agricultural commodity exchange facilitating transparent price discovery and risk management. Participants were also introduced to NCDEX Group Companies—NICL, NICR, PXIL, NCCL, and NERL. Further discussions covered spot and derivatives markets, SEBI's regulatory oversight in ensuring fairness and transparency, and the clearing and settlement process where the Clearing Corporation guarantees trades and minimizes counterparty risk. The seminar also explained compulsory delivery contracts, quality standards, designated warehouses, and the functioning of options contracts in agricultural commodities. Students were cautioned against

unlawful practices like Dabba Trading and informed about grievance redressal mechanisms.

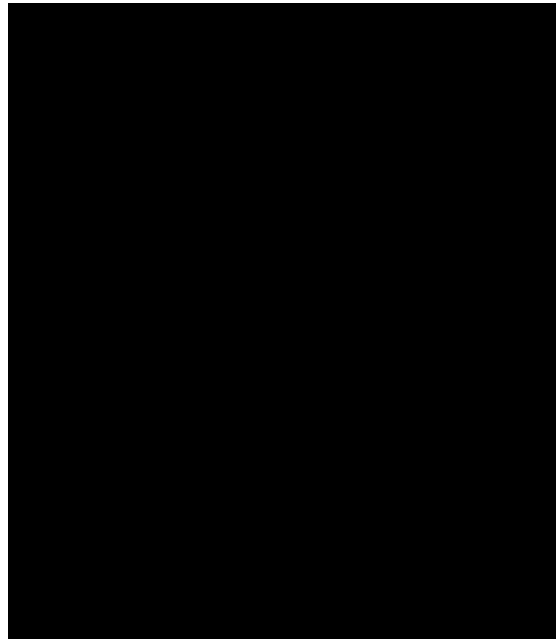
The seminar witnessed active participation from 71 attendees and generated strong engagement. It enhanced students' understanding of derivatives, volatility management, and career opportunities in the financial sector. Overall, the initiative reinforced the importance of derivatives in stabilizing agricultural markets and strengthening liquidity, transparency, and informed decision-making in India's commodity ecosystem.

2 Days Seminar on Sustainability Reporting: The New Accounting Frontier

On 18th & 19th July 2025, H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous), Self-Finance Department organized a two-day seminar on "*Sustainability Reporting: The New Accounting Frontier*" for B.Com (Hons.) Banking and Financial Services students at the HLCC Auditorium. The session was conducted by **Mr. Darshan Shah (CA, CMA, CPA)** and attended by **80+ participants**, under the coordination of Dr. Payal Shastri. The seminar focused on the growing importance of sustainability in modern business, highlighting regulatory frameworks, corporate responsibility, and the shift from profit-centric to value-driven decision-making. Through interactive activities such as sustainability-based product evaluation and sustainable business model design, students gained practical exposure to environmental, social, and economic dimensions of sustainability, encouraging responsible and future-oriented professional thinking.

Workshop on Refresher Course for Linux and Kotlin:

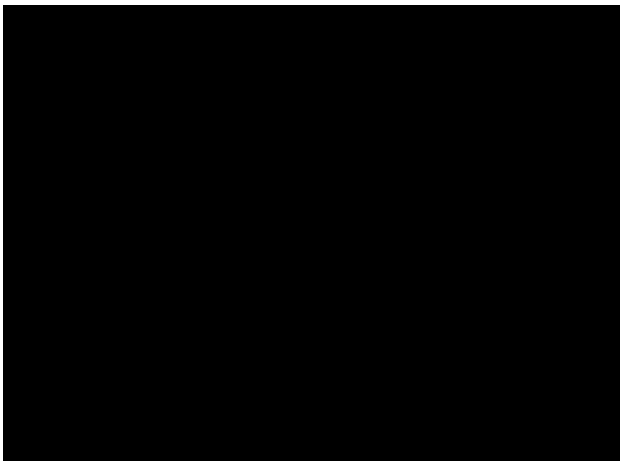
On 26th & 27th July 2025, H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous), Self-Finance Department conducted a *Refresher Course for Linux and Kotlin* for B.S. Fintech



students at the college Computer Laboratory. The workshop was led by **Mr. Omprakash L.**

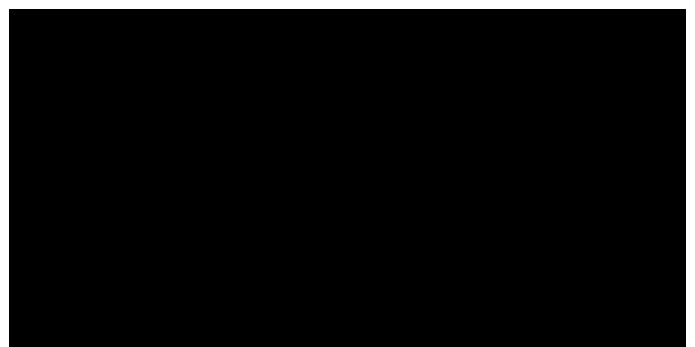
Mandge and coordinated by Dr. Payal Shastri and

Prof. Aman Khanna, with participation from **around 80 students** across batches. The sessions aimed at strengthening conceptual clarity and bridging learning gaps through hands-on lab work, real-time problem-solving, and practical demonstrations. Students developed foundational skills in Linux and Kotlin, built basic applications, and understood their relevance in FinTech environments, making the program highly beneficial for academic development as well as future internships and career opportunities.



Podcast on “AI in Marketing – The Future of Business”

On 26th July 2025, H.L. College of Commerce (Autonomous), Self-Finance Department had organized an engaging contemporary podcast titled “AI in marketing.” This podcast session on the



theme “AI in Marketing – The Future of Business”, featuring Prof. Anand Kumar Jaiswal, Professor of Marketing at IIM Ahmedabad, and Mr. Rahul Nawab, President of Data & AI at Prowess. The session aimed to provide students with a deeper understanding of how Artificial Intelligence is transforming the field of marketing and what this means for future professionals.

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On 23rd August 2025, H.L. College of Commerce (Autonomous), Self-Finance Department hosted a dynamic workshop titled “Fintech Futures: An Entrepreneur’s Journey, Careers and Skills for Tomorrow” by Mr. Jinand Shah Owner of OPLInnovate. The session was exclusively designed for B.Sc. Fintech Semester–3 students, aiming to give them deeper insights into the rapidly transforming world of financial technology.

Seminar On Wisdom Beyond Time

On July 11, International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) conducted an engaging and thought-provoking session for students, focusing on the relevance of Vedic knowledge in today’s fast-paced world. The speaker explained how teachings from the Bhagavad Gita provide practical solutions to modern challenges, especially issues such as stress, anxiety, confusion about life goals, and lack of emotional balance among young individuals.

By referring to real-life situations and global trends in mental health, the session highlighted the growing need for inner stability alongside academic and professional success. Students were encouraged to explore these teachings as a source of self-management, clarity in decision-making, and value-based living rather than viewing them only from a religious perspective. The interaction prompted reflection on how ancient wisdom can guide personal growth, helping students lead more focused, meaningful, and balanced lives.

Mental Health Seminar

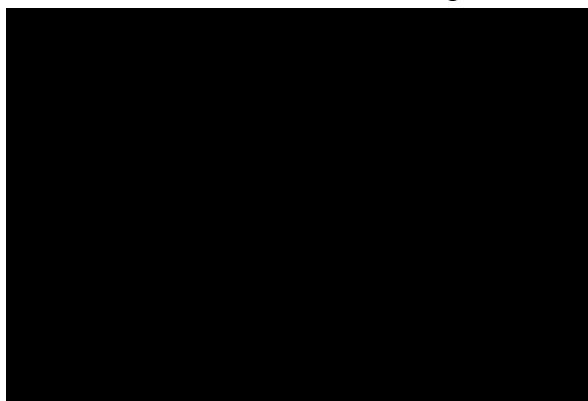
H L College of Commerce, in collaboration with the Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE), Chennai, and MMP Shah Women’s College of Arts and Commerce, Mumbai, organized an online seminar as the fifth lecture in the Voices of Life Lecture Series on the theme “Life Skills as a Prerequisite for Mental Health,” with the subtopic “Empowering Mental Health through Life Skills Development.” The seminar sought to underscore the significance of life skills education in fostering mental well-being, emotional resilience, and holistic development among students in today’s dynamic environment.

The programme began with a welcome address by Dr. Mona Kelshikar, Principal, HL College of Commerce, followed by the presidential address by Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, President, Indian Association of Life Skills Education, who highlighted the broader vision and impact of life skills education. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Baby Shari, Department of Psychology, University of Calicut, who provided insightful perspectives on strengthening mental health through structured life skills development. The online seminar witnessed active participation and was well attended by students of HL

College of Commerce as well as students from various other colleges, making it a meaningful and engaging academic event.

Seminar on Sports Awareness

On 25th September 2025, H. L. College of Commerce hosted an interactive session titled “Sports as an Enabler: Building Character, Community and National Pride” at the HLCC Auditorium. The session aimed to highlight the transformative role of sports in shaping discipline, leadership, teamwork, and a sense of national identity among youth, while also creating awareness about India’s rapidly growing sports ecosystem. Students assembled by 10:15 AM and an engaging knowledge-sharing session from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The interaction encouraged students to view sports not only as physical activity but as a powerful medium for personal development and community bonding.



MASTERCLASS / EXPERT TALKS AT HL CAMPUS

Expert Talk on SWADESH VYAKHYAAN ABHIYAN 2025

On December 15, 2025, H. L. College of Commerce conducted an Expert Talk under Swadeshi Vyakhyan Abhiyaan 2025 to create awareness among students about self-reliance, indigenous development, and the relevance of Swadeshi values in the modern economy. The session was addressed by Shri Hitendra Patel, who reflected on the vision of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and highlighted the importance of supporting local industries, encouraging entrepreneurship, and adopting sustainable practices such as natural farming. He emphasized that true development is achieved through community participation, ethical leadership, and responsible citizenship, and motivated students to contribute actively to nation-building.

The programme began with introductory remarks by Principal Ms. Mona Kelshikar and concluded with an oath administered by Dr. Akash Joshi, encouraging students to uphold the ideals of self-reliance and social responsibility in their personal and professional lives.

Expert session on “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

On Thursday, 1st January 2026, an expert session on “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Nature, Sustainability, and the Indian Worldview” was conducted at HL Auditorium for B.COM (HONS.) Banking and Finance and B.S. FinTech students. The session was delivered by Ms. Shipra Pathak, an environmentalist and social activist, who emphasized the importance of sustainability, water conservation, and Indian ecological values. Through her experiences and initiatives, she inspired students to adopt responsible and environmentally conscious practices. The session was insightful and motivating for all participants.

Expert session on “Mission First Attempt

On 14th February 2026, HL College of Commerce organized an expert session on “Mission First Attempt: Cracking UPSC/GPSC with Clarity & Strategy” for B.Com (Hons.) and B.S. FinTech students. Mr. Siddharth Anandjiwala guided students on exam structure, preparation strategy, and disciplined study planning. He emphasized conceptual clarity, time management, and answer-writing practice. The session provided a clear roadmap and boosted students’ confidence for civil services preparation.

Webinars by ‘Tops Technologies’

HLCC in collaboration with Tops Technologies organized various webinars for overall guidance and development of the students, on varied topics, such as:

Career in DevOps – Skills, Tools, and Certification Roadmap (05 July 2025):
A webinar on “*Career in DevOps – Skills, Tools, and Certification Roadmap*” was conducted on 05 July 2025 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The session guided participants on essential DevOps skills, tools, and certification pathways, helping students understand career prospects in the field.

Step into a 3D Animation Career (05 July 2025):
On 05 July 2025, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, a webinar titled “*Step into a 3D Animation Career*” introduced students to opportunities in the animation industry. The session highlighted required skills and potential career paths in 3D animation.

How to Create a Live Website + Internship (12 July 2025):
A practical webinar on “*How to Create a Live Website + Internship*” was held on 12 July 2025 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. The session demonstrated live website deployment and provided guidance on securing relevant internship opportunities.

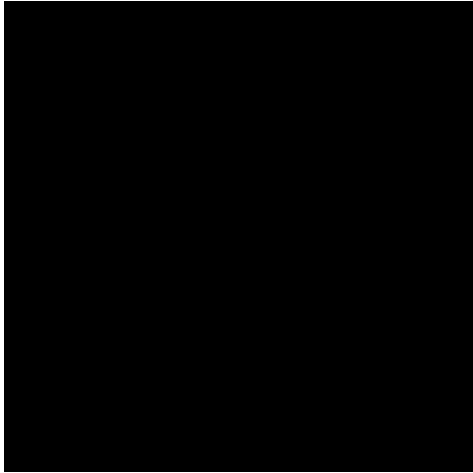
From Data to Decisions – AI in Smart Industries (12 July 2025):
The webinar “*From Data to Decisions: AI in Smart Industries*” was conducted on 12 July 2025 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM by Mr. Bhaumik Vyas (DA/DS Trainer, TOPS Technologies; Ex-IIM Ahmedabad; Ex-Mu Sigma). The session covered Data Analytics vs AI, Gen AI and prompt engineering, industry use cases, and the future of AI in business.

Two-Day Webinar Series: Data Science & AI and Freelancing as a Career (01–02 August 2025):
A two-day webinar series was conducted on 01–02 August 2025. The first session on “*Data Science & AI*” was delivered by Mr. Bhaumik Vyas, while the second session on “*Freelancing as a Career: Opportunities for College Students*” was conducted by Mr. Raj Kapadiya. The series provided participants with both technical knowledge and practical career guidance.

Webinar Series: AI Agents and C++ Programming Language (23 August 2025):
On 23 August 2025, two technical webinars were conducted. The first session on “*AI Agents*” (12:00 PM – 1:30 PM) introduced the concept and applications of AI agents. This was followed by a session on “*C++ Programming Language*” (3:00 PM – 4:30 PM), which focused on strengthening programming fundamentals and real-world applications of C++. Together, the sessions enhanced participants’ understanding of emerging AI and core programming skills.

Webinar Mega Series (13–14 September 2025):
A two-day webinar mega series held on 13–14 September 2025 covered multiple topics including logo and business card design, internship guidance, PHP with Laravel, cybersecurity basics, Python fundamentals, and careers in digital marketing, providing multidisciplinary exposure to participants.

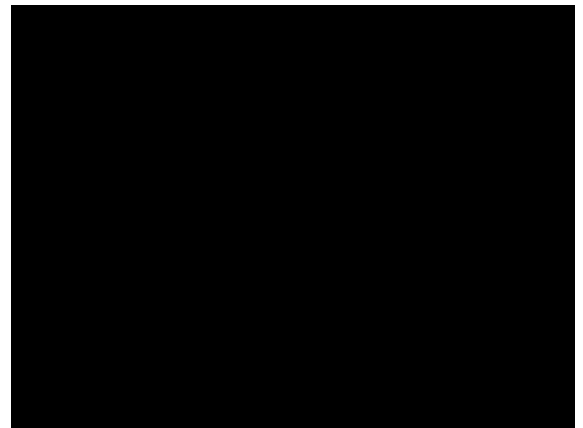
AI Secrets Revealed – Webinar Series (27 September 2025):
On 27 September 2025, the “*AI Secrets Revealed*” series featured sessions on *3D Designing & Animation with AI*, *UI/UX with AI*, *Gen AI vs Agentic AI*, and *Software Testing with AI*, highlighting AI’s growing impact across technology domains.



INDUSTRIAL VISIT:

Industry Exposure Visit to Gift City

Industry Exposure Visit was organized on 13th October 2025, wherein the B.S. FinTech students of HL College of Commerce visited GIFT City to gain academic and industry insight into India's emerging global financial hub. The visit included an informative session on the regulatory framework of IFSCA and highlighted evolving FinTech opportunities such as ship and aircraft leasing, along with the growing presence of corporate operations within the ecosystem. The experience enabled students to appreciate the strategic importance of GIFT City as a future-oriented financial centre and its potential to create significant career opportunities in the coming years.



HLCC (AUTONOMOUS) INNOVATION CLUB 2025-26

30 Hours Startup Bootcamp Week

The HLCC Innovation Club, in association with House of Starts, organized a 30-hour Startup Bootcamp Week from 22nd to 27th December 2025 at H L College of Commerce. The objective of the bootcamp was to familiarize students with the practical aspects of the startup ecosystem and to help them understand how ideas are transformed into viable ventures. A total of 70 students enthusiastically participated in this intensive learning experience under the guidance of industry experts Mr. Anand Mashruwala, Mr. Anay Mashruwala, Mr. Apoorva Bhayani, Mr. Nishith Vasavada, and Mr. Yash Parikh.

Days 1–3 (22nd–24th December 2025):

The initial sessions focused on developing an entrepreneurial mindset and encouraging students to identify real-world problems. Students were introduced to the fundamentals of entrepreneurship through the concept of Business Ikigai, helping them connect their interests and abilities with market opportunities. Activities such as Customer Empathy Mapping and User Persona Development enabled participants to better understand customer behaviour and needs. These insights were then translated into structured ideas using the Value Proposition Canvas and Business Model Canvas, allowing teams to begin shaping their startup concepts in a systematic manner.

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The later sessions concentrated on execution and strategic planning. Students explored Unit Costing, pricing approaches, and financial feasibility to understand the operational side of running a business. They were also introduced to Digital Marketing strategies and website creation using AI-based tools, giving them exposure to contemporary methods of building a business presence.

A session on Porter's Five Forces helped students analyse competition and industry dynamics. The bootcamp concluded with an Elevator Pitching Session in which 11 teams presented their startup ideas, including Peekaboo Pixel (digital marketing), Neatra EnerZ Bar, Bhumi Bloom (organic soil kit), Giftify, Flindr, Flash Spin, Solar Powerbank, Career Ace, C-Guide, Personality Development App, and Neeti Go Buses. A simulated investment activity using House of Starts Coins recreated real-world decision-making, and the top three startups, Peekaboo Pixel, Neatra EnerZ Bar, and Bhumi Bloom were recognized.

ORATOR'S PODIUM 2025-26

Mahatma Gandhi Elocution Trophy Competition 2025-26

H.L. College of Commerce, in association with the **Times of India**, organized the all Gujarat Mahatma Gandhi Elocution Trophy Competition on **3rd February 2026** on the topic "Is the principle of "**Less is More**" a source of societal strength or is it a silent erosion of human ambition?" 15 teams made up of 30 students from 5 universities across Gujarat participated in the competition. The panel of judges comprised of **Shri Pradip Kumar Das from the Times of India, Retd Principal Dr Indira Nityanandam and Shri Trilok Sanghani from Akashvani**. The team from St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, lifted the coveted trophy as the best team. Swara Trivedi, Mishri Vora and Chaitasi Bhatt were declared the 3 best individual speakers and were awarded Advocate Saurabh Soparkar Cash Prizes and certificates. The HLCC Team comprised of Mahak Methani (SY Fintech) and Tejaswi Sharma (SY Fintech).

The college also organized the inter-class S.C. Dwivedi Elocution Trophy Competition for Excellence in Oratory and Public Speaking on 27th January 2026. 40 students registered of which Kushal Dayma (TY) won the 1st prize, Nikhil Adnani (SY) the 2nd prize and Riddhi Jethwa (FY3) the 3rd prize.

Kushal Dayma (TY) was declared the winner and Jeeya Parikh (TY) was the first runner up at the state-level Commerce Idol Competition organized by City C.U. Shah College, Ahmedabad, on 7th January 2026. Riddhiba Jadeja (TY) also participated in the competition.

Riddhiba Jadeja (TY) secured the 2nd prize at the state-level Open Book Exam in Management Prin T J Rana Trophy Competition organized by City C U Shah College, Ahmedabad, on 10th January 2026. Jeeya Parikh (TY) also participated in the competition.

Misri Upadhyay (TY) secured the second position at the Late Shri Kantilal Solanki state-level Elocution Competition organized at the H L College of Commerce on 10th February 2026. Students from 28 colleges participated in this competition.

Asmita Pandey (FY4) represented the college at the inter-college Swami Vivekanand Elocution Competition organized by Faculty of Commerce, GLS University, on 5th January 2026. Students from 24 colleges participated in this competition.

Sneha Solanki (FY3) represented the college at an inter-college state-level elocution competition organized by Yuvak Vikas Trust, Ahmedabad, on 30th January 2026. Students from 27 colleges participated in this competition.

The team comprising Dhvani Kadodwala (SY4) and Riddhi Jethwa (FY3) represented the college at the Mahadev Desai Vijaypadma and Karnik Hathisingh Vijaypadma Elocution Competition organized by L.D. Arts College, Ahmedabad, on 21st February 2026.

College students represented the college at the Gujarat University Youth Festival in various competitions such as Elocution, Debate, and Quiz at inter-college and inter-zonal levels. The college debate team comprising Misri Upadhyay (TY) and Nishtha Shah (SY) was declared one of the best three teams at the inter-college level and secured the second position at the inter-zonal level.

The Orator's Podium also organized an inter-class Quiz competition on 28th January 2026 which saw participation from 45 students. As a part of the College Cultural Festival Expressions, an intra-college poetry recitation competition and personality contest were organized.

Fun Zone at HL

Zhankarbeats Dance Club 2025-26

On 4 August 2025, H. L. College of Commerce hosted its much-awaited cultural showcase, **Dance Dhamaka**, celebrating rhythm, creativity, and student talent. The event commenced with a warm student welcome, the rendition of the HL Song, and an elegant Ganesh Vandana that set an auspicious tone before the competitive segment began.

The competition was judged by renowned choreographer Dev Wadhvani, Lead Choreographer and Tutor at SDA Dance Studio, whose distinguished career includes state-level accolades and performances before Narendra Modi. His professional experience, including academic engagement with DAIICT, added depth and professionalism to the evaluation process. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Prof. In-charge Dr. Nitin Verma and Dr. Radha Tiwari.

Out of 67 applicants, 35 performers were shortlisted to present 15 acts across Solo, Duet, and Group categories before an audience of nearly 900 students, faculty, and staff. The winners were Gazal Mehta (Solo), Diya Morvani and Vanshika Parmar (Duet), and Himani Prajapati & Group (Group).

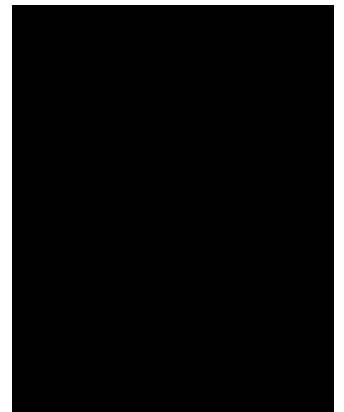
The year also witnessed notable individual achievements, with Benita Bejoy (SY) securing top honours at major cultural competitions and Deepa Chhatwani (TY) serving as a judge at Synapse, DAIICT, for two consecutive years. Overall, the event and related accomplishments reflected the institution's vibrant cultural ethos and commitment to nurturing artistic excellence.



HARMONY CLUB

Students of H. L. College of Commerce actively distinguished themselves in prestigious cultural and musical platforms during the academic year, reflecting the institution's commitment to nurturing artistic talent alongside academic excellence.

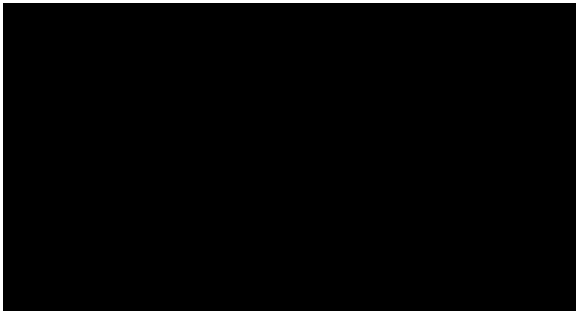
Bhargav Mehta represented the college at *Mediutsav 2026* held at Gujarat University on 7 February 2026 in the Instrumental Solo (Guitar) category. Demonstrating remarkable musical proficiency and stage confidence, he secured a position among the Top Three, earning recognition in a highly competitive university-level event.



Vaidehi Thakkar participated in the **27th Madanmohan Ramanlal Sur-Sangeet Competition**, an esteemed inter-college platform dedicated to Gujarati film music from 1932 to the present, continuing a tradition established during the host institution's Silver Jubilee year. Her participation reflected dedication to preserving and presenting regional musical heritage.

Malhar Gadhavi showcased his vocal talent at multiple renowned platforms. He performed in the 4th edition of the **OTLO Collaboration Show at Kalasmruti**, an event organized in association with reputed cultural collaborators, and later delivered a celebrated folk performance at *Radhiyali Raat*, sharing the stage with eminent artists such as Hemant Chauhan and Yogesh Gadhavi. His performances were widely appreciated for authenticity and vibrant stage presence. He was also invited as a guest singer at the traditional "Labh Na Garba" celebration during Navratri and curated *Lok-Mehfil*, a folk music gathering in Ahmedabad aimed at reconnecting youth with indigenous musical traditions.

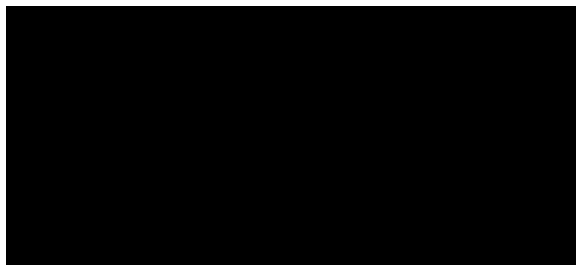
Vraj Rajput brought significant laurels to the college by winning the *Singing Star reality show* broadcast on DD Girnar in June 2025, followed by securing the Winner's Title at the All-India Tulichant Talented Star Singing Competition in December 2025, along with a cash prize and trophy for outstanding vocal performance. He was awarded the Winner's Title, along with a cash prize of 1,00,000 and a trophy for his outstanding performance.



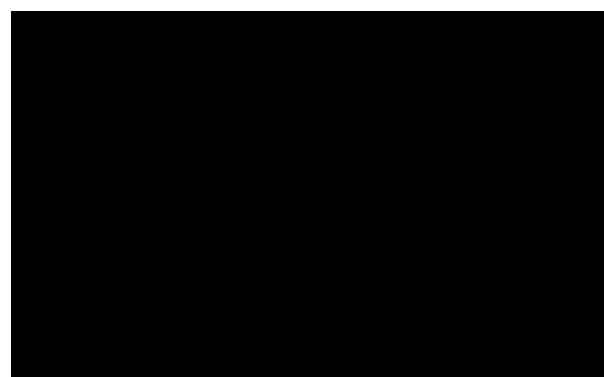
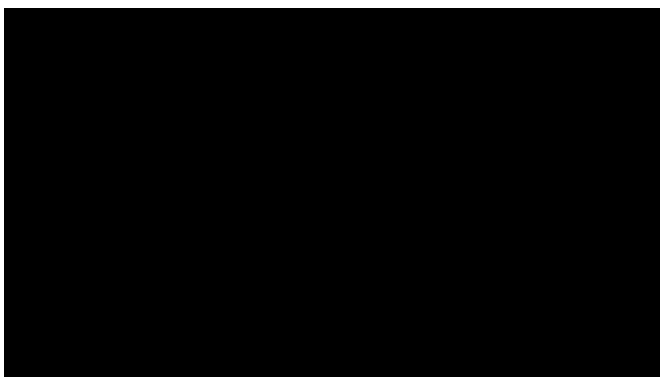
To encourage collaborative creativity on campus, a Music Jamming Session was organized on 11 October 2025 in the college canteen, led by Vaidehi Thakkar and Harshit Sonigara. The informal format enabled students from diverse departments to engage in spontaneous group singing and instrumental collaboration, fostering community bonding through music.

Swaranubhuti – A Journey into Music:

The Harmony Club of H. L. College of Commerce organised a five-day music workshop, *Swaranubhuti*, from 8–13 August 2025 to nurture students' musical aptitude and appreciation. The workshop was conducted under the expert guidance of Balin Sir and Moupriya Ma'am, who brought energy and creativity to the sessions.



The workshop blended theoretical understanding with practical training in rhythm, vocal techniques, harmonization, and cultural expression through interactive sessions, guided practice, and group performances. Participants received focused mentoring in melody, listening skills, and expressive singing, enabling them to develop confidence and artistic clarity. The programme concluded with a student presentation showcasing their learning, and was widely appreciated for enriching students' creative engagement and musical skills.



The HLCC's Economics Club continued its journey of academic excellence and leadership during the academic year 2025–26. The club witnessed remarkable growth in membership from 36 members last year to 236 members this year, reflecting increasing academic engagement and institutional trust.

The year was marked by research presentations and publications by members, organisation of the first-ever Inter-Class Economics Quiz Competition, and active participation in national and international academic conferences.

1. Decoding Economic Survey 2025–26 & Union Budget 2026–27:

Date: 21 February 2026

Venue: HLCC Auditorium

Participants: 150

The session offered key insights into the Economic Survey 2025–26 and Union Budget 2026–27. It covered fiscal consolidation, capital expenditure, growth projections, and macroeconomic stability. Students connected theory with real-time policy developments and strengthened their analytical understanding. The session ended with an interactive discussion and Q&A, and students were satisfied with the expert's responses.

2. Quizonomics – Inter-Class Economics Quiz Competition:

Date: 09 February 2026 | **Venue:** HLCC Auditorium | **Participants:** 57

For the first time in the history of HLCC, the club organised an Inter-Class Economics Quiz Competition, creating a platform for academic competitiveness and conceptual clarity.

The quiz consisted of five intellectually curated rounds named after eminent Indian economists:

-The Dadabhai Naoroji Round – MCQ-based Elimination -The P. Chidambaram Round – Special Round on Economic Survey & Union Budget

-The C. Rangarajan Round – Visual & Data Interpretation Round

-The Raghuram Rajan Round – Case Study-based Strategic Round

-The Amartya Sen Round – Three-Clue Conceptual Round

Teams from FY 4, SY 3, and Fintech SY qualified for the Grand Finale.

Results:

Winner: SY 3 – Tanay Suthar, Rishi Shukla, Yash Patel.

1st Runner-Up: Fintech SY – Aarjav Jain, Tejaswi Sharma, Yug Shukla.

2nd Runner-Up: FY 4 – Niyati Adesara, Moksh Rathod, Kanak Rajput.

All participants received participation certificates.

Winners were awarded gift hampers and merit certificates.

3. Two-Day International Seminar – Gujarat Commerce College:

Date: 02–03 February 2026 | **Venue:** Gujarat Commerce College, Ahmedabad | **Participants:** 3

A three-member delegation from the HLCC Economics Club represented the college at the international seminar on IKS and NEP 2020 for Viksit Bharat @2047. The team presented a research paper on PM Gati Shakti and its role in boosting regional growth and MSME export competitiveness. The paper was successfully published in *The International Multidisciplinary Journal*, marking a notable academic achievement for the club.

4. 9th International Conference on Law & Economics – GNLU:

Date: 16–18 January 2026 | **Venue:** GNLU, Gandhinagar | **Participants:** 7

A seven-member delegation - Yug Nagar, Tanay Suthar, Deep Bambhaniya, Abhishank Jella, Ankit Andani, Rajvi Tale, and Yagnik Raychura - represented the HLCC Economics Club at the 9th International Conference on Law & Economics. The conference featured discussions on economic regulation, governance frameworks, competition policy, and public policy design. Participation provided valuable interdisciplinary exposure, strengthened networking, and reinforced the club's commitment to research-driven learning.

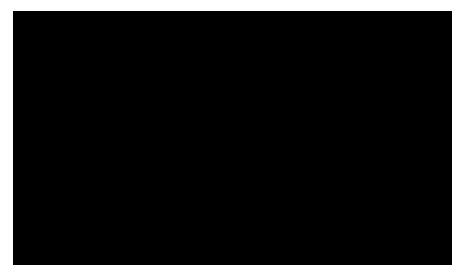
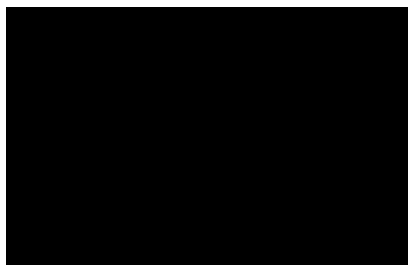
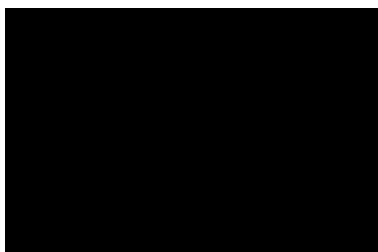
5. EGROW Foundation Webinar Series (50+ Webinars)

Venue: Online (Webex) | **Participants:** 80–150 per session | **Certification:** E-certificates

In collaboration with the EGROW Foundation, the club successfully organized a series of 50+ webinars featuring eminent economists, policymakers, diplomats, and academicians. Conducted online via Webex with an average participation of 80–150 attendees per session, the series provided students with structured exposure to contemporary global economic, fiscal, and geopolitical developments. Participants were awarded E-certificates, adding academic value to their learning experience.

The series covered diverse and significant themes across 2025–26. On 10 January 2026, *Fiscal Policy for Viksit Bharat*, chaired by Ashima Goyal, featured discussions by Dr. R. Vaidyanathan, Prof. N.K. Bishnoi, and Prof. E. Bijoykumar Singh on fiscal discipline, deficit management, capital expenditure priorities, and the roadmap toward *Viksit Bharat@2047*. On 20 February 2026, *Impact of US Tariffs on India and Asian Countries*, chaired by Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi (VC, IIFT), with Warwick J. McKibbin and Biswajit Nag as speakers, examined tariff policies, export competitiveness, supply chains, and trade diplomacy. Earlier sessions included *Diplomacy in War (Operation Sindoor – Visit to 33 Countries)* on 4 July 2025, chaired by Amb. Manjeev Puri, which explored India's diplomatic strategies during geopolitical crises.

Regional and structural economic discussions formed a major component of the series. Sessions on Manipur (18 July 2025 | 35 participants), Tripura (1 August 2025 | 33 participants), Meghalaya (22 August 2025 | 38 participants), and Mizoram (26 September 2025 | 32 participants) analyzed state-specific challenges, agrarian dependency, infrastructure gaps, employment issues, and sustainable growth pathways. Other key sessions included *Global Implications of Population Aging* (11 July 2025 | 26 participants), *Trump, Tariffs, and Indo-US Trade* (4 August 2025 | 56 participants), and *75 Years of the Indian National Sample Survey* (29 August 2025 | 47 participants). The series significantly enhanced students' understanding of fiscal governance, demographic transitions, and evidence-based policymaking.

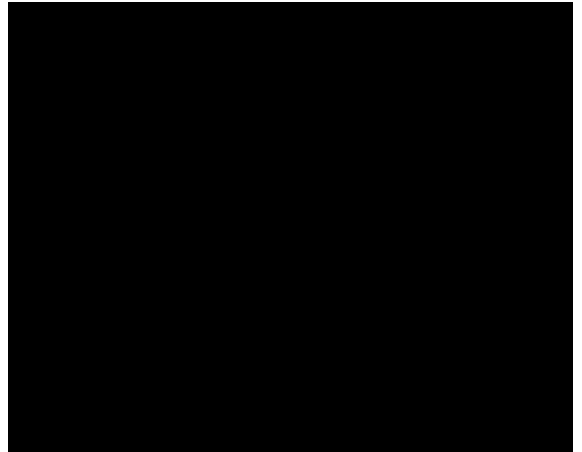




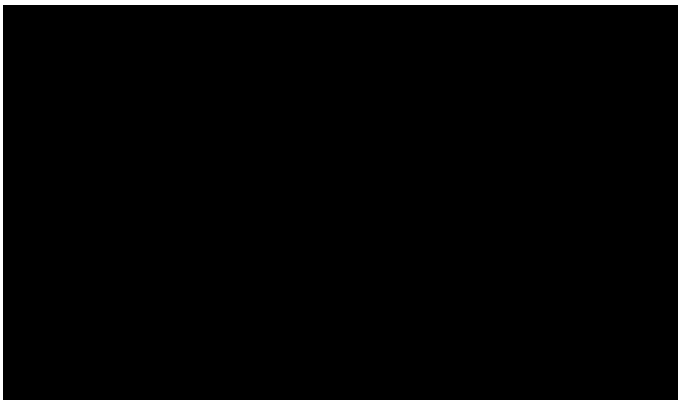
RAINBOW PALETTE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Art & Craft Workshop for Youth Festival Preparation

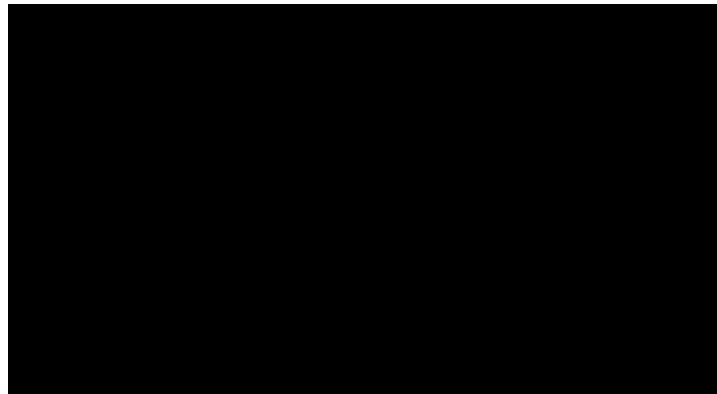
On September 3 and 5, 2025, H. L. College of Commerce organized an **Art & Craft Workshop for Youth Festival Preparation** under the Rainbow Palette Club (RPC) at the HL Library, HLCC Campus. The sessions were conducted by expert artist Ms. Pooja Sharma from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, with coordination by Prof. Dr. Hiren Doshi, and were attended by 21 students from Grant-in-Aid and Self-Finance programs. The workshop aimed to provide structured guidance to students preparing for Youth Festival competitions. Through interactive, hands-on training, participants practiced various categories including On-the-Spot Painting, Collage Making, Poster Making, Cartooning, Mehendi, and Rangoli. The expert guided students on theme interpretation, concept development, colour harmony, creativity, time management, and presentation techniques, while offering individual feedback to



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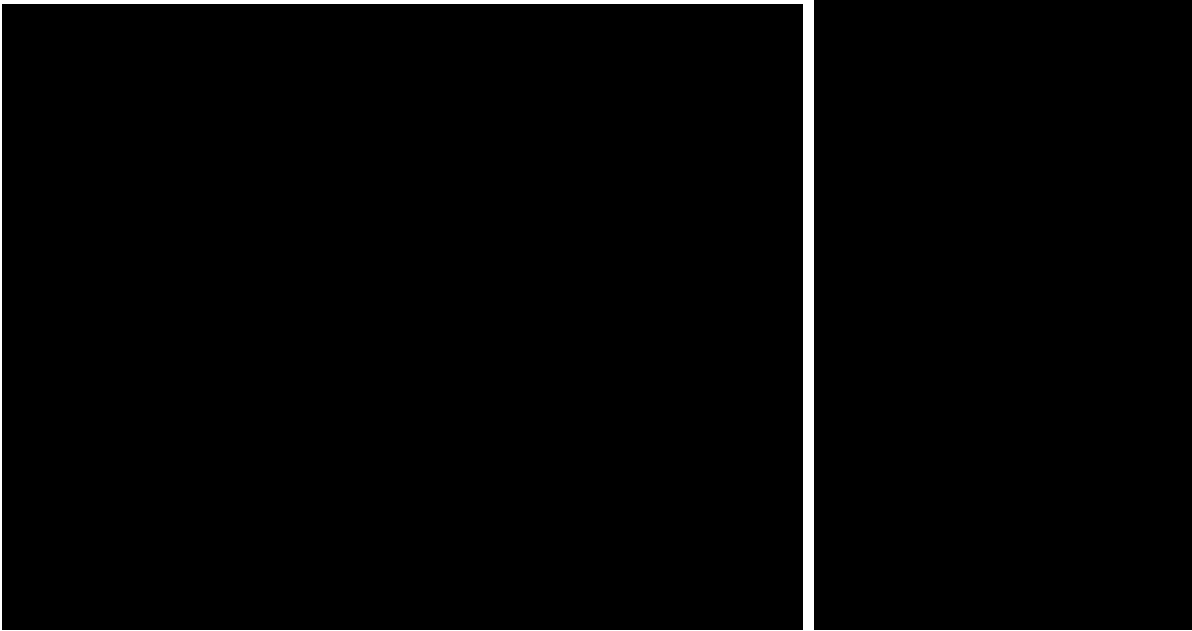


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Activity 2: Art & Craft Competition

From **30th July to 1st August 2025**, H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous) organized an **Art & Craft Competition** under the Rainbow Palette Club (RPC) at the HL Library, 2nd Floor, HLCC Campus, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM for students of Grant-in-Aid and Self-Finance programmes. Guided by expert guests Ms. Pooja Sharma and **Ms. Khyati Kothari and coordinated by Prof. Dr. Hiren Doshi**, the event saw active participation from 21 students. The competition included activities such as On-the-Spot Painting, Collage Making, Poster Making, Cartooning, Mehendi, and Rangoli, providing students with an opportunity to creatively express their ideas while working within a set time limit. The initiative aimed to promote artistic exposure, creativity, and meaningful engagement by encouraging students to use art as a medium to reflect themes of culture, harmony, and social awareness, and it concluded with the felicitation of winners, leaving participants with an enriching and confidence-building experience.



HLCC (AUTONOMOUS) THEATRE ARTIST CLUB

THEATRE WORKSHOP – 4 DAYS OF CREATIVE EXPRESSION:

From July 29 to August 1, HLCC organized a dynamic and engaging 4-day Theatre Workshop, curated to enhance students' creative expression, stage confidence, and interpersonal skills. The workshop began with a warm welcome and introductory session, featuring addresses by the principal and mentors. Through an interactive ice-breaking activity and trust-building exercises, participants quickly grew comfortable with each other. The focus was on expressive movement, hand gestures, voice modulation, and imaginative scene work, even with eyes closed— setting the tone for a creative journey.

Day 2:

This day was focused on physical and vocal presence. Activities like emotional and slow-motion walks helped

participants embody different characters. A voice modulation and stage positioning session by Sanjay Galsar Sir emphasized pitch control, breath, and delivery. Later, Ambar sir conducted a modelling session to sharpen body language, expression, and runway-style confidence.

Day 3:

This day brought participants on stage through group improvisations. The performances built upon previous learnings—body language, coordination, and emotion. Faraz Rauma Sir led an insightful session on character development, storytelling, and the technicalities of theatre production, including lights, sound, and backstage management.

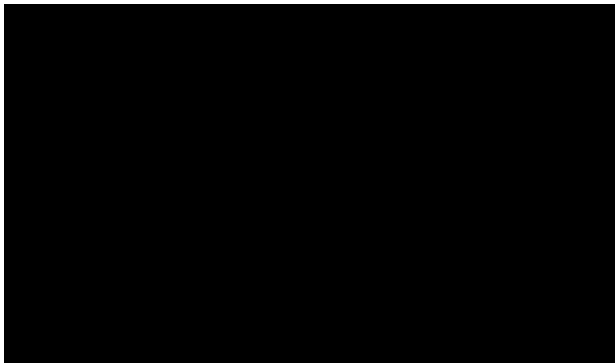
On the final day, students engaged in situational performances, using spontaneous dialogue and quick character creation. A special mini-play by the Organizing Committee added inspiration. The day ended in laughter, applause, and heartfelt takeaways. The workshop left participants not only more expressive and confident but deeply connected to the art of theatre—ready to carry those lessons beyond the stage.

TEACHER’S DAY CELEBRATION 2025 **A Tribute to Our Mentors**

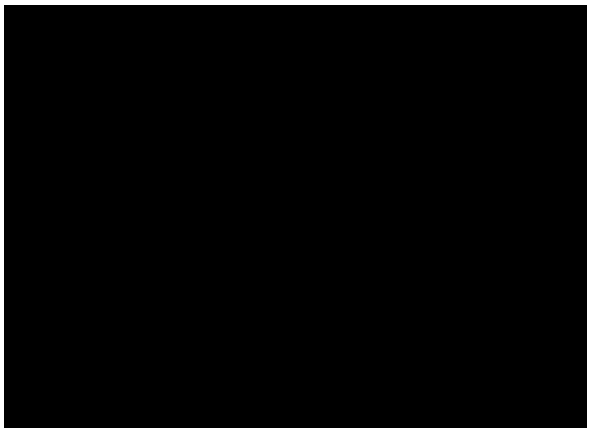
Date: 05th September, 2024. **Event:** Teacher’s Day Celebration. **Venue:** HLCC Auditorium

The Teachers’ Day celebration at HLCC was observed with sincerity and enthusiasm. The program began with a speech by our principal, Mona Ma’am, who underlined the significance of teachers as mentors and their role in shaping the academic and personal growth of students.

This was followed by a video presentation prepared by the students. Through this tribute, they expressed their gratitude and acknowledged the efforts of teachers in guiding them. Adding a unique touch to the event, students also conducted two lectures by taking the role of teachers. This activity created a lively atmosphere and symbolized respect for the profession.



The felicitation ceremony recognized the faculty for their dedication, during which handmade cards created by students were presented as a thoughtful gesture of appreciation. The cultural segment of the program included performances by the Harmony Club, which presented musical pieces, and poetry recitals by students that added depth to the occasion. A ceremonial cake cutting further enhanced the collective spirit of the day. The celebration continued with additional performances by the Harmony Club, followed by dynamic presentations by the Zhankar beats Club, which engaged the audience and grabbed their attention. The program concluded with the HL Song, which brought together teachers and students in a



moment of unity and respect, marking a memorable end to the celebration.

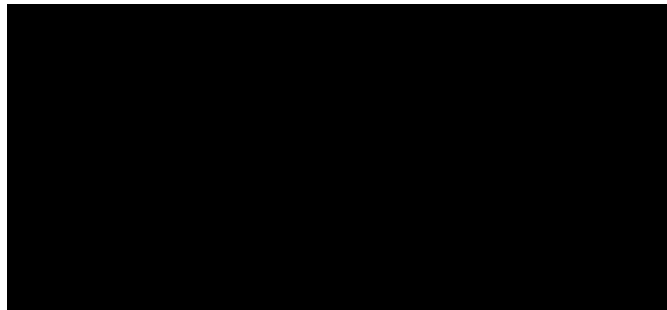
COLLEGIATE WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT CELL (CWDC)

The Collegiate Women Development Cell (CWDC) at HLCC is committed to fostering empowerment, awareness, and skill development among students through various initiatives. By organizing programs that address crucial aspects such as cybersecurity, health, self-defence, and personality development, CWDC aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for their holistic growth. These events serve as a platform to engage with experts, promote proactive learning, and create a supportive environment for personal and professional development.

Health & Hygiene Seminar on Menstrual Awareness

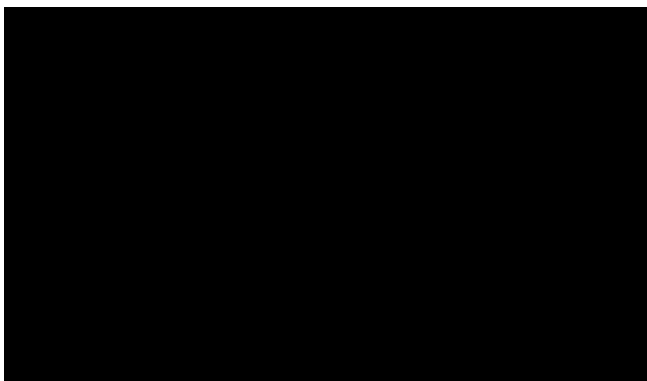
The College Women’s Development Cell, in collaboration with OBG Research Group, organized a Health & Hygiene Seminar on 30 December 2025 at H. L. College of Commerce, attended by approximately 100 female students. The programme included pre- and post-assessments, an expert talk, a live demonstration on menstrual cup usage, and interactive discussions focused on menstrual hygiene, sustainable alternatives, and safe health practices.

The session enhanced students’ practical understanding of menstrual health and the correct use and maintenance of eco-friendly products, empowering them to make informed choices while helping dispel social stigma and promote women’s well-being.



Career Guidance & Financial Literacy Program

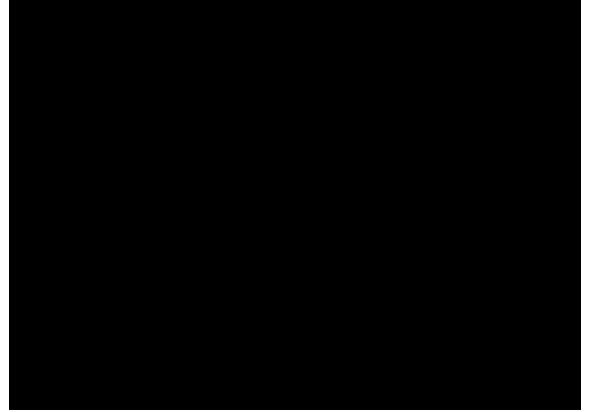
The College Women’s Development Cell organized a Women Empowerment Programme on 9 December 2025 in collaboration with EduNet Foundation and Microsoft to strengthen digital literacy and career readiness among women students. The initiative provided industry-oriented exposure to emerging tools and technologies, including Excel, Power BI, Python, Prompt Engineering, and AI-based applications. The programme introduced a 180-hour certified training offered free of cost, enabling participants to acquire future-ready technological skills, explore AI-driven career pathways, and build confidence, leadership, and economic independence, thereby contributing to



bridging the digital gender gap.

Seminar: “Body Speaks — Are You Listening?”

The College Women’s Development Cell (CWDC) organized a Health Awareness Seminar on 19 January 2026, conducted by Aishwarya Patel. The session addressed key aspects of women’s health, including menstrual well-being, PCOS, thyroid concerns, nutrition, sleep, and stress management. Approximately 120 students participated in the interactive programme, which blended medical expertise with practical lifestyle guidance. The seminar enhanced students’ understanding of hormonal health and preventive care, encouraged open dialogue on sensitive health issues, and promoted informed, proactive approaches to overall well-being among young women.

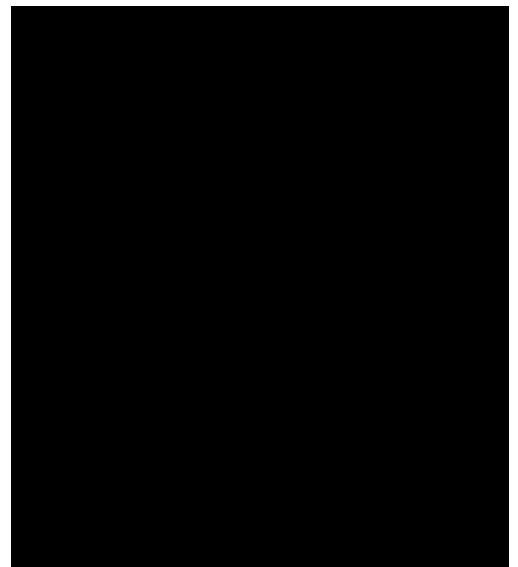


HLCC MUN – 2025

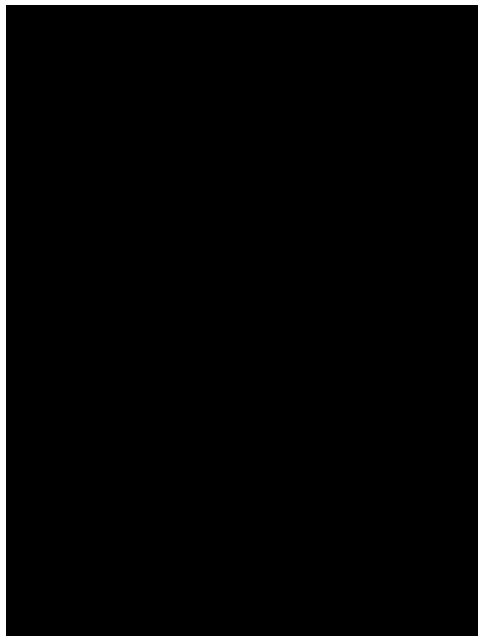
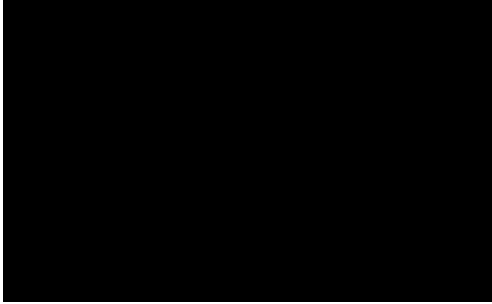
Edition of HLCC MUN:

The 11th Edition of HLCC MUN was held on **29th, 30th, and 31st August 2025** with 9 versatile Committees, bringing together bright young minds to deliberate on pressing global issues with gracefulness, collaboration, and leadership. Staying true to its vision of “Empowering Youth”, the conference provided a platform for students to engage in meaningful discussions, develop leadership skills, and work towards building a better future. True to its tagline, “Where Words Worth Worlds”, the event highlighted the power of dialogue and diplomacy.

The **Research Mastery Webinar** was conducted on **27 August 2025** via **YouTube Live**, focusing on understanding the difference between the **United Nations (UN) and Model United Nations (MUN)** while building strong research skills. The **UN Committees Session**, led by **Mr. Akshat Nishad**, witnessed **250+ participants** and covered procedural differences, credible research techniques, speech drafting, and avoiding plagiarism. The **Indian Committees Session**, led by **Mr. Mahee Vyas**, also engaged **nearly 250 participants**, explaining Indian parliamentary simulations, constituency-based research, and structured debate protocols. Both sessions were highly insightful and effectively prepared delegates for the **11th Edition of HLCC MUN**.



To expand outreach, the Organising Committee conducted a **Principal Meet Initiative**, approaching **40 institutions** across schools, colleges, and universities through a **two-step process: telephonic coordination followed by in-person visits**. Official brochures, letterheads, and event briefings were presented, strengthening institutional partnerships and expanding the conference's academic footprint. Additionally, a series of **orientations** promoted awareness about MUN, emphasizing **global awareness, public speaking, teamwork, and leadership**. The initiative received enthusiastic support and generated strong registrations, resulting in **575+ delegate participation**, fostering interest in diplomacy and global affairs.



The event was supported by **EKOCHING**, which enhanced campus visibility and delegate kit promotions. A **Master Class** by **Mr. Rohan Garg (Founder, Ekoching Education Center)** focused on profile building, MBA pathways, and career planning, encouraging balanced academic and extracurricular growth. Finally, the **Organising Committee**, through coordinated efforts across **PR, Creative, Outreach, Finance, and Hospitality**, ensured seamless execution and delivered a smooth, impactful conference experience.



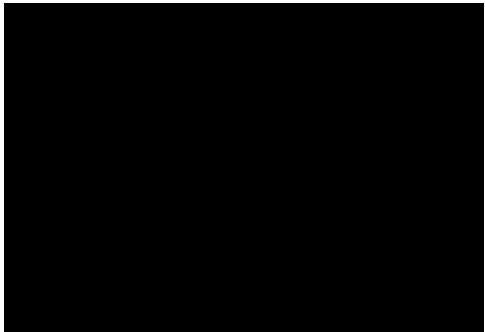
EXPRESSIONS – 2026

Summary of the Event:

Expressions 2026, the annual cultural festival of H L College of Commerce, was successfully organized as a five-day interclass cultural celebration. The festival aimed to provide a structured platform for students to demonstrate their artistic, intellectual, managerial, and leadership capabilities. The event witnessed large-scale participation, enthusiastic audience engagement, and seamless coordination by student committees.

Day 1 – Humshakals (Group Day):

The festival commenced with Humshakals Day, fostering bonding and campus-wide enthusiasm as students participated in coordinated twin attire and creative representations. The S.C. Dwivedi Interclass Elocution Competition on the theme of youth savings, promoted public speaking, financial awareness, and analytical thinking. The Treasure Hunt tested logical reasoning, teamwork, and time management skills, while the Doodling Competition provided a platform for artistic imagination and creative expression.






Day 2 – Jashn - e - Cinema (Bollywood Day):

Day 2 celebrated the charm of the Retro Bollywood era, with students showcasing creativity through vintage fashion and themed performances. The Quiz Competition was conducted through multiple competitive rounds, evaluating knowledge, coordination, and quick decision making. Food and game stalls at HL Plaza encouraged entrepreneurial exposure and student initiative. The day concluded with the Mehndi Competition, highlighting traditional design skills and cultural artistry.

Day 3 – Cultural

Carnival (Traditional Day):

The Cultural Carnival brought vibrant ethnic participation, reflecting India's rich diversity and heritage. The IPL Auction was a major highlight, encouraging budgeting skills, negotiation strategies, and team planning. The Personality Contest allowed participants to exhibit confidence, communication skills, and professional aptitude. The Rangoli Competition further enriched the festival by promoting traditional Indian art and creativity.

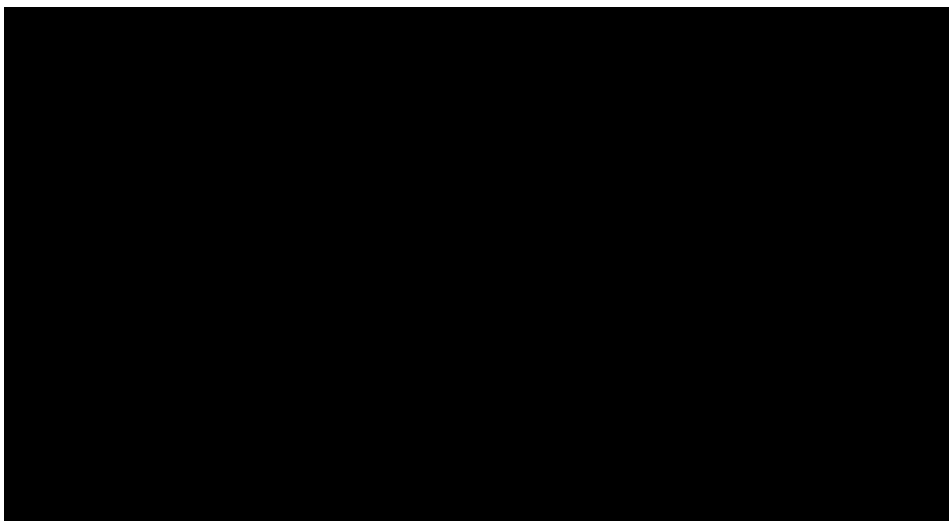


Day 4 – Autographia! (Signature Day):

Signature Day provided students an opportunity to celebrate friendships and document their academic journey through written messages and reflections. The Poetry Competition encouraged literary expression and originality of thought. The high-energy Roadies Event combined physical challenges with strategic tasks, promoting resilience and teamwork. The Canvas Painting Competition added depth to the artistic dimension of the festival.

Day 5 – HL's Got Talent (The Grand Wrap):

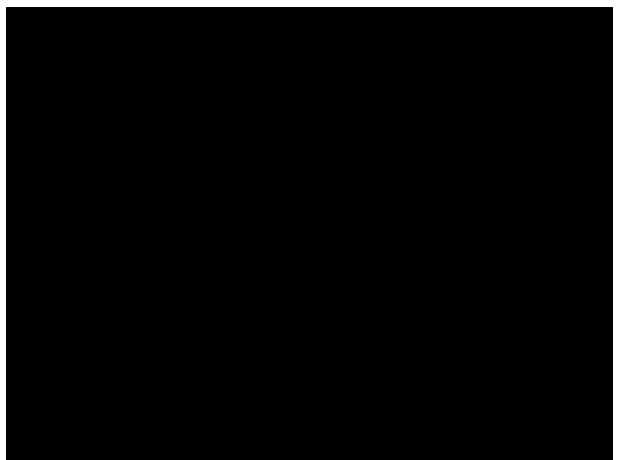
The concluding day marked the grand culmination of Expressions 2026, bringing together the finest talents of the entire week onto one prestigious stage. The Music Competition showcased exceptional vocal and instrumental talent. The Theatre Performances presented impactful storytelling and strong coordination. The Dance Competition energized the audience with dynamic choreography and stage presence. The Fashion Show stood out with creative themes and confident presentations. The festival concluded with a formal Prize Distribution Ceremony, where winners across competitions were recognized and awarded. The Grand Finale reflected months of planning, efficient execution, and collaborative leadership by the organizing team, ensuring a memorable and successful closure to Expressions 2026.



HLCC MOCK MUN 2026: SHIKHAR 2026

SHIKHAR 2026 (Crafted by HLCC MUN) was envisioned as a dynamic platform to strengthen structured deliberation, strategic thinking, and leadership among students. Upholding the motto “Empowering Youth,” the forum encouraged participants to engage in informed discussions on global and domestic issues while representing diverse nations, organisations, and political perspectives.

The conference featured six versatile committees, blending conventional bodies such as the Gujarat Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha with innovative forums including the African Union Forum on Continental Priorities, the Council of Episteme, and Index Business. The International Press further documented proceedings through journalism and photography, broadening the event’s intellectual scope and interdisciplinary engagement.



Strong outreach efforts supported the event's reach. The Organising Committee connected with 78 institutions through principal meets and institutional visits, while orientation sessions across schools and colleges generated enthusiastic student participation and registrations.

by Preparatory Rules of Procedure sessions ensured delegate readiness. The AUFCP session held on 30 January 2026 was led by Chairperson Mr. Akshat Nishad and Vice-Chairperson Ms. Shivangi Shah. On 31 January 2026, Mr. Vinay Gupta conducted the Council of Episteme session focusing on the theme of free will, followed by the Index Business session led Mr. Pratham Maheshwari, which guided delegates on research methods and committee procedures.

The event was supported by sponsors IMS, Mehta Family, Keystone, and Expert Education, and further strengthened by the guidance of Advisory Board members Ms. Tithi Chaudhari, Ms. Manisha Kumavat, and Mr. Kushal Dayma. Special acknowledgement was extended to Ms. Deepali Fanase, Mr. Om Kanakhara, Mr. Roshan Chopda, Ms. Priyanka Nebhani, and Ms. Rinkal Chavda, whose contributions, along with the dedicated Organising Committee, ensured the smooth and professional execution of SHIKHAR 2026.

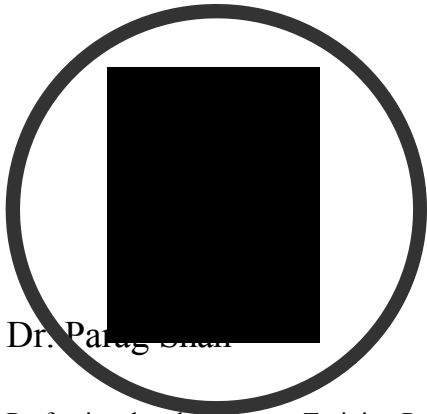
HLCC Placements / Training

The Internship and Training Program for Final Year B.Com. (Sem VI) students at H L College of Commerce was conducted during the Academic Year 2025-26 in accordance with Gujarat University guidelines, requiring students to complete 120 hours of internship or training. **Out of 538 students, 315 opted for internships, 186 enrolled in structured training programs, and 37 cases were under verification.** Students gained practical exposure in areas such as Accounting & Finance, Sales and Marketing, Back Office Operations, Teaching and Tutoring, Data Analysis, and Family Business Support. Among them, 60 students secured paid internships while 240 undertook unpaid roles, with stipends ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹15,000, most commonly between ₹5,000 and ₹6,000. Those choosing training participated in certification programs offered by Skill India Digital Hub (QUEST Alliance), Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, and Reliance Foundation Skilling, focusing on employability, communication, professional etiquette, sales skills, and career development. The program was implemented successfully, providing valuable industry exposure and helping bridge the gap between classroom learning and professional practice.

HLCC (AUTONOMOUS) – INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Smartboards and interactive panels are installed in three additional classrooms, marking another step toward strengthening our technology-enabled teaching environment. This initiative reflects the institution's vision to progressively enhance digital infrastructure and transform the entire campus into a fully hi-tech learning space in the coming years.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



Dr. Parag Shah

Professional and Corporate Training Programs

Conducted an executive training program on “Data Driven Decision Making” for senior managers of Zydus Group of Companies at Zydus corporate house.

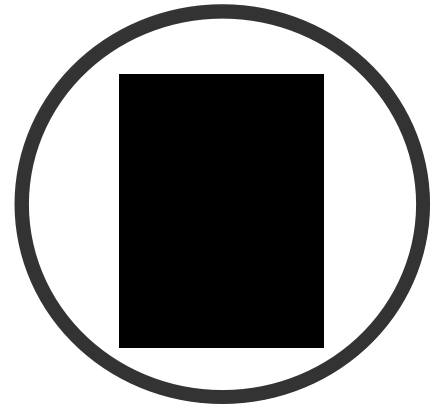
Invited & Conducted a corporate training program on “Business Analytics” for managers of Adani Group of Companies.

Invited & Delivered sessions on “Analytics for Digital Marketing” at Ahmedabad Management Association.

Served as a resource person for a workshop on “Excel for increasing efficiency at workplace” at MG Science for teachers at AES schools.

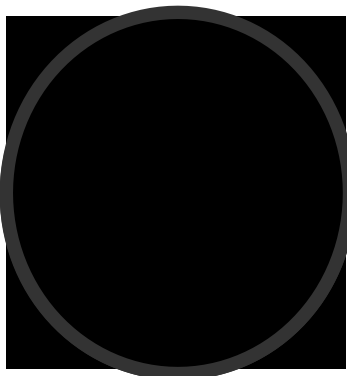
Prof. Hiren Doshi

Prof. Hiren Doshi, our esteemed faculty member at H.L. College of Commerce (Autonomous), attended workshop on Statistical analysis through excel on 3rd January, 2026.



Dr. Saroj Rana

Published research paper on AI Based Human Resource Management: Learning models for employee attrition prediction in Research matrix peer reviewed and Refereed International Multidisciplinary journal of Applied Research. ISSN: 2321-7073, volume -6/Issue -12/ July 2025, pg.n. 1 to 8, Impact factor 8.043.



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Presented a paper on AI Based Human Resource Management: Learning models for employee attrition prediction: Multi- Disciplinary International Conference on Learning Techniques in Artificial Intelligence, organized by IQAC, Maniben M P Shah Mahila Arts College, Kadi on the date 25th & 26th July, 2025.

Presented a paper Impact of cloud Accounting Software on Financial Reporting: A case study of ONGC: International Conference on Literature, Social Science, Regional Studies & Management practices on “ Indian knowledge system”, organized by V. N.S.B. Ltd. Arts & Commerce college, Vadnagar on 12th & 13th September 2025.

Attended Refresher Course in Commerce, Accountancy, Management & Business Economics organized by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from June 23 to July 05,2025.

Attended ten days FDP on NEP-2020: Orientation & Sensitization, organized by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, JNV University, Rajasthan, from 22 to 30 September 2025.

Attended ten days FDP on NEP-2020: Orientation & Sensitization, organized by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, Gujarat University, from 1-08-25 to 12-08- 25.

Attended webinar on Making Classroom More Engaging and Effective organized by KCG on 21—08-25.

Attended six days FDP on “ Artificial Intelligence in various domains of business” organized by the Department of Management studies, Rajalakshmi Engineering college, from 29th December to 3rd January, 2026.

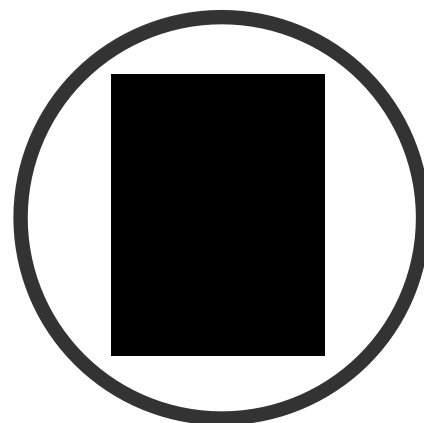
Dr. Sandip Parmar

Received an **Award** for “**Excellence in Innovative Teaching**” at 13th International Conference on Gen Z in Focus: Education, Research & Responsible Citizenship – Where Innovation Meets Responsibility organized by Maniben M. P. Shah Arts College, Kadi and Ladhidevi Ramdhar Maheswari Night College of Commerce, Mumbai in association with Global Academic Assessment Consortium held on 12th & 13th December,2025.

Invited as a Chair Person for Two Days International Seminar on 2nd & 3rd February,2026 for the theme on “From Ancient India to Modern Enterprise: Introducing IKS and NEP 2020 for Viksit Bharat@2047” organized by the IQAC and Research Development Cell of Gujarat Commerce College with the collaboration of Higher Education Department of Gujarat & KCG.

Published a Research Paper on “Sustainable Packaging : A Consumer Perspective on Global Trends and the Indian Context” in A Global Journal of Humanities, Peer Reviewed and Open Access Journal, Impact Factor: 5.551, ISSN: 2581-5857 in January,2026, GAP Bodhi Taru – Vol. 9.

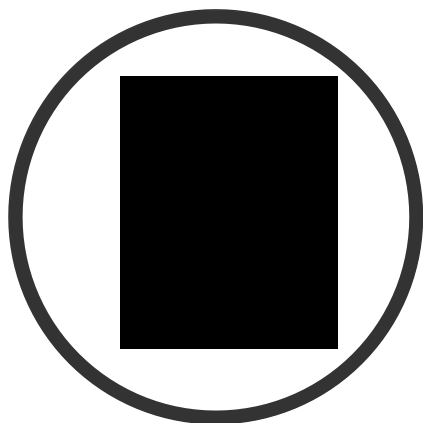
Presented a paper on “A Study on Impact of Education on Purchasing Decision of Gen Z Consumers for Electronic Home Appliances” at 13th International Conference on Gen Z in Focus: Education, Research & Responsible Citizenship – Where Innovation Meets Responsibility organized by Maniben M. P. Shah Arts College, Kadi and Ladhidevi Ramdhar Maheswari



Night College of Commerce, Mumbai in association with Global Academic Assessment Consortium held on 12th & 13th December, 2025.

Participated & Successfully Completed “NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme” under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of UGC jointly organized by UGC- MMTC, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad from 19th to 30th January, 2026.

Dr. Radha Tiwari



- Published the book *Introduction to Macro Finance* (ISBN: 978-93-7105-310-5) in January 2026 with Himalaya Publishing House, developed as a reference text for MDC and undergraduate students of H.L. College of Commerce.

- Authored a Scopus-indexed research article titled *Risk-Benefit Ratios in Public Health Programs: A Comparative Study of Outcomes in Maternal Health Interventions* published in the Journal of Neonatal Surgery (Vol. 14, Issue 4, 2025) by El-Med-Pub, contributing to interdisciplinary research in public policy, healthcare, and economic evaluation.

- Presented and published the paper *Evaluating the Accuracy and Usefulness of AI-Driven Modules in Macroeconomic Forecasting* at the Multidisciplinary International Conference on Learning Techniques in Artificial Intelligence (2025), featured in the peer-reviewed journal Research Matrix.

- Published conference proceedings paper *Harnessing Artificial Intelligence in Economic Learning and Practice: Transformations, Forecasts and Ethical Frontier* at the International Conference on The Future of Learning: How AI is Reshaping Society, addressing AI integration, ethics, and policy implications in economics education.

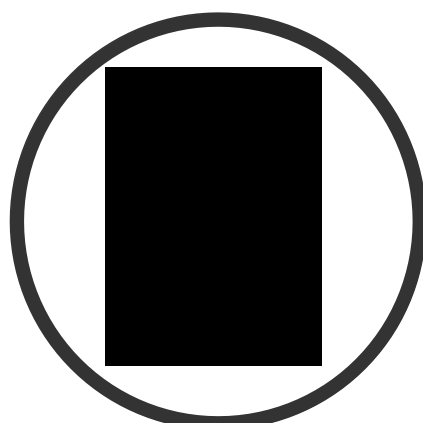
- Successfully completed the Faculty Induction Programme conducted by University of Hyderabad under MMTC (17 November–13 December 2025), strengthening pedagogical and academic leadership competencies.

- Participated in the One-Day Workshop on AI and Research organized by Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat on 22 January 2026 for advanced research and AI applications in academia.

- Served as Session Chair at the GNLU Technical Session invited by GNLU Centre for Law and Economics and CEARLIS during 16–18 January 2026.

- Acted as Session Chair for paper presentation tracks at FINCON 2025 – International Financial Security & Management Conference held at National Forensic Sciences University on 28–29 August 2025.

Dr. Akash Joshi



- Published the research paper titled “*Roots, Routes, and Self-reliance: Identity, Caste, and Migration in Indian Literature through IKS and the Ethos of Atmanirbhar Bharat*” in The Voice of Creative Research, Vol. 8, No. 1 (2026), pp. 147–161.

- Presented the paper “*Exploring the Crossroads of Homeland and Beyond: The Identity Paradox in Indian Works in the Context of Teaching*”

English Language and Literature in the Age of AI” at the One-day National Seminar on “Teaching English Language and Literature in the Age of AI,” jointly organized by Bhavan’s Sheth R.A. College of Arts & Commerce and Gujarat University English Teachers’ Association on 02 September 2025.

Dr. Pujan Parikh

Participated and successfully completed the online Guru-Dakshata Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) of 24 working days (equivalent to an Orientation Programme) conducted from **15 May 2025 to 11 June 2025**, and obtained Grade A. The programme was organized by the University Grants Commission – Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.

Participated in a Five-Day Faculty Development Programme on “Leveraging Emerging Technologies for Data Analysis” conducted from **24 to 28 November 2025** at GSFC University, Vadodara, jointly organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and GSFCU–AADC (Attended Online).

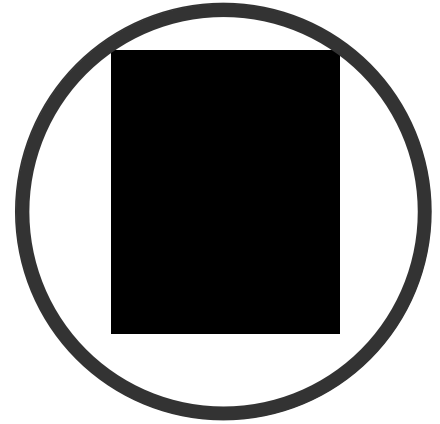
Participated in “**Accounting Conclave 2025**” held on **30 August 2025**, organized by Ahmedabad University and supported by IDFC First Bank.

Participated in an online one-day Faculty Development Programme on “Artificial Intelligence for Finance” organized by the National Initiative for Faculty Development in AI (NIFDA) on **20 December 2025**.

Participated in a One-Day Research Workshop on “From Idea to Impact: Enhancing Proposal Presentation Skills for Academic & Funding Success” conducted on **17 December 2025** at Gujarat Commerce College, Ahmedabad.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on “Recent Trends in Commerce & Accountancy” under the TEERTH initiative, conducted from **23 June 2025 to 28 June 2025**, jointly organized by Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG) and Gujarat Commerce College, Gandhinagar.

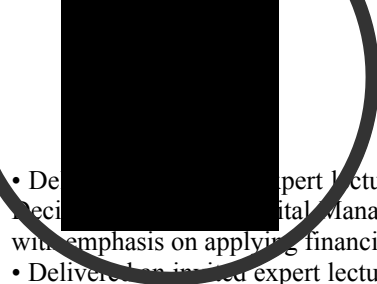
Participated in a Workshop on “Holistic Wellness through Mental Health, Yoga and Suicide Prevention” under the Training for Excellence, Efficiency, and Research Towards Higher Education (TEERTH) initiative, conducted from **11 December 2025 to 13 December 2025**, organized by the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG), Education Department, Government of Gujarat.



Peer-Reviewing

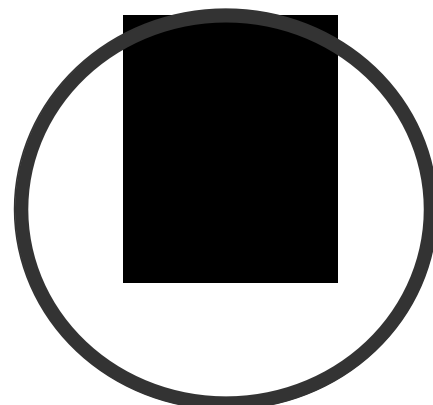
- Served as a Peer Reviewer and reviewed a research paper titled “**AI-Driven Data Governance for Transparent and Fair Student Loan Allocation in Public Institutions**” for the Asian Journal of Advanced Research and Reports in January 2026; the review was formally acknowledged by the editorial board.
- Served as a Peer Reviewer and reviewed a research paper titled “**Profile Characteristics of Banana Growers in Thottiyam Block of Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu**” for the Journal of Scientific Research and Reports in December 2025; the review was formally acknowledged by the editorial board.
- Served as a Peer Reviewer and reviewed a research paper titled “**Detecting Financial Statement Fraudulence Using Beneish M-Score and Financial Ratio Analysis: Evidence from Nigeria’s Consumer Goods Sector**” for the Asian Journal of Economics, Finance and Management in November 2025; the review was formally acknowledged by the editorial board.
- Served as a Peer Reviewer and reviewed a research paper titled “**Streamlining Indirect Taxation in India: Assessing the Transition from GST 1.0 to GST 2.0**” for the South Asian Journal of Social Studies and Economics in October 2025; the review was formally acknowledged by the editorial board.
- Served as a Peer Reviewer and reviewed a research paper titled “**Operational Internal Controls and Financial Performance Efficiency in Selected Non-Governmental Organizations: Evidence from Nairobi City County, Kenya**” for the Asian Journal of Economics, Finance and Management in August 2025; the review was formally acknowledged by the editorial board.

Dr. Payal Shastri

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- Authored an article titled – “Navigating Decentralized Finance (DeFi): Evaluating Long-Term Viability, understanding Regulatory Challenges and Exploring Real-World Applications” published in ABDC-indexed research Journal.
 - Published conference proceedings paper on “Studying The Macroeconomic Drivers Of Economic Growth: BRICS In Focus” at the International Conference.
 - Delivered an expert lecture on Financial Management, covering key areas such as Capital Budgeting and Investment Decision Making, Capital Management, Capital Structure and Cost of Capital, and Dividend Policy and Shareholder Value, with emphasis on applying financial principles to enhance organizational efficiency and long-term financial sustainability.
 - Delivered an invited expert lecture on Strategic Management, addressing foundational themes including SWOT Analysis and Environmental Scanning, Cost Leadership, Differentiation, and Focus, Corporate-Level Strategies of Expansion, Stability, Retrenchment, highlighting their relevance in guiding effective organizational decision-making and sustaining competitive advantage.
 - Successfully completed a 7-day Carbon Accounting Masterclass, enhancing understanding of sustainability reporting, emissions measurement, and climate-related financial accountability.
 - Actively participated in 7-day Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) on Innovative Teaching and Learning Pedagogy, strengthening learner-centric instructional design and contemporary academic practices.
 - Completed a 3-day intensive workshop on Mastering Systematic Literature Review and Meta-Analysis, developing advanced research synthesis, evidence evaluation, and scholarly writing competencies.
 - Attended Full-Day Faculty Development Programme (FDP – Training Program) on “How to Improve NIRF Ranking” Organised by HLCC on 5th January, 2026

Prof. Komal Kewalramani

Acted as **DigiLocker Coordinator and Exam Controller**, leading the first-ever post-autonomy implementation of DigiLocker services and overseeing the secure, systematic, and error-free uploading of student academic records.



Attended **Faculty Development Programme** (FDP – Training Program) on “A Systematic Way of Research Paper Writing” Organised by Research Foundation of India from 17th to 21st February, 2026

Attended **Faculty Development Programme** (FDP – Training Program) on “How to Improve NIRF Ranking” Organised by HLCC on 5th January, 2026

Attended Seminar On "Navigating Corporate Growth in the Era of Innovation, Compliance and Capital Market " Organised by ICSI

Attended **Webinars** Organised by ICSI on: Reporting Entity: Navigating AML/CFT Guidelines

Prof. Kaival Dave

- Published a research paper in a peer-reviewed journal indexed in the prestigious ABDC-C category, contributing meaningfully to the institution’s academic and research excellence.
- Appointed as a Member of the Board of Studies (BoS) at Anand Commerce College, actively contributing to curriculum design, academic quality enhancement, and regulatory alignment.
- Completed a specialized one-day Faculty Development Programme on “*AI Integration for Digital Era Educators,*” focusing on the effective adoption of generative AI tools and digital pedagogies in contemporary teaching–learning environments.

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We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our **generous donors**, whose contributions have played a pivotal role in recognizing and encouraging academic excellence. Their support, in the form of prestigious **medals and prizes**, not only serves as a symbol of achievement but also as an inspiration for our students to strive for greater heights. Our academic achievers will be receiving medals for prizes instituted by our donors from this year onwards.

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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we extend our sincere appreciation to **Academic Director, Dr. Shriram Nerlekar**, and the AES Management for their steadfast guidance, encouragement, and visionary leadership that continue to inspire us as we move forward.

We also convey our heartfelt thanks to our students, whose enthusiasm, discipline, and commitment to excellence remain the cornerstone of our achievements. Their accomplishments reflect not only their perseverance but also the nurturing mentorship provided by our dedicated faculty, whose unwavering efforts continue to shape capable and responsible future professionals.

We gratefully recognize the initiatives and engagements organized by the alumni association of H. L. College of Commerce, whose enduring bond with the institution motivates our present learners and reinforces a proud tradition of distinction and service.

At HLCC, we remain devoted to cultivating an academic ecosystem that promotes intellectual curiosity, innovation, ethical values, and all-round development. Looking ahead, we are committed to broadening our academic pursuits, strengthening collaborative endeavors, and preserving the rich legacy of excellence that defines the institution.

With profound gratitude and renewed optimism, we thank all stakeholders whose collective contributions have made this year truly meaningful. It is through this shared commitment that the college continues to stand tall as a center of knowledge, character-building, and enduring success.



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