

History of L D College of Engineering, Ahmedabad

L. D. College of Engineering, Ahmedabad celebrated 72nd Foundation day for the first time, on 20th June 2020 through digital platform. The idea was to revisit the history of this grand old institute and was taken up by Faculty and students who shared their myriads of experiences of the different forms and moods L.D. has adorned in its march towards excellence.

Mr Jaxay Shah, VP Assocham, Savvy Infrastructure and Alumni Trustee shared his memory of LDCE during his college time and mentioned proudly the presence of LDCE alumni in each and every corner of world. Principal Dr Rajul Gajjar has given picture of rich heritage of the institute & given the road map to excel further in future. Professors. AI Thakker, MV Shah, HN Diwanji, MM Makwana, DH Panchal and Shivani gave their ode to its history.

The College was established in 1948 with the initiative of **Sheth Shri Kasturbhai Lalbhai under the motivation of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** with an intake of only **50 students and two branches**. At that time, the college was named The **Government College of Engineering**. The college was named L. D. College of Engineering after the donation of Rs. 25 Lakh and 31.2 Hectares of land by Shri Kasturbhai Lalbhai who named the college under his father's name.

The college was initially affiliated to Bombay University. Later on it remained affiliated to Gujarat University for very long time. Currently the college is affiliated to Gujarat Technological University (GTU). The institute is accredited by NBA. It was a proud moment when in the first phase of accreditation in 2008, all 12 of its UG and 6 eligible PG courses were accredited.

During the celebration, sweet memories of LDCE were remembered. Very old photographs of first batch of LDCE, first Vidhyarthi Sansad, landmark of LDCE & many others were shared with participants.



First Batch of LDCE

VIDYARTHI SANSAD



Gymkhana Committee 1956-57: First Row, Center is our former Principal S. V. C. Aiya.

Landmark of LDCE.



The college is one of the oldest in the country and most premiere institute of Gujarat state. It has passed through many transformations and today the college has **14 UG, 17 PG and 4 part time programs**. 7 Centres of Excellence supported by Industry and Government are helping in Research and innovation.

Apart from rich heritage that the college enjoys, it also offers industry ready engineers who are excelling not only in India but across the globe. Many MNC like Intel, Microsoft, Google, Ford, Mitsubishi, Infosys, NASA, etc have very strong presence of LD pass outs. Also it has provided two home ministers to Gujarat state Mr. Haren Pandya and Mr. Vipul Chaudhary.

Lush green campus emanates dedication of the institute towards environment. Tree plantation, blood donation etc are few of the commitments the institute has adopted rigorously.

The program started with **2 minute silence to pay tribute to martyr of Indian Armed Forces & Corona Victims** and ended with national anthem. The online event was coordinated by Professors CS Sanghvi and SP Parikh with prayer by Ms Pandya and MoC by NSS Shivani.