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## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Lala Lajpatrai Memorial Trust (LLMT) was registered on July 13, 1959, with a vision to establish, oversee, and manage schools, institutes, academic institutions, and colleges dedicated to advancing education across all domains, tailored to the diverse needs of individuals, regardless of their caste, religion, or creed. This noble endeavour aimed to not only foster educational growth, but also promote cultural, literary, and social welfare among the people. The Trust secured the current parcel of land, strategically situated on the Western Coast of Mumbai city, through a government lease. Subsequently, a seven-story building was erected on this land. On February 10, 1972, the Trust leased this building to the Lala Lajpatrai Institute (LLI) for educational purposes. The Institute, in honour of the esteemed freedom fighter and revered figure, Shri Lala Lajpatraiji, inaugurated a college specializing in Commerce and Economics in 1972. Recognizing the increasing demand for management education, the Lala Lajpatrai Institute of Management (LLIM) was established in 1995. Furthermore, in 2005, the institute introduced the Lala Lajpatrai College of Law (LLCL). It's worth noting that the college obtained the status of Punjabi linguistic minority on November 14, 2007, cementing its commitment to diversity and education.

Lala Lajpatrai College of Law was established with a vision to provide legal education to aspiring students from South Mumbai. The College is housed on the fourth floor of the seven storied building. The College has excellent infrastructure with five classrooms and seminar, all of which have ICT facilities and a video conferencing centre. The computer lab has 27 computers, which are used by students for preparing projects and presentations for internal assessment. The College library has 1878 books with partial open access facility. The library has section of online access of educational resource with five computers and facility of scanning and printing. The library reading hall has seating capacity of 80 students. College auditorium is fully air-conditioned and located on the ground floor which has a capacity of 650 persons. Seminar Hall is located on



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the second floor of the college building and can accommodate 80 persons. The College has excellent canteen facility, gymnasium, facility of indoor games and selected outdoor games.

The College believed in making extensive use of ICT in teaching learning process. All five classrooms and seminar hall have ICT facility. Teachers make use of online resources in teaching-learning process. The College has subscribed to DigiLegal database, which is made available to all students free of cost and can be accessed 24X7 from anywhere. Students make presentations as a part of internal assessment. Special training sessions are organised for teachers and students to train them to make effective use of Digilegal database.

As a part of social obligations, the College has organised several extension programmes such as tree plantation drive, beach cleaning drive, visit to centre for differently-abled children and so on. The College has a Legal Aid Centre, which provides legal assistance free of cost to its staff, students and residents around the college free of cost.

The College results have always been above university average at about 87% during the assessment period with number of students securing position at the university level examinations. During the year 2020-21, of the first 10 university toppers, 8 were the students of Lala Lajpatrai College of Law. Not only this, the college students had been subject toppers at the University examinations. The achievement was lauded by the Hon. Governor, Maharashtra State, for this magnificent achievement.

The Principal of the college is a recognised Ph.D. guide from Jagdishprasad Jhabermal Tibrewala University, Rajasthan. A total of 12 students have completed Ph.D. under her guidance. She has presented a total of 7 research papers in journals of national and international repute and these 7 papers have been published in research journals. She has been guiding and encouraging law students to pursue career in research filed. She superannuated in the year 2020,



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but her passion for teaching and ambition to complete NAAC Accreditation process forced her to continue post superannuation. Her experience and determination paved the way for NAAC Accreditation of the college. The process began in 2018 with the establishment of IQAC, but received a setback due to pandemic. She revived the process in 2021 and Dipak Pawar (IQAC Coordinator) and Neeta Rajani gave direction to go for NAAC accreditation in the year 2023. With this the College became one among very few Law Colleges under the purview of University of Mumbai to go for NAAC Accreditation.

The College has constituted several statutory committees as per the provisions the UGC and Government of Maharashtra guidelines to facilitate education without any discrimination and providing adequate support to slow learners and weak students. The college has conducted Gender Audit, Environment Audit, Green Audit and Energy Audit to assess its present stature in all these fields and further suggestions for improvement. The College has solar panels to supplement traditional energy supply, rain water harvesting and installation of LED lights as a commitment to clean and green environment. The College organises and celebrates the national and international commemorative days and events to make its students aware of unity in diversity and develop the quality of tolerance.

The Law College was founded in the year 2004 and since then it could not grow due to space constraints in the city of Mumbai. However, with the advent of National Education Policy, 2020, the College proposes to run classes in shifts and capitalise on online teaching methodologies as contemplated the policy to introduce five-years LLB programme and LLM programme post-NAAC accreditation. The College also contemplates to start several certificate courses and diploma courses related to the legal education in the post-accreditation period as per the demand of local society. This small step in the direction of expanding the scope of programmes related to legal



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education offered by the institution will transform into a big leap and will pave ways for the fullfledged legal education in near future.