

Loyola Press Club Annual Report (2018 – 19)

Loyola Press Club provides an important means of educating, empowering and enabling the members in the journalistic writing, creative writing, critical thinking etc. It is a platform to observe and act through reporting, printing and publishing. It emphasizes on the social responsibility by sharing their views through creative writing columns.

Further we conduct workshops, lectures and talks by journalists, trainers and various experts from the field. The students are trained to write and bring out their own write ups which is then collected, and a selected lot of it is published in our annual 'The Sterling Post'.



This year we decided to have all club activities combining students of both the students of Shift-I and Shift-II. We had two lectures and a workshop on journalism, critical journalism, writing, etc... The club in collaboration with a few other institutions in our campus planned and executed a rally against 'Drug and Substances Abuse'. Students had made posters for the same and campaign on general elections was also planned and executed with a slogan 'Vote Right'. As a remarkable feat Loyola Press Club revived 'Sterling Post' our official annual Magazine which was out of print for several years.

List of Activities conducted

- 8-9-2018- Lecture on 'The Role of a Journalist'
- 11-10-2018- Workshop on Writing
- 5-2-2019- Lecture on 'Journalism and Critical Thinking'
- 2-2-2019- Poster Designing on 'Against Drug Abuse'
- 9-2-2019- Poster Designing on General Elections
- 1-3-2019- Rally against 'Drugs and Substances Abuse'
- 8-3-2019- Publication of 'Sterling Post'



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THE UNKNOWN LIFE OF THE UNKNOWN PEOPLE

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This article is regarding a contemporary social issue that needs recognition; I would like to address the mistreatment that transgender people continue to face in our society despite our country claiming to be socially accepting and a developing nation.

Our society tries so hard to adopt customs of the West, in fact we take a lot of pride in westernising our traditions and pretending to be things that we're not. And yet, in the one situation where it would do us good to adopt their beliefs, we choose to blatantly ignore them. And this situation is the rising mistreatment and victimisation of transgender people in our society. For some weird reason, we have taken it upon ourselves to indulge in the lives of others and run it to the extent where they are driven to be ashamed of who they are, despite them not playing any role in who or how they are. It is time that we acknowledge the fact that they are people, just like us and that they deserve the rights to live their life the way they want to, much like any one of us. They being different from us do not justify their mistreatment. Our inability to accept anything that is unusual to what we are used to is a trait that will soon lead to the destruction of our society and humanity as a whole.

The transgender people are abused everywhere. They have been beaten up and sometimes raped. Many consider them as a disgrace and a burden to nation. Everywhere they are welcomed with threats and stubborn faces. Even if they are eligible for a particular thing our society doesn't allow them to come up. No authorities take initiative to support them. Even their families consider them as burden and they are being tortured mentally and physically. They have been neglected in every sector and find it very difficult to live. They are downed to the level of sex workers and beggars due to utter poverty.

There's not a lot that we can do to change what's already happened. The atrocities we have committed will forever be a reason for us to hang our heads in shame. The only thing we can do however is prepare for a better future. Equal opportunity for education and jobs is one of the most important things we can do for them. Rather than viewing them with prejudice, we should give them a chance first. Another thing we can do is increase public awareness regarding their lifestyle and identities. This may perhaps, to an extent, reduce the hate that they receive out of ignorance.

We've had certain traditions where transgender people were considered as deities and divine births. The blessing of the new born babies by transgender people is a very auspicious ceremony followed in North India. Today, all they're asking for is to be treated like a human being with feelings and emotions, is that too much to ask for? It is evident that a time for change has come. And it must begin with each of us. Let them live their lives and pursue their dreams. Give them a chance to prove their skills.