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# LOYOLA STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

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(2017 – 2018)

*“STUDENTS ARE OUR FRIENDS”*



## **Introduction:**

The fourth consecutive journey year of Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS) has seen a tremendous rise supporting the students in all spheres of life. It has been committed to its objectives and vision to the entire student community. LSSS provides financial, academic, medical and personal support to the students, particularly from the targeted groups namely Orphans, Semi Orphans, Dalit Catholics and poor Catholics, tribals, Srilankan Refugees and the Rural Poor students. It encompasses counseling, mentoring, tuitions, and host activities that would provide platforms for self-articulation and for enhancement on self-esteem.

## **Service Units of LSSS:**

- ◆ Loyola Emancipatory Action for Dalit students (LEADS)
- ◆ Academic Support
- ◆ Personal Support services
- ◆ Art and Literary training
- ◆ Mission with Gypsy Children

### **1. Loyola Emancipatory Action for Dalit students (LEADS):**

In accordance with the preferential option for the Poor and the Dalits of the Jesuit Madurai Province, Jesuit educational institutions give priority to the Poor, Dalits and the first generation learners to study in their institutions. As a visible expression of its commitment, Loyola College Management offered a space for Dalit coordinator and named it as Loyola Emancipatory Action for Dalit Students (LEADS).

LEADS would coordinate with LSSS in all programs with special focus on Dalit students. Every year it conducts an EXODUS CAMP during summer for the Tamil medium students to enrich their life skills & communication skills in English through career guidance and English language training. Nearly 428 students had residential programme for about three weeks from 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Among the 428 Exodus students, more than 290 students were given admission to study in Loyola College in various departments in 2017-18. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) sponsored Rs. 15 lakhs for 100 SC/ST students to carry out the camp successfully.



## 2. Academic Programme:

- Special English Coaching Classes (SECC):

LSSS organizes Special English Coaching classes for the Tamil medium students in our college to enhance their academic performance during their first year of undergraduate studies. Thus, the trainers are hired from the MAGNUM OPUS academy & US Consulate General. This academic year the classes were started from the month of August, was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ, Principal, Loyola College.



- US Microscholarship English Access Programme:

LSSS in tie up with ICDRCE conducts Access classes. It is a diploma programme funded by the Department of State, USA and offered to the poor and deserving students of our college for 400 hours during the period of first two years. The classes are conducted in the evenings from 6.P.M. to 7.30 P.M. and 60 students are benefitting from this Access programme.



- **Peer Learning Programme:**

Peer Learning programme was initiated by LSSS from last year onwards to help out the academically weaker students. The main objective of this programme is to boost up their learning ability to score more in their academics. The classes are taught by the students who are economically weak and meritorious in their academic performance and they are paid 100 rupees per hour by LSSS.

- **Remedial Programme:**

Remedial classes are regularly conducted to the academically weaker students by their respective departments. The classes are taken in the afternoon for shift-I and forenoon for shift-II.

### **3. Personal Support Services:**

LSSS supports the students through the various services,

- Earn While You Learn
- Free Lunch Scheme
- Scholarships and management concession,

- **Earn While You Learn:**

LSSS provides the part time job opportunities to the poor & deserving students in various departments inside college and the students are paid rupees 50 per hour.

<b>S.NO</b>	<b>WORK PLACE</b>	<b>NO.OF STUDENTS WORKING</b>
1	LOYOLA FM	2
2	HELP DESK	5
3	GYM	2
4	CLASS ROOM CLEANING	103
5	GARDENING	4
6	LSSS OFFICE	6
7	MID DAY MEALS	6

8	COLLEGE LIBRARY	1
9	WEBSITE OFFICE	1
10	WEPRO OFFICE	1
11	LAMP (VISCOM LAB)	2
12	LIVE	1
13	CONTROLLER OFFICE	5
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○ **Free Lunch Scheme:**

LSSS provides free lunch by the Loyola Boys hostel to the day-scholars who are from economically weaker sections. Nearly, 800 students have applied and the applications were thoroughly scrutinized. A total of 430 students are selected and benefitting from this scheme throughout the academic year on all working days.



○ **Scholarships and Jesuit Educational Support:**

▪ **Government Scholarships:**

The Government scholarships had been given to the students who are from Schedule caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST), ADX, Backward Class (BC), Most Backward Class (MBC). Nearly 1100 students had applied for the foresaid scholarship and benefited.

Sl. No.	Category	Shift	No. of Students *
1	BC/MBC/DNC (fresh)	I	166
2	SC/ST/BC (ADX) (fresh)	I & II	467
3	BC/MBC/DNC (renewal)	I	196

4	SC/ST/BC (ADX) (renewal)	I & II	603
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\* - Scholarship in the Process.

▪ Management Scholarship:

Every academic semester, Management provides fee concession through Jesuit Educational Support (JES) for the students who hail from economically poor family. Nearly 2.2 Crore rupees had been given as a management fee concession at this very academic year to nearly 2600 students.

▪ Other Scholarships:

- Sumittomo Corporation of India offers a scholarship to 15 deserving and meritorious students to the tune of 3 lakhs.
- The Other Corporation scholarships given below are still in the process.

S.no	Organization	Number of application sent
1	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION (ONGC)	40
2	SRI MAHASHODASEE TRUST (funded by TVS)	54

- Some major charitable trusts also provide sum of assured amount as a scholarship for the students.

S.no	Organization	Number of student benefited
1	JAYAMARUTHI CHARITABLE TRUST	2
2	SIVASAILAM CHARTITIES	12
3	POLYFIT FABRICATORS PVT LTD	1

4	REACH OUT TRUST	1
5	THE CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS TRUST	1
6	ABIRAMI THEATRES PVT LTD	1
7	SURANA&SURANA PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST	1
8	JITO CHENNAI CHAPTER	1
9	RAJASTHANI EDUCATIONAL TRUST	1
10	RAJASTHANI ASSOCIATION TAMILNADU	10
11	DEEPAM TRUST	1
12	GOVT. SCHOLARSHIP - IOB	1
13	CHENNAI FOUNDATION	7
14	BURHANI MERCHANTS WELFARE	2
15	SHRI PARASMAL CHAUDHARI JAIN CHARITABLE TRUST	1
16	EZZI ENTERPRISES	1
17	ADMK HEADQUATERS TRUST	1
18	THE AMEERUNNISSA BEGUM SAHIBAS	2
19	FOR SHRI SHIRDI SAI SEVASAMAJ	1
20	FOR G SQUAREALOTRS PVT LTD	1
21	FOR SUGUN THOMAS FOUNDATION	1



22	RADIANT FOUNDATION	1
23	SHREE NIDHI SECURE PRINT PVT LTD	1
24	THE CLARENCE AND LILIAN RODRIGUES FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST	3
25	TEYNAMPET RAJABATHER VELUMANI LAKSHMI VELUMANI	1
26	VENKATRAMAN MEMORIAL TRUST	1
27	GRT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	2
28	BHOOMIKA TRUST	1
29	DR. SARADHA	1
30	SRI SAI TRUST	1

More than 150 students are benefitting from various other scholarships through the LSSS.

#### 4. Art and Literary :

Art and Literary unit of the LSSS has the mission to revive and promote the rich cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu. It provides trainings in various art, craft and theatre forms of ancient dances and martial arts as well as it motivates students to learn, develop and promote such art forms. Around 200 students are enrolled in art & literary unit and it conducts workshops and guest lectures periodically.

- Guest Lectures on every Wednesday. Topics Covered - Imagination and creativity, Journalism, History of Transgender, Novel Writing, Story-telling, Importance of social volunteerism, Folk arts and songs, Street and demonstration theatre, Acting, Modern Tamil literature, Awareness on corruption, Advanced theater skills.
- Alternate media skill training on every Saturday.

In addition, LSSS had organized a four days residential camp for students at chembarambakkam from May 7 to 10, 2017. 45 students attended the camp and were trained by folk artists from Alternative Media Center.

Art and literary students Team had participated in the following events and won the prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Adayar muthhamil mandram folk dance program
- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Maya event world record program
- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Vellore rotary event

This Year, LSSS compiled a book titled “**Thulir Vidum Yeluthu**” released by former Chennai mayor Thiru Saidai Durai Samy in **Veedhi Viruthu Vizha 2017**, which has the creative writings of poem, short stories and articles.

- **Veedhi Viruthu Vizha 2018:**

LSSS in collaboration with Alternative Media Center jointly conducted a two day cultural fest 5<sup>th</sup> edition “Veethi Viruthu Vizha” on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018. It has been providing a platform to rural artists involved in performing various forms of ancient traditional dances and martial arts, to showcase their talents as well as motivate youngsters living in urban areas. One of the major objectives of this year’s program is to bring such art form and artists in focus, to facilitate organisations including leading Corporates as well as Government of Tamil Nadu to support and promote these traditional and ancient art forms. Veethi Viruthu Vizha 2018 gathers nearly 2000 folk artist residing in almost all the 32 districts of Tamil Nadu including 13 tribal districts.

In addition to the reviving, developing and promoting such ancient art forms and also encouraging and supporting these artists, it recognized and honored the number of 200 senior artists who have been performing such art forms over the past several decades.





**5. Mission with Gypsy Children :**

LSSS works for a mission with gypsy children, which regularly visits gypsy settlement areas namely Guindy, Pallavaram, Meenjor, Kotturpuram, Ponneri and Thiruvallur to understand their socio economic and emotional conditions in order to serve these children in a more effective way. The main motto of this mission is to empower gypsy children with holistic development. LSSS has taken the

initiative to enroll their children into the schools and it had found 16 children till this end. They were admitted in Ongur, Residential school, Uthiramerur for the free education through this Mission.

Under this mission, every year LSSS organizes **DESAM Camp** for the Gypsy children from the foresaid areas. Last year around 75 Gypsy children were taken for this residential programme for 10 days from 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 till 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Through this camp, they were given knowledge on health, sanitation, moral principles, Interpersonal relationships, motivation and verbal communication through the play way method. This camp had seen a tremendous growth towards children in their behavior & manner.



**Conclusion:** LSSS feels very happy to thank the Jesuit Management and all the officials of the college for extending their total support and cooperation during this academic year 2017-2018.

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