



LOYOLA STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

(2018 – 2019)

“STUDENTS ARE OUR FRIENDS”



Introduction:

The Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS) is in its fourth year. LSSS provides financial, academic, medical and personal support to the students, particularly to the Dalit and poor Catholics, Orphans, Semi Orphans, 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 of the Jesuit Madurai Province, Jesuit educational institutions give priority to Dalit Catholics and other marginalized poor. As a visible expression of its commitment, Loyola College Management have set up Loyola Emancipatory Action for Dalit Students (LEADS) led by Dalit Coordinator..

LEADS coordinates with LSSS in all its programs. Last summer, it conducted EXODUS CAMP for the Tamil medium students to enrich their life and communication skills in English, by providing career guidance and English language training. 632 students had a residential programme from 28th April 2018 to 23rd May 2018. Among the 632 Exodus students, more than 150 students gained admission to study in Loyola College in various departments in June 2018. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) supported the camp with a generous donation of Rs. 19.5 lakhs for 200 SC/ST students.

EXODUS CAMP 2018 inauguration at open quadrangle, Loyola Boys Hostel.



EXODUS CAMP – English classroom sessions

2. Academic Programme:

- Special English Coaching Classes (SECC):

LSSS organized Special English Coaching classes for the Tamil medium students in our college to enhance their academic performance during their first semester of undergraduate studies. The trainers were from the MAGNUM OPUS academy and US Consulate General. This academic year the classes started from the month of August, was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Andrew Francis SJ, Principal, Loyola College.



Inauguration of Special English Coaching Class in August 2018

- **US Microscholarship English Access Programme:**

'Access 2016-2018', a diploma programme funded by the Department of State, USA, ended in the month of May, 2018. These classes were conducted in partnership with ICDRCE. It was offered to the poor and deserving students of our college for 400 hours during the period of first two years. 60 students benefitted from this program.



Regular Classroom Session



Enhancement Activity Trip



Final Group photo



Intensive Camp Session

'ACCESS 2018 -2020' was inaugurated in the first week of December, 2018 with 75 students.



ACCESS 2018-2020 Inauguration

3. **Financial 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 provided part time job opportunities to the poor and deserving students in various departments inside college and the students were paid at the rate of 50 rupees per hour. 127 students are enrolled in the scheme.

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

9	WEBSITE OFFICE	1
10	WEPRO OFFICE	1
11	LAMP (VISCOM LAB)	2
12	LIVE	1
TOTAL		127

○ **Free Lunch Scheme:**

LSSS provides free lunch by the Loyola Boys hostel to the day-scholars who are from economically weaker sections. 430 selected students currently benefit from this scheme.



Students Eating Midday-Meals at Jubilee Mess, Loyola Boys Hostel

○ **Scholarships and Jesuit Educational Support:**

▪ **Management Scholarship:**

Every academic semester, Management provides fee concession through Jesuit Educational Support (JES) for the students who hail from economically poor family. Nearly 1.60 Crore rupees had been given as a management fee concession this academic year to 2600 students.

▪ **Government Scholarships:**

LSSS facilitates the process of accessing 1823 government and other scholarships for Scheduled caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), ADX, Backward Class (BC), Most Backward Class (MBC), minority students.

Sl. No.	Details	No. of Students	Amount
1	Hostel Loan	139	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
2	BC/MBC Scholarship Fresh	151	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
3	BC/MBC Scholarship Renewal	156	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
4	SC/ST Scholarship Fresh – S I	315	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
5	SC/ST Scholarship Renewal – S I	298	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
6	SC/ST Scholarship Fresh – S II	228	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
7	SC/ST Scholarship Renewal – S II	293	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
8	C.M. Award (Renewal Only)	24	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
9	Ph.D. (Monthly & Yearly Basis)	22	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
10	Minority Scholarship & Other Scholarship	197	Amount Not yet Sanctioned
	TOTAL		

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* Scholarship in the Process.

▪ Other Scholarships:

- Sumittomo Corporation of India offers a scholarship to 15 deserving and meritorious students to the tune of 3 lakhs.
- Alumni Scholarship (1976'Economics Batch) offers scholarship to 5 deserving and meritorious students to the tune of Rs. 50000 (Fifty Thousand only).
- 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 provide platform for rural and tamil medium students to find their space and expression in Loyola social milieu through 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.



Art & Literary Workshop – ‘SOLLARANGAM’

In addition, LSSS had organized a four days residential camp for students at Chembarambakkam from May 7 to 10, 2018. 80 students attended the camp and were trained by folk artists from Alternative Media Center.



Four Days Residential Camp for students at Chembarambakkam.

- **Veedhi Viruthu Vizha 2019:**

LSSS in collaboration with Alternative Media Center jointly conducted a two day cultural fest 6th edition “Veethi Viruthu Vizha” on 19th & 20th of January, 2019. 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 2019 gathered nearly 4000 folk artists residing in all the 32 districts of Tamil Nadu including 13 tribal districts.

It was an occasion to recognize and to honor 500 senior artists who have been performing folk arts over several decades.

5. Mission with Gypsy Children :

LSSS works for a mission with gypsy children, which regularly visits gypsy settlement areas namely Guindy, Pallavaram, Meenjur, 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 3rd May 2018 till 10th May 2018. 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.



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