

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE LEARNING  
LOYOLA COLLEGE CHENNAI  
Newsletter 2020-2021



# REACH



Loyola College, a Catholic Minority Institution, was founded by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1925, with the primary objective of providing University Education in a Christian atmosphere for deserving students irrespective of caste and creed. It started functioning on July 1925 with just 75 students on the rolls in three undergraduate courses of Mathematics, History and Economics.

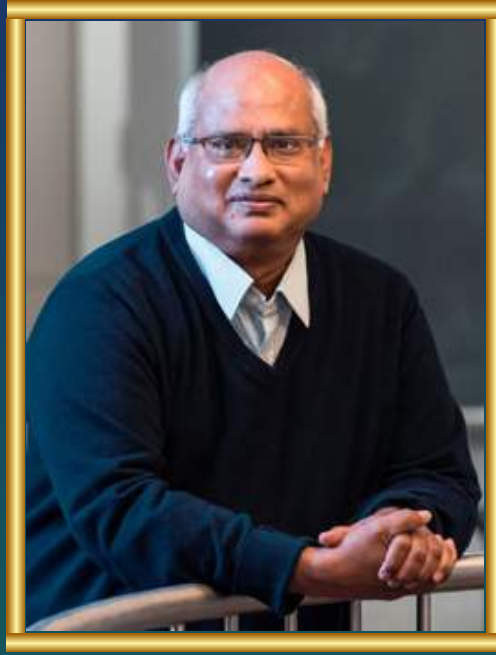
Loyola College, though affiliated to University of Madras, became autonomous in July 1978. UGC conferred the status of 'College with potential for Excellence' on Loyola College in 2004 and confirmed the same in 2010. NAAC's re-accreditation score in 2012 was 3.70 out of 4.00 CGPA.

The aim of the college is to educate young men and women to serve their fellow men and women in justice, truth and love. It fosters an atmosphere of intellectual vigor and moral rectitude in which the youth of our country may find their fulfilment and achieve greatness as eminent men and women of service.

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We immensely thank the former Directors Rev.Dr. V. Joseph Xavier SJ., Rev Dr. Xavier Vedam SJ., Rev.Dr. Joseph Antony Samy SJ., Dr. Bernard D Samy, Rev. Dr Henry Jerome SJ., Rev. Dr. Louie Albert and the former Assistant Directors Dr.Gladston Xavier, Prof John Jeyakumar, and

the former Head of the Department Prof John Kaviarasu for efficiently taking up efforts in the past to build bridges between the poor and the campus through Loyola Outreach programs in the rural and in the urban slums. Their contributions to the growth of the department are praiseworthy.

## Director's Message



*Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj S.J.,  
Director,*

*Department of Service Learning (Outreach)*

Department of Service Learning aims at the holistic formation of every student who walks through the portals of Loyola College. Integrated formation does not merely end with classroom teaching but also exposure to social realities of the rural and urban poor. This helps students to understand their social responsibility and respond of succour to the needy in despair.

The undergraduate students spend ninety hours cleaved into various programs with specific priorities of Child Protection and Development, Youth Development, Women Empowerment, Health & Hygiene, helping the Elders and Differently abled. They organize programs for the aforementioned and create awareness on the need of education, environmental protection, rights and duties of a citizen, life skills, schemes of the government and NGOs that would benefit their lives and livelihood.

The Post graduate students engage in Rural Camp and Urban Intervention and spend 45 hours each. They learn to understand the destitution of unorganized workers and the disadvantaged sections of the community and try to appreciate manual labour, whilst enhancing their self-esteem and develop the art of working in groups with compassion and commitment.

The activities of the department of service learning are of twofold: The first is to help the students to grow their personality by providing opportunities to acquire knowledge, skills, attitude and values. The other element is to train our students to be sensitive to the needs of the disadvantaged and vulnerable sections of the society through exposure gained of intervention program. I can assure that these twofold goals are achieved through the meticulous planning and execution by every staff in the department.

Feeling it a necessity to act in an apt manner of leading by action, the entire department took the responsibility on their shoulders to respond on economic consequences of the pandemic. The department had worked in 41 substandard settlements collecting the data of the most deserving. It is anarduous and humongous task to help everyone affected by the pandemic but the department decided that they would help the most penurious who were living in the intervention areas. We are grateful to Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. Secretary and Rev. Fr. Principal for their encouragement and support towards this initiative.

I appreciate all the community leaders who did the tremendous job of reaching out to distribute relief materials to the impoverished. I extend my gratitude to the donors and funding organisations namely Give Life Café, World Vision, Action Aid, Alumni Association and benefactors for their overwhelming support and generosity. The most useful asset of a person is not a head full of knowledge but a heart full of love, with ears open to listen and hands willing to help. Let the desire to serve others ever grow in every one of us. Acclamation to all that has been accomplished, let us march ahead together with hope towards better future.

Best wishes!!

# OVERVIEW

Department of Service Learning (Outreach) was established in the year 2001-2002 with the Ignatian pedagogy of neighbourhood development by Rev. Dr. V. Joseph Xavier S.J. This programme aims at forming men and women for others for a better society. Outreach is the third dimension of higher education in Loyola College and endeavours training the college students for their attitudinal change. It is a novel step in the Jesuit higher education for promoting a value-based, fraternity, equality, justice and a violence free society.

Every student is made to critically understand the society and develop critical consciousness which motivates them to serve mankind. Seasoning of the heart, spiritual blending of the mind, pro-poor are the key areas of invisible change to be created among the student community.

## VISION :

To facilitate the student community to become socially responsible citizens and to be sensitive to the needs of the disadvantaged sections.

## VALUES:

To imbibe the love and concern for others, students should dedicate themselves to community service, thereby shaping themselves as men and women for others.

## MISSION:

To create a society with committed youth to promote equality, Justice, education, health and environment for the underprivileged.

## AIM:

To help the neighbouring communities to transform themselves through programmes on literacy, health promotion, women empowerment, youth clubs and reduction of dropouts in schools.

## OBJECTIVES:

- To enable the students to learn social responsibility.
- To provide an exposure about slums and create an ambience to reflect on the possible ways of intervention in their development.
- To learn from the people's experience and try to create facilities that would empower them.
- To make our institution and individuals to realize our duty towards serving the neighbourhood communities

## INTERVENTION AREAS:

Right from the inception of Outreach, we have been working in slums in the city of Chennai in the zones of 5, 8, 9, 10 and 13. We have intervened 43 slums where the second year undergraduates and the first year post graduates do their interventions.

## Distribution of Relief materials in Outreach Intervention areas (COVID-19 Lockdown) - Phase I, Phase II and Phase III -April & May, 2020

This program under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Louis Arockiaraj, the Director of Service Learning department and with the help of two faculty members of the department, involved the processes of planning, identifying and ensuring that the relief materials were distributed to the deserving beneficiaries, at the point of financial and emotional crisis. The department has distributed daily day commodities packed as provisional kits, distributed through the support of Community Leaders and Volunteers of the Intervention areas.

The faculty worked on the approval of list containing the names along the reason for recommending the person who fall under the category of Widow/ Domestic worker/ Elderly/ Destitute or other valid reason. In consideration of the uncertain times, the provisional commodities were handed over to the community leaders in the college campus along the documentation containing the names of beneficiaries to be distributed in each area and three staff members had accompanied them for making sure it had reached the needy.

The contents of the relief provisional kit include Rice that was received from donors in 25 Kg bags and packed into bags of 5 Kg each, along with 1 kg Wheat, 1 Kg Dal and an inside bag containing which contained essentials like sugar, tamarind, garlic, turmeric, masala item, soap and other spices. Volunteers and students from the college lend their hands in support, for the tedious process of packing the materials that took three days (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

The list of helping hands as follows:

### **Name of the Student/ Volunteer**

Santosh Kumar 17-UEC-018, Sohail 17-UCO-030, Mani 19-PCH-028, R.N Sabarinath 19-PFP- 020, Prem 16-UTL-007, Surendar 16-UPH-033, Surya 19-UST-080 and Fr. Director Service Learning, 3 Faculty Members of Service Learning, and Mr. Eugene (P.A. to Vice Principal).

The ripples of action spread and widened due to the happiness amidst the recipients who conveyed their heartfelt thanks to the College Management and the Department of Service Learning for the act of kindness, that it would have a lasting effect in their live at this critical



*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

*-Winston Churchill*



# Distribution of Relief materials- Phase I



The Department of Service Learning has involved itself in the distribution of relief materials to beneficiaries in Outreach Intervention areas. The department has distributed daily day commodities packed as provisional kits over to 350 beneficiaries in 14 Outreach intervention areas, with twenty five beneficiaries from each area of intervention.

Out of the recipients, the majority was widows and domestic workers and there were elderly women of significant amount who we left unaided by their family and relatives.

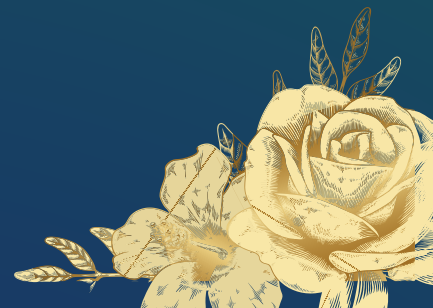
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*“If you knew what I know about the power of giving, you would not let a single meal pass without sharing it in some way.”*

*- Buddha*



# Distribution of Relief materials– Phase II

The Department of Service Learning had once again involved itself in the second phase of distribution of relief commodities to beneficiaries in the Outreach intervention areas.

The second phase had distributed relief materials to 275 beneficiaries in 16 intervention areas of Kodambakkam, Central, Chetpet, Saidapet, Chindatripet, Egmore, T. Nagar, Teynampet and Villivakkam.

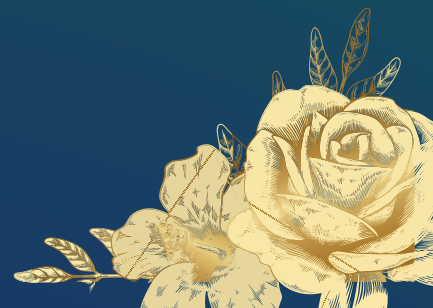
The materials were distributed to selective number of beneficiaries from each of the 16 Outreach Intervention areas. Out of the recipients, the majority was widows and domestic workers and there were elderly women of significant amount who we left unaided by their family and relatives.

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*“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”  
-Albert Einstein*





# Distribution of Relief materials– Phase III



During the third phase of relief material distribution the department had reached out another 220 families through the generous support of Action Aid and its partnering organizations. The community leaders once again involved in identifying most vulnerable people belonging to different intervention areas which were not covered during Phase I and Phase II of the relief operations.

The 220 beneficiaries who were chosen for the relief operation were from slums and informal settlements of Kodambakkam, Central, Chetpet, Saidapet, Chindatripet, T. Nagar, Teynampet and Ayanavaram (the list of beneficiaries from different intervention areas are attached with this report). Every Community Leader was briefed on certain instructions by the members of Action Aid and the Director. They were handed a list that contained the names of beneficiaries and their details, signature of all the beneficiaries who had received the relief materials was collected. Thus eleven community volunteers received 20 provisional kits each to distribute it to the beneficiaries and have been handed over to beneficiaries in different intervention areas on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The help rendered through ACTION AID was a ray of hope amidst the darkness of COVID-19 giving them fuel to sustain their lives for an extended period.



*“He who wishes to secure the good of others, has already secured his own.”  
-Confucius*

# Activities Undertaken by the students from Department of Service Learning (Outreach) during COVID-19 Lockdown – November & December, 2020.

Faculty: Dr.E.Anand

Intervention area: Annai Sathya Nagar



Students had worked in the slums of Saidapet, Chennai. They had involves themselves in various activities like visiting the elderly homes, home for the differently abled and took special English classes for the children. These works were done by the students following the necessary SOP and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID 19.The students completed the assigned tasks under the guidance of Dr. E. Anand, Department of Social Learning, Loyola College. Students joined hands to relive them out of their misery by providing materials that would be useful for a fortnight. They found out a total of 54 single working mothers and elderly women to hand over these relief provisions.

Faculty: Dr. A. Baskar Jayabalan

Intervention area: Gaingaikaraipuram

Students were working in the slums of Gaingaikaraipuram, T.nagar and MK Radatha nagar, Tenampet, Chennai. They visited the homes of the residents to prepare a case study assigned under the guidance of the Staff on widows and elderly destitute. The works were done with proper masks and sanitizer to reduce the risk of infection.Students joined hands to relive them out of their misery by providing materials that would be useful for a fortnight. Students doing outreach work in gathered children with social distancing and involved them in activities like running, throw ball, coloring and solving puzzles. The area was filled with laughter of fun and frolic of both children and students.



*“Caring has the gift of making the ordinary special.”*

*-George R. Bach*



## Activities Undertaken by the students from Department of Service Learning (Outreach) during COVID-19 Lockdown - November & December, 2020

Faculty: J. Antony Anbarasan

Intervention area: Goyyathoppu



The COVID-19 lockdown had severe impact on people all over India, but the poor had really struggled even to eat single meal per day. The Outreach department was working in 41 intervention areas to help the people working in the informal sector of blue collar jobs. The students and the faculty unanimously decided to donate money of Rs. 500 to each of these 47 families as a token of love. The total amount of money collected was Rs. 23,500. The other people felt that they also deserved a part of money, but it was clearly informed the students that it was only for the most impoverished. Compiled report of the eight field visits and the work done in the intervention area was anthologized for record.

Faculty: S. AntonySamy

Intervention area: J.J. Nagar( Dr. Thomas road)



The students put their best effort to study the condition of slum dwellers in intervention areas. The students took survey in the slum and found out disadvantaged people falling to the category of widows, orphans and the elderly. Students found out that many of the slum dwellers were in need of financial and material help for their families. Based on their interaction with the community people, they volunteered and had decided to distribute relief materials to the deserving families in their intervention areas. The students also provided educational assistance to the children. Classes of spoken English regularly conducted, by students for orphan children.

*“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”*

*-Mahatma Gandhi*



Faculty: J. Buela

Intervention area: Sherkan thottam, Jennies Nagar

The students went to Sherkan Thottam and Jennies Nagar, took the classes and conducted competition for 15 children. The Students distributed education material for the all the children. The students distributed rations for 30 women at Sherkan Thottam and Avvaipuram. The students went to elder's home at Thoothukudi, Thiruvannamali, Villupuram and Andhrpradesh.

The students organized an awareness camp of health and sanitation, gave them the idea about the different communicable diseases which could be spread through an unclean environment and hence they emphasized the importance of keeping their surroundings clean. Then they joined together and cleaned few common places with the support of youth and elders of the area.



Faculty: P.Jai Prakash

Intervention area: Ayanavaram and Chetpet



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*"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve."  
- Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Faculty: K. Arokia Sagaya Melson

Intervention area: Gandhi Nagar and Broadway



The department organized the students who have already been passed out and could not complete the service learning program while they were doing the course. 18 students were contacted and they were asked to plan for the programs which could enhance the life of the needy. Students also helped the needy in their own Districts.

Students did the following activities:

Music classes to 2 children, 30 youths were involved in personality development program,

Faculty: P. Rathna

Intervention area: Palavakkam and Saidapet

Loyola College had decided to support students who haven't received their degree due to outreach. The list was prepared and circulated among professors. Each professor was given a list of 30 students along with the contact details. Tuition program was conducted for 15 students for the period of 10 days at Jothiammal nagar, Saidapet. Activities initiated by the students are: Distribution of food packet for 100 elders at Palavakkam and blankets for 200 homeless at Chennai and Bangalore. Provided materials of cooking and vegetables to the home of Mentally Challenged people, Santhome. Distribution of food packets to 500 slum communities at Mannady, Chennai (NIVER cyclone)



*"We are not put on this earth for ourselves, but are placed here for each other."*

*- Jeff Warner*



Faculty: M. P. Richard

Intervention area: Mangalapuram and M. S. Nagar

The Loyola students stretched out into the slums and did a complete study and identified the deserving widows and Elderly women and distributed the relief materials at the right time which made the beneficiaries lead a decent life. It was during the time of no work, income and support.

Loyola students came forward with dry rations to assist the deserving widows who were the breadwinners for their family. Twenty children were taught the importance of washing hands in the “Safe Wash-Hand wash” program as part of giving awareness during the pandemic situation.

It was done in Mangalapuram neighborhood community in Chetpet. The continuous government instructions need to be followed and it was demonstrated by the students through this safe hand wash program



NAME OF THE PROFESSOR	NUMBER OF STUDENTS HANDLED	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES
PRIYA I	41	170
DR. ANAND	49	264
ANTONY SAMY	13	112
DR. BASKAR JAYABALAN	26	141
JAI PRAKASH	39	166
RICHARD	34	70
MELSON	18	1078
ANTONY ANBARASAN	16	47
RATHNA	16	1005
BUELA	62	150

“Our task must be to free ourselves by widening the circle of compassion.” - Albert Einstein



# Board of Studies Meeting

**Date & Time:** 23.11.2020, 2P.M-4P.M

**Mode:** Google Meet

## Participants:

**Chairman of BOS:** Rev.Dr.Louis Arockiaraj, SJ, Director, Department of Service Learning

**External Experts:** Dr. John Milton, Head, Department of Advanced Zoology (Science), Dr. David Stanly, Senior Professor, Department of Tamil (Arts) and Prof. S.R. Vincent, Department of Social Work (Social Work)

## Proceedings of Discussion:

- a. Involvement in the neighborhood, reaching out to the deprived and disadvantaged sections.
- b. Preparation and research of facts on Social Problems – Data Resource Mobilization.
- c. Online Interventions through NGOs such as “Chennai Volunteers and Action Aid”.
- d. Immediate distribution of Relief materials to the deserving.

## Highlights:

1. The list of defaulters to be taken from the ERP and the faculty in-charges be allotted for students to guided and follow up with their activities.
2. It was proposed that during the even semester the second year students would be involved in Outreach activity for the present academic year for 45 hours.
3. The division of 45 hours:
  - Orientation sessions – 5 hours
  - Involving in neighborhood communities – 10 hours
  - Online work – 10 hours - Collaboration with Chennai Volunteers, Action Aid
  - Video Clippings on Awareness on Social Issues/ Surveys and Case studies – 10 hours
  - Awareness Campaigns/ Distribution of Relief Materials to the needy – 5 hours
  - Report writing – 5 hours

## Federation for the Widows



School of Service Learning, Loyola College, Chennai - 34  
17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

The School of Service Learning, Loyola College had organized meeting for widows from the neighborhood communities on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at Department of Social Work. The motive of the meeting was to motivate the widows to get federate and to have strong collective body. The faculty had invited one widow from their neighborhood community, 10 women had participated in the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 4 pm under the guidance of the Director Rev. Dr. Louis Arockiaraj S.J welcomed the gathering. Following, the Director had motivated the widows to form a strong group at their locality.

*“Best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service of others.”*  
*- Mahatma Gandhi*



The federated body would help them to act as the voice of the widows in Tamil Nadu. He added that widows from the neighborhood communities will get all the support to be amalgamated from School of Service Learning.

Prof. Rathna had explained about the federated body of Kalankarai which is a registered organization work for rights of widows at Nagarcoil. She motivated the participants to take part in training programs, meetings and celebrations conduct by the organization in future.

Dr. Baskar Jayabalan participated in the Widows' federation meeting, held 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at Dyana Ashram, Chennai. The discussion was about the various demands of widows which could be submitted to the political parties, so that they can be included in their election manifesto for the state assembly elections to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

The widows felt that the demands discussed during the meeting were important and they had the hope that some political parties would do something for the betterment of the widows and to uplift their livelihood in the future.



Widows' Federation Meeting - Tamil Nadu  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

## Faculty Development Program

1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> March, 2021



### PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUES AND FUND RAISING:

The Department of Service Learning had organized the Faculty Development program discussing project development, proposal techniques and fund raising on 1st and 2nd March 2021 at the Zoology Smart Class. Mr. Prabhakar, was the resource person elucidating on the topic.



Initial conversations were about the need of Project Writing in Higher Education. He elaborated on the scope of research in academic institutions, specifically the Service Learning department. Stating that it is important to identify a potential Funding Resource and find out whether the interests and intention match, hence the proposal would be considered for financing. There was an emphasis on Impact, as it is necessary of proposals to have enormous information about the expected results.

*"No-one has ever become poor by giving."*

*- Anne Frank*





# Faculty Development Program

In fact, big financing agencies dedicate several pages of their proposal format on 'results analysis' to identify and understand that every penny spent will generate impact at the ground-level.

Director of Service Learning, Dr. Louis Arockiaraj concluded the session by thanking the resource person and by encouraging the faculty to utilize the opportunity to write project proposals that could contribute towards the needs of the community.

## Meeting for Faculty In-charge of UG and PG students,

8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

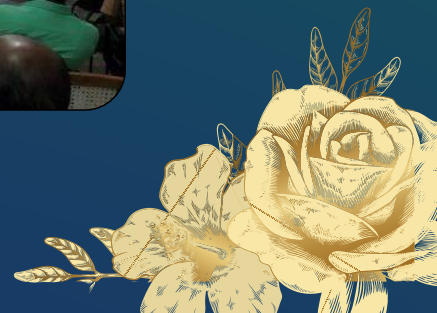
The meeting for the Faculty In-charge of Outreach was organized on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in Y.D Hall from 11.30am to 12.40 pm. Thirty nine faculties who were in-charge of UG and PG students from the respective departments attended the convention.

Rev. Fr. Louis Arockiaraj, the Director of School of Service Learning welcomed and explicated on Ignatian Pedagogy and the Jesuit perspective of Outreach. Prof. Jai Prakash presented photos to highlight the work done by the department during the lockdown. Dr. Baskar Jayabalan, presented the role of the faculty in-charge of Outreach for the UG students. The presentation was continued by Prof. Antony Anbarasan, about the Outreach program for the second year PG students.

The director acknowledged the suggestions given by the professors and assured that the department would work on the counsel. The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Jai Prakash.



*"We rise by lifting others."  
- Robert Ingersoll.*



# Career Guidance and Scholarship Distribution

Date:10-03-2021 (Wednesday),  
Time:10 A. M - 12.40 P. M

Venue: Seminar Hall, Social Work Department,  
Loyola College



The School of Service-Learning had organized career guidance cum scholarship distribution program for students from Outreach intervention areas. Forty-four students attended the program representing their intervention locality.

The resource person was Ms. Yazhini, she addressed the students about facing the challenges with courage and mentioned that choosing the right pathway is very important as it can pave the way for a bright future and her slogan to self-motivate oneself was: **I am queen / I am King for myself.** . Dr Siluvaraj, Administrative Officer, LIBA gave his ideas and views about seeking information to build a career and advised how to work wisely towards attaining it.

Dr. Kaleeswaran from LSSS sang an awareness song and mentioned the importance of free and fair polling in the state assembly elections. A team of students from LSSS- the Art and Literary team performed cultural events. The scholarship document was distributed to the students.



*“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.*

*- Muhammad Ali*



# Board Of Studies Meeting Department Of Service Learning

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Time: 03:00 P. M - 04.30 P. M

Venue: Social Work Department,



## Chairman of BOS:

Rev.Dr.Louis Arockiaraj, SJ, Director, Department of Service Learning

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## Proceedings of Discussion:

- Methodologies to be adopted for 2018 Batch UG and 2019 Batch PG students.
- Methodologies to be adopted for 2019 Batch UG and 2020 Batch PG students along with 2020 Batch UG and 2021 batch of PG students
- Collaborating Organizations.  
Recommendations of NAAC Peer Team.

## Highlights:

- The PG students will be entitled to complete their remaining 45 hours by attending the webinars and by the assigned tasks. The 2018 batch UG students will be given a considerable number of hours for attending the webinars and assigned tasks.
- The outreach for 2019 UG batch and 2020 PG batch had been planned for the next academic year along the programs for the 2020 batch of UG students and 2021 batch of PG students.
- The external experts appreciated the members of School of service Learning for collaborating and networking with organizations like Action Aid and Chennai Volunteers who have partnered with the department to organize online programs
- The Board members discussed about the suggestion given by the NAAC Peer team also that we need to evolve interventions for sustainable development of the neighborhood.

*"Lose yourself in generous service and every day can be a most unusual day, a triumphant day, an abundantly rewarding day!"*

*- William Arthur Ward*



# Webinars For Second Year PG Students

Topic	Resource Person	Date
Problems faced by “Unorganized Workers”	Dr. Geetha	17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021.
Problems faced by “Domestic Workers”	Sr. Josphine Valarmathi	19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021.
Problems faced by “Migrants”	Fr. Arul Henry William S.J	24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021.



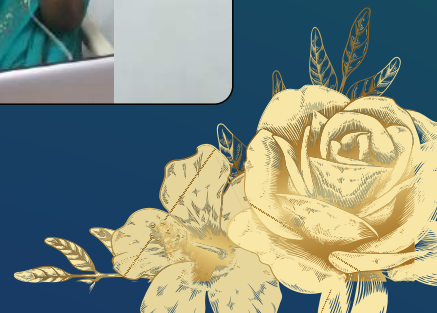
Dr. Geetha, renowned secretary of the Unorganized Worker's Federation of Tamil Nadu spoke about the major problems faced by the unorganized workers. The workforce, roughly about 90% are vastly uninformed, and hence they have very little awareness of the various types of workplace hazards. Furthermore, the lack of implementation of health and safety legislations plays a major role in the room for development.

The second session was based on the National Domestic Workers Movement presented by Sister. Josphine Amala Valarmathi. The session gave insights on the idea of the National Domestic Workers' Movement (NDWM) which is a movement and an NGO working with domestic, child and migrant workers. It creates a strong public awareness to enable domestic workers to achieve a healthy recognition in society.

Rev. Fr. Arul Henry William S.J elucidated the miserable life led by labor migrants. The session dealt with definitions of migrant workers, internal migrants in Tamil Nadu, industrial migrant workers, factors influencing migration and possible solutions towards this issue. He pointed out the difference between refugee, asylum seeker and migrant.



*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"*



# Community Service Week

Date- 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

The opportunity was extended to the passed out defaulters and PG defaulters who missed the rural camp and did not attend the webinar sessions of Outreach.

**Webinar on the “Plight of Farmers”** was organized to highlight the problems faced by the people who prepare our food. This serious discussed the necessary changes to be made in the provisions given to our farmers.

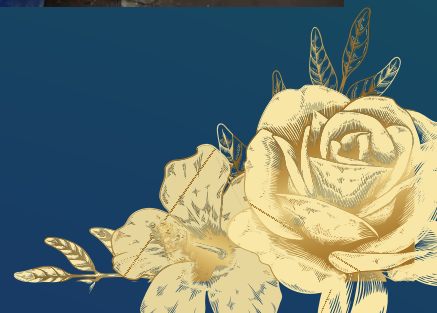
It also created an awareness on purchasing products manufactured by the local companies to boost the economy of the nation. There was a discussion on the “Essential Commodities Act, 2020”.

**Webinar on “Role of Social Media”** elucidated on the magnitude of the social sites having its own perks and forfeits. The notions that are held on them were discussed to turn them positively for the promotion of business and other benefits. It also emphasized on breaking the chain of addiction to these media and their content.



*"We have to do what we can to help wherever and whenever it is possible for us to help."*

*- Jackie Chan*



# Students Sharing



I am Mohanaraman, first year M.com student of Loyola College. From being a secondary school student who longed for getting into Loyola for my UG to having the option to proceed with my PG in Loyola is a gigantic gift for me that I consider. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the outreach department and its faculties.

**- Mohanaraman**  
**18-UBC-147**

In the beginning I thought why are we doing this outreach program, later I realized I was a privileged one in our country. Even though we only did the outreach one year, it gave me valuable insight how to interact with people from different backgrounds. It is always good to see different kind of people in life and outreach program in our college gives us a platform to do so.



**- S. Muralisrikrishna**  
**18-UEC-403**



Outreach has been a great experience for me in my college life journey. Other than that, I learnt a lot how to get to starters to begin a conversation with people and how to engage with people. I have personally helped few students to get scholarship given from the college. I would thank my college for giving this opportunity to get comfortable outside my comfort zone.

**- Mohideen Sintha**  
**18-UBC-259**

The Outreach activities which I had undergone during the pandemic have influenced me and changed my social outlook towards life to a considerable extent. It was interesting and painful to know how the people have managed to take care of the needs of their families during the lockdown. I thank each and every faculty for Guiding me throughout this Outreach community service programme.



**- Mithun Kumar**  
**18-UCO-280**



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I am Nishal Mariya Benny, an alumnus of Loyola College (2018- 2021). I completed my outreach program in 2020. After completing the course, I had supported 100 families in providing 100 bed sheets which was worth of Rs.10000. That was the happiest moment in my life. I am also thankful to department of Service learning for giving us this great opportunity to become men for others and with others.

**- Nishal Mariya Benny**

I am Ezekiel. I thank Loyola College for having Outreach programme as part of our Curriculum. The Outreach programme enabled me to understand the Society around me and made me aware what human values are. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I was longing to help those who were in need and Outreach gave me the perfect opportunity. It made me a part in the process of building hope in the lives of many people.



**- Ezekiel .B**  
**16-UPH-242**



We came across a lot of people to whom we had handed out blankets on the road side. One particular elderly person made it seem like our contribution was nothing to the amount of sacrifice and love which a parent or especially a grandparent. That person received our blanket and went with so much happiness only to give it to his grandchild. I would like to state that this program has given me the opportunity to make myself a better person.

**- D JAYASEELAN**  
**08-UEC-049**

The program is not a root but a seed that grows with us throughout our life and during this pandemic it has encouraged me to be more socially aware and to be a part in this society. To be a part does not mean to be idle but also to give a part of ourself to the society. By merely mentioning a glimpse of what this program offers and what I learned itself has secured me a place in an esteemed university in the UK.



**- B. SHREE KRISHNA**  
**18-UBC-143**



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