

# School of Service Learning

Loyola College, Chennai - 34

## UNITY IS STRENGTH: TRAINING FOR WIDOWS

The School of Service Learning, Loyola College organized a meeting for widows from the neighborhood communities on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at Department of Social Work, Loyola College. The main aim of the meeting was to motivate the widows to 'come together and work together' as a strong collective body / federation. Each staff had to invite one widow from the neighborhood communities and so 10 widows participated in the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 4 pm under the aegis of Rev. Dr. Louis Arockiaraj S.J., Director. Prof. Baskar welcomed the participants. Then the Director spoke on the need to be united in order to achieve progress and development. He motivated the widows to form themselves into a strong group at their locality so that they can raise their voices in support of the widows of Tamil Nadu. He assured that widows from the neighborhood communities will get all the necessary support required in this venue from the School of Service Learning.

Prof. Rathna explained about the successful functioning of the federated body of Kalankarai, which is a registered organization working for the rights of widows in Nagarcoil. She encouraged the participants to take part in various training programs, meetings and celebrations conducted by Kalankarai in the future. Kalankarai organized a press meet in Chennai on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in which Adhilalakshmi and Selvarani participated. The event came to a close with a vote of thanks.

