



LOYOLA ACADEMIC NEWSLETTER

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Rev. Fr. A. M. Jayapathy Francis, SJ, Rector, Loyola College



When I set the theme for the academic year 2015-16 as "Green Loyola," it was to focus our attention on the reality that life is simply a matter of connection: connection with ourselves, with others, with nature and with the Ultimate Reality. We are alive to the extent that we consciously cherish the connection and actively work to make it more intense and more beautiful. Connections are made by telling and hearing stories, stories of our lives, of events, of things that happen in our 'common home, the earth'. The e-magazine LAN is an effort to make the connections.

Bringing out LAN is more than an academic exercise. It is not just a record of the activities, achievements, experiences, aspirations, and reflections of teachers, students and other human resources. Indeed, this exercise captures the continual interplay of experience, reflection and action which is the essence of Ignatian pedagogy. On this foundation shall be built the new world peopled with women and men who have developed the large heart of the giraffe and eyes mounted on top of its lofty neck and broad vision it makes possible. This newsletter has a specific goal to pursue efforts for the renewal and revival of the humanity locally and eventually globally. These ideals and deeds have been the hall marks of the glorious tradition of our college, ever striving towards Magis. The efforts taken by the

Rev. Dr. S. Lazar, Secretary, Loyola College, Chennai

"Let your light shine", To realize the motto of our college, the staff and students have left no stones unturned in taking the institution to greater heights. One such concerted effort that has added another feather to the cap is Loyola Academic Newsletter (LAN).

The worth of a pearl is recognized when it is brought out from the deep sea. The committed members of the staff at Loyola who realizing the worth of a pearl (student), through this LAN have showcased every aspect of our college which are performed for the students and by the students. It gives me immense joy and it makes me proud to say that not only students take pride in saying themselves Loyolites but even the management takes pride in saying that Loyola has a lion's share in the success of every Loyolite.



Rev. Dr. Joseph Antony Samy, SJ, Principal, Loyola College



Any academic institution that aspires to be a temple for learning should offer a platform for communication; exposure for new thoughts; and recognition for accomplishments. LAN - Loyola Academic Newsletter would be an encouragement to staff and students to think creatively and express themselves. It is another tool to help and create leaders, in other words, Men and Women for Others. I see this as an opportunity to bridge the communication gap among our alumni, parents, departments and stake holders.

Prof G. Ramamurthy, Deputy Principal, Loyola College



"People with passion look forward to unique accomplishments and are oriented towards the future". It gives me an immense joy to learn that the first issue of Loyola Academic Newsletter (LAN) is brought forth. The wide-spectrum of academic accomplishments in different sections gives us a sense of pride that our students and teachers possess the potential and effort to think creatively and act positively. I am confident that LAN will send a positive signal to the staff, students and the persons who are interested in the educational and literary activities. LAN is like a mirror which reflects the clear picture of all sorts of academic activities undertaken by the institution and develops writing skills among students in particular and teaching faculty in general.

Commendable job has also been done by the Editorial Board in planning for and producing the first edition LAN. My congratulations to the team who take up the responsibility for the arduous job of collecting, collating and editing campus news.

Dr. K.S. Antonysam, WEPRO Director, Loyola College



Loyola Academic Newsletter (LAN) would go in the annals of Loyola College as the first official newsletter with an objective of disseminating the milestones of the college to the public, well-wishers, alumni, members of other Jesuit institutions. Just like many other newsletters, LAN would serve as a digital chronicle recording academic achievements, creating space for creative expressions for staff and students and highlighting the good in everything that happens in Loyola College. Therefore, as members of Loyola family, everyone should make concerted efforts to contribute towards the successful run of LAN. Surely it would serve a bridge between loyalites and the public and take necessary information to all the well-wishers.

Being College of Excellence, Loyola beckons every one of us to make use of the opportunity available on the campus and actualize the potentials to a greater extent. LAN offers scope for such self-actualization. Here is a space for staff and students who may enhance Attitude, Skill and Knowledge, the three main criteria for judging the worth of any person either for selection or career advancement. Further, LAN provides us with platform to hone our journalistic skills, develop positive attitude and increase sound knowledge about the events of the college especially the conferences, symposia, workshops and such academic experiences. Above all, the hands-on experience utilized by staff and students will take them farther in their career.

His Presence was a Blessing



Rev. Fr. Adolfo Nicolas, General, Society of Jesus, visited Loyola College on February 27, 2016. Rev. Fr. A. M. Jayapathy Francis, S.J. Rector, Loyola College welcomed and requested him to give all members of Loyola Institutions his message.

In his address, Fr. General highlighted the value of Jesuit education. He said that Jesuit Education aims at 'Good Education' that is something good for everybody. It is the accompaniment of children who are growing into being persons with heart and persons with vision so that they contribute to society. Jesuit Education happens in freedom. It is only when we educate a person in the climate of freedom that the person grows. He further said that Education happens through interaction. They learn mostly from others, companions, same like professors

learning from other professors. Finally, Education is trying to make people with strong feelings. He used analogy of giraffe to explain the need for being compassionate, broadminded and visionary. The giraffe has the biggest heart among the animals. The heart of a giraffe weighs 4.5 to 5 kgs because it has to pump blood to the head and the head is far away. The giraffe not only has a big heart, but also has a higher point of view, the highest vision of all. It can see more of the world than all the other animals. We want all our students to be giraffes. We hope that they go from our institutions with a big heart and point of view on the world that is very wide and very extensive. This can only happen through networking. Another way of achieving this end is 'Magis'.

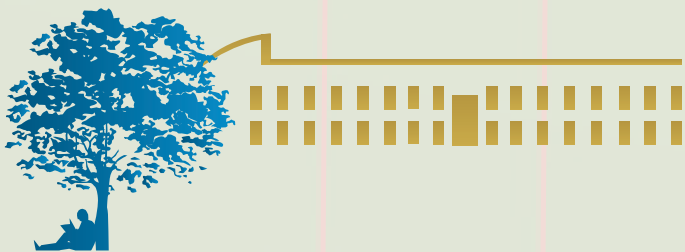
Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J., Principal, Loyola College thanked Fr. General for his simple and powerful message for Loyola community, staff and students. He further assured Fr. General that Loyola college has always been transparent in decision making and broad minded in admission and keen on personality development. About one thousand members of Loyola family were enthralled by the message of Fr. General and more so





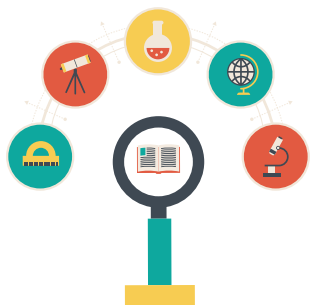
Campus Cognisance

- ▶ Department of Physics conducted a refresher course on Quantum Mechanics from 11th May to 23rd May. This refresher course opened up new possibilities in quantum mechanics and the participants were greatly benefitted by the program.
- ▶ Staff orientation program which was conducted from 8th to 12th June enunciated the academic system and principles of our College and enlightened the junior staff about the advanced methods in teaching. The concept of teacher acting as a facilitator was much discussed.
- ▶ Teaching Staff Orientation was conducted on 15th and 16th of June and newly recruited staff members were introduced to the teaching fraternity. The discussions touched upon various topics and one such was new pedagogical practices adopted in higher education system.
- ▶ Mr. Raghu Rai's photography exhibition on refugees was organized by LISSTAR in collaboration with UNHCR on 22nd June. It showcased the various problems faced by refugees.
- ▶ Discussion was held on the topic of displaced women and the livelihood strategies and the panel was headed by Mr.Gajendran. the event was organized by LISSTAR.
- ▶ Department of Media Arts celebrated the start of its 10th year by conducting an award ceremony for the much acclaimed Tamil movie "kaakkaa muttai" team on 10th July.
- ▶ Loyola Research Lecture series for the year 2015-16 was filled with so much of intellectual concepts. A lecture titled as "Science in Antarctica " was delivered on 17th July.
- ▶ A lecture on the topic "Interaction of Biomolecules with Nanomaterials" was delivered on 20th July as part of Loyola Research Lecture series.
- ▶ A discussion on the encyclical "Laudato Si" was organized by LISSTAR on 17th July and Rev.Fr.Wilfred Felix, the international theologian delivered the lecture.
- ▶ A lecture on capsule biography was delivered by Dr.C.J.Nirmal on 17th July. It was organized by the Department of History.
- ▶ A lecture on the topic "Foreign Policy Options for India in the Changing Geo-Political Context" was conducted on 21st July and it was organized by the Department of Sociology.
- ▶ A one day dialogue for building youth leadership for sustainable planet was organized by IYONS on 28th July.
- ▶ 'Springboard', a leadership program, was organized by IQAC and was conducted on 26th August 2015.
- ▶ Rev.Fr.C.Racine S.J. endowment lecture was conducted on 1st September 2015 and the event was organized by Department of Mathematics.
- ▶ A conference on "The Independence of Transgenders in Independent India" was held on 3rd September.
- ▶ Teachers' Day celebration was held on 4th September.
- ▶ UGC sponsored resource lecture on "Climate Change and its Impact on Human Health" was held on 7th September.



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- ▶ Mr.P.Sainath was honored with the prestigious Loyola Award on 15th September 2015. A distinguished alumnus and journalist, his research work on farmer suicides awakened the conscience of the nation and influenced policy makers.
- ▶ Department of History organized lectures on the following topics on 16th September 2015.
“China - From Opium Wars to Deng Xiaoping”
“Israel and Palestine”
- ▶ A training session for M.Phil and Ph.D. scholars for accessing E-Resources was conducted on 21st September 2015.
- ▶ Corpus Christi procession was held on 25th September 2015.
- ▶ Scholarship and sewing machines was distributed by Department of Service Learning (Outreach) on 29th September 2015.
- ▶ The annual cultural extravaganza “Ovations” was held on 30th September and 1st October 2015.
- ▶ Loyola Alumni Day meet was held on 2nd October 2015.
- ▶ Dr.A.V.Omprakash delivered the Rev.Dr.Joseph Inchackal endowment lecture on Rural Poultry Farming on 5th October 2015. It was organized by the Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology.
- ▶ World Mental Health Day was observed on 16th October 2015. The awareness program stressed on the theme “Dignity in Mental Health”.
- ▶ Starting a healthy practice of encouraging students who are diligent and regular to the college, the management honoured the students who maintained 95% physical attendance and above and conferred medals on students who had 100% physical attendance.
- ▶ Catholic Teaching Staff Association was inaugurated on 27th October 2015.
- ▶ One day International symposium on the theme, ‘VOICE’ - Value Of International Collaborative-business Education: A Spectrum of Opportunities was organized by Loyola International Academic Collaboration on 30th November 2015.
- ▶ "Veethi virudhu vizha" was organized by the LSSS and the event was held on 9th and 10th January.
- ▶ International seminar on the topic “Thirukkural in a Multi-Dimensional Perspective” was organized by the Department of Tamil on 19th January 2016.
- ▶ Open forum for the students was conducted on 19th and 20th January.
- ▶ Springboard Leadership Programme on “Emotional Quotient for Effective Leadership” was organized by IQAC on 21st January 2016.
- ▶ Ignite was conducted by Students' Union on 14th March, 2016 in Kamarajar Arangam, Chennai. Anna University won the first prize.



Loyola Research Park

U.G. STUDENTS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Loyola research park is a multidisciplinary research hub at the frontiers of science, arts and commerce which encourages and supports UG students to do socially relevant and need based research integrating human values through research fellowship programme. 16 UG students who have no arrears and secured above 75% in previous semesters were invited to apply. 16 UG students were selected based on the merit of the research proposals given by them. Each student will get rupees 15K. The selected candidates started their project in the middle of the fifth semester. They spend weakly 10 hours in the labs of their respective departments under the supervision of their guides. The best projects will determine the winners of the young investigator awards. This initiative was taken by the Principal Rev.Dr.Joseph Antony Samy S.J..Kudos to Dr.S. Vincent, the Director, LIFE who meticulously implement the scheme.

The List of Selected Students:

S.No	Name	Dept. no	Department
1	Suman Gunin	13-AZ-016	Advance Zoology & Biotechnology
2	Vedesh R	13-AZ-029	Advance Zoology & Biotechnology
3	Carlson Alexander	13-CH-001	Chemistry
4	Jose Antony Jenish	13-PB-051	Plant Biology & Biotechnology
5	Arun Prasanth R	13-PB-031	Plant Biology & Biotechnology
6	Sibi U S	13-PH-233	Physics
7	Vishal Dadhich	13-PH-201	Physics
8	Swaminathan A	13-PH-255	Physics
9	Koushik V	13-PH-211	Physics
10	Dhruva Manur	13-PH-221	Physics
11	Hari Krishnan S	13-PH-215	Physics
12	Mohana Vasanthan	13-TL-068	Tamil
13	Aravind M	13-TL-015	Tamil
14	Vignesh V	13-TL-045	Tamil
15	Ilamparithi B	13-TL-004	Tamil
16	Dinesh Kumar	13-TL-007	Tamil

Behind the Scenes

We might have heard of them, spoken to them, but here, we will get to know more about what we haven't known about them. Meet the heroes within the campus in this section; they become our interviewees to share more about themselves with us.

Beyond the Boundaries:

Playgrounds! Vast space brimming with activity all day!

With the setting of the sun, all that action recedes, and in all its irony, the hitherto active playgrounds stand empty, motionless, expansive, and beautiful. In all that vast emptiness, there is one man who continues to trudge the breadth and length of the enormous void left by the players. The Marker! The ancient Kanniappan, who spent his whole lifetime looking after the playgrounds of Loyola, for a change, talks to us, answering every question with unwitting simplicity. Can life be as simple as he seems to suggest! Let's find out!

How many years in Loyola College? Have you worked elsewhere before this?

My mother worked earlier for a staff of the college. And when I was 16 or 17 years old she brought me to the campus. That day when I entered the sports ground I decided to continue to help students play their games. I gave up on my studies, lacked interest to study and the approach of the students and priests motivated me to continue work as in the grounds. Now I am 65 plus.



We heard you are retired now, what's the difference in your experience before and after retirement?

No difference. This is where I belong. This is my house. The priests in the campus inspire me and encourage me. When I took ill recently they met me and helped me. I am available whenever they call me. They themselves hired me in the management quota and continue to support me financially too.

What is your favorite game?

Except cricket all the rest

Do you have any memorable experience?

The staff long back used to play tennis regularly. But one day they decided not to play. It was because that particular day I was sick and on leave. When I returned one sir, I think it was William sir, he said "Kanniappan there was no one to put the ball back on time and so we did not play"

Preferred place to be in campus?

This play ground only. I cannot sit for long in the church. I am a worker and so I prefer to sit here. I was very dear to famous players like Vijay Amirtaraj, his brothers and their mother. If you still get to see her in church or elsewhere please convey my wishes to her.

About family

I have three boys and a girl, (and turning towards his wife who was seated next to him) and she takes care of me lovingly.

If a prize or gift is offered by the college what would be your expectation?

Nothing. The priests and are like Gods to me! And have provided with more than what I need. During the floods, I was in this room itself (pointing out to the small store room near the basket ball court). Fathers made sure I had food to eat. My wife also came here, as our house was all wet and we could not go there for those few days.

(With tears in his eye) I have never seen such a loving people, (mentioning some names like Fr. Anto and Fr. William) they are like brothers to me. They speak to me with their arms around me a simple worker, like good friends.

Why do you think they, the priests and management are good to you?

The love and respect for the work I do, they observe. By the way I do not wish to speak to people who speak anything ill, about anything or anybody in campus.



Your words of advice/ message for students

Choose one game of your choice and play it well. And parents send you to play and benefit, then once you reach here, concentrate on the game only and come on time.

Groups of boys come and call me these days “thatha, thatha ” and ask for equipments and go away. But say 20 years back they came; they played and shared stories with me! Poor little boys don’t seem to have time for people these days.



DO YOU KNOW?

James John Britto R, an alumnus of Loyola, has bagged the all-India top rank in the Chartered Accountants (CA) final examination conducted in November 2015, securing 74.38 per cent. He scored 74.38 per cent with 595 marks on 800.

The total number of aspirants, who appeared in this CA exam was 42,469; and 2,440 have cleared this exam.

91st College Day

91st College Day Celebration at Loyola College, Chennai was held on March 16, 2016. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Chief Justice, Madras High Court, Chennai was the Chief Guest. He addressed the staff and students and distributed the medals to the meritorious students. About one hundred students received the medals during the occasion. On the occasion, the academic milestones of the college were also shown in video graphic form.



MOU with Monash University, Malaysia

Loyola College, Chennai signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Monash University, Malaysia March 22, 2015. It is proposed to have a Twinning Programme with Monash in the field of M.Sc (International Business) and academic research. One year of course is conducted at Loyola College and the second year is organized on Monash University Campus, Malaysia. Students have the option of spending a semester at Monash University, Australia based on their performance. Each party will make an effort to promote the cooperation for mutual benefits in academics and research. Amidst Loyola College officials, Professor Helen Bartlett, President & Pro Vice-Chancellor, Monash University Malaysia and other dignitaries of Monash University were present to sign the MOU.



DO YOU KNOW?

Loyola is the first college in the nation to offer a degree programme in Visual communication. The seed was sown by Fr. A. J. Thamburaj, S.J., when he began 'Loyola Art Club' in the 1970s. Soon, the 'Club' grew into the Loyola Institute of Visual Communication (LIVCOM), offering a two-year Diploma in Visual Communication as an evening programme from the year 1979. The welcome the programme received from the media industry led the Loyola management to go in for a full-fledged degree in Visual Communication. Thanks to the efforts of Rev. Fr. A.M. Jayapathy Francis, S.J., the Director and his committed staff of Culture and Communication, Loyola College. Loyola became the first college to offer a Degree programme in the whole of India, and perhaps in Asia. That was in June 1989.

Graduation Day Ceremony



Loyola College celebrated its 88th graduation day on 23, January 2016. Dr. N. Manickam Senior Scientist, DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Hyderabad is the chief guest of the degree awarding programme. Out of 1820 students passed out 1365 students (932UG, 363PG, 71 M.Phil) are receiving the degrees. There also 24 Differently-Abled students and 63 Gold Medal Winners who are receiving the awards in person and 455 in absentia. Among these passed out graduates of 2014-15, 481 are employed, 105



become entrepreneurs, 724 are pursuing their higher studies. The chief guest lauded the effort of various voluntary organization like Loyola college and individuals who handled the situation and helped each other during the recent flood at Chennai. Further, he requested the young bloods today to bring back the nation building high moral values back in place. On this occasion, the college honored Mr. James John Britto, the All-India Topper in Chartered Accountancy Examination held in Nov 2015. Fr. Principal presented him to the new graduates as a role model.

Loyola College honours the Students for Diligence & Regularity

One of the best practices, “Honouring the Students for Diligence and Regularity”, has been recently initiated in Loyola College. Those students who put in 95% physical attendance are honored with certificates, medals and mementoes.

In a grand function organized by Principal, Deputy Principal and Vice-Principals on 16th October 2015 in LS Hall at 3.30 PM, 321 students from both Shift I and Shift II were honored for 95% physical attendance during June - Nov 2015 and 12 students were applauded for 100% physical attendance in Loyola College.

Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, SJ, Principal, Loyola college insisted on the need for regularity and discipline among students and suggested that it would pave way for their success in career. Prof. G. Ramamurthy, Deputy Principal motivated the students to excel in academics. Prof. Pencier, Vice-Principal for Shift I welcomed the awardees and other dignitaries. Prof. J. George Fernandaz, Vice-Principal for Shift II proposed the vote of thanks.



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Rain drowned Chennai, Loyola Rose

The role of Loyola Rain Relief Service (LRRS)



Torrential rainfalls in Chennai over the past a few weeks nearly drowned the city. A 14 hour downpour of 20 cm rainfall on Tuesday (1st December, 2015) broke a 100 year record with a single day's rain exceeding the monthly average, leaving more than half of the Tamil Nadu capital marooned. Schools, colleges, and many factories were closed; even 60% of the power supply was cut off. The Chennai airport was also temporarily shut and all flights to the city cancelled.

On December 2, 2015, Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J., Principal, Loyola College along with Outreach department and other staff volunteers visited the rain affected areas located around Loyola College, Chennai. On visitation, the neighbourhood seemed to be badly affected. The floods had gushed into the streets of Namachivayapuram and engulfed the residents and their living conditions. Loyola College, a Jesuit Institution, came forward immediately to extend its support to 2500 plus people whose houses were inundated in the flood. It is quite common to observe that most of the earlier hazards invited emergency responses and the government acted promptly. This time Loyola College played a vital role to ensure the safety of displaced families. As there was a looming spectre of epidemics, the college management planned proactive measures to promptly address the pressing needs of the flood victims through organizing a relief camp: Loyola Rain Relief Service (LRRS)

As a small beginning, the management initiated a core committee to discuss the ways and means to handle the situation with remedial measures. Initially, the student volunteers visited the drowned areas and distributed food to the people. On observing the condition of the homeless victims, the college opened up its gate to the affected people inside Loyola premises. LRRS had 30 staff, and 250 energetic students, who volunteered themselves towards the relief measures.



The camp was started with an organized schedule. To help the people in overcoming their sorrows and to serve them in accepting their way of life, the inmates' opinions were collected and the schedule of the camp was planned accordingly.

After the incessant rain, we were flooded with goodness. Many sponsors came forward to help LRRS out with breakfast, lunch and dinner to be distributed to the flood victims. All essential materials such as food and basic amenities were systematically collected, stored and distributed to the inmates. Further, the inmates were provided with bed sheets, mats and clothes. LRRS recognized that the affected people were in need of some important essentials to carry on their routine. The required provisions were collected from the sponsors and distributed to the people. The provisions kit consisted of clothes, paste, brush, towels, mosquito coil and sanitary napkins. To keep the children entertained and to make them forget their worries, the students conducted many fun games. Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS) engaged the woe stricken people with folk art performance.

Along with food supplies and stress busters to the people, their medical needs were also identified to a greater extent. A medical team consisting of 8 doctors offered medical treatment for nearly 1750 flood victims housed in Loyola premises. In addition, about 7 doctors from private hospitals and 2 doctors from Corporation of Chennai visited and offered medical assistance to the victims. A number of donors sent a lot of emergency medicines needed for the people who stayed in our camp. A special medical team support from Apollo hospital consisting of 4 doctors and 4 volunteers too visited the camp.

Volunteers found the tasks of distributing basic amenities to flood victims in other affected areas to be much challenging and demanding. Thus, a rescue team of Loyola was sent to other affected areas of Chennai – Velachery, Mudichur, Pulicat, Urappakkam, Nandhambakkam, Ramapuram, etc. and other parts of Cudalore, Thiruvallur and kanchipuram districts. They rescued the flood victims and distributed food, water, clothes and also medicines to the HIV patients identified in a few areas. The much interiors of the Otteri area was reached by our rescue team. We feel proud of our rescue team that won the appreciation of becoming the first team to visit those areas. The NCC cadets of Loyola college provided security for people who spent their days and nights in the camp. The volunteers of Loyola have achieved their maximum on the relief measures taken.

The people who were safely sheltered at Loyola had to start their life from their initial stage. Hence, focusing on this, Loyola took its next step on rehabilitation and reconstruction. The materials worth of Rs. 8,000 each relief kit that were sponsored by donors such as clothes, candles, mosquito repellents, sanitary napkins, utensils, bed sheets, etc were distributed to people inside as well as the affected ones in the outer parts of Chennai. We hoped that this relief kit systematically distributed by the volunteers would be a completely new startup of life for those hutments. All donors and sponsors were also invited for distributing the startup kits. People were well overwhelmed and thanked the LRRS team for their good gesture.

Thus, it was a well –timed and effectively organized camp for the flood victims at Loyola College. Completely impressed by all media persons, it was hailed as a model camp for the others to take a cue from this. Further, many donors commended the team upon the yeoman service rendered to these flood victims.



“Mobile Learning: Communicating, Connecting and Collaborating”

A two day National Workshop on “Mobile Learning: Communicating, Connecting and Collaborating” is organized by Department of English, Loyola College in collaboration with English Language Teachers’ Association of India (ELTAI) on February 27 & 28, 2016 at Loyola College. It was an initiative of Executive Committee members of ELTAI as there is a felt need for educators to become familiar with, and capable of, using technology particularly the use of mobile devices in teaching and learning. Hence, Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Director, WEPRO & E C Member, ELTAI convened the workshop. He explained that the workshop was organized to create an awareness of changing dynamics of teaching and learning environments. .

Mr. Ganapathi Ramachandran, Chairman & Executive Director, Trigyn Technologies Ltd was the chief guest who in his inaugural address insisted that every student of 21 century must be a digital citizen – a person who is responsible for how he /she utilizes technology to interact with the world around them. He added that academic institutions could tap into the power of information technology by utilizing virtual learning through cloud computing thereby creating a massive impact on the minds of the digital generation of students.

Mr. M. Saravan Krishna, Founder, Managing Director & CEO, Nuggets Media Pvt. Ltd was the guest of honour who said that mobile learning has emerged as a powerful learning tool in 21 Century and it is time that students and teachers adapt themselves to this transition from reliance on printed books to reading e-books on a mobile which is accessible and cheaper. He commended the convener, Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Director, Web Enhancement and Public Relation Office for organizing a relevant workshop in an age of internet.



Dr K. Elango, formerly Professor of English, Anna University, Chennai and Secretary, ELTAI, Dr. Revathi Viswanathan, Head of the Department of English, B. S. Abdur Rahman University, Vandalur, Dr. Albert P'Rayan, KCG College of Technology, English, Faculty Member, English for Engineering & Technology, an English Language Teaching (ELT) resource person and Dr. Xavier Pradeep Singh, Department of English, V.O.C. College of Arts and Science, Thoothukudi, (TN) were the resource persons.



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Dr. Joseph Chandra, Professor and Head, Department of English, Loyola College in his welcome address pointed out that mobile learning is not a matter of choice any more as digital devices help students and teachers access information sources faster than traditional search in a library. Felicitating the organizers and the participants, Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J., Principal, Loyola College emphasized that in Loyola College, there is no gap between policy and execution on the ground. E-governance is widely practiced in the form of taking attendance and processing the evaluation of students through ERP. Prof. G. Ramamurthy, Deputy Principal, Loyola College in his speech remarked that earlier generation teachers could not even imagine how today's students are using and mastering new technology just like they do the spoken language. Therefore, educational institutions cannot ban smart phones any more but encourage them use them for learning purposes. Prof. Pencier, Vice Principal, Loyola College reiterated the use of mobile apps in his concluding remarks.

The workshop offered hands-on experience on social publishing platforms like face book and Adobe connect, collaborating devices like Google drive, mobile apps like voice thread, creating whatsapp groups as means of language teaching and learning and exploring various social medias like hootsuite and social media app for language learning purpose. The experience was limited to only about 40 registered participants from all over India.



பன்முக நோக்கில் திருக்குறள்

2016 ஆம் ஆண்டு சனவரி 19 ஆம் நாளில் “பன்முக நோக்கில் திருக்குறள்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் தமிழ்த்துறையினரால் பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கம் நடத்தப்பெற்றது.



தொடக்கவிழாவில் கல்லூரி அதிபர் அருள் தந்தை ஏ.எம். ஜெயபதி பிரான்ஸிஸ், சே.ச., அவர்கள் தலைமை தாங்கி சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். கல்லூரி முதல்வர் அருள் முனைவர் ஞா. ஜோசப் அந்தோணி சாமி, சே.ச. அவர்கள் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார். தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவரும் கருத்தரங்கத் தலைவருமாகிய முனைவர் சூ. அந்தோணி செல்வநாதன் அவர்கள் தலைமையுரை ஆற்றினார். கருத்தரங்க ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் சி.அ. இராசராசன் அவர்கள் நிகழ்ச்சியினைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கினார். கருத்தரங்க துணை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் பேரா. ஞா. ஞானயுவராசு அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரை நல்கினார். முனைவர் டோ. டேவிட் ஸ்டான்லி அவர்கள் நன்றியுரை வழங்கினார்.



தொடக்கவிழா நிறைவுற்றதும் ஏழு அமர்வுகளில் ஏறக்குறைய அறுபது கட்டுரையாளர்கள் தங்கள் கட்டுரைகளை வாசித்தளித்தனர். நூற்றுப்பதினேழு கட்டுரைகளைத் தாங்கிய அழகிய ஆய்வுமலர் வெளியிடப்பட்டு அனைவர்க்கும் வழங்கப்பட்டது. பிரான்சு நாட்டில் இருந்து பேராளர்கள் வந்திருந்து கருத்தரங்கத்தைச் சிறப்பித்தனர்.

நிறைவு விழா மாலை 5.00 மணியளவில் தொடங்கியது. கல்லூரி செயலர் தந்தை அருள் முனைவர் ச. இலாசர், சே.ச. அவர்கள் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார். தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினர் திருமிகு. ஜே.சி.டி. பிரபாகர் அவர்கள் சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். முனைவர் சி.அ. இராசராசன் அவர்கள் கருத்தரங்க நிகழ்வுரையை வழங்கினார். முனைவர் எஸ். அமல்ராஜ் அவர்கள் வந்திருந்தோரை வரவேற்றுப்பேசினார். பேரா. ஜெ. சந்தியாகப்பர் அவர்கள் நன்றியுரை நல்கினார். முனைவர் து. மேரிசொர்ணாம்பாள் அவர்கள் நிகழ்ச்சியினைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கினார். நிகழ்வின்போது கட்டுரையாளர்களுக்கு சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் அவர்களால் சான்றிதழ் வழங்கப்பட்டு கருத்தரங்கம் சிறப்பாக நிறைவுற்றது. பெரும்பான்மையோர் பயன்பெற்று திருக்குறளின் சிறப்பினைத் தெரிந்து கொண்டனர்.



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