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**LOYOLA STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICES**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

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(2022 – 2023)



*“Students are our Friends”*

## **Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS)**

LSSS is a service unit of Loyola College that is committed to the holistic development of students by offering support services such as Scholarships, Management Concession (Jesuit Educational Support), Academic assistance like Remedial Programs, Peer learning, Special English Coaching, ACCESS program, Placement training, XAT coaching, Free noon meal, Part time jobs, Personality development instilling social concern through Art and Literary wing, Veedhi Virudhu Vizha and ensure admission for the students from the bottom of the pyramid of the society through EXODUS and DESAM camps.

### **Vision**

LSSS envisions to empower the Dalit, Poor and Vulnerable students to face the challenges and lead a life of dignity.

### **Mission**

Enabling the Vulnerable students to attain over-all and integral formation through instilling confidence, capacity building, improving the quality of life, providing financial and academic assistance, creating opportunities for employability and deepening their commitment for better future for all.

### **Major Activities of LSSS**

- Identifies the Dalits, First Graduates, Economically Poor, Orphans, Semi Orphans and Vulnerable students and helps them in the process of admission.
- Takes note of various management and Government scholarships available to various categories of students, such as SC/ST, MBC, BC, Differently Abled, FGL, Rural Girls and helps them in process of applying and receiving the Government scholarships and benefits.
- Administers additional financial help through management concessions by identifying the target students in the first semester itself and help in reducing the burden of paying their fee during their studies.
- Taps the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds in corporate sectors for the assistance of poor and vulnerable students in Loyola College.
- Helps in availing all the foresaid scholarships without any delay and difficulty by helping them with academic advice and logistical support.

- Caters to the needs of the academically poor students and helps them through Enabling classes (Remedial Classes) and Special English Coaching Classes in collaboration with respective departments.
- Monitors the academic activities by tracking the records of achievements for better monitoring and counselling.
- Coordinates with the management and helps the deserving students to avail the Noon Meal Scheme.
- Collaborates with the Training and Placement cell, and assists the students to get Part Time jobs (on Campus and off Campus)
- Conducts periodic workshops and organize seminars on Indian history and culture with a focus on subaltern realities.
- Forms various fora and organizes seminars and workshops to develop their skills and self-respect.

### **Educational Support**

LSSS identifies and provides private scholarships and management concessions to the poor, Tribals, Dalits, orphan and semi-orphan, differently abled students, refugees, migrants and victims of natural disaster are given preference.

#### **1. Jesuit Education Support (JES)**

JES administers additional financial help through management concessions by identifying the target students in the first semester itself and help in reducing the burden of paying their fee during their studies. During this academic year totally 939 students with poor socio-economic backgrounds benefited from JES for the tune of Rs. 88.88Lakhs.

#### **2. Government scholarships**

Government had announced the application process via online mode. Hence, LSSS take a notes of scholarships available to various categories of students, such as SC/ST, MBC, BC, Differently Abled, FGL, Rural Girls and helps them in process of applying and receiving the Government scholarships and benefits.

#### **3. Alumni Scholarships**

Loyola with its illustrious alumni never hesitates to approach the benefactors in order to help the poor and the needy through 'Help A Student Scheme'. As a result, totally 39 students have been fully sponsored by the alumni for the sum of Rs. 1074750.

S. No	Name of the Alumni	Scholarship Amount received (Rs)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Loyola Economics Batch 76'	118150	6
2	Dr. Gowtham Menon,U S - Scholarship including hostel Accommodation	131600	1
3	Sri Challa Vijayaraghavalu Naidu Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Studies – Donated by Dr Prakash Challah, USA	40000	1
4	Sri Challa Deenadayalu Naidu Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Studies- Donated by Dr Prakash Challah, USA	40000	1
5	Mr. Andrew Vimal Magimaidass, U S	110000	7
6	Shyamkothari Endowment Scholarship	300000	16
7	Jayachandran Group of Companies	163000	6
8	Mr. P.M. Rao, Washington DC, Including Hostel accomodation	172000	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1074750</b>	<b>39</b>

### Private and Other Scholarship

For more than 15 years SUMITOMO Corporation India Pvt.Ltd has been sponsoring Rs. 300000 every year for the poor meritorious students. Apart from their financial assistance, they make it a point to visit the students at least once a year with their progress report.

With a noble initiative by Rev Fr Thomas SJ, the principal this academic year we have got scholarships from Sutherland Global Services worth sum of Rs 50Lakhs. And through this scholarship we could reach out to 65 poor meritorious UG first year students.

S. No	Name of the Company	Scholarship Amount received (Rs)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	SUMITOMO Corporation India Pvt.Ltd	3,00,000	15
2	Sutherland Global Services	50,00,000	65
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5300000</b>	<b>80</b>

## **Academic services**

### **4. Remedial Program and Peer learning**

Remedial program is arranged for students having more than two arrears to improve upon the major subjects in collaboration with their respective department staff. An average of 250 students from government schools and Tamil medium schools get benefited from this program.

Jesuit management is not only giving priority to admit under privileged sections of students community, they support in their academic growth during their study if they need. So every semester HODs/Coordinators assign staff members to conduct remedial and monitor peer learning classes.

LSSS ropes in the academically sound students to assist their classmates who are in need of academic assistance. Students who help will duly be remunerated. Around 41 students per semester are assisted and accompanied through this program during this academic year 2022-2023.

#### **Review cum orientation meeting:**

In the odd semester 2022-23, around 972 students from 19 departments both shift 1 and shift 2 attended remedial and peer learning classes, and had benefitted and reflected in pass percentage of the odd semester Examination 2022-2-23. There was a review cum orientation meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. Rev. Dr Boniface Jeyaraj SJ, Secretary and Rev. Dr A. Thomas SJ, Principal expressed their gratitude for being empathetic towards our academically weaker students. Fr. Principal in his address asked to find out the reasons for not showing interest in their studies and address their problems. Also he mentioned to have different strategies for those students to get pass mark in the subjects. Fr. Secretary insisted to be positive in our approach while handling the students. Rev. Dr G. Victor Roch SJ thanked Fr. Secretary and Fr. Principal for their excellent support and being with us in each every step we take for the betterment of students' community. All the staff members who were engaged in remedial classes were present and had given their feedback. The students those who need our support did not turn up due to various personal problems. Insufficient class rooms for conducting remedial classes is a major problem. Fr. Secretary and Fr. Principal asked the Director and Vice Principal, Academics to try to solve this problem with the help of Rev. Dr M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ, Vice Principal, Infrastructure.



## **5. U.S. Access Microscholarship Programme:**

‘English Access Microscholarship Program (Access)’ is an initiative of the United States Embassy/ Consulate General in India and the United States Department of State. Access is one of the flagship programs of Loyola College in collaboration with US Consulate Chennai. We highly value this program as it empowers the poor and rural students in our college with excellent communication skills. And also the students gain appreciation towards Indian, American and other cultures, values, ethos, customs and etiquettes. We are grateful to US Consulate and the department of State USA, our funding and collaborating partner in this unique and important mission of reaching the unreached and including the excluded.

The Access program provides foundation of English Language skills to bright, economically disadvantaged students worldwide through afterschool and intensive programming. Access students gain an appreciation for U.S. culture and democratic values, increase their ability to participate successfully in the socio-economic development of their countries, and gain the ability to compete for and participate in the future U.S. Exchange and study programs. The program will also support programming for alumni that can be conducted in-country, in the region or in the U.S.

Students were interviewed on 20.07.2022 by Rev. Fr. M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ Rev. Fr. G.Victor Roch SJ and Ms. S. Jeeva and deserving students were short-listed for the programme. They were given three rounds of orientation and they were explained about the

importance and advantages of the programme. A diagnostic Test on 26.07.2022 and an Oral Test on 27.07.2022 were conducted at YD hall to identify the proficiency level of the students. The inauguration of the programme was held on 29.07.2022 at LS Hall. Ms Ruth Goode (RELO), Mr Scott R Hartmann (CAO), Rev. Dr. Francis P Xavier SJ (Rector), Rev. Dr. B. Jeyaraj SJ (Secretary), Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj (Acting Principal), Rev. Dr. M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ (Vice-Principal - Infrastructure), Rev. Dr. G. Victor Roch SJ (Director – LSSS), Dr. Florence Isido (Vice-Principal Academics & Services), Dr. K.S. Antonysamy (Head, Dept. of English), Ms. S. Jeeva (Sight Coordinator - Loyola College), Rev. Fr. Gladwin SJ (Sight Coordinator - Loyola Academy), Prof. K.D. Francis Xavier (Master Trainer- Loyola College), Ms. Kavitha Krishnakumar (Master Trainer - Loyola Academy), Dr. A. Amala Arokia Raj (Trainer,) Dr. Mallika Shiril (Trainer,) Mr. M.N.R. Rutheesh (Trainer), Mr. L. Hernest Varun (Students' Incharge) AND Access Students of Loyola College & Loyola Academy were present.

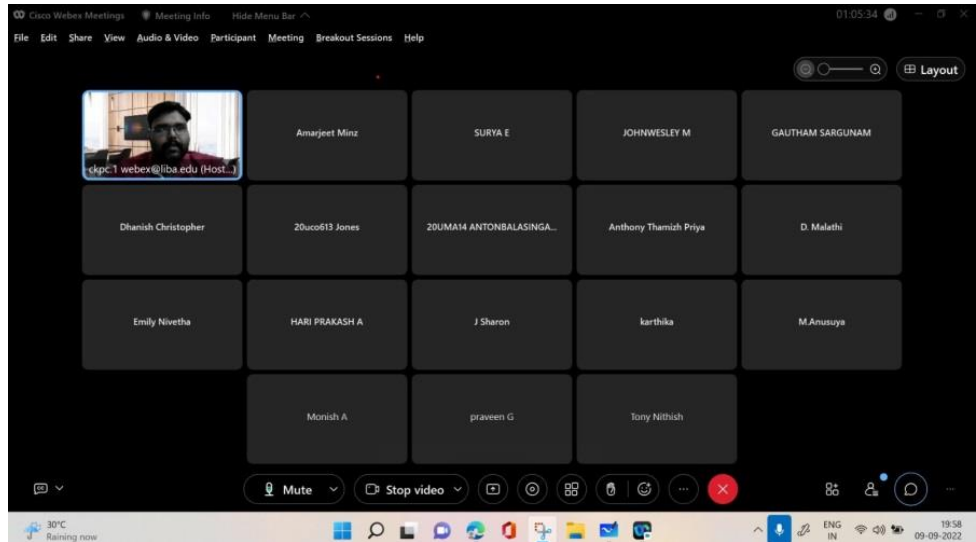
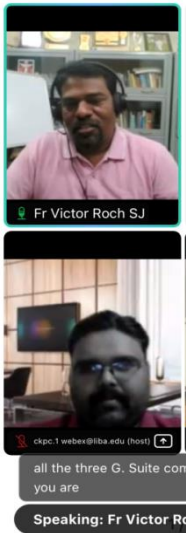
The classes began on 10.08.2022 and the programme initiated in collaboration with the United States Embassy/ Consulate General in India and the United States Department of State is progressing well.

## **6. XAT coaching**

XAT coaching is a gateway for management aspirants from the bottom of the pyramid to make themselves eligible for admission into their esteemed dream institutions. Loyola made its headway in preparing the final year students towards their aspiration of becoming management students of LIBA.

After the second consecutive successful completion of XAT Coaching 2021-22, six students were admitted in LIBA. Thus XAT coaching has become an inevitable program of LSSS. Hence for this academic year 2022-23 also, LSSS in collaboration with LIBA planned to conduct XAT coaching for the management studies aspirants from the under privileged sections of all three Jesuit colleges of Jesuit Chennai Province.

This year based on the criteria of selection of students, 14 students from Loyola College, Chennai, 13 students from Loyola College Vettavalam (LCV) and 10 students from Loyola College Mettalla (LCM) were admitted for the program.



The program was ably structured by LIBA under the able guidance and supervision of Rev. Dr C. Joe Arun SJ, Director, LIBA based on the XAT syllabus.

Apart from regular online classes a two day intensive coaching was organised for the students of all the three colleges in LIBA campus on 15-10-2022 and 16-10-2022.





Among the 37 students selected, some were not able to attend the classes regularly due to some unforeseen and personal reasons. Only 12 students attended the class with a high percentage of attendance. Seven of them appeared for XAT entrance exam 2022-2023 and all the seven students cracked their XAT examinations.



## **Support Services**

### **7. Noon Meal Scheme**

It is a free meal scheme provided for the poor and the deserving day scholars travelling from a longer distance. It helps around 250 poor students every year to nurture a healthy mind in a healthy body in order to focus on their academics.

### **8. Earn while you learn**

LSSS promotes the concept of 'Earn while you learn' by providing part time jobs to an average of 80 poor students within the campus. It aims at helping them meet their academic needs and motivating them to grow in the virtue of responsibility as well.

## **Social Transformation**

## 9. Art and Literary Unit

It is a unit under LSSS that focuses on imparting leadership qualities and social consciousness to students through Study circle, folk and theatre training, interaction with the thinkers and writers from the field of education, politics, social work, media etc., It also brings about social transformation through various folk art forms, College Flash mob performance, through awareness program and cultural performance in slums, Government schools, Government and non-government organizations. More than 150 boys and girls benefit every year from this unit and become prominent leaders and artists.

Art and Literary wing empowers the students and help them develop their individuality through folk arts under the guidance of the coordinator Dr. R. Kaleeswaran. Also, the students participate in all facets of society, including the media and collaborate with numerous government agencies. The coordinator serves as a resource person for various activities across the country including Assam Traditional art festival. Every week on Sundays, traditional artists instruct students in a variety of traditional art styles like Trained Folk Art forms like Parai, Oyil, Karagam, Sattaikuchi, Kazhiyal, Sila, Vedar, Silambam, Maadu, Mayil, Thudumbattam, Street Theater, Puppet, Periya Melam, Therukoothu and 50 more art forms. Through this, a dialogue between the students and the traditional artists may be developed, and through the students, the traditional arts can be introduced to the general public and also build up their personalities. The list of special talks conducted in this academic year is as follows.

S. No.	Topic	Name of the Resource Person
1	Stage Play & Artist	Mr. Baskar
2	Tamil Stories	Mr. S.V. Venu Gopal
3	About GST	Mr. Kalaivanan
4	Tamil Stories	Mr. Thamarai selvan
5	Poem Writing	Mr. Mu. Murugesh

6	Writing on short stories	Mr. Balu Manivannan
7	Screen Writing	Mr. Egadesi
8	Media	Dr. R. Kaleeswaran
9	Film	Mrs. Sakthi
10	Secularism	Mr. Murugan
11	Tamil Stories	Mr. Kalaivanan

There will be a talk with a personality from different fields every Friday. Students take part in this by asking questions to clarify things. Students get knowledge of numerous professions through this, and they also have the chance to work in the field of their choice under the supervision of participating individuals. Several field exposures were given to students with various collaborations where students learn as well as perform various activities under various themes.

Flash Mob Presided by Rev Dr Roch SJ,  
Director, LSSS

Special address by Dr R Kaleeswaran,  
in ASSAM at Traditional Art Festival





Folk Art Training Sessions

## 10. Veedhi Virudhu Vizha

Loyola College, Chennai in collaboration with Alternative Media Center organized the 10<sup>th</sup> Veedhi Virudhu Vizha at Loyola College on January 03 and 04, 2023. Rev. Dr. G Victor Roch SJ, Director, Loyola Student Support Services (LSSS) and Dr. Kaleeshwaran, coordinator, AMC were the main organizers of the event.

The objectives of this cultural extravaganza were to offer a definite platform for the performance of more than 4000 folk artists to a larger audience, to honor 100 senior folk artists with cash awards of 10,000 each, to offer an ex-gratia of Rs.10,000 for each family of the artists who died due to their unfortunate health conditions and to advocate for the livelihood and upliftment of the families and to educate the children of the folk artists and transpersons in our Jesuit institutions.

The kaleidoscopic event was inaugurated by **Mr. Suthan** IAS, Director of Integrated Education in the presence of Rev. Dr Jebamalai Raja, Provincial (CEN), Rev. Dr Francis P Xavier SJ, Rector, Rev. Dr B Jeyaraj SJ, Secretary, Rev. Dr A Thomas SJ, Principal and Rev. Dr. G Victor Roch SJ, Director, LSSS. The other leaders and luminaries who participated and felicitated the folk artists were Hon'ble Minister of Finance **Dr. PTR Palanivel Thiaga Rajan**, Hon'ble Minister of Transport **Mr. S S Sivasankar**, Hon'ble Minister of Minorities Welfare **Gingee K.S. Masthan**, Hon'ble Minister **Dr. Thol Thirumavalavan**, Hon'ble Member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (Thousand Lights) **Dr. Ezhilan Naganathan**, Naam Tamilar Katchi Leader **Mr. Seeman**, , **Film Directors** Mr. Pushkar, Ms. Gayathri, Mr. Brama, Mr. Karthik Subbaraj, and Mr. Arunraja Kamaraj.

### **Including the excluded**

#### **11. Loyola Online Summer Camp – June 2022**

LSSS conducted a twelve day Summer Camp from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 for the rural, poor, catholic and Dalit students belonging to the Northern Tamil Nadu Districts which come under Chennai Jesuit Province. The camp was conducted in online mode as we had difficulty in accommodating the camp students and the regular students had their second internal and semester examinations. The objective of the Summer camp was to prepare the students for higher education by enriching them with communicative English, Aptitude, Mathematics and Leadership skills through folk arts training.

The preparatory meeting for the camp was conducted on 04.05.2022 in LSSS Office. Various decisions including the target students, demo sessions, classes, syllabus, in-charges, planning for the flow and zoom purchase were the matters in discussion.



The demo sessions were organized on 31.05.2022 for the organizers, trainers and students and they were explained about the technical features and the flow of the class.

The inauguration ceremony was conducted on 01.06.2022 at 3 PM in the zoom platform. After the prayer song, Prof. Chithra Regis – Vice-Principal (Academics and services – Shift 1) delivered the welcome address. Watering the plants happened and the purpose and Jesuits and PAP context of the same was explained by Dr Kaleeswaran. Rev Fr Francis P. Xavier SJ, Rector of Loyola Institutions blessed and welcomed the students. Thiru. R. Suthan IAS, Project Director, School education, Government of Tamil Nadu rendered the inaugural address. Rev. Dr A. Thomas SJ- Principal, Rev. Dr A. Louie Albert – Campus Treasurer, Rev. Dr Maria Wenishch SJ – Director of LICET were there to offer their felicitation. Rev. Dr G. Victor Roch SJ – Director of Loyola Students Support Services gave the dynamics of the camp. Ms Jeeva – Programme Coordinator delivered the vote of thanks. The young budding students had a glimpse of their growing process.

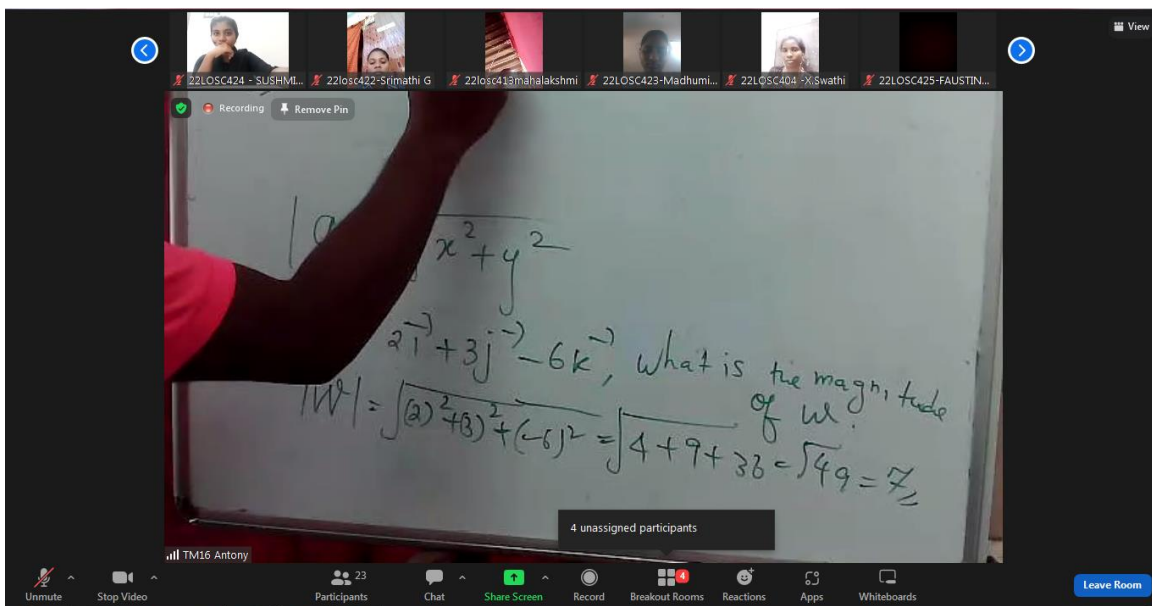
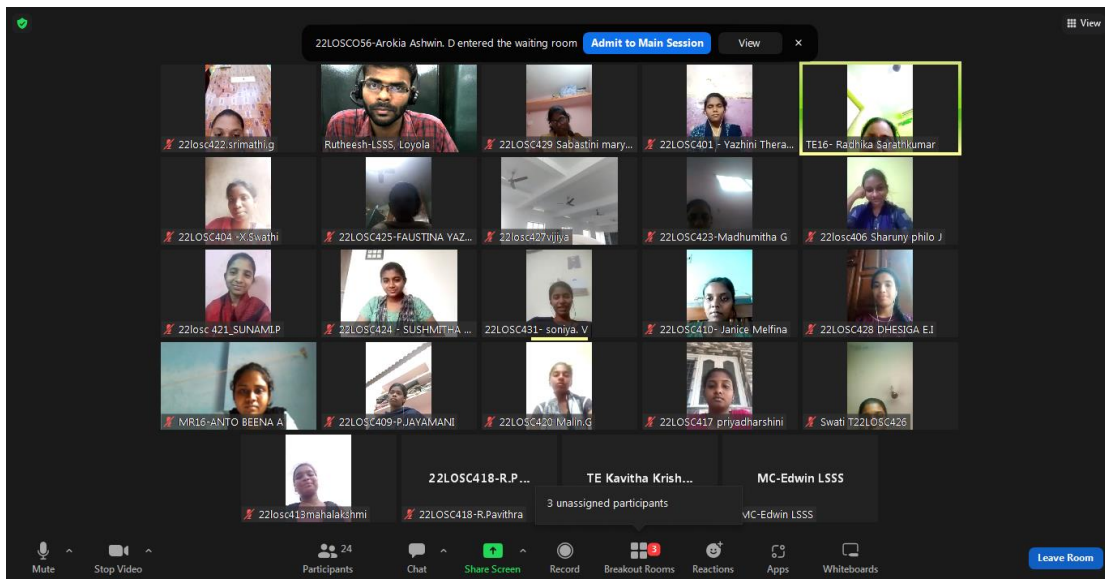
Experts from varied fields like RJ Miruthula, Mr Sidhartha, Ms Divya Bharathi, Mr Clement IRS and TJ Gnanavel were invited to interact with the students. They also shared their expertise and motivated the students to focus on what they aspire for. The sessions also provided a cursory view of various dimensions of engineering and career opportunities. They were also enlightened about the prospective scope of the arena they had opted for.

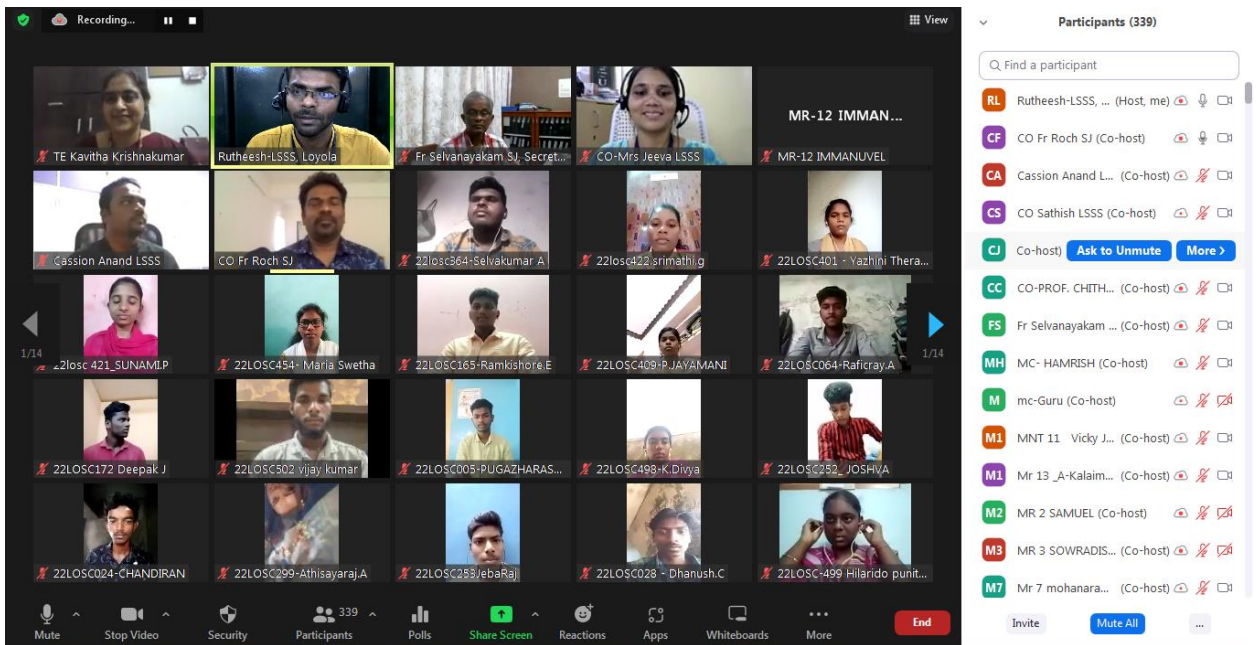
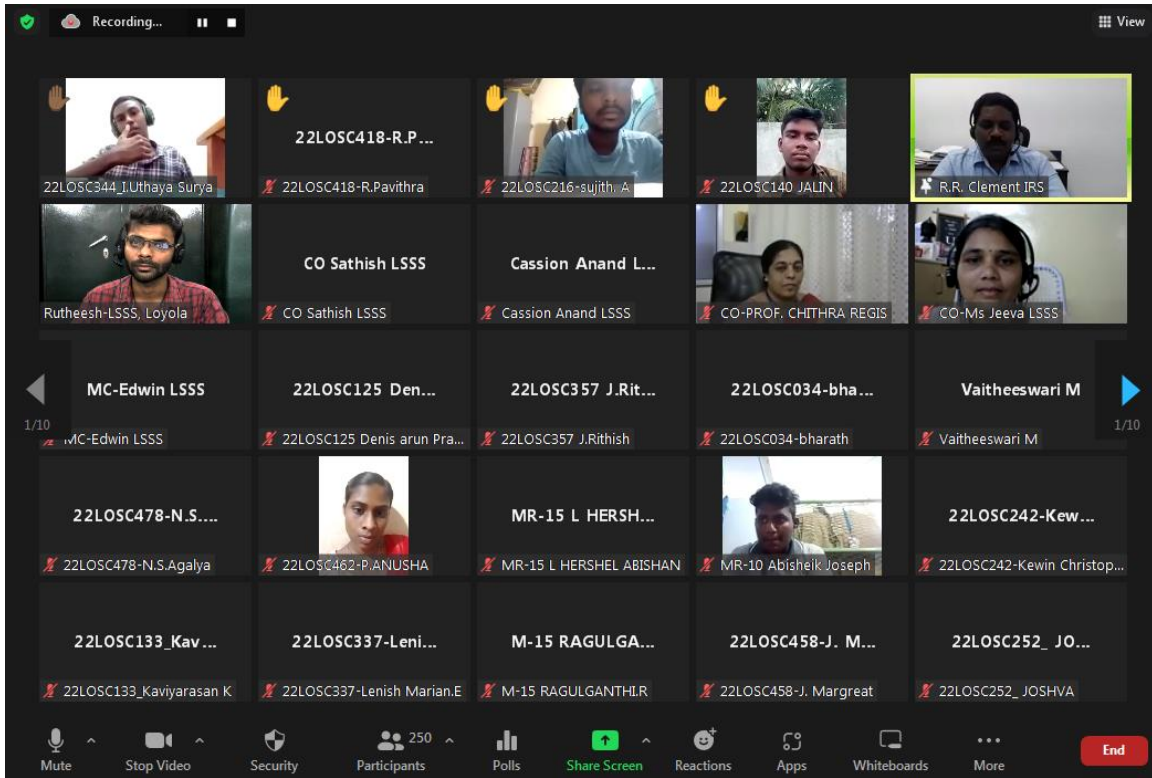
It supported the students in rationalizing their choice of study, developing bonding with peers, and comfort at the new academic interest, determining goals, the pursuit for excellence, imbibing a broader view of life.

Many competitions like poetry, essay writing, drawing, short story writing and short film were conducted. Books were sent as prizes to the winners' address by the team headed by Mr Sathish Kumar – Assistant Coordinator. LSSS whole heartedly thanked the master trainers Mrs. Kavitha Krishnakumar (English), Mrs. T. Shiba Neenu (Aptitude) and Mr. Maria Jesu (Maths) for their whole hearted contribution. LSSS also thanked the core team members from LICET for their contribution in planning and syllabus formation and the trainers for doing their best for the smooth conduct of classes every day.

The valedictory ceremony was conducted on 12.06.2022 at 3 PM with the Theme of H2O (Hurdles to opportunities). The Masters of ceremony were the students. After prayer song, Thamizh Thai Vazhthu and watering the plant, a pledge was led by Prof. Chithra Regis (Vice-Principal). The welcome address and the theme explanation were also delivered by the students.

Then the digital camp report was presented by Fr Director. We also had the reviews of parents and students about the various experiences they had during the camp. They shared about how enriching their learning experience was in the camp and thanked LSSS team for the various efforts taken for the successful conduct of the camp. An e-Book of English syllabus was released by the chief guest. Thiru K. Elambahavath IAS- Special officer, Illam Thedi Kalvi Thittam, delivered the valedictory address. Rev. Fr Soosai Sebastian SJ – Director of LICET who also encouraged the students. Ms Jeeva – Programme Coordinator proposed the vote of thanks.





## Conclusion



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Dr Francis P Xavier SJ, Rector, Rev. Dr Joe Arun SJ, Director, LIBA and Rev. Dr A. Thomas SJ, Principal, Loyola College for their ever approachable status and always a go ahead signal for all the activities organised by LSSS. This shows their interest in the welfare and upliftment of the marginalised society.

We are ever grateful for the accompaniment and encouragement given by the Loyola management. We hope the same in our future endeavours. It was an enriching experience for us and our students also.

**Dr.Victor Roch SJ**

**Director, LSSS**

**Loyola College**