

Common programme report -2014-15

1. Widows Convention

Department of Outreach in collaboration with Kalangarai organisation at Nagapattinam conducted a convention on **4th June 2014** in Loyola College campus. The former National Women's Commission Chairman, the representative from the United Nation Organization and the social welfare minister of Tamil Nadu were among the participants.



Rev. Fr. Paul Michael SJ, inaugural speech. He spoke about the need for empowering widows; about how they form a part of the Indian society and about how they form the pillars of India. The former National Women's Commission Chairman spoke about the need for empowering women in the 21st century and about how people should not discriminate against them but rather, to include them within our hearts and our minds. She also spoke about how their status must be restored and they and their children, if need be, must be given quality education by the government. Due to the cultural situations prevailing in India, widows do not get married again and hence they must be given priority when they apply for jobs so that they come up in life as she feels that women are the pillars that hold any nation.



The representative from the United Nation Organization supported this cause whole heartedly by saying that in a country such as India, this is the first time that someone has addressed this issue and that Tamil Nadu is eager to make reforms and she also hoped that people would actively participate in uplifting the oppressed people in general. She gave many words of encouragement to the people and also gave them an example of

how the little things that we do in our life make a big difference. The Social Welfare minister of Tamil Nadu enlightened the people on the various schemes that are enforced by the government such as, taking care of their educational costs of their children, providing money for the widows,

and he also spoke about the empowerment of widows in general. She also said that the government is ready to help them and there are various schemes which are dedicated to the welfare of the widows.

The conclusion was given by Rev. Fr. Francis Jayapathy SJ, the rector of Loyola College, Chennai, who ended the convention by drawing from his life experience. He knew about the difficulties faced his mother who was a widow herself and so he urged others to empathize with them as they are also human beings. This convention was a huge success and the people who attended were enlightened about the discrimination that is prevailing in our society.



No of students who have participated in this program: 28

2. Celebrations of Elders day

Elders' Day was celebrated on 17th December 2014 at Bertram Hall from 10 a.m to 12 Noon. 424 elders from 32 outreach intervention areas participated. Dr.Santha Narayanan was the Chief Guest who explained how the elders can pay close attention on their physical and psychological aspects of health. With the help of RCC Trust, all the elders who attended the function were



given blankets to protect their health in the winter season. The remaining blankets (576) were distributed to the elders who could not come to Loyola College to attend this function due to their old age. Outreach students played a vital role in bringing the elders from their places to attend this function in Loyola College and returned them safe to their respective houses. Visual communication students entertained them by singing a song which

elders enjoyed in their time.

No of students who have participated in this program: 340

3. Distribution of revolving fund, sewing machines to the deserving women and scholarships to widow's children

Distribution of revolving fund, sewing machines to the deserving women and scholarships to widow's children was organised at LS hall on 27th October 2014. The guests were Rev.Dr.Joseph



Antonysamy, Principal, Rev.Dr.Albert William, secretary, and Mr. Abhisek Kumar, an Alumni. The participants were 50 school going children and their mothers. In order to cultivate saving habits for the children, the department of Outreach invited the children

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sub-standard settlements and opened 50 SB account in the nationalised banks. 7 widows who know stitching were given sewing machines to help them to earn regularly in their home itself. 6 women were given revolving funds of Rs.5,000/- to start a small business. The principal encouraged the students to study well and come for admission to Loyola, as this college primarily admission the downtrodden.



No of students who have participated in this program: 35

4. Christmas celebration with widows and their children

Christmas celebration was conducted with widows and their children on 17th December 2014 at



Bertram Hall from to 6 - 8 p.m. This celebration exchanged our love, joy and happiness with them. Mrs.Margret - Advocate high court, Madras was the chief guest and addressed the widows. She assured her service if the widows approach. Rev.Fr.Joseph Antony Samy SJ Principal greeted them with Christmas message and talked to them with consoling words. Visually impaired students entertained the participants with the Christmas carol. There

was also cultural programme. Finally 120 widows were given sarees and blouse. Their children were given lunch box.



No of students who have participated in this program: 59

5. HEALTH CAMP

The health and sanitation team organized a health camp for the people of P.P.Garden. The objective of the programme was to give direct service on health issue . Since the people over there were prone to many contagious diseases ,the team initiated that program. The team planned to call for a doctor to check the health status of the slum.

The venue was in P.P.Garden on 10th March , 2015.

They were delighted to have Dr.M.D.Fazil to come and check the health status. He accepted their invitation and came at 2:00 P.M .He was enthusiastic to help them in that noble initiative . He patiently sat for more than 2 hours examining, advising and prescribing medicines.

The target group of that camp was for all. There were more than forty beneficiaries.

The people were satisfied with the program and encouraged the students.

Students learnt to identify ailing people and learnt to care for them

The students learnt skill of organising a medical camp.



No of students who have participated in this program: 52

6. Dental Medical Camp

The students of B.A. Economics 2nd year have conducted the” Free dental medical camp “in the outreach Intervention area for the people of **M.K.Radha Nagar at Teyempet on 30th September, 2014** from **10:00A.M. To 01:00P.M.**

Images of our free dental medical camp





The chief guest of that day was chief doctor **Dr.Roshan Rayen**, M.D.S, and their team. Nearly, in our outreach area **140** members visited the camp and benefited through the consultation and treatment given by the Doctor. Almost 90 people were treated for various dental health related problems

No of students who have participated in this program: 67