

Common programme report – (2015 – 2016)

1. Scholarship and Sewing Machine Distribution Programme

No of Students participated: 100

'Scholarship Cum Sewing Machine Distribution' programme was organised on Tuesday, **29th September 2015 at Lawrence Sundaram Hall.** The main purpose of the programme was to distribute savings passbook with the deposit of Rs.500 each to 104 children of widows and to motivate their children to cultivate the habit of saving. Sewing machines were also distributed to 4 widows to make them self-employed. The function was graced by the presence of Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J., Principal and Prof. G. Ramamurthy, Deputy Principal.



Even before the formal function began, the audience was enthralled by the performance performed by the children affected by Down syndrome, who were specially invited to perform for this function as a token of appreciation of their innate talents. This proved that they were no way inferior to other children of their age. The audience applauded the efforts of the children.

2. Rain Relief Services to the Flood Affected

No of Students participated: 70

With the full support and cooperation of the Loyola College Management, and Department of Service Learning (Formerly known as Outreach) in Loyola College took the first initiative of providing services to the flood affected victims and distributed clothes, food packs (Sambar Rice, Lemon Rice with egg), Loafs of breads, buns and biscuits. These goods/relief materials were provided to the affected in 20 slums. Distribution of relief materials started from 15th November 2015 to 24th November, 2015. About 2000 people were accommodated in the campus from 2 Dec 2015 to 10 Dec 2015.



3. Livelihood Support to Widows

No of Students participated: 82

The department organised a special program for the widows hailing from 34 slums of Chennai City on 16th of February 2016 in LS Hall. Prof. Alex Parimalam, Dean of students of Loyola College, Chennai was the Chief Guest and distributed provisions ,clothing (towel and bed sheets) and mats to 208 widows. Food was provided to all the participants. The Guest of Honours were Mr.Julie Kumar and Mr. Pepsi Dass who entertained the gathering with their songs.



4. Educational Assistance to widow's Children

No of Students participated: 85



250 children of widows from 34 outreach intervention slums were invited to Loyola College on 02/03/2016 at L.S Hall at 5 p.m and were given educational assistance materials namely School Bags, Tupperware water bottles and Tiffin boxes. Prof. Ramamurthy and Rev. Dr. M.S.Joseph Antony Jacob.S.J were the guests for the function. Children were encouraged to come out with their talents like reciting poems, Speech, and singing and everybody were given consolation prizes.

5. EYE CAMP – Dr.Thomas Road, Teynampet

No of Students participated: 60

On the eve of World Elders' Day on the 1st October, the students from Section-E of Commerce Department (Shift II, UG), Loyola College conducted an eye camp at their designated Outreach area – Dr.Thomas road at Teynampet, on 22nd September, 2015. The camp was conducted with the help of the doctors from Sankara Nethralaya – a leading eye specialist hospital in the city.

The five hour camp began at 9a.m in the morning. The participation was around fifty and most of them were above the age of 60. They were accompanied by students of Loyola who were present in large numbers to help the event. The doctors tested the patients for the most common and frequent eye problems, and referred them to their hospital for cataract surgery, if required. The Sankara Nethralaya Hospital have been doing cataract surgery with free of cost who are coming through camp.



As the day went by, information about the camp spread throughout the settlement and more residents of various ages began to arrive. 98 people from Dr. Thomas Road not only had their eyes checked, but also gained knowledge regarding simple eye conditions and home remedies to cure them, proper eye cleanliness and also about having access to verified medication for various eye-related ailments. Three people had free cataract operation.



Prof. S. Antony samy co-ordinated the eye camp with the help of students of Commerce Department. The students thanked Sankara Nethralaya Eye Hospital for their free medical camp facility. The students thanked the College administration for providing the valuable opportunity to serve the community. The students are also immensely grateful to Sankara Nethralaya, and it's team of doctors- without whom this event would not have been possible. Finally, the students thanked the residents of Thomas Road themselves, who supported and participated in eye camp in large numbers - making it a thumping success.

6. DENTAL CAMP

No of Students participated: 20

A Dental camp was hosted in Sathyamurthy Nagar, Teynampet on 06-10-2015, by the students of Loyola College under the guidance of the Outreach department of Loyola college, Chennai and in association with the “Kottivakkam Charitable Dental Trust”. The dental camp was organized for the welfare of poor people residing in the area. The programme had its humble beginning by the support of our outreach staff Mr . Antony Samy. The students were one among those who participated in the dental camp which led towards the success of the event.



The students of Health and sanitation team and the Children’s team arrived at the place at 8 am and everyone teamed up in the preparation of the camp in an enthusiastic manner . The camp started at 9 am in the morning at the Community Hall of Sathyamurthy Nagar. The Doctor and their fellow team members arrived at the right time and started the Dental check up. Around 26 of them participated in the programme. The doctor not only took part in the work but also gave people the right knowledge for taking care of their teeth. The students also assisted them in whatever way they could. The event continued till noon, and it was a great success.

The people residing in that area were overwhelmed and happy and told that the dental camp was very much needed for the people here, and they thanked the students of Loyola College and the management for their kind work. The program was winded up at 12.30 in the noon.



7. Eye camp

Programme : Eye camp
Venue : Gandhi Nagar, Pallam, Amaindakarai” Chennai
Date : 05/02/2016
No of Students participated: 30

The students of English department conducted an eye camp in Pallam, on the 5th of Feb 2016 from 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM with the support of Sankara Nethralaya Hospital. Mr. Chandrakumar, (social worker)from Sankara Nethralaya along with the chief ophthalmologist were the people who were primarily involved in the eye camp. Eighty five people attended the camp of which sixty percent of the people were senior citizens. There were fifteen people who were chosen for the surgery and they were selected on the basis of these defects.

