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About Us:

Loyola College, Chennai is one of the very few colleges in the city that extend whole hearted support for the education of the differently abled students. Over the years, several developments have taken place in the portals of Loyola to facilitate the education of the differently abled students in the college. To vouch for this fact, Resource Centre for the Differently Abled (RCDA) was established in 2006 with the support of UGC-HEPSN. Additional resources were adopted in 2009 in collaboration with the National Institute of Visually Handicapped (NIVH), Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment, Government of India. It was set up as the Model Resource Centre of Disability Services (MRCDS), the first of its kind in the nation to cater to the needs of the Differently Abled. It aims at empowering such students in their studies and co-curricular activities.

The resource centre is equipped with many specialized devices to enable the visually challenged to grow intellectually and it also has special devices to help other categories of differently abled students in the campus. We extend our services to the visually challenged students outside our College campus also. At present a hundred and ten differently abled students benefit through the centre, of which around 80 are visually challenged, around 15 are students with learning disabilities and around 15 are physically challenged students.

Facilities:

- 1. Physical Facilities:** A Battery operated vehicle and wheel chairs are available for the differently abled students to commute within the campus.
- 2. Provision for Lift:** Lift facilities are available in more than 80% of the building. Main building is equipped with stair Chair.
- 3. Ramp & Rails:** All the buildings have ramp and rail facilities for the easy access of the differently abled students.



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4. Braille/ Software Facilities:

- **Computers with Screen Reading Software:** The resource centre is well equipped with the latest version software; JAWS (Job access with speech) and NVDA (Non Visual Desktop Access). ABBYY FineReader is an optical character recognition (OCR) system that converts scanned documents, PDF documents, and image files (including digital photos) into editable formats, which can be read through the screen reading softwares.
- Braille embosser, braille books and slates are also available.
- **Scanners:** Four scanners with easy operations are available in the resource centre. Students can scan their text books and printed study materials and can convert the same in to reading format using the above mentioned softwares.
- **Free Internet:** The College management provides free internet and WIFI facilities inside the campus.
- **Special devices:** Devices such as SARA reader, Braille typewriter, Braille printer, Focus Braille, Angel Readers, Victor Reader, Talking calculator etc is available for the students.

5. Rest Rooms:

All the buildings have special lavatory facilities for the differently abled students.

6. Scribes for Examination:

Scribes are arranged during the Internal and End semester Examination. This is done in collaboration with voluntary organization, individual volunteers and research scholars of our College. Readers are arranged based on the requirement of the students.

7. Special skill development for differently abled students

- **Computer Training Class:** Regular computer class is conducted on all working days. We emphasize on fingering exercise, screen reading softwares like JAWS and NVDA, MS office, Internet etc.
- **Music Class :** A separate room with various music instruments such as the latest model Key boards , Electric guitar, Violin , Guitar, Tablas, Harmonium, Flutes, Drum set, Drum Pad, Miruthangam, Taval, etc.

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- **Input Sessions:** Input sessions on Career Guidance, Personality Development, Guidance and counseling, Emotional Stability etc are organized.

8. Other Similar Facilities/ Programs:

- **Sports Coaching:** Special coaching is given by the Physical Education Department for the differently abled students. They are encouraged and trained to participate in competitions that are held in various other Colleges.
- **Summer Camp:** A summer camp on Basic Computers and English for communication is held every year in the month of May for the school final visually challenged students.
- **Inter and Intra College Competitions:** THEIA an Intercollegiate Sports and Cultural meet for the differently abled is organized every year to bring out their talents. This is a platform through which the visually challenged students not only exhibit their talents but also to get to know their counterparts from various Colleges in and around Chennai.
- **Arranging the Sponsors:** The College is benevolent to the differently abled students and supports them. Various concessions are given to the differently abled students by the College management. We are also networking with volunteer organizations through which we are financially supporting the students.
- Differently abled students are given postings in the College students union.

9. Placement:

Loyola College in Collaboration with a voluntary organization "We are Your Voice" has been conducting a job fair for the past three years for the differently abled. Through this mega job fair many Loyola differently abled students and other differently abled candidates are placed. More than 5000 differently abled candidates attend this job fair.


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