



# LOYOLA STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICES

Annual Report 2016 - 2017

*"STUDENTS ARE OUR FRIENDS"*



## Introduction :

The second year journey of Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS) is a successful one. LSSS has spread its objective and vision to the entire student community. LSSS provides financial, Academic, medical and personal support to the students, particularly from our target groups namely Orphans, Semi Orphans, Dalit poor, Srilankan Refugees and the Rural Poor students. It encompasses counseling, mentoring, tuitions, and host activities that would provide platforms for self-articulation and for enhancement on self-esteem. The LSSS office was blessed and inaugurated on 22 may 2014 by Rev. Fr. Francis Jayapathy SJ in the presence of Jesuits and other well-wishers. Rev. Fr. M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ is the First Director.

1. LSSS helped in the admission process of identifying the Orphan and Semi-orphan students irrespective of caste and religion, poor and Dalit Catholics, economically poor and vulnerable students, Academically Weaker, Physically and Visually Challenged, Refugees, Gypsy and Foreign students who have come to Loyola on academic exchanges and service learning.
2. LSSS conducted orientation programme for all Dalit and Poor students coming from the Tamil medium sections. Thus organized Special English Coaching Classes. This year tutors are hired from the trained institution like MAGNUM OPUS. And also LSSS is grateful to **Mrs. Kannagi Pakckianathan I.A.S. and Mrs. Krishna Kumari from US Consulate, Rtd officer**, for their voluntary service to our students. The experts trained the students especially in verbal communication and descriptive writing. Nearly 350 students benefitted from it.



Special English Coaching Classes

3. **Enabling Club Programme:** LSSS has put its best effort on the academically weaker students who have got more arrears in collaboration with the respective department and through the idea of Peer Learning.

#### 4. Midday Meals Scheme:



Nearly 410 deserving and poor students are benefitting from midday meals scheme.

5. **Management Fee Concession & Other Concession:** Nearly Rs.1.88 crores (Shift I – Rs. 67, 12,570/- and Shift II – Rs. 1, 20,38,040/-) was given to the deserving and the Poor students as Management Concession in their semester fees. All the Orphan and Semi orphan students were assisted through concessions in their semester fees after personal verification of their family conditions.
6. **Government Scholarship:** Nearly 81 lacs were given as Government scholarships so far. Details are given below.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 – 2017**

Sl. No.	Details	No. of Students	Amount
1	Hostel Loan	118	8,96,000.00
2	BC/MBC Scholarship Fresh	162	3,82,399.00
3	BC/MBC Scholarship Renewal	205	4,28,867.00
4	SC/ST Scholarship Fresh – S I	267	17,60,675.00
5	SC/ST Scholarship Renewal – S I	329	20,44,620.00
6	SC/ST Scholarship Fresh – S II	233	14,55,565.00
7	SC/ST Scholarship Renewal – S II	203	11,77,375.00

8	C.M. Award	36	1,08,000.00
9	Ph.D.	17	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1570</b>	<b>82,53,501.00</b>

7. **Other Scholarships:** This year we have received scholarships from various Corporate and Educational trust such as Sumitomo Corporation Delhi, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Sri Bhakthavatchalam trust and Association to the tune of Rs. 12.7 lacs. **LSSS received sum of Rs. 6.5 lacs from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) for 100 SC/ST students through CSR programme**
8. **Part Time Jobs:** All part time jobs in the college are brought under LSSS. The preference was given to Orphan, Semi Orphan and economically poor. Once a semester LSSS monitors the academic progress and attendance of students and approves them to continue their job. Students who failed to produce better results in their academics are removed from their part time jobs.

Nearly 123 students were placed on part time jobs inside the campus such as System Maintenance, Server Room, Loyola Alumni Association, Information Desk, WEPRO, Digital Library, Sports Gym, Give Life Café, Loyola FM and Class Room Cleaning. Peer Learning tutors (Academically topper) are also paid to their services.

9. **Art and Literary:** Art and Literary is a unit of LSSS to learn traditional folk media and subaltern culture. Nearly 180 students enrolled in this unit. Every Wednesday our unit conducts special study circle and guest lecture programme and also every Saturday we are conducting print, folk and electronic media workshops for these students.

#### **10. Veethi Viruthu Vizha**

Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS) together with Alternative Media Centre has organized an enthralling **state level Folk Arts performance ‘VEEDHI VIRUDHU VIZHA’** for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year on 7<sup>th</sup>& 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017 at Loyola College. There were around 1150 artistes of 50 groups from 32 districts of Tamil Nadu taking part in this mega event. Rev. Fr. Francis Jayapathy, SJ the Rector; Rev. Dr. S. Lazar SJ, the Secretary and Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy SJ, the Principal, Loyola College graced the occasion. Rev. Dr. M. S .Joseph Antony Jacob SJ, Vice Principal & the Director of LSSS presented the objectives and dynamics of the programs and requested the continual support of the Tamil Nadu Government for the dying folk arts and folk artists. Dr. Kaleeswaran, the organizer of VEEDHI VIRUDHU VIZHA welcomed the dignitaries

The festival was celebrated marking three major events namely

- VEEDHI VIRUDH VIZHA** - HONORING THE SENIOR ARTISTS
- NATTUPURA KALAI VIZHA** - FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL



The Chief Guest and the officials of the College were given red carpet welcome with grand folk music. Rev. Fr. Lazar SJ, the Secretary, Loyola College, Rev. Fr. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, the principal, Loyola College, Dr. Fathima Vasanth, the Deputy principal, Loyola College, Rev. Fr. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ, Vice Principal, Loyola College & Director, LSSS were the chief guests for the function and Mr. Annadurai, Director, Field Publicity, Govt. of India were the guests of honour.



The chief guests were honored with memento.

**Rev. Fr. Lazar SJ – Secretary, Loyola College** said that the effort of Indian Central Government to close the ‘**Keezhadi**’ excavation process is a challenge posed to wipe out the Tamil cultural heritage.

**Rev.Fr. Arockia Samy Xavier SJ**, Principal, Loyola College stressed that Art is a tool to uphold ideologies. He also said that there is a connection between Loyola and Folk Arts of the land and the relationship started from Jesuit Priests like Veerama Munivar and John De Britto who sowed the seed for Tamil literature and enculturation respectively.

Mr. Janardhanan, son of Mr. Vindhan – In view of Vindhan’s Centenary Celebration highlighted that Tamils are still under captivity. They have not realized the Vindhan’s ideological society. The refusal of Sagithya Academy for Vindhan and the awful state of Periyar’s Dravidian Party today are some of the example for the same. He also reiterated Vindhan’s commitment to social cause who preferred his writing to a nice house that was offered to him.

Mr. Kumaravel, Son of Pattukottai Kalyana Sundharam – In view of Cinema Centenary Celebration appreciated Loyola College for producing students with social concerns. He commended Pattukottai Kalyana Sundharam who wrote songs that were understood by the Mass not only by the Lyricist.

Mr. Annadurai, Director, Field Publicity, Government of India, showed solidarity with the artists by his presence and assurance of supporting them. He exalted the Veedhi Virudhu Vizha saying that he has not witnessed a cultural event of this caliber in recent past. He set Loyola College as an example which forms leaders for social change amidst Educational Institutions that exploits students. He also stressed that our Arts should speak of working people. He promised that the few lakhs that are allotted for these people will be distributed appropriately.

Objectives of the two day Art Festival was presented by Rev. Dr. MS Jacob SJ, wherein he made a mention of Sri Mandela Concert held in 67 countries across the world which was denied to Mandela to view. So the common folks came together on the street, with their folk arts expressing their inner desire for liberation. VeedhiViruthu is one of such kind.

### **Play ‘Nedum Payanam’**

A Tamil play ‘Nedum Payanam’ reflecting the Tribal people’s life struggles and challenges towards their effort in protecting the forest was enacted by Sacred Heart College, Trichy. It was indeed an informative and an enthralling modern play.



Play 'Nedum Payanam'

### Folk arts performance competition:

There was a competition among all the folk arts group that were present for the VeedhiVirudu Vizha and the best performing first three groups were awarded with cash prize worth Rs.30,000.



Kaliyattam



Silambattam



Sagasakaragam



Kilaviattam



Pambaiattam



Theepandattam



Periyamolamattam



Puliyattam

The second day program commenced with the grand rally took out on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017 by more than 1150 artists of Tamil Nadu from Valluvar Kottam to Loyola College. The rally decorated the



streets of Chennai with folk music and dance of the whole of Tamil Nadu and set a festive mood in the Capital. The folk artists took up the folk arts as a weapon of liberation and to demand their rights. Rev. Fr. Jacob set the rally open with an inspiring speech and he spoke on the rights of the folk artists.



Rev Dr. M S Jacob SJ presided the grand rally from Valluvar Kottam till Loyola College

On this special occasion there was also the release of three books ‘Karuvankattin Kathai by Mr. Gandhi’ ‘Vanamea Muthaladi by Sozhammal Devi’, ‘Vilimbunilai, Makkalai Solladal by Rev. Fr. Irudayaraj SJ; and ‘Veethi Viruthu Special Edition by Dr. Kaleeswaran’. The mega gathering of arts and artists culminated with the honouring of 100 inspiring and experienced artists of Tamil Nadu.



### Award Ceremony to the Folk Artists

**Rev. Fr. Lazar SJ- Secretary, Mr.Surya-Cine Actor and Rev. Dr. Joseph Antony Jacob S.J – Vice Principal & Director of LSSS, distributed the awards** to the suppressed folk artists. Each and every participant admired Loyola’s effective work in this regard.

## 11. Religious Meeting



LSSS organized a meeting on “**Face of Mercy**” for all religious (priest & nuns) and seminarians on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 8.30 A.M in Yadhanapalli Hall. **Rev.Fr. Alangaram SJ, and prof. IIT** was the resource person and he has given the speech of faith and care.

**Pongal Celebration:** This year LSSS conducted folk performances during College Pongal celebration. During this programme our students performed Karagattam, Oyilattam, Paraiattam, Silambu and Sattaikuchi. All in the audience appreciated the special traditional folk rangoli.

12. **EXODUS CAMP:** EXODUS Camp is organized every year to assist the first generation, rural poor and Dalit students to enter into the realm of higher education. Nearly 416 students had a stay-in programme for three weeks from 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016. During this camp students were given Basic English course, Soft skills, Interpersonal relationships and Motivation. Eleventh standard students were taught lessons from twelfth standard syllabus. Nearly 200 students were given admission to study in Loyola College immediately after the camp. LSSS received sum of Rs. 6.5 lacs from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) for 100 SC/ST students.

**DESAM Camp:** LSSS organized DESAM Camp for Gypsy children coming from Gypsy settlements in Chennai city to enter into the realm of higher education. Children were given knowledge on health and sanitation, Interpersonal relationships, Motivation and verbal communication through play way method. Every year around 75 Gypsy children had a stay-in programme for 10 days from 7<sup>st</sup> May 2016 till 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**Conclusion:** LSSS thanks the Jesuit Management and all the officials of the college for extending total cooperation during this academic year 2016-2017.

Rev. Dr. M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ

Director-LSSS