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Department of Service Learning (Outreach)

Urban Outreach Intervention Programme for II PG Students

The urban Intervention programme for the final year Post graduate students was held every year by the department of Service Learning (Outreach). The programme for 2015-2016 was held on **July 8th 2015** on **2 p.m.** at **Lawrence Sundaram Hall**. The aim of this programme was to expose the students to urban realities and sensitize them to various public issues faced by the under privileged population of the Chennai city.

The session began with the prayer song. **Prof. John Kaviarasu**, the **Head - Department of Service Learning (Outreach)** gave a brief introduction and an outline of the urban exposure programme. He spoke about **the slums in the city and the plight of the inhabitants who are totally ostracized from the rest of the society**. He then introduced the speakers for this orientation who provided inputs on three contemporary issues of urban population such as problems of domestic workers, environment and the consequences and impact of various kinds of addictions.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Jayaraj, who is the **director of Family Counseling Centre run by SIGA** in Kilpauk, Chennai spoke about the different **types of addiction and de-addictions**. It was an interactive session where students were questioned about the various types of addictions. He also requested the students to display proper attitude while exploring the urban realities. Followed by this was the speech by **Sr. Hema**, who **spoke about various problems faced by the domestic workers** and the ways in which their basic rights are being violated. Her speech was very moving and unraveled the hidden miseries of the domestic workers.

Finally, **Ms. Prabavathi**, a research scholar from Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy of Loyola College, emphasized on the **importance of clean environment and the ways in which it is polluted**. She made the students realize their responsibility to protect their habitat by planting more trees. She focused on the three R's - "Reduce, Recycle and Reuse"

Then Prof. S. John Kaviarasu summed up the events and the vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Antonysamy. The session came to a close with the National Anthem.