

## AICUF (ENGLISH) UNIT

Rescue the oppressed from the oppressor, do not be hesitant in giving a verdict"  
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

The executive committee of AICUF English unit of Loyola College started working with a vision to be in solidarity with the marginalized and to substantiate our stand through learning and understanding contemporary society.

- With well prepared year plan we conducted year - wise orientation programmes on 12<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2006. AICUF constitution books were distributed to all the members during the orientation.
- We organized street play camp for four days from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July by street theater performers Mr.THANGAM and Mr.Nitish. On the third day we had a session by Mr.GANA VIJAY, who sang 'Gana' songs and shared its origin and techniques.
- The official inauguration of the units was conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The chief guest Mr.VIJAY SHANKER, Associate editor, Frontline, spoke on 'Focusing the Unfocussed'. The inaugural function was presided over by Rev. Fr. RECTOR, Rev. Fr. PRINCIPAL, Rev. Fr. HENRY JEROME, Rev. Fr.SINGARAYAR National and State Advisors Prof. L. SELVANATHAN, Dr. DAVID STANLY, Prof. JULIA unit advisors. The same day we participated in the demonstration organised by 'Movement against nuclear weapons' at Marina beach against Israeli butchery in Beirut at Lebanon and emphasizing on world peace.
- A documentary film on the miseries of ousted tribals of Orissa owing to industrialization was filmed at preview theatre on 21<sup>st</sup> of August.
- We the Aicufers along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> year economic students performed a street play to show our empathy for the 69 young spirits of SENJOALAI bombings and to condemn the Sri Lankan forces. We took part in the demonstration and staged a street play at marina to show our solidarity to the suffering of Sri Lankan Tamilians. It had been organized by Prof. Gladston and team of Social Work department of Loyola College.
- On the same day mime, insisting inter religious dialogue, was performed on the inauguration of 'Asia pacific council' of IMCS.
- The AICUF unit with the help of Loyola management refurnished the unit office with catalogue shelf, display board, notice board, window screen and mats on account of NAAC visit on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of September .The NAAC committee appreciated our works especially the display board explaining the activities of past five years.
- Our annual Rural and Dalit exposure camp was held at ALAMBADI from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2006. The programme was sponsored by Rev. FR. JEYARAJ, Rector and Dr. P. Sagayaraj, Dean and 'Integrated Rural Development Society' IRDS, Villipuram. FR. RAVI S.J. was the Resource Person.
- The journalists MR.MIRAK and MS. BAVANI from Sri Lanka invited by Prof. GLADSTON shared the reality that existed in Sri Lanka. This was the time when the Sri Lankan issue was a burning issue on 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- MS.NOORI a transgender interacted with AICUFers on HIV and problems faced by transgender community on 28<sup>th</sup> September, organised by the English unit President Mr. SATHIYA PAUL.
- PROF.VALAN sub-editor of 'The Rally', spoke on student's participation in the magazine and to encourage their involvement in writing articles for the magazine on the same day.
- Mr. Sathiya Paul Deepak, President attended 'India social forum' held at Delhi from 9<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and shared his views on "Dalit reality in university campus" on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

- During the winter session of the parliament women's reservation was expected to be discussed as a HOT TOPIC on the table and hence we AICUFers had a general discussion on 23<sup>rd</sup> November in which every one supported 33% of reservation.
- A documentary film was screened at national folklore support centre shot by Ms. PRIYA BABU, a transgender on 30<sup>th</sup> November. The documentary was on "KUVAGAM" and rituals of adopting a new member into transgender community.
- We took part in a street play competition of AIDS Awareness conducted by NSS at Music Academy and won 2nd place.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Dr. AMBEDKAR was observed on December 6<sup>th</sup>. MR. AARON, National full timer spoke on "IDEOLOGIES of DR. AMBEDKAR and DALITS realities in contemporary India" .
- For the first time in history of AICUF Loyola unit, we conducted a two day state seminar and competitions aptly coined "AMBEDKARIUM 2006" on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2006. In which TIBETANS cultural were also exhibited. There were 185 students; excluding Loyolites participated from 23 colleges all over Tamilnadu. It was inaugurated by FR. Rector, FR. Principal and FR. Singarayar, State Advisor. The introductory notes were given by PROF. L. SELVANATHAN and Dr. STANLY advisors of English and Tamil units respectively. MR.KARUPPAN, IAS was the Chief Guest. The valedictory function was presided over by DR.THANGA RAJ head of DR. Ambedkar center for Economic studies, Madras University and MR. SINTHANAI SELVAM, General Secretary of DPI. The guest lectures were given by PROF. CHANDRU, Principal of Fine Arts College. The chief organizers were Mr. N.SEKAR and Mr. Tamil Eniya kumar.
- On 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2006 during the department festivals street play was staged in collaboration with pro-life forum at various places inside Loyola campus.
- Alumni of Loyola and the TIBETAIN activist MR. TENSIN TSUNDUE spoke on "Children of refugee" along with PROF. JAMES SUNDAR on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2007.
- Mr. Andrew, Mr. Ritchie and Ms. Ann Maria interviewed FR.JOSEPH CURIE for The Rally AICUF magazine.
- A state level workshop on 'KALVI KARUVIYAKIDA' (education – as a tool) 'VIDUTHALAI VIDIYALAKIDA' (liberty- a reality) in the month of January . The main perspective of this workshop was to enhance and empower dalit students through education.
- A program was conducted by Tamilnadu tourism so as to make aware of Palavarkaduu as a tourist spot. We took part under the guidance of PROF.SELVANATHAN and along with NSS, NCC, and ROTRACT etc on 17<sup>th</sup> Of January.
- Telegrams notifying 'STOP MANUAL SCAVENGING AND PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD' was sent to the President, Prime minister, Chief Minister and Social Welfare Minister of Tamil nadu on february 14<sup>th</sup>. On the same day signature campaigning to stop manual scavenging was also done inside the campus and about 2000 signatures of our students were sent to His Excellency, The President of India.
- Our students attended the regional camp on leadership held at St. Josephs College at cuddalore..
- A team of AICUFers collected data about the strike in Vivekananda College from the students and submitted as documentation.
- FR. REX ANJELLO S.J illustrated various qualities of leadership and gave valuable tips for effective leadership in general body meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

- On 5<sup>th</sup> March, AICUF women students organized a panel discussion on 'women in politics' as a part of women day observation. The panelists were MR. SAVITHIRI KANNAN, PROF. SARASWATHI and PROF. PARVEEN SULTANA. PROF. SELVANATHAN and DR. STANLY were the moderators. AICUF students participated enthusiastically.
- Apart from these we have volunteered for IMCS Guinness world record attempt, seminars on reservation conducted by FR.YESU MARIAN and participation of AICUF members in plethora of folk dance and street play staged by 'parai muzakkam' kalai kuzhu.
- This year we have initiated credit book system and fresh looking note pad and register to maintain attendance report as well as OD attendance. We have collected documentation of issues related to our thrust area. We have collected lists of NGO, CD's of folk dance and documentary films.
- DALIT MURASU' a Tamil magazine was subscribed for a year.