

ENVIRO CLUB

The enviro club of Loyola college started its activities for the academic year with the inauguration of the enviro club on August 21st, 2006 under the guidance of Dr.S.Vincent, faculty advisor to the enviro club. The following students were instated as the office bearers:

1.	D.Nestor arockia sunderraj	-	President
2.	S.Manikandan	-	Secretary
3.	R.Vinoth	-	Senior director
4.	R.Keerthikumar	-	Director
5.	A.Anandaraj	-	Director
6.	B.Shankarlal	-	Director
7.	D.Arun	-	Director
8.	K.Santosh	-	Director
9.	D.Amos	-	Director
10.	Swagat pani	-	Director
11.	A.V.Aravinth	-	Director

CHIKUNGUNYA AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

An awareness campaign on the swift spreading disease, Chikungunya and its impact on human health was organized by the enviro club on the 22nd of August 2006.

Around 100 students distributed pamphlets given by the corporation of Chennai in Nungambakkam area. They also demonstrated to the public on how to prevent the breeding of the carrier mosquito *Aedes aegypti*.

At the campaign, Dr. S. Elango, joint director of public health and preventive medicine lauded the efforts initiated by the college in spreading awareness about Chikungunya.

B.Dhanraj, Chief Vector control officer, corporation of Chennai explained about the measures taken by the corporation in containing the spread of Chikungunya.

Dr.S.Vincent, the faculty advisor of Enviro club received a personal letter of appreciation from the Health minister of Tamilnadu.

The event was well covered by the various news channels and print media.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECO-LITERACY AND ECO-CRITICISM

The club in collaboration with the organization for studies in literature and environment –India (OSLE-India) conducted an international conference on Eco-literacy and eco-criticism on the 18th and 19th September 2006. Dr.S.Balaji I.F.S, Chief conservator of forests, government of Tamilnadu inaugurated the conference.

About 200 participants from different parts of India and Asia participated in this conference and presented their papers. The following were the objectives of the conference:

1. To promote the eco-criticism at the cognitive, emotional and praxiological levels
2. To provide a platform for academic interaction between scholars from literature and other disciplines especially between the humanities and sciences.
3. To encourage creative engagement with nature and ecology.
4. To address the pedagogical aspects of criticism and cultural studies from ecological perspectives.
5. To give special attention to the contextual and relevant ecological issues.

COASTAL CLEAN UP

The club sent volunteers to participate in the Chennai coastal clean up campaign and competition organized by the coast guard and Loyola college on. Various city colleges participated in this competition. Loyola college bagged the overall 1st position in this competition.

AIDS AWARENESS RALLY

An AIDS awareness campaign was conducted on 13th december, 2006. A dare devil stunt was also performed by a magician Mr. Arun and his team on this occasion.

ANTI-TYRE BURNING CAMPAIGN

The Enviro club of Loyola college organized an anti-tyre burning campaign on the 13th of January, 2007 in all the divisions of Chennai corporation in connection with Bhogi. As many as 1500 students, who are studying environmental science course, reached out to the people during this campaign. Pamphlets carrying the message on the ill effects of burning tyre and plastic materials were distributed to the public. Thanks to the persistent effort by Dr.S.Vincent and his team of students, over the years there has been an increased awareness among the public of the city on the ill effects of burning tyres and plastics.

TNPCB ENVIRONMENT EXHIBITION

The club participated in the TNPCB (Tamil-nadu pollution control board) environment exhibition conducted on 26th and 27th of February,2007 in the premises of the Birla planetarium, Chennai. The members of the club designed models highlighting the ways and means to prevent pollution in Chennai.

SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

The club conducted its valedictory function and a seminar on "Environmental Audit" on 5th March, 2007. Mr. B. Dhanraj, former chief vector control officer, corporation of Chennai presided over the function. Active participation certificates were distributed to active members of the club. A documentary film prepared by members of the Enviro club titled "Wildlife in Loyola" was also screened. The president and the secretary of the Club for the academic year 2007-2008 was announced by Rev.Fr. Albert Muthumalai, principal, Loyola college.