

## **YOUTH RED CROSS SOCIETY (YRCS)**

The Youth Red Cross of Loyola College has worked over the course of the academic year to bring not just a host of programmes for students, but also ensuring that the programmes are an experience worth learning from, for all the students.

The new batch of office bearers took charge of the Youth Red Cross with M. Saravanan at the helm as President, Thomas Francis as Secretary and Maria Babu Ramesh as Vice President. The restructured official hierarchy had I. Prakash Savariappa as the Action Co-coordinator and CH.Ramji as the Director in Chief. The directors of the programs were Vishnu Prasad for Blood services, Govinda Prasanna for Hospital services and Marcus Francis for Enviro services. Kumaravel was the operative for Day college activities and Aravind Ganesh for Self Supporting Activities. 380 students were enrolled in the club activities. Ms.Sheila Immaculate. Lecturer-History Dept was appointed as the Program Officer.

### **BLOOD SERVICES:**

The Youth Red Cross has conducted three blood camps. The first one in July was conducted in association with Bharat Udhay Mission (BHUMI) to aid victims during the Mumbai Bomb Blasts.

The second blood camp was conducted to commemorate the demolitions of Babri Masjid in association with SMILE - an NGO. A panel discussion was also convened to try and change the association - Blood & War. Both the blood camps were dedicated for the process of peace.

The third blood camp was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 to create awareness about the importance of the Blood Donation and to help the needy.

A total number of 700 units were donated in regular need-based donation and to the blood camps.

### **HOSPITAL SERVICES:**

20 YRCS volunteers have been visiting the KMC hospital and Egmore Eye hospital on all Saturdays for the academic year. The volunteers helped in the 'out-patients' ward of the same hospitals. In association with Bharat Heart Scans, forty volunteers had taken part in the rally conducted in the Marina Beach to take an oath against unhealthy habits.

A Human rights seminar was convened on 15<sup>th</sup> September with Retd. Chief Justice Vallinayagam, Dr.Manoharan, Dean of post Graduate Studies, Law College and Dr.Bernard D'Sami were the guests of honor at the panel.

The aim of YRC this year had been to take Loyola to the world with programmes convened outside the campus. Christmas'06 was special for YRC volunteers. They spent time and distributed gifts in Gracious Home - an old age home, Prisoner's children, Pudhupet and in Adyar Cancer Institute.

Youth Red Cross also helped CONCERN - an NGO in organizing an orchestra by visually challenged people which took place in Kamaraj Memorial Hall, Chennai. Youth Red Cross Society was very instrumental for the success of the show.

The Youth Red Cross convened an intercollegiate debate in Alliance Francoise on 24th February to discuss the aspects of Ethics and Civilization for society. In association with Tejaswi Foundation, YRC Loyola was the official coordinating partner for the play 'Kanchana Sita'.

Youth Red Cross members released an Audio CD of songs creating Social awareness on 8th March, 2007. It is to be noted that the CD is entirely YRC members' brainchild.

The Youth Red Cross concludes this year with hopes for better tomorrow where more activities would be convened for students to improve their way of collegiate life.