

LOYOLA EXTENSION AWARENESS PROGRAMME (LEAP) (For Post Graduate Students)

INTRODUCTION

The outreach programme of Loyola College has been providing students with first hand challenges of the rural and urban realities of our country from 1993. At the post graduate level the programme aims at exposing the students to the rural, urban divide and the entailing disparities. In this year, this is done through village visit wherein the first year post graduate students stay in a village for five days and live the life of the underprivileged masses. During their second year of post graduation, until last year, the students are expected to gain awareness of the urban people and socio economic pattern through field exposures. The best is the best end. In this academic year the second year programme is revamped in accordance with the suggestions of the predecessors, faculty advisers and based on the need.

The department of Outreach is pleased to present the P.G.oureach programme in the form of an annual report

RURAL CAMP FOR THE FIRST YEAR POST GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE FIRST YEAR:

The first year post graduate students underwent a rural camp for gaining rural exposure in the outskirts of Kancheepuram district. The rural camp places were Palliyagram, Sendivakkam, Neerpair, Arrpakkam and Kovalam.

Totally, 413 students gained rural knowledge and their reality in the different villages of Kanchipuram district. The all PG departments were, according to the convenience and availability, divided into seven batches and the students were taken to rural areas from 7th November to 12th December 2007.

IN THE RURAL CAMP:

In the first day, the students had Ice -breaking session and divided into them into 5 groups. In the second day, Orientation was held on the rural dynamics of India followed by village visit in the evening. The 3rd & 4th day were only village visits. These two full days of field exposure to the nearby villages made the students to understand the dynamics of the community, their life style and culture, religious practices, Socio-economic condition of the people, administrative system and the prevailing social issues in the villages.

The objective of the field visit was to learn from the people about the realities at the grassroots level and develop a critical consciousness. Method of village visit was Observation, Interaction with the people in villages, Focused group discussion and In-depth interviews with individuals

On 5th day, the students who were divided into different team exhibited their learning through drama, skit and action songs followed by summing-up session. On 6th day, the students planned for the second year prog. and finally the camp got over by evaluation.

PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS

This is the Arpakkam village where one group of students visited the quarrying spot and had interaction with the people including the children who were involved in quarrying activity.

The child at stone quarry Arrappakkam village, Kancheepuram District

A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT IN THE RURAL CAMP

I P.G. Rural LEAP Camp

THE SECOND YEAR PG OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Departing from the previous welfare activities this year the core committee introduced the right based approach. This made the students to actively involve in taking up and supporting campaigns of urgent importance and to understand the reality of deprived people in urban set up. Therefore the students got training on various issues such as Right to information, Domestic Violence Bill, Access to drinking water resources and Problems of conservancy workers.

The second PG outreach programmes had three stages. First stage was training the students on different issues by the eminent resource persons in the field.

FIRST STAGE: A TRAINING SESSION

The post Graduate students had planned the second year Outreach programme. The students divided into groups according to class strength. Each group consists of 10 students an average. The each group suppose to conduct the two programme in their allot area. One programme students has to conduct in educational institution and other programme in community. Through these programmes the

students had created awareness programme among people. Each group has planned their programme according their topics is given.

STAGE - II: PLANNING SESSION

As soon as the training was over, the students had a planning session to execute the programme. The seven dept were placed under Jenodhayam organizational operational areas to take up to the issue of conservative workers.

PROGRAMME AT SCHOOL

The outreach students did a programme in the corporation schools to make the students become aware of various social issues, social evils and domestic violence at home. These programme mainly concentrated on education, health and sanitation, violence, cultural taboo and HIV etc.

PROGRAMME AT COMMUNITY

The slum community in Chennai city had the opportunity of having different awareness programmes on education of children, problems of conservancy workers, health and sanitation, domestic violence bill, Right to Information Act, etc.. Apart from this, the students performed skit, street play, and conducted rally in around Chennai. Through this outreach programmes, many students of PG got a change to understand their problems of deprived people.

PROBLEMS OF CONSERVANCY WORKERS, a skit enacted by Chemistry students at Jothiammal nagar, Saidapet.

Domestic violence, a skit by the students of M.Sc computer Science & M.A Applied History Namachivayapuram.

STREET PLAY AT KORRUKUPET ON THE PROBLEMS OF CONSERVANCY WORKERS

PROJECT ACTIVITY OF THE OUTREACH : TATA - LOYOLA KOVALAM OUTREACH PROJECT

The Tata -Loyola Outreach project was started in the academic year2005-06. The project is under the supervision of Rev.Fr. Xavier Vedam, S.J., Vice Principal and Director of the Outreach Programme. The activities of this project are being implemented for the welfare of Kovalam community people who are affected by Tsunami.

CHILDREN:

Six tuition centres are running actively benefitting to 300 children. Nutrition programme implemented for eradicating malnutrition among the children. Along with education, students' entertainment needs were taken care through educational tours and camps.

TUITION CHILDREN AT KOVALAM

Youth: Youth are important citizen of our nation. Need based training were often arranged to the skills and their talents. The Tata -Loyola Community College is offering one course for the youth. The community college teaches basic life skills, spoken English, specialized course in the field of DTP, Catering assistant and A/C. 33 students are on going their course.

TATA - LOYOLA - COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT'S AT COMPETITION

WOMEN PROGRAMME

The tsunami affected widows were organised as a group and were given training on micro-credit activities so that they could run their family without anybody's support. 50 widows were given revolving fund to run their business effectively.

CONCLUSION

Finally, we the staff of outreach departments thank the Jesuit management at Loyola College and more especially Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. Secretary, Rev. Fr. Principal, and Rev. Fr. Deputy Principal, Rev. Fr. Vice-principals for the extended support and timely encouragement rendered to us.