

National Conference on ICTs for the differently-abled/ under privileged communities in Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship 2009 (NCIDEEE 2009) during Dec 01-03, 2009

The management, staff and students of Loyola College (in association with department of IT, Government of India and pioneers in educating differently abled and professional bodies like NASSCOM, ISOC-Chennai chapter, CSI-Chennai chapter), are proud to announce that we will be hosting a national level conference on the use of Information and Communication Technology for the differently abled / under privileged community in education, employment and entrepreneurship. This conference which will be a momentous occasion will be held from the 1st to the 3rd of December and will be attended by individuals from all walks of life including representatives of the differently abled and under privileged community, government officials, educationalists, researchers, program managers, representatives of international business missions, NGOs and students etc.

The main aim of this conference is to devise a successful formula through which the lesser privileged people of our society can be provided the opportunity to use the Information and Communication Technology to grow on par with the modernized world. The program will be a three day event ending on the 3rd which happens to be e-accessibility day and hence in addition to the specific topics with the opinions, ideas and criticisms of each and every individual which will be heard, discussed and analyzed carefully, we will also be recognizing the many individuals who have contributed their tireless efforts in making Information and Communication technology accessible to all.

Some of the main aims and themes of this conference would be the Institutional and national responses to technological change, the intersections of Political economy and educational technology, The architecture of learning, Pedagogy in the evolving tech environment, Informal and formal adult education, Multi-grade education, Instructional design and delivery; evaluation and assessment, Strategies and tools for teaching and learning, simulations and gaming, Effects on training institutions and industry, Impacts on educational institutions: effects on faculty, staff, administration, and students; curriculum and program development Intellectual property, Building communities of teachers/educators, e-governance and leadership and so on.

The focus would be on the various problems faced by the differently abled and the under privileged people in our society especially with respect to education and the use of Information and Communication Technology for their development and tools for language learning especially English, Tamil and Hindi. During the conference, discussions would be made on the ways to implement data mining in such a way that it includes multimedia facilities such as voice over, Globalization and ICT in the labour market, ICT applications and systems contributing to desirable goals, learning, knowledge growth and career patterns in ICT, leadership roles, human needs, skills and competencies needed for proper growth and its effects, etc. These problems and solutions would be discussed on every possible front including the political, the educational the financial level with its usefulness and effects on the under privileged in mind.

We would also strive with our utmost effort to reach our desired goals such as humanization, bridging the digital gap, freedom of expression, peace, sustainability, human welfare and quality of life. The most important of them all will be the devising of important decisions and strategies that could be implemented in order to help the

differently abled people use Information and Communication Technology for their employment by means of introduction of newly devised hardware and software that could benefit them and enable them to develop further.

This conference will surely be a memorable experience for both the participants as well as the hosts and we could surely expect some breath taking decisions to come out at the end of it and these would be decisions that would make life better and easier for all the differently abled and under privileged everywhere.

About Loyola College:

Loyola College, Chennai is one of the leading colleges not only in the state of Tamilnadu alone but also in India. It has been rated A+ by the NAAC for several years in a row and is also one among the top ten colleges in the country. All this is proof enough that the college takes utmost interest in the development of students. The main aim of the college is not to provide the highest quantity of education but the highest quality of education to its students. To carry out its aim, the college arranges for several conferences, seminars, educational tours, Industrial visits etc. in order to make sure that the knowledge of the students is not limited within the classroom alone. Hence the great support that the college provides to the staff and students of the various departments is quite evident in the many successful conferences, seminars and other such programs that have been conducted in the past and this is sure to continue in the future.

Organizers

The Resource centre for differently abled (RCDA) started in the year 2006 as one of the Centers of Excellence at Loyola College has successfully carried out the task of making education and learning

an accessible tool for the less privileged members of our society. As a joint venture with some of the departments of the College, the resource center has decided to organize the National Conference on ICTs for the differently-abled/underprivileged communities in Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship 2009 (NCI DEEE 2009).

Call for Papers :

The papers accepted and presented at the conference will be published in the proceedings of the recognized publishers of India. The papers should be organized so as to accommodate abstract, introduction, state-of-the-art, objective, used methodology, obtained results and references. Submitted papers should be original and contain contributions of theoretical, experimental or application nature, or be unique experience reports. Kindly send your hard copy along with a Demand draft of worth Indian Rupees two hundred in favor of "The Principal, Loyola College" payable at Chennai before last date for submission.

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Important Dates (Deadlines)

Submission of Full Papers: August 30, 2009

Notification of Acceptance: September 16, 2009

Camera Ready Paper: October 02, 2009

Papers must be submitted within the stipulated time and electronic submission in PDF is required. The page limit for a full-length paper is 6 pages.

Note: Papers less than 4 pages will not be reviewed and may be rejected outright!