

Thematic orientation to second year Post Graduate students

The Department of Outreach conducted thematic orientation for all the second year post graduate students for three days from 5 – 7 July 2011.

Objectives of this orientation:

1. To make the students to become aware of social issues and problems in the society.
2. To motivate the students to take to take the issues to the community in the form of street theatre, awareness songs and mime.
3. To enable the students to work as a team to create awareness at slum community.

The students were sensitized thoroughly on the below-given issues for the slum intervention programme.

Date	Name of the dept	No. of student	Topic	Time & Venue
05.07.2011	M.Sc. Maths, M.Sc. Statistics & M.A. Eco	96	Alcoholism and drug addiction	2.15pm-4.30pm Y.D.Hall
05.07.2011	MLT, M.Sc. Food Chemistry & M.Sc. Bio-Tech	69	Mental health	9.45am-12.00 Noon Y.D.Hall
06.07.2011	M.Com, M.Sc. Chemistry & M.A. Media Arts	64	Domestic violence	2.15pm-4.30pm Y.D.Hall
06.07.2011	M.C.A, M.Sc. Bio Medical Instrumentation science .& M.Sc. Vis.Com	65	Transgender issue	9.45am-12.00 Noon Y.D.Hall
07.07.2011	M.A. Eng, M.Sc. Physics & M.sc. Zoology	83	Rights of the differently abled	2.15pm-4.30pm Y.D.Hall
07.07.2011	M.Sc. Comp. Science, M.A .Applied History	68	Civic sense	9.45am-12.00 Noon Y.D.Hall

Resource persons gave effective orientation that touched upon the following aspects.

- i. Back ground of theme/topic
- ii. How people are getting affected?

- iii. What are the legal provisions?
- iv. Inadequacy of legal provision
- v. Lack of awareness among the affected people
- vi. What can students do at the community level in terms of creating awareness among the people?



Rev.Dr.G.Joseph Antony Samy SJ Vice-Principal & Director – Outreach said that in India, less than 4 percent of students are going for higher studies. So, he congratulated students to choose to study higher education and mentioned motivationally that students who study at Loyola are very fortunate. It is the poor people who pay tax regularly and they are not given their due share and benefits by the Government of India. Hence the students have to be responsible in

fulfilling the needs of poor people. At any cost, no one should get bribe for doing their regular duties. In slum area, people are once migrated from rural places in search of their livelihood. It continues to take place even on these days for their survival. As they are unskilled people, they find their place to stay in the slums which are very much crowded and congested. Meeting the basic needs is very rare. Keeping this in mind, the students should take some concrete effort and work towards realization on the same by bringing this through the media.

Finally **Prof. John Kaviarasu** explained the dynamisms of Outreach and also how students have to complete the outreach credit. The training came to end with the vote of thanks.