Annual Report 2021-2022

Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS)

LSSS is a service unit dedicated to the welfare and development of orphans, semi orphans, Dalits, Tribals, rural poor, refugees, gypsies, academically weak and differently abled students. It offers management fee concession, free noon meal, supplementary education, special coaching and remedial programmes. When the offline classes commenced for the first year students in this Academic year, a meeting was arranged for all the target students and Rev. Dr. Victor Roch SJ - Director, Prof. Chithra Regis - Vice- Principal and Ms. S. Jeeva -Programme Coordinator briefed about the various support services offered by LSSS. Management Fee Concession is offered every semester, through Jesuit Educational Support (JES). JES has been given to 1306 deserving students to the tune of Rs.1.01Crores in the year 2021-2022. Totally 22 students have been fully sponsored by the alumni. Mid-day Meals Scheme offered lunch for 250 deserving poor day scholars. Earn While You Learn Scheme has provided part time jobs to 80 students. LSSS has helped 1493 SC, ST, ADX, Backward, MBC and minority students to avail government scholarship. Art and Literary wing trains students in various folk arts of Tamil Nadu and conducts theatrical workshops. LSSS in collaboration with Alternative Media Center and Illam Thedi Kalvi organized 9th year Veethi Virudhu Vizha, a two day annual cultural extravaganza with 4000 folk-artists from Tamil Nadu.

Accompaniment program

1. XAT Coaching Classes:

LSSS in collaboration with Loyola Institute of Business Administration conducted XAT coaching for the management aspirants of Jesuit colleges of Chennai Jesuit Province namely Loyola College- Chennai, Loyola College – Vettavelam and Loyola College – Mettala for the academic year 2021-2022. With the approval of Rev. Dr. Francis.P.Xavier SJ, Rector Loyola Campus and Rev.Dr. Joe Arun SJ, Director of LIBA, 30 students from Loyola College, Chennai, 10 students from Loyola Vettavalam and 10 students from Loyola Mettalla were allotted for the program.

Registration and Selection of students:

A formal announcement was made through the college website for the students of Loyola College Chennai. A google link was enabled for registration. Around 120 students registered out of which 30 students were selected who fulfilled the selection criteria. Rev.Dr.

Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ Superior of Loyola College Vettavalam and Rev.Dr. Maria Joseph Mahalingam SJ Principal, Loyola College, Mettala, cherry picked the students who are deserving and also are from the target background. Later Rev.Fr. Benedict Santhosh was given the responsibility to coordinate the program with LSSS. The program was scheduled from 15th September 2021 to 31st December 2021, five days in a week for a duration of one hour per day.

A two day trial classes were conducted on 13th and 14th September 2021. A complete structure of the program, need and importance of the program were explained to the students by Rev.Dr Victor Roch SJ, Director, LSSS and Prof. Chithra Regis, VP- Academics and Services and Dr A Siluvai Raja, Chair C.K.Prahalad Centre (CKPC).

Inauguration

Rev. Dr. Francis P Xavier SJ, Rector, Rev.Dr Joe Arun SJ, Director- LIBA and Rev.Dr. A. Thomas SJ, Principal, Loyola College, Rev.Dr. Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ, Superior, Loyola College, Vettavalam, Rev.Dr. Maria Joseph Mahalingam SJ Principal, Loyola College, Mettala felicitated the students and inaugurated the XAT Coaching program. They congratulated and conveyed their best wishes to Rev.Dr Victor Roch SJ, Director, LSSS and Prof. Chithra Regis, VP- Academics and Services for their continued effort in executing the program with a sound success. Dr A Siluvai Raja, Chair C.K.Prahalad Centre (CKPC), Mr. Ramprakash Ramakrishnan, Teaching Assistant, Ms. Benita Rani, Programme Coordinator (CKPC) of LIBA were also present during the inauguration.





Program design and Syllabus

The program was ably structured by LIBA under the supervision of Rev.Dr C. Joe Arun SJ, Director, LIBA based on the XAT syllabus. CKPC meticulously covered the topics of verbal ability, reasoning and logical ability, decision making and general knowledge according to the syllabus designed to accommodate the topics and time limit. The classes were conducted on Cisco-WebEx online platform. Continuous mock tests were conducted in order to analyse the students' understanding and performance.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev.Dr. Francis P Xavier SJ, Rector, Rev.Dr Joe Arun SJ, Director, LIBA and Rev.Dr A. Thomas SJ, Principal, Loyola College, for their ever approachability and giving a go ahead signal for all the activities organised by LSSS. Their support and encouragement for the people who are at the bottom of the pyramid is always commendable. Rev.Dr. Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ, Superior, Loyola College, Vettavalam, Rev.Dr. Maria Joseph Mahalingam SJ Principal, Loyola College, Mettala and Rev. Fr. Benedict Santhosh SJ for their support and help in successfully selecting the students from their respective institutions. We are also grateful for the accompaniment and encouragement rendered by the Staff of CKP centre throughout the program. It was an enriching experience for us and for our students also.

2. Alumni and other Scholarships:

LSSS expresses sincere gratitude to our alumni (Loyola Economics batch 76', Singapore Chapter, Mr. Andrew Magimai Dass and Mr. Gowtham Menon from US chapter, and another collective group from US Chapter), SUMITOMO Corporation of India Pvt. Ltd, CAMS, RKMF, Babalmal Nichani Charitable Trust and Ms. Preethi Allen for their accompaniment and generous financial support towards our deserving and meritorious students.

Loyola Online Summer Camp – June 2021

LSSS conducted a 15 day summer camp through online for the rural poor Dalits and the wards of folk artists from 12 June to 26 June, 2021. The main objective of this camp is to develop their English Language skills, Mathematical & aptitude knowledge, Career Guidance and Personality development & life skills through Folk arts. A total number of 632 students were the beneficiaries of this camp. Around 200 students got admitted in our college and 5 students got admitted in LICET through this camp.

English and Communication is an integral part of the camp and the camp aimed at instilling a sense of confidence to communicate in English and break the barrier of language taboo among the beneficiaries. The English and Communication programme aimed at exposing students to the art of clear communication focusing on English language fluency rather than accuracy. All the activities were planned with an aim to work on the four pillars of learning i.e Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing Skills. By the end of the camp students were be able to introduce themselves with personal details, description, skills and abilities, make conversations and respond appropriately, narrate stories in English, describe objects/people/animals etc, interpret pictures and Express ideas and opinions.

The aptitude and logical reasoning class was planned with the intent to inculcate and nourish the unique and lateral thinking capabilities of the students. The 13-hour course focussed on logical reasoning with topics varying on difficulty levels. The program also included two unique "out of box thinking" sessions handled by seasoned trainers to expose the students on the lateral thinking methodologies and its subsequent uses in day-to-day life.

Instilling essential Mathematics to the younger minds aimed at bridging the gap between the school education and the college education. Modules were prepared keeping in mind that courses at the college level that require ideas on different topics in mathematics.

There were also sessions which focused on various motivational talks, folk arts, guest lectures and personality development for their enhancement.





