

SPECIAL INTERVENTIONS-OUR RESPONSE

1. Natural calamities and disasters

Loyola College has always responded during the times of natural disasters like cyclones and floods by providing essential support through distribution of food materials, clean water and by fulfilling their basic needs apart from providing psycho-social support and distributing life re-starter kits to the affected victims.

Chennai Floods – Dec 2015

- Reached out to 40 slums & 20 flood affected areas.
- Accommodated 2000 families in Loyola College Campus and provided Medical Assistance, Psycho-social support services and distributed Household items worth of Rs. 10000 to 2000 families.
- Relief Materials worth Rs. 5000 were distributed to 5300 families of 32 outreach intervention slums.

Vardah Cyclone – Dec 2016

- Clearing the roads.
- Used banners were collected & distributed to the needy for 200 families.
- Students helped in repairing the roofs of 200 houses.

Kerala Floods – Aug 2018

- Two consignments were sent to Devikulam & Wayanad.
- 40 students went to Cochin & Wayanad for providing Psycho-social support.

Gaja Cyclone – Nov 2018

- 250 students had reached out to 4 districts.
- Streets and roads were cleared by students.
- Distributed relief materials to 2000 families.
- Psycho-social support to 500 families.

Floods & Landslides in Nilgiris and Wayanad- Aug 2019

- Relief materials were distributed to flood victims of Nilgiris & Wayanad.
- Psycho-social support services were to affected victims of Nilgiris & wayanad

2. Lockdown (Covid-19) relief operations

The Department Distributed relief materials to 895 families in Outreach intervention areas.

3. Elders

The department conducts special programs inside the college campus to honor the senior citizens, widows and deserted women by giving gifts to them and by entertaining them through cultural events.

4. Differently-abled

The department gives gifts and conducts sports events for the differently-abled living in the 41 intervention areas to encourage and motivate them and to express our love for them.



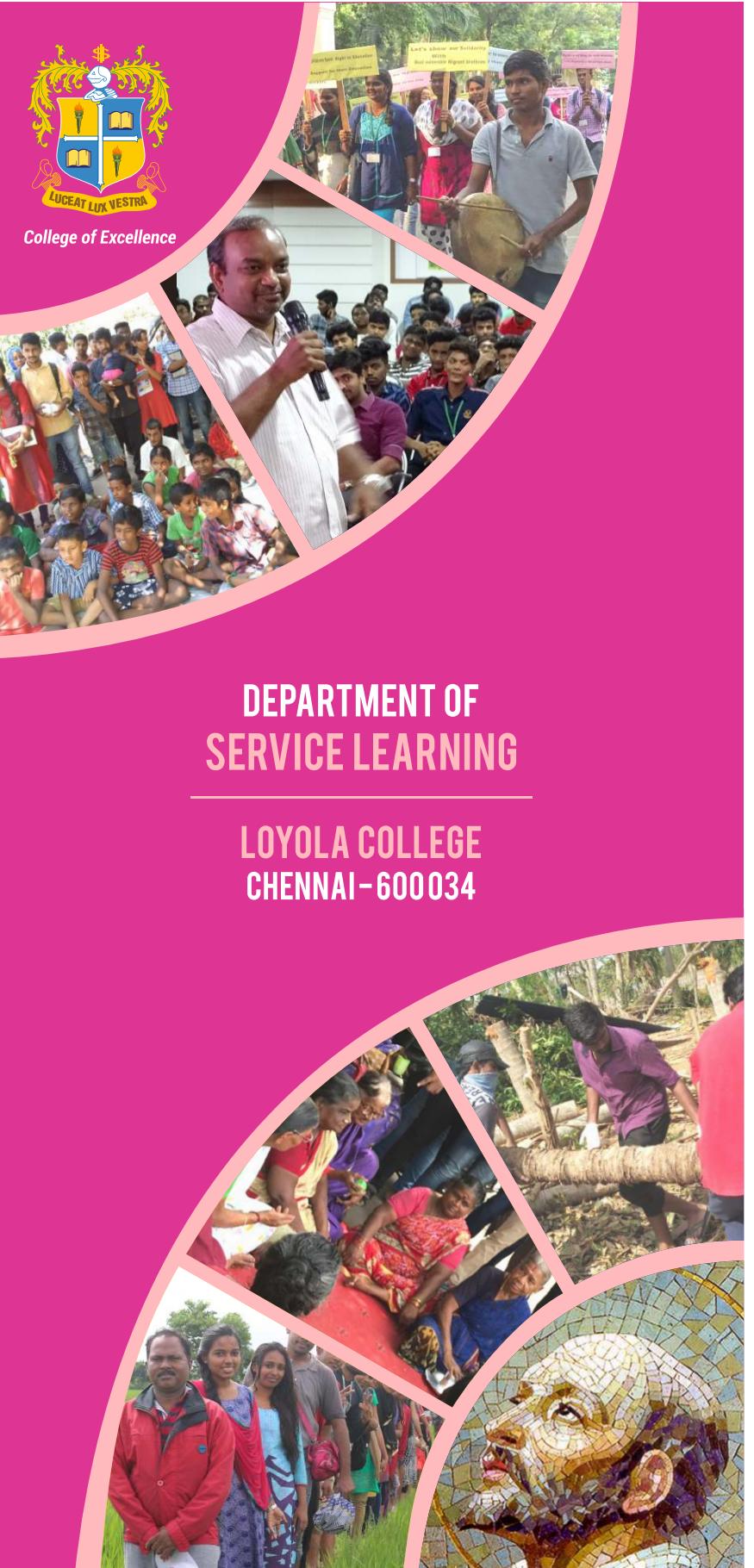
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DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE LEARNING

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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Service Learning was established in the year 2001 with the Ignatian pedagogy of neighborhood development. This programme aims at forming men and women for others and with others for a better society. Service Learning is the third dimension of Higher education in Loyola College, and it endeavours to train the college students for their attitudinal change. It is a novel step in Jesuit Higher Education for promoting a value-based fraternity which emphasizes equality, justice and a violence-free society. Having a hands-on experience in the rural and urban communities, every student is made to critically understand the various dimensions of society and develop critical consciousness.

VISION

To make the students socially responsible citizens, who are sensitive to the needs of the disadvantaged sections.

MISSION

To create a society with committed youth.

To promote equality, justice, education, health and environment for the less privileged.

OUTCOMES

Students are enabled to learn their Social Responsibility through Service Learning.

Students are provided an exposure to the intervention areas (slums) and to reflect on the possible ways of development in the community.

Students learn from the people's living experiences and try to create opportunities that would empower them.

Institutions and individuals realize their duties towards serving the neighborhood communities.

PROFILE OF THE DEPARTMENT



PROGRAMMES FOR THE UNDER GRADUATE STUDENTS

Service Learning is a mandatory programme for all the second year undergraduate students irrespective of the course / degree which they are pursuing. Each student is expected to spend 90 hours in the areas where the poor reside in Chennai City.

LOCATION OF AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Slums which are nearby Loyola College in the Zones of 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, & 13 belong to Chennai Corporation.

The students are given an orientation about the outreach program at the start of the academic year. Then the students are taken for the initial observational visits and they decide to work in five separate teams according to their area of interest.



OUR RESPONSE

The Outreach Program for the UG students is conducted with the purpose of inculcating values like Love, Compassion and care for the underprivileged and the marginalized. Once they are exposed to the conditions and problems of the urban poor, the students plan, prepare and execute programs and activities for the betterment of the target groups.

For Children

Free evening study centers for the children.

Scholarships for school children belonging to low socio economic status households.

Deserving students from the slums are granted admission in Loyola College through summer camps.



For Youth

Alternate games :They are encouraged to take part in games and sports to divert their attention from alcohol and substance abuse.

Skill training and job placements.

For Women

Skill Training programs are conducted for the women to improve their skills and for encouraging them to become entrepreneurs.

Interest Free Revolving Loan to take up entrepreneurial activities.



For Elders and Differently - abled

Taking care of the elders.

Empowering the differently-abled.

The Outreach model of intervention for elderly citizens through the students has been acknowledged by the Honorable High Court of Madurai as the best model and he recommended that the same model can be practiced in other institutions.

Health

Awareness on safe and sustainable environment and to avoid the usage and disposal of plastics.

Medical camps are conducted to diagnose and prevent the spread of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE POST GRADUATE STUDENTS

Rural Camps:

Department of Service Learning extends the Exposure programme for the first year Post Graduate students to understand the rural realities by conducting rural camps in the villages in different Districts of Tamil Nadu. Students could learn the rural social, political, and economic realities and transform their personal lives and contribute towards building of the nation. The Rural Camp is also the platform to improve the analytical, speaking, listening, team building and leadership skills. There are also many activities conducted like: Manual work, village visits, cultural programs, tree plantations etc.

Urban intervention:

Urban intervention programme is organized for the second year post graduate students and it offers an opportunity for the students to understand the realities of the urban poor. Due to urbanization the urban poor could not access and fulfill their basic needs. The Post Graduate students organize awareness programmes on health and hygiene and other social issues that require immediate attention apart from organizing street plays etc in the slums.