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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**



STUDENT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

LASIE REPORTS

(Loyola Association for Sociological Imagination and Engagement)

LASIE 2020-21

LASIE 2019-20

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Annual Report of Programmes and Activities of the Academic Year

January 2020 - January 2022

of

Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement
(LASIE)

Loyola Unit of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)



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NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE COLLEGE

Loyola College of Social Sciences,

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PERIOD OF ACTIVITY: January 2021 - December 2021

PRESENT STUDENT STRENGTH OF THE DEPARTMENT -

M.A. I Year -

M.A. II Year - **30**

PhD Full Time -

PhD Part time-

PRESENT STAFF STRENGTH - 4



┐ **Dr. Saji P Jacob- Principal (Up Left)**

┐ **Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson- Head of Department(Up Right)**

) **Andrew Michael- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (Down Left)**

) **Lekshmi Chandran- Guest Faculty (Down Right)**



First Year (2019-2021) and Second Year (2020-2022) MA Students



First Year (2021-2023 batch) and Second Year (2020-2022 batch) MA Students

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

VISION

Excellence in research, teaching, learning and practice of Sociology, and exploring new visits of research with social sensitivity.

MISSION

Forming a community of committed sociologists with concern for the marginalized in the society.

ABOUT

Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram was started in the year 1963 as the founding department. Being the lone discipline, Department of Sociology gained much acceptance in the initial years itself. The presence of towering personalities like Fr Joseph Puthenkalam S.J, Fr Jose Murickan S J, Dr C J Mathew and Dr Mariamma Joseph and Dr E J Thomas S J, helped the department to emerge as a prestigious Center of Sociology in Kerala.

The department took the leadership in variety of theoretical and empirical research works and many of which got published in the following years. These initiatives also contributed to the shaping of the college as a pioneering institution in Kerala and the stature did grow further and further. Today the department is a strong Center of Teaching and Research.

The department was able to engage itself creatively in the wider academic horizons of Sociology in Kerala through the activities of both students and teachers. The activities and programmes are organized under the banner of **LASIE (Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement)** designed as a unit of **Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)**. It is the organized forum comprising the faculty and students of the department and their engagement in academic and non-academic

discourses. It is at the same time the space and also a window for the students to intervene in the community and engage themselves in society.

In every academic year LASIE tries to organize programmes and activities with a pulp to aid the process of framing the young sociologists. With immense pride LASIE- KSS Loyola unit hereby, presents its report of the activities and programmes of the year 2021. This year was indeed a special one for all of us, as our programmes have scaled new heights of engaged learning and knowledge building process, combining learning with action

THE OFFICE BEARERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR

2020-22



Mr. Aadhil K U, President of LASIE during 2019-2021 batch handover the association to Mrs. Sreethu Sreenivasan of the batch 2020-2022

PRESIDENT: SREETHU SREENIVASAN

VICEPRESIDENT: ARUN S B

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EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

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- 2. SARANYA T J**
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- 4. DIVYA UNNI**
- 5. AMAL DEV**
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- 8. JANCY JOHNS**
- 9. JINU CHANDRAJ**

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ASSISTANTCO-ORDINATORS: PROF. ANDREW MICHAEL

DR. HASHIM

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LASIE

**Loyola Association of
Sociological Imagination and
Engagement**

BRIDGE COURSE

Sociology department consist of 20 students and majority are from science disciplines. As part of orientation, the first year MA Sociology students of Loyola College of Social Sciences attended the Bridge course held for three days 12th, 13th & 16th January 2021 at Fr Jose Murikkan Hall. The Bridge course was led by Dr. Saji P Jacob, Principal. The sessions were from 9am to 12pm in the following days. He started the class with a question what is sociology? After the discussion's general opinions and the student's viewpoints introduced the subject sociology and gave a brief explanation on the following topics:

-) What is Sociology?
-) Auguste Comte on Sociology
-) Positivism
-) Durkheim on Sociology and Applied Positivism
-) Max Webber on Sociology
-) Sociological imagination – C W Mills

While discussing these topics he showed some videos and also, he took the class with a PowerPoint presentation which covers all the areas briefly. And the session ended with a group discussion.

On the second day of the bridge course, we started our session at 9am in the same hall on January 13th, the whole session till 12pm was handled by sir itself. We moved on to the topic Sociological Perspectives with a video on 'introduction to sociology' by Lori Peek in a conference organized by 'SESYNC'. After the video we discussed on the lecture and shared our opinions and sir explained the Possibilities of Sociology. And gone through various issues present in the society including the misinterpretations made on the subject Sociology. Then moved on to the topic "Sociological Perspective" and learned about various perspectives of Sociologists mainly George Simmel and concluded the session by introducing the book Sociological Imagination by C W Mills.

On the last day of the bridge course 16th January 2021, we began the session at 9am on the last day he talked about the book Sociological Imagination. Then

introduced and gave a brief idea on the following books:

-) Sociological Imagination - C W Mills
-) An invitation to Sociology- Peter Berg
-) Story of Sociology – Gregor McLennan
-) Thinking Sociologically – Zygmunt Bauman
-) Engaged Sociologist – Kathleen Odell Korgen

After familiarizing these books and authors on we concluded the session with a discussion on various concepts in the books mentioned above.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER EQUALITY II



The Second Edition of International Conference on Gender Equality (ICGE) Opened on Gender Park Campus on Thursday at the presence of stalwarts from various spheres of gender equity and empowerment. The conference was inaugurated by Minister of Health, Social Justice and Women and Child Development K K Shailaja. Elaborating on the challenges faced and overcome by Kerala during the last few years, including the deadly spread of Nipha virus, the recurring floods and lately, the spread of COVID 19 PANDEMIC, Shailaja explained the demographic challenges faced by the state due to its dense population. “When the country is having an average population density of 430 people per square kilometre, Kerala is having 860 people per square kilometre, which itself explains why the spread of diseases is faster in our state,” the minister said. She commended the efforts made by Gender

Park CEO Dr. P T M Sunish and his team for the activities of the Park and for organising such a huge conference.

Dr. Sunish, who welcomed the delegates from across the globe, stressed the need to collaborate with eminent forums like UN Women. “The focus of the ICGE series is framed to accelerate progress towards Gender Park’s vision of gender-just society,” he said. A Pradeep Kumar MLA, who presided over the inaugural event, recalled the efforts by the Finance Minister Thomas Issac in realising the Gender Park in its current shape. CPM leader Brinda Karat, who addressed the gathering remotely, also lauded the efforts by the LDF government in tackling the natural calamities and protecting the marginalised in society in the time of distress. Aiswarya Rithuparna Pradhan, India’s first civil servant working in the Odisha Financial Services (OFS) as a commercial Tax & GST officer, opined that there should be a social acceptance to people of all gender identities to lead a life of respect, dignity and growth. Jonathan Klum Stelander, Seond Secretary, political division, Embassy of Sweden, India, lauded the efforts of the Kerala Government in leading the way. Visit Maldives managing director Thoyyib Mohammed quoted the example of Maldives in terms of resilience which was not much affected by the pandemic and Kerala can model them. Mariam Bhawale, general secretary of All-India Democratic Women’s Association said that women face attacks from various sphere and they need to open up for development.



Four Students from Department of Sociology were invited to attend the session at Gender Park, and Students from 1st Year MA Sociology participated in the session.



VISIT TO ENERGY MANAGEMENT CENTRE

On 11/02/2021, we the students from department of Sociology and Personnel Management, Loyola College of Social Sciences attended a one day session on Energy Management at Energy Management Centre, Sreekaryam. Programme began at 10.00 am. Mr.Dinesh Kumar, Joint Director of Energy Management Centre delivered the inaugural speech.

Shri. Anoop Surendran, ET-B EMC. He gave an elaborated class on star labeling , different methods of energy conservation , relation of climate change and energy conservation , KSEB Tariff system and so on. He also took his time to wonderfully clear the doubts of students and other faculty members who accompanied them. He had answered all the questions from the part of the audience.

Next session began around 12.00 PM. It was on 'Power Tariff Standard and Labeling' Shri. Johnson Daniel conservation and DSM, EMC. Most of his topics were similar to first session. He covered star labeling, electricity bill, filament free Kerala programme energy conservation act and also the role of energy conservation in climate change. He gave a good awareness on the importance of energy management at home and gave tips to practice the same like the importance of switching to led lamps and BLDC fans.

Third session started at 2.00 pm. Topic was 'Energy conservation in building sector and was presented by Shri. Tomson Sebastian, ET – B, EMC. Buildings are for thermal comfort. He gave different methods to construct building in comfort manner such as use of air bricks. He also explained different methods for conservation of energy in buildings such as use of sensors, reduced use of light and fan during day time, use of energy efficient appliances, proper use of naturally available energy sources such as solar energy etc. He also explained the construction of buildings in relation with poles.

The last session was by a professional architect Shri. Yogesh Karnapooshanam, SA , KSECBC. He gave a short introduction on green building and took us to visit the building of EMC. EMC is constructed as a green building. During its construction its

natural terrain was not disturbed. Also, in day time use of lights and fans are less. Its construction is in such a way that they don't require lights and fans during day time. There is proper ventilation. There are also methods to collect rainwater. Different sections of EMC are constructed according to their comfort. For example, library is positioned where there are plenty of days light and breeze .Also floor of the library is done with dark colored tiles in order to avoid discomfort to eyes. Bins of different colors are used for proper waste collection. He took to terrace which is made up of cement and fly ash. Photo- voltaic Solar panels and solar water heaters were present.

GENERAL BODY MEETING

All the students and the Faculty of the Department of Sociology, Loyola College, are the members of **LASIE** and they constitute the General Body of the Association. The General Body Meeting was held on 26th February 2021. Mr. Aadhil K U, Second Year Student spoke on the occasion that oriented the members to the vision, mission and motto of the Association that should guide them in their programmes and activities for the academic year. The **central idea** that emerged in the meeting was that:

LASIE is primarily to be viewed as a platform for **furthering engaged knowledgebuilding (which is the tradition of the Association) and a need for active and continued intervention in the community**. Sociology is a discipline that extends our view beyond all boundaries and walls which in turn give clarity to our vision. The activities of this year were decided to be focused on this agenda of extending the process of knowledge building beyond a meager process of gathering facts inside the class room. Rather it should generate deeper understanding about the social realities and enable students to get engaged in the community especially with the marginalized sections in the society like the tribal, migrant laborers, transgender, women, children, fisher folk and the elderly. Due focus was given to the issues of transgender as they face lots of struggles as compared to other groups during the pandemic.

A theme should be selected to facilitate in-depth and continued intervention in the community.

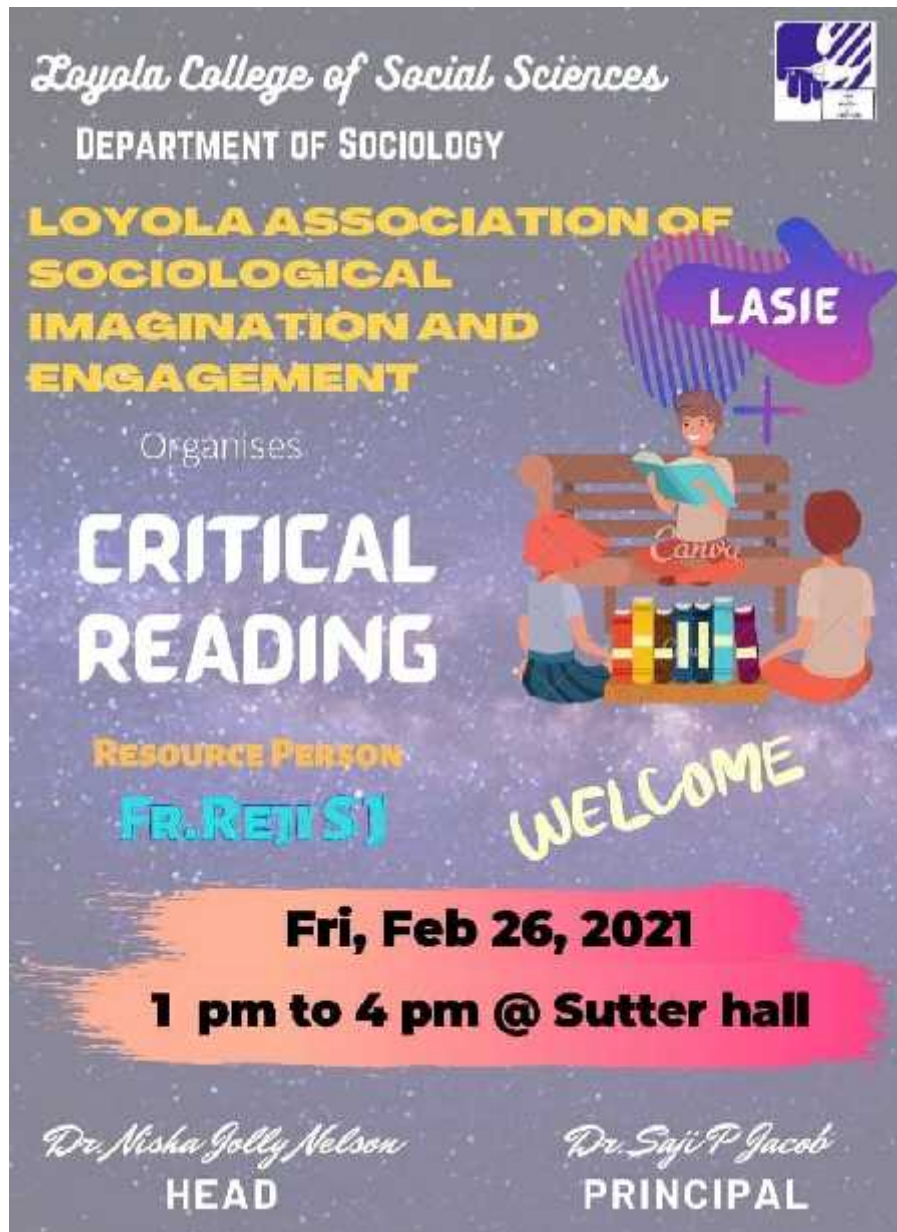
On this note, the general body of LASIE decided to do the activities based on the **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS** and decided it as the theme for the activities of 2021. The reason behind choosing the sustainable development goals because it is of the major consideration that comes under the supervision of the countries.

The students organized various activities like seminars, lectures, field visits, organic farming and talks based on the goals. Other activities include cleaning and

maintaining the polluted sites, planting and maintaining trees in the campus adoption of plants by students, plants saplings and promoting students to reduce and reuse plastics, take care of endangered species.



CRITICAL READING WORKSHOP



Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement [LASIE], on Feb 26, 2021 Friday, organized a session on critical reading taken by the resource person Fr Reji. This session was scheduled for first year MA Sociology students from 1pm to 4 pm. Andrew Michael, Faculty, Dept of sociology introduced Fr Reji to the students. Fr Reji started the session by telling the importance of reading different newspaper. He pointed out particular news and showed how different newspaper showcased that one news in different ways. He then asked the students to split into three groups and asked them to analyze three different newspapers given to them. Each group elected two representatives and made report based on their analysis.

After the report presentation, he asked the student to make their own newspaper based on the events happened in Loyola college. Each group made their own newspaper in a very creative way. The session was more activity oriented than speech.



A DISCUSSION ON CONSUMER RIGHTS

LASIE
**Loyola Association Of Sociological
Imagination and Engagements**

Organises

A Discussion on Consumer Rights

On **FROM 11:00AM - 12:00PM**
26th March 2021



Coordinators :
Sreetha Sreenivasan
Divya Unni
Krishendhu B

LASIE on 26th March organized a discussion on Consumer Rights as part of Consumer Rights Day on March 15th, at Sutter Hall from 11:00 am to 12:00pm, talked about the rights, students shared their own experience as a consumer, talked about the issues that are facing while using online shopping, and rights were

explained by the student's coordinators. It helped in better understanding about the rights that exist under the law, learned about applying those laws in time, helped to know about the rights and laws, understood the importance of consumer rights, why should a person needs to know about the rights, contradictions between the rights and laws, how to utilize the laws, what are provisions given to a common citizen etc were being discussed.

CONSUMER RIGHTS

CONSUMER RIGHTS IN INDIA

- RIGHT TO SAFETY
- RIGHT TO BE INFORMED
- RIGHT TO CHOOSE
- RIGHT TO HEARD
- RIGHT TO SEEK REDRESSAL
- RIGHT TO CONSUMER EDUCATION

RIGHT TO CHOOSE

- Means right to be assured, whenever possible of access to variety of goods and services at competitive price. In case of monopolies, it means right to be assured of satisfactory quality and service at a fair price. It also includes right to basic goods and services.



CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY

Consumer rights day, celebrated every year on December 15th, highlights the power of consumer rights for a fair, safe, and sustainable world.



Theme of world consumer rights day: **NG PLASTIC POLLUTION**

RIGHT TO SAFETY

- Means right to be protected against the marketing of goods and services, which are hazardous to life and property. The purchased goods and services available should not only meet their immediate needs, but also fulfil long term interests.
- Before purchasing, consumers should insist on the quality of the products as well as on the guarantee of the products and services. They should preferably purchase quality marked products such as ISI, AGMARK, etc.

RIGHT TO HEARD

- Means that consumer's interests will receive due consideration at appropriate forums. It also includes right to be represented in various forums formed to consider the consumer's welfare.
- The Consumers should form non-political and non-commercial consumer organizations which can be given representation in various committees formed by the Government and other bodies in matters relating to consumers.



RIGHT TO SEEK REDRESSAL

- Means right to seek redressal against unfair trade practices or unscrupulous exploitation of consumers.
- The right to redressal includes compensation in the form of money or replacement of goods in case of defect in the goods as per the satisfaction of consumer. Various redressal forums are set up by the government at national level and state level.
- CENTRAL CONSUMER PROTECTION AUTHORITY



RIGHT TO BE INFORMED

- Means right to be informed about the quality, quantity, potency, purity, standard and price of goods so as to protect the consumer against unfair trade practices.
- Consumer should insist on getting all the information about the product or service before making a choice or a decision. This will enable him to act wisely and responsibly and also enable him to desist from falling prey to high pressure selling techniques.

RIGHT TO CONSUMER EDUCATION

- Consumer education refers to educating the consumer constantly with regard to their rights.
- In other words, consumer must be the aware of the rights they enjoy against the loss they suffer on account of goods and services purchased by them.
- Govt has taken several measures to educate the consumer.



Consumer rights were protected under consumer protection act 2019.

COVID 19 WORKSHOP



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Covid 19 - Help Desk

Team 3: Family Relations & Emotional Support

അരികിലൊഴാൾ

മാനവമാനിയുടേ നവ ആടാക്കുതിങ്ങേക്ക് നരനത്തിന് കോവിഡിനെ പിടിച്ചുകെട്ടി ചുതിന നാരെകളെ തമുക്ക് കിടക്കും.

ബോധങ്ങൾ :

1. മാനസികമായി മറ്റേവരെ അനുഭവപ്പെടുത്തരുത്?
2. അതെ സാഹചര്യം കവിച്ച് ആശങ്കപ്പെടരുത്?
3. കോവിഡ് ബാധിച്ച് ദുരഭിമാനപ്പെടരുത്?
4. കോവിഡ് കാരണമുള്ള സാമൂഹിക മാറ്റത്തിന്റെ സാക്ഷികൾ ആണോ?

അങ്ങനെയ്ത് സംസ്ഥാനിക്കാം
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Covid 19 - Help Desk
Team-4: Sharing the information of the Medical Essentials

പ്രാണ

ഈ കോവിഡ് കാലത്ത് കുരുതലിന്റെ കാവലാളാകാൻ നിങ്ങൾക്ക് ഒരു ഞകൾ ഉണ്ട്.





സേവനങ്ങൾ :

1. പലിസ് ഓക്സിജനിന്റെ ലഭ്യത.
2. ഓക്സിജൻ സാഗുതയുടെ ലഭ്യത.
3. റെംഡസിവിർ കമ്പൗണ്ടിന്റെ ലഭ്യത

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Covid-19 - Help Desk
Learn & Communication with Covid Patients

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ആരോഗ്യം നിലനിർത്തുക

- 1) മാനസിക ശക്തിയോടെയാണ് ആരോഗ്യം നിലനിർത്തേണ്ടത്. വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കാൻ ശരിയായ ഭക്ഷണപദ്ധതികളാണ്.
- 2) ശുദ്ധമായ വായുമാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളുടെ സാന്നിധ്യം. ശാരീരികശക്തി നിലനിർത്തേണ്ടതുമാണ്.
- 3) സേവന സമരങ്ങൾക്ക് പങ്കെടുക്കേണ്ടത്. പദ്ധതികൾക്ക് പങ്കെടുക്കേണ്ടത്. കോവിഡ് സേവനം.

നല്ലൊരു കാര്യമാണ്!!



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This session was based on based on creating a help desk for the covid patients. The covid cases were high during these days. And there were lots of people who lost their family, who have become mentally weak, who were facing problems like depression, so it is important to take care for the people. So for initiating a programme, MGNCRE collaborated with the students of Sociology department of Loyola College of Social Sciences.

At the meeting Mrs. Shyny from MGNCRE talked about giving telephonic assistance to the covid patients. How to talked, what to talk etc, that is,

When you receive a call what will you do?

- ✓ The opening Statement should be very soothing
- ✓ Skill of Observation is important to analyze
- ✓ Alternative Listening is very necessary
- ✓ Development f Empathy

Points to remember

- ◆ Never ask too much questions
- ◆ Never explore in the matters, instead just listen
- ◆ Never make statements with negative words
- ◆ Never speak with too speed
- ◆ No Advice, No Solution, No Suggestion

After session we made groups and divided into teams as the following:

Team 1

Hospital Management Team

- (i) Sharing information of available beds/ ventilators/ ICU
- (ii) Covid Vaccine Awareness/ Information's/ Updates
- (iii) Covid Management at Covid Vaccine Centre

Team 2

Non- Hospital Management Team

- (i) Sharing the Information of NGO's food distribution to covid patients
- (ii) Sharing the information of Covid helpline numbers

Team 3

Family Related Team

(giving emotional support to the covid affected team)

Team 4

Sharing the information of Medical Essentials

- (i) Availability of Oxygen Concentrators
- (ii) Availability of Remedies, Injection and other drugs
- (iii) Availability of Pulse Oxymeter

Team 5

Communicating with the Patients

- (i) Skill of Empathy
- (ii) Alternate Frame work of Reference
- (iii) Giving moral support to develop confidence to receives him quickly
- (iv) Awareness on the importance and benefit of breathing exercises

The class consists of 30 students and they were sorted into 5 groups with 6 members each.

Students Participation List

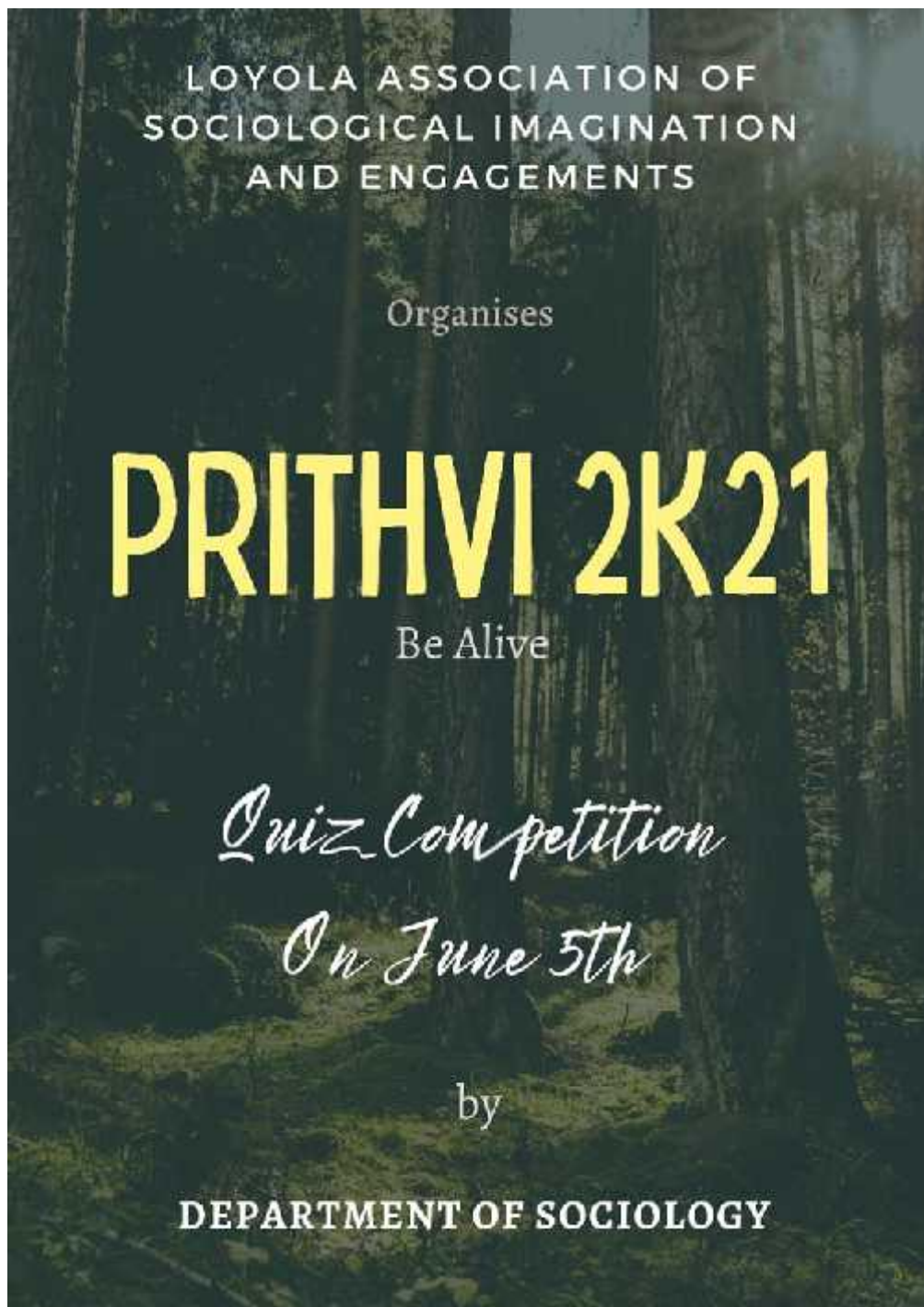
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1	Aleena	Saranya	Dija	Sreelakshmi	Ardra
2	Anamika	Mariam	Jinu	Anjali	Sreethu

3	Abirami	Jincy	Angel	Krishnendhu	Reshma
4	Anandhu	Kavya	Amal	Unnimaya	Bhagya
5	Drishya	Siddharth	Divya	Arun	Fevi
6	Jancy	Anjitha	Gouri	Salman	Jino

As part of our extension activities and community engagements we are planning to have:

- 1) An Interactive session with the other departments regarding the training we had before.
- 2) Conducting workshops in every department on the Covid related management activities.

PRITHVI 2K21, ONLINE QUIZ COMPETITION

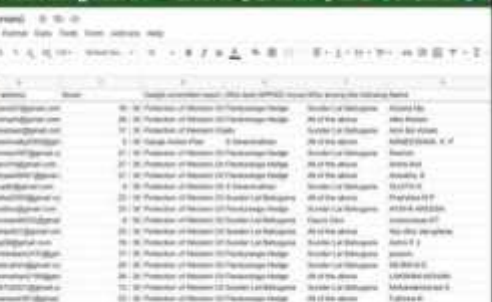


Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagements has celebrated the World Environment Day on June 5th. As part of this LASIE organized “PRITHVI 2K21” an awareness quiz competition on Environment Day. The Programme was conducted in online mode via Google forms. 30 questions were asked. The participants were given E- Certificates. Above 100 people were participated over Kerala.



Year: 1983
Place: Uttara Kannada and Shimoga districts of Karnataka State
Issues: Appa's greatest strength lie in it being neither driven by a personality nor having been formally institutionalised. However, it does have a facilitator in Pandurang Hegde. He helped launch the movement in 1983.
Anti: Against the felling and commercialisation of natural forest and the ruin of ancient livelihood.
Related environment movements in India







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Certificate of Participation

This is to certify that Mr/Ms
 has participated in PRITHVI 2K21, Environmental Awareness Quiz Competition
 organised by Department of Sociology on 5th June 2021.

Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson
Head, Dept. of Sociology

Dr. Saji P Jacob
Principal

LECTURE BY DR. ANSHU SINGH ON ‘THE OTHER SIDE OF COVID PANDEMIC: MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AMONGST THE YOUTH



Loyola College Of Social Sciences
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Loyola Association of Sociological
Imagination and Engagement



*Cordially invites you
for the webinar on:*

**"THE OTHER SIDE OF
COVID PANDEMIC:
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
AMONGST THE YOUTH."**

Dr. Anshu Singh
CWDS, Delhi

10th June 2021, 10:30am-11:30am
Zoom ID: 978 675 5491
Passcode: *loyola*

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Topic :
**THE OTHER SIDE OF COVID
PANDEMIC: MENTAL HEALTH
CRISIS AMONGST THE YOUTH.**

Resource Person :
Dr. Anshu Singh

LASIE
On 10th June
2021
Thursday
10:30am

Program Schedule

Prayer	: Krishnendhu B (IInd Sem, MA Sociology)
Welcome	: Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson Head, Dept of Sociology
Session & Discussion	: Dr. Anshu Singh CWDS, Delhi
Vote of Thanks	: Ammu Mariam Jacob (IInd Sem, MA Sociology)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Sociology Department of Loyola College of Social Sciences organized a webinar on the topic **“THE OTHER SIDE OF PANDEMIC: MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AMONGST THE YOUTH”** The session was conducted on 10th June 2021 through online platform, Zoom. The eminent speaker for the day was ‘**Ms. Anshu Singh**’.

Ms. Anshu Singh is an Ethnographer and associated with Centre for Women’s Development Studies.

The program got started by 10:45am by a prayer song done by Krishnendu. B (student first year MA sociology) then the gathering was formally welcomed by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (Head of the department of Sociology). The session consisted of 40 participants including faculties and students from our college. The resource person started the session by presenting a PowerPoint and by giving a general account on the healthcare GDP race. She told that 65% of the people aged 18-25 face

mental health issues. She told on the factors which affects the mental health. Nowadays the depression or stress is mainly related with or due to covid-19. These problems can be overcome through proper consulting, counseling, etc. After the introductory section she moved to the detailed account on the problem due to the pandemic of covid-19. About the covid patients, health workers, frontline workers along with their families were suffering mostly. Then she stated the relation between the pandemic and the sociology as it concerns human with an evident explanation. The major questions which the social scientist are engaged are,

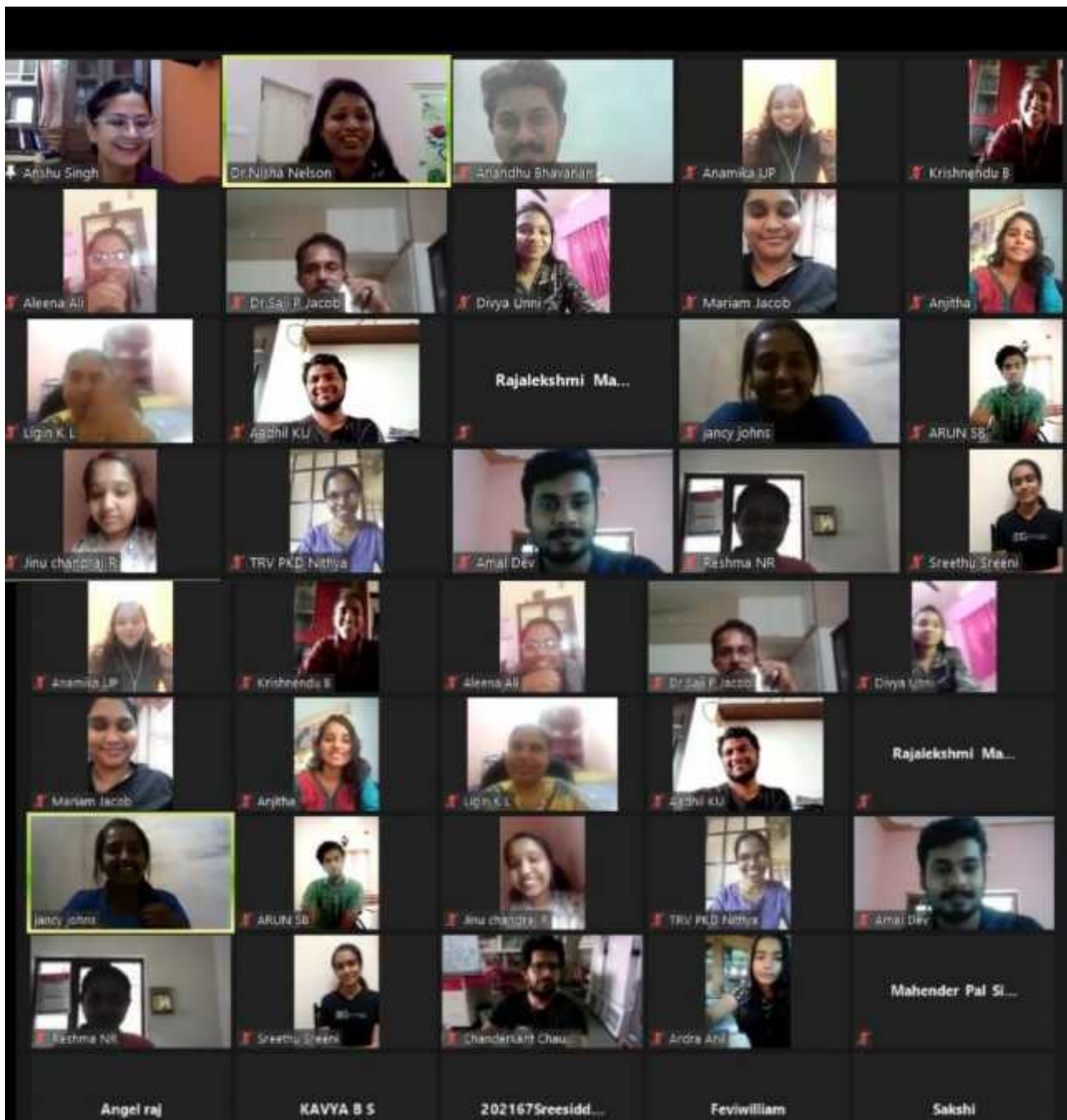
- 1. *How covid-19 pandemic affecting people***
- 2. *How social stratification impacts on the pandemic.***
- 3. *What are the methodologies used to study the pandemic?***

She implied the current research's related with the pandemic. She pointed out the symptoms of an underlying mental health issues as the following;

- 1. *Feeling – fear, anger, sadness, worry, numbness etc.***
- 2. *Change – in appetite, energy, desires etc.***
- 3. *Difficulty – in sleeping, counteraction etc.***
- 4. *Physical reactions – Headaches, rashes, stomach problem, body pains.***

She suggested the remedies to solve the mental health problem by ourselves and by other selves. We can overcome these difficulties through yoga, meditation, by maintaining the physical health Etc. The second part of the session was open to an interaction with the speaker. Participants actively participated and raised their doubts to the speaker. Through this session, speaker precisely clarified the doubts. The participants had a fruitful interaction with the guest of the day.

The session got over by 12 pm with the official vote of thanks by Ammu Mariam Jacob (First year MA Sociology)



WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

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June 12th

World Day Against Child Labour

Made by,

Ammu Mariam
Saranya T J
Anjitha M C
LASIE

Child Labour

Practice of having children engaged in manual activity in the past or full time basis. This practice deprives children of their dignity and that is harmful to their physical, mental and social development.

Child Labour and Prohibition Act, The Act came into force on 15th Jan 1986.

• Aimed to prohibit the engagement of children employment and to regulate the conditions of work of children in certain other employment.

ART 21A, Right to education.

The right to children to free and compulsory education is children or right to education act is an act of the parliament of India enacted on 11th Aug 2009.

SARANYA T J

The Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act - 1986

Regulation for child work in effect:

1. Provide appropriate facilities for education
2. One responsible person to be appointed for children ensure their protection
3. Consent of child to participate in the activity is mandatory
4. Prohibition of child's immediate involvement for engaging child which is valid for 6 months.
5. No child to perform any work which is more than 3 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Date : 11.06.2021

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

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Access
to
Justice

Department of Sociology

JUNE 15TH

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY



JUNE-15

ELDER ABUSE IS PREVENTABLE AND EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY



BY: AMMU MARIAM JACOB
MA SOCIOLOGY

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15



JUNE 15th



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Building Strong Support for Elders

SAVE OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY



Being kind to the elderly IS NOT a Sign of Weakness, Shun their abusers !

Anjitha M.C
MA Sociology

Made by,

Ammu Mariam
Anjitha M C
Saranya T J

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Reasons to be sad about the elderly

- The rights to life and older people is to be disregarded by state
- The older people are forced to fight the elderly, which makes them more vulnerable to abuse and neglect, but for the rest of life
- The older people are forced to fight with the state, which makes them more vulnerable to abuse and neglect, but for the rest of life
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Reasons to protect the elderly

Older and younger people should be given equal rights, both in society, in the workplace and in the home.

Date : 15.06.2021

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FILM REVIEW ON 'NJAN MARYKUTTY'

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FILM CLUB PRESENTS

**A Review on the movie related to the
Empowerment of Trans Persons**

Time :
05:00pm

@telegram

Njan Marykutty

#happypride

The movie's plot revolves
around the struggles faced by a
transgender woman named
Marykutty. By seeing this film
you will get to know how many
obstacles and hurdles a
transgender person has to go
through to change their
gender.

Coordinators,
Amal Dev O B
Aleena Ali
Drishya P

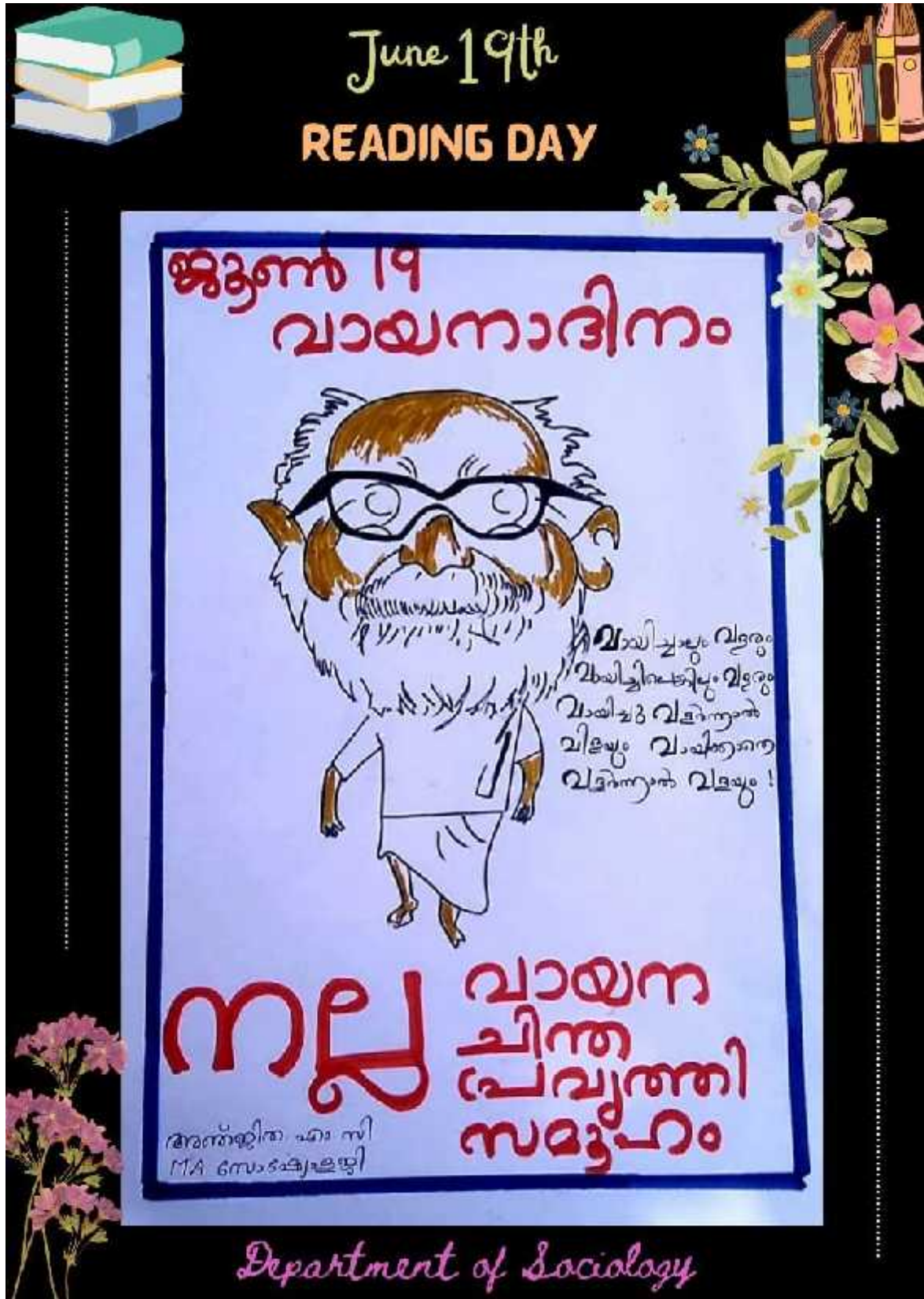
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Date: 16.06.2021

LASIE association of sociology department organized a review on the movie “njan Marykutti” related to the empowerment of trans person. The review was conducted on 10th June 2021 in 7pm to 8 pm through online platform zoom. The session was conducted by the film club members Amal, Aleena, Drishya of sociology department. The 1st year sociology students were participated in the program. The

session was started by the self-introduction of film club members. Then the member Aleena was shared a small talk on njan Marykkutty movie review. She told that the movie name has a strong intention and self-confident about the character of Marykutty as a human not a transsexual person and also said about two faces of respectable people in our society. Then the participants shared review on this movie. The first person talked one of the famous dialogues from this movie that is we want a humanist society not a feminism and also describes the characteristics of men and women. Another person said about the main dialogue of Marykutty the sex and gender have different. She mentioned the police community from this movie. Someone says that there are a lot of messages in this movie and there are a lot of people to support and we should us what we are. Another one said that MarykuttY's character does not have the difficulties that ordinary transgender people experience and she has a lot of background support it is also said that people who are supportive they have a hidden motive. Here is a situation where Marykutti does not even get her own religion. It is said that the movie came in a way that changes the stigma attached to a category called transgender. This is a movie that gives a message within their community. Then we started the discussion session. Some people said that the majority of transgender people were doing sex work at the beginning and that is why the society feels that way. The government is giving them lot of consideration. So, someone else said that they do not want the consideration but want to see them as an ordinary people. In the mean time someone asked why they took on the role of a man becoming a woman instead of a woman becoming man. Yet most transgender people still do their old jobs and say they should be given a chance come into society as well as here the character of Marykutti is an inspiration to them. There is only one group in this world and that is human. There is distinction between male and female. If we all see each other as a human we can live happily with together.

WORLD READING DAY



ONE DAY NATIONAL WEBINAR ON: ‘VOICE OF THE MARGINALIZED: A DISCOURSE WITH THE TRANS COMMUNITY

Loyola College of Social Sciences

Loyola College of Social Sciences is one of the oldest Social Science Colleges in India, accredited with a CGPA of 3.72 on a 4-point scale by the NAAC. It was founded in 1968 by visionary Jesuit Fathers. It is a living tradition, an organic entity of the Global Network of Jesuit Higher Education, to bring social changes in Kerala and society at large. It is an advanced institute for Social Sciences that offers five postgraduate courses: Sociology, Social Work, Human Resource Management, Counseling Psychology, and Disaster Management. The college is affiliated with the University of Kerala and is a recognised Research Centre of the University, and guides students for PhD in the above-said programmes. True to the Jesuit tradition of MAGIS (Excellence) and the commitment to Faith and Justice, Loyola strives to reach the benefits of higher education to the people, especially the marginalised. The institute insists excellence in life through service.

Department of Sociology

Department of Sociology was the founding department of the college and offers postgraduate study in sociology and PhD. The department also engages in international and national researches of social significance. It has been a forerunner in promoting the discipline at various levels in Kerala since its inception. The department has a long and impressive history in training young sociologists and social scientists that have been instrumental in forming the Kerala Sociological Society and in the formulation and conduct of various research undertakings and activities. The department took the lead in various theoretical and empirical research works, many of which got published in the following years. Today the department is a strong Center of Teaching and Research.

Queerhythm

Queerhythm is a registered community based organization in Thrissur for the LGBTIQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer) people. Started as a support group (with regular monthly meetings on first Saturdays) for queer individuals, we aim for a society free of discrimination against gender and sexual minorities.

Organising Secretary
S.C. Andrew Michael

Convener
Dr. Neha Jolly Nair

Principal
Dr. Saj P. Jacob

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Department of Sociology
In association with
Queerhythm
Cordially invites you to the

ONE DAY NATIONAL WEBINAR ON
Voice of the Marginalized: A Discourse with the Trans Community

Date: 25.06.2021
Venue: Google Meet

No Registration Fee
[Click Here for Registration](#)

[Click Here for Google meet link](#)

E-certificate will be given to the Participants and Paper Presenter

As part of LGBT Pride Month celebration many pride events are held during this month to recognize the impact LGBT people have had in the world. In regard to this Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences organized a a National Webinar through the Zoom Platform on June 25th with the central theme as the “Empowerment of the LGBT Communities”. It’s an effort to learn more about the rich history and diversity of the LGBT Community. Ask questions, Listen, Promote their Representation and empower them.

When the United Nations decided to create a set of Global Goals to end poverty and inequality by 2030, equality groups pushed for the rights and needs of lesbian, gay, bi, and Trans people to be taken into account. The result, The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was

agreed in 2015 and signed onto by 193 governments on the basis that they apply to everyone, everywhere and will ‘leave no one behind’.

Adopting these goals we are focusing on the ways to empower the marginalised community around us. As part of this we are arranging this session to enlighten the students about the central issues faced by them, the programmes that have been made by them and for them, the policies that were implemented and the movements those are led by or for them will be addressed in the following session.

Voice of the Marginalized: A Discourse with the Trans Community

While globalization and its liberal economic policies have polarized society into haves and have-nots, the social stratification based on race, religion, caste, and gender etc., has marginalised a vast majority of people in India. People who are marginalized have routinely felt out of sync with their lives and the dominant societal values. They are not only deprived of their basic livelihood but also excluded from participating in mainstream society. The marginalized (LGBT) community is one of the most excluded and marginalized communities in India, and they have been neglected for years with their gender identity and sexual orientation. Transgender people lack positive and supportive relationships that prevent them from participating fully in their social life and other personal. This not only adds to their isolation but also has a tremendous impact on their empowerment. They encounter poverty, exclusion, discrimination and deprivation of many fundamental rights. Development is concerned with the socio-economic and political improvement of the people, including the LGBT communities.

India being a welfare state, has adopted many welfare policies and services for the betterment of these marginalized people. The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has been making concerted efforts to build an inclusive society through its policy support. So far, the society has economically marginalized social groups such as Scheduled Caste Tribes, OBCs, Senior Citizens, Beggars, Transgender persons (TNT), Economically Backward Classes and others may lead an active, secure and dignified life. The rights and needs of LGBT were also incorporated into Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, they are still discriminated against and excluded from mainstream society despite many positive measures. Hence, the webinar is organized to familiarize the people with the problems, movements, programmes and policies for the welfare of the transgender communities in India. It also aims to explore those factors that marginalize transgender persons and address the issues of marginalization. It further attempts to evoke demand for measures which would create an enabling environment for the transgender to enjoy a productive, healthy social life.

Department of Sociology invites research papers from the Sociology students, Postgraduate Scholars, Students and Life Time Associates in the above said themes. You are most welcome to participate. Submit and ask questions in the webinar.

Sub-themes

1. Private and LGBT communities
2. The health of transgender persons
3. Gender discrimination and equality of Trans persons
4. Rights and empowerment of the LGBT
5. Education and the Trans persons
6. Social Development of the Trans persons
7. Employment and Socioeconomic of Trans persons
8. Political inclusion and participation of Trans persons
9. Any other themes related to the Trans persons

Last date to submit abstract: 20th June 2021
Last date to submit full paper: 24th June 2021

Submit your abstract and research paper to:
anandk@vivekanandacollege.edu.in

Programme schedule

10.00 am - 11.00 am - Inauguration & Keynote Address

11.00 am - 12.30 pm - Panel Discussion

12.30 pm - 1.30 pm - Paper Presentations

01.30 pm - 2.00 pm - Lunch Break

02.00 pm - 3.30 pm - Interaction with Trans Persons

03.30 pm - 4.00 pm - Concluding Remarks & Feedback

Guest Engagers

Sreedhar Sreenivasan	Aradhya Anil
Ananta Marim	Ummiya
Krishnendu B.	Arun S B
Jitu Chandra	Satish
Anandhu B S	Dya M



INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

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Department of Sociology

JUNE 26TH

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking







International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking
- 2021 -

Drug is not simple of substance, drug consumption has become one of the greatest problems affecting the attention and growth of the country. The big feeling is that the national level, about 10% of the population aged 10 to 14 are under the use of alcohol.

(i) about 20 percent of Indians have reported any cigarette product within past 12 months.

(ii) almost 20% of the people reported by opioids at the time of the survey.

(iii) It is estimated that nationally there is 100 lakh people who inject drugs (INJECT).

According to UN-backed Substance



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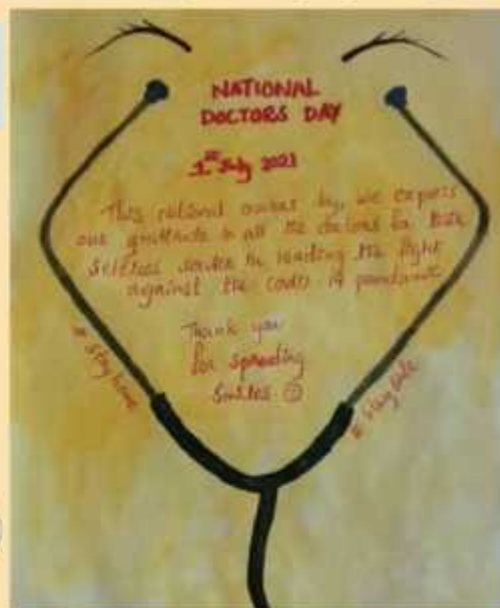
INTERNATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY



**Salute to the
Superheroes**



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DATE : 01.07.2021

FILM REVIEW ON - 'THE GREAT INDIAN KITCHEN'

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Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement

AS A FOCUS ON THE MARGINALIZED

FILM CLUB PRESENTS

A Review on movie related to the Role of Women in Indian Context



PARVATHI CHANDRA & SETHUPATHI CHANDRA

THE GREAT INDIAN KITCHEN
കുറിഞ്ഞായ ഭാരതീയ അടുക്കള

The Great Indian Kitchen is a 2021 Indian Malayalam film written and directed by Jeo Baby. The film tells the story of a newly wed woman (Nimisha Sajayan) who struggles to be the submissive wife that her husband (Suraj Venjaramood) and his family expect her to be.

On
03.07.2021
Saturday
@
Time
7:00pm

Discussion in Google meet



COORDINATORS

AMAL DEV
ALEENA N
DRISHYA

Department of Sociology **Date: 03.07.2021**

Focused upon the marginalized, LASIE organized a discussion session based on the review of the movie "The great Indian kitchen". The session started at 7pm attended by around 20 participants, where each one of them reviewed the film according to their perspectives which was basically a hard-hitting take on the realities of patriarchy in everyday life. The reviews and its discussion also pointed out various indifferences in society such as gender inequality, man governed traditions, economic participation of women etc. The evaluation for the session was proposed by Dr Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of the Department of Sociology and Prof Andrew

Michael, Dept of Sociology gave the concluding remarks which ended the session by around 8 .45 pm.

INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY

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July 3
International Plastic Bag Free Day



A GREEN planet IS A CLEAN PLANET

Only humans make waste that nature can't digest



Say no to plastic

Unnimaya M.A Geography

INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY

Reduce Plastic Usage

USE Eco-friendly Bags

REUSE Old Bags

PLEASE keep Plastic Free

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SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic Bag Free Day 3 July

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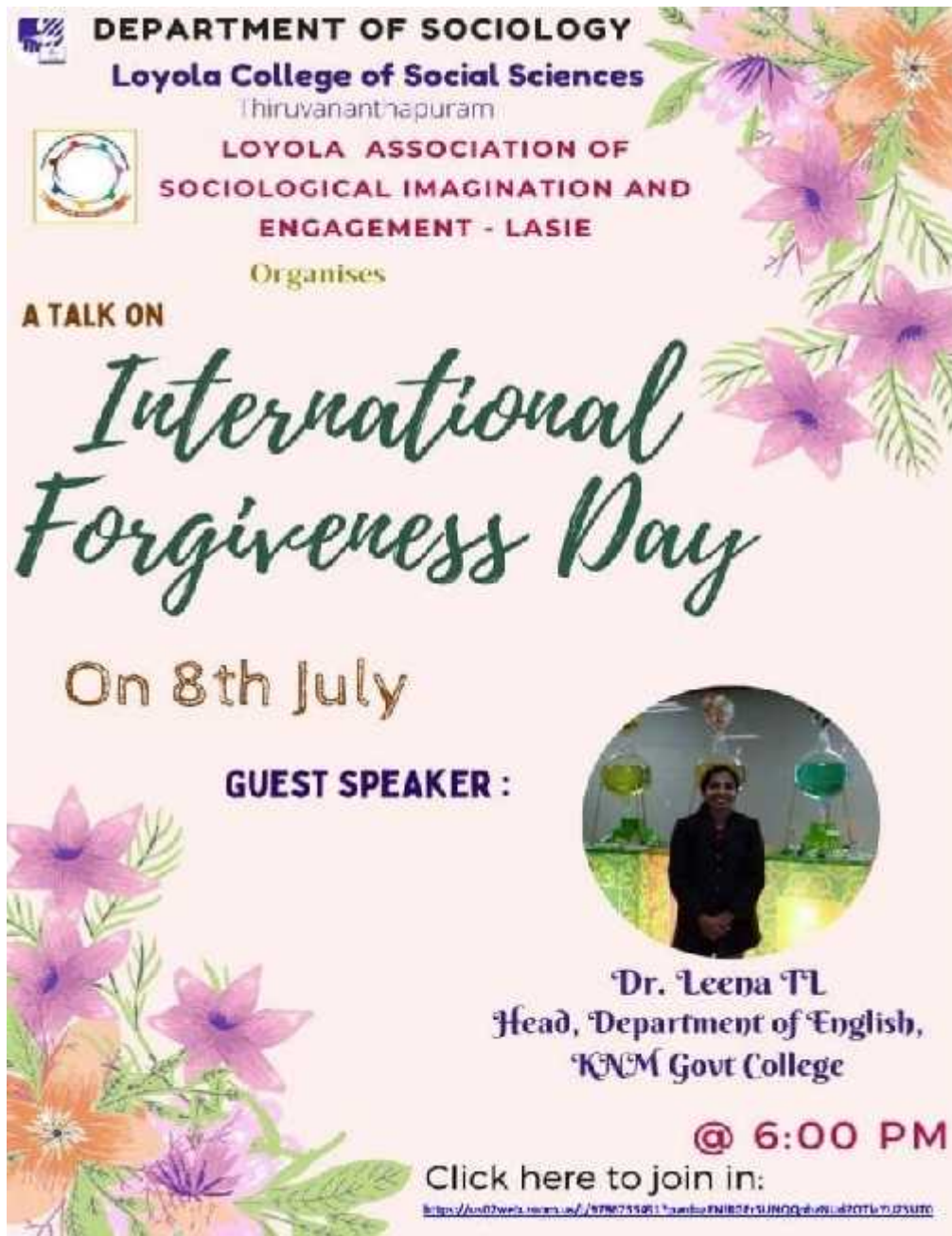
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BRING YOUR OWN BAG

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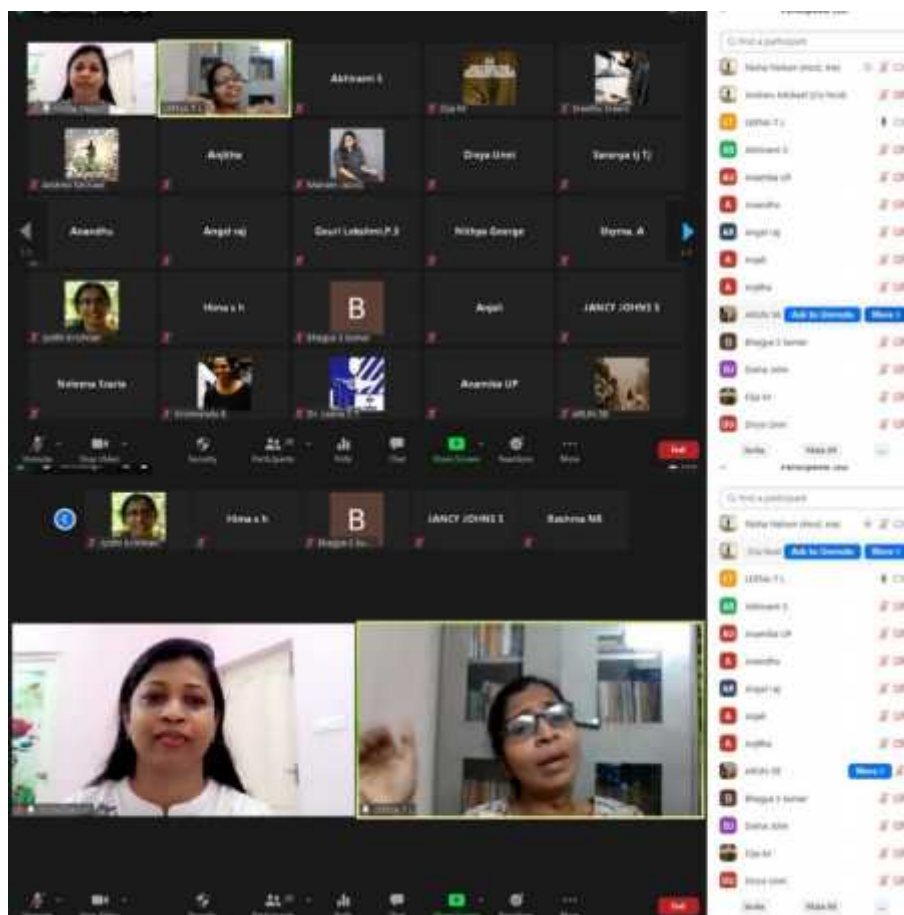
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TALK ON INTERNATIONAL FORGIVENESS DAY



Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement, LASIE, organized a talk on International Forgiveness Day on 8th July. The guest speaker was Dr. Leena T L, Head, Department of English, and KNM Govt College. The session started with the prayer song by Divya Unni, 2nd Sem student, MA sociology. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, HOD, Department of Sociology. She introduced the guest speaker. The session was very interesting as the speaker

talked about the importance of forgiveness through her own life experiences. Students also talked about their life experiences. Leena mam also talked about how forgiveness is a greater skill in life. The session ended with vote of thanks and it was delivered by Arun S B, vice president, LASIE.



INTERNATIONAL FORGIVENESS DAY

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good things ahead **July 7th** *take care of your mind* 
International Forgiveness Day

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WORLD POPULATION DAY

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July 11th
World Population Day

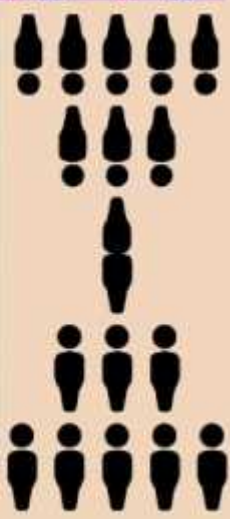


TO SAVE THE
WORLD, TO PROTECT
THE TOMORROW,
WE HAVE TO CONTROL
THE POPULATION
TODAY.
WORLD POPULATION
DAY - July 11

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Jino P John
Kavya
Saranya T J

"Let us join hands to
control POPULATION and
save this world."
HAPPY WORLD POPULATION
DAY.

L A S I E
DATE : 11.07.2021



WORLD MALALA DAY

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July 12

WORLD MALALA DAY

Every Day is Malala Day...!

Ardra Anil
Jincy
Ammu Mariam
IInd Sem

"WHEN THE WORLD IS SILENT, EVEN ONE VOICE CAN BE POWERFUL"

It is one of nature's ways that we often feel closer to distant generations than to the generation immediately preceding us.

"I raise my voice not so I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. We cannot succeed when half of us are held back"

The great aim of education is not knowledge but action
— HERBERT SPENCER

ONE CHILD, ONE TEACHER
ONE BOOK & ONE PEN
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

I truly believe the only way we can create global peace is through not only educating our minds, but our hearts and our souls — MALALA YOUSAFZAI

"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think"
— MARGARET MEAD

L A S I E

Date : 12.07.2021

WORLD EMOJI DAY



WORLD DAY FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

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July 17



WORLD DAY FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE



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NATIONAL PARENTS DAY

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Department of Sociology

JULY 25



NATIONAL PARENTS DAY



BEHIND EVERY YOUNG CHILD WHO BELIEVES
IN HIMSELF/HERSELF IS A PARENT WHO
BELIEVED FIRST.

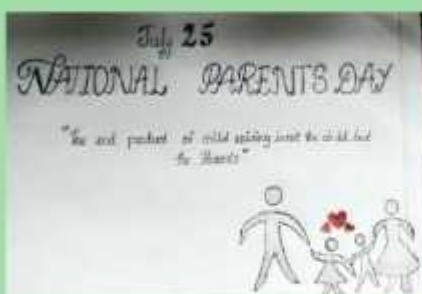


National Parents Day!

Every year on the fourth Sunday in July, National Parents' day is celebrated to recognize the role of parents in children's life. Parents are the gift of God. On Latin National Parents' day, it celebrates to promote the responsible parenting and to recognize positive parental role models.

President Bill Clinton in 1994 signed a law and a resolution was adopted by the US Congress to establish fourth Sunday of every July as Family day. In the Congressional resolution it is mentioned that Parents' day is established for "recognizing, uplifting and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children."

Parents help us in every day of our life. They taught us to face future challenges wherever comes in our life. Parents love for us, they are our best teachers. We should respect them and their decisions. It is our backbone and thinking how much respect and importance we give to our parents.



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Anandhu
Krishnendhu**

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HAPPY PARENTS DAY

Parents are the greatest teachers a child can ever have in life. For all the thanks out there, you are all doing world a great even.

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WORLD
NATURE
CONSERVATION
DAY

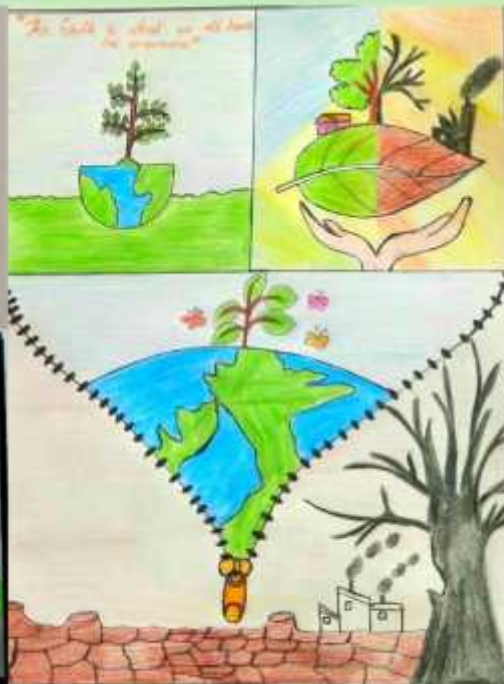
July 28

JULY-28

WORLD NATURE
CONSERVATION DAY

Let us not leave it for
someone else. IT IS OUR
DUTY!

"In the forest, in the beauty
of nature's peace, my
bless



July
28

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Gouri

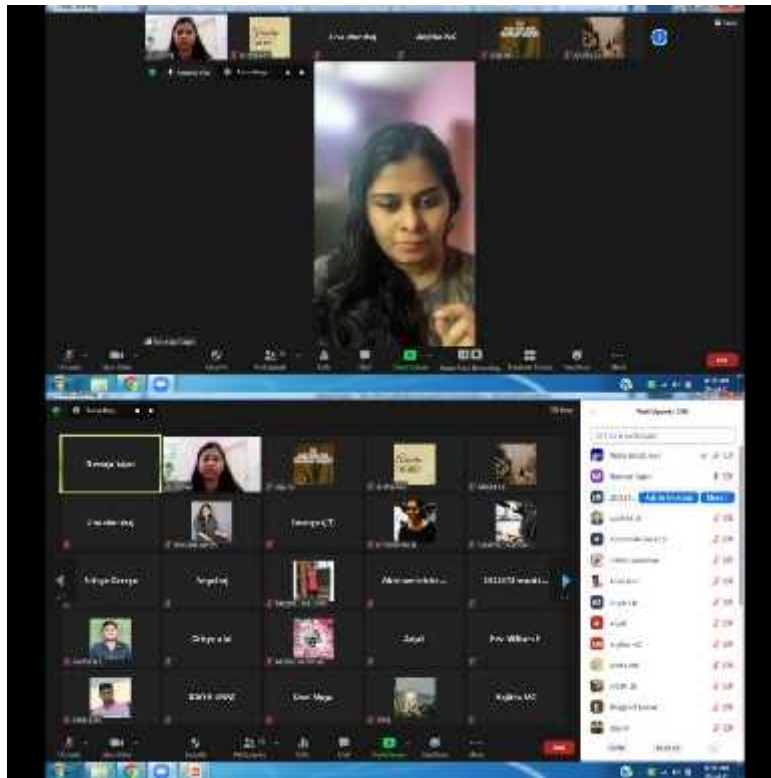
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Date: 28.07.2021

MEET THE ALUMNA



Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement has conducted a programme named Meet the Alumna to give the students an idea about the different scopes of sociology as a career. The guest speaker was Ms. Neeraja Sajan, Research scholar, TISS, Mumbai. She recently got a scholarship to abroad for further studies in sociology. The talk started by 11.30 am and went till 12.30 pm was a very interactive session and she talked about the various areas that the sociology had scopes. She also mentioned that sociology as a career option doesn't confine within the boundaries but it is much beyond that. As it a recent subject, it has got its ownvalue. Ma sociology 2019-2021 batch also attended this programme.



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

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AUGUST 1

International
Friendship Day !



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HIROSHIMA DAY



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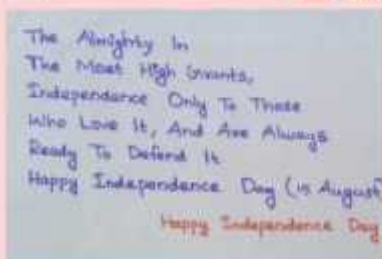
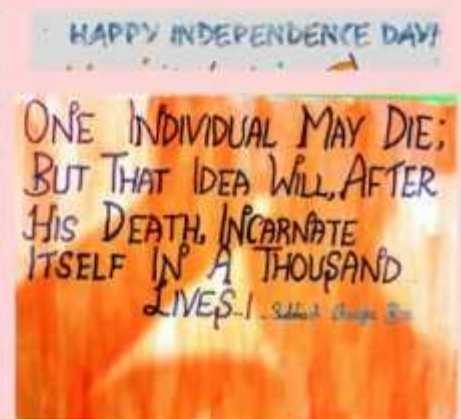
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

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AUGUST 15

Independence day



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Date : 15.08.2021

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Saranya
Anjitha**

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SPORTS MEET

Department of Physical Education, University of Kerala organized Annual Sports Meet for all the colleges come under the University of Kerala on 17th and 18th August 2021. Four Students from Department of Sociology participated in the Sports Meet.

Students participated:

1. Arun S B
2. Mariam Jacob
3. Krishnendu B
4. Sreethu Sreenivasan



HUMANITARIAN DAY

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Department of Sociology
AUGUST 19
HUMANITARIAN DAY



WORLD
HUMANITARIAN
DAY
AUGUST 19



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Date : 19.08.2021

ONLINE GURUKULAM



Loyola College of Social Sciences
Thiruvananthapuram



Department of Sociology



Online GURUKULAM
(A helping hand for the education of tribal children)

Organised by

**Scheduled Tribes Development
Department, Kerala
CHILDLINE, Thiruvananthapuram**

**TRAINING FOR ONLINE
GURUKULAM VOLUNTEERS**

"The Culture, History
and Present Status of
Tribal Children in
Kerala"

On
19th August 2021
@ 3:00pm



SHINU SUKUMARAN
Writer
&
Junior Superintendent of Scheduled Tribes
Development Department, Kerala



Loyola College of Social Sciences
Thiruvananthapuram



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Online GURUKULAM
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**TRAINING FOR ONLINE
GURUKULAM VOLUNTEERS**

19th August 2021
@ 3:00pm

Program Schedule

Prayer	Ms. Krishnendhu B 2nd Semester, MA Sociology
Welcome Address	Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson Head, Dept of Sociology Loyola College of Social Sciences
Introducing the Guests	Mr. Jobi Kondoore Coordinator, Childline Thiruvananthapuram
Inaugural Address	Dr. Saji P Jacob Principal Loyola College of Social Sciences
Felicitation	Mr. Sudheer S TDO, Pattanamattam
	Mr. Raheema A Program Officer, Scheduled Tribes Development Department
Guest Speaker	Sri. Shinu Sukumaran Writer & Junior Superintendent of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Kerala
Vote of Thanks	Ms. Ardra Anil 2nd Semester, MA Sociology

Online Gurukulam workshop is conducted on 19th August 2021. Nisha miss gives a warm welcome to the resource person and everyone attended the webinar. Our Honourable Principal DR. Saji P Jacob inaugurated the function, he also shared his experience with us, it was very informative as well as interesting too. Felicitation were given by Sudheer Sir and Raheem Sir. Shinu Sir was the guest speaker and his speech was very informative and useful for our journey. From the students' side the comparing was done by Miss. Anamika U.P and the vote of thanks was given by Miss Ardra Anil.

Online Gurukulam is a helping hand for the education of tribal children. The whole workshop was discussed about culture, history and present status of tribal children in India. The workshop was very informative and fruitful one.

Shinu Sir addressed in the beginning that Loyola is one of the best social engineering institution. The tribal community in Kerala include the 36 primitive indigenous group. Most of the tribal of Kerala live in the forests and mountains of Western Ghats, bordering Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Kasargod-koragar have their own language, classified as an independent Dravidian language, which is strongly influenced by Tulu, Kannada, Malayalam, languages commonly found in their area. The Koraga people are an educationally disadvantaged tribe but progress is being made. Malappuram, Nilambur-Cholanaikkans are one of the most primitive tribes that live in the forests...their interaction with the world outside the forest is quite limited. Shri Vinod A student at the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), he is the first from his community to pursue this level of research. Wayanad-The native Adivasis of the district belong to various sects like Paniyas, Kurumas, Adiyars, Kurichyas, Ooralis, Kattunaikkans and Uraali Kurumas. Paniyas- Paniyas were once sold along with plantations by the landlords. They got some freedom after the 1974 Bonded labours Act.

Kollam, kulathupuzha-Malapandaram is not included in primitive but they are nomadic. Last year Rahul Vijayan from the community got 1st rank in political science from Kerala University, but there are children who haven't seen schools yet. Trivandrum, Agasthyamala-The Kanikkars are semi-nomadic, living in temporary huts of bamboo and reeds. These are generally situated on hillsides. Palakkad, Attapadi-inhabited by Irulas, Mudugas and Kurumbar. Idukki-The Muthuvans have a dialect of their own which is closely related to Tamil, with a few Malayalam words. It has no script. Now most of them are following Malayalam.

Most of the students from the department of sociology, attended the webinar and further discussions and selection of volunteers is going to be done on next session. And after 2 hours of interaction the session was winded up.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

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September 21
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

International
peace
Day
September 21

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Angel
Sreelekshmi
Jancy Johns
IIInd Sem

L A S I E

Date : 21.09.2021

NSS DAY



Loyola College of Social Sciences
Thiruvananthapuram

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

September 24

NSS DAY



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NOT ME BUT YOU !

WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY

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Department of Sociology

September 26

WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
DAY



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SAVE
the
PLANET



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DATE : 26.09.2021

WORLD HEART DAY

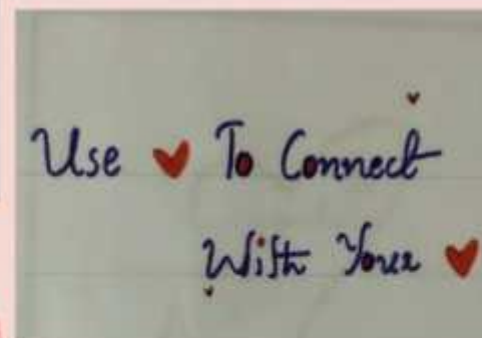
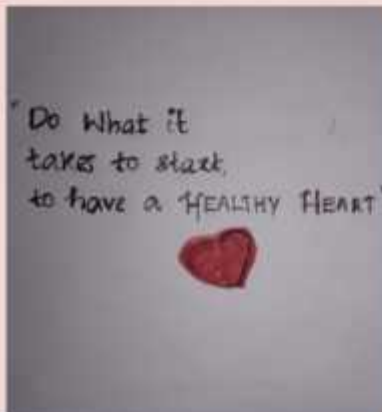
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September 29

World Heart Day



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Date : 29.09.2021



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PARENTS

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October 1
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
OLDER PERSONS

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Jancy Arun

WORLD DAY OF ELDERLY
1st Oct

ഇന്നുകാണുന്ന ചുളിഞ്ഞ മുഖങ്ങൾ പണ്ട് പ്രകാശിച്ചവയായിരുന്നു, ജീവിത താഥാർഥ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് മുന്നിൽ അവർ പതറി പോയിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ ഇന്നിങ്ങനെ എഴുതാൻ ഞാനോ അതുവായിക്കാൻ നിങ്ങളോ ഉണ്ടാകില്ലായിരുന്നു

#respect them

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GANDHI JAYANTHI /INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

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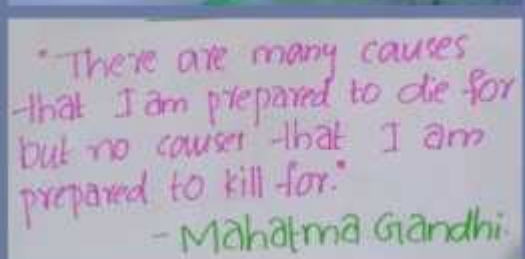
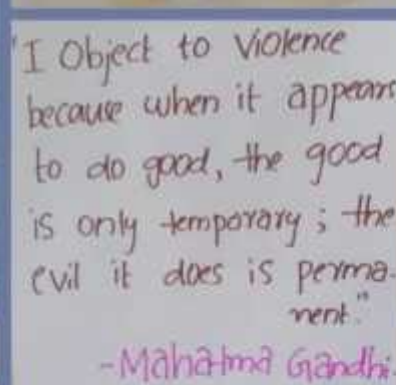
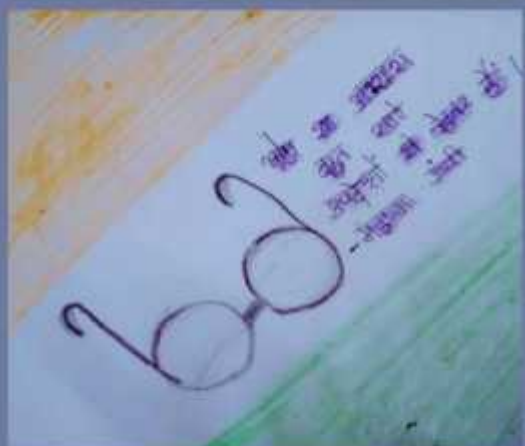
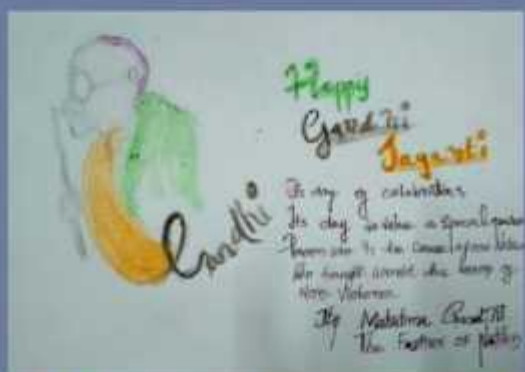
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OCTOBER 2

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

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GANDHI JAYANTHI



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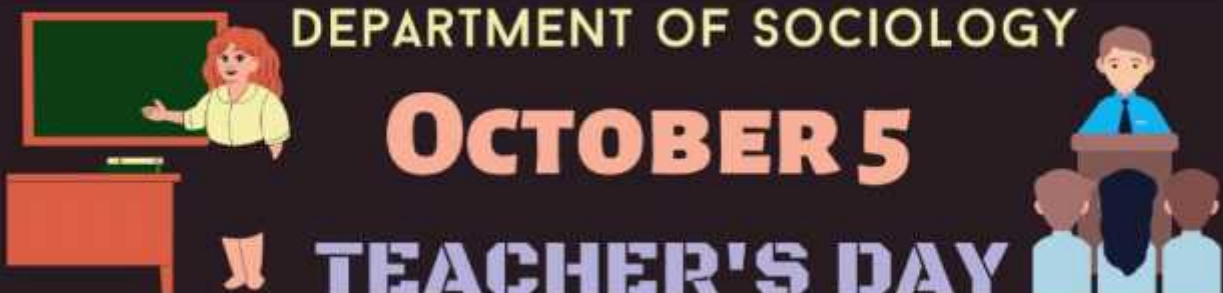
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TEACHERS DAY

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

OCTOBER 5

TEACHER'S DAY



WORLD TEACHERS
DAY
OCT 5

"IT IS THE SUPREME
ART OF THE TEACHER
TO AWAKEN JOY IN
CREATIVE EXPRESSION
AND KNOWLEDGE".



"The best teachers don't give you the answers,
but they spark within you the desire to
find the answers yourself."

MADE BY,

**Krishnendu
Mariam
Jincy**



"ഗുരുവു. ദൈവവു. ദൈവിച്ച് മൂർച്ഛിത വന്നപ്പോൾ
ആദ്യം ആരാമത്ത് വന്നിരിക്കുന്നത്? സംശയിച്ചു.
ഗുരുവിനെ തന്നെ, കാരണം ദൈവത്തെക്കുറിച്ച്
പറഞ്ഞു തന്നത് ഗുരുവാണ്ല്ലോ..."

*Teachers are the backbone
of any country, the pillar upon
which all aspirations are
converted into realities.*
- Dr. APJ ABDUL K





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Date : 05.10.2021

OPEN HOUSE

Department of Sociology organized a meeting on 8th October 2021. The meeting was held in the Second Year class room on behalf of all the staff members of the Department of Sociology. The aim of the meeting was to make an evaluation regarding the exams and syllabus pattern. All the students shared their various concern regarding the departmental and non departmental activities held by college. Then shared innovative ideas. This was held as an open forum.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



RELEASE OF HANDWRITTEN MAGAZINE “CHANGADAM” AND INAUGURATION OF LASIE

Loyola College of Social Sciences
Thiruvananthapuram

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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LOYOLA ASSOCIATION OF SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION
AND ENGAGEMENT

Invite you to the release of handwritten magazine,
'Changadam'
Changatham Koodan Oridam
Released by,
DR. JOSE BOBAN K
Former Principal
Loyola College of
Social Sciences

On 16.10.21 10:30am

Programme Schedule

Prayer	Divya Unni IInd Semester, Dept. Of Sociology
Welcome Address	Mr. Andrew Michael S C Assistant Professor Dept. Of Sociology
Presidential Address	Dr. Saji P Jacob Principal Loyola College of Social Sciences
Magazine Release & Inaugural Speech	Dr. Jose Boban K Former Principal Loyola College of Social Sciences
Editor's Message	Aadhil K U MA Sociology Loyola College of Social Sciences
Vote of Thanks	Fevi William IInd Semester, Dept. Of Sociology

Click Here to join us in Zoom

The formal inauguration of the activities of LASIE-KSS Loyola was held on 16th October 2021 the online platform Zoom. The formal function started at 10.30 am with the students from batch 2018-2020 and 2020-2022 with all the staff in the department. The function was chaired by Dr. Jose Boban K, Former principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Dr. Saji P Jacob, Principal and Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of the Department. The function begun with the prayer song by Ms. Divya Unni of first MA Sociology. The welcome address was proposed by Mr. Andrew Michael S C, Assistant Professor by introducing the guest and about the association. The presidential address was delivered by the Principal of our college Dr. Saji P Jacob. The inaugural address was delivered by the chief guest, Dr. Jose Boban K. He presented his own experience as a sociologist and as a teacher.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION DAY

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

OCTOBER 24
WORLD DEVELOPMENT
INFORMATION DAY



STAND
TOGETHER
AND BECOME
A CATALYST
FOR DEVELOPMENT

WORLD DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION DAY
24TH OCTOBER

STAND
TOGETHER
AND BECOME
A CATALYST
FOR
DEVELOPMENT

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24.10.2021

NATIONAL UNITY DAY

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Department of Sociology
October 31
NATIONAL UNITY DAY



OUR UNITY IS OUR
Strength
& DIVERSITY IS OUR
Power
....
KAMALA HARI

UNITY IS STRENGTH... When
THERE IS TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION,
WONDERFUL THINGS CAN BE ACHIEVED...



UNITY
IS
DIVERSITY



**BE
United**

MADE BY,
**Sreethu
Gouri
Dija** IInd Sem



Manpower without unity is not a
strength unless it is harmonised and united
properly then it becomes spiritual power.
- SARDAR VALLABHAI PATEL



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31.10.2021

CHILDLINE SE DOSTI WEEK



RUN FOR SAFE CHILDHOOD

In connection to International Children's Day Trivandrum Child Line organized an awareness programme titled as 'RUN FOR SAFE CHILD'. Loyola College of Social Sciences actively participated for the event which was held on 20th November 2021. the area was destined between TSS Vellayambalam to Kowdiar Park.

16 Students from Sociology Department and 4 faculties participated for the event throughout. The event began by 7am and Fr. Thomas P D, the Director of Trivandrum, Don Bosco Child Line officially welcomed the gathering. Ron George Valiaveetil, Indian National Team shooter at Kerala State shooting Championship officially inaugurated the event. After the sheet play the torch was lighted as the initiation of the programme. There were around 150 participants for this awareness campaign. The participants reached at TSS Vellayambalam by 6:30 am and official inauguration started by 7am. Followed by the lighted torch was handed over to the respective heads and run was started. The team reached the final destination that is at Kowadiar Park. Finally the coordinators of the event proposed the words of to all the participants. The whole event came to an end by 8:10 am with breakfast provided.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN

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Department of Sociology
NOVEMBER 25
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**

UNITED TO END
VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN AND GIRLS

STOP
VIOLENCE
AGAINST
WOMEN

25th NOVEMBER

STOP
VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN

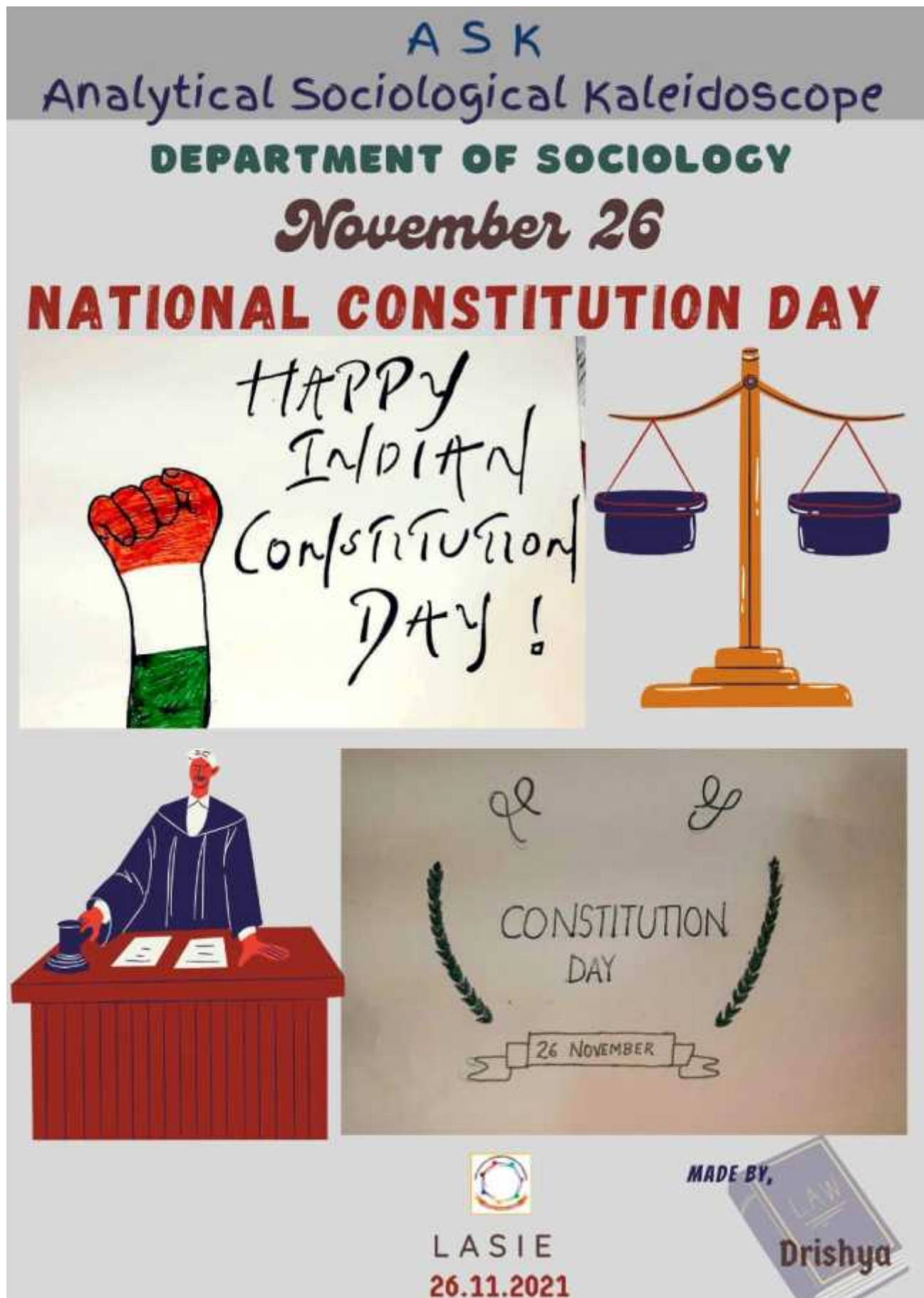
THERE IS ONE THING
THAT WILL BRING
PRODUCTIVITY UP &
COSTS DOWN & THAT'S
ENDING
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

International Day for
the ELIMINATION OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN

MADE BY,
Mariam
Anjitha
Saranya

 **LASIE**
25.11.2021

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY



ORGAN DONATION DAY

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

NOVEMBER 30

ORGAN DONATION DAY



DEBATE

LOYOLA COLLEGE OF
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Do
you
want
to
speak
up?

DEBATE
CLUB
presents

LOYOLA ASSOCIATION
OF SOCIOLOGICAL
IMAGINATION AND
ENGAGEMENT

Topic:
*Who is needed
for the society:
a Religious man
or Social man?*

November
30
10 AM

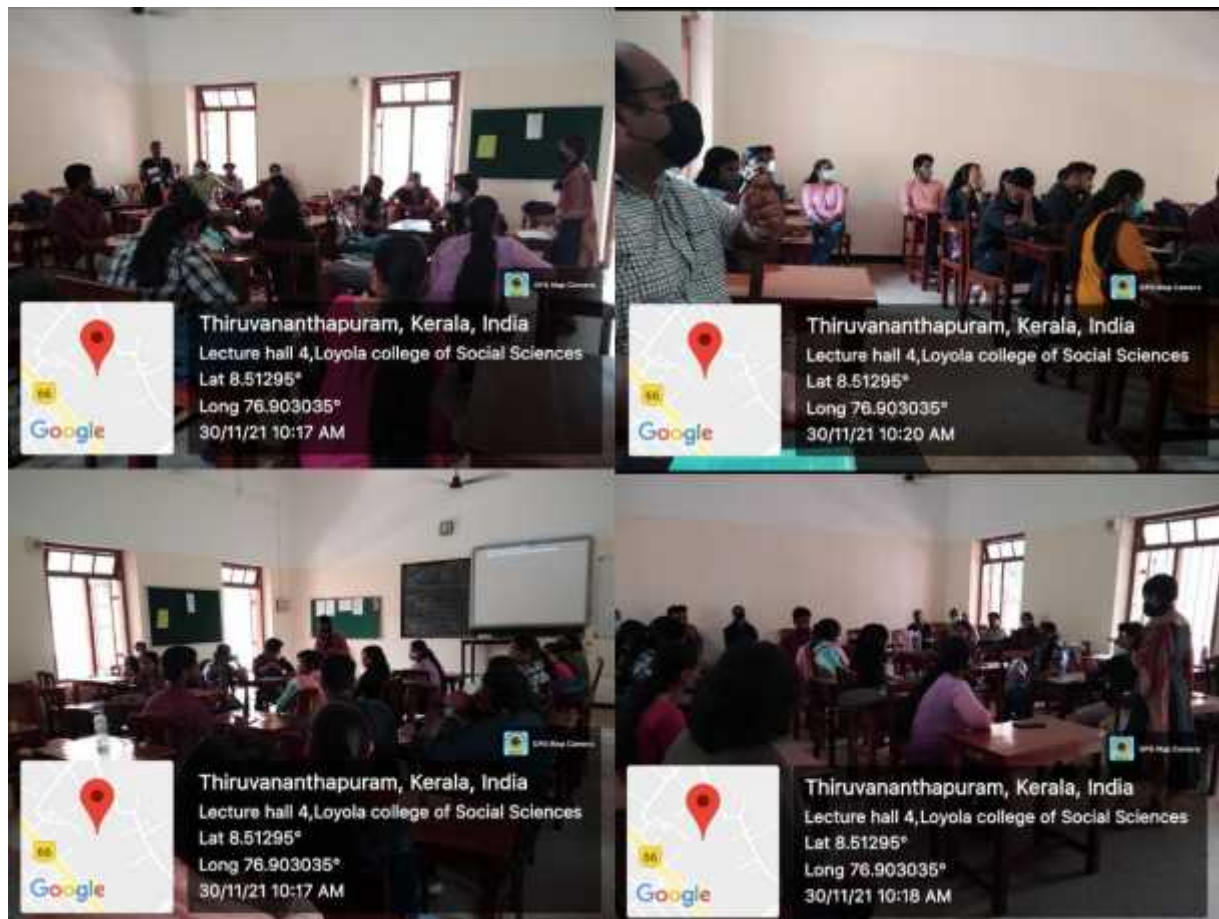
VENUE: THIRD SEMESTER
CLASSROOM

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Debate Club of LASIE organized a debate on the topic “Who is needed for the society: a Religious man or Social Man?” on November 30th 2021, in the Third semester Class Room, Department of Sociology.

The debate summoned with an introductory part about the theme with certain guidelines to be followed by the participants. The people who were favoring for the theme “social men” is more important started their arguments. Then people on both teams started debating for their own side by contradicting the other. Teams discussed on concepts like, ‘women entry to temple’, ‘terrorism’, ‘Halal’ etc. at the end of the session audience were asked to share their opinions, then the programme end with the vote of thanks.

Considering the given topic for the both teams had their own valiant points to represent their own ideology and thoughts. By the end of the session, we as the audience came to an understanding that there is a fine line between social and religious life.Emphasis on one aspect will lead to social disorders in the society.



HOME FRAMES- ETHER INDIA



Ether India Charitable Society in association with District Child Protection Unit, Thiruvananthapuram under the Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. of Kerala has conducted the first phase of HOME FRAMES, a Community Theatre Residential workshop for the children in various Child Care Institutions from 27 Dec to 31 Dec 2021 at Grameena Padana Kendram, Karakulam. Second Year MA Sociology students of Loyola College of Social Sciences, Sreethu Srinivasan, Mariam Jacob, Anjitha M C, Jinu chandraj, Krishnendu B has worked as Volunteer in this respective residential workshop.

Prior to this workshop, a meeting was conducted on 24 Dec 2021 by the coordinators of Home Frames to give instructions to the volunteers and also to brief this program. Biju Simon, Director, Ether India divided various responsibilities among the volunteers. Krishnendu B was selected as the coordinator of volunteer group, Sreethu

Srinivasan and Mariam Jacob were selected for doing Photo and Video Documentation, Jinu chandraj was selected for writing the Daily Report and Anjitha M C was selected for maintaining the time and monitoring the children.



Certificates were issued for the service by the student volunteers.



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LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

Annual Report of Programmes and Activities of the Academic Year
2019-20

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Loyola Unit of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)



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Kerala – 695017

PRESENT STUDENT STRENGTH OF THE DEPARTMENT

M.A I Year - 30
M.A II Year -24
PhD- 10

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Dr. Lekshmi Chandran
Guest faculty
Department of Sociology

Introduction

Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram was started in the year 1963 as the founding department. Being the lone discipline, Department of Sociology gained much acceptance in the initial years itself. The presence of towering personalities like Fr Joseph Puthenkalam S.J, Fr Jose Murickan S J, Dr C J Mathew and Dr Mariamma Joseph and Dr E J Thomas S J, helped the department to emerge as a prestigious Center of Sociology in Kerala. The department took the leadership in variety of theoretical and empirical research works and many of which got published in the following years. These initiatives also contributed to the shaping of the college as a pioneering institution in Kerala and the stature did grow further and further. Today the department is a strong Center of Teaching and Research. The department was able to engage itself creatively in the wider academic horizons of Sociology in Kerala through the activities of both students and teachers. The activities and programmes are organized under the banner of **LASIE (Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement)** designed as a **unit of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)**. It is the organized forum comprising the faculty and students of the department and their engagement in academic and non-academic discourses. It is at the same time the space and also a window for the students' to intervene in the community and engage themselves in society.

In every academic year LASIE tries to organize programmes and activities with a pulp to aid the process of framing the young sociologists. With immense pride LASIE KSS Loyola unit hereby, presents its report of the activities and programmes of the year 2020. This time due to the pandemic period, we had to confine most of our activities to a virtual platform.

General Body Meeting for planning the activities -2019-20

All the students and the Faculty of the Department of Sociology, Loyola College, are the members of LASIE and they constitute the General Body of the Association. The General Body Meeting was held on 26th November 2019 immediately after the annual conference of Kerala Sociological Society in the presence of Dr. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head, Department of Sociology and the staff advisor of KSS. The Staff Advisor along with other faculty in the Department elected the office bearers for the current academic year. Dr. Nisha and Mr.Prasad spoke on the occasion that oriented the members to the vision, mission and motto of the Association that should guide them in their programmes and activities for the academic year.

THE OFFICE BEARERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2019-20

PRESIDENT: AADHIL K U

VICE PRESIDENT: ANUGRAHA ANEESH

SECRETARY: NITHYA GEORGE

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

1. Kavitha(FIELD WORK AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (FaCTS))
2. Resmi, Anjali and Jithu(DEBATE, DISCUSSION, FILM SCREENING AND QUIZ)
3. Nithya George (KAIEZHUTHU PRATHI)
4. Prajitha (ASK, Department Magazine)
5. APARNA (ORGANIC FARMING)
6. AKHILA LAKSHMANAN (Exposure Visits and Documentation)

Loyola college as a Jesuit Institution- an agent for change and sociology as an active agent

The Society of Jesus, a Christian religious order founded by Saint Ignatius of Loyola in 1540, has been active in the field of education through the world since its origin. Jesuit education is based on the principles of character formation elaborated by the founder of the **Society of Jesus**. The prime objective is to promote the total development of the person so as to be fully human, fully Indian and truly modern. It also aims at integral, personal formation of the young. Jesuits are renowned educationists. Loyola College of Social Sciences, known as a college with a difference, was established at Thiruvananthapuram by Jesuits, a global missionary network committed to excellence in education with social justice.

Loyola had opened its avenues to the people and intervened for a change. When government of India arranged special trains which was named as **Shramik**, to transport stranded migrants back to their home states, Loyola College played an important role with this regard. Around 300 migrants were reported at Sreekaryam police station, to accompany them. Sutter hall was opened to them and they rested for a day. Loyola considered it as a great opportunity to serve the society and was thrilled to welcome the guests within its limitation. This initiative was a great relief for the workers especially during this pandemic situation. The aim of the education is to be a social change agent and Loyola as a Jesuit institution is one such agent. The activities during this situation are a living example for it.

Loyola also opened its campus avenues for health departments. From July 17 onwards Loyola was made as institutional quarantine centers for the health workers. Loyola Extension Service Centre, Men's hostel and Girls hostel were taken for this purpose. Students, who were spread in different areas, came forward and vacated their rooms for a good cause. Even out of a great struggle of coming from different parts, students cooperated to this issue in a positive manner. These are the main milestones where it exemplifies the real meaning of social science. The institution worked for the people and cope up with the pandemic according to its limitations. Although the pandemic has brought great challenges and hardships to the to the education system around the world, Loyola has not backed down. With the initiation of Moodle, an online learning platform, Loyola continues to facilitate the process of education with personalized learning

environments and online learning. The student support programs for academic and personal development has also been running with great enthusiasm.

When the entire world is confined to their own homes due to situational demands the students of Loyola has considered it as an exceptional opportunity to grow and help others grow, the period has facilitated different experiences for the students of Loyola. Many have taken this time as an opportunity to attend certain webinars and online courses. With Loyola, giving great importance to social commitment and giving back to society, the students of sociology department has also upheld social involvement even in these unprecedented times. Few of our students, mainly Aparna and Resmi from second Year M.A. Sociology worked directly with the government response initiatives such 'Udayam project'; inter agency groups, DISHA helpline, While other students who could not engage in volunteer activities associated with government or other agencies took personal initiative to organize activities such as tele-counseling, accompanying ASHA workers, distributing food packets and sanitizers, creating awareness to people through social media. The volunteering experiences and insights has helped our students gain a sense of purpose and has been life changing. Aparna, a student who has engaged with the DISHA helpline for three months remarks 'DISHA never stops ringing and I fell blessed to be a part and contribute my best'. Loyola, even in these appalling times continues to foster excellence in thinking, commitment and engagement for holistic transformation. We, Loyolites continue to uphold the wise words of St. Ignatius of Loyola that "Love is shown more in deeds than in word".



Aparna A M

Second Year M A Sociology



Resmi J Nair

Second Year M A Sociology

PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT

1. National Seminar on SUSTAINABLE REBUILDING OF KERALA IN THE POST FLOOD SCENARIO

Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences, under the auspices of Directorate of Environment and Climate Change Govt. of Kerala, conducted a one day National Seminar on the topic, Sustainable rebuilding of Kerala in the post flood Scenario on January, 27th, 2020.



The inauguration of the National Seminar commenced with prayer by Niranjana Mohan of Third Semester MA Sociology. The welcome speech was delivered by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Assistant Prof & Head, Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences. The inaugural session was presided over by Rev. Fr. Sunny Kunnapallil SJ, Rector and Manager, Loyola College of Social Sciences. In his presidential address he empathized on the importance of living in harmony with nature for the sustainable rebuilding of Kerala.

Dr. Oommen V Oommen, Prof. Emeritus, Department of Computational Biology & Bio-informatics, University of Kerala, lighted the lamp and formally inaugurated the seminar. Following which he addressed the gathering.



Prof. Dr. Sabu Joseph, Head, Department of Environmental Science, University of Kerala, delivered the key note address.



Dr. Saji P. Jacob, Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences, delivered the felicitation. He in his address shed light on the sociological dimension of the entire process of sustainable rebuilding of Kerala, ancillary to the ecological aspect which was addressed by the former speakers. While addressing the gathering he knitted together his own experiences as the student of sociology and also as a layman, who witnessed the devastating floods. He upheld the implementation of firmer laws as the viable solution to rebuild Kerala sustainably in the post flood scenario. He emphasized that the present day governments and bureaucrats are mere puppets in the hands of the capitalist interest groups. He concluded his speech by suggesting that it is high time that we re-define Kerala better rather than merely rebuilding it.

Mr. Prasad R, Faculty, Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences, proposed the vote of thanks. He reiterated the important thoughts put forward by the former speakers and stressed on the importance of sustainably rebuilding or rather redefining Kerala in the post flood scenario. He also underlined the sociological dimensions of the mechanisms of the rebuilding.

Special Address by Dr.V S Vijayan

I. Dr. VS Vijayan, Eminent Environmental Scientist & Member, Gadgil Committee, on the theme *Sustainable rebuilding of Kerala: Post Flood Scenario*

Chair: Dr. Saji P. Jacob, Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences

Dr. VS Vijayan, commenced his session by providing a glimpse of reality concerning the bureaucratic administrative set up in particular and State in general. He traced back the causal force of the twin floods in Kerala to the ***mysterious force***, which he elaborated as the **Capitalist Quarry Mafia**, who use the State as an instrument to perpetuate their vested interests.

In his presentation Dr. Vijayan put forward his arguments with the support of statistical data, which added more credibility to his arguments. Dr. Vijayan enlightened us with his words for duration of two hours. His whole presentation can be summarized to the following baseline arguments or rather suggestions, they are as follows:

1. Absence of micro-macro continuum in development projects.
2. Conspicuous Consumption due to the overriding influence of capitalist forces in a malayali lifestyle.
3. Over-emphasis on GDP rather than GDH i.e. the current nature of development is such that the society upholds the strategy of exploiting the natural capital to cumulatively accumulate material capital, overlooking the necessity of social capital.
4. Overriding influence of *mysterious forces* in the domain of governance.



The Whole lecture is detailed here with major recommendations.

Flood

Main reason: Global warming & Climate Change

- Incessant heavy rains
- Absence of trees In the catchment areas and construction of buildings in the River course
- Lack of mechanisms to hold flood water (destruction of wetlands and paddy lands)

Land Slides

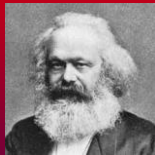
- Main reason: Quarries and its indiscrete spread over the Western Ghats
- Solutions: The Government must take over the quarries
- Reduce the demand on granite stones
- Take only the minimum required
- Pass an irrevocable decision that in Kerala all constructions in future shall only be environment-friendly
- Decide on the size of a house

Assembly must pass an unanimous decision and enact an irrevocable law that Kerala will have only Sustainable Development in future

Industrial Revolution 1750s
Fossil fuel based development
(coal, natural gas, petroleum)
&
tendency to accumulate wealth



Carl Nikolas Fraas (1850s): 'each developing culture leaves a veritable desert behind'
(Climate and the Plant World)

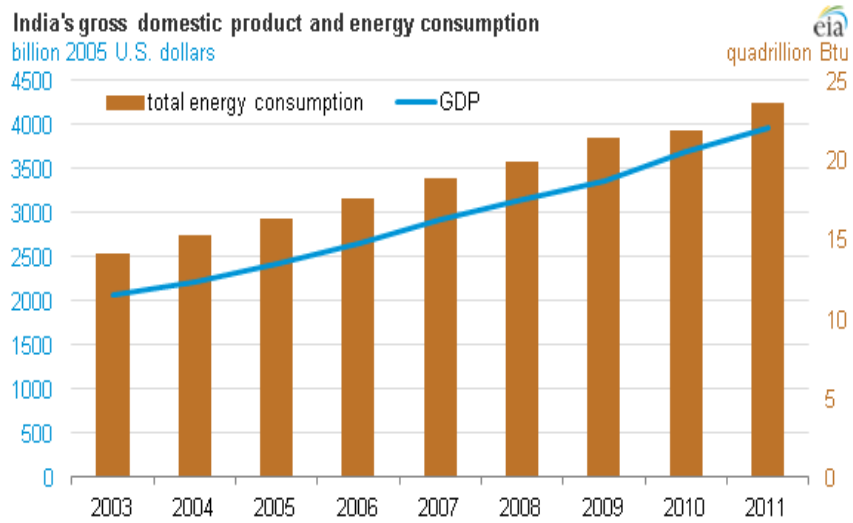


Marx and Engels 1860s



- **climate change**
- **soil degradation**
- **air and water pollution**
- **over exploitation of natural resources**
- **overpopulation**
- **deforestation**
- **desertification**
- **industrial toxins**
- **destruction of species**

India's fossil fuel based development & GDP



Shining India

See the other side of
India



In 2018

74% of wealth in the country is with 1% of the population

Daily income of top billionaires: 2,200 cr.

Income in rural India Rs.32/;

Urban Rs. 47

Population below poverty line: 29.5% ;

26.05 crores – Rural; 10.25 crores - urban

Still India claims to be socialistic!!

Source: Oxfam Annual Report 2018

**Impacts of present
development system**

**29.5% below
poverty line**



**Polluted
the air,
water, soil & food**

**70 % of Indians do not have toilet
(PRI's the World, 2016)**

**Child death below the age of 5 every year : 1.40
lakhs (due to Diarrhoea),**

**40% children under the age of 5 are stunted
(WaterAid Report 2015),**

**Undernourished population:
250 million (FAO, 2012)**

**17 million under moderately malnutrition
(India Health (Report 2016))**



Slum dwellers
4.76 cr.



Homeless: 2.7 crore



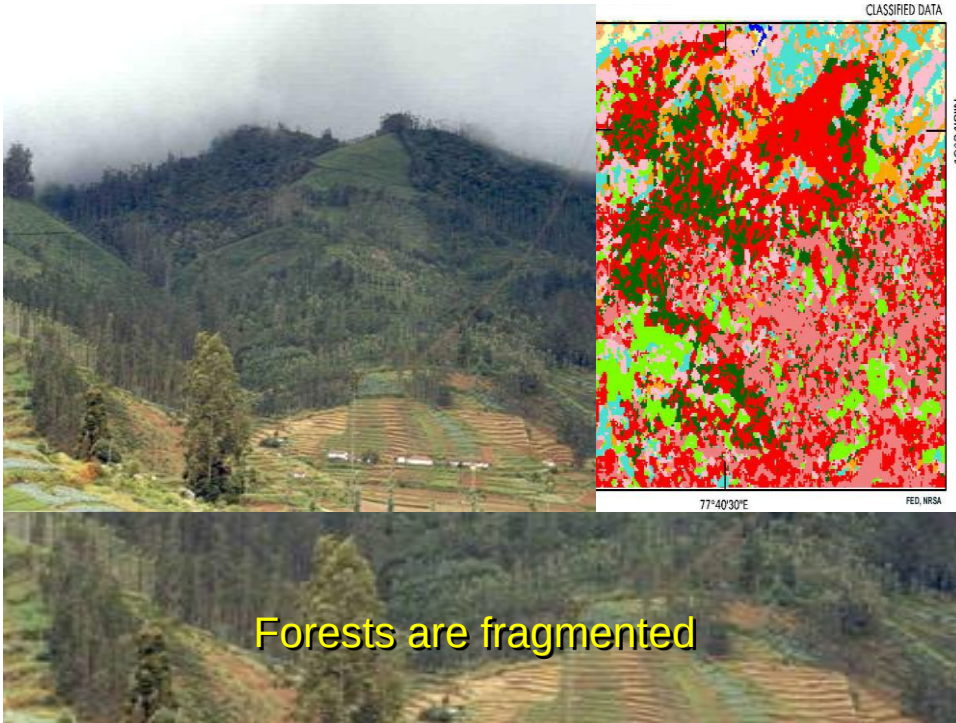


Worst of all: the waste

Impact of development on forest wealth

Forest depletion

**Loss of forests: 1920–1990: 40%
in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu
(Menon & Bawa, 1997)
in India: 1930-2013: 2, 43,447 km²
(Reddy *et al.*, 2016)**





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Wetland loss in Kerala

In 7 years (2004 – 2011) = 3,82,201 ha

Paddy lands (1975 – 2017) = 7,00,000 ha

Total wetland loss: 10,82,201 ha

Total ecosystem service value loss

9.751 lakh crore



**Who will be
accountable for this
loss?**



Agriculture & pollution

**Remaining wetlands and agri . land
are polluted**



High yielding short variety

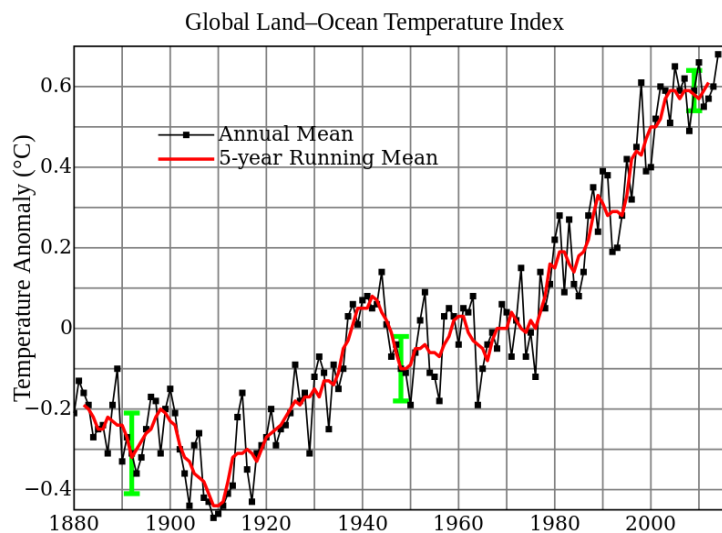
Replacing Traditional variety

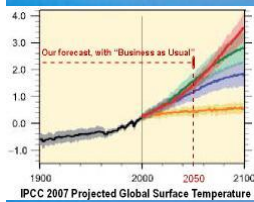
- **Green Revolution**

Loss of biodiversity

Poisoning of food

Global warming, development & climate change





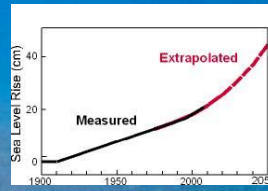
**In 50 years : average rise
will be 2° C**

Sea level rise :1.5 metre

India's coast: 7000 km

**1/4 population is in 50 km
from the coast**

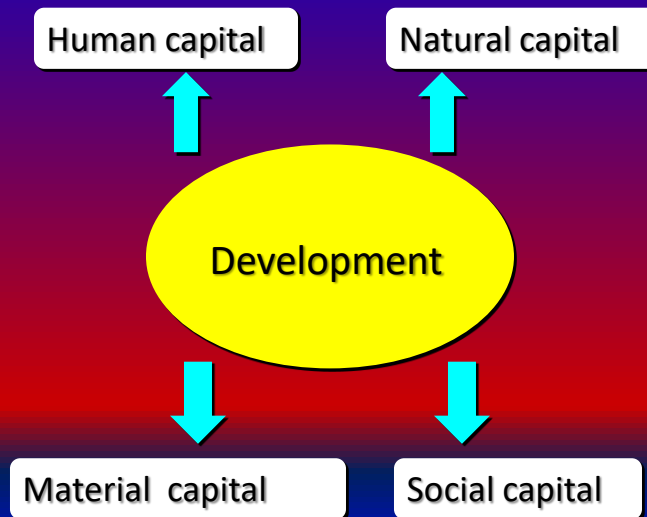
*Who are the
actual
sufferers?*



Global warming leads to:
Climate Change; changes in
rainfall pattern
frequent storm, flood
and drought



Development must protect Nation's crucial four vital stocks



Source: Joseph Stiglitz; Nobel laureate in Economics



Ecosystem service values

- 1 Climate regulation)
- 2 Water regulation
3. Erosion control

- 4 Nutrient cycling
- 5 Carbon storage
- 6 Recreation
7. Pollination
8. Genetic resources

- 9 Disturbance regulation
cyclone, tsunami

10. Soil formation
- 11 Water supply

- 12 Waste treatment

- 13 Food production

- 14 Raw material

- 15 Biological

- 16 . Aesthetic values....24

Annual soil erosion in India

5,334 million tones

(Food Minister, Shri. K. V. Thomas in
Rajya Sabha. 26 November 2010)

*Report: Central Soil water Conservation
Research & Training Institute, Dehradun)*

Time taken to form one cm of soil
500 – 1000 years!

**Ecosystem service values of
Wetlands in India (Rs. in lakh cr./yr)**

**Inland wetlands : 109 Lakh cr.
(111.2 lakh ha @98 lakh/ha)**

**Coral reeves: 3.5 lakh cr.
(1.42 lakh ha@247 lakh/ha)**

**Coastal Wetlands: 2.5 lakh cr.
(39.98 lakh ha @6.26 lakh/ha)**

**Total value of wet paddy lands: 425.2 lakh cr.
(433.88 lakh ha @ 98 lakh/ha)**

Total value of wetlands: 540 lakh cr

**Values of ecosystems and budget of the
country**

**Total eco-service values in India
(Rs. in lakh cr./yr)**

Wetlands: 540 lakh cr.; Forests: 232 lakh cr.

Total eco. service values: 772 lakh cr/yr

Union budget: 2018-2019

Rs. 17,25,738 cr.

**Eco-services are almost 45 times more
than the budget**



Intangible values of ecosystems.

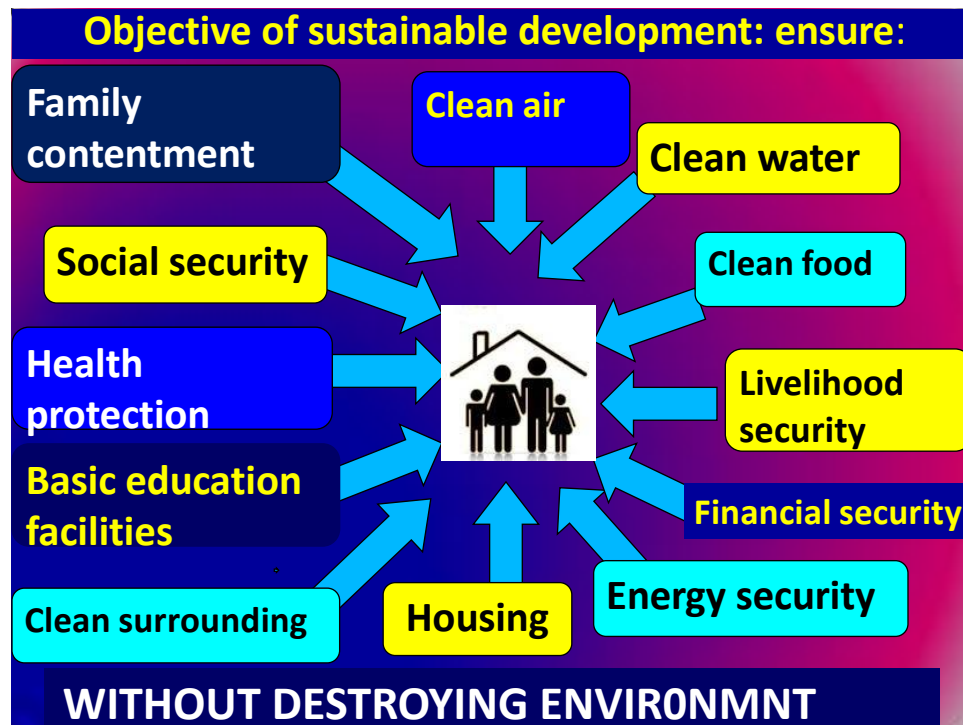


**In spite of all the values,
the ecosystems are
destroyed for the so called
development projects**

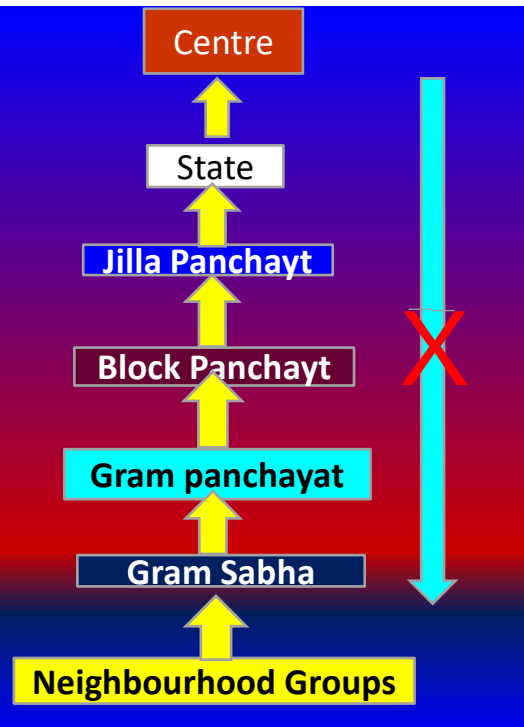
**Alternative development paradigm
Kerala should aim at an Ecological
Civilization**

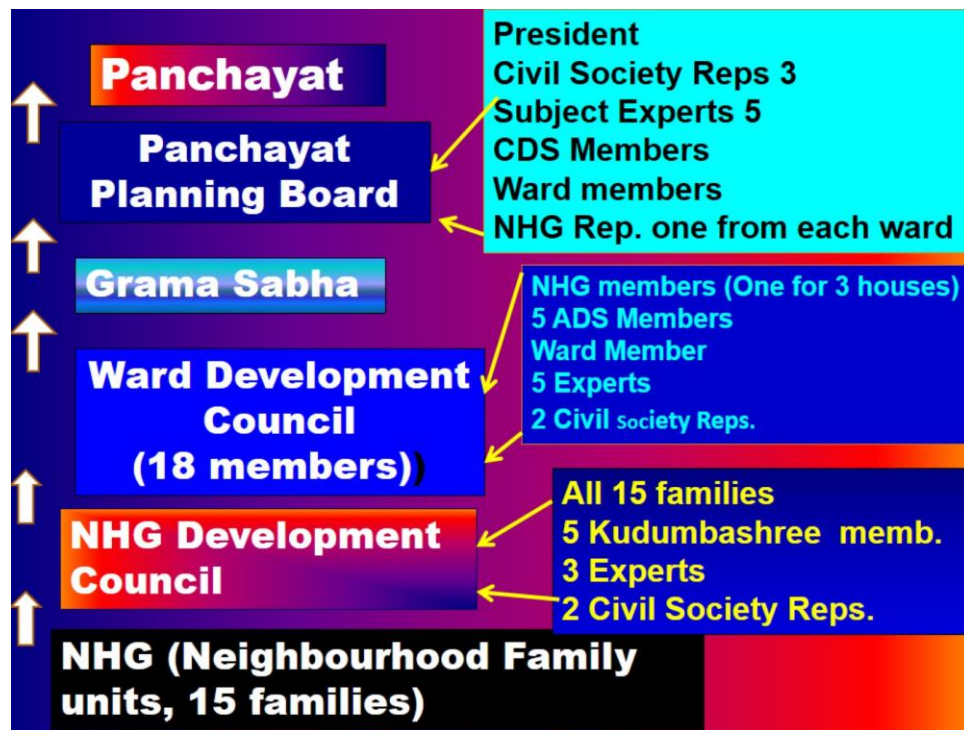
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**improving the livelihood, meeting the
basic requirements of every
individual**



Projects should
be planned and
executed
in a
decentralised
bottom up
procedure in
Conformity with
73 & 74
Amendments
&
the Panchayat Raj
Act





What you and I can do?

- Follow a sustainable life-style
- Use material only for basic requirements
- Avoid luxury; avoid Expensive dresses

Avoid use of Gold

- Sodium Cyanide,
- sulfuric acid, nitric acid,
- ammonium nitrate,
- heavy metals: mercury,
- uranium, lead.

What you and I can do? Let us follow a sustainable life style – simple life style as Mahatmaji taught us





Next session was an invited lecture by Shri.Kumar Sahayaraju, Chevening Scholar from Scotland

II. Kumar Sahayaraju, Chevening Scholar, University of Sterling, Scotland, UK on the theme ***Marine Conservation & Protection***

Chair: Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head, Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences

Major recommendations:

1. Marine ecosystem conservation and protection law must be introduced.
2. There are many who have no access to drinking water facilities, proper waste disposal at home in the coastal area. The government can incorporate the youth in villages who have failed in engineering courses to facilitate construction, undertake maintenance, and design etc. in the model of a start-up.
3. Compulsory environment management education from school level.
4. Strict implementation of the use of bio-degradable products in institution, conference meetings and celebrations etc.

5. Continuous evaluation of acts and policies and further monitoring for keeping them alive.

PAPER PRESENTATION

Two academic sessions held in connection with the National Seminar. The first academic session was held at the seminar hall chaired by DR. Lekshmi .V. Nair, who is the head of department of humanities and social sciences IIST, Valiyamala, an alumni of Loyola college of social sciences. The session was on Sustainable Rebuilding or Redefining.

Dr. Lekshmi. V. Nair introduced the session by addressing the need of sustainable rebuilding. Taking into consideration of different aspects of Kerala, its indigenous communities and their local life styles. There were four delegates to present their paper on various aspects of sustainable rebuilding. The chair introduced and welcomed the delegates to the dice. Each delegate was allotted 10 minutes for their presentation.

The first paper was presented by Fr. Saji S.J, Asst. Prof, Department of Social Work, Loyola College of Social Sciences. He presented on Development Unfinished Paradoxes of Development Deficit in Kerala Tribes. Flood has adversely affected the ecosystem and hence they are also a part of sustainable rebuilding which cannot be excluded. Fr Saji made a great effort to address the issue through his intensive field study and put forward some steps for inculcating tribal community in sustainable development

Following which, Mr. Nibin Mathews and Mr. Aravindlal, of Loyola College of Social sciences presented their paper on Kerala Floods and Youth Volunteerism: A review of Social Science student experience. They shared about their experiences while volunteering the various activities during the flood time and evoked the role of active participation of youth in rebuilding Kerala sustainably.

Next paper was presented by Research scholar of Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, and Mr. Pradeep Kumar M on Rebuilding Kerala and Grass root Environment Governance-A Visit. He talked on how local governance has a greater role in sustainable rebuilding than state or national Governments. Through his presentation, he invoked the need of rebuilding to be initiated from the Grass root level itself.

The fourth paper was on Municipal Solid Waste Management: A Question of Sustainability. It was presented by Vishnu .J. Menon, Research Scholar, Department of Social Work, University of Kerala. He gave a solution for managing solid waste taking Trivandrum as the area of his study. He talked about the initiatives to be taken by the government, through Municipal Corporations. After each presentation, the chair Dr. Lekshmi. V. Nair briefed the ideas and contents presented by the delegates respectively. Towards the end, the chair thanked the speakers on their valuable inputs for the sustainable rebuilding of the state and also opened the session for the discussion. The session overall was very informative and action oriented.

Academic Session II

Venue: JM Hall

Chair: Dr. Sabu P Thomas, Vice Principal, Loyola College

The sessions held from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Jose Murikan hall and was chaired by Dr. Sabu .P. Thomas in which six paper presentations occurred. The first paper was presented by Mr. Fahad T.K; ICMR ICSSR Project fellow from Tezpur Central University, Assam presented a paper on the 'Role of data sharing in disaster management. The paper focused on Post disaster needs assessment which explained the inappropriate management of the relief materials and needs after the flood due to the lack of data sharing. There must be data sharing from stakeholders to stakeholders. Hence a edified data is important for the rebuilding of Kerala. Spatial Data Infrastructure and date stewards were also in discussion.

Dr. Pushpam M and Ms. Vinu Mol Devassy research scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Kerala presented a topic on Rethinking Water Resource Management in Kerala New approaches discussed on the riverbed and sand mining which had a greater cause of Kerala flood. It focused on Meenachilaar- Meenantharayar- Koodoorar river linkage project. Through these 1000 acres of farmland retained. It also discussed padasekhara sanities. It highlighted the Gadgil Guha approach and also the importance of community based approach.

It was an initiative for a rethinking in water resource management. Sandra Johnson and Gayatri P Nair MSW students, Loyola College of Social Sciences presented a paper on the topic 'Flood Relief' in which how the MSW students used an interventionist approach. The intervention approaches were in six districts. The essentials were supplied. A Blue Point project was

conducted with collaborating with NGO in Trivandrum. They also engaged in Post Disaster Trauma Care. They provided a Psycho social first aid. They also did field interventions which comprises of counseling, group activities, health care, awareness classes for ASHA workers. It also focused on the Participatory Rural Approach, Focus Group Discussion, In-depth interventions. The discussions included the question of how they see the youth in general participating in relief activities.

Ms. Anna George.K. And Dr. Francina of Loyola College of Social Sciences presented a paper on the topic 'Rebuilding Kerala: A perspective of a student from the philosophy of social work'. They focused on the flood relief they conducted in Allepey. The paper mainly emphasized the difference between the work being organized by a philosophical student and a Social Work Student.

Remyamol M.R. research scholar KNM Government Arts and Science College Kanjiramkulam presented on the topic 'impact of reconstructed traditional livelihood practices:A case study on Kadamakudy Island. The paper emphasized the revitalize traditional agricultural practices that implemented in Kadamakudy Island mainly pokkali farming.

Chandralekha C.S. & Dr. Pushpam M. Research Scholar Department of Sociology, University of Kerala presented on the topic 'importance of traditional Kerala architecture in the post flood scenario. The paper mainly focused on the cost effective eco-friendly houses and constructions. She highlighted the concept 'Green Architecture & Vernacular Architecture.

VALEDICTORY SESSION

The Valedictory Session of the seminar started around 3:45 pm. The venue was at the LES hall which was the main seminar hall. The guest of honor of the session was Dr. Antony Palackal, Head of the Department of Sociology University Of Kerala. The gathering was welcomed by Dr. Smitha Pillai, Faculty of the Department of Sociology Loyola College. The Key Note Speaker Dr. Antony Palackal, talked on the need for a rebuilding of Kerala in a sustainable way. He invoked the gathering through his inspiring words.

Following which he was honoured with the token of love by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson Head of the Department of Sociology, Loyola College. Later on the winners of the poster making

competition held in connection with the seminar was awarded prizes. The first prize of the competition was for Malavika.M.J. Of M.G. College and the second prize winner was Niranjana Mohan of 2nd MA Sociology of Loyola College. The session concluded with Vote of Thanks by Aadhil of the 1st Year MA Sociology of Loyola College.

Major Recommendations/Suggestions

1. Environment

- At a policy level developing state bio diversity strategies and action plan, conservation of eco sensitive areas.
- Conservation of wet-lands (*pokkali* farming).
- On the institutional front, strengthening the existing laws and their strict enforcement.

2. Water Resource Management

- Protection of river-beds.
- Prohibiting the use of water pollutants such as pesticides and insecticides in agriculture.
- He denoted the example of green revolution.
- Agriculture should be reformed in such a way that it ensures water resource management.

3. Agriculture

- The floods have highlighted the need to adopt an ecological approach for sustainable and resilient agriculture development in Kerala.
- Agriculture & water resource management should go hand in hand.
- The State needs to develop and strategic plan for agro marketing of key Kerala crops.

4. Fisheries

- Key objective in this sector is improving the availability of fish and reducing waste.
- The State needs to formulate stringent measures related to deep-sea fishing and trolling.
- Polluting the sea by dumping the plastic waste should be prohibited in order to safeguard the marine eco-system.
- Educating the coastal area residents regarding the repercussions of polluting the ocean and how that will adversely affect their livelihood.

5. Land

- The State must look into drafting new policies and laws concerning land acquisition and utilization. He underlined the example of CRZ (Coastal Regulation Zone) as such.
- The Urban Planning should be carried out in such a way that that local governing body(s) imposes a minimum and maximum limit pertaining to the construction of building within their jurisdiction.
- The proper maintenance of land records is the new administrative emergency. Hence, he offers his proposition of digitization of land records.
- The increasing population density calls out for conversion & fragmentation of cultivable land into urban jungles. Therefore, proper land use guidelines must be formulated and implemented by the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) in the backdrop of the concomitant landslides.

Some photographs from the Seminar















2. Webinar on ‘Doing Qualitative Research’

Sociology Department of Loyola College of Social Sciences organized a webinar on the topic ‘**Doing Qualitative Research**’. The session was conducted on 30th September 2020 through the online platform, *Zoom*. The session was monitored by a resource person outside the college. The eminent speaker for the day was ‘*Ms. Sheethal S Kumar*’.

Ms. Sheethal S Kumar is an Assistant Professor at Department of Sociology from Mizoram University. She had done her under graduation from Vimala College, Thrissur and Post graduation from Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram.

The program got started by 11:30pm and the gathering was formally welcomed by Prof. Andrew Michael (Associate professor, Department of Sociology). The session consisted of 30 participants including faculties, research scholars and students.

The resource person started the session by giving a general introduction about qualitative research. The speaker was able to touch the different avenues of qualitative study, which helps the students to relate with their existing knowledge. As a research strategy it is broadly inductivist, constructionist, and Interpretive, but qualitative researchers do not always subscribe to all three of these features. The speaker also explained the epistemological and ontological position of qualitative research. They are as follows;

- An epistemological position described as Interpretive, meaning that, in contrast to the adoption of a natural scientific model in quantitative research, the stress is on the understanding of the social world through an examination of the interpretation of that world by its participants.
- An ontological position described as constructionist, which implies that social properties are outcomes of the interactions between individuals, rather than phenomena ‘out there’ and separate from those involved in its construction.

The main areas focused in the sessions are;

- Methods and techniques involved in qualitative research like case studies, ethnography, oral histories, focused group discussions, participatory learning appraisal and so on.

- Procedures for conducting qualitative research where she explained the thumb rules; where the researcher itself should be the most critical tool in the study; and he/she should go to the field with an open mind and not with an empty head.
- Next part she focused on the pre requisites like determining the population, accessibility of the population, role of the researcher and use of field study.
- Software used for analyzing qualitative study.
- Issues and challenges for qualitative study which tries to connect with the reflexivity aspect of researcher, active participation of researcher, issue of being biased with the emotions of the participants.
- Concluded the presentation by stating that generalization is not a feature of qualitative research

The second part of the session was open to an interaction with the speaker. Participants actively participated and raised their doubts to the speaker. In the interactive session, she clarified the information related to triangulation and its different components. Sheethal was also able to give a clear cut of idea regarding the topics that could be selected even in this pandemic situation. The participants had a fruitful interaction with the guest of the day.

The session got over by 12:45 pm with the official vote of thanks by Aadhil K U (Second Year M.A Sociology).



3. Special Lecture on “Elderly in India: Before and During Covid-19”

Sociology Department of Loyola College of Social Sciences organized a special lecture on the topic “**Elderly in India: Before and During Covid-19**” as part of commemorating the International day for older persons. The session was conducted on 10th October 2020 through the online platform, *Zoom*. The session was monitored by a resource person outside the college. The eminent speaker for the day was ***Prof. L Tharabai***.

Prof. L Tharabai was a former Professor at Department of Sociology from Madurai Kamaraj University. She has served as the president of Kerala Sociological society and had overall teaching experience of 65 years. Tharabai is a prominent figure in research, where she has completed 50 research projects. She has published nine books and more than 40 research articles. Tharabai was a recipient of **Tamil Nadu Scientist Award** 2003 under the discipline Social sciences.

The program got started by 10:30pm and the gathering was formally welcomed by Prof. Andrew Michael (Associate professor, Department of Sociology). The session consisted of 45 participants including faculties, research scholars and students from other colleges and our own students.

The resource person started the session by giving a general introduction about ageing and designating them as vulnerable section of the society. She was able to explain the different and general aspects of ageing. Ageing is an inevitable phenomenon and inexorable process in all living organisms. Ageing is not only shared by older people, it is shared by infants, children, teenagers etc. It occupies the total life span not merely the final stage of life. Ageing population is an important factor for a country in order to determine economic growth of respective countries. Unprecedented changes are occurring worldwide as fertility and mortality rates decline in most countries and as population's age. As a country is in a phase of development, there can be new shift from high mortality to low mortality. This reduction in death rate indicates increase in life expectancy; in other words we call it as life span. Longer life span means lower death rate and increase in old age population. Demographically, 10% of the world's population is elderly which is expected to increase to 20% by 2025. Globally, old age population is on an increasing trend. In such a context it is relevant to study about elderly population. Later the speaker

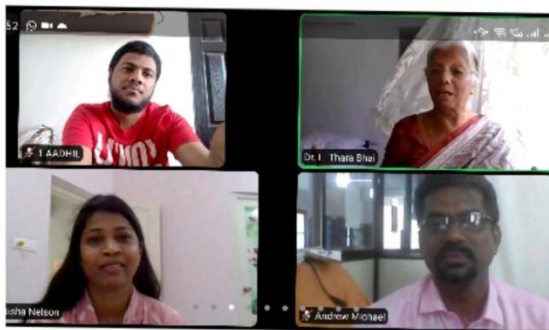
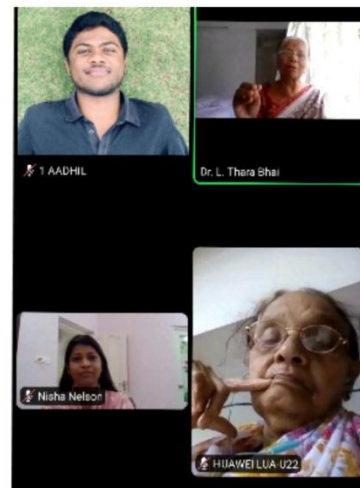
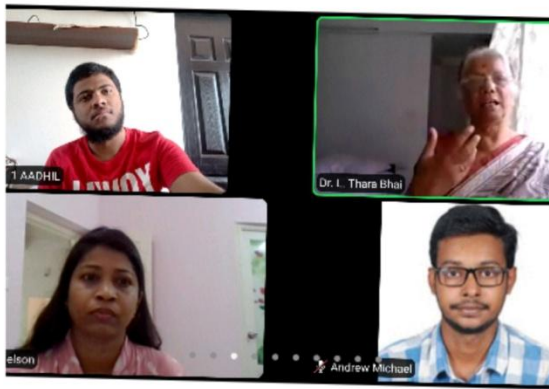
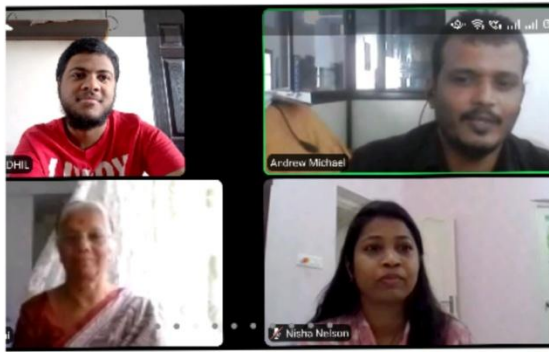
explained on how we can define ageing where she states that there is no clear cut definition for ageing. Generally it is the government who stipulates the age of elderly in order to determine the social security measures and spoke about the welfare measures that are available for the elderly population of our country. Incorporating the definition of ageing she explained the types of elderly people. There are mainly 5 types of ageing:

- Chronological ageing
- Biological ageing
- Psychological ageing
- Functional ageing
- Social ageing

Later part she explained about the geographical distribution of ageing mainly focusing on Rural and urban with the onset of rapid modernization and changes undergone by them. Presentation also threw insights on the variations in ageing within India. Last part of the presentation focused on the problems undergone by elderly people during Covid-19. Aged people are prone to this pandemic which has to be taken serious. Speaker associated the main problem with psychological aspects which forced them to stay at home and restrict to go out. The talk was concluded by putting an insight for sociologists, where it is time to rethink about how the society is changing.

The second part of the session was open to an interaction with the speaker. Participants actively participated and raised their doubts to the speaker. Through this session, speaker expressed her opinion on how the media and government have been projecting their issues. The participants had a fruitful interaction with the guest of the day.

The session got over by 11:45 pm with the official vote of thanks by Akhila Lakshman (Second Year M.A Sociology)



4. ORGANIC FARMING

The LASIE is in-charge of the organic farming in Loyola College of Social Sciences. The inauguration of the organic farming activity for this academic year was conducted on December 1st 2019 at 3.20Pm near the college library. This event was conducted by the LAISE, Department of Sociology. This event was attended by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, HOD of Dept. of Sociology and all the remaining faculty members accompanied by the entire student body (Seniors & Juniors) of the sociology department.

The students actively participated for clearing the surroundings which was so dense. The inaugural ceremony of organic farming was marked by sowing of the seeds by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson. Following her all the students and the faculty members showed an active participation in the event by sowing the seeds with the guidance provided by Mr. Adarsh Raj R.F.S, member of Organic Farming. The farm includes plants and vegetables such as Spinach, Peas, Pumpkin, and Cucumber etc. The students are maintaining the farm with at most care and use natural fertilizers for its need. The students also seek for valuable and related information from the nearby Agricultural office. At present due to the close down of college due to Covid-19, the farm activities have got stuck. Students are with a hope to restore it back with its old form.





5.PANEL DISCUSSION ON “THE FARM ACTS AND THE FARMERS INTRICACIES AND IMPLICATIONS”

Sociology Department of Loyola College of Social Sciences organized a panel discussion on the topic “THE FARM ACTS AND THE FARMERS: INTRICACIES AND IMPLICATIONS “as concerned with farmers protest and bill. The session was conducted on December 10th, 2020 through the online platform, Zoom. The session was monitored by resource persons outside the college. The eminent speakers of the day were REV.DR.BENNY CHIRAMEL.S.J, PROF.BERNAD D’SAMI, and Mr. MARIA ANTONY AND REV.DR.A.IRUDAYARAJ S J.

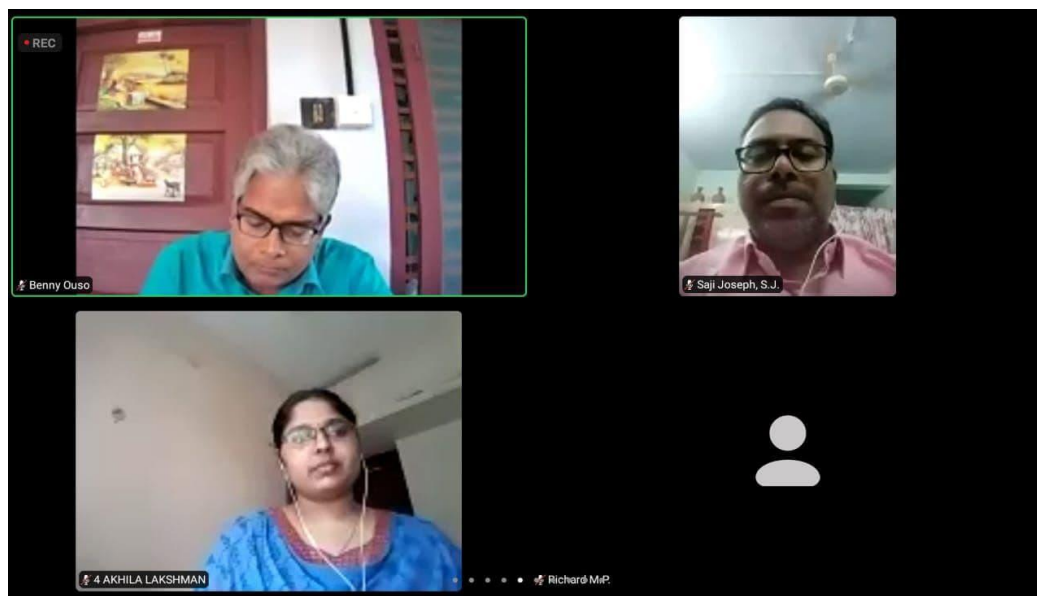
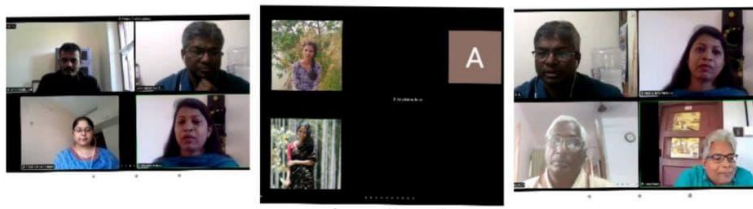
Rev. Dr. Benny Chiramel, S.J is a Jesuit priest in the Kerala province. He persuades his masters and doctrine in social work from Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce and Science, Mumbai. He has taught in Karyavattom campus, Kerala University for two years. Currently he is the director of “Anchuthengu”, Trivandrum and the state coordinator of Lok Manch, Kerala. Prof. Bernad D’Sami is a well known historian. He is a retired professor in history and former head of department of history at Loyola College, Chennai. He served as the director of student’s service center between 2001 and 2005.He was also the director of the outreach programme of Loyola College. He went to Oxford University for fellowship programme. Currently he is the director of school of Human Excellence.

Mr. Maria Antony. He was a software engineer turned out to be settled now as a farmer and entrepreneur. He has done his masters in computer Application from ST. Joseph College, Tamil Nadu. He is also a lifetime member on peoples union. He is a founder of jobs in mobile application and also he is interested in more areas like organic farming, civil liberty. Rev. Dr. Irudayaraj, S.J is a head of department of visual communication in Loyola College, Chennai. He continues as the director of campus ministry, FM radio, visual communication association in Loyola College, Chennai. He has also conducted state and national level seminars and also he has done 15 paper presentation and 19 books was published.

The program got started by 10.30 am and the gathering was official welcomed by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson(Head of Department of Sociology, Trivandrum).The session consisted of about 60 participants including faculty members, students, research scholars and also students from other colleges and departments.

The resource person Fr. Benny was the moderator of the session. He has given a general introduction about the farmers, their lives and the struggles and also he emphasized development without self determination as a major concern. Then the session was handover to the speaker Prof. Bernad. He has discussed about unpacking the farm acts and about farm bill and protest. He was of the opinion that agriculture is an important source of income for the farmers and for that farmers land should be preserved .He was of the opinion that National Commission on farmers constituted by Mr. Swaminad had dealt with lots of disagreements like agriculture should be removed from state list to concurrent list. He discussed about the land holdings, agriculture land etc. The new farmer bill, 2020, seeks to remove commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, onion and potatoes from the list of essential commodities. This will end the imposition of stock-holding limits except under extraordinary circumstances. He says that Since November, farmers from Punjab and Haryana have laid siege to the national capital. They are protesting against recently passed Farm Bills. These bills lay the framework for allowing farmers to sell products directly to cooperate Farmers fear that this maybe an excuse to pull off the MSP safety net from under their feet. The farmers have lost their ownership. Next the session was handled by Mr. Maria Antony. He is a farmer and also an advocate. He was able to discuss about farmers current situations and laws and acts enacted in it .As a farmer and entrepreneur he discussed about the issue and the people involved in it. Lastly the session was handled by Rev. Dr. A. Irudayaraj. He is a media activist and he clearly discussed about the role of media in farmers issue and the people involved in it, the politicians, party etc. Media took an active role in highlighting the farmers issue and the role of people in it.

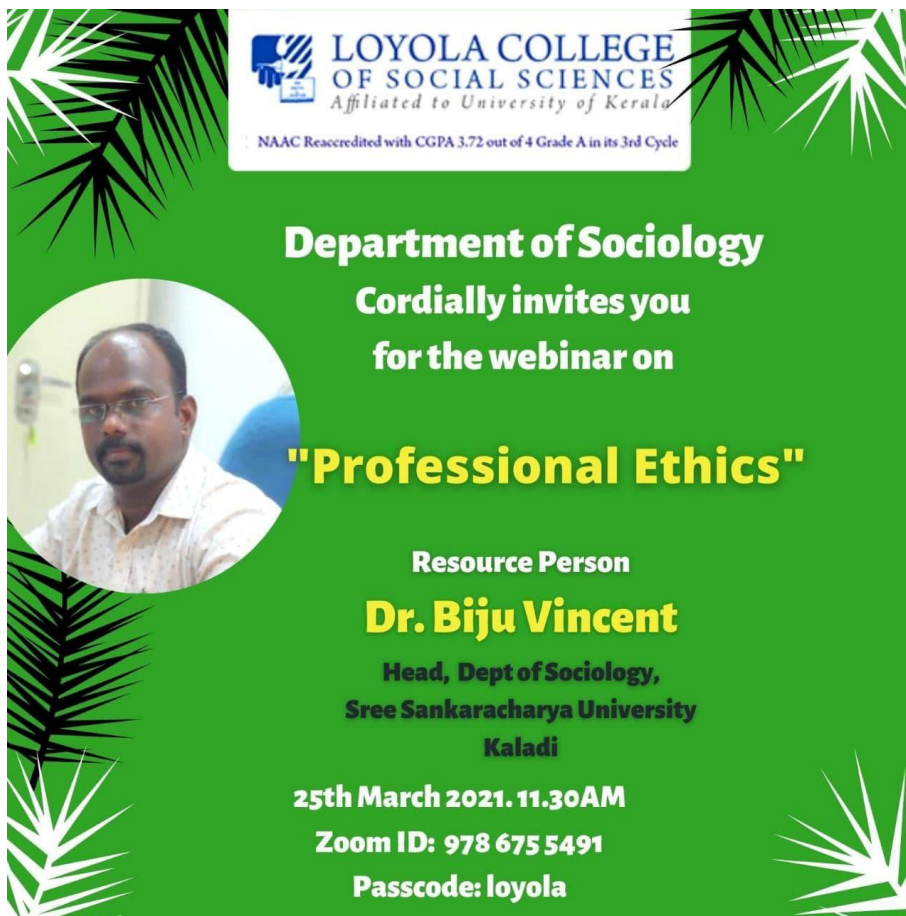
The talk was concluded on putting an insight about farmers' issues and how the young generation should look upon these issues. The second part of the session was open up for the discussion. Participants from different aspects raised their opinion and doubts to the speakers. The speakers also gave a clear explanation for the doubt of the students. The participants also had an interaction with the guests in a very fruitful way. An e-certificate was also provided to the participants of the session. The session got over by 12.pm with the official vote of thanks by Jithu Jhoncy (Second year M.A. Sociology).



6. Webinar on Professional Ethics

The Department of Sociology conducted a webinar on “Professional Ethics” for final year MA Sociology students on 25th March 2021 at 11.30 am through zoom meet. Dr. Biju Vincent, Head of the Department of Sociology, Sree Sankaracharya University, Kaladi was the resource person. The gathering was formally welcomed by Dr. Nisha Nelson; Head of the Department, Loyola College. As outgoing students who aspires to be successful in respective careers, the session on “Professional Ethics” was very relevant and useful.

The resource person started the session by asking the students about their hobbies, passions and their knowledge about ethics. Based on this interaction the resource person discussed in detail about the basic ethics, discipline, manners and etiquette that have to be followed in a professional setting. Later a brief interactive session with the resource person was conducted for clearing the doubts. The session was concluded with the vote of thanks by Teena.O.Mathew, student of final year MA Sociology.



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Awareness from Home

Even during the pandemic, the students have expressed their social commitment through social media. They have come in solidarity with the #breakthechain and #withdraweia2020 campaigns. Pictures of students holding posters at their home are combined together to make a collage and it is shared through social media. This was meant to make people aware about the things happening around them.

The 'Break the Chain' campaign was launched by the health department to break the transmission of the virus causing COVID 19. It was aimed at encouraging the public to adopt the habit of personal hygiene through hand washing and practicing social distancing. To encourage the campaign, students made collage and shared it through social media to spread awareness.



The EIA draft 2020 which involved procedure of issuing environmental clearances to various projects was issued by the Environment Ministry and public suggestions were invited. The 'Withdraw EIA 2020' campaign was a protest against new EIA 2020 draft, saying it will cause

widespread environmental destruction. As concerned citizens, the students made collage to educate the people about the new draft and encourage them to act for its withdrawal.



Department Magazine

The Department has designed and created a handwritten magazine titled “**ചിന്താധാര**” for this academic year which is an outcome of the student’s creativity and powers of imagination. The bilingual magazine includes poetry, prose, essays and other articles which have shades of society, sociology and social engagement. The magazine was drafted under the leadership of Ms Nithya George, 2nd year MA Sociology who was the editor in charge. The Magazine was designed by Akhila, Anugraha and the articles were copied by Prajitha, Anjima, Nithya. A constant support and guidance was offered to the students from the side of Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (HOD) and other faculty members.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Mr. Jithu Johny** won **first Prize** in State level Power quiz competition sponsored by **KSEB Officers Association**, Kerala which carried an amount of Rs 20,000/ and a Certificate.
- **Andrew Michael** was appointed as the new faculty to the Department of Sociology for the current academic year.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

DR.NISHA JOLLY NELSON

- Member, International Sociological Association (ISA)
- Life Member, Indian Science Congress
- Life Member, Indian Sociological Society
- Life Member, Gerontological Association of India
- Life Member, FLAIR (Fostering Linkages in Academic Innovation and Research), Government of Kerala.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

Annual Report of Programmes and Activities of the Academic Year

November 2018-November 2019

of

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Loyola Unit of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)



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M.A. I Year - 25

M.A. II Year -24

PhD Full Time -8

PhD Part time -3

PRESENT STAFF STRENGTH- 5

FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Left-Right- Mr.Prasad R.

Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson(Head);

Dr.Saji P Jacob (Principal) ;

Dr.Lekshmi Chandran;

Dr.Smitha Pillai

First Year MA Students



Second Year MA Students



INTRODUCTION

Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram was started in the year 1963 as the founding department. Being the lone discipline, Department of Sociology gained much acceptance in the initial years itself. The presence of towering personalities like Fr Joseph Puthenkalam S.J, Fr Jose Murickan S J, Dr C J Mathew and Dr Mariamma joseph and Dr E J Thomas S J, helped the department to emerge as a prestigious Center of Sociology in Kerala.

The department took the leadership in variety of theoretical and empirical research works and many of which got published in the following years. These initiatives also contributed to the shaping of the college as a pioneering institution in Kerala and the stature did grow further and further. Today the department is a strong Center of Teaching and Research.

The department was able to engage itself creatively in the wider academic horizons of Sociology in Kerala through the activities of both students and teachers. The activities and programmes are organized under the banner of **LASIE (Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement)** designed as a **unit of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)**. It is the organized forum comprising the faculty and students of the department and their engagement in academic and non-academic discourses. It is at the same time the space and also a window for the students to intervene in the community and engage themselves in society.

In every academic year LASIE tries to organize programmes and activities with a pulp to aid the process of framing the young sociologists. With immense pride LASIE-KSS Loyola unit hereby, presents its report of the activities and programmes of the year 2018. This year was indeed a special one for all of us, as our programmes have scaled new heights of engaged learning and knowledge building process, combining learning with action.

GENERAL BODY MEETING NOVEMBER 2018 - NOVEMBER 2019

All the students and the Faculty of the Department of Sociology, Loyola College, are the members of LASIE and they constitute the General Body of the Association. The General Body Meeting was held on 14 November 2018 immediately after the annual conference of Kerala Sociological Society in the presence of Dr. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head, Department of Sociology and the staff advisor of KSS. The Staff Advisor along with other faculty in the Department elected the office bearers for the current academic year. Dr. Nisha and Mr.Prasad spoke on the occasion that oriented the members to the vision, mission and motto of the Association that should guide them in their programmes and activities for the academic year. The **central idea** that emerged in the meeting was that:

1. LASIE is primarily to be viewed as a platform for **furthering engaged knowledge building (which is the tradition of the Association) and a need for active and continued intervention in the community.** Sociology is a discipline that extends our view beyond all boundaries and walls which in turn give clarity to our vision. The activities of this year was decided to be focused on this agenda of extending the process of knowledge building beyond a meager process of gathering facts inside the class room. Rather it should generate deeper understanding about the social realities and enable students to get engaged in the community especially with the marginalized sections in the society like the tribal, migrant laborers, transgender, women, children, fisherfolk and the elderly. Due focus was given to the fisher-folk who brave the sea for a livelihood and community intervention activities are also held.
2. **A theme should be selected to facilitate in-depth and continued intervention in the community.**

On this note, the general body of LASIE decided on **ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY** as the theme for the activities of 2019. Environment was chosen due to the recent events that had happened in Kerala. Kerala has suffered severe devastation in the form of flood, cyclones and landslides which crippled the lives and livelihoods of many people.

The students organized various activities like seminars, lectures, field visits, organic farming and talks on environmental issues. Other activities include cleaning and maintaining the polluted sites, planting and maintaining trees in the campus, taking care

of endangering plant species, adoption of plants by students, Planting saplings and promoting students to reduce and reuse plastic.

THE OFFICE BEARERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2018-19

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2. FEMI ANN MATHEW (DEBATE, DISCUSSION, FILM SCREENING AND QUIZ)
3. GAYATHRI A L (KAIEZHUTHU PRATHI)
4. ARUN JOSEPH JOHN (ASK, Department Magazine)
5. APARNA (ORGANIC FARMING)
6. AKHILA LAKSHMANAN (Exposure Visits)

STAFF CO-ORDINATOR : DR. NISHA JOLLY NELSON

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DR. SMITHA PILLAI

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1. ASSOCIATION INAUGURATION

The formal inauguration of the activities of LASIE-KSS Loyola was held on 15 November 2018 at the Fr. Jose Murickan Hall. The formal function started at 11.30 am with the students and teachers of the college gathering at the hall. The function was chaired by Dr.DD Namboodhiri, the guest of honour, Former professor and Head, Zamorins Guruvayoorappan College Kozhikode, Dr.Saji P Jacob, Principal and Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of the Department. The function begun with the prayer song by Ms. Niranjana of I MA Sociology. The welcome address was proposed by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (HoD, Sociology) by introducing the guest and about the association. The function proceeded with lamp lighting ceremony by the chief guest. The presidential address was delivered by the Principal of our college Dr.Saji P Jacob. The inaugural address was delivered by the chief guest, Prof Namboodiri. He presented his own experience as a sociologist and as a teacher. He expressed his disagreement with the present familial and other social conditions under which the children are forced to grow, educate and develop. It was with wonder filled eyes that we sat there listening to some of the stories presented by the chief guest. He pressed on some of the aspects which really needs a redressal .



2. PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT

STATE SEMINAR

2.1 (a) Seminar on Environment and Society

A State level seminar was organized by LASIE – KSS as a prelude to the full-fledged annual seminar conducted by the Kerala Sociological Society on 14 November 2019 at Sutter Hall, Loyola College of Social Sciences. The function was blessed by Dr. Ramachandran KK, Scientist, National Centre for Earth Science Studies, Ministry of Earth Science, Govt of India as the guest of honour. Ms. Anjima S (1st yr M.A Sociology) was invited for the prayer song followed by welcome speech delivered by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (HOD, Department of Sociology). The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. Saji P Jacob, Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences. Following this a short documentary prepared by the First MA sociology students titled “ULLARIVU” based on the theme Environment is Firing Back is presented. The theme of the Seminar was **“Environment and Society”**. **Dr. Ramachandran**



2.1(b) Seminar on Women And Legal Rights

The Department of Sociology and Women Cell of Loyola College of Social Sciences in association with Kerala State Women's Development Corporation LTD. , had organized a seminar on 'Female Victims of Crimes : A Legal Analysis' on 28th June 2019 at the college Sutter Hall which was actively attended by all the students of the various departments and the faculty members of the college and neighbouring colleges attended. 150 participants attended the session. Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson was the organizing secretary of the seminar. The programme marked its beginning with a prayer song by Miss. Anjima, of 1st M A Sociology. Following which, the gathering was welcomed by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of the Department, Sociology. She officially welcomed the guest of honor, Dr. Hameema M, all the faculty and students gathered there. Later on principal Dr. Saji P Jacob addressed the gathering in which he emphasized on the relevance of the topic based on some current issues and events. After which, the session was handed over to the chief guest.



Dr. Hameema M had an impactful starting by sharing the crude reality from the life of Bhanwari Devi, who is an illiterate, low-caste, woman, allegedly gang raped by her high caste neighbors in the state of Rajasthan and she still fights for justice. It was her case that

resulted in the Indian Supreme Court formulating guidelines to deal with sexual harassment in work place.

Dr. Hameema shared her very informative views and ideas on the existing Criminal Justice status of Indian penal laws and their consequences and loop holes more effectively using slide presentations. The session with her was very evoking, informative and more over relevant. The session lasted for about two hour and later on some value time was spent for discussions and queries if any. The students and faculties have actively participated in the later on discussion session. After the session, the Principal presented a sapling as the token of gratitude to the speaker. Following, Ms. Reshma Raveendran second MA sociology student proposed the vote of thanks and thereby the programme came to an end by 3:30 pm. And everyone set out for the refreshments provided.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP

2.2(a) National Workshop on Evolving Strategies for collaboration and Networking of government organization and NGO's for protection support and integration of Inter State Migrant labourers in Kerala.

The Department of Sociology in collaboration with Sneharam, Anjengo and ISI Bangalore organized a one day National workshop on Evolving Strategies for collaboration and Networking of government organization and NGO's for protection support and integration of Inter State Migrant labourers in Kerala on 29 July 2019 at Press club Trivandrum.

The program was inaugurated by Jacob punnoose, IPS. He delivered the inaugural address and he elaborated on the prejudice Keralites keeps toward the interstate migrants. The book titled "protection support and integration of inter-state migrants in Kerala" was released on the occasion by exminister and MLA of Vadakara C.K.Nanu. Dr Saji P jacob delivered the felicitation speech. Mr Prasad, Department of Sociology moderated a session. Dr.Smitha Pillai, Dept of Sociology, delivered the valedictory address.



2.2(b) One day Creative Workshop on Paper Bag Making

The use of plastics has grown to a great extent in our daily life and now plastics have become an integral part of our life. But many of the serious and ill-effects of this have been noticed by hundreds of scientists and ordinary people by the way these plastic products are used. Today, the use of plastics is so large and frequent that the ecological balance has been completely damaged, and its serious consequences have been found on animals and humans.



Department of Sociology and Women's Cell jointly organized a creative workshop on paper bag making on 29 June 2019. The workshop was lead by Ms. Divya V, Research Assistant, University of Kerala. Ms. Jahnvi Nair former president of KSS unit delivered the welcome speech. Principal Dr. Saji P Jacob inaugurated the session. Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson HOD Department of Sociology along with faculties Dr Lekshmi Chandran and Dr. Smitha Pillai coordinated the entire event. The ease with which plastic has spread its network, it has become equally difficult to eradicate and reduce its use & existence. To help us curb this issue, experienced coach – Ms. Divya V. provided training to 25 students (girls and boys) on how to make paper bags. She gave information about the quantity of paper used and paper bag market demand and how it can be seen as a new business opportunity. The participants

were delighted with this session as they were able to understand the importance of this campaign and also were able to look at a new business opportunity for themselves.

As per description the students used old newspapers, magazine pages and charts and threads to make attractive bags of all shapes and sizes. It was a very informative and useful session.

Ms. Reshma Raveendran II MA sociology proposed the vote of thanks and the session was over by 3:00 followed by a photo session .

2.2(c) STREET THEATRE WORKSHOP, 2-6 ,September 2019

A street theatre Workshop was organized in the college under the leadership of LASIE for the Sociology students. The workshop was inaugurated on 2 September 2019 at LES hall. The students were divided into five and each group was assigned a task for the day. The task assigned to each group rotated each day. Each day started with a yoga session at 6am in the morning and came to an end at about 9:30 pm in the night. The workshop was well planned taking up a step by step building strategy through games. After each game the group sat together for reflections on the session. The different values and qualities embedded in the game were analysed. This helped in making it something beyond a silly game. The different stages of the mirror game and trust game were the highlights of the workshop. In mirror game the person has to imitate a person just like a mirror. This helped in overcoming the inhibitions of the individuals in expressing themselves. Trust games were the unique sessions of the workshop. In one of the trust games the group members were to lift each member above the head, and then they have to drop the person down and hold him. These sessions helped in experiencing the feeling like fear, insecurity, and trust in oneself and in the group. The trust games were carried out under strict supervision by the coordinators. Each participant was given enough time and attention according to their need.

Game sessions were also carried out for developing leadership skills, sound modulation and confidence in both body and mind of the individual. Each person was given many chances to lead the group, like the game in which each person has to run in between the members making sounds of different frequency helped in learning stress management, developing leadership, confidence and sound modulation. Stilling technique was developed through its different stages by different games in which first each person and then a group has to form different stills. The concept of space and the proper use of the space were conveyed by the coordinators. The idea of effective use of body for creating various forms for making effective

Street plays were pointed out. Games like 'friend will save you' were played to show the importance of friends. It also pointed at who is a real friend. These games were very different and helpful. In the end the whole group was divided into two and were asked to perform street plays on the topics 'child Rights' and 'Adolescence'. The plays were prepared under the supervision of one of the coordinators, which was a wonderful experience.



The Students with Sr.Claire and Mr.Siva Shantharam the resource persons

2.2(d) Life Skill Workshop

The Department of Sociology organized for the students a three day workshop on Life Skills

Resource Persons: Mr.Praveen Vargheese Thomas, Life Skill Trainer

Objectives:

- 1) To learn to negotiate life in a manner that aids personal growth
- 2) To assist personality development and self esteem
- 3) To set the life's vision, mission & goals by tapping on the innate potential of the young talented minds

4) To become a trainer of life skills proposed by WHO

Process: The programme started by seeking the blessings of Almighty. Dr. Nisha Jolly welcomed the resource person, faculty and students. Ms.Noureen of I MA sociology introduced the speaker.Dr.Saji P Jacob, Principal of Loyola College inaugurated the training sessions. Mr. Praveen Vargheese Thomas took all the sessions, spread over three days.



The first session was on orienting the students to the whole concept of adolescence, life skills and the importance of life skills in the context of adolescents. The next 10 modules covered the ten life skills proposed by WHO:

- Self-awareness
- Empathy
- Coping with stress
- Coping with emotions
- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Interpersonal relationship
- Communication

- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Internalizing the life skills in relation to the day to day dealings.

The module was transacted in a very innovative and interactive way that could enable them to attend the session interestingly and fruitfully. The important teaching methods included: role plays, brain storming, discussion, individual & group work, exercises, situation analysis and case studies, games, demonstration, story analysis and simple lecturing.

The department made sure that the follow up exercises are organized intermittently.

Outcome: Life skills help the students to cope with the relationship issues, child abuse, substance abuse, exam fear, emotional outburst. Life skills become a bridge between their current knowledge and understanding and a positive and healthy life style. It not only prevents the students from encountering problems, which threaten their life and also equips them to handle such situation adaptively.

2.3(a) International Colloquim on the topic Religion and Society and Book Release

The department organized an International Colloquim was given to the students by Prof. Joan Garde who spoke about his main focus of issues such as civil society, religion and social work on 18 November 2019 at Sutter Hall of our college. His 25 years of experience has made a dramatic influence on students. Through the session Prof. Johan Garde, shared the important questions regarding sociology of religion such as why religion, role of religion and purpose of religion. He also shared his working experiences with the Islamic Organizations of Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq. He explained the different ways through which religion can be defined and understood. The interconnection between religion and community, the trust based society and the idea of community development through inter community basis was also well explained in the session. The different levels of identity, situations and different aspects one face when identity crisis occurs were also discussed. The session was concluded by speaking about the differences between public and private lives of Sweden and Lebanon. Following it the session was opened for discussion and it was livened with many questions and comments raised by the students and faculty.



This was followed by Book Release on Health and Well being: The Tribal Perspective

Book Release on Health and Well being : The Tribal Perspective was held in JM hall of the college. Prof Johan Garde, Professor, Ersta Skondal Bracke University College Sweden released the book and was received by Dr.Saji P Jacob Principal of our college.

Prof Garde gave a brief introduction bout the book and later the editor Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson proposed the vote of thanks



2.4 INVITED LECTURES OR TALKS

2.4(a) Dr.Lekshmi V Nair

The Department invited Dr. Lekshmi V Nair , Associate Professor and Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIST, Valiyamala on 15 July 2019. She spoke on the career prospects of sociology and enriched the students with her rich experience in teaching and research.



2.4(b)Dr.Sumesh SS

Speaker: Dr.Sumesh SS, Tezpur central university.

Dr. Sumesh SS from Tezpur Central university was invited to the Department to speak about research in Gender. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head Department of Sociology welcomed the gathering and introduced the speaker. Dr.sumesh spoke about social research as a scientific

enquiry. He elaborated the same in relation with gender. The session was Interactive and students raised their queries. Mr.Aadhil proposed vote of thanks.



2.4(c)Prof (Dr). Indira Ramarao

Prof (Dr) Indira Ramarao the President of Indian Sociological Society was invited for a lecture on Current Relevance of sociology in the contemporary world. She spoke on new trends and opportunities in the field of sociology. Spoke eloquently on the rise of new domains in the discipline of sociology. She also spoke about new areas of research in sociology.

she emphasized with deep conviction that 21st century is the century of sociology. She urge the students to dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to the exercise of research endeavours. She stood for a more procedural ,dynamic and responsible approach to matrix of sociology. Dr.Rao in her concluding session welcomed the entire students and faculty to be part of the 45 th All India Sociological Conference to be held in December 26-28 , 2019 at

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and to collaborate with the organizing committee of the whole exercise.



2.4(d)Dr. Murali Thummarakudi on Work Life in the 21 st Century

Dr Murali Thummarakudi was invited by the department of Sociology on 1 October 2019. Career transition the effect of artificial intelligence on employment opportunities and career counseling practices why some of the issues highlighted by Murali Thummarakudi chief of disaster risk reduction United Nations environment programme during a talk titled work life in the 21st century at Loyola College of Social sciences as part of a program organised by the department of sociology here. Based on his readings from the future of employment a book published by Oxford school Murali predicted that 47 percentage of the existing jobs would cease to exist by 2030 according to him the emergence of driverless vehicles would result in driving as a profession season 2 except further his work that jobs requiring emotional intelligence such as nursing would be more stable as compared to that of a doctor career transition is another thing people had to be prepared about jobs will be constable and students might have to change the career after 10 years he spoke about so in his

lecture career transition is reality and society will have to adapt to the changes he said the seminar also dealt with inadequacies education system of Kerala training students in particular skills at a young age was one solution suggested by the renowned disaster expert



2.4(e)Dr.Janaki Abraham

Invited Talk by Dr. Janaki Abraham on ‘Kinship, Caste and Family

An invited talk by Dr. Janaki Abraham on ‘Kinship, Caste and Family’ was organized by the department of Sociology on 24th September 2019. The speaker of the day, Dr. Janaki Abraham is a Sociologist and Associate professor in the department of sociology ,Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University. The program began at 10:00 am at the Jose Murikkan Hall with the arrival of the speaker. All the students of both first and second year students of the Sociology department attended the talk. The guest was officially welcomed by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Sociology department head. Dr. Saji P Jacob, principal of the college made sure his presence by attending the talk.

She emphasized on the definitions of caste and its visible effects on the marriages especially in different Indian contexts. She also pointed out the disparity in sex ratio existing in states like Haryana where males out number females in such a way that males out there often won’t

get brides to marry and which make most of them to marry from Kerala precisely from the Malappuram region irrespective of the caste.



It was a very thought provoking session at the same time, very relevant too. The talk was followed by discussion and thus it was an interactive session too. Femi Ann Mathew of 2ND M A Sociology delivered the vote of thanks, following which the session ended by 11:45 am.

2.4(f)Dr. Arjun Unnikrishnan:

An invited talk by Mr.Arjun Unnikrishnan, The Red cycle on Blood, Beliefs and the Bougeoisie was organized by the dep't of Sociology.

The Department of Sociology in collaboration with Women Cell conducted an awareness class on Menstruation: Breaking stigmas and taboos on 19th November, 2019 at 1:20 PM held in Sutter Hall, Loyola College of Social Sciences. This awareness class was taken by Mr. Arjun Unnikrishnan, The Co-ordinator from the Red Cycle Organization.

The session commenced with the welcome speech by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, HoD Department of Sociology addressing the gathering. This event was attended by all the students from various departments of Loyola College of Social Sciences. Mr Arjun started the awareness class by introducing himself and his organization then he introduced the topic of

the class i.e. Blood, Belief and the Bourgeoisie. The topic itself peaked interest among the gathering present. The class was very interactive in nature. At first he inquired about our knowledge regarding the process of menstruation and he made sure that the male students present in the gathering provide the response for the same, in order to make them talk them about menstruation. Then Mr Arjun shared his knowledge and understanding regarding the process of menstruation and how it is interpreted or rather mis-interpreted by people. The social stigma attached to the process of menstruation and the religious beliefs attached to the same stops people from talking about this topic itself. This in turns makes people reluctant to come forward and address the query and doubts they have about the process of menstruation. Mr Arjun shared his experience from the various class he took in different parts of India and said that the he was baffled by the conception people both men and women had regarding the process of menstruation, as to what actually happens biologically when a girl or a women bleed every month.



Then the class took an interesting turn when the students present started sharing their experience and how the tradition and religious beliefs forced to act certain way when they are in their period cycle, and how these compelled actions made them feel. Then the male students present in the gathering shared their experience in regards to menstruation.

And the end of the session Mr Arjun threw some questions for us to answer in order to understand our take on those. He asked us how the whole experience women go through while on her menstrual cycle could be turned into a need not only for women but for the men as well? And he asked us if a Policy is created encompassing various aspects that the menstruation touches i.e. labour market, household and so on how might that make us feel? The students gathered shared their thoughts on these questions which turned into an interactive discussion.

The session culminated with a thank you address from Ms. Akila, I MA Sociology. Then Dr. Saji P Jacob, Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences, presented a token of our gratitude to Mr Arjun Unnikrishnan. This marked the end of the invited talk.

2.4(g) Dr.Job Zacharia

INVITED TALK

The Department of Sociology of Loyola College of Social Sciences organized an interactive session with the invited persona Mr. Job Zacharia on 10th July 2019.

The talk was on the topic 'Career with United Nations'.

Just as the topic sounded interesting so was the talk. Mr. Job Zacharia is an eminent personality who is working for the United Nations. He is currently the recovery coordinator of the UN and was also the former Chief of UNICEF, South India.

The talk began at 2:30pm with the welcome address by the respected principal Dr.Saji.P.Jacob.

To work in UN is like a life time opportunity and many of the students thought it was a dream beyond dreaming. But Mr. Zacharia ripped off that thought of the young minds. He assured that The United Nations is not something inaccessible to the students especially the sociology students of Kerala. He talked on several job opportunities in which a sociology student can work with the UN.

The talk also contained his experiences on working with the UN. He is currently working as the Chief, UNICEF office for Chhattisgarh. His experiences were indeed eye-opener and a new piece of knowledge to the students' knowledge.

The session winded up 4 in the evening with the students' interaction session.



2.4(h) FrJose .Pulinthanath

The department of sociology organized an invited talk on Human values on July 10 2019 by Fr. Jose Pulinthanath on Human Values. It was a half day session which was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Saji P Jacob. The session was highly interactive with practical sessions and games to understand the different values a human being need to pocess.



2.5 Discussions

2.5(a) Panel Discussion on National Register of Citizens

Department of sociology conducted a panel discussion on the topic **National Register of Citizens (NRC) and its current status** on 23rd September 2019. The session was held at Lecture Hall 3 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The panel discussion was moderated by **Mr. Prasad**, Staff Coordinator from department of sociology. The panelists comprises of three students and they were; **Miss. Femi Mathew** (2nd year M.A. Sociology), **Miss. Jency** (2nd M.A. year Sociology) and **Mr. Aadhil K.U** (1st M.A. year Sociology).

Mr. Prasad introduced the panelists and their topics to the audience. The discussion started with Femi's topic on **Assam Debate: Historical Perspective**. She gave a short description about the geographical background of Assam and related it with the social conditions. A detail description was given on historical context which led to the formation of **NRC**. It includes all aspects ranging from immigrant Muslims who settled in Brahmaputra valley and denounced their Bengali Identity to assimilate with the host community. Later it covered the colonial period which led to its formation.

After the first panelist, Miss. Jency presented her topic on **Current status of Assam issue and NRC**. The speaker gave the statistical data published by the committee with regard to the registration of citizens. She covered the current the data including the inclusion and exclusion of the applicants. The final list was published on 31st August and included 3.11 crore citizens out of 3.29 crore which means lakhs of people were left out in the final list. The last panelist was Mr. Aadhil and he dealt with solutions and future aspects on Assam issue. He started his discussion on emphasizing restructuring the system, by starting a separate census for collecting necessary information. Later part he introduced the concept called work permit and amending the constitution with regard to citizenship. Aadhil concluded his discussion stating that practical solutions are not possible for the Assam issue.

After the presentation by three panelists, students were given chances to ask questions. An active interaction took place between the panelists and students. Mr. Prasad concluded the session by giving an overall view of the issue and the feedback about the session. The panel discussion got over by 3:30 pm.

2.5(b) A Debate on Revoking Article 370

Department of sociology in association with **LASIE** conducted a debate on the topic **Article 370** on 23rd August 2019. The session was held at Lecture Hall 3 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The debate was moderated by Resmi J, a first year M.A. Sociology student. The debate comprises of twenty students. It was divided into two groups; consist of for and against the topic. Mr. Prasad R was the staff coordinator. Resmi introduced the panelists and gave a short introduction about the topic. She began the discussion by giving a short description and historical background of Kashmir.



The discussion was started by Aadhil K U, who presented views against the topic, followed by Anjali belonging to same group. Then it moved to the next group who was supporting Article 370. The group started their discussion, with the views of Anugraha. The session had an active discussion. The major points put forward in the discussion were:

- The people will find difficult to accept it.
- Political domination
- BJP trying to impose their power over people.

- Trying to establish a particular party domination.
- Elections can be unified
- Distribution of economic resources
- Para military force will be in threat.
- Kashmir will be developed in terms of education, infrastructure etc.
- Prior to independence Jawahar Lal Nehru, first prime minister of India made it clear that, it was a temporary provision for Kashmir.
- Communal violence.
- Unification of taxation

All 20 students actively presented their points. Resmi moderated the session very well. She gave conclusion remark giving a neutral point of view with regard to the issue.

Mr. Prasad concluded the session by giving an overall view of the issue and the feedback about the session. The debate got over by 4:00 pm.

2.5 (c) Debate on Scrapping of Section 377 of Indian Penal Code

A debate was conducted on the topic ‘Scrapping of **Section 377 of IPC**’ on 18/05/2019. The debate was moderated by Prasad Ravikumar (faculty of Department of Sociology). The verdict was for legalization of LGBTQ a community that has been facing marginalization since its emergence. The debate was conducted for and against the topic where the students actively participated. They raised arguments that the community should be legalized as they are also human beings and part of society. They have the right to live and to participate in the activities of mainstream society. Because of the so called identity they were denied of those rights. Students also had an opinion that it was against the law of nature and basic function of human reproduction and society. Students also had opinions promoting homosexuality might affect the sexual orientation of the upcoming generation. There were also opinions that the job of the judiciary is to put existing laws into practice, it is not their job to make laws or repeal laws. That is the job of the elected parliament. The moderator concluded the debate by saying that each law and rule of our country is an opportunity for living a good life. This verdict opened up new opportunities for a section that had been marginalized for a long period while it may have hurt some people’s feelings. We must learn to live with such changes. This reflects our country’s concept of “Unity in Diversity”.

2.5 (d) Discussion on Sabarimala Verdict

On 8th of October 2018 a discussion on the Supreme Court verdict of Sabarimala Women entry was organized by the department .The event was of one hour duration and was held in the 2nd M.A Sociology classroom. The discussion commenced with the welcome address by Jahnvi Nair of 2nd M.A Sociology, the President of our association. Ms. Reshma Antony, faculty of our department was the moderator. She briefed about the topic and left the platform open for students.

There were students who spoke in favor of the verdict and there were some who voiced their dissent. Ms. Femi Ann Mathew and Ms. Mareena Siby of 1st MA Sociology started the discussion followed by Anuraj and Reshma of 1st M.A Sociology and Jahnvi and Alen Jose of 2nd year. Nikitha and Sarath lambasted the verdict when the students who were in favor of the entry of women shed lights on the socio economic political and ecological implications of the verdict, a broader perspective of gender equality was upheld and highlighted. Aiswarya Subair of 1st M.A Sociology shared her views on the verdict quoting her personal experience of being women in a minority community. Priya Vargeese of 1st M.A Sociology supported the verdict underlined gender equality whereas Sujin of 2nd M.A Sociology took a pro temple Devaswom board stand. Arun of 1st M.A shared his experience of a similar case in a different religion of Fr. Sajan of 2nd MA sociology. The session ended with the vote of thanks by Jahnvi Nair.

2.5(e) Documentary review and discussion

A series of movies and documentaries were screened as part of LASIE ,KSS in order to improve the students' insight on how mass media take up social issues and its portrait on another aspect.

2.5(e)Movie review: “MODERN TIMES”

The Department of Sociology, under the banner of LAISE organizes screening of socially relevant and meaningful films on a regular basis. As part of this venture, on 12th June 2019 the Department screened “Modern Times” of Charlie Chaplin.

‘Modern Times’ was more or less an extension of the first semester syllabus of the course to be more accurate, a depiction what Karl Marx stated and stood for in his theories on capitalism.

In 'Modern Times' Chaplin proves again what the whole world already acknowledges- that he is the greatest artist of the silent screen. 'Modern Times' is a 1936 American comedy film, written and directed by Charlie Chaplin.

Charlie is a funny worker in the hectic age- a minor cog in the grinding wheels of industry. The monotony of work drives him to a nervous breakdown. Later caught in a street riot, he is mistaken for the leader and thrown into the police wagon. Charlie then attempts a jail break, but failed. On the course of his life, he meets the girl of his life. They both meet again in the jail and together escape from the precinct.

The film is a comment on the desperate employment and financial conditions people faced during Great Depression. The movie is notable for being the last time that Chaplin portrayed the iconic 'Little Tramp' character.

The screening was followed by a discussion on the movie and its social and sociological significance and meaning by the students. The discussion was winded up with a note by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of Department.

2.5(f) Period :The End of Sentence

The department of sociology had a discussion on the Oscar winning documentary named 'Period End of The Sentence' which deals with a topic relevant and had gone through different discussions in this contemporary scenario. The movie directed by RaykaZehtabchi, Period: End of Sentence., is an incredibly well done, enlightening and surprisingly moving short film set in a world that seems almost unimaginable - a world where many women wouldn't dare even discuss menstruation let alone actually use sanitary products, while many men also can't begin to explain the basics around menstruation. In a rural village in India, a group of women band together to install and operate a sanitary pad-making machine, a rarity in a nation where even the topic of menstruation is considered taboo. The goal, at least partly, is to crush the stigma of menstruation and to offer the women, as well, newfound independence.

Period End of Sentence. takes us through the initiating and planning of this new business venture, an unsuspecting room tucked away in the Northern India village of Kathikhera where the materials to construct the business are hidden away. The project will start what is ultimately a pad revolution, an effort to improve feminine hygiene where contemporary and

tradition often butt heads. It only takes a few minutes into the film to feel like we've been transported into an extraordinarily different yet beautiful world.



Students discussed about various aspects in that film and its content. They argued that a country like US. become so accustomed to what they'd consider to be basic information and necessities that it's difficult to fathom the awkward conversations and embarrassed faces as these young men and women sit in rooms having discussions that many of them have likely never had before. The things are different in our country. still people in India consider discussion on menstruation as a thing that must be secret and hidden. and this situation should have to change and they work for it.

2.5(g) *The Stoning of Soraya M*

The Department of Sociology did a movie screening on 21 March 2019 in the JM Hall.

The Stoning of Soraya M is inspired by Paris-based journalist Freidoune Sahebjam's acclaimed 1994 international bestseller of a true incident that happened in Iran in 1986. *The Stoning of Soraya M.* is a stark and painful example of what happens when evil is justified by

a distortion of what is good, in this case, Islam. Millions of Muslims suffer every day as they see how their religion is misused by a misinformed faction and thus is misunderstood by other peoples around the world. Soraya's story is even more painful and disturbing to them, and our hearts go out to them in empathy.



The movie, The Stoning of Soraya M., based in the outskirts of Iran displayed the patriarchal society in Iran and the parochial attempts to interpret the religious laws of Islam. The stoning of a woman wrongly accused of adultery by her husband and his ensuing attempts to get her killed in connivance with influential men of the community is presented in the movie.

The movie was screened from 2:30 – 4:30 pm, and was followed by a reflection of the audience. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson, HOD department of Sociology began the discussion by and invited the participants to reflect. The discussions conveyed heavily the discontent towards contemporary society that has still not moved beyond chauvinism. A novel view was presented by a member who felt that the basic premise of stoning that revolves around adultery needs a new perception, as it is not a crime but a momentary infatuation and needs to be dealt with in that manner. Another idea was that patriarchal means of justifying murder are

closer than expected, in the form of honour killing, in several parts of India. Hence, it can't be said that India is a better or civilised society.

The discussion revolved around how the mindset of men and women alike needs to be changed. The role of social science students was essentially discussed upon.

2.5(h) MOVIE DISCUSSION: KANCHIVARAM

The department of sociology under LASIE (Loyola Association of Sociological Association and Engagement), have organised movie screening followed by discussion based on the same on 17th July 2019 at 2:30 pm in the J M Hall. The very socially relevant movie "Kanchivaram" that won several awards internationally apart from the National Award for best film directed by Priyadarshan and starred by Prakash Raj in the lead.

Kanchivaram was one such movie from which we can infer much learning. The unfolds as Vengadam (Prakash Raj) recalls his good and bad times while on his journey back home from parole to see his paralyzed daughter Thamarai. The whole movie travels on a promise made the protagonist in the beginning of the movie itself. It is a period movie set in the pre independence era in the small town of Kanchivaram in Tamil Nadu, the protagonist works as a the traditional silk weaver. He pledges that he would provide a silk saree for his daughter when she is getting married. He somehow manages to get start to fulfill his words which he couldn't complete. The movie goes through various emotions of the protagonist which leave a heavy impact on the viewers.

Following the movie, discussions were held, which was moderated by Mr. Prasad P R (faculty member of Sociology department). All the students put forward their views on the movie. The discussion was going on purely based on the theories by the classical theorists like Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx and so on. It was a very impactful and effective movie screening and discussion.

3.STUDENT PROGRESSION

Student Progression	No of Students
NET	7
JRF	3
SET	5
Ph.D Awarded	3
Total	14

4. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. **Ms. Femi Ann Mathew** won **first Prize** in National level quiz competition sponsored by National Commission for women Govt of India ,New Delhi, which carried an amount of Rs 3000/ and a Certificate
2. **Mr. Christben** won Second Prize in National level quiz competition sponsored by National Commission for women ,New Delhi, which carried an amount of Rs 2000/ and a Certificate.
3. **Ms Jahnvi Nair and Ms Arunima S** won first Prize for intercollegiate quiz competition held at Sacred Heart college , Thevara, Cochin on The theme Sociology of Indian Society
4. **Ms.Femi Ann Mathew** has secured second prize in the essay competition on the topic “Integrity a way of life” conducted by State Vigilance Cell and Union bank as part of Vigilance week celebrations.

5.SOCIAL EXPOSURE/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Social Exposure Visit

5.1(a) CDS panel discussion and exposure visit to the library

As part of exposure visits, the second semester Post Graduate students of the Department made a visit to the CDS Campus and its library. CDS- Centre for Development Studies is a pioneer institution in the field of Developmental Studies.

As the second semester students were learning the basics of development discourse under the paper 'Sociology of Development' the visit was indeed an insightful and knowledgeable experience for them.

The students and the faculty of the Department made the visit on 5th July 2019. The Loyola team arrived at the CDS campus by 2:15 in the afternoon. They were welcomed by the Campus Supervisor, Mr. Aanandh. They were led to the library of the CDS campus by the chief librarian Mr. Sriram.

The library of the CDS is an eight storey building with each floor comprising vast collection of books and other resources under various topics like anthropology, sociology, development studies and many to count.

Later the group was led to the conference hall to have an interaction session with the eminent faculty of the CDS. The speakers included Dr. M Parameswaran, J. Devika and Sunil Mani. The topic for discussion was Kerala Model Development. The session was indeed an informative one and Devika ma'am also talked about the feminist thoughts of Kerala Model Development.

The group actively participated in the session. The session winded up by 4 in the afternoon.



5.1 (b) Exposure Visit to Mithranikethan

On the 13th of September 2019 the Students of Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences along with HoD Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson and Mr. Prasad Ravikumar, Faculty visited Mithranikethan Viswavidyapeetam, an NGO spread over 60 acres, for Opening learning and total development started in 1956. Padmashri K Viswanathan serves as its director. The NGO focus and adopts the views of Gandhian ideology and keeps following it. Mithranikethan works in the fields of innovation, training and extension in community. They focus on the alternative education mode of development. Mithranikethan in another words can also be called as an educational community which supports the academic and practical training needs of socio- economically backward groups. They have supplementary system of education as well as training for extracurricular activities. Their students include children from tribal settlements for whom hostel facilities are made available within the campus alocarng with free accommodation and food. Along with school education children here are also taught carpentry, tailoring, pottery under training units. The children belong to the age of 10-15 are also provided with skill practice sessions.



5.1(c)Old age Home visit

The students of II MA Sociology visited Assisi old age home in Gandhipuram. The old age home was run by the sisters. Students started their journey from college at 9:30 am and reached there by 10:00 AM am. The visit was accompanied by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of Department of sociology , Prasad R and Dr. Lekshami Chandran Loyola college of Social Sciences . There are 45 members in Kripatheeram which includes 35 inmates, sisters and staff. Fr. Sajan a student from our batch had welcomed the gathering. Mother was the mother superior who is in charge of the home. The inmates were ladies and only one male elderly was there. We had interacted with the inmates and other sisters. We had also done some cultural programmes there. They also shared their experiences with us.



5.1(d)Exposure visit to vithura tribal settlement and interacting with Padmasri Lekshmi Kutty Amma

An exposure visit was conducted under the banner of LASIE - KSS for the students to Vithura to learn about the tribal community and about the Padmashri awardee Smt. Lekshmikutty Amma on 19 July 2019.

The students were escorted by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (HOD, Dept. of Sociology) and Dr. Lekshmi Chandran (Faculty, Dept of Sociology)

The primary goal of this visit was to meet, Padma ShriLakshmikuttyAmma, a 75 year old tribal woman from Kallar forest area who received the country's fourth highest civilian honours Padma Shri Award for her breakthrough in practicing traditional medicine. She belongs to Kaani tribe and has knowledge of more than 500 varieties of medicine. She has attained the education of 3rd forum and knows Sanskrit. She stays alone in the forest and grows medicinal plants around her house. She also writes poems dramas and is a teacher in folklore academy. She is also a famous poison healer practicing traditional medicine. Currently she practices in home itself.

The journey started around 9:30 am from the college premises and reached Lakshmi kuttyamma's residence at around 11:30 am. By the time we reached there, she was consulting her patients. After her consultation, we got to interact with her. We had our interaction session in a small thatched shed like room attached to the house with Padma Shri LakshmikuttyAmma in a very casual mode shared her valuable thoughts and experiences with us. She started her converse with some thoughtful lines from her own poem. We had our interaction for about more than an hour. She shared her life experiences on the exploitations of the forest products having many medicinal values, by the corporates and other agents. Many people have even tried to make use of her on the background of the low literacy rate among the tribes, but she was educated enough to cope up with such situations.

As she is a very famous poison healer, she shared some of the traditional methods and tips to deal with it also shared the epics of lord Shiva in relation with it. She is completely reluctant to modern forms of medicines and drugs she argues that the consumption of all these allopathic drugs leads to diabetes, cholesterol and so on. She is not only a traditional practitioner but also a poet and a writer. She shared some of her very critical poetic lines that felt like very evoking. In addition, she displayed a handmade instrument used for some

musical purposes known as ‘chatt’, a part of a hard core ritualistic practice exist among them. Towards the end of the session after presenting her our token of honor to her, she warmly welcomed us into the house to have the look at the awards and token of honors she received which filled the entire room. We left her residence at around 3:00 pm.



The visit gave an insight on the insecurities and the difficulties faced by the tribal who are regarded as the marginalized communities. Though many initiatives have taken by the government for their upliftment and wellbeing, most of it doesn't even reach the deserving hands.

The students even visited a tree house and had fun climbing it. The whole area can be seen while standing in the top of the tree house. It was an alluring sight to the students. It was indeed a good exposure and they were able to enjoy a lot.

From the visit it is understood that the main need the community demands is that of transportation facility. Even though roads are constructed bus service is not available to them due to the poor condition of the roads. They have to walk through the hilly terrains long to

reach the main road. If the people are affected by some health problems it will take a while to reach the nearby government hospital. So the need of the hour is to provide transportation

After having the lunch, we set out for our return journey at around 5:00pm. On the way back, spared some time for the natural landscapes and the shallow, cold water body of the Kallar region. Spending some time there continued the journey back and reached the college by 7:00 pm.

5.1 (e) Exposure Visit to Kottoor tribal settlement

A tribal visit was conducted by the Department of Sociology in association LASIE- KSS with Women's Cell to Kottoor on 30th June 2019. The aim of the visit was to make students understand the life style, culture and also the sufferings that these tribal communities still face. The students reached Kottoor around 11:15 am. The college bus was parked below the hilly areas since there were no proper roads and as vehicles did not have access. The students and faculty members had to walk to reach aimed destinations. Travelling through the forest roads for long hours was not only arduous but also hazardous, especially for the children and elderly. The long distance, coupled with improper and destructed roads and lack of transport was evident and stands as one of reasons of lack of school education in children. Lack of transportation facilities also force most tribal people to send their children to hostels during their education period and when they are still young. The students were able to understand the difficulties faced by people on the grounds of transport. Access to drinking water is made available on the sides of the roads through public pipes which made our journey quiet easy.

Students were able to identify the traits of Totemism and its other symbols. The peoples still belief in totemism which is blind was very evident. Also some of them were converted in to Christianity. Students interacted with the natives and understood that, there are people who are still cultivators, even though their people are working in public sectors. They cultivate vegetables; cash crops etc. but they did not get fair value for their products in the markets. They use vegetables that they cultivated from their fields. The major livelihood of most of the people there is, from the forest and through cultivation. When people gains some wealth through any business or from job they come out from the forest areas and settles in the places outside the forest. Most of them do not have proper housing and sanitation facilities. Most of them were no educated, but they knows the value of education and need of the education. So they educating their children. The houses were in a pathetic situation and most of the houses were made up of "eetta". During rainy season the house roofs gets leaked leads to more

difficulties. The government funded homes were not yet completed. Some of the governmental policies were not yet reached to them. From the visit students came to understand that they are still facing the Marginalization from the main stream



5.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Department of Sociology offered the Field and Community Training Services (FaCTS) as a distinguishing programme of the department. University Syllabus does not contain this component to be offered to the students at the post graduate level, but the department conducted it as a one-year long programme programme for each first year batch. It was treated as optional, although majority of the students did volunteer to undergo this field-oriented training of studies in sociology wherein attempts are made at integrating theory and practice.

The programme was organized in view of realizing the following specific objectives:

1. To provide an opportunity for the students to get exposed to the contemporary social reality.
2. To sensitize students to the multifaceted issues and problems confronting society.

3. To introduce the students to the pedagogical process of sociological reflection and analysis based on empirical observation.
4. To develop the skills of integrating theory and practice in students.
5. To train the students in the basics of community organization and animation.
6. To improve organizational and leadership skills of the students

Major community services include

5.2(a)Community Work Among Children

As part of community work and development the M.A students of Sociology are engaged in a 10-day program regarding the child health and care. The program was conducted in Karumkulam, a coastal village in Thiruvananthapuram. The program was conducted in the second week of February, 2019.

Students were divided into different groups and were assigned different tasks. They conducted classes on various topics like health and hygiene, good touch and bad touch, necessity of girl child education, proper menstrual practices and also on the role of children in waste management.

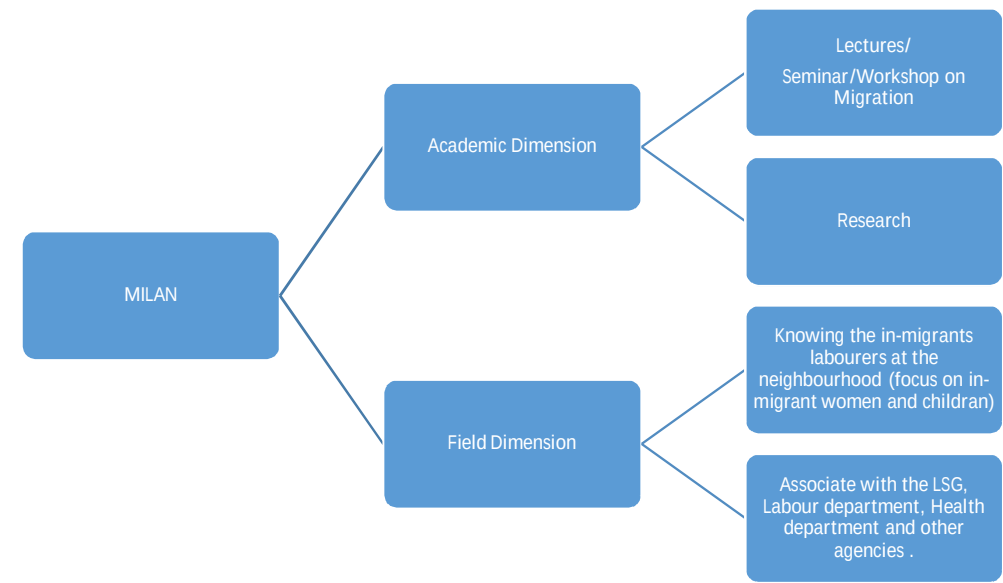


Children were also engaged in healthy games that boosted their team spirits and community skills

The students spend quality time with the children trying to learn and understand about their issues and discussing with them various practical solutions. The 10- day experience was very fruitful and one of a kind memorable endeavor.

5.2(b) MILAN (Migrant Labourers at the Neighbourhood)

Program Framework



For the past three years the department of Sociology Loyola College of Social Sciences is consistently involved in organising activities related to the migrant labourers working in Kerala. The programs are initiated as one of the department extension activities. As of now, a two day seminar (07-08 Marh, 2018), a one day seminar (27-10-2015) and two Health camps (27-11-2016 & 05-03-2017) were organised. The programs for the current year are conducted under the banner MILAN (Migrant Labourers at the Neighbourhood). The program is designed to reach out to the migrant labourers settled in the neighbourhood of our college, specifically the region named 'Cheruvaikkal'. It is envisaged to provide students with grassroots level understanding on the themes migration, labour and development. The activities comprise of both field engagement activities (such as labour camp visit, settlement

visit, etc) and academic activities (such a lectures, workshops and seminar). For the proper functioning of these activities the department is associating with the Labour and Migration unit of the Indian Social Insitute, Bangalore. As part of the intivatives we have already associated with Lok Manch and Sneharam (Trivadrum based NGO) to organise a State Level Workshop on “Evolving Strategies for Collaboration and Networking for Protection, Support and Integration of Inter-State Migrant Labourers in Kerala’, on July 29, 2019. The department activieties are not confined to academic endeavours alone. The whole program is designed by following a praxis philosophy.



5.2©COMMUNITY SERVICES OF STUDENTS IN THE FLOODS of 2019

Community service on flood related areas

As part of community service and exposure the Department of Sociology of Loyola College of Social Sciences organized a “Flood Mission Campaign” in collaboration with the NSS unit of the college.

The campaign was done in accordance with the flood that struck Kerala during the monsoon season of 2019. Students and faculty members of the department collected money from

different resources and organized a survey among the college students to find the flood affected.

Flood this year had seriously affected the Wayanad district. And there were students from the district whose life was seriously affected. And the 'Flood Mission' was mainly targeted in helping these students.

Along with money, the students also collected necessary materials to be send to various flood relief camps. The college campus was turned into a collection unit. Students from here also participated in various other relief camps where they collected, packed and exported goods and necessities.

The materials collected from the college campaign were packed and sorted by the students. On 20th August the students departed to the flood affected areas to give away their collection.

The experience they had in Wayanad was indeed an eye-opening one. They visited flood relief camps and also the places in Wayanad where the waters had furiously uprooted the lives.

The sight was indeed devastating. They also visited homes and helped people to recover from the floods. They also solaced people who lost their near and dear ones. The students stayed with the people for a day.

Beyond a field experience and community work they had a taste of humanity and compassion.

6. MAGAZINE

6.1 (a) Department Magazine

The Department has designed and created a handwritten magazine titled **"GREEN LANTERN"** which is an outcome of the student's creativity and powers of imagination. The bilingual magazine includes poetry, prose, essays and other articles which has shades of society, sociology and social engagement. The magazine was drafted under the leadership of Ms Gayathri , 2nd MA Sociology who was the editor in charge. The Magazine was designed by Gayathri, Nikitha, Niranjana Mohan and the articles were copied by Prajitha, Nithya, Krishna ,Akhila and Noureen. A constant support and guidance was offered to the students from the side of Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (HoD) and Dr. Smitha Pillai and other faculty members.

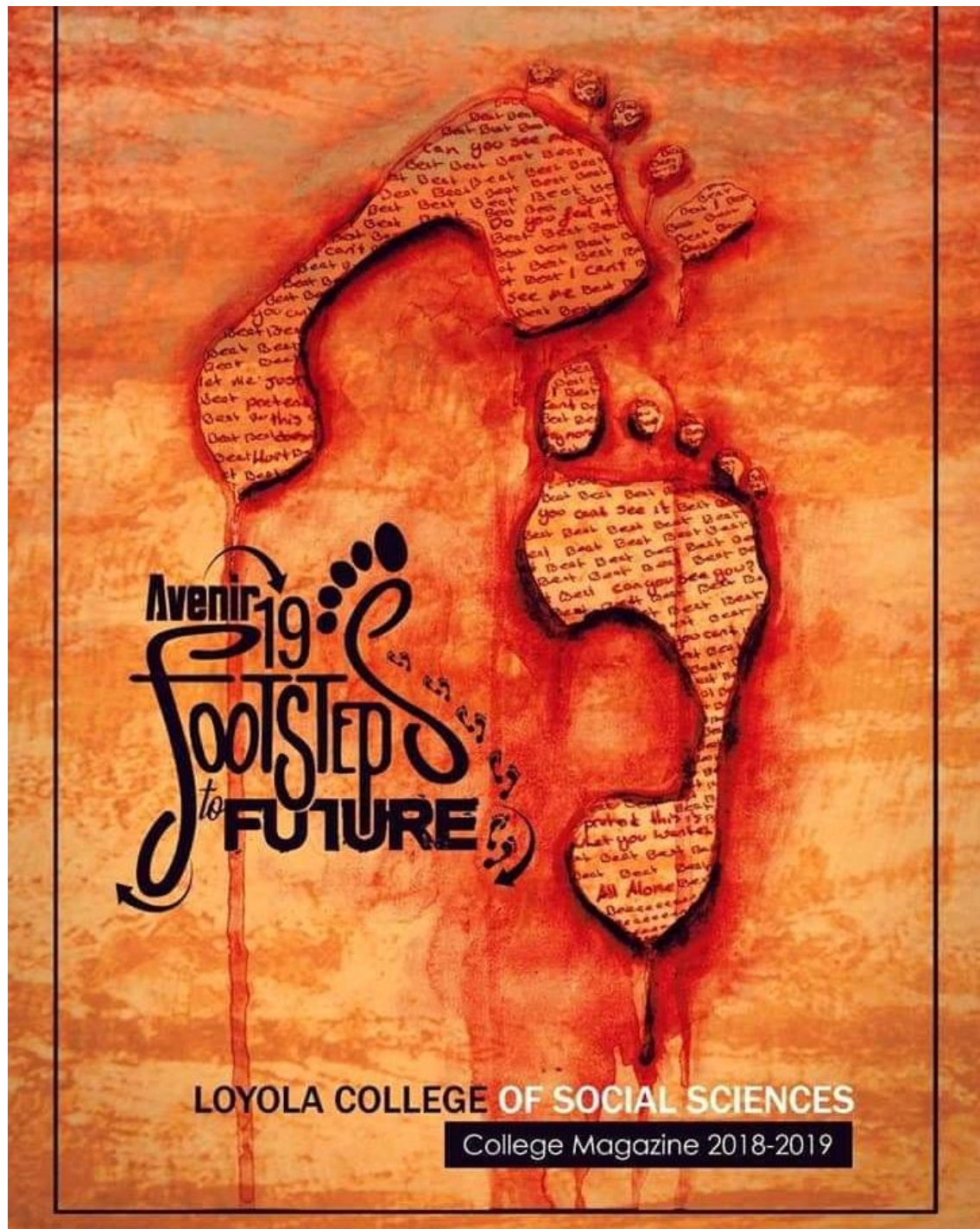
6.1(b) Analytical Sociology Kaleidoscope (ASK)

Analytical Sociology Kaleidoscope (ASK) is a section in the college creative boards assigned to KSS. The students of the department of Sociology use this space as space of expression of their skills as well as a space to react against and invite attention to many social issues existing in the society. Catharine Jacob is the coordinator of this creative space. The topics presented in ASK is updated or changed on a weekly basis. The class is divided into different groups and each group is asked to present a relevant theme every week. They can use any medium of expression from writing an article, or making of collages, poster section depending on their interest.

Students of the department took part actively in this initiative of LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit. Some of the major topics presented in ASK include: Issues of Migration, Problems of Transgender, Problems of marginalized sections, Current social and political issues in national as well as international society, Violence against women, conservation of ecology etc. ASK gained great attention from the entire student community of the college and resultantly evoked enthusiastic response in the campus as it could invite attention to many themes in the contemporary social context.



6.2 College Magazine



A section in college magazine list elaborately the various programmes undertaken by the department. The students of the department also contributed to the college magazine through articles on various socially relevant issues.

7. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS(STUDENTS/TEACHERS)

(Seminar/Conferences)

7.1 Regional

1. Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson Presented a paper titled Engaged Knowledge building in the Five day Induction Seminar organized by Loyola College of Social Sciences during July 11-15,2019

7.2-National (within Kerala)

1. Mr.Prasad R. Presented a paper titled ‘Invisibility of Female Migrant Labourers: The Experience of Women In-migrant Labourers in Kerala’ at the Three National Seminar ‘Migration in the New Era: Hope or Despair?’, organized by the Centre for Diaspora Studies and the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala from 24-26 October, 2019.

2. Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson a paper titled ‘Invisibility of Female Migrant Labourers: The Experience of Women In-migrant Labourers in Kerala’ at the Three National Seminar ‘Migration in the New Era: Hope or Despair?’, organized by the Centre for Diaspora Studies and the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala from 24-26 October, 2019.

3. Dr. Smitha Pillai.(2019) Presented a paper on Issues of Vulnerability among migrant labourers in Kerala at the national conference on ‘Migration in the New Era; Hope or Despair?’ Organized by Department of Sociology and Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Kerala, Karivattom.(Oct 24-26, 2019)

4. Presented the Valedictory address in the National workshop on ‘Evolving strategies for Collaboration and Networking of GO’s and NGO’s for Protection, Support and Integration of ISM in Kerala’ organized by Sneharam, Centre for Social Action and research in collaboration with Indian Social Institute, Bangalore and Department of sociology,Loyola College at press club, Trivandrum on 29, July 2019.

5. Resource person and presented in a one –day consultation on ‘Inclusion of Migrant Children in Kerala’ organized by Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Kerala in collaboration with Aide et Action, Centre for Development Studies and Centre for Migration and Inclusive Development at Government Guest House, Thycaud, Trivandrum on 24, June 2019.

6. Praveen P : A paper titled Gentrification in Thiruvananthapuram at 45th Annual conference of Kerala Sociological Society, November 2018
7. Praveen P : A paper titled Changing social geography of suburbs in Thiruvananthapuram at National seminar on Social Intervention and Sustainable Development, University of Kerala, February 2019
8. Athira Narayanan Presented paper on “Detribalization and the issue of tribal identity: A Sociological study among *kanikkar* community residing in Vithura of Trivandrum District, Kerala” in the **National Conference** on Sociology, Society and Social engagements, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sankrit, 11-13, November 2018
9. Athira Narayanan Presented paper on “Cultural Sustainability Through Preserving Social Practices: A Tribal Perspectives” in the three day **National Seminar** on social intervention and sustainable development organized by the department of sociology from 4th to 6th February 2019 at the seminar hall, department of Sociology, University of Kerala.
10. Presented paper on “ The Vision To Development: Path To Social Cultural Changes In India “ in the three day **National Seminar** on changing values and trends in Indian society and culture organized by the department of history ,school of distance education, University of Kerala from 6 to 8 February 2019 at senate chamber, university of Kerala,palayam,thiruvananthapuram
11. Participated in the **National Seminar** on the emergence of fascist tendencies in India: the relevance of Sebastian kappen’s counter cultural perspectives jointly orgainzed by Loyola institute of peace and international relations, Kochi and Arnos Padiri academy ,Velur and sameeksha research centre , Kalady on 11 and 12 October 2019 at renewal centre , Kochi, Kerala.
12. Dr. Saji P Jacob. 2019 September. Delivered a plenary lecture on the topic - 'Higher education morals and ethics 'at All Saints College, Trivandrum
13. Sanju D.CASTE AND GENDER-A STUDY AMONG NADAR CHRISTIAN WOMEN in the KSS annual **National Conference** on Sociology, Society and Social engagements, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sankrit, 11-13, November 2018
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15. Arun Joseph Presented paper on “Cultural Sustainability –Changing Perspectives in the three day **National Seminar** on social intervention and sustainable development organized by the department of sociology from 4th to 6th February 2019 at the seminar hall, department of Sociology, University of Kerala.

7.3-National (Outside Kerala)

1. Ms.Athira Narayanan- presented a paper in the Indian tribal women writers meet held at Kendra Sahitya Academy ,New Delhi during 28-29 January 2019.
2. Dr.Smitha Pillai Moderated a session on ‘Migration and Destination Centres’ in the round-table discussion on ‘Improving conditions of work and living for Circular Migrants in India’ also spoke on ‘Issues of identity rights and entitlements of Migrant workers’ organized by Action Aid India in collaboration with workers Solidarity Network and Citizen’s Right Collective at YMCA in New Delhi from 3rd to 5th June 2019
3. Dr.Smitha Pilai Presented a paper on ‘Issues of identity rights and entitlements of Migrant workers’ organized by Action Aid India in collaboration with workers Solidarity Network and Citizen’s Right Collective at YMCA in New Delhi from 3rd to 5th June 2019
4. Ms Jima Rose was the co-ordinator of The Regional Consultation on Adolescent Health by Ministry of Family and Health. She presented an overview about the working pattern of Policy existing in the National and State level for the Adolescence.

7.4-International (Within India)

1. Ms. Jima Rose participated in the International consultation on Adolescent health , Sponsored by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Y P foundation from 24-27 September 2019, New Delhi. She represented Kerala state and presented her views on Adolescence policy in Kerala
- 2.Athira Narayanan: Presented paper on “Intellectual property rights and indigenous knowledge(A case study among kanikkar) “ in the **International Conference** on “

Intellectual Property Rights: Conflict/Coexistence In Human Rights, Health And Indigeneous Rights from 17-12-2018 to 18-12-2018 organised by Baselious Poulse II Catholic college,piravom, Kerala,State, India in association with international human rights council,Mumbai

3. Nisha Jolly Nelson Presented paper on “Intellectual property rights and Indigeneous knowledge in the **International Conference** on “ Intellectual Property Rights: Conflict/Coexistence In Human Rights, Health And Indigeneous Rights from 17-12-2018 to 18-12-2018 organised by Baselious Poulse II Catholic college, piravom, Kerala State,India in association with international human rights council,Mumbai

4. Prasad R. An article titled ‘Interstate Migrant Labourers in Malayalam Films: A Critical Review’ at the International Conference, Critical Studies VI- Refugees, Migrants, Violence and the Transformation of Cities organised by Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group in Collaboration with Ford Foundation from 23 to 25 August, 2017 at Kolkata.

7.5-(International (Outside India))

1. **Ms. Jima Rose** was invited by Women Deliver Young Leader conference ,United State of America to participate and presented on Indian Fishing Community: Feminine Thoughts and Practice **Vancouver, Canada,From June 1-7, 2019**

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8. AWARDS/PRIZES(STUDENTS/TEACHERS)

1. Ms. JIMA ROSE-Women Deliver Young leader, USA sponsored travel award(**International**) was granted to Jima Rose to participate for Women Deliver Young Leader conference and to present her her views on Indian Fishing Community: Feminine Thoughts and Practice Vancouver, Canada, From June 1-7, 2019.Jima is the only person to be selected for the Young Deliver Conference from South Asia.

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2. **Ms. Femi Ann Mathew** won **first Prize** in National level quiz competition sponsored by National Commission for women ,New Delhi, which carried an amount of Rs 3000/ and a Certificate
3. **Mr. Christben** won Second Prize in National level quiz competition sponsored by National Commission for women ,New Delhi, which carried an amount of Rs 2000/ and a Certificate
4. **Ms.Gayathri L** of Second year MA sociology won **First prize for** painting competition organised by LACPS the Association of Counseling Psychology Department.
5. **Ms.Niranjana** of First MA sociology won **Second prize for** painting competition organised by LACPS the Association of Counseling Psychology Department.
6. **Ms.Megha Elsa Jacob** First MA sociology won **First prize for** spot photography competition organised by LACPS the Association of Counseling Psychology Department.
7. **Ms. Femi Ann Mathew** won **first prize** in Essay wring competition organised by LACPS the Association of Counseling Psychology Department on World mental health day
8. **Ms.Femi Ann Mathew** has secured second prize in the essay competition on the topic “Integrity a way of life” conducted by State Vigince Cell and Union bank as part of Vigilance week celebrations.
9. **Ms. Femi Ann Mathew** won **Second Position** in the intercollegiate essay competition organized by the Dept of Sociology, M G college in connection with World Population Day on 11 July 2019
10. **Ms.Reshma SS**, bagged **first position** in an intercollegiate essay competition organized by the Dept of Sociology, M G college in connection with World Population Day on 11 July 2019
11. **Ms.Lekshmi Suresh** **second position** in an intercollegiate essay competition organized by the Dept of Sociology, M G college in connection with World Population Day on 11 July 2019
12. **Ms.Salu S** won **third position** in an intercollegiate essay competition organized by the Dept of Sociology, M G college in connection with World Population Day on 11 July 2019
13. **Ms. Arunima S** won Prof. Murali Nair Scholarship Award 2019
14. **Ms Nithya** –**First Prize** Malayalam Essay competition organised by LACPS the Association of Counseling Psychology Department on World mental health day

15. **Ajay Ghosh** –third prize Malayalam Essay Competition organised by LACPS the Association of Counseling Psychology Department on World mental health day
16. **Ms.Anugraha Aneesh**-Second Prize Spot photography organised by LACPS the Association of Counseling Psychology Department on World mental health day
17. **Ms Anjali-third Prize**-spot photography organised by LACPS the Association of Counseling Psychology Department on World mental health day.
18. **Ms Jahnavi Nair and Ms Arunima S** won first Prize for intercollegiate quiz competition held at Sacred Heart college , Thevara, Cochin on The theme Sociology of Indian Society

9. PUBLICATIONS

9.1(a) Journals without ISSN

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3. Anjali Sathyan“E-Governance – Indian Scenario”- A Paper Published in the Book “Emerging India” by Indian Political Science Association , December 2018, ISBN:978-81-8043-137-1
4. Anjali Sathyan “ Different Lifestyle Variations of Communities resulted after an Environmental Trauma : Special Reference to Tsunami Victims of Azheekal Coast in Kerala” in “Kerala Sociologist”,Journal by The Kerala Sociological Society ,Volume 46,December2018,ISSN:0975-8933
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6. Praveen P : Gentrification and the changing socio-geography of suburbs in Thiruvananthapuram in ISDA Journal, Vol 29, January-March 2019
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2. Dr. Antony Palackal and Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (In Press) 2019. *Age Care and Well Being*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications

3. Dr. Smitha Pillai(Ed)(2019).The Media World: Gender Perspective. New Delhi: Cyber Tech Publications
4. Dr.Smitha Pillai (2019). Cultural Adjustment of Migrant Labourers in Kerala'- Canada: Occam Academic Press:

9.2 (b) Chapter in a Book

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2. Ligin K L (2019). Pink Revolution –A Stepping Stone to women empowerment The Media World:Gender Perspective.New Delhi: Cyber Tech Publications.
3. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson (2019). Food and Dietary Habbits of the Tribes. New Delhi: APH Publications.
4. Dr Lekshmi Chandran. 'Urban Alienation: Displacement and Resettlement Problems of Elderly in Kerala', in Elderly Abuse and Social Exclusion, B.R. Publishing Corporation Delhi, 1st ed. 2019. ISBN Number:9789387587724.
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8. Sebin T Babu(2019) Health care beliefs among Kanikkars New Delhi: APH Publications.
9. Lekshmi Chandran:2019 Identity In Flux in Health and Well Being :The Tribal Perspective.New Delhi: APH Publications.

10. Priya R Kumar 2019 Identity In Flux in Health and Well Being :The Tribal Perspective.New Delhi: APH Publications.

9 (C) Workshops with less than five days and more than 5 and 14 days(Research Scholars)

1. Ms. Minu Jose participated in the Seven Days National Workshop on Research Methodology Organised by Department of Education, University of Kerala from 8 to 16 October 2019.
2. Ms. Athira Narayanan.Attended **the art of thesis writing workshop** conducted by Rehoboth academic services at Loyola college of social sciences ,Thiruvananthapuram on January 1,2019
3. Ms. Athira Narayanan. Attended seven day **Research methodology workshop in qualitative research and publishing** conducted by the department of sociology,university of kerala, in collaboration with Indian sociological society from 8th to 15 February 2019.
4. Ms. Athira Narayanan. Attended the ICSSR Sponsored Capacity Building Programme On Pathways Of Social Research: A Methodological Training held at centre for developmental studies , Thiruvananthapuram , Kerala ,during 11-16 arch 2019.
5. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson-Five days research Methodology workshop at Kerala State Higher Education Council 24-1 March 2019.
6. Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson. Four day Workshop on Child Rights ,LES, sponsored April 9-12,2019

10.Academic Progression/ Career advancement of Teachers

Items	Score	No of Teachers
Ph.D	Four Teachers	4
Post Doctoral	Two Teachers	2
Major Projects Above 5 Lakh	1. Women Entrepreneurs in Kerala: Opportunities and Challenges Sponsored by National Commission for Women, Ministry of Family and Health, New Delhi	1
Major Project	1. ICSSR ICMR joint research project on Inequality and Inclusion in Primary Health Care System in India: Comparative Analysis	1

above 10 Lakh	of Kerala and Assam	
Membership in Academic Bodies	Board of Studies-2-Dr.Saji P Jacob, Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson	5

11.Any other relevant information if given,the judges can take decision to give points to a maximum of three.

1. Organic Farming

The LASIE is in-charge of the organic farming in Loyola College of Social Sciences. The inauguration of the organic farming activity for this academic year was conducted on December 1st 2018 at 3.20PM in the college.

This event was conducted by the LAISE, Department of Sociology. This event was attended by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, HoD of Dept. of Sociology and all the remaining faculty members i.e. Dr. Smitha Pillai, Dr. Lekshmi Chandran and Mr. Prasad, accompanied by the entire student body (Seniors & Juniors) of the sociology department.



Vilaveduppu

Ms. Mareena Siby, President of LAISE, started the event by welcoming the gathering and invited Dr. Saji P. Jacob, Principle of Loyola College of Social Sciences, to mark the inaugural ceremony. The inaugural ceremony of organic farming was marked by sowing of the seeds by Dr. Saji P. Jacob. Following Dr. Saji P. Jacob all the students and the faculty members showed an active participation in the event by sowing the seeds with the guidance provided by Mr. Adarsh Raj R.F.S, member of Organic Farming. Adarsh has abundant knowledge regarding farming as he comes from a family of farmers. He guided all the students and the faculty members who are un-familiar with farming ensuring the active participation of all the students.

The farm includes plants and vegetables such as Spinach, Peas, Pumpkin, and Cucumber etc. The students are maintaining the farm with at most care and use natural fertilizers for its need. The students also seek for valuable and related information from the nearby Agricultural office. The student to are planning to extent the farm into its next phase by occupying g more un used spaces in the college and the students will be able to cultivate more and more varieties of plants and seeds in the farm in order to promote sustainable farming and hazard free food culture.

8.2 Research Colloquium organised for our Research Scholars

The Department of Sociology of Loyola College of Social Sciences has a very active and disciplined research colloquium, where research scholars and students showcase their research through oral presentations. The department also embraces cross disciplinary paper presentations as well. The colloquium provides the opportunity for the student community to support and educate one another. The Loyola Research Colloquium is an ancillary venture of LASIE, featuring serious academic events, covers a wide range of subject and interests. The platform offers the prospective scholars a first-hand views of the current research and scholarship occurring in the domain of sociology. Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson HoD is the research colloquium co-ordinator.

Sl No:	Name of the scholar	Topic	Date and venue
1.	Mrs.Elizabeth	“Educational Process, Learning Experiences and Manangement Model: A Qualitative Analysis of Alternative Schools in India”	20 th March 2019 JM HALL
2.	Mrs.Krishna	“Bargaining with Patriarchy: Analysis of narratives of Women on their journey in and through Kudumbasree ”	24 April 2019 JM HALL
3.	Mrs.Ramziya	Living with Infertility : A Study on the Life Experiences of Infertile Couple	7 MAR 2019 JM HALL
4.	Mrs.Sangeetha	Lived Experiences of Families coping with Autism: Implications for Social Work Practice”	JM HALL
5.	Mr. Aby Tellas	Enterpreneurial Orientation among Transgenerations of Family Businesses in Kerala”	18 June 2019 JM HALL
6.	Mrs.Ligin K L	Gender Education and Gender Mainstreaming: An Intervention Study among adolescents in Kerala”	10 JULY 2019 JM HALL
7.	Mr. Prasad R	Influence of In-migration on Socio-Geographic Space: An Ethnographic Study of a Kerala Village”	17 JUL 2019 Lecture hall 3
8.	Mr. Ranjith Thomas	A Study on the Job Satisfaction of Faculty members of Engineering Colleges in Kerala”	24 JUL 2019 JM HALL

9.	Mr . Salah	Strategic Management Practices in Yemeni Telecommunication Sector: A Study with respect to Organizational Performance	29 AUG 2019-11-19 LECTURE HALL4
10.	Mr.Anzar	Challenges and Oppournities of the Public Private Patnership(PPP) Models in the Infrastructure Development of Kerala	18 SEP 2019-11-19 JM HALL
11.	Mr. Manoj	A CASE-CONTROL STUDY ON PSYCHOSOCIAL FACTORS AND MYOCARDINAL INFRACTION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO KIMS HOSPITAL,TRIVANDRUM KERALA,INDIA	23 SEP 2019-11-19 JM HALL
12.	Ms. Nithya Krishna	Career Trajectory of Women Employees in Software Sector in Kerala	25 sep 2019 JM HALL
13.	Mrs. Jinsha	Quality of life of women in slums of Kerala	30 oct 2019-11-19 JM HALL

8.3 Internship Undertaken by our students

First Group: TUDI, Wayanad

As part of the field experience and exposure, the first group of students of M.A Sociology of Loyola College of Social Sciences, Ayswaraya Sunil, Anuraj. N, Arun Joseph John, Mareena Siby and Priya Varghese opted for doing their internship at TUDI, Wayanad.

TUDI is a tribal development group working among the tribals in Wayanad. The internship was during the summer vacation (April and May, 2019). TUDI- Tribal Unity for Development Initiatives is a socio-cultural, educational and charitable institution aims at encouraging, developing and helping the tribals to grow.

The internship days were mainly divided into two halves, with ten days each. The first half was from 2nd April -12th April and the second half was from 24th April- 6th May.

During our internship TUDI was making the plans to conduct their “Gramaulsavam”, which is a big festival and gathering of different tribal groups in Kerala. We were actively participating in the planning, co-ordination and execution of the program.

The first half of the internship mainly included field visits to different tribal settlements. We were also joined by BSW students of Rajagiri College, Ernakulum. For the visits, we were divided into different groups, each led by a TUDI member. The visits were mainly conducted either during the early morning hours or in the afternoons. We interacted with the tribals, chit-chatted and discussed and gathered information about their various problems like unemployment, displacement and many more.



The Student team at TUDI,Wayanad

We also executed classes for the tribal women and children. The topics included health and hygiene, menstrual practices etc.

During the visits we also invited them for the Gramaulsavam. We distributed notices and also verbally welcomed them.

The second half of the internship had the festive mood of “Gramaulsavam”. Tribal communities across Kerala came in and showcased their unique cultural extravaganza.

For the program, we were allocated into different committees to work for- food, program execution, decoration and cultural events. We enthusiastically participated in everything. The chief guest of the program was Shrimathi. Daya Bhai, an outstanding spoke-person and activist of the tribals. The insightful festival lasted for 5 days.

The two months were very creative, new to our experiences and was a great endeavor during our PG program.

Group 2 : Internship report: At Don Bosco Veedu Society

During the two months (April and May) of summer vacation the students of MA Sociology of Loyola College of Social Sciences, Maharshlal Hashbas, Jency Lawrence, Nikitha Nair, Niranjana Mohan, Noureen A, Bbhagyasree P R, Aiswarya Subair and V S Arjun opted for doing the internship at Don Bosco Veedu Society in Trivandrum, which is a popular NGO working for children and minorities and which is the first child line center in Kerala.

During the internship, we they were selected for a great mission of Don Bosco’s, Railway Child line, the planning and preparation of Trivandrum Central Railway resource map. They were also in front of coordinating the summer camp for the children of Karimadom slum in Trivandrum city also engaged in various outreach programs, awareness campaigns etc.

The internship program started on the 4th of April 2019. Initial days were the orientation classes introducing the various projects of Don Bosco: DREAM (Drugs Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring) coordinated by Mr.Jesphin, WEDGE (Women Empowerment Drive and Gender Equality) by Miss. Elma, Open shelter home for boys which is coordinated by Mr.Tony James, Child line by Mrs. Merina, Railway Child line by Mrs.Reshmy Mampilly, KEEN (Karimadom Education and Empowerment Network), KISMAT (Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation).

Following days of the internship included the outreach programs in which they participated in visiting Primary Health Centers, Railway Help Desk, Office works, Case reportings etc. Also worked as invigilators in tailoring class exam for women in Karimadom Colony, DREAM and WEDGE outreach program for awareness against drugs. Also interacted with the boys present then at the shelter homes.

Planning of the “RAILWAY RESOURCE MAP”

The preparation of Trivandrum Central Railway Station Resource Map, was a great endeavor which made our internship more successful and it was done with the help of Railway child line Co-ordinator Mrs. Reshmy Mampilly and the Don Bosco director Fr. Thomas and Assistant Director Fr. Jenson.

For the resource mapping, we were divided into two groups under the guidance of Reshmy



The Student team with Dr. Rajesh Chandran IRTS, Senior Divisional Commercial manager with the Resource Map

ma'am. It was a great experience and it helped us to explore the entire Trivandrum Central as another world and of its different functions beyond what is already known. Along with the explorations, without elimination even a small store, covered all the sections and departments in the railway station. The visiting and explorations in coaching depot was really amazing. It also happened to meet the Athlete and Arjuna Award winner Padmini Thomas and it was a very valuable interaction.

After covering, all the five platforms in the railway station, we made the sketch of the map. And on 16th April 2019, we submitted the Railway Resource Map to Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (IRTS) and was approved along with appreciation for the work. He signed the map as his sign of approval. **The map finally brought to the TVM central Railway Station Manager and he informed that it will be displayed in the same.**

Thus the two months of internship days were very creative, and was a great endeavor of the PG program.

Group 3: Internship Report

During the summer vacations (April and May), the students of MA Sociology of Loyola College of Social Sciences, Aswathy.G, Gayathri A L, Lekshmi.S.U, Remya A S and Reshma S S opted for doing internship at District Child Protection Unit, Trivandrum. Dcpu is an initiative of ICPS. Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) is a comprehensive scheme introduced in 2009-10 by the Government of India to bring several existing child protection programmes under one umbrella ,with improved norms. ICPS envisages setting up a District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) in each district as a fundamental unit for the implementation of the scheme. Every district shall have a District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) under the Chairpersonship of the Chairperson, District Magistrate.

We had done the internship under the guidance of ORC Psychologist Dr. Smitha Elsa Oomen in DCPU. ORC (Our Responsibility to Children) project conceived under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) provides social and psychological support to school children and was launched in Kozhikode in 2010. It has been implemented in 304 schools. The project ORC is designed to address the increasing tendency among the youth and adolescents to indulge in deviant behavior. The project ORC is a planned community intervention that connects with children and young people between the age of 12-18 years and to create a multi- collaborative platform for Government agencies and professional agencies, parents and

teachers to equip youth with appropriate know-how to face the challenges of the world they live in. The project includes a comprehensive programme with the following: Sensitization and training programme, Prevention activities, Social rehabilitation of deviant children and Monitoring and evaluation. The proposal is to develop a state level programme with community participation to offer psycho-social and emotional support to children to prevent social deviation and to rehabilitate socially deviant children. This can be materialized with the support of the following stakeholders like police, education, social Justice, LSGD, health etc.

The internship programme started on the 8 April 2019. During the initial days, we visited various Government institutions under Women Child Development Cooperation like CWC, Observation homes, Juvenile home, 'Ammathotttil', Don Bosco veed, and Child Friendly Janamaithri Kendram.

During the internship programme, we were also engaged in several programmes like 'Hello ORC' a live phone in programme in Victers channel and 'Sadhairyam munnot' a 3 day camp for children from nirbhaya home. We handled several office duties such as data entry, postal registration, personal registers etc. We also had interacted with many children who seeks counselling from ORC psychologist.

As a part of our internship, we were appointed to enquire some cases under Child Right Commission. Through this we became familiar with several stages of investigation like taking statements, report writing, suggesting instructions and so on. We successfully completed the programme on 16 May 2019 and submitted the report on the day itself.

The internship programme made us able to understand the different child protection institutions (govt and NGOs) and also the various projects undertaken by them. Thus the internship days were very fruitful, and was a great endeavor of the PG program.



11.3 A one day workshop on Youth Engagement Program on Disaster Resilience & Child

Rights

A one day workshop on **Youth Engagement Program on Disaster Resilience & Child Rights** was organized under the joint venture of KeCRO (Kerala Child Rights Observatory) in the support of UNICEF along with the Department of Sociology and Loyola Extension Services at the LES hall of Loyola College Of Social Sciences on 18 December 2018. The workshop was conducted as a part of youth engagement programs by the UNICEF and thereby making the youth get engaged and to embrace the social awareness in them.

The workshop was well attended. The participants of the workshop were the first year students of M A Sociology and MSW of Loyola College. The registration for the event started at 9:30 am following which the program started at 9:45 am. The gathering was welcomed by Mr. Maneesh, a professional social worker also a child rights activist who

coordinated the entire workshop and then the program officially began with a prayer song by Meenu and Riya K Aniyar, students of MSW Dept.

Further the program continued with the inaugural speech of Fr.Sabu.P.Thomas S.J , vice principal of the college who is also a faculty member of MSW Dept. Loyola College. In his speech he pointed out how the recent flood affected Kerala and how we cope up the situation and the role played by the youth in rescue activities via social medias. Which was followed by the presidential address of Fr.Saji.J.S.J,director of LES also a faculty member of MSW Dept., Loyola College. He evoked about the vulnerability of both women and children in our society along with the existence of three sectors in the society; the government sector, the business sector, and the civil society. Also emphasized the progress in our legislation by the implementation of certain acts like Juvenile Justice Act. Later on the gathering was felicitated by Mr. Baby Arun who is presently a communication consultant of unicef , Kerala, Tamilnadu. And it dispersed for a tea break.

The workshop after the tea break begin at 10:25 am with the session to be handled by Mr. Baby Arun. He dealt with **Disaster Risk &the Role of Youth**, where he begin with an introduction about unicef; its motto, logo also played a video entitled “Journey of UNCIEF”.

The following topics were covered:

- **Disaster Risk Reduction (via)**
 - Mitigation
 - Preparedness
 - Response
 - Recovery

- **Disaster Recovery**
 - Rehabilitation
 - Reconstruction
 - Socio Psycho support
 - Long term assistance to rebuild the community

- **Malnutrition**
- **Importance of Breast feeding**

- **Need for Iron tablets**
- **Usage of Sanitary Napkins**
- **Urge to follow the practice of Handwashing with Soap.**

Concluded the session by 12:40 pm and move to discussions where the participants took keen interest in discussions and understandings. There after a short break was given at 12:55pm.

The next session after the break started at 1:00 pm that was handled by Mr. Maneesh, the coordinator of the workshop. He dealt with **Advocating Child Rights via Social Medias**. Began the session with a question of what age group we consider as for a being a child and for that for an adolescent. The participants actively responded to the question saying several numbers and finally arrived at the point that age ranging from 10 to 19/20 are regarded as adolescence and further it is divided into three subgroups; early adolescence (10-14), middle (15-17), and late (17-19/20). Later he advocated about UNCRC and basic child rights

The Basic Child Rights:

Survival

Protection

Development

Participation

After which he dealt with the wide usage of social Medias and their applicability for a social cause. His slides included Facebook, Whatsapp, Twitter, Instagram and finally Hashtags. He concluded the session by embarking the usage of Twitter in making a social science student to get updated and to be a professional. And the gathering dispersed for lunch at 1:30pm.

The afternoon session began at 2:15 pm with an activity of group discussion where the whole participants were divided into 5 groups. Being in the groups after choosing a group leader and a writer, have to discuss about what as a youth can do in the flood affected areas also what can be done to propound the child rights then to present the ideas discussed. At first group 4 headed by Nibin of MSW and Femi Ann Mathew of sociology presented their ideas. Then group 3 headed by Vineeth benedict and Meenu of MSW presented their views following which group 1 headed by Dona of MSW and Anuraj N of sociology put forward their points. Later on group 2 led by Mareena Sibi of Sociology and Mariya of MSW presented their

discussed views and finally group 5 led by Ashwini and Anju Cerin Mathew of MSW presented their view points. Almost all the points put forward by the groups were similar some of the highlights include:

- **Involving Kudumbashree units for the works to be carried out in flood affected areas**
- **Usage of Digi locker for keeping the documents safe**
- **Reducing the usage of plastics**
- **Using trolls for propounding child rights**
- **Propagating the ideas of child rights via street play and various art forms**
- **Making web series etc.**

The discussion ended with certain value bounded ideas and the mediator of the discussion concluded that more ideas to be evolved out that as a youth can be done from our on surroundings.

After the discussions the whole gathering moved out of the hall to take the group photograph and joined back for the final evaluation. The final evaluation was chaired by Fr.Saji J S.J . All the participants actively involved in the evaluation and six of them shared their personal experiences, opinions and what they received from the workshop. Also the coordinator expressed his views and experiences after which Fr. Saji concluded it by analyzing the workshop as a fruitful one and his pleasant feeling of making it good one. And the whole workshop come to the end at 4:00 pm after the distribution of T shirts to the participants provided by UNICEF.

RUN FOR SAFE CHILDHOOD

The Sociology department of Loyola College took part in the marathon conducted by the Trivandrum child line on 20th November 2019 for safe childhood in connection to the International children's day. The marathon was destined between Kowdiar Park and Kanakakunnu Palace.

Six students from 2nd year MA Sociology (Femi Ann Mathew, Dina Varkey, Anuraj N, Noureen A, Jency Lawrence and Nikitha Nair) along with two Faculty members of the department; Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (HOD) and Mr. Prasad P R, participated the marathon throughout. The gathering for the marathon reached the starting point; Kowdiar Park by 1:30 pm for necessary arrangements including, distributing T shirts. By around 3:30 pm the initial

program have started with the address and welcoming of the gathering by Fr. Thomas P D, the director of Trivandrum, Don Bosco child line. Following which many popular personalities showered with felicitations.

Thereafter, a street play based on the protection of childhood was performed and following which the torch was lighted as the initiation of the marathon. There were around 300 participants in the marathon. The marathon reached Kanakakkunnu palace by 4:55 pm and thereby, the lighted torch was handed over to and the coordinators of the marathon proposed the words of thanks to all participated in the marathon. The whole event come to an end by 5:10 with the refreshments provided.



12. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

DR.NISHA JOLLY NELSON

Member, International Sociological Association (ISA)

Life Member, Indian Science Congress

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society

Life Member, Gerontological Association of India

Life Member, FLAIR (Fostering Linkages in Academic Innovation and Research),
Government of Kerala

Declaration

I hereby declare that the information on the social exposure visit/community services mentioned in the KSS report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson
Head,Dept of Sociology

Dr.Saji P Jacob
Principal

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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Annual Report of Programmes and Activities of the Academic Year

December 2017-November 2018

of

**Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement
(LASIE)**

Loyola Unit of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)



**In favor of consideration for
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PRESENT STUDENT STRENGTH OF THE DEPARTMENT

M.A. I Year - 26

M.A. II Year -16

PhD Full Time -14

PhD Part time -5

PRESENT STAFF STRENGTH- 5

FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT



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Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head



Mr.Prasad R., Guest Faculty



Ms.Terese Mary Chacko



Ms.Reshma Antony R

First Year Students



Second year students



INTRODUCTION

The Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram was started in the year 1963 as the founding department. Ever since then, the department was able to engage itself creatively in the wider academic horizons of Sociology in Kerala through the activities of both students and teachers. The activities and programmes are organized under the banner of **LASIE (Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement)** designed as a **unit of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)**. It is the organized forum comprising the faculty and students of the department and their engagement in academic and non-academic discourses. It is at the same time the space and also a window for the students to intervene in the community and engage themselves in society. In every academic year LASIE tries to organize programmes and activities with a pulp to aid the process of framing the young sociologists. With immense pride LASIE- KSS Loyola unit hereby, presents its report of the activities and programmes of the year 2018. This year was indeed a special one for all of us, as our programmes have scaled new heights of engaged learning and knowledge building process, combining learning with action.

GENERAL BODY MEETING-2018

The general body meeting of LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit for the academic year 2018 was held in February 2018 in the presence of Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of the Department of Sociology. The then president of the association, Aloysius T Antony addressed the occasion. He shared his experience of leading the activities of LASIE in the previous academic year and gave a general outline of the activities that were organized.

- LASIE is primarily to be viewed as a platform for building engaged knowledge [which is the tradition of LASIE] and a need for active and continued intervention in the community.
- A theme should be selected to facilitate in-depth and continued intervention in the community.

“Engaged Knowledge Building” was selected as the general theme of the activities for the academic year 2018. Sociology is a discipline that extends our view beyond all boundaries and walls which in turn give clarity to our vision. The activities of this year was decided to be focused on this agenda of extending the process of knowledge building beyond a meager

process of gathering facts inside the class room. Rather it should generate deeper understanding about the social realities and enable students to get engaged in the community especially with the marginalized sections in the society like the tribal, migrant laborers, transgender, women, children, and the elderly etc.

The office bearers of the Association for the year 2018

President: Jahnavi Nair

Vice- President: Christben D F

Secretary: Reshma Raveendran

Executive Members

Sajan M S

Arunima S

Sidharth Lal

Sujin Das

Femi Aan Mathew

Anuraj

Faculty Guidance- Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson

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1. ASSOCIATION INAUGURATION

The formal inauguration of the activities of LASIE-KSS Loyola for the year 2017 -2018 was held on 20th September 2017 at the Sutter hall. The formal function started at 10.30 am with the students and teachers of the college gathering at the Sutter hall. The function was chaired by Dr. Johan Garde, the guest of honour, Dr.Saji P Jacob, Principal and Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of the Department. The function begun with the prayer song by Ms. Catharine Jacob of II MA Sociology. The welcome address was proposed by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson Assistant Professor and Head, by introducing the guest and about the association. The function proceeded with lamp lighting ceremony by the chief guest.



The inaugural address was given by the guest of the day Prof. Johan Garde, Professor, at the Department of Social Sciences, Ersta Skondal Bracke University College, Sweden. He spoke about his main focus of issues such as civil society, religion and social work. He shared with students his 25 years of field experience as a social scientist in Latin America and the Middle East and North Africa Region. Through the session Prof. Johan Garde, shared the important questions regarding sociology of religion such as why religion, role of religion and purpose

of religion. He also shared his working experiences with the Islamic Organizations of Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq. He explained the different ways through which religion can be defined and understood. The interconnection between religion and community, the trust based society and the idea of community development through inter community basis was also well explained in the session. The different levels of identity, situations and different aspects one face when identity crisis occurs were also discussed. The session was concluded by speaking about the differences between public and private lives of Sweden and Lebanon. Following it the session was opened for discussion and it was livened with many questions and comments raised by the students and faculty.

The felicitation was done by Dr.Saji P Jacob, Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences and presented the guest of the day Prof. Garde a token of appreciation. The function was concluded by Aloysius Antony of II MA Sociology by proposing the vote of thanks.

2. Programmes organized by the Department

REGIONAL SEMINAR

2.1 (a) Regional seminar on Society, Sociology and Social Engagement

The regional seminar of KSS was organized by LASIE the KSS unit of Loyola College of Social Sciences as a prelude to the full fledged seminar conducted annually by the Kerala Sociological Society and was held on 29/10/2018 at Loyola College of Social Sciences. Prof.(Dr.) Rajan Gurukkal P M, Vice Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council and former Vice chancellor of MG University was the guest of honour. Niranjana (1st yr M.A Sociology) was invited for the prayer song followed by welcome speech by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (HOD, Department of Sociology). Dr.Saji.P.Jacob, (Principal, LCSS) gave the presidential address. The theme of the Seminar was “**Society, Sociology And Social Engagement**” .



Prof. Gurukkal delivered the speech on the emergence of the science of sociology and the element of scientific integrity of a sociologist and social historical background on science of sociology tracing from the theory of Newton. He brought out the key ideas of classical sociologist like Marx, Durkheim and Weber. He pointed out that sociology is the theoretical understanding of society. He enlightened the students who gathered there with his ideas on the fundamental differences in the approach of a historian and a sociologist. According to him, a historian treats society in a frozen state whereas a sociologist should not heed about the chronological order of affairs. He invited the attention of the students to the conceptual schema of praxis and positivism. Even though Prof. Gurukkal is a historian the insights he shared unravels his Sociological knowledge-base. The session ended with a discussion. The discussion kindled the thought process of the audience as he connected the socially relevant issues with Sociological theory which in itself is Social Engagement.

2.1(b) Half Day Seminar on Women And Legal Rights



A half-day Seminar on ‘Women and Legal Rights’ organized by Women Cell of Loyola College of Social Sciences in association with Kerala State Women’s Development Corporation and LASIE KSS was held on 13 March 2018 . The programme was commenced with a Prayer by Narayani Gopan, 2nd year MSW student. The gathering was welcomed by Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson, Coordinator, Women’s Cell and Head ,Department of Sociology followed by a Video screening on Women’s Rights by Kerala State Women’s Development Corporation. Adv.J Sandhya who is a vibrant and energetic activist from Human Rights Law Network was the Chief Guest and speaker of the seminar. A Mime on Women’s Rights by Sociology 2nd year Students got the applause of the audience as it imparted the theme of Gender equality. Dr.Saji P Jacob, Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences felicitated the event.



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NATIONAL SEMINAR

2.2 (a) National seminar on “Currents in Gender and Democracy: The Role of Media”

One day national seminar on Currents in Gender and Democracy: The Role of Media started around 9:43 am by Jahnavi Nair (1st yr M.A Sociology) and Aloysius (2nd yr M. A Sociology) projecting the theme of the national seminar. Program started by invoking the blessings of God almighty. Reshma Raveendran (1st yr M.A Sociology) was invited for the prayer song followed by welcome speech by Mrs. Smitha Pillai (Guest Faculty, Department of Sociology). Dr.Saji.P.Jacob, (Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences) gave the presidential address. He pointed out that the themes Media, Gender and Democracy are very complicated.

Presidential address was followed by inaugural address and lamp lighting ceremony, Prof (Dr.) Jacob John Kattakkayam the guest of honour, congratulated the Sociology department for organizing this national seminar. He pointed out that if women have the power to take independent decisions then only we will be able to eradicate gender inequality. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. J. Prabhash (eminent political scientist and former Pro- Vice Chancellor University of Kerala). He pointed out the issues related to gender and wellbeing in order to propose alternative ways with a view to improve the quality

of life, “both democracy and media facing a severe crisis”. He also said that if need to improve the quality of media, it’s we who have to raise voice against inequalities existing, then only media will get the fire to ask questions. Society is now melting into crowd. Women are present but are absent in many spheres of society. There should be proper institutions then only can give proper guidance to democracy. He points out that Media should ask questions then only can say truth to power. He also added that strategy needs to be developed through a democratic process to create gender equality. Before concluding, he congratulated Sociology department for organizing this seminar on such important theme.

Dr.Sabu.P.Thomas, Vice Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences felicitated the gathering by projecting today's reality that women are being alienated, democracy taking a different turn and media in the hands of business oriented people. Still there are ways we could overcome this existing issues. Ms. Lini Jolly (Guest Faculty, Department of sociology) proposed the vote of thanks and reflected upon the discussions, thereby thanking the participants and audience. After the tea break, special session started around 11: 17, moderated by Dr. Sonny Jose (Head, Department of Social work). Panelists Mr. M G Radhakrishnan (Editor in chief, Asianet news) pointed out that how media projects women and how it should be studied in different ways. He pointed out that in Kerala women live longer, Women enjoys much more than men and also he said we need to overcome the existing stereotypes. The session was open for discussion later. The next session was by Dr. Jameela Beegum (Former Head and Dean, Institute of English, University of Kerala). She pointed out the need in bringing gender justice, gender empowerment and how women and media have to play an important role. Lots of challenging questions were raised at the end of the session. Dr. Sonny Jose concluded by pointing all the points discussed by the session panelists. Around 12:45 technical session started which was chaired by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson ,Head of the department of Sociology. The paper presentations were mainly focused on women and media, television as an agent of gender socialization, beauty myth and its false belief, porn addiction and portrayal of women in media.



The afternoon sessions started at 2:00pm on the topic Media and Democracy was moderated by Dr Pramod S K (Head of Department, Counseling Psychology). The panelists were Mr. Gouridasan Nair (Senior journalist, The Hindu Daily) and Dr.N P Chandrashekharan (Director, News and Current Affairs). The moderator invited two panelists and gave a brief idea about the topic. Mr. Gouridasan Nair started his session around 2:15pm where he pointed out the growth of liberal democracy. He stated that media has an important role in commercializing knowledge in these times using technological advancements. He also pointed out that democracy and media having under lied connection which is deeply rooted .and he said about how the social media monitors our privacy accounts by pointing to an example of Cambridge Analytica, the international data mining and analysis company which helped US President Donald Trump win the elections through a targeted communication campaign. Media is now used as a weapon for the destruction of democracy. He said that media is now governing each and every individual and lack of privacy is a major crisis in social media. After his discussion the moderator pointed that media is ruling our life rather than we rule them and stated that media is an eye opener. After the comments of moderator Dr. N P Chandrashekharan (Director, News and current affairs), Malayalam communications ltd) started his session by supporting the statement of moderator media is an eye opener. He said that without media we cannot think see, feel, think, watch, live and make opinions etc. media is not made for a single individual, it connects the people together. Actually media might not focus on truth, something seems to be truth is projected by the media and people came to believe it as truth. He said that we should have to interact with media consciously.

Media is controlling us rather than us controlling them. Now it is an almighty than God. It measures us in sixteen types. Later the session was opened for discussion.

The discussion included questions raised by Mr. Prasad R (faculty and research scholar) on how does the speaker holds the ethics of media in preserving democracy. A supportive argument was raised by Ms. Aneeta (research scholar).

The Valedictory functions started around 3:30 were Mr. Prasad (Guest Faculty) delivered the welcome speech. He welcomed Dr. Antony Palackkal (President KSS ,Associate Professor,Department of Sociology, University of Kerala) the guest of the ceremony. The Presidential address was delivered by Fr. Sabu P Thomas, Vice principal. He pointed that media is the pillar of democracy. The valedictory address was proposed by Dr. Antony Palackkal. He appreciated the department of sociology for organizing the seminar and for selecting this theme. He started his session by pointing the reciprocal relationship between media and people and raised a question that, what is the dominant discourse which influences us? He said about the neo liberal market economy, that there is not only materialistic commercialization but also non materialistic in our economy. Dr.Palackkal pointed that the main principles that laid the pillars of market economy are individualism, competition, privatization etc. He also discussed about the ethics of media in post capital economy and he pointed out the corporatization and strategic alliance. Dr.Palackkal concluded his session by discussing about the cultural homogeneity. The programme came to an end by proposing the Vote of thanks which was delivered by Mrs. Smitha Pillai.

2.2 (b) National seminar on “State Migrant Workers in Kerala; Labour and Civil”

A two day National seminar was organised by the Department of Sociology on the topic State Migrant Workers in Kerala; Labour and Civil. The Inaugural session of the National Seminar began at 10 am by invoking the blessings of God by Abhishek S, student of 1st year M.Sc Psychology. The welcome speech was delivered by Dr. Saji. P. Jacob, Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences Trivandrum. The Seminar was inaugurated by Mr. Tom Jose IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Labour and Skills, Government of Kerala, by lighting the lamp, followed by his inaugural speech. In his inaugural speech he spoke about migration, reasons for migration, the issues faced by migrants, addressing the migrants as ‘guest workers’. The presidential address was proposed by Prof. Dr. M A Oommen, Emeritus Professor, CDS, Trivandrum, he talked about the need to re-examine the statistics of migrant workers and also asserted that migration is a multi- dimensional phenomenon. The felicitation was delivered by Fr. Joy James S.J., Rector and Manager, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum. He spoke about push and pulls factors that leads to migration and also about unemployment in Kerala which leads to large migration. He also posed the question whether migration is a problem, challenge or opportunity. The vote of thanks was delivered by Fr. Sabu. P. Thomas, Vice Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum.

The key note address was delivered by Dr, A.V. Jose, Retired Programme Director, International Labour Organization (ILO). He spoke about the reasons for migration, i.e. they mainly migrate due to economic compulsions. He elaborated on housing, which is one of the major problems migrants face. He also mentioned that the scope for action at the international level for addressing the issues of migrant workers was limited. He pointed out that the society views migrants as aliens who are not included as part of society. He urged the civil society to address migrant issues which include – strengthening the supply side of the labour, raising reserve price, providing options to women migrants in the area where they wish to work, providing good quality food grains, good sanitation, prescribe policies for them and making them part of the social security system of destination state. By 11.45 a.m. the gathering was

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By 12:00 noon the seminar began. The seminar dynamics was presented by Mr. Prasad R., Organising Secretary of the Seminar. The speakers were welcomed by Fr. Martin. The 1st session was handled by Dr. C.S. Venkiteswaran, Gulati Institute, Kerala on 'Migrants and Mind Sets'. He spoke about migration as an important social issue. One of the main reasons he mentioned for migration is rural unemployment. Problems faced by guest workers include – lack of administration, lack of community organization, indifferences and lack of media support. He suggested certain ways to address their problems through linking registration

with the welfare board to get welfare benefits and the urgent need for convergence between and within the government.

The second talk of the session was led by Mr. Vishnu Narendran, Director of Programmes Centre for Migration and Inclusive Development, Perumbavoor, Ernakulam, on behalf of Dr. Benoy Peter. He made a detailed presentation on 'The Existing Patterns and Trends of Inter-State Migration in Kerala'. He provided a brief history of migration and also about the various sectors in the migrant labours work. He also noted that majority of the migrants found in Kerala are Tamilians and Bengalis. He discussed about the typology of labour which includes – Naka based labour, formal employees, informal employees and captive labour. By 1:15pm the session came to an end. And the platform was open up for posing questions. Fr. Martin asked question to both the speakers. The question raised by him included – why does labour become soft targets and why migrants in Kerala can't be included in the existing schemes given for other Kerala labour class. Mr. Manoj, Volunteer Worker - Jeevika Migrant Outreach Services, Kozhikode, posed question to Dr. C.S. Venkiteswaran. The question was, does labour get any benefit for complicated issues. Mr. Madhusudhanan Nag, PhD Scholar, CDS, Orissa, posed question to Mr. Vishnu Narendran regarding the source from which statistical data of the migrant labours were obtained. Both the speakers answered the questions posed by the audience. By 1:20 pm everyone dispersed for lunch.

After the lunch, the third session began by 2:15 pm and was handled by Ms.Garima Maheswari Institute for Peace and Studies, New Delhi, on 'Climate Vulnerability and Rights of Inter – State Migrants' as part of environmental and psychological vulnerabilities of ISM's. Miss.Garima spoke about the climate adaptive plans and stated India to be vulnerable to the climate changes and also talked about the various vulnerable groups like workers in fisheries and agriculture. She also discussed about the states that are more vulnerable to the climate changes as West Bengal, Gujarat, Kerala and Orissa and on how the migrant workers started to learn languages by the way of recording and how they understood their rights. Ms.Garima concluded the session by pointing out the fact that it is the poor planning during various disasters which lead to environmental stress and migration.

The next presentation of that day was on 'Alienation Among Inter –State Migrant Labours In Kerala' by Dr.Pramod S.K., Head of the Department of Psychology, LCSS, Trivandrum and Dr.Sunil Kumar, Librarian, LCSS, Trivandrum. Dr.Pramod S.K, in his presentation discussed about the construction industry and migration, he also discussed about the reasons for migrant

in flow. He presented the findings of a pilot study which was conducted by the Department, to understand the field reality, the heterogeneity of the population and to have a clear cut idea regarding the nature of the psychological problems and its intensity among the migrant labourers. The session was then taken over by Dr.Sunil Kumar who presented seven case studies of migrant labours on the basis of qualitative study and provided recommendations for the same. The session came to an end and the platform was open for questions. Mr. Anupam Das, posed question on why there is a need for aadhar card , ID card and Labour card in Kerala for migrants and also why there is a need for taking vaccination when it is already been taken by the migrants in their source state or country. Further questions were posed by the Principal, Dr.Saji Jacob, on the differences between the presentations of Ms.Garima and qualitative study taken by Dr.Sunil Kumar. The discussion concluded with the last question by Mr.Madhusudaran Nag, Research scholar, CDS, Trivandrum on the climate change. The first day of the two day seminar on Inter–State workers in Kerala: labour and civic life came to an end at 3:35 pm. Then everyone dispersed for tea break by 3.45 pm.

The second day of the seminar started with the fourth session of the conference at 9:50am and lasted up to 11:50am. The theme of the Session was on “Political Economic and Human Rights Perspective”. The Session Chairperson was Dr. Prakash Pillai, Head- Department of MA.HRM, LCSS. There were 4 speakers in this panel:

The first speaker was Mythri Prasad Aleyamma, Associate Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi. Her topic of presentation was “‘Political Economy of Migration in Kerala: Evidence from Ethnographic Fieldwork’”. The session was about the political economy of migration in Kerala. Malayalis have a long track record of migration to other States as well as foreign countries. The economy of Kerala gets considerable support from the earnings of the migrant population, especially of those working in Gulf countries and Europe. The State has had abundant manpower, both skilled and unskilled, for being deployed in other parts of India and abroad. But, of late, Kerala has been witnessing migration of a different kind — hundreds of workers reaching the State from other States. Dr. Mythri Prasad Aleyamma explained about the migration process she studied on Valarpadam port terminal during the port construction and on Perumbavoor market area. She also talked about the experiences, perception and negotiations of migrant workers and called construction as a commodity production. Different types of recruitment process are done by the contractors among the migrant workers. The trade unions always support and recruit the Malayali labours. The session also discussed about the different wage systems among the

migrant workers. There are mainly two types of wage systems subcontracting and direct recruitment. The phenomenon has arisen out of the need for more labour in the State, especially in cities such as Kochi that are witnessing a boom in development activities. The reluctance of the average Malayali to take up manual labour has turned out to be a boon to the migrants from across the borders. Dr. Mythri introduced the concept of “ethnic wage welfare complex” to describe the problems of migrant workers in Kerala.

The Second speaker, Fr. Martin Puthussery, Head- Labour and Migration Unit, ISI Bangalore, talked on the topic: ‘Migrant workers in Kerala: A Right Perspective. Fr. Martin talked about the people’s perspective towards the migrant labours during this session. He explained about the circumstances that lead these people to migrate to other places in search of good living conditions which he named as Distress Migration. He also focused on explaining about the various violence, discrimination and deprivation faced by these migrants in our land. Many newspaper reports were shown as evidence to the points he raised. There is an alarming increase in the number of accidents and death among these laborers in our state. Their deaths are unreported and the dead bodies are sold for money to hospitals by the contractors. One of the major problems they face is withholding of wages and no payments. Several trade unions have already urged the government to frame a policy on migrant labour. The issue was raised at a recent meeting organized by the Industrial Department with trade union leaders in Kochi.

The third speaker Advt. Bobby Thomas, Migrant Workers Union, Kerala, presented on the topic “Labour exploitation of Migrant workers”. He threw light on the poor living conditions, low wages, political scenarios inequalities in their native place that push them to migrate to other places in search of better living conditions. Later he talked about constitutional provisions of our country and his real life experiences in dealing with the migrant labourers. He said that there is no dignity shown to these workers life. He also talked about the various unreported death cases. Though the Labour Department has been monitoring the situation, more needs to be done. Rules pertaining to the contract workers and regulations on inter-State migrant workers are applied by the department to ensure welfare of the migrant workers. Periodic inspections are carried out by the department to find out violation of rules. Contractors are bound to provide accommodation and medical facilities. One per cent of the cost of the construction project has to be deposited with the department by the contractor towards the welfare fund for the workers. Similarly, the regulations pertaining to migrant workers maintain that Rs.1,000 per worker is to be deposited with the department. The sum

will be spent for the welfare activities of migrant labourers whenever need arises, according to Labour Department officials. One of the major problems faced by migrant labour is the lack of adequate residential amenities. With the rents shooting up in cities such as Kochi, the struggle for survival would be more difficult for the migrants. The situation will lead to the springing up of slums in street corners. Migrant labour getting involved in criminal activities is another concern for the authorities. While the existing rules and regulations perform a key role in ensuring justice to the migrants, there is a need for more measures. The Southern Initiative on Globalization and For Trade Union Rights (SIGTUR), an international body of trade union movements, which met in Kochi recently, observed several instances of exploitation of labour.

After the sessions, the floor was open for discussion. The various questions that came up were: What are the dangers that as a society could face in the upcoming years due to the increased number of migrant workers? What can be the consequences that can happen when you raise them to the equal level in the society? Why is the government not ready to start any welfare association or any policies or schemes for the migrant workers? What are the methods of recruitment adopted among the migrant workers? Who do the contractors and trade unions prefer?

The fifth session of the seminar started at 12.05pm and lasted upto 1pm. The Session theme was 'Migrant's children in Kerala'. The Session chairperson was Dr. NishaJolly Nelson, Head, Department of Sociology, LCSS. Ms.Jayasree Kulakkunnath, teacher and researcher, Ernakulam, presented on the topic "How can we address the social barriers faced by migrant children?". Ms.Jayasree talked about the various teaching techniques that she and the school adopt to teach the migrant kids. She also discussed about the barriers the students face in classroom learning. Some videos of the students reading Malayalam was also shown and she mentioned about the effectiveness and benefits of code switching.

In recent years, schools around industrial areas in Ernakulam district have been taking in migrant children, whose parents mostly work in plywood and hollow brick industries. Natives of West Bengal, Orissa and north Indian states, they live in poor conditions, usually in cramped one-room rented houses without any facilities. The children do not go to school; they are locked up by parents while they go to work, or are seen roaming the streets. Without any schooling, they are likely to start working at an early age. India Together had earlier reported on the increasing number of migrant child labourers in Kerala, including in

industries in Ernakulam district. Some schools, mostly the government ones, have been proactively identifying and enrolling these children, and a few now have more migrant than local students. This has helped some schools stay afloat. While children are able to attend school and be safe from exploitation and work, the higher student numbers keep schools from being shut down. Migrant children are admitted to age-appropriate classes even if they had not gone to school before or don't know Malayalam. But as the schools are in Malayalam medium, children face difficulties in coping with studies. To integrate them, schools have developed special programmes. Ms. Jaysree talked about Government's Flagship programme called Roshni which aimed at inclusive education for migrant children. After the presentation discussions followed on the following areas: Migrant students are taught Malayalam here, so what will be their future in their place? Like Roshni do you have any such programme in Trivandrum?

After the lunch break the Sixth session began at 1.35pm. The theme of the session was: unionization and civil society formation, which was chaired by Dr.Sonny Jose, Head, Department of Social Work,LCSS. The first speaker, Mr.George Mathew, Social Activist, Ernakulam, presented on the topic, "Labour rights violation of migrant labourers and Labour Unions in Kerala". He talked about the experience that he had in connection with the death of the migrants and the related problems. He also talked about certain rights of the migrants in the case of accidents in the workplace. Migrant workers in Kerala face multiple challenges, exploitation and also receive much lower wages and work longer hours than local labourers. A vast majority of the workers had to put up with squalor conditions and illnesses. According to a report commissioned by the Labour ministry, the number of Migrant Labourers in Kerala has crossed 25 lakhs. The study shows that over 75 per cent of them come from the states of West Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Orissa. They come here in various ways and for various reasons.Labour and Health officials have shut down several labour camps in Ernakulam district for lacking proper sanitation facilities. There are more than over 134 camps for migrant labourers in Ernakulam alone. There are little or no social security laws protecting them with hundreds of people sharing slum-like homes that grossly eludes sanitary and health conditions. The greatest problem faced by migrants is the transition to a new place. They sleep in a Verandah at the railway station where the police regularly warn them to leave. A lot of the people look like them but they feel different from them. While they make-do by cooking and eating their native food, the language barrier really gets in the way of normal life.

The second speaker was Speaker 2, Sr.Gracy, Social Worker, Migrant outreach services, Calicut, started her presentation at 2pm, on the programme called Jeevika run by her organization. To create an identity for migrant workers in Kerala, to identify leaders among the migrant workers and create unity among the migrant workers from different states are some of its major objectives. She also talked about certain activities and services they have undertaken to support the migrant workers. Kerala is the first State in the country to enact a social security scheme for the migrant workers. While a comprehensive legislation for migrants' welfare is still in the works, the Kerala Migrant Workers Welfare Scheme 2010 was the beginning. The scheme provides a registered migrant four benefits: accident/ medical care for up to ₹25,000; in case of death, ₹1 lakh to the family; children's education allowance; and termination benefits of ₹25,000 after five years of work. When a worker dies, the welfare fund provides for the embalming of the body and air transportation. Socially, Keralites have now recognized migrant workers as a reality. A popular television sit-com has a rural housewife character. She has learnt to speak Hindi to communicate with the migrant workers whom she encounters in every shop, restaurant and workplace.

The third speaker was Mr. Anupam Das, Coordinator at Shremik Kalyan Kendra, Don Bosco, Trivandrum. He explained about interventions and challenges of NGO's in Interstate Migration Support. Sramik Kalyan Kendra is one such organization that stands as a support system for the migrant labours. Mr. Anupam Das explained about the various programmes that are conducted under this association, some of them include insurance schemes and medical camps. The Society for Labor and Development is connecting the grassroots to the global through research and action. They are internationally recognized for their cutting edge research on migration and labor issues and their critical support for labor rights on global supply chains. Through their internship programs they are also training the next generation of advocates and organizers for migrant workers. While children of thousands of migrant labourers remain out of school despite Government's initiatives like Right to Compulsory and Free Education (RTE), a voluntary organization in Mysore has made a small beginning by setting up tent schools at construction sites to provide elementary education to these children.

At 2.45pm the floor was opened for discussion. The following queries emerged: What do you think can be the dangers that our woman community could face in future? What is the main focus of the presentation? Is it migration as a phenomenal problem or migrants as a problem? What is your advice to the woman folk in our society to deal with the migrants?

The Valedictory session started at 3:35. Welcome speech was given by Ms. Francina P X. The Principal of Loyola College, Dr. Saji P Jacob, delivered the presidential address followed by Mr. G. C. Gopala Pillai who gave the felicitation to Mr. A. Alexander IAS. Later on Mr. A. Alexander IAS addressed the gathering. He shared about the work done by the Labour Department on behalf of migrants. He talked about the challenges, especially the mobility of migrant workers, in implementing programmes for the workers. Clarifications as to the statistics of workers were also made. He concluded by sharing his experience as an alumni of Loyola College of Social Sciences. Mr. Prasad. R delivered the vote of thanks to the guest, faculty, non teaching staffs and the students. The program concluded with the National Anthem.

2.3(a) Creative Workshop on Terracotta Jewellery making led by Ms. Dyfna Abilash, Jewellery designer, Paramparya Terracotta Jewellery on 8th March 2018



A one day creative workshop on Terracotta Jewellery making was held in association with women cell and KSS LASIE at Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram. The Resource person for the session was Ms. Dyfna Abilash, Jewellery designer, Paramparya

Terracotta Jewellery. Around 30 students attended the workshop and they made creative terracotta jewelleryes.

Welcome speech was done by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Women cell coordinator and Head ,Department of Sociology and the function was presided by Dr. Saji.P. Jacob, Principal and felicitated by Fr. Saji. S.J., Faculty of Social Work, Loyola College. The key speaker and Resource person conducted a creative session that students enjoyed. Participation Certificates were given to the participants by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson.

2.4(a)STREET THEATRE WORKSHOP

A street theatre Workshop was organized in the college under the leadership of LASIE for the Sociology students. The workshop was inaugurated on 3rd November 2018, Saturday at 10:00 am. The students were divided into five and each group was assigned a task for the day. The task assigned to each group rotated eachday. Each day started with a yoga session at 6am in the morning and came to an end at about 9:30 pm in the night. The workshop was well planned taking up a step by step building strategy through games. After each game the group sat together for reflections on the session. The different values and qualities embedded in the game were analysed. This helped in making it something beyond a silly game. The different stages of the mirror game and trust game were the highlights of the workshop. In mirror game the person has to imitate a person just like a mirror. This helped in overcoming the inhibitions of the individuals in expressing themselves. Trust games were the unique sessions of the workshop. In one of the trust games the group members were to lift each member above the head, and then they have to drop the person down and hold him. These sessions helped in experiencing the feeling like fear, insecurity, and trust in oneself and in the group. The trust games were carried out under strict supervision by the coordinators. Each participant was given enough time and attention according to their need.

Game sessions were also carried out for developing leadership skills, sound modulation and confidence in both body and mind of the individual. Each person was given many chances to lead the group, like the game in which the each person has to run in between the members making sounds of different frequency helped in learning stress management, developing leadership, confidence and sound modulation. Stilling technique was developed through its different stages by different games in which first each person and then a group has form

different skills. The concept of space and the proper use of the space were conveyed by the coordinators. The idea of effective use of body for creating various forms for making effective Street plays were pointed out. Games like 'friend will save you' were played to show the importance of friends. It also pointed at who is a real friend. These games were very different and helpful. In the end the whole group was divided into two and were asked to perform street plays on the topics 'child Rights' and 'Adolescence'. The plays were prepared under the supervision of one of the coordinators, which was a wonderful experience.



2.4 (b) Craft Workshop

A craft making workshop was organised under the banner of LASIE- KSS for the students of the department to promote the use of waste paper and its reuse. Students were taught how to create beautiful artefacts out of used colour papers from thrown out magazines and books. The students created cards and decorated it with colour pencils, and crayons.



INVITED LECTURES OR TALKS

2.3 (a) Joan Garde

An invited lecture was given to the students by Dr. Joan Garde who spoke about his main focus of issues such as civil society, religion and social work. His 25 years of experience has made a dramatic influence on students. Through the session Prof. Johan Garde, shared the important questions regarding sociology of religion such as why religion, role of religion and purpose of religion. He also shared his working experiences with the Islamic Organizations of Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq. He explained the different ways through which religion can be defined and understood. The interconnection between religion and community, the trust based society and the idea of community development through inter community basis was also well explained in the session. The different levels of identity, situations and different aspects one face when identity crisis occurs were also discussed. The session was concluded by speaking about the differences between public and private lives of Sweden and Lebanon. Following it the session was opened for discussion and it was livened with many questions and comments raised by the students and faculty.

2.3 (b) Dr. Angelo Mathew

Dr Angelo Mathew was invited to take a lecture on improving students communicative and listening skills. He dealt with the importance of communicating skills that helps the students to achieve more in life. He also taught the students the importance of speaking with confidence. He made the students take part in a word game to enhance their vocabulary and pronunciation skills. Students had a fruitful session.



2.3 (c) Dr. Pramod S K

Prof. Dr Pramod S K was invited to take a lecture on stress management and goal setting. He started the session by asking the students about their life goals by giving them 5 questions that each student should ask oneself. He gave the students a brief description related to different relaxation techniques,



2.3 (d) Fr. Saji S J

Fr. Saji was invited to take a lecture on Communicative English. He brought in some introductory books related to communication skills and showed some videos on how to speak English effectively and pronounce. He divided the class into pairs and made them do conversation exercise.



DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES

2.4 (a) Debate on Scrapping of Section 377 of Indian Penal Code

A debate was conducted on the topic ‘Scrapping of **Section 377 of IPC**’ on 18/09/2018. The debate was moderated by Prasad Ravikumar (faculty of Department of Sociology). The verdict was for legalization of LGBTQ a community that has been facing marginalization since its emergence. The debate was conducted for and against the topic where the students actively participated. They raised arguments that the community should be legalized as they are also human beings and part of society. They have the right to live and to participate in the activities of mainstream society. Because of the so called identity they were denied of those rights. Students also had an opinion that it was against the law of nature and basic function of human reproduction and society. Students also had opinions promoting homosexuality might affect the sexual orientation of the upcoming generation. There were also opinions that the job of the judiciary is to put existing laws into practice, it is not their job to make laws or repeal laws. That is the job of the elected parliament. The moderator concluded the debate by saying that each law and rule of our country is an opportunity for living a good life. This verdict opened up new opportunities for a section that had been marginalized for a long period while it may have hurt some people’s feelings. We must learn to live with such changes. This reflects our country’s concept of “Unity in Diversity”.

2.4 (b) Discussion on Sabarimala Verdict

On 8th of October 2018 a discussion on the Supreme Court verdict of Sabarimala Women entry was organized by the department. The event was of one hour duration and was held in the 2nd M.A Sociology classroom. The discussion commenced with the welcome address by Jahnavi Nair of 2nd M.A Sociology, the President of our association. Ms. Reshma Antony, faculty of our department was the moderator. She briefed about the topic and left the platform open for students.

There were students who spoke in favor of the verdict and there were some who voiced their dissent. Ms. Femi Ann Mathew and Ms. Mareena Siby of 1st MA Sociology started the discussion followed by Anuraj and Reshma of 1st M.A Sociology and Jahnavi and Alen Jose of 2nd year. Nikitha and Sarath lambasted the verdict when the students who were in favor of the entry of women shed lights on the socio economic political and ecological implications of the verdict, a broader perspective of gender equality was upheld and highlighted. Aiswarya

Subair of 1st M.A Sociology shared her views on the verdict quoting her personal experience of being women in a minority community. Priya Vargeese of 1st M.A Sociology supported the verdict underlined gender equality whereas Sujin of 2nd M.A Sociology took a pro temple Devaswom board stand. Arun of 1st M.A shared his experience of a similar case in a different religion of Fr. Sajan of 2nd MA sociology. The session ended with the vote of thanks by Jahnavi Nair.

2.4(c) Discussion on Honour Killing

A discussion on Honour Killing was conducted by the Women's Cell in collaboration with the reading club and KSS LASIE on 26 of June 2018, Tuesday at 3:00 pm in the Sutter Hall of Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram. The topics of presentation revolved around

- a) The concept of Honour Killing and its prevalence at International, National and State level.
- b) Specific Focus on the Honour Killing incidents in Kerala i.e. murder of Athira and Kevin and its causes.
- c) Critical evaluation of the interventions done by the police as well as the Government, and future solutions and interventions at the college and community level.



2.4(d) Discussion on movies

A series of movies were screened as part of LASIE ,KSS in order to improve the students' insight on how mass media take up social issues and its portrait on another aspect. The films that were showcased were Stoning of Soraya, Ottaal, Ambedkar, Secret Superstar, Thaniavarthanam and Lunchbox.

Movie 1: *The Stoning of Soraya M*

The Stoning of Soraya M is inspired by Paris-based journalist Freidoune Sahebjam's acclaimed 1994 international bestseller of a true incident that happened in Iran in 1986. *The Stoning of Soraya M.* is a stark and painful example of what happens when evil is justified by a distortion of what is good, in this case, Islam. Millions of Muslims suffer every day as they see how their religion is misused by a misinformed faction and thus is misunderstood by other peoples around the world. Soraya's story is even more painful and disturbing to them, and our hearts go out to them in empathy.



Movie 2: Ambedkar

LASIE organized the screening of the movie Baba Saheb Ambedkar written by Daya Pawar, Arun Sadhu, Sooni Taraporevala. The film begins with drawings of exploitation of untouchables moving in tandem with the narrative voice explaining the history, origins and religious justification of the caste system lying in the 'Purushsukta' and the 'Manusmriti'. With discrimination inherent in every frame of the historical background of untouchability, the movie links this phenomenon to contemporary experiences of its ideas of purity and pollution. Once it establishes a secure premise for continuing caste-based exploitation in India even in the 21st century, it flows into Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar's story. The journey of his life, portrayed impeccably by Mammooty, blends the history of the individual and collective self with that of a colony desiring freedom from its imperial rulers. We see Ambedkar in different lights- as a brilliant scholar (as an economist and professor) intent on proving his worth, a frustrated 'Mahar' (untouchable caste) unable to find lodging, a father wrecked by the misery of losing four of his children, a leader of the Depressed Classes aiming to improve the lot of his people, an opponent of Gandhi and the Congress party's claims to represent all Indians, a dedicated lawyer and charismatic speaker. Even though the film veers towards romanticizing his life by imparting numerous desirable traits to his character, a few scenes show rare flashes of him losing his temper or wallowing in melancholy, to make his representation more lifelike, realistic and convincing. Despite the length of the film (about 3 hours), wearisome biographical details, and long-winded descriptions of India's past, the viewer concedes to experiencing the protagonist's joys and sorrows, and feels enlightened and inspired by the end of this biopic.

The issue of untouchability is central to Ambedkar's struggle. Its connection with religion, superstition, beliefs about the sacred and profane, opposition to modern ideas of rationalism, and associated suppression form the basis of Ambedkar's arguments in the film. He emphatically claims, A god that discriminates is not a god-its just a stone, to shake the very foundation of the tenets of Hinduism about the 'Chaturvarna' system. Clearly delineating rigid lines of caste along birth and occupation, his research into this social system complemented his personal experiences to combine ideas of equality, liberty and justice with a Shudras suffering, which is justified by the prevailing social order in terms of horrific dehumanization and equation with animals. As a result, his battle for freedom did not correlate with the prevailing movement for India's independence which he saw as being marked by inconsistent attitudes. Instead, he chose to keep the interests of the 'Shudras'

supreme, asserted the reality of caste discrimination and pragmatically demanded special rights and privileges for his community, even going to the extent of risking his life and reputation for this cause.

Hence, this movie is an engaging subject of analysis as it aims to capture several incidents, concepts and issues of the quintessentially pre and post independence Indian experience through the life of an illustrious individual, while simultaneously highlighting facets of this experience that have universal relevance.

Movie 3 and discussion :Ottaal

Jayaraj's miraculous directorial strokes in 'Ottaal' admirably transports the grief stricken nine-year old Vanka Zhukov from the cobbler's den in Moscow on to the rain sodden farmlands of Kuttanadu, that lie sopping wet, the harvest done. Anton Chekov's celebrated short tale 'Vanka' finds a striking and heart-rending expression in 'Ottaal' that does full justice to its distressing theme. Eight year old Kuttappayi (Ashanth K Shah) having lost both his parents accompanies his grand dad (Kumarakom Vasudevan) to the water filled farms where they plan to spend the post-harvest season rearing ducks. Canoeing about in the muddy waters with the ducks quacking away to glory, the duo hold on to each other, despite one having reached the horizon of his life and the other having just about commenced on his journey.

When Valiyappachayi realizes that his days have been counted, he starts worrying about what would happen to the boy, when he isn't around anymore. Acting upon the assurances of Mesthiri (Shine Tom Chacko), he decides to send Kuttappayi to work at a cracker factory, and coaxes the boy to agree with him, by lying to him that he is being sent to a school. 'Ottaal' effortlessly recreates the Russian tale on an alien soil, since the story that it portrays is one that transcends place and time. It talks of the million of unfortunate young souls across the world, who are destined to spend their lives in slavery, powerlessly watching what is left of their childhood ebb away into oblivion. This is why 'Ottaal' strikes us as at once personal and universal, and draws us into the exquisite innocence of childhood, where Kuttappayi roams around, plucking water lilies and fishing from the ponds, with a nameless dog and a young boy whom he befriends - Tinku - for company. The underlying unruliness that permeates his life is one that is ironically blissful, and shorn of it, Kuttappayi finds himself on a no-man's land. Yet, there is the stray of trust that is incorporated deep within the clay model that he sculpts for Tinku, which later on bags an honour in the competition. Hanging on fervently to

this isolated optimistic thought, Kuttappaayi lights a candle and starts writing a letter to his grand dad, hoping against hope that salvation is not far. It have often been astonished by Jayaraj making actors out of non-actors, and in 'Ottaal' he repeats the fete yet again, by drawing out a compelling performance from Kuamarakom Vasudevan, who gets it just right. The expressions are minimal, but the impact as required. And there is also a charming act by the child actor Ashanth, who succeeds in bringing in the vulnerability that makes Kuttappayi's account one that tugs at your heart.

Somehow it seems like 'Ottaal' has compromised a bit on the production values and the frames at times look darker than is usual. And yet if the film stuns you on account of the visual imagery that it lays down before us, it is thanks to the gorgeous cinematography by M J Radhakrishnan that has lapped up the stunning Kuttanad landscape in all its glory.

'Ottaal' is refreshingly grounded in humanism, and serves as a pointer to a world where things have gone astray. This is why, even after the ducks have gone and the last of the migratory birds flapped its wings and flown away, the ripples set off by Kuttappayi's tiny feet in the waters will remain.

Movie 4: The Lunch Box

The Lunchbox is a 2013 Indian epistolary romantic film written and directed by Ritesh Batra and produced by Guneet Monga, Anurag Kashyap, and Arun Rangachari. The movie is about how a mistaken delivery in Mumbai's famously efficient lunchbox delivery system connects a young housewife to an older man in the dusk of his life as they build a fantasy world together through notes in the lunchbox. Like a tiffin carrier, The Lunchbox has levels - it is the story of a man so lonely, he's forgotten what any companionship means. It is the story of a suburban housewife, deeply alone. It is the story of meeting via eating. It is a love-story - and a love-letter to Mumbai, to trains that go to dabbawalas and rain, to love and life, sugar and spice, the despair and hope that mark every heart. The movie speaks about the beauty of unseen relationships, and also how love happens even without touch and sight but with taste and memories.

Movie 5: The Secret Super star

Secret Superstar is a 2017 Indian musical drama film, written and directed by Advait Chandan, and produced by Aamir Khan and Kiran Rao. The film tells the coming-of-age story of a teenage girl who aspires to be a singer, uploading videos on YouTube while disguising her identity with a niqab, and her relationships with her mother, father and mentor.^[14] The film deals with social issues including feminism, gender equality and domestic violence. The movie portrays the gender inequality that still prevails in the society, how women are marginalised and ill-treated. The movie has magnificently portrayed the deprivation of opportunity and the ability to speak and stand on their own. The difference in treatment to women belonging to metropolitan cities and suburbs are being well depicted in this movie.

Movie 6: Thaniyavarthanam

Thaniyavarthanam is a 1987 Malayalam drama film written by A. K. Lohithadas and directed by Sibi Malayil. The story revolves around a family whose male members have a history of lunacy. School teacher Balan Mash (Mammooty) has an uncle who is mentally ill. It is believed that this illness is hereditary. After the death of the uncle, society starts judging and evaluating Balan's every move and eventually deems him to be mentally ill.

The fear of the disbelief that the mental illness will pass on speaks about the evils related to religion and belief that existed in society. The practice and worshiping of Totemism is evident throughout. The movie also sets the real behavior and attitude of people when bad things befall to people whom once were respected.

Pad Man is a 2018 Indian biographical drama film directed and written by R. Balki. The story starts with the marriage of Lakshmikant "Laxmi" Chauhan (Akshay Kumar) and Gayatri (Radhika Apte). Laxmi is deeply in love with his wife and will do anything for her comfort and happiness. When Gayatri is temporarily banished from the household during her menstrual periods, Laxmi is caught unaware due to his lack of knowledge about the subject. He gets worried on seeing Gayatri using a dirty rag during her periods. Gayatri tells him he should not interfere in this feminine topic.

The movie revolves around the husbands struggle to buy sanitary pads for his wife which seems to be not affordable to him which led him in the manufacturing of sanitary napkins. The movie portrays how Menstruation has been treated as a taboo still in society. People's unawareness of its importance is showed in the movie. Gender discrimination and women being marginalized on the grounds of a biological process because of sheer disbelief is well depicted.

3.STUDENT PROGRESSION

Student Progression	No of Students
NET	5
JRF	1
SET	5
Ph.D Awarded	3
Total	14

4. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Nikita and Niranjana of I MA sociology -**First Prize** for Poster making organised by Sparsham the Association of Counseling Psychology Department-Nikita and Niranjana of I MA sociology
2. Gayathri and Dinu Varkey-**Second Prize** for Poster making organised by Sparsham the Association of Counseling Psychology Department –Poster Making-Gayathri and Dinu Varkey
3. Lakshmi and Aiswarya -**Second Prize** for Quiz organised by Sparsham the Association of Counseling Psychology Department
4. II Year Students-**First Prize** for Movie making organised by Sparsham the Association of Counseling Psychology Department

5. SOCIAL EXPOSURE/COMMUNITY SERVICE

5.1(a) Old Age Home Visit

The students of II MA Sociology visited Kripatheeram an old age home in Muttakkadu. The old age home was run by the sisters of the holy family congregation founded by blessed Mariam Thresia. Students started their journey from college at 9:30 am and reached there by 10:30 am. The visit was accompanied by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of Department of sociology , Loyola college of Social Sciences . There are 45 members in Kripatheeram which includes 35 inmates, sisters and staff. Fr. Georgin a student from our batch had welcomed the gathering. Mother Reksy was the mother superior who is in charge of the home. The inmates were ladies. We had interacted with the inmates and other sisters. We had also done some cultural programmes there. They also shared their experiences with us.



5.1 (b) Vithura Tribal Visit and Meeting Padmashree Awardee Smt. Lekshmikutty Amma

An exposure visit was conducted under the banner of LASIE - KSS for the students to Vithura to learn about the tribal community and about the Padmashri awardee Smt. Lekshmikutty Amma. She belongs to tribal community residing near Kallar forest. She was awarded with the fourth highest civilian honor for her breakthrough in practicing traditional

medicine for over 50 years. She has also the Kerala Governments Nattu Vaidya Ratna award of 1995 in her credit ..



Vithura is small village located 37 kms from Thiruvananthapuram. The students reached the destination at 10:30 am. The students visited Smt. Lekshmikutty Amma's house and its premises and had an interactive session with her. She shared her experiences of receiving the Padmashri award. She also spoke about the different Ayurvedic medicines and ethno medical practices which they alone follow in the tribal areas.

The students also interacted with the other tribal natives and visited their work places. They shared their experiences and difficulties that they still face after being recognized. They shared their worries regarding the improper implementation of governmental policies and unequal distribution in employment sector.

The students were benefitted from the visit as they were able to understand and learn about tribal settlements and their characteristics. They also learned about their lifestyle and different situations they undergo which are both negative and positive.

5.1 (c) Exposure Visit to Mithranikethan

On the 13th of September 2018 the Students of Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences along with HoD Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson and Mr. Prasad Ravikumar, Faculty visited Mithranikethan Viswavidyapeetam, an NGO spread over 60 acres, for Opening learning and total development started in 1956. Padmashri K Viswananthan serves as its director. The NGO focus and adopts the views of Gandhian ideology and keeps following it. Mithranikethan works in the fields of innovation, training and extension in community. They focus on the alternative education mode of development. Mithranikethan in another words can also be called as an educational community which supports the academic and practical training needs of socio- economically backward groups. They have supplementary system of education as well as training for extracurricular activities. Their students include children from tribal settlements for whom hostel facilities are made available within the campus alocarng with free accommodation and food. Along with school education children here are also taught carpentry, tailoring, pottery under training units. The children belong to the age of 10-15 are also provided with skill practice sessions.



5.1 (d) Exposure Visit to Kottoor tribal settlement

A tribal visit was conducted by the Department of Sociology in association LASIE- KSS with Women's Cell to Kottoor on 30th June 2018. The aim of the visit was to make students understand the life style, culture and also the sufferings that these tribal communities still

face. The students reached Kottoor around 11:15 am. The college bus was parked below the hilly areas since there were no proper roads and as vehicles did not have access. The students and faculty members had to walk to reach aimed destinations. Travelling through the forest roads for long hours was not only arduous but also hazardous, especially for the children and elderly. The long distance, coupled with improper and destructed roads and lack of transport was evident and stands as one of reasons of lack of school education in children. Lack of transportation facilities also force most tribal people to send their children to hostels during their education period and when they are still young. The students were able to understand the difficulties faced by people on the grounds of transport. Access to drinking water is made available on the sides of the roads through public pipes which made our journey quiet easy.



Students were able to identify the traits of Totemism and its other symbols. The peoples still belief in totemism which is blind was very evident. Also some of them were converted in to Christianity. Students interacted with the natives and understood that, there are people who are still cultivators, even though their people are working in public sectors. They cultivate vegetables; cash crops etc. but they did not get fair value for their products in the markets. They use vegetables that they cultivated from their fields. The major livelihood of most of the people there is, from the forest and through cultivation. When people gains some wealth through any business or from job they come out from the forest areas and settles in the places outside the forest. Most of them do not have proper housing and sanitation facilities. Most of

them were not educated, but they know the value of education and need of the education. So they are educating their children. The houses were in a pathetic situation and most of the houses were made up of “eetta”. During rainy season the house roofs get leaked leads to more difficulties. The government funded homes were not yet completed. Some of the governmental policies were not yet reached to them. From the visit students came to understand that they are still facing the Marginalization from the main stream society and considering them as so called ‘disadvantaged’

5.2 Community service during Flood

STUDENTS PARTICIPATION IN THE FLOODS of 2018

The students actively participated in many activities and relief camps in accordance with floods that happened few months back. As part of the Department of Sociology, the LASIE-KSS incorporating other departments hosted a food festival for the collection of money for supporting the flood victims. The money collected out of the initiative was handed over to the university. Students from the department worked in various NGO’s such as Blue Point, collection centers and other relief camps. They actively participated in the cleaning process, Manju V of 2nd MA Sociology was part of the team that headed to Chenganoor for the cleaning activity. Reshma Raveendran worked for the NGO Blue Point which was associated with DCPO, Sidharth Lal was part of the rescue coordination team of Alappuzha. Arunima S worked with the collection point organized at SMV School, Trivandrum. The students of 2nd MA sociology worked at the collection camp that was organized at the Auditorium near to Trivandrum Central Railways. The students were also active in online coordination and telephone rescue teams. The students collected an amount of Rs 19600/ toward CMDRF.

6. MAGAZINE

6.1 Department Magazine

The Department has designed and created a handwritten magazine titled “Cheenthu” which is an outcome of the student’s creativity and powers of imagination. The bilingual magazine includes poetry, prose, essays and other articles which has shades of society, sociology and social engagement. The magazine was drafted under the leadership of Sujin Das, 2nd MA Sociology who was the editor in charge. The Magazine was designed by Arunima S, Jahnavi Nair, Surya, Gayathri, Niranjana Mohan and the articles were copied by Reshma Raveendran. A constant support and guidance was offered to the students from the side of Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson (HoD) and other faculty members.

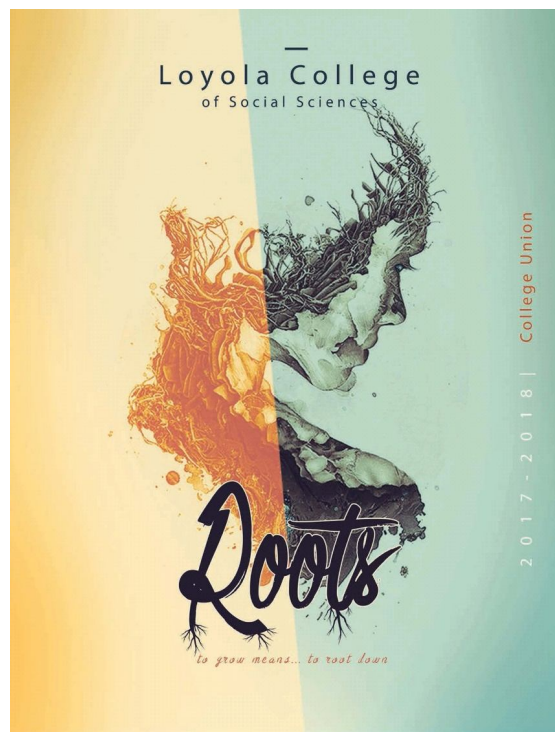


Analytical Sociology Kaleidoscope (ASK)

Analytical Sociology Kaleidoscope (ASK) is a section in the college creative boards assigned to KSS. The students of the department of Sociology use this space as space of expression of their skills as well as a space to react against and invite attention to many social issues existing in the society. Catharine Jacob is the coordinator of this creative space. The topics presented in ASK is updated or changed on a weekly basis. The class is divided into different groups and each group is asked to present a relevant theme every week. They can use any medium of expression from writing an article, or making of collages, poster section depending on their interest.

Students of the department took part actively in this initiative of LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit. Some of the major topics presented in ASK include: Issues of Migration, Problems of Transgender, Problems of marginalized sections, Current social and political issues in national as well as international society, Violence against women, conservation of ecology etc. ASK gained great attention from the entire student community of the college and resultantly evoked enthusiastic response in the campus as it could invite attention to many themes in the contemporary social context.

College Magazine



A section in college magazine list elaborately the various programmes undertaken by the department. The students of the department also contributed to the college magazine through articles on various socially relevant issues.

7. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS(STUDENTS/TEACHERS)

(Seminar/Conferences)

7.1.Students

7.1.1-National (within Kerala)

1. Ms.Rajeswari M.-*Women Solopreneurship: A path to Empowerment* - UNNATHI National Seminar organized by Women Cell, Marian College Kuttikkanam and Kerala State Women's Development Corporation Ltd., on 23 Feb 2018.
2. Ms.Athira Narayanan-The Abused Elderly- National seminar on Elder Abuse and Social Exclusion (24-25 Jan 2018) organised by the Dept. of Sociology, Periyar University, Salem
3. Ms.Athira Narayanan -Kudumbasree : A mile stone to Women Empowerment National seminar on Defining Today's Woman Towards a New Paradigm organised by Women Cell, Marian College Kuttikkanam and Kerala State Women's Development Corporation Ltd., on 23 Feb 2018
4. Ligin K.L-*Are growing social networks leading to shrinking social relations?* – National Seminar on *Culture, Community and Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*, organized by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam, 8 – 10 Dec 2017
5. Ms.Neenu Mathews-*Queer Movement in Kerala: A struggle for rights and visibility"* National Seminar on *Culture, Community and Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*, organized by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam, 8 – 10 Dec 2017
6. Aloysius T Antony and Smitha Pillai,-*Inclusion / Exclusion: Where does the Migrants lie?* National Seminar on *Culture, Community and Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*, organized by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam, 8 – 10 Dec 2017

7. Christopher and Christ Ben-Film and Mass media- National Seminar on *Culture, Community and Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*, organized by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at Mar Atahanasius College, Kothamangalam, 8 – 10 Dec 2017
8. Sajan M.S, ArunimaS,- Kummattikali-A cultural art form of Thrissur National Seminar on *Culture, Community and Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*, organized by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at Mar Atahanasius College, Kothamangalam, 8 – 10 Dec 2017
9. Sarath K P and Sreejith K P-Influence of Advertisements on Youth- National Seminar on *Culture, Community and Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*, organized by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at Mar Atahanasius College, Kothamangalam, 8 – 10 Dec 2017
10. Surya S S, Priya, Changing food habits among the Malayalees- - National Seminar on *Culture, Community and Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*, organized by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at Mar Atahanasius College, Kothamangalam, 8 – 10 Dec 2017
11. Reshma Raveendran, Culture Dynamics,Process and transformation-- National Seminar on *Culture, Community and Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*, organized by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at Mar Atahanasius College, Kothamangalam, 8 – 10 Dec 2017
12. Mehanaz Mumtas, Arathy S Prathap, Neethu Sharon, Tourism and Culture- National Seminar on *Culture, Community and Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*, organized by Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) at Mar Atahanasius College, Kothamangalam, 8 – 10 Dec 2017

7.1.3-National (Outside Kerala)

1. Ms.Athira Narayanan- Detribalization among Tribal community: A Sociological Study of Kanikkar community Residing in Vithura of Thiruvananthapuram District ,Kerala National Conference on Tribal Identity and Tribal Integration : Issues of Nation Building (31/07/2018-1/08/2018) organised by the Dept. of Anthropolgy, School of Social Sciences,University of Hydreabad
2. Ms.Athira Narayanan -*The Abused Elderly* in the National Seminar at Periyar University on Elderly and Social Exclusion on 24-25 January 2018

7.1.4-International (Within India)

1. Ligin K.L- *Gender mainstreaming through Gender Education: A case study in Women's Colleges in Kerala* - International Conference on Gender Equality through the strategy of Gender Mainstreaming –organized by Presidency University, Bangalore in collaboration with UN Information Centre for India and Bhutan and UN Women, 6 & 7 Sep 2018
2. Life of Kanikkar: myths and social scenario International Seminar on “Contemporary Socio Cultural Scenario of Tribal Women in India: Challenges and Prospects”,KIRTADS,10-12,October 2018

7.2 Teachers

7.2.1-Regional Seminar

1. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson was the organizing secretary of the KSS Regional Seminar held on 29/10/2018 at Loyola College of Social Sciences

7.2.2-National (within Kerala)

1. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson-Women Solopreneurship – Path to Empowerment in the National Seminar of Unnathi Women Cell at Marian College, Kuttikkanam on 23rd February 2018.
2. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson-Are social networks creating shrinking social relationships?’ in the KSS National Seminar on Culture, Community and Identity : Mobilizations and Contestations at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam on 8 to 10 December 2017.
3. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson ,Care of the Elderly in old age homes-National Seminar on Social Interventions for quality care in Later Life organised by the Department of Sociology,KNM Govt College, held on 4-6 January 2018
4. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson,-The transgender Paradigm Shift towards freedom:Their touching Stories ,in the National seminar on Transgender Rights,mobilities and identities,organised by NSS Hindu College Changanassery,17-18,september 2018
5. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson –Ageing in a home full of strangers,at the national colloquium held at Mascot hotel 14-16,March 2018

7.2.2-National (Outside Kerala)

- 1) *The Abused Elderly* in the National Seminar at Periyar University on Elderly and Social Exclusion on 24-25 January 2018

7.2.3-(International (Outside India)

1. Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson presented a paper titled I am alone and I am here! Ageing in an old age home in Kerala, India in the XIX International Sociological Association conference held in Toronto, Canada during 15-21,JULY 2018

8. AWARDS/PRIZES(STUDENTS/TEACHERS)

8.1..Teachers

1. Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson received Prof.John Kattakayam Young Sociologist Award for the best paper published and was given away in the 44 th KSS National Seminar on Culture, Community and Identity : Mobilizations and Contestations at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam on 8 to 10 December 2017.

- 2.Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson received the UGC Travel grant Award for presenting her paper in the XIX International Sociological Association conference held in Toronto,Canada

9. PUBLICATIONS

9.1(a)Journals with ISSN

1. Prasad. R. (2017). Interstate Migrant Labourers in Kerala: The Evolving Trends. Kerala Sociologist, 45(2). p.151-164. ISSN: 0975-8933.
2. Prasad R. (2017). 'The Invisibility of Interstate Migrant Women in Kerala'. In Martin, P.O., Richard Gonsalves and Sharda Sharma eds. (2017). Through the Prism of Labour: Gender and Distress Migration in Contemporary India. Bangalore: ISI Bangalore Publications. p.54-65. ISBN 978-81-921737-0-2.

9.2 Books with ISSN

1. **Dr. Saji P Jacob**, published a book on Nursing and Descent Work: Status of Care Profession in Kerala ,Pustakabhavan publishers,Payyanoor

9.3 Workshops with less than five days and more than 5 and 14 days(Research Scholars)

- 1.Ligin KL.Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) Two days National Workshop on 'Academic Writing & Publishing in Social Sciences' held on 6 to 8 Dec 2017 at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam.
- 2.- Ligin KL.5-day National Workshop on 'Researching in Social Sciences, Know More the Humans' organized by Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Kerala held on 16 to 20 Jan 2018 at Karyavattom Campus, Thiruvananthapuram
- 3.Ligin KL-(Seven)7 Days workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis organized by Research Union and IQAC & SICC, University of Kerala held on 24 to 30 July 2018 at Karyavattom Campus, Thiruvananthapuram
4. Remya R.- 7 (seven)Days workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis organized by Research Union and IQAC & SICC, University of Kerala held on 24 to 30 July 2018 at Karyavattom Campus, Thiruvananthapuram
- 5.Athira Narayanan-Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) Two days National Workshop on 'Academic Writing & Publishing in Social Sciences' held on 6 to 8 Dec 2017 at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam.
- 6.- Athira Narayanan-5-day National Workshop on 'Researching in Social Sciences, Know More the Humans' organized by Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Kerala held on 16 to 20 Jan 2018 at Karyavattom Campus, Thiruvananthapuram.
7. Remya R-Two days academic writing workshop held in BCM college Kottayam,16-17-October 2018
8. Anjali Sathyan-Two days academic writing workshop held in BCM college Kottayam,16-17-October 2018

9. Rajalekshmi M-5-day National Workshop on 'Researching in Social Sciences, Know More the Humans' organized by Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Kerala held on 16 to 20 Jan 2018 at Karyavattom Campus, Thiruvananthapuram

Teachers

1. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson-5-day National Workshop on 'Researching in Social Sciences, Know More the Humans' organized by Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Kerala held on 16 to 20 Jan 2018 at Karyavattom Campus, Thiruvananthapuram
2. Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson-Five days research Methodology workshop at Kerala State Higher Education Council 24-1 march 2018.
3. Four day Workshop on Academic leadership ,MHRD,Delhi sponsored 9-12,2018

10.1 Academic Progression/ Career advancement of Teachers

MPhil – 1

PhD- 2

PDF-1

10.2 MINOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. **DR.NISHA JOLLY NELSON** completed the UGC sponsored minor project on Social Consequences of Cognitive ageing
2. **DR. JOSE BOBAN K** completed UGC sponsored Minor Project on Unwed Mothers of Wayanad: A study on Paniya tribe

10.3 MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC BODIES:

10.3(a) BOARD OF STUDIES

Dr.Saji P Jacob

Kannur University

University of Kerala

11.Any other relevant information

1. International Seminar on “Contemporary Socio Cultural Scenario of Tribal Women in India: Challenges and Prospects”

An International seminar was conducted by Kerala Institute for Research Training and Development Studies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (KIRTADS). The seminar was for three days which started on 10 October 2018 on the KIRTADS campus, Cherayur, Kozhikode. The inaugural session started around 10 am and was presided by DrBinduRamachandran who is the head of the department of Anthropology in Kannur University. The seminar was officially inaugurated by Ms. Patricia Mukhim from Meghalaya. She is a writer, journalist and social activist. The theme of the seminar was “Contemporary Socio Cultural Scenario of Tribal Women in India: Challenges and Prospects”. After the official inauguration Mr. Jacinta Kerketta, Tribal leader and social activist gave the keynote speech. Then at 12:15 pm there was a special lecture on language and gender by professor Sreenandan of Malayalam University. From 2:00 pm onwards there were parallel session going on two halls named Davil and Mothalam . One paper was presented by NazilaDaryaie and Mahsa Pishaghadm from Iran, on the reflection of traditional life of Iranian Tribal Women on their weavings. There were 22 paper presentations on the traditional life education and livelihood challenges of tribal women .In the evening there were cultural programs which included tribal dance and folk song which were performed to celebrate harvesting or during functions like marriage and funerals.

The next day 11.10.2018 started at 9:00 am with the paper presentation on status of women amongst the ‘Malavettuvan’ community by Ms. RemyaBalakrishnan and Ms. Usha S who are both researchers. Then V.K Mayamol Presented Her Paper on Marriage Laws: Tribal Women Lesions and M.S Shebin On Indian Legal System Vs. Tribal Customary Laws: instances of conflicts which was both about POSCO act and how it affected the tribal women and their traditional way of life. At 10am V.K Mohankumar former deputy director KIRTADS department talked about the significance of gender justice in the holistic development of the ST’s in Kerala. After this there was a special lecture by Dr V. VenuIAS. There were 40 paper presentations on Social Exclusion and Discrimination, Empowerment Of Tribal Women. Some papers discussed about family, health scenario and marriage. The paper presented by Suresh K.P, research assistant and Tessa Jose. P.G student shows how interconnected and

interdependent are tribal women to nature. And tribal women play a very important role in biodiversity conservation.

The seminar started around 9 am on 12/10/2018. The main topics which were discussed are cultural representations, cultural aspects and vulnerability of tribal women. There were 10 paper presentations on this. Around 11 am there was a special lecture on trajectory of women's emancipation and the status of tribal women: challenges and opportunities by professor S Gregory of Kannur University. There was a plenary session at 11:45 am at Davil {hall} which was presented by Dr. Vasantha, Ms. Chitra, social activists and Ms.Jayanty, municipality counselor talked on the challenges and remedies faced by the tribal women in this contemporary era. This concluding session was presided by Prof .S .Gregory and Mr. V.K Mohan Kumar. There were altogether eighty paper presentations on this topic.They also organized a photo exhibition which had photos taken by MR Shrikrishna Paranjpe from Mumbai which showed tribal women from northern parts of India.

2.Organic Farm



As part of the departmental activities the students under the banner of LASIE- KSS took initiative and started an Organic Farm in the college campus near the Library. The Organic Farm was inaugurated by Fr. Sabu P Thomas, Vice Principal, LCSS by the sowing of lady's finger seeds. It was followed by the HoD, faculties and students doing the same. The farm includes plants and vegetables such as Spinach, Peas, Pumpkin, and Cucumber etc. The students are maintaining the farm with at most care and use natural fertilizers for its need. The students also seeks for valuable and related information from the nearby Agricultural office. The student to are planning to extent the farm into its next phase by occupying g more un used spaces in the college and the students will be able to cultivate more and more varieties of plants and seeds in the farm in order to promote sustainable farming and hazard free food culture.

12.MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

DR.NISHA JOLLY NELSON

Member, International Sociological Association(ISA)

Life Member, Indian Science Congress

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society

Life Member, Gerontological Association of India

Life Member, FLAIR (Fostering Linkages in Academic Innovation and Research),
Government of Kerala

Declaration

I hereby declare that the information on the social exposure visit/community services mentioned in the KSS report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Report of the Programmes & Activities 2016-17

Of

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A Unit of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)



**In favour of consideration for
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YEAR OF ACTIVITY : 2016- 2017

PRESENT STUDENT STRENGTH

M.A. I Year - 28

M.A. II Year -28

PhD Full Time -8

PhD Part time -5

PRESENT STAFF STRENGTH– 5

FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Dr. Jose Boban K



Dr. Saji P. Jacob



Dr. Antony Palackal
(On study leave)



Fr. Aneesh Joseph



Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson



Dr. Lekshmi Chandran
(Guest faculty)

Sociology Batch(2016-17)



MA Sociology 1st years



MA Sociology 2nd Years

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

INTRODUCTION

Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram was started in the year 1963 as the founding department. Ever since, the department was able to engage itself quite creatively in the wider academic and non-academic realm of Kerala through several meaningful interventions. This tradition is still kept alive and the faculty as well as the students of the ongoing batch amply inherit this practice without any failure. It is, therefore, a proud privilege for us to present this report to you in consideration for the Best Department of Sociology Award instituted in the memory of late Prof. Mercy Williams.

Description of Activities

In general, the activities of the department is organized under the banner of an organization called, Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination & Engagement (LASIE). It is designed as a college level unit of the Kerala Sociological Society (KSS). It is at the same time the space and also a window for the students to intervene in the community and engage themselves in society. In every academic year LASIE tries to organize programmes and activities with a pulp to aid the process of framing the young sociologists. With immense pride LASIE- KSS Loyola unit herewith, presents its report of the activities and programmes of the year 2016. This year was indeed a special one for all of us, as our programmes have scaled new heights of engaged learning and knowledge building process, combining learning with action.

General Body Meeting 2016

The general body meeting of LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit for the academic year 2016 was held in February 2016 in the presence of Dr. Saji P. Jacob, Head of the Department of Sociology. The then president of the association Devaprasad spoke on the occasion. He shared his experience of leading the activities of LASIE in the previous academic year. He gave a general outline of the activities that were organized in the previous year

- LASIE is primarily to be viewed as a platform for furthering engaged knowledge building [which is the tradition of LASIE] and a need for active and continued intervention in the community.
- A theme should be selected to facilitate in-depth and continued intervention in the community.

“Cracking the walls” was selected as the general theme of the activities for the academic year 2016. Sociology is a discipline that extends our view beyond all boundaries and walls which in turn give clarity to our vision. The activities of this year was decided to be focused on this agenda of extending the process of knowledge building beyond a meagre process of gathering facts inside the class room. Rather it should generate deeper understanding about the social realities and enable students to get engaged in the community especially with the marginalized sections in the society like the tribals, migrant labourers, transgender, women, children, and the elderly etc.,

The office bearers of the Association for the year 2016-17

President :Akhil Surendran

Vice- President :Shilpa Maria

Secretary:Terese Mary Chacko

Executive Members

Abhila Babu (Documentation)

ChinchuK. Bhavani (Community service)

Ayyar Pooja Shashikant(Community service)

Priya R.Kumar (Department magazine ASK)

JinuBabu (Social Exposure)

Snehaletha .P (Social Exposure)

Minu Harikumar (1st year Representative)

Gireesh (1st year Representative)

Faculty Guidance- Dr. Saji P. Jacob (Head of Department)

1.ASSOCIATION INAUGURATION



The formal inauguration of the activities of LASIE-KSS Loyola was held on 29th June 2016 at the Sutter hall. Even though many activities were organized under the association the formal inauguration of the academic year 2016 was held back with the aim of absorbing the juniors students joining in the department.

The formal function started at 2.30 pm with the students and teachers of the college gathering at the Sutter hall. The former principal of the college and a renowned sociologist **Rev.Fr M.K George was the guest of the day**. He was also the former president and secretary of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS). Dr Saji P Jacob , Head, Department of Sociology delivered the welcome address. After welcoming the guest and introducing him to the gathering he pointed out that it is much like the typical orientation of sociology as a discipline which attempts to understand the familiar experiences of everyday life as transformed, as he is introducing Fr. George to the Loyola students, who was once the most well-known face of Loyola.

Then Fr.George **explained what KSS is** and how Loyola is related to it. He explained that **KSS is a professional body** of academicians and students engaged in Sociology.

He tried to demarcate who a professional is and pointed out the characteristics of a professional body and the benefits of having a membership in a professional association. He said that every profession and professionals have some set of practical skills such as a knowledge set of its own, a unique theory, unique set of skills and code of ethics. According to him one become a professional in Sociology if he/she has acquire this knowledge, skills, theory, and research. In his opinion, taking membership in a professional body is a credibility as its inspires and it is also a forum for the growth of skills, ethics and knowledge. He pointed out that KSS in Loyola has to be one such association. Fr George concluded his words by wishing all the very best for the activities of the association and asked them to enjoy everything that Loyola has to offer.

Then the gathering was felicitated by Dr Jose Boban. K, Principal of Loyola college and Dr Prakash Pillai R, Head of the Department of Personal Management. Both of them enriched the gathering by sharing their

personal experience with Fr. M.K George and wished good luck for the present student body of LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit. The function was concluded 4 p.m with the vote of thanks.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

LASIE (Loyola Association for Sociological Imagination and Engagement) always tries to organize our activities for the benefit of the general public especially focussing on the poor and disadvantaged sections.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH

As part of nourishing the interest of the student in research and research methodology both first year and second year students of the department get engage in minor research projects in the locality. As part of this the students of the department got involved in a **minor research project to know more about the living conditions and status of health and hygiene among migrant labourers in and around the locality of the college as one of the key areas of focus of the activities of KSS Loyola Unit in this academic year was migrant labourers.**

As an initial step the students collected basic information about the concentration, distribution and nature of the population from the Sreekariyam police station. The students could get access to the data bank kept in the station. The officers present in there informed that there are around 20000 migrant labourers in the Sreekariyam Police Station limit. They are mostly concentrated in the Cheruvakal, Sreekariyam and Chakalmukku regions. They also added that since the basic nature of the population of migrant labourers is floating, the chances of the data in the data base being outdated are high.

Students under the guidance of the research scholar Mr. Prasad Ravikumar the students developed an interview guide to facilitate the collection of data. Questions were asked on their nature of employment, place of origin, general health status, type of housing etc. This was to gain a understanding about the general profile of migrant labourers in the region.

On 7th October 2016 the students were divided into groups and were sent in different directions to identify the settlements of migrant labourers. The students identified the various houses located in different regions occupied by the migrant labourers. The students went in mixed groups of four with one student who can easily handle Hindi for data collection 8th and 9th October 2016 in the Sreekariyam direction and in the Cheruvakal region in the consequent weekend.

When the data collected was analysed it was observed that most of the workers are daily wage workers living in a group in a rented house. Each house has a *malik*, who is responsible for the house on whose name the house is rented. The rent of the house is shared among the occupants. The rent varies from Rs 250 to Rs

500 per person. Most of the respondents face difficulty in accessing medical care as language is a barrier. The conditions they are living in are very filthy and unhygienic making them more prone to diseases.

Even though the study was not an in-depth analysis the study was helpful in figuring out the major features of the migrant population in the region. It was also helpful in identifying some of the areas that need further follow-ups in future. It was indeed a very useful exercise giving the students an initial field work experience.



PRAVASI MASDOOR SWASTHEY SHIVIR

(Free Health Awareness and Medical Camp for Migrant Labourers)

Migrant labourers form an important part of Kerala economic structure especially that of the construction sector. They form a significant part of the labour force in the state. Department of Sociology in collaboration with Indian Social Institute (ISI) Bangalore, and Loyola Old Boys Association (LOBA) organized a free health awareness and medical camp for the migrant labourers in the locality on 27th November 2016. It was an off shot of the conclusions generated from the minor research project done by the students of the department of Sociology. With this in mind the Department of Sociology took up the initiative of organizing a free health awareness and medical camp for the migrant labourers.

The ground work was started 2 weeks before the programme. The student coordinators of LASIE –KSS Loyola Unit and along with the students met contractors to gather information about the migrant workers. Later a group of both boys and girls had visited around 30 settlements of migrant workers in Sreekariyam and Cheruvaikal in Thiruvananthapuram. Students visited their settlement on Sundays and kept contact with them through mobile phone. Students also provided the notice in Hindi to all the main shops at Cheruvakal and Sreekariyam.

On 27th November 2016 as per the schedule, the programme commenced by registration at 8.15 am. 8 doctors who are specialized in surgery, orthopaedic, oral and multifacial surgery, personal hygiene and general medicine, came from government medical college Thiruvananthapuram and govt. Dental College and so on. Two eminent resource persons took classes on oral cancer and personal hygiene before the

commencement of the check up. It started by 9.50am itself .The doctor discussed mainly on deleterious habits and oral cancer and also explained about what the causes which lead to oral cancer are and how we can prevent it.He used Hindi as the medium of communication. It was more or less an interactive session.By 10.48 am the second session was started .this session was on the personal hygiene. The session dealt with general health and personal hygiene. The migrant workers were aware about some of the diseases like malaria, dengue etc... But most of them were unaware about transmitted diseases.Both sessions were in Hindi .after the refreshment, by 11.05 am the medical check-up was started. There were 5 counters and one general counter. There was a physician in the general counter he after first examination directed the labourers to counters .They labourers were led to each counter by calling their names by the doctors. There were two counters for lab service and blood test set by DDRC SRL .Translators were provided for doctors in their counters, The counters were occupied by doctors who were specialised in general medicine , orthopedia , and oral and multifacial surgery. There were special arrangements for body check-up . Doctors



referred some of the workers for further treatment to government medical college. Two health inspectors from Pangappara health department near Sreekariyam also visited this medical camp.65 migrant workers had participated in this programme and a total of 25students participated in the conduct of the same.

AWARENESS CLASS MIGRANT WORKERS

On 1st December 2016 LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit in collaboration with the Public Health Centre, Pagapara organized an awareness class for migrant labourers at one of the work sites. First year students of the department Minu Harikumar and Aloysius T. Antony handled the class in Hindi. The students were accompanied by one of the research scholar of Department of Sociology Mr. Prasad Ravikumar. The authorities from the PHC were also present in the venue. The class started at 1.pm with workers in the site gathering together for the same. The introduction to the class was given by Alosious. He then spoke about the general health related aspects like food, clean water and hygiene. Then awareness about AIDS was given by Ms.MinuHarikumar.She spoke about what AIDS really is, how it is transmitted and how it affects the immune system of a human beings body etc were explained in lucid fashion with great clarity.Since the class was delivered in hindi medium even the workers also attended it with keen interest.

The students were able to built a rapport with the workers as they were able to communicate with them at ease.The workers cleared doubts with the students. Students left the work site by 1.45pm.It was indeed a different experience for the students to interact with the migrant labourers.



SOCIAL EXPOSURE

The department also organized **outreach programmes** for the students with a view to introduce them to different facets of human life, social settings and the surroundings they live in. This provided ample opportunities for the students **to encounter and interact with ‘so-called’ distant human and social realities** and to develop social sensitivity and concern for the society. These are also designed as part of the subjects taught in the classes and therefore had a direct bearing on augmenting their learning experiences. These exposures were eye-opening experiences for the students to face the social reality.

ONE DAY VISIT TO GOVERNMENT CARE HOME



On October 6th, 2016 LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit organized a visit to the care home of Social Justice Department in Pulayanarkotta. A group consisted of 25 students who were accompanied by Dr. Lekshmi Chandran. The backdrop works of visiting government care home was done by Ms. Shilpa Maria of 2nd MA Sociology. On 1st August the group left the college campus by 9.45am. The students were accompanied by Dr. Saji P. Jacob; HOD of Department of Sociology. The students reached the care home by 10.10 am. They were welcomed by the officer in charge of the institution Mrs. Shiny. She gave a brief description about the details of the care home. There was total of 109 inhabitants in the institution out of which 62 were males. There were altogether 70 staffs involved in the smooth functioning of the institution. There is an Ayurvedic doctor present in all days of the week. Doctors from the nearby Primary Health centre visits the home twice a week and will consult the inmates till 12 noon.

After this briefing the students were taken into a common hall in the care home. The inmates of the care home were gathered in the same place by ringing a bell. Mrs. Shiny, introduced the group in general to the

inmates and informed them that we have come to interact with them. Dr. Saji P. Jacob also spoke few words to the inmates and requested them to welcome the group of students with open heart.

Then the students were left free to interact with the inmates. Many students found it difficult to start a conversation at first. But once they started to talk they found it is not that difficult. The students were able to build a rapport with the elderly in a very short span of time. Many of them shared their personal stories with the students. The students performed various cultural programmes and conducted many games for the elderly. This was done to entertain them but besides that the major motive was to make them active.

Even the inmates performed various activities. Many came forward to sing songs, answer riddles and to participate in the games. The group of students was joined by Dr. Antony Palackal, Faculty of the department in the midst of this session. He also joined the group in making the session more active. By 1pm the programmes were concluded with the inmates summoned for Lunch.

The students after Lunch by 3pm planted plants in the compound. 25 plants of various flowers were planted by the students with the inmates in the compound. Many inmates came forward to help the students in planting plants. This was indeed an indication of the rapport built by the students with the elderly. The student returned back to the college by 5 pm. It was indeed an unforgettable experience for all members in the group.

INTERACTION WITH TRANSGENDER



Loyola was announced as the **‘First Transgender Inclusive Campus’** in the country ‘as Transgender Inclusive’ **on 20th November 2015**. It was a result of the endless efforts of the **students of the department of Sociology** especially the senior batch who tried to generate more clarity about Transgender (TGs) by organizing interactive sessions with the members of the community. Last year Ms Surya a cine artist who is a TG interacted with the students.

As an **extension of these activities of the previous year**, Department of Sociology under the leadership of LASIE-KSS Loyola unit organized **an interactive session with Miss. Vijayaraja Mallika a transgender (TG) on 14th July 2016 at 2pm** in collaboration with the department of social work in the college. She is a famous transgender activist in Kerala fighting for the rights of TGs all over India who is an MSW graduate

from Rajagiri. A TG being well educated and enough work experience she had great clarity about what to speak. Mix started the talk with an example of a prisoner in jail and said that a person who is a trans is nothing less than a prisoner trapped in an unknown body. Then Mix tried to give more clarity about the term transgender.

Mix pointed out that it is used as an umbrella term with a variety of groups coming under it like male to female, female to male, intersex or cross-sex which is again different from cross-dress, she name, trans sexual etc. Mix then tried to explain the idea of LGBTIAQ-Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Intersex, Asexual, and Queer. The different groups identified under the third gender. Mix pointed out that all these children are born to normal parents through normal intercourse. This mainly happen by heredity or due to hormonal variations. Then mix spoke about how third genders are excluded from the main stream society and are denied the chances of education and employment. How they are exploited and secluded without giving an identity by citing many examples and sharing own personal life.

After this the stage was opened for a discussion. One of the students raised a question on the policy arrangements for the third gender. Mix while answering the question pointed out that they are yet to be built with a perspective of the third genders. Even when policies are coming up it is framed in the structural framework of a dual gendered society of the males and females.

The interaction with Mix was an eye-opener to many students. It helped in gainging more clarity about the so called third genders and about the difficulties they are facing in the present day society. The session came to an end at 4pm with a word of thanks by JinuBabu of 2nd MA Sociology.

SOLIDARITY WALL- STAND UP WITH TRANS



Loyola has always being in the forth front to react against many things in the society. Students of the department of Sociology under the leadership of LASIE as part of the **initiative for the third genders and after being inspired by the talk of Mix Vijayaraja Mallika** placed a **‘solidarity Wall’** in the college portico on 15th July 2016. The solidarity wall was envisaged as space for the students **to express their unity and love with the excluded third gender community**. The students can write down their thoughts in the space provide about what they feel about the transgender, about what the community is facing from the main

stream society etc. Students from all departments took active part in the programme. Some even scripted down certain policy suggestions for making them more inclusive to the main stream society.

The 'Solidarity Wall' was helpful in generating a realization among the students in the campus and in the department. To quote one of them "we have many things to say and do"

TRIBAL VISIT TO RANNI GOODRICAL FOREST DIVISION



On 1st August 2016 the students of the department under the initiative of LASIE-KSS Loyola unit went for a field visit to the Rani Goodrical forest division in the Pathanamthitta district. The group consisted of 25 students accompanied by Dr Antony Palakal and Dr. Lekshmi Chandran. The aim of the visit was to know more about the Malai Pandarams tribes living in the forest division. The background work for the visit was done by Mrs. Priya R. Kumar like obtaining permissions and scheduling the visit.

On 1st August the group left the college by 4.30am in the morning and reached Plappilly range office in the Ranni Forest Division by 8.30 am. There, Mr. Ajayakumar, SHO and Dy. Range Officer; Mr. Jayaprakash, Dy. Range Officer and Mr. Kunjumon, Forest watcher were waiting for us. They gave us the basic introduction about the Ranny forest division and its geographical specialties of its location. From them we came to know that the Ranny forest division has the highest forest area in Kerala i.e., 176 sq. km

From Plappilly Range Office, the officers accompanied us to a group of dwellings where the Nomadic tribal named "Malai Pandarom" resided. The vehicles stopped by the road side. Showing a wooden stump with a plastic cover hung to it, Mr. Ajaya kumar said that the stump with some plastic material hung to it represents that there are someone from the nomadic tribal group living somewhere nearby. Hearing this we had a glance to the surroundings and could see four dwellings of malai pandarom tribes at some distance from the roadside. The officer also added that they follow floating life pattern and will shift their houses once in a month. But even then they don't shift to faraway places but to a different site within the locality. The group visited almost 31 dwellings of the tribal group and tried to collect data on their life, culture and other unique

aspects about their life. After visiting the settlements at Nilakal the group visited Attathode L.P School. The school authorities told that last year there were only 30 students now with their initiative 40 to 50 students are coming to school .There are 4 teachers in the school. The children are provided with food in the school. The dinner is given to the children for them to take it home.

From the visit to the field the students could gather the following information on the cultural and social specialities of Malai Pandrams.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE GROUP

-) Malai Pandarom tribe has varied customs and rituals. And it differs from group to group.
-) One such custom was when any family member died, the rest of the family members moved to another place leaving behind of the dead body at the former house. While they so moved, they would destroy the house where the dead body is and they would not take any materials from that house. The rest of the family members neither would stay at the former residence, nor would they cremate the deceased's body.
-) These tribal do not feel that of education is important. School bus is provided to them free of cost to and from travel to the Tribal school at Attathodu. Uniform, meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and books were given free of cost. Still they keeping aloof from schools. Most of them are educated to the lower primary levels. After discontinuing education, they would also go into the deep forest to collect forest produces.
-) A land has been identified near Nilakkal for the construction of a tribal residential school.
-) Generally, there are no strict rules regarding marriage among the Malai Pandaram tribes. More family relations existed without the institution of marriage. One custom that existed among them was that once a man deserted his wife and children, and the woman later begins to stay with another man, then it is the duty of the latter man to look after all the children of the woman.
-) Malai Pandams are very much reluctant to go to Hospitals. Even today most labor and deliveries takes place within the shed dwellings naturally with no medical care. It was so unhygienic and dangerous to both the mother and the new born. However, as far as possible they try their level best not to visit hospitals.
-) There is a Primary Health centre and a mobile clinic that frequently visits them. As a part of their initiates, timely vaccination and such other facilities are offered to them.
-) Malnutrition is a major problem seen mostly among the children and women of the Malai Pandarom Tribes. Children are not given the prescribed healthy foods and porridges.
-) The Malai Pandaroms at the Ranni Forest Range do not follow the ethno medicalpractice.
-) They do not have even a proper shelter, no permanent address/ House number. However they have Aadhar Card and Election Identity Card,
-) They live a simple life, and they live simply to survive.

Then by 1Pm the group was served lunch in the forest office. Then the group visited the last settlement identified where there were 10 families living. After tea at 4pm the group started its return journey and reached the college by 1am on 2nd August 2016.

ONE MONTH INTERNSHIP WITH THE NGO REACH

BOMBAY



Extending out into the community cracking all the walls to do good to the people living there is a basic skill or more specifically a behaviour expected from a sociologist. Internalizing into mind three students- Athira Narayanan, Rakhi, and Aneesha Cyril of the senior batch of the Department of Sociology volunteered for a one month internship with REACH Bombay.

REACH – Reach Education Action Programme is an NGO located in the Kalwa region in Bombay existing with a vision to reach out to children especially girls through education. The students reached the NGO on May 1, 2016. They were welcomed wholeheartedly by the authorities. They were asked to **plan and take the leadership of conducting a one month residential camp** for teenage girls of tribal settlements.

The students were given 3 days to plan for the camp and design the schedule of the same. The camp started on May 4th 2016 with a group of 20 girls joining for the residential camp. The day of the group **started with yoga and exercise** at 5.30am which ended at 5.30am. Then at 9 am the children were given **classes on general English** writing, speaking and grammar. It was done with the objective of making them competitive for this fast moving world. This session will go on till 12.30 noon.



Then after lunch at 2pm the children were given **life skill training** with the aim of making them more confident and strong. This section was organized in the form of various activities and games to make it more interesting and effective. This session lasted till 5 in the evening. Then at 7pm the group reassembled for the cultural performance of the children. By 8 pm the group will be dispersed for the day after an evaluation of the day.

The one month camp end on 24th May 2016. The students could develop a strong rapport with the children over these days. They were happy that they could impart certain skills to a disadvantageous vulnerable group. It was a **real experience of cracking the walls** to reach out to the community as the theme of this academic year. It was indeed a very different and unique experience for the students to do an internship in a place totally new in the midst of a group of individuals totally unknown with a different culture. But it was more or less like a polishing experience for the young engaging sociologist in them.

ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAGIN



On 12th July 2016 the students of the department of Sociology participated in an Anti Corruption Campaign titled 'Corruption Free Kerala' organized by a formal network of people who come together under the title of National Campaign for People's Right to Information(NCPRI) in Kerala at Thycaud Gandhi Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.

NCPRI is a campaign that was established in 1996 to push for the creation of a Right to Information Act (RTI) in India. Even after the act being enacted NCPRI is still active to ensure the proper implementation of the act at all levels of governance. It was indeed a surprise to know that the group of people who gathered in the venue are not simply a crowd but are people who came from different parts of the state to be part of the campaign against corruption for a corruption free state just by a phone call. The group consisted of a different people starting from a auto-rikshaw driver to a lawyer were part of the group. All stood on the same ground with only one identity ie, the identity of a responsible citizen.

Ms.Aruna Roy- Social Activist, Chief Secretary S.M Vijayanand, Chief Information Commissioner Vison N Paul and Retd Police Chief Jacob Ponnuse were the invited guest of the day. The formal meeting started by 9.00 am. Dr Abey Coordinator of NCPRI welcomed all to the gathering. Then Ms Aruna Roy was invited for the inaugural address. She in her speech said that democracy is a march from corruption to freedom. In India corruption is destroying the social structure of the country based on values. The fight against corruption is not only a fight against illegal money or bribe but it is also a fight against what constitution guarantees to all citizens-The Right to Equality. According to her democracy should make the state more participatory, transparent and accountable. She concluded her address by saying that we are involved in a genuine fight let us not betray each other as the RTI activists are defenders of democracy.

Chief Secretary Sri. S.M Vijayanand addressed the gathering. The government's agenda is zero tolerance to corruption. He said that the system is not corrupted but the individuals in the system are corrupted. He also pointed out many mandatory measures taken by the government like mandatory disclosures from all departments, inviting e-tenders etc to reduce the degree of intensity of corruption. After **that Sri Jacob Punnoos** addressed the crowd. He stated that corruption is a social evil and source of corruption is society. A strong social intervention is needed according to him rather than a police intervention to defeat the evil according to him. He concluded by enforcing the idea of social vigilance which is the only way to defeat corruption according to him. Then the **Chief Information Officer of Kerala Sri Vinson .M. Paul** addressed the gathering. He said that RTI comes from individuals' right to freedom and is essential as it induces a free in the administrative structure that 'the public is watching'. RTI is a watch dog, an intruder to the spread of power. It was proposed for transparency and accountability of the administrative structure. But has not been able to achieve its objectives due to inefficient implementation of the act by the officers concern. The gaps in the execution of the Act have to be filled to make the system corruption free according to him. With that fore noon session came to an end.

The afternoon session was even more interesting. All the persons gathered there in the hall and sat in a circle. They started discussing issues in the group. Each person came forward and said what his concern is. Depending on the issue the group suggested measures to solve it. They even formed sub committees of volunteers on topics that need follow up or a drafting of a policy. The discussion came to an end by 4pm.

It was a totally different experience to be part of a group of persons with keen interest in the betterment of society. The people gathering together only on the basis of a phone call was shocking to accommodate. The amazing involvement of all in the group to find solutions for the problems was in turn a question mark on our own civic responsibility. This informal network of individuals was a perfect example of a civil society organisation in the society. It was indeed an inspiration for us students who participated in it to be more responsible citizens in future to build the country.



SUSTAINABLE LIVING INITIATIVE (Being and For Nature...)

Sustainability and healthy living is a hot topic of discussion today. With this fast moving pattern of life people fail to find time to be with nature and return something to it. This is something that cannot be developed in a day. It is something that has to be practised. This realization about the importance of nature in the personal and public life of human beings has resulted in a new initiative of sustainable living in the Department of Sociology under the leadership of LASIE. The basic motive of this initiative was to generate awareness about sustainable living among students and teachers in the campus through various activities.

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT



Students of the department under the leadership of LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit as part of its Sustainable Living Initiative took started a environment management programme in the Department under the Sustainable Living Initiative of the Department. Under this programme the students of the department gathered in a

selected spot on every Wednesday evening and cleaned the specified area. The programme was inaugurated as part of the environment day celebrations on June 5th 2016 by Dr. Jose Boban K. The students of the department took active part in the programme because it was in way contributing something back to the campus as well as to nature.

ORGANIC FARMING INITIATIVE



As part of the Sustainable living Initiative a group of students of the Department of Sociology came forward to start organic farming in the campus the previous year .Due to the success of the initiative this year too, under the leadership of Akhil Surendran of 2nd MA Sociology, the present president of LASIE continued the venture. The students cleared the area behind the library and planted seeds of various vegetables in the month of June 2016. Seeds of vegetables like spinach, pea, tapioca, bitter guard, ladies finger, chilli etc. were planted. Every day after class students of the department of Sociology would come to take care of the organic farm with keen interest and would volunteer watering and plucking the weeds. It was a great experience to see the seeds sprouting and growing into a plant. The first harvest of the fruits of this great team effort was done in the month of October starting with spinach. Then it was followed by ladies finger, pea, chilli, cucumber etc. Dr Jose Boban, Principal of the college inaugurated the villaveduppu by gifting spinaches to Dr Sabu SJ. The vegetables from the farm were sold out in the campus. Dr Saji P. Jacob and other faculties were also present on the occasion. Both teachers and students buy the products as an encouragement to the team.

This initiative of organic farming helped in generating awareness and an interest about organic living among students. Many students got inspired by the efforts and said that they have started the same in their homes too. It was indeed a very happy and vibrant group experience for the students who took part. Moreover through this act of group farming the students of the department could communicate a strong message of eco-friendly and sustainable living to the entire campus, as well as to those who visit us.

As part of this initiative LASIE has also taken the initiative to organize awareness building classes in the campus. One such event is described below.

CLASS ON ORGANIC FARMING



As part of the Sustainable Living Initiative the department of Sociology under the leadership of LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit organized a session on ‘Food Agriculture and Sustainable Living’ on 4th October 2016. Mr Biju Sunderan a member of the NGO Pragruti was the guest of the day. Pragruti is an association of a group of youngsters in Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram with the aim of promoting the idea of sustainable living through agriculture. The programme started at 11.40 am with all the students and faculties in the campus gathering together at the Sutter Hall. At 11.45 the session started with a prayer. Then the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Jose Boban .K, Principal of the college. He extended a hearty welcome to the guest and all gathered. In his welcome address he traced out the emerging interest in Kerala society in organic living. He cited the examples of the initiatives of ‘Shresta Krishi’ and ‘Kuttikrishi’ in the state. He congratulated the students of the department of sociology for their initiative in organic farming.

The Key address of the day followed the welcome. Mr. Biju started his address with stating some facts about the health status of Kerala using some recent statistics. Then he moved into the idea of how food and health are related. He pointed out that even though Kerala once had a healthy sustainable pattern of agriculture and living with the economic and social advancements of various phases of life it has lost this pattern of life making them dependent on other states for their food crops. He raised the question how healthy are we and are we eating safe.

After contextualizing he tried to project organic farming as the only alternative for a healthy sustainable living. He then explained the process of cultivation from the basics using powerpoint presentation. He also explained the idea of organic farming and the making of organic pesticides and fertilizers like pukayillakashayam, composting etc. He concluded by asking the students to build a better tomorrow through a sustainable pattern of life. The session came to an end by 1.pm with a vote of thanks delivered by Dhanya Raj of 2nd MA Sociology.

ENVIRONMENT DAY



As part of the environment day celebration an exhibition was organized in association with the department of Social Work on June 5th 2016. The exhibits were arranged at the main entrance of the college. The aim of the exhibition was to communicate messages about nature to the students in the campus. The exhibits were made out of materials collected from the college campus like decayed truck, stones, used plates etc.

These materials were demonstrated and messages were written on them. The message was like Mother Nature itself making appeals to living beings. This was done with a vision of creating a mind of concern and care for nature in the minds of students. There was sticky note board placed beside the exhibits for the students to write down their comments and feelings about the same.



The environment day celebrations of LASIE –KSS Loyola Unit came to an end with the planting of a tree in the college campus as small step towards saving nature. In the evening of June 5th 2016 all students and teachers gathered together in the college portico. From there students moved to the specified spot in front of

the open stage where a sapling was planted by Dr. Jose Boban, the Principal of Loyola College. Tree saplings were also distributed among the students for planting them at their homes. The saplings were sponsored by Kerala Agricultural University and it was collected with the initiative of the students of Loyola.

From the Expert-Special half day Lecture on the Proposed Attirapalli Hydro-Electric Project



As part of the 'sustainable Living Initiative' LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit organized a session in the college to facilitate the students to gain deeper knowledge about various aspects of the Proposed hydroelectric project in Attirapalli. **On 23rd June 2016 Prof. R.V.G Menon** an Environmentalist and an expert from the domain of science and technology was invited as the chief speaker of the day.

The special session was scheduled in the Sutter Hall which started at **9.30 am** with a prayer. All the students and teachers of the college gathered in the Sutter Hall for the session. Dr Saji P. Jacob introduced the resource person Prof. R.V G Menon and invited him for his lecture.

Prof. Menon started his lecture with a comment that we become **concerned about something only when there is a controversy**, and as result, we fail to look into or analyze any issue in depth. Then he gave a general outline about the proposed project. Proposed project is located in Chalakudy river basin which is 1700 sq m deep originating at Neliyambatti in Thrissur District, Kerala. The project has a declared aim of 98% utilization of discharges and spills from existing upstream reservoirs which is expected to generate 163 MW of power to meet the deficit during the peak hours from 6 pm to 10 pm. As it is located at the downstream of Sholayar and Peringalkuthu projects it can utilise the tail water. The proposed dam is envisaged to be 23 m in height and 311 m in length. Water from this is diverted through an underground water conductor system to a power house located on the left bank of Kannankakuzhythodu.

Then Prof. Menon traced the **timeline of the project** proposal over the years. He said that Athirapally project has been in debate for more than 15 years which was first proposed 1979. The project first got environmental clearance in 1998, which was suspended in 2001. The environment ministry issued a second environment clearance in 2005. This was quashed by the high court for procedural violations. The project was given a third environmental clearance in 2007 that was dependent on the feedback from a committee visiting the site.

Then he spoke in detail about the **ecological damages** anticipated if the 23-metre high dam is sanctioned. It is expected to submerge 104 hectares of forest land and another 138.6 hectore of forest in the catchment area. He pointed out that a stretch of 28.5 hectares of dense forest will be lost which comes under the submergence area. This is in turn a huge loss for the forest stretch of the state which is reducing day by day. This may reduce or dry up the water-flow of Athirapally waterfall which may have strong impact on ecology and tourism in this area.

Prof. Menon also spoke about the **biodiversity loss** of the area. The area is home to many species like tiger, Asiatic elephant, Great Indian Hornbill, Malabar Giant Squirrel, Gaur, Lion Tailed Macaque, Nilgiri Langur, and rarest and highly endangered Cochin Forest Cane turtle (*Heosemys silvatica*) etc. The elephant corridor between the Parambikulam Sanctuary and the Pooyamkutty forests will also be affected as large area will be submerged. Proposed project surely affects the flow of the river creating a huge loss of fishes and their ecosystem. He cited that the annual report of the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow has recognized Chalakudy River to have the richest diversity of aquatic ecology among the rivers in the country with many endemic species.

Then he spoke about the **impact of the project on the social life**. The reduced river flow will have impact on more than 5 lakhs people from different panchayats and municipalities depending on the river for drinking, irrigation and livelihood purposes. The scenic beauty of the place attracts more than 6 lakhs people every year. The reduced water flow will severely affect the tourism industry and the economy based on that in the area. The primitive tribes like Malayas, Malasars, Mannans and Kaders live in the project area out of which the most effected is the Kadar tribe. There are more than 160 Kadar families across nine settlements in the Vazhachal, which is classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group under the Forest Rights Act. Two of nine tribal settlements will be affected by the project. One settlement is recorded as only 400 metres from the dam site.

Prof Menon concluded his lecture by stating that the “Social, economic, and ecological expenditure for the project is more than what we gain”

Then the floor was opened to questions and clarifications. After the discussion as a token of our love and gratitude a memento was gifted to the chief guest by Dr. Jose Boban K, Principal of the college. The half day session on Attirapalli Project came to an end with vote of thanks by Ms Abhila Babu of 2nd MA Sociology.

The Special lecture on Proposed Attirapalli project was indeed very informative and an eye-opening one. The resource person systematically analysed the issue, contextualized it and placed his arguments. This made the process of grasping easy and thus helped in gaining great clarity on what the proposed project is and how it may affect the state of Kerala and the social life.

ENGAGING IN THE COMMUNITY...

FLASH MOB TO GENERATE AWARENESS



Flash mobs are always spontaneous, fun and absolutely instant, given that the evenings of Thampanoor Bus Terminal were filled with people who always meet there for their rendezvous or at times accidentally bump into each other. It was in this regard the students from the college under the leadership of the Department of Sociology in collaboration with Pallium India planned a 30 minute dance presentation to generate awareness on the palliative care. The flash mob was staged by students along with the Swedish interns at Pallium India at the Bus Terminal on November 18 2016. The flash mob was viral as well as appealing; it was altogether an eye candy for the crowd who were gathered there.

Passers-by at the museum premises were left awestruck by the flash mob team as they were sporting peppy music along with the sassy grooves. However the concept **“Dancing for a Social Cause”** was the subdued reality and hidden agenda beneath and behind the flash mob presentation. It clearly demarcates the humane mentality of students to dance in front of the crowd for such a social cause encompassing on the need to donate blood. The mob dispersed after their catchy dance moves leaving all the minds replenished with the need of such exclusive interventions in the society for a social cause.

STREET PLAY



Kerala is officially an open defecation free state. However, the condition still persists in reality on some parts. As a part of spreading awareness on the problems caused due to open defecation Sociology students in collaboration with other departments of the college organized a street play on 15 March, 2017. The street play was **presented at the Anjengo Panchayath** the **theme** of the play was **‘OPEN DEFACATION**. The group reached the spot by 5pm. The first task of the students were to create an audience so that they could reach the message to as much people as possible. The group sang ‘nadanpattu’ to attract the audience. Then the play started with a humming created by the group members. The play mainly portrayed the problems faced due to open defecation in the present day including various health problems, poor nutrition and dirt in the environment. The play ended with a note on the need of action to stop open defecation even after so much development in the society. The play was of duration of ten minutes. The group was successful in **generating awareness about the problems caused due to open defecation** induce an urge to stop such age old unhealthy practices in the crowd in a very short time.

SWACH BHARATH ABHIYAN

Joining with the government’s initiative of “*swach bharat abhiyan*” the students of the college under the leadership of the sociology department organized a cleaning campaign in and outside the college on 27th September 2017 at 3:30pm. The students were divided into four groups and sent in different directions with cleaning equipment. Three groups went outside the campus and one remained within. The waste was segregated into bio degradable and non-biodegradable. And the vicinity was cleaned. It was a one hour programme. All the students actively participated. The campaign ended with a tea at 4:30 pm.



ATTAINING SKILLS TO ENGAGE IN THE COMMUNITY

For effective engagement in a community, as sociologists, certain skills are to be attained to make it more effective and efficient. With this point in mind The Department of Sociology has organized various workshop and seminars in the academic year 2016-17, to make them creative, stable and adaptive

ARTS WORKSHOP- ART AND EXPRESSIONS



Attaining different skills is a part of education. A person to aim properly he or she should gain a proper understanding about himself or herself. To be a stabilized individual one has to be in peace with both body and soul. With this in mind Department of Sociology organized an Art Workshop for the first MA Sociology students from 31st October 2016 to 2nd November 2016. The Three days of Art Workshop was conducted in

the college premises. The workshop started with an introduction session by Dr.Saji P. Jacob, HoD of Sociology Department, by introducing Mr. Blaise Joseph and Ms Atreyee as the workshop facilitators. They use art as the medium to reach into the individual and to extend out into the society. All the first year students participated in the workshop.

On the first day the students were exposed to certain games that helped to develop a great deal of bond between the group. It was subsequently played again till the last days of workshop. This was followed by a session on the art of using clay. This was to get in peace with mind, body and nature. To quote one of the participants “While spinning clay our mind and body were in a natural synergy, wrapped around our creative goals. This thoughtful artistic activity opened up our mind and relieved us from outside worries”. It was both of physical and mental benefits that helped the students to express themselves by creating something. On the following days the group was introduced to the art of mixing ink, clay and oil colours by which the students gained a deeper understanding about the beauty of art and also got the opportunity to engage in such new experiments. Later they were asked to explore into the art of drawing, still objects that can show a new way of looking at the ordinary objects around us. This was followed by the task of observing the nature and capturing images of both visible and invisible often missed. In the same day the students were asked to explore through a guided writing session a journey into our own personal backyards of our childhood experiences. This exercise worked powerfully on all of the members in the group and created hopefully a lasting feeling of community. These were then turned into illustrated artworks by making each feel or explore to their own shadows. On the last day there were sessions in between to create rhythm from percussion instruments created from discarded waste and the natural abundance around. This helped in generating awareness among the group members about the beauty of nature as well as music. Later two movies were screened- Human and Foil to make the group understand the expression of human creative skills and imagination.

The outcome of the workshop was that the students were able to creatively express themselves, collectively re-imagine and re-create realities. This workshop also helped in facilitating students to gain deeper understanding about oneself. It also helped the students to learn the skill of using art as a medium of expression.

ART EXHIBITION



On 4th November 2016 the first year students of the Department of Sociology conducted an Art Exhibition in the college. The students exhibited their creations in the Sutter Hall which was facilitated by Blaise and Atrayee. The exhibition was called Atarangi. The students developed artistic works with the techniques learned from the workshop. They used the medium of art and colours to react against and depict various social realities in the society. The exhibition was opened up at 2pm. Different social issues related to women, children and family were presented through colours in a sheet paper.

All faculties and students of Loyola came in to have a look at what is exhibited. It was an outstanding success, and was appreciated by each and every department and their respective faculty members. In the end, this gave us a new realization that a piece of paper is more than enough for a person to respond to the issues in society. Shouting hard or raising slogans are not always necessary to mark our protests against anything. But it is all about how we view and use things around us.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT



As part of the attempt of facilitating all round development of the student, on 8 September 2016 a one day workshop on personality development was organized by the department of Sociology for the first year students. The basic aim of the workshop was to build confidence among students and to help them overcome their inhibitions. Mr Jobi Joseph who is a training officer in Loyola Extension Services was the resource person. The workshop was organized in three sessions. All the students of the first semester MA Sociology took part in the workshop.

The Morning session started at 9.00 am in the morning. The facilitator was introduced to the students gathered in the Sutter hall. The morning session which ended at 10.30 am was basically an icebreaker which aimed at loosening the group and making them free to interact with each other. It was mainly organized through various games using balls and calling out names.

The forenoon session started at 10.45 am. The session was basically on public speaking. The students were first given an orientation about the various techniques used in the art of public speaking. Then the students were divided into groups of two and were asked to talk to each other. First one in the pair has to be the listener and then in the second round the person will be the speaker. The members in the pair were asked to give evaluation of one another. The students then practiced various techniques like sound modulation etc in different pairs. The process was closely monitored by the facilitator and the necessary corrections were given.

The afternoon session started at 1.30pm. This session was intended to know more about oneself. The students were given games as a starter. Then they were asked to think about themselves and were asked to note down the best and worst things in their individual lives. They were also asked to write down what they think are their positives and negatives. Then the facilitator tried to communicate the uniqueness of each individual through a video presentation. Thereafter the students were given papers with their names. They were asked to circulate the paper in the group. The facilitator instructed each person to write down one positive quality about each person in the group. Later it was all clubbed together. It was indeed a surprise to many in the group to realize that they have these many good qualities. It was a moment of pride and self realization which helped the students to boost their confidence in oneself.

The one day workshop came to end with an evaluation session and vote of thanks at 3.30pm. The workshop provided a space for the students to explore oneself and find the hidden qualities in their inner self. At the end of the day it helped in identifying the uniqueness of the individual and also in increasing the level of confidence.

ARIDA-2K16-INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM AND

DOCUMENTARY AND SHORT FILM FEST



A picture communicates more than a thousand words. With the improvement in technology films are one of the prominent medium of communication of ideas into the society. The idea when communicated through visuals gets enforced into the individual's mind. Striking on this aspect and the increasing interest of youngsters in watching motion pictures LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit in collaboration with LET (Loyola Ethnographic Theatre)-the film club in the college conducted ARIDA16.

ARIDA16 was a one day international short film and documentary fest conducted on October 17, 2016. The fest had two venues. The main venue was Sutter hall and the second one was Jose Murickan Hall. Selected international and national documentaries and short films were screened in the two venues in three sessions

The Inauguration of ARIDA16 started with a prayer at 9.30 am. There after the welcome address was delivered by Ms.Chinchu. K. Bhavani of 2nd MA Sociology. She introduced the word ARIDA to the crowd which is the Latin word for mirage. A mirage symbolizes a situation of hope or an illusion. ARIDA16 was explained as an endeavour of Department of Sociology with a hope of removing illusions to give a more clear vision through the glimpses of realities. Then the fest was formally inaugurated by Dr. Jose Boban, the principal of the college. By 10.15 am the formal function was concluded.

The each session in both the venue were chaired by Fr. Saji SJ, Faculty of the department of Social Work. The films screened were 'India's daughter' which traces the delhi rape case, followed by Agape portraying the love of a differently able boy, Then the short film Little Terrorist was screened which deals with a boy a who crosses the border from Pakistan to India and Muhalakshanum were screened in the next session chaired by Dr. Sonny Jose. After each screening the floor was opened for a discussion where the students were asked to share their views about the picture and also about the theme discussed in it. The second session ended by 12.15 am.

In the second venue the films screened were 'A Drop of Sunshine' a documentary which deals with a women's fight against Schizophrenia, followed by a short film 'Ladoo' showing how it is to feel like being caged. It tried to portray the importance of freedom. This session was chaired by guest faculty of Department of Counselling Psychology Dr. Promod S.K. The second session was chaired by Dr Antony Palackal of Department of Sociology. The pictures screened were 'Puthiyakalintiku Parayanulathu' which dealt with a social issue of pollution of chakkumkandam river in Kerala, followed by Mukalashanum which is an illustration of how man's image is determined by the society in a funny way.

The last session started by 1.30 pm after the lunch break. Venue one was chaired by Dr. Angelo Mathew and venue two was chaired by Dr. Sunil Kumar. The films screened in venue 1 were 'Promised Land and Broken Promises' which is an ethnographic film directed by Dr Antony Palackal of Department of Sociology dealing with the theme development and Induced Displacement. It was followed by a short film screening the life of transgender titled 'Avalilekulla Dhooram' and 'Choodal' dealing with the life of children. The films screened in venue two were Born to Brothels which is an Indian American short film portraying the life of children born into red streets in Mumbai. It was followed by 'Saltman' an international short film portraying the complexities of human life through a monologue. It was followed by the screening of 'Choodal'. The third session came to an end by 3.15pm.

At 3.15pm all the students and faculty gathered in the Sutter Hall for the closing of the one day International Short Film and Documentary Festival. Akhil Surendren of 2nd Ma Sociology, the president of LASIE –KSS Loyola Unit delivered the vote of thanks. He shared his experience of organizing the fest. Dr. Saji. P .Jacob, HOD, Department of Sociology was invited to give the concluding remarks. The programme ended by 4 pm in the evening

ARIDA 16 was indeed a different experience. It guided the thoughts of the views to the harsh realities of social life and to some facts of the human relations. The discussion that followed each screening was a thought provoking exercise that helped in gaining a deeper understanding. It also helped in pooling different perspectives of individual. ARIDA16 provided a different learning experience for the students.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

PERSPECTIVES FROM BELOW



Department of Sociology under the initiative of LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit in collaboration with Kerala Institute Of Local Administration (KILA), had organized a one day national seminar on the topic ‘Inclusive Governance: Perspectives from Below’, on 5th December 2016. The seminar was envisioned as an attempt to evaluate how far the decentralization process was inclusive pooling the perspectives of the marginalized groups in the society like the dalits, tribal, women, children, the transgender, fisher folk etc. The seminar was attended by students and faculties of various colleges in Trivandrum, especially the students from the sociology departments at Karyavattom, S N College Chempazhanthi, KNM Government college Kanjiramkulam.

The registration started at 9.00am in the morning. The seminar started with the prayer at 9:45 am. The first session was the inaugural ceremony Dr. Saji P. Jacob (HOD, Department of Sociology) gave the welcome speech and welcomed the dignitaries in dais. He introduced the Keynote speakers of the day representing different sections in the society. Then the seminar was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by Dr. Jose Boban. K, Principal of Loyola College of Social Sciences. There after he delivered the presidential address in which he noted that the topic of this seminar is very relevant and has to be discussed thoroughly. The keynote address was given by Dr. Joseph Bastian who was a former UN chief Technical Advisor. He is a person having more than 30years of experience in the development programmes in Africa, in various capacities as, Team Leader or Technical Advisor to world famous organizations like unsaid, World Bank, WHO, JICA and so on. In his address, he mentioned about different concepts like governance, inclusivity, obligations of governance etc. First he tried to define what governance is. For him, it is better understood as obligations rather than responsibilities, and governance is therefore an obligation than anything else. Then

he explained two obligations of governance. They are; in partnership with people, we need to identify the priority of the people. Multiplicity of groups and interests are prevalent in any society. The second obligation is that we need to identify the resources and allocate it among the people according to the priority. He added that if the governance can accomplish these two obligations then it becomes inclusive governance. The session was wrapped up by 11 am.

The second session was started at 11 am after a tea break. It was chaired by Dr. Prakash Pillai. R, HoD of Personnel Management, Loyola College. There were two key speakers in the next session; one was Dr. S. Faizi, a senior UNDP Consultant in India. He talked about “Forest related Inclusion and Concerns of Adivasi” trying to link it with ecology. He explained about several forest policies in our country and its impact on Adivasis. He also analysed the sustainable development goals. According to him, we need to reform the forestry sector because we created artificial poverty and destroyed biodiversity.

Another key speaker Dr. Rajesh.K, a senior fellow in IRTC Palakkad told about the decentralization initiative in Kerala. He added the condition of different marginalized groups in our society such as tribals, fisherman, scheduled castes, etc. And he urged for the implementation of better policies for these groups. According to him we should provide autonomy to local bodies to address issues of local people. Also effective implementation of Forest Act should also be done. According to him democratization is inevitable in Kerala. The session ended at 12:00 pm. And the third session started at 12:05 pm with Dr. Anu Unni, faculty department of Political Science, University of Kerala as the chair. There were three key speakers in the session. The first one Miss. Vijaya Raja Mallika, a Transgender Activist, who put forwarded a lot of suggestions for the government to attain inclusivity for the third gender. She stressed on the importance of implementing Kerala transgender policy. She gave a detailed description about their needs and what is happening to transgender in the society. The second one was Ms.Dhanya Raman, a Social Activist with keen interest in the welfare of tribals. She stressed a lot about the caste discrimination and shared her personal experiences regarding it to the crowd. Dr. J. Devika was the third resource person in this session who is an Associate Professor in Centre for Development Studies. She tried to include the perspectives of women in the frame of analysis. After the keynotes the floor was opened for discussion. The session was winded by 1.30pm.

After the lunch break between 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm the next session i.e. the fourth session started at 2.20pm. It was chaired by Dr. Sunil Kumar. P, Librarian of Loyola College of Social Sciences. Mr. Charles George, state President, Kerala Malsyathozhilali Aikyavedi, was the first key note speaker in this session. According to him, the primary and secondary sector should be raised from their present situation, also micro economics and macro-economic should be integrated too. He pointed out that even when new terms and policies are introduced nothing is transformed in the lowest layers of the society. A lot has to be done to make the governance inclusive for all in the society. Adv. J. Sandhya, Member of Child Rights Commission was another keynote speaker in the fourth session. She opened up the problems faced by children, especially

tribal children. She urged for a need of touch of humanness in all laws rather than the technicalities. Then the floor was opened up for questions and the session ended at 3:00 pm.

The valedictory session was at 3:00 pm Shri. S.M. Vijayanand IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala, a senior bureaucrat and fore-runner in the decentralization process in Kerala was the guest of the session. In the session welcome address was delivered by Dr. Jose Boban, Principal of Loyola College of Social Sciences. Then the chief guest was invited for his address. According to Shri. Vijayanand, if panchayat were given power of governance in the beginning then India would have been the most developed state. According to him, inclusive governance means inclusive development. He gave a definition for inclusive governance which influenced him that is “opening the door of the Panchayat on hearing the footsteps” of those who visit the panchayat. He pointed out that inclusiveness is a characteristic of good governance. Which is yet to be achieved in its fullest sense but we may try at least for creating some models. The seminar ended at 4:00 pm with the concluding remarks by Dr. Saji P. Jacob, HOD, Department of Sociology.

The seminar was indeed a brainstorming one which helped to gain more clarity about the perspectives of the under privileged or excluded sections in the society. More importantly, it was also a step ahead from the annual conference of KSS in 2015, which was also hosted by Department of Sociology, Loyola College, again in collaboration with KILA, Thrissur.

SESSION WITH THE UNICEF CHIEF



KSS Loyola unit in collaboration with the Childline organized a session with Mr. Job Zachariach –the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) chief for Tamil Nadu and Kerala on August 5th 2016. The session started at 9.30 am with Rev. Fr. Joy James introducing the guest to the gathering and the role of UNICEF in facilitating the welfare of children at different parts of the country. Then the chief guest was invited to address the gathering.

Mr. Job started by asking questions to the crowd gathered about the role and status of women. He raised a question about how the society will view a woman slapping her husband and a man slapping his wife? He asked the members of the student community there in Sutter hall to answer the same. There aroused a difference of opinion. This he pointed out is due to the conditioning of the values of an individual which is done from the beginning of life.

Mr. Job tried to figure out the vulnerable status of women and children in all societies in this modern world. To substantiate his point he cited some statistical figures at both national and international levels. He then moved into stating a need of action for a change. For this the youth of the country has a big role in it. Mr. Job called the youngsters as the reserve of energy. This energy has to be used for the betterment of life for all in the society.

Mr. Job then spoke of a new programme to be launched -The UNICEF-Youth Ambassadors. This programme is being planned with a vision to make committed youngsters the ambassadors of UNICEF to bring a change in the society. He concluded his speech by asking the younger generation to be vibrant as the world needs them. Then the floor was opened up for a discussion. Mr. Job answered all the questions raised by the students. Then Dr. Jose Boban, Principal delivered the vote of thanks. With that the interactive session came to an end by 10.30 am.

ANALYTICAL SOCIOLOGY KALEIDOSCOPE (ASK)



Analytical Sociology Kaleidoscope (ASK) is a section in the college creative boards assigned to KSS. The students of the department of Sociology use this space as space of expression of their skills as well as a space to react against and invite attention to many social issues existing in the society. Mrs. Priya. R. Kumar is the coordinator of this creative space. The topics presented in ASK is updated or changed on a weekly basis. The class is divided into different groups and each group is asked to present a relevant theme every

week. They can use any medium of expression from writing an article, or making of collages, poster section depending on their interest.

Students of the department took part actively in this initiative of LASIE-KSS Loyola Unit. Some of the major topics presented in ASK include: Issues of Migration, Problems of Transgender, Problems of marginalized sections, Current social and political issues in national as well as international society, Violence against women , conservation of ecology etc. ASK gained great attention from the entire student community of the college and resultantly evoked enthusiastic response in the campus as it could invite attention to many relevant themes in the contemporary social context.

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RESEARCH PROJECTS

RESEARCH CLINIC

Teachers of the department give adequate encouragement and support for the research activities of the students. The notion of **Research Clinic** was introduced, for the systematic and regular follow up and guidance of students' research projects. Accordingly, common presentations, at specific stages of the research work are scheduled and periodic monitoring is conducted in a more systematic and regular manner. Moreover, the **Research Clinic** of the department organized a number of common training programmes and session for all the students of the department to familiarize them with the research methodology and the software, mainly SPSS required for the tabulation and analysis of the data.

3.1. MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

STUDENTS

NATIONAL

1. Chinchu K Bhavani presented a paper titled 'Journey into spiritual wellness in a communally charged climate- A case study of Sameeksha in Kerala.'-29/09/16.

International

Dr.SajiP.Jacob

1. 'The Unseen Intersex: Denial of Rights of the intersex' Three day International Inter-disciplinary Seminar on Access to Justice: Trends and Issues held on 07/01/2016 to 09/01/2016 This coauthored paper is published in the seminar proceedings, Published by Department of Law, University of Kerala(2016)

2. 'Stand Up Protest: Dynamics of Protests for Constitutional Rights by the AdivasiGotraMahasabha' in the Three day International Inter-disciplinary Seminar on Access to Justice: Trends and Issues held on 07/01/2016 to 09/01/2016. This coauthored paper is published in the seminar proceedings, by the Department of Law, University of Kerala (2016)

3. Marginalizing Care Givers: Anomaly of Care Professionals in Kerala, in the International conference on Decentralization, Poverty and Marginalization, held on 19/11/2016 TO 22/11/2016 at the Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Thrissur and the paper is published in the proceedings by KILA (2016)

Dr.Antony Palackal

1. “ Qualitative Methodology in Social Policy Research” to the international delegates of Think Tanks in the programme on Methodology organized and conducted by Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR), Cochin; 3 May 2016

2. 2016. ANTONY PALACKAL. “Knowledge Production and Social Relations in Kerala in a Digitalized World” in the International Seminar on Living and Working in the Digital Information Age: Intercontinental Insights. Organized jointly by Department of Humanities, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) in collaboration with World Science Project, Louisiana State University and North-Rhine Westphalia Project, Universities of Bielefeld and Paderborn, Germany held at Trivandrum, Kerala, India on Saturday, June 25, 2016

3. ANTONY PALACKAL. “Currents and Ruptures in Indian Diaspora: Facets of Diasporic Engagement” in the Round Table Conference on Absences, Silences and the Margin: Restructuring Indian Diaspora Studies, Centre for Diaspora Studies (CDS), MS University, India, held in Kanyamumari, January 7-9, 2016

Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson

1. *Social Relations in a Digitalised world: Interface between robots and Humans* in the International seminar on Living and Working in the digital Information Age :Intercontinental Insights organised jointly by the Department of Humanities ,Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, World Science Project, Louisiana State University and North –Rhine Westphalia Project, Universities of Bielefeld and Paderborn, Germany held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 25th June ,2016-12-06

National

Dr.SajiP.Jacob

Sociology and the Subaltern Structure: Questions of Theory and method in the three day National Seminar Organized by the Department of Sociology, at the Malayalam University Tirur, held on 29/08/2016 to 31/08/2016 and the paper was published in the seminar proceedings by Malayalam University (2016).

Dr.AntonyPalackal

1.2016. ANTONY PALACKAL. “Learning As Engaged Knowledge Building” in the National Seminar on Benchmarking Procedures and Practices for Quality Enhancement in Higher Education” three day seminar organized by Christ University, Bangalore, at Christ University, on 2-24 November, 2016

2.2016. ANTONY PALACKAL. “Organic Agriculture in Kerala – A Counter Discourse from the Margins” in the National Conference on Subaltern Structures and the Power Relations in India. Organized and conducted by Department of Sociology, Thuchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, August 29-31, 2016 (Forthcoming).

3.2016. ANTONY PALACKAL. “Organic Agriculture in Kerala – A new Social Movement in the Making” in RC 17 of ISS Mid Term National Conference on Social Movements – Trends and Directions in Contemporary India”, June 13-14

4. Presentation on ‘Quality Assessment and NACC Accreditation – Institutional Perspective’ for the two batches of IQAC Coordinators of Colleges in Kerala, organized by FLAIR, Government of Kerala and ICT, Academy, Govt. of Kerala, on 25th October (Loyola College of Social Sciences, TVPM) and 1st November 2016, at Mariarani Centre, TVPM

5.Two day Workshop on “Writing and Publishing in Social Sciences” to the MSW students of Don Bosco Arts and Science College, AngadikadavuIritty& Sultan Bathery, at Sultan Bathery, Waynad, May 4 & 5 2016.

6.Session on Qualitative Methodology to the participants of a State Conference on Research Methods, Statistical Approaches and Publications, titles ‘Lighting the Future for Innovative Nursing Research ‘ Organized by Pushpagiri College of Nursing, Tiruvalla held on 5th April 2016

7. Forenoon session on Qualitative Research Methodology in the National Workshop on Academic Writing and Research Methodology in Political Science, organized by Survey Research Centre, Dept. of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, on 18th March, 2016

Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson

1. ***Health and wellbeing: The tribal Perspective*** in the National Seminar on Empowerment of Tribal women: Issues and Challenges at the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, 25-26 2016

2. Selected for ICSSR Sponsored Orientation Programme in Social Sciences at Sardar Patel Institute of Social Sciences, Ahmedabad,16-19 March 2016 and presented research Experience.

3. ***Life of a transgender: A case Study*** in the ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Transgender Inclusion : Challenges and Implications at Periyar University, Salem on 21-22 January 2016

Invited Lectures

Dr.SajiP.Jacob

- ‘Critique of Positivism’ at the Department of Sociology, Malayalam University, Tirur as part of the Sociology Lecture Series on 01/03/2016

- ‘Family Studies in India: Need for multiple Perspectives’ , Department of Sociology, Malayalam University, Tirur, as a panellist on 25/10/2016
- Reading Social Theory, Department of Sociology, University of Calicut on 24/10/2016

Dr.Nisha Jolly Nelson

1. Resource person at SN College Chempazhanchy and delivered a talk on the topic An Inquiry into the Indigenous Tribal Heritage on 1 March 2016 as part of College Spectrum Seminar Series.
2. Resource person and chaired in the National Seminar on Empowerment of Tribal women: Issues and Challenges at the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, 25-26 2016
3. Resource person and chaired a session in the ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Transgender Inclusion: Challenges and Implications at Periyar University, Salem on 21-22 January 2016

ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards/ Prizes/Recognition

Dr SajiP.Jacob

- Nominated .as the Chairman of P G Board of Studies IN Sociology- Kannur University
- Nominated as Member of PG Board of Studies- University of Calicut
- Member of P G board of studies- University of Kerala
- Nominated as the external subject expert member of Faculty of Social Sciences of Kannur University
- Have served as the chairman of question paper setting for the M.A and B.A examinations of Calicut University
- Have served as the chairman of the M.A. Rural and Tribal Sociology programme OF Kannur University
- Have served as the chairman of the Ph. D entrance examination question setting board
- Have attended the interview board for the selection of course coordinator of sociology at the Kannur University as a subject expert

Dr.AntonyPalackal

- ✓ Recipient of the First FLAIR Research Excellence Award in 2015 from the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala. The Award consisted of Rs. 50000/- and a certificate of ‘Award of Excellence” for his outstanding contributions in Research, Publications in Sociology. Dr. Palackal is the only one to receive this coveted award in Social Sciences
- ✓ Managing Committee Member & Editorial Board Member, E- News Letter, Indian Sociological Society
- ✓ Executive Committee Member, Kerala Sociological Society
- ✓ Associate Editor, Kerala Sociologist, the Official Journal of the Kerala Sociological Society
- ✓ India Coordinator and Principle Investigator, World Science Project, Louisiana State University, USA

OTHERS

- ✓ Chinchu K. Bhavani of 2nd MA Sociology won first prize in essay writing competition conducted by Food Corporation of India.
- ✓ Priya. R. Kumar of 2nd Ma Sociology won first prize interdepartmental speech competition conducted by the department of Social work in the college.

-) Syamkumar M.S was awarded for making the best short film in the competition conducted by the department of personal management as part of environment day.
-) 1st year sociology students bagged first prize in mime and tableau inter department competition on the occasion of national integration week
-) Terese Mary Chacko, Priya R. Kumar and Akhil Surendran were awarded with outstanding campus contribution and outstanding academic performance.
-) **Prof. Mercy Williams Award for the Best Department of Sociology for Outstanding Contributions in the field of Extension and social service.**

To be added

Attapadi live in experience

To know and experience more about the tribal communities in Attapadi, beyond the writings the students of sociology namely Akhil Surendran, Jasna, Dhanya Raj, Shine Michelena Jose and Jinu K organized a 15day camp from April 18 to May 3. The students divided into groups and covered the nearby areas kalkandiyoor, choriyanoor, vadakottathara and other 'ooru' which they could visit. They also conducted a one day camp in these 'ooru'. During the live in camp they also got a part to be a part of three day residential camp held at AADI (Attapadi Adivasi Development Initiatives). The students took class on personality development, leadership, career guidance and scholarships etc. the students also conducted a survey in the socio economic, educational and cultural problems of day scholars and hostellers in the tribal community.

OBSERVATIONS:

-) Tribal life has changed a lot. Almost all tribals have their own house.
-) Importance of education has also increased among them. But they give less importance to boys education.
-) The impact of globalization and modernization can also be seen in some tribal areas.
-) There are some areas lacking basic infrastructure like portable water and transportation.
-) Tribal groups are more or less aware and conscious about health especially the health of the new born.