

**LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**



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Practices**

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Discussion on Farm Acts and Farmers Protest

A farmer is defined as an individual engaged in the production of farmers' produce by self or by hired labour. The new Farm Acts and Farmers Protest had become a sensational topic of discussion in the recent time. It is the obligation of us to saunter with the changes of the society and also the loyalty to view the changes with a critical mind. Loyola in the Company of Friends (LITCOF) organized a panel discussion on the topic “**The Farm Acts and the Farmers- Food Bowl Goes against the Grain**” as concerned with farmers protest and bill. The session was conducted on 22nd January, 2021 at Sutter hall by 3 pm. The session was monitored by our own Students;

- a. **ANNA ALIAS** (2nd year MSW)
- b. **SREELEKSHMI** (2nd year MSW)
- c. **PRIYA V NINAN** (2nd year MSW)
- d. **ANGEL BABU** (2nd year MSW)

It was the first official program for our first years. The program started by a welcoming note delivered by D.R. Sunil Kumar P (staff coordinator, LITCOF) by 3:00 pm. The gathering consisted of 35 participants including both students and faculties.

The session consisted of 4 parts:

-) General information about the Farming Agreement by **ANNA ALLIAS**
-) THE FARMERS' PRODUCE TRADE AND COMMERCE (PROMOTION AND FACILITATION) ACT, 2020- **SREELEKSHMI**
-) Farmers Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020- **ANGEL BABU**
-) Essential Commodities Act, 2020- **PRIYA V NINAN**

Anna began the session by giving 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 handed over to other speakers. They discussed about unpacking the farm acts and about farm bill and protest. There was an opinion that agriculture is an important source of income for the farmers and for that farmers land should be preserved. National Commission

on farmers constituted by Mr. Swaminadu had dealt with lots of disagreements like agriculture should be removed from state list to concurrent list. The session 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. It also states 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 last part of the session discussed about the farmers' current situations and laws and acts enacted in it. After the official presentation by our students, the entire participants were divided into 3 groups and were assigned 3 topics;

- I. **Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce Act,2020- Abolishing of mandi system**
- II. **Farmers Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 – minimum support price.**
- III. **Essential Commodities Act, 2020- withdrawal of stock limit**

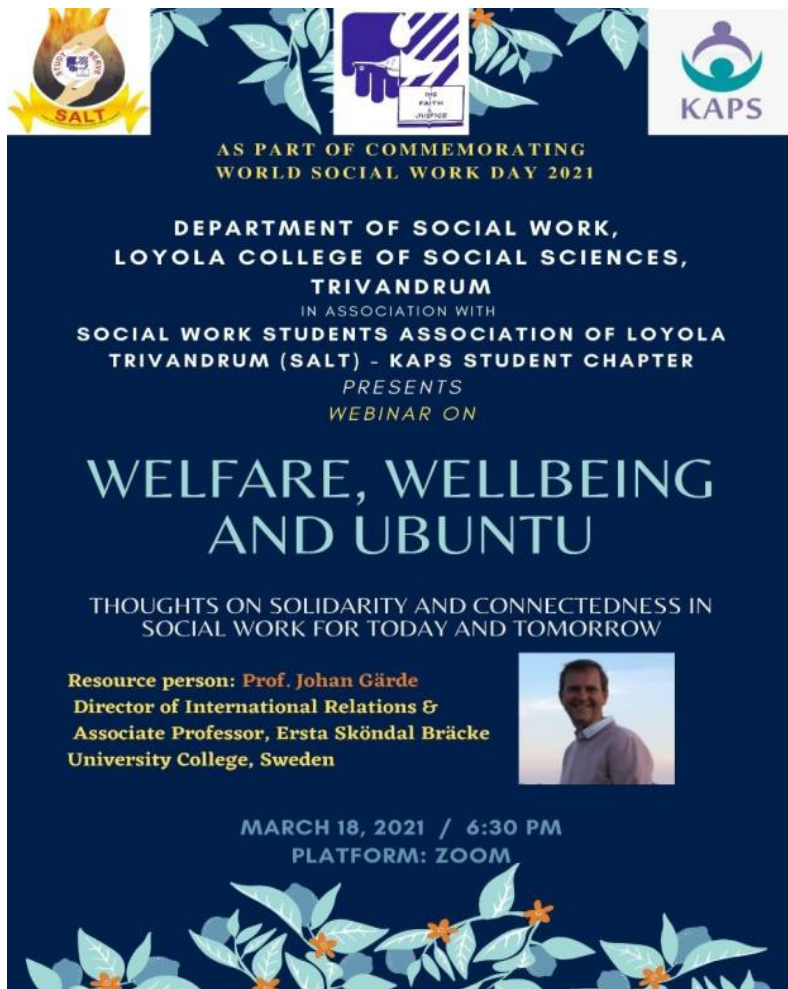
The groups were given 15 minutes time for discussion. After 15 minutes one student from each group came forward and express their views on the topic assigned to their group. The session was able to touch on different avenues of the issues that the contemporary India was facing with regard to Farm Acts. Finally Fr. Saji provides his remarks on the subject of discussion and also about the overall conduct of the session. The session got over by 5.pm with the official vote of thanks by Nithya George (Second year M.A. Sociology).





COMMEMORATING WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY

As part of the world social work day on 18th March 2021, the Department of Social Work in association with Social Work Students Association of Loyola Trivandrum - SALT (KAPS - Student's Chapter) organized a webinar on the topic WELFARE, WELLBEING AND UBUNTU - Thoughts on Solidarity and Connectedness in Social Work for Today and Tomorrow. Prof. Johan Gärde, Director of International Relations & Associate Professor, Ersta Sköndal Bräcke University College, Sweden, explained the topic to the students. The zoom meeting was enriched with the presence of the faculty.



AS PART OF COMMEMORATING
WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY 2021

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK,
LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES,
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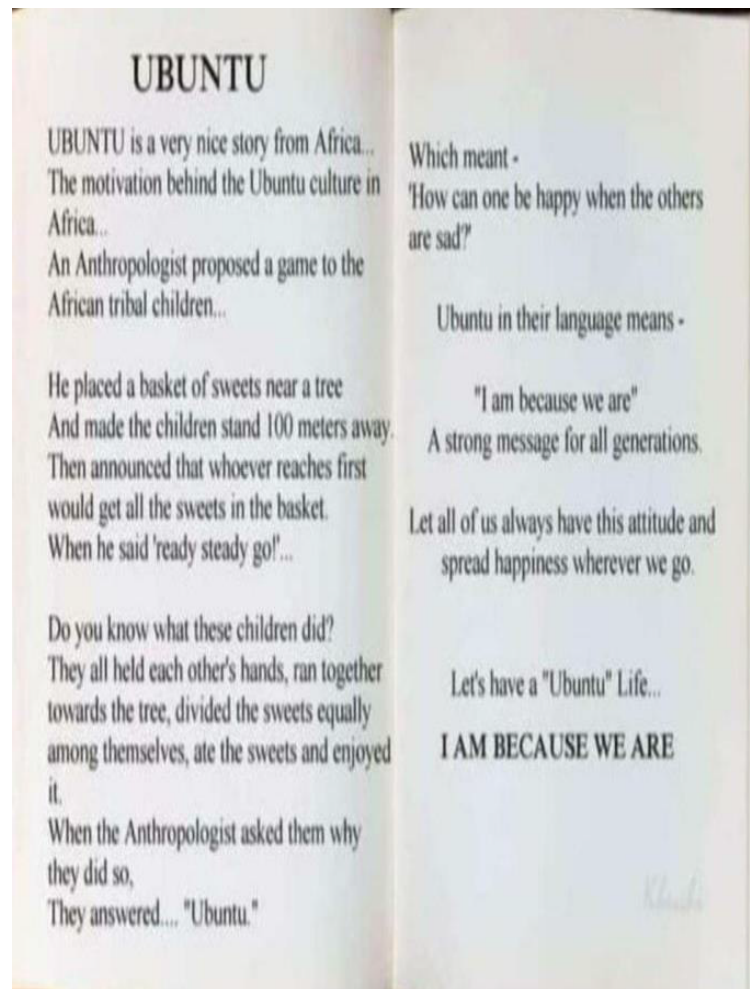
WELFARE, WELLBEING AND UBUNTU

THOUGHTS ON SOLIDARITY AND CONNECTEDNESS IN
SOCIAL WORK FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Resource person: **Prof. Johan Gärde**
Director of International Relations &
Associate Professor, Ersta Sköndal Bräcke
University College, Sweden



MARCH 18, 2021 / 6:30 PM
PLATFORM: ZOOM



UBUNTU

UBUNTU is a very nice story from Africa...
The motivation behind the Ubuntu culture in Africa..
An Anthropologist proposed a game to the African tribal children...

He placed a basket of sweets near a tree
And made the children stand 100 meters away.
Then announced that whoever reaches first
would get all the sweets in the basket.
When he said 'ready steady go!'

Do you know what these children did?
They all held each other's hands, ran together
towards the tree, divided the sweets equally
among themselves, ate the sweets and enjoyed
it.
When the Anthropologist asked them why
they did so,
They answered.... "Ubuntu."

Which meant -
'How can one be happy when the others
are sad?'

Ubuntu in their language means -

"I am because we are"
A strong message for all generations.

Let all of us always have this attitude and
spread happiness wherever we go.

Let's have a "Ubuntu" Life...

I AM BECAUSE WE ARE

INTERNATIONAL HAPPINESS DAY REPORT

Every year, the International Happiness Day is celebrated on the 20th of March. The 2021, theme for International Happiness Day was “Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind”

This year, the Loyola Association of Counselling Psychology students with the help of Dr. Leena S.T, staff-coordinator and Omjayasree, Program-student-Coordinator, decided to host a few small stress-relieving activities that would help ease the minds of our peers from all around college. The activities were planned out throughout the day.

First and foremost, on account of spreading positivity and awareness on the importance of celebrating International Happiness Day, every student was given a smiley to wear for the day.

Then, there was the concept of the “Happiness Jar”, this was done to implement the practice of circulating positive thoughts, quotes and anything that would bring about a sense of joy in the reader. The idea behind this concept was to engage in the ‘give and take’ values. There was a short and catalytic inauguration held in front of the main college block before classes commenced. It was presided over the entire department of Counselling Psychology. The course-coordinator of the Department of Psychology, Dr. Pramod S.K gave a short speech on the importance of maintaining a lifestyle that helps inducing happiness or happy emotions. Overall, the concept of the “Happiness Jar” seemed to take a good place, a large number of college students and faculty members partook in its process.



From 12:30-13:00pm, the entire college was asked to gather at Sutter Hall. Thereon, a variety of fun-filled activities were conducted, lead by a first year M.Sc Counselling Psychology student, Bijji. As the name of the session, ‘LOL- Laugh Out Loud’ suggested, the

main aim of the exercise was to carry out Laughter Therapy. An approximate of 60 individuals had taken part in these activities, including our Principal, Saji P Jacob and faculty members. Every step of the session had directed goals that were achieved. The end of the 'LOL- Laugh Out Loud' session followed a dance session lead by second year M.SC Counselling Psychology students Narthana Suresh and Arathy B Kumar. On the large scale, the sessions altogether were a huge success, with members of the gathering asking for more time to repeat some activities and wished for such sessions to be held in the future as well. Most of the students' take away from the day was to take time to relax and undertake in stress-busting activities. To a great extent individuals found themselves calmer and kinder towards the end of the day.





Report

Programme Name	A DISCUSSION ON CONSUMER RIGHTS	Organizer	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY LASIE (LOYOLA ASSOCIATION OF SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION)
Date	26 th MARCH 2021	Time	11 AM to 12 PM
Venue	SUTTER HALL	Faculty In-Charge	DR. NISHA JOLLY NELSON HEAD, DEPT. OF SOCIOLOGY
Programme Objectives	) 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) WHAT ARE THE RIGHTS		
Resource Person (s)	MS. MEENU (RESEARCH SCHOLAR)		
Participants	ABHIRAMI KRISHNAN S, ALEENA N, AMAL DEV O B, ANAMIKA U P, ANANDHU B S, ANGEL RAJ, ANJALI G P, ANJITHA M C, ARDRA ANIL, ARUN S B, BHAGYA S KUMAR, DIJA M, DIVYA UNNI, DRISHYA P LAL, FEVI WILLIAM F, GOURI LEKSHMI P S, JANCY JOHNS, JINCY RAJ S S, JINO P JOHN, JINU CHANDRAJ, KAVYA B S, KRISHNENDU B, MARIAM JACOB, RESHMA N R, SALMAN, SARANYA T J, SREE SIDHARTH M S, SREELEKSHMI M V, SREETHU SREENIVASAN, UNNIMAYA L K		
Programme Activities	HAD A DISCUSSION AMONG STUDENTS, DISCUSSED ABOUT THE RIGHTS, STUDENTS SHARED THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE AS A CONSUMER, TALKED ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT ARE FACING WHILE USING ONLINE SHOPPING, RIGHTS WERE EXPLAINED BY THE STUDENTS COORDINATORS		
Programme Outcomes	) UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE RIGHTS THAT EXIST UNDER THE LAW) LEARNED ABOUT APPLYING THOSE LAWS IN TIME) HELPED TO KNOW ABOUT THE RIGHTS AND LAWS		

LASIE
Loyola Association Of Sociological
Imagination and Engagements

Organises

A Discussion on Consumer Rights

On **16th March 2021** FROM **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



Coordinators :
Sreedha Sreenivasan
Niraja Unni
Krishendhu B

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 prices. 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 15th March, highlights the power of consumer to fight for a fair, safe, and sustainable world.

It is one of the world consumer rights days.

BANNING PLASTIC POLLUTION

Consumer rights were protected under consumer act 1930.

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 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 ISO 9000, etc.

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 demand from talking prey to high pressure selling techniques.

RIGHT TO HEARD

- Means that consumers should be given due consideration at appropriate forums. It gives consumer right to be represented in various forums. It also includes the consumer's welfare.
- The consumer should have representation and voice in the government or various consumer forums. The consumer should also have representation in the government and other bodies in matters relating to consumer.

RIGHT TO SEEK REDRESSAL

- Means right to seek redressal against unfair trade practices or an oppressive exploitation of consumers.
- The right to redressal includes compensation in the form of money or replacement of goods or repair or 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 CONSUMER EDUCATION

- Consumer education refers to educating the consumer concerning with regard to their rights.
- In other words, consumer should 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 steps to educate the consumer.

Prof TSN Pillai Memorial Lecture- Employment Concerns of Informal Labour in India during the Pandemic

Loyola College of Social Sciences and Loyola Alumni Association in collaboration with Institute of Labour and Management organized Prof. TSN Pillai Memorial lecture on 10th June, 2021 through the online platform zoom. The topic for the day was '**Employment Concerns of Informal Labour in India during the Pandemic**'. Late Prof. T.S.N. Pillai, is teacher par excellence of Loyola College of Social Sciences who have made acclaimed contributions to the field of education. A very systematic teacher deeply committed to principles of Social Work and Personnel Management. In his remembrance, first memorial lecture was organized. The guest for the day was Bino Paul Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean, Centre for Human Resources Management and Labour Relations, School of Management and Labour Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

The program got started by 7:00pm and the gathering was formally welcomed by **Dr Saji P Jacob**, Principal of Loyola College of Social Sciences. **Dr. V.P. Mahadevan Pillai**, Vice Chancellor of University of Kerala delivered the Presidential Address. **Shri. V Shivankutty, Honorable Minister of Education and Labour** officially inaugurated the programme.

The resource person spoke vividly on the major challenges faced by the people who work under informal labour sector. He also associated the main problems associated to it with regard to the recent pandemic situation that has taken place globally. The issues of reverse migration, economic uncertainties in one's own home state and also interstates were all discussed in detail by the speaker for the day. The economic issues faced by a section of people in the contemporary society are an important issue to be discussed for the hour. The second part of the session was open for an interaction with the speaker. Participants actively participated and raised their doubts and opinions to the speaker.

After the official session, the winner of Prof. TSN Pillai Leadership Award was declared. The award was instituted by Alumni association. Dr. G C. Gopal Pillai MSW from Loyola College of Social Sciences is the recipient of the first Prof. TSN Pillai Leadership Award. For his outstanding contribution to management and individual leadership in the country, covering multiple of varied sectors and challenging assignments for more than last four

decades. The session got over by 8:45pm with the official vote of thanks by Dr. Prakash Pillai R, Head of Department of Personnel Management.

GALLERY

Loyola College of Social Sciences and Loyola Alumni Association
In collaboration with
Institute of Labour and Management

Inauguration



Shri. V. Sivankutty
Hon'ble Minister for Education and Labour

Jointly Invite you to the
First Prof. TSN Pillai Memorial Lecture (online) by
Prof. BINO PAUL Ph.D.
Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Topic: Employment Concerns of Informal Labour in India during the Pandemic.

Fond Remembrance



Late Prof. TSN Pillai
Loyola College, Trivandrum

at 7 pm 10th June 2021

THE WINNER OF PROF. TSN PILLAI LEADERSHIP AWARD instituted by Alumni Association will be declared by the Chairman of Judging panel.

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RESOURCE PERSON
Prof. BINO PAUL Ph.D.
Professor and Associate Dean, Centre for Human Resources Management and Labour Relations, School of Management and Labour Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS).



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
DR V. P. MAHADEVAN PILLAI
Vice Chancellor University of Kerala

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Prayer 7.00 pm	Ms. Vani Ramdas Alumnus MSW 2018 Batch
Welcome 7.03 pm	Dr.Saji P Jacob Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences
Presidential Address 7.08 pm	Dr V. P. Mahadevan Pillai Vice chancellor
Inauguration Address 7.16 pm	Shri. V.Sivankutty Hon'ble Minister for Education & Labour
Memorial Lecture 7.26 pm	Prof. Bino Paul Ph.D. TISS, Mumbai
Introduction to the award 8.11 pm	Mr. P N Sreekumar IRS. President, Loyola Alumni Association
Declaration of award 8.16 pm	Fr.Sunny Kunnappallil. S.J Chairman Award Committee and Manager, Loyola Institutions
Felicitation 8.21 pm	Adv. Anil Narayanan Vice-Chairman, Institute of Labour and Management
Vote of Thanks 8.26 pm	Dr.Prakash Pillai R. Head, Dept. of Personnel Management, Loyola College of Social Sciences.

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its a great moment for Loyola.

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DISCUSSION: DEVELOPMENT OF LAKSHADWEEP, A NATIVE'S PERSPECTIVE

16/06/2021

On 16th June, 2021, LITCOF, Loyola College of Social Sciences, conducted an online discussion about the ongoing controversies of Lakshadweep administration proposals via zoom. The program started by 3:00 p.m. Fr. Saji gave a head start to the programme by initiating the discussion.

The gathering was formally welcomed by Vishnu Shaji (1st year HR). Followed by that, Dr. Sunil Kumar P (staff coordinator, LITCOF), gave a short introduction about the discussion. He addressed the main issues of Lakshadweep Administration Proposals. The session consisted of 45 participants including both faculties and students.

The resource person for the session was Shri. Muhammad Shaafi Qureshi, a localite of Lakshadweep. He began his talk on the topic 'Lakshadweepinte Vikasanam: oru thadheshiyante kazhchapaadilude'. But due to some network issues he couldn't continue the session. Unfortunately, he left the meeting. So, under the guidance of faculties, students started to discuss the topic. Everyone actively participated in the session. The major issue of Lakshadweep is an order from the administration that seeks to ban the slaughter of cow, calf, bull and buffalo without a certificate from a competent authority. It prohibits the sale, transport and storage of beef and beef products. Penalties include a jail term up to one year and a fine of Rs 10,000. The Administration has not provided an explanation on why the rule was brought in. Residents view the rule as a direct infringement on their culture and eating habits. They allege the rule was decided without consultation with local bodies.

The session concluded by 4pm with the official vote of thanks by Jumy (1st year M.S.W.).

Reading Week Celebration Inauguration

19/06/2021

India celebrates June 19 as the National Reading Day in honour of P. N. Panicker, the father of the Library and Literacy movement in Kerala. On behalf of reading day, LITCOF (Loyola in the Company of Friends) organised a programme on the sharing of reading experience by Dr. T.K. Santhosh Kumar, who is a journalist, author, columnist, critic and television presenter.

The programme was scheduled from 10 am to 11am on 19th of June, 2021. It was conducted online through Google meet platform. The programme started with a prayer song by Sreethu Sreenivasan, student of 2nd Semester, M.A. Sociology. Dr.saji P. Jacob, Principal of Loyola College of Social Sciences gave the welcome speech emphasizing the thought that knowledge is freedom and the knowledge that we gain through reading has its own dignity. Mentioning this he welcomed the Rector and Manager of Loyola Institutions, Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil S .J, then the chief guest Dr.T. K. Santhosh Kumar, teachers and students.

After that Delna John, student of 2nd semester, Disaster Management introduced the chief guest to the programme. Dr. T.K. Santhosh Kumar inaugurated the two week long celebration of reading week at Loyola College of Social Sciences. He started sharing his experience, bringing the point that we all live in an era where there is explosive overcrowding of information technology. We live in a time of networking. He gloriously stood on the point that we can get the information of any book or its authors from Google but the feeling that we get from borrowing a book from the library and reading it is indescribable. He talked about his affection with books right from his period of doing masters.

He also brought about the idea of linking all the libraries in Kerala through a network. He also spoke about the National Digital Library of India and the possibilities of e-reading. He concluded with the statement that we gained the knowledge of sustainable living through reading.

Finally, Fr. Saji Joseph S.J has proposed the vote of thanks to the chief guest and to everyone who participated in the programme.

Heera Krishna, Student of Second Semester MSW, has compared the entire function. 120 participants were there to grace the occasion.



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 **Inauguration :Dr.. T K.Santhosh Kumar**
വായനാനുഭവ പങ്കുവയ്ക്കൽ
On Saturday, 19th June 2021, 10am-11am.

REPORT OF KAVIARANGE

28TH JUNE 2021

Loyola In The Company Of Friends (LITCOF) conducted “KAVIARANGE” for the students and faculty of Loyola College of Social Sciences on 28th June 2021, Monday from 12p.m to 1p.m via google meet with 54 participants which included students of Loyola College and Sunil sir, the staff coordinator of LITCOF.

The program started off with a prayer song by Ms. Jinu Chandraj, Sociology 2nd semester student of Loyola College of Social Sciences. Next, Mr. Sam Santhosh, MSW Disaster Management 2nd semester student welcomed the gathering. The program was anchored by Ms. Anamika, 2nd semester sociology student.

“KAVIARANGE” provided the opportunity to all the students and faculties of Loyola College to recite the poems of their own. The recited poems are given below;

The first poem was recited by Ms. Ambili E.H, MAHRM 2nd semester student named ‘Every Now And Then’. It’s a reminder of all our DREAMS.

Mr. Athul James, 2nd semester MAHRM – ‘When will you come Back’

Ms. Jancy, 2nd semester sociology student – ‘Her Hands’ it’s about the mothers

‘Anthem of Aesthete’ – written by Ms. Sreethu, 2nd semester sociology student and well presented by Ms. Jancy John. After that, Ms. Sreethu presented a recitation named ‘Kathirupp’.

Mr. Anandhu, 2nd semester sociology student recited the poems named ‘Sakhi’ and ‘Vaka’ written by Mr. Arun, 2nd semester Sociology student. After that, Mrs. Aleena presented a poem dedicated to all her friends who lived their life for the desires of their parents.

Ms. Ayisha Areeba, 2nd semester MSc Counseling psychology student – ‘Okay to be not to be okay’. Hima, 2nd semester MSW student

Then, the LITCOF staff coordinator Sunil sir presented the poem named ‘Sahodarangal’ and also he explained the context of this poem writing.

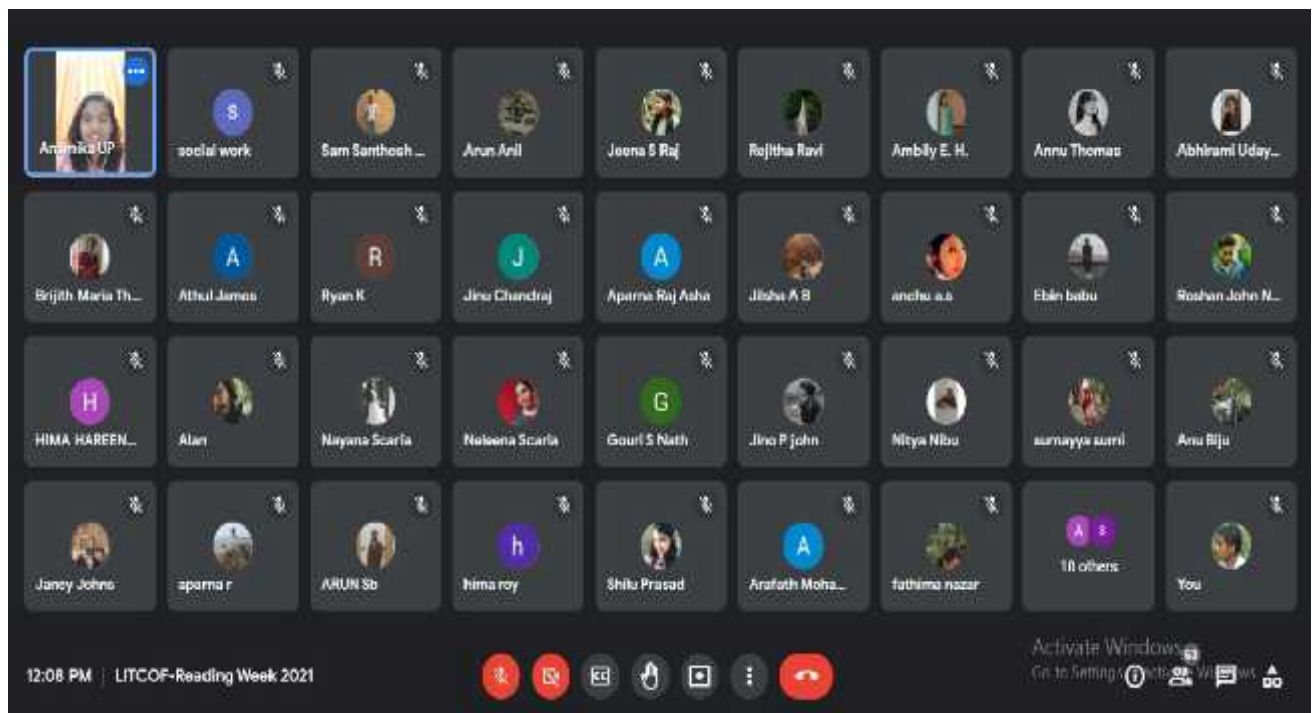
Ms. Ayisha Areeba beautifully recited another poem written by Ms. Akshara, 2nd semester MSW-DM student. Mr. Arafath presented the thoughts about travel that he wrote. It was

followed by the recitation by Ms. Ayisha Areeba about 'Dear Dad' written by Mr. Alan Berchmans.

After all the recitation, Sunil sir proposed an idea regarding a poem writing workshop and most of the participants supported this idea by raising their hands via google meet.

Then Ms. Heera, Ms. Ayisha Areeba and Mr. Sam Santhosh gave feedback about the program 'KAVIARANGE'. They also appreciated the students who put their efforts into making this program wonderfully. Ms. Delna John, 2nd semester MSW-DM student announced the winners of a photography contest conducted by Loyola Ethnographic Theatre (LET).

The program came to an end with Ms. Nayana Scaria, MSW-DM 2nd semester student proposing the vote of thanks.





READING WEEK 2021- VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

Date: 06/07/2021

Time: 5pm to 6:15pm

Topic: General Change of Reading

Resource Person: N.P Harif Muhammed

HOD, Sociology Department

Calicut University

The Valedictory function of the reading week 2021 was conducted on 6th July 2021 at 5 pm. The session had around 40 participants and was anchored by Aliyath Sumayya, MSW department. The session began with the prayer song by Sreethu from the sociology department. Dr Saji P Jacob, Principal of Loyola College of Social Science delivered the welcome speech.

Mr. N.P Harif Mohammed was the resource person of the programme. He began the session by addressing the activities of LITCOF club and its significance. The history of reading was explained, primarily communication was carried out orally as there was no other means. Only after that the letters had been introduced into communication. Images and signs were also used for communication. In India Buddhism was the religious system that introduced reading among people. Innovation of paper and printing technology came into existence after that. Reading became widespread by the introduction of printing technology. Online reading is another revolutionary intervention that has increased the scope and importance of reading, which made reading easy and accessible.

He highlighted the importance of reading. It has a significant role in molding an individual. He shared the inspiring stories of Tagore, Bashir and explained how they played a great role in taking the habit of reading to the masses. It improves one's knowledge and behavior. He said that there will be no reader in the world without writers and vice versa. The speaker also shared his views on digital reading. Artificial intelligence will also play a major role in the development of reading.

The session ended at 6:15 p.m. Dr. Sunil, LITCOF staff coordinator conveyed his gratitude and Vinayak from MSW department delivered the vote of thanks.



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VALEDICTORY FUNCTION OF

വായനപക്ഷാചരണം

06/07/2021, Tuesday

05:00pm to 06:00pm

All are invited.

13 JULY 2021
HOMAGE TO FR. STAN
SWAMY

On 13th July 2021 LITCOF of Loyola College of Social Sciences conducted an online webinar on “Homage to Fr. Stan Swamy”. The anchoring was done by Ms Anamika U.P, prayer by Sreethu Sreenivasan and the welcome speech by Sneha Mathew. The speakers of the session were Fr. Joy James SJ, Fr. Baby Chalil SJ, Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ, Fr. Philomin Raj SJ and Dr. Saji P Jacob.

Fr. Joy James SJ talked about his experience of meeting Fr. Stan swamy at Bengaluru and gave a brief introduction of how Indian Social Institute, New Delhi came into force. The grassroot level training is needed and for that Fr. Stan has given importance. He then briefly explained how the voices who stood for rights were broken by the ruling ones by giving an example of a student strike which said about the corruption of Chief minister of Gujarat, Chinmanbai Patel and how it led to the declaration of Emergency in 1975 and arresting the people who stood against the ruling party. He introduced the concept of conscientization, meaning the ways in which individuals and communities develop a critical understanding of their social reality through reflection and action. This concept was popularised through the book of Pedagogy of the oppressed by Paulo Freire. Then he said that Fr. Stan was also in the line of this conscientization. And it should be the approach we should all take. Fr. Stan was not a spectator but a part of the process and saw the reality as it is.

Then Fr. Baby Chalil SJ started his speech by asking a question; why tribal uprisings were not considered as a part of Indian Independence? It is the problem with the history like it is came from the perspective of majority. He talked about Santhal Parganas Tenancy Act, 1876 and Chhota Nagpur Tenancy Act, 1908 and said that these were the achievement of tribes who worked for their land. Then he discussed about the constitutional rights that were there for the tribal people like, 5th schedule tribal autonomy and formation of tribal advisory council in which Governors of the state will be the head. He also mentioned that none of the tribal advisory council is not working properly. Then he moved the attention towards PESA act, 1996, Fr. Stan was such a person who held constitution and made aware of the tribals about the various rights

they have. He talked about how different amendments were made in the Santhal Parganas Tenancy Act, 1876 (section 13) and Chhota Nagpur Tenancy Act, 1908 (section 21) and thus promoting the interest of cooperatives. He throughout his speech emphasized his point that cooperatives are ruling the country. He ended his speech with a quote “When the last tree has been cut down, the last fish caught, the last river poisoned, only then will we realise that one cannot eat money”.

Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ started his speech by saying that there are an equal number of people who understand reality and also misunderstands it. Fr. Stan has always upheld two words throughout his life, truth and justice. Besides the external training He had an internal power or an inner power that made him such a person and not only focused on academic related social work but also included social activism part into his life. He was against the ideas of individualism and never asked anything for himself. The speaker talked about how Fr. Stan got inspired by the life of tribes, their simplicity and all. He said an incident that happened in the life of Fr. Stan; one day when Fr. Stan visited a tribal settlement, one tribal parent asked his son to give Father some mangoes from the tree. He suddenly climbed the tree and got father 2 mangoes. Father saw a branch in that tree with lots of mangoes. When he asked that tribe why they did not pluck mango from that branch, he suddenly replied that it is for the birds. Fr. Stan was so impressed by the words. Fr. Stan also felt that why these innocent peoples are kept out by the larger section that made him come to the field of tribal rights.

Fr. Philomin Raj SJ talked about how and why Fr. Stan was arrested and mentioned that there is a way of the majority to call the people who work for truth or tribal's to call Maoists. In the similar way Fr. Stan was also arrested as he was tense to the government who denied the rights of tribals. Then he was arrested in Bhima Koregaon case 2018 and charged under UAPA so that bail won't be easily obtained. After that he got Parkinson disease and with this bail was not given to him.

Dr. Saji P Jacob concluded the session by remembering all the points that were being shared by the other panel members. He remembered a photo of Fr. Stan in which he is sitting with the tribal people. Why and how such a person became anti-national. He also pointed out that democracy that we have studied in school talk like dissents develop democracy and what we see in reality is

the voice of dissent is being targeted and Fr. Stan is a better example. The programme ended after the vote of thanks given by Omjayasree Eruppakattu.

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Fr. Stanislaus Lourduswamy
26 April 1937 - 5 July 2021

Homage to Fr. Stan Swamy
13 July 2021, 03:00pm to 04:00pm
All are invited

Report			
Programme Name	Anti-Narcotic Student Ambassadors – Thiruvananthapuram district	Organizer	Social Justice Department, Govt. of Kerala
Date	25/07/2021	Time	11 am to 2pm
Venue	Zoom online meeting	Faculty in-charge	Dr. Francina P. X

Programme Objectives	- To compete and become Anti-Narcotic Student Ambassadors – Thiruvananthapuram district - To present the project proposal on “New Practical dimensions for De-addiction and Eradication of drugs.
Resource Person (s)	The judging panel consisted of - Mr. Vilapil Radhakrishnan (Standing committee Chairman, Thiruvananthapuram District Panchayat) - Dr. Anilkumar, (Professor and HOD of Psychiatry, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram) - Dr Jaseer. (Associate professor and HOD Psychology department, University of Kerala) - Dr. L. R Madhujan (moderator).
Participants	Ms. Aparna Raj A , Ms. Jeena S Raj and Ms. Sreelekshmi V. S from our college, who participated
Programme Activities	- The session started with an introductory remark by Ms. Shinymol M, District Social Justice Officer, Trivandrum who briefed about the program and also introduced the moderator of the session. - Moderator Dr L R Madhujan introduced the panellists and then gave instructions regarding the presentation of the proposal and the criteria of evaluation. Students were asked to make a brief presentation mainly focussing on

	the idea and stick to the time limit. • 11 students presented their project proposals. After each presentation the panellists made clarifications, asked questions and also gave valuable suggestions for improvement. • Moderator Dr L R Madhujan conveyed that results will be informed after discussion of panellists before ending the session.
Programme Outcomes	• The participants were able to get a deeper understanding about the prevalence of substance use and the various factors contributing to it. • The participants were able to get valuable insights through the project proposals presented regarding the various initiatives that can be taken to eradicate substance abuse. • The programme helped the participants to gain understanding about how these initiatives can be practically implemented while working in the field and what modifications are needed through the feedback and suggestions of panellists. • The programme helped to understand the importance of peer identification, role of awareness programs among parents and the need to work at preventing substance abuse at various levels.
Supporting Documents	Photos
Reported by	Ms. Aparna S Raj

Dr. Francina P. X
Faculty in-charge
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Supporting Documents





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Ms. Aparna Raj, Ms. Sreelekshmi & Ms. Jeena S Raj from Loyola College of Social Sciences

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Report			
Programme Name	Online National Capacity Building Workshop of NMBA Ambassadors	Organizer	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment C/o Dept. of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of Kerala
Date	30/07/2021	Time	2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Venue	Cisco Webex Platform	Faculty In-Charge	Dr. Francina P. X

Programme Objectives	• To create awareness among the participants about substance abuse and addiction • To introduce the participants to the about Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan , its objectives, methodology, milestones and initiatives taken as part of it. • To develop an understanding about the valiant role of youth in the fight against substance abuse.
Resource Person	Prof. Vani Narula and Mr. Korimayum Miraj Shah
Participants	Student Ambassadors of NMBA
Programme Activities	• The session began with the inauguration and welcome address by Ms Radhika Chakravarthy who briefed about the workshop titled “National Capacity Building Workshop”. It was conveyed that theme for the workshop is “Valiant role of youth in the fight against substance abuse.” She talked about the importance of youth participation in the fight against substance abuse as well of focusing on capacity building to work towards the eradication of substance abuse in the country.

	• After a brief ice breaker session of fun activities there was an interactive training session by Prof. Vani Narula who is a development professional and an experienced professor in the Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. She has years of experience in conducting skill labs and workshops with diverse groups of professionals and students. She gave a clarity regarding who is youth and conducted a mind mapping activity indicating the various causal factors in the social dimension of an individual that lead to substance abuse. • The next session was by Mr. Korimayum Miraj Shah who is a research scholar from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Currently, he is the anchor for Mami TV and host for Manipur Dialogue (Daily Prime Time Discussion Show) as well as a lecturer. As a youth leader he was Ex-president of Manipur Students Association, Delhi and Ex-Advisor of North East Students Association. He presented on the topic “Drug-Free Club” and also discussed about sports-related activities conducted in Mizoram as part of the Holi celebrations instead of the typical alcohol and drug consuming rituals and celebrations. • After question answer session there were cultural programs. It was followed by breakout room discussions on the topic of “Role of youth participation in eliminating drug abuse”. After the discussion two representatives were selected from each group who presented the main points discussed by each group in the main sessions.
Programme Outcomes	• The participants were able to familiarize themselves with Nasha Mukh Bharath Abhiyaan, its objectives , milestones and initiatives. • The participants got insights regarding substance abuse and various factors contributing to it.

	• Participants understood the importance of youth participation in eradicating substance abuse. • Participants understood the values to be inculcated, while working with substance abuse dependents.
Supporting Documents	Photos and certificates of the programme
Reported by	Ms. Aparna Raj & Ms. Jeena S Raj

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REPORT			
Programme Name	Student Empowerment Programme by "Project Venda" Fourth Wave Foundation conducted by NSS	Organizer	NSS
Date	03/08/2021	Time	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Venue	Zoom Platform : 99375080933 Passcode: No	Faculty In-Charge	Dr. Francina P.X, Department of Social Work

Programme Objectives	• To create awareness among the participants about drug abuse and addiction • To introduce the participants to the Project Venda by Fourth Wave foundation • To encourage participants to say no to drug abuse and also motivate them to start-up initiatives to prevent the same
Resource Person	Mr. Anandhu Shivan, Ms. Dyna Davis, Mr. Jijin S and Ms. Deepthy Jyothi (Catalysts of Project Venda)
Participants	54
Programme Activities	• A student empowerment programme on "Project Venda" by the Fourth Wave Foundation in association with the NSS team of Loyola College of Social Sciences was conducted in the Zoom platform. • Ms. Krishnendu sang the NSS anthem and Mr Arafath Mohammed A gave the welcome speech. • Rev. Fr. Sunny Kunnapallil SJ, Rector and Manager, Loyola College of Social Sciences inaugurated the session. He mentioned how the biggest profit-making business in this world was alms and amenities and second, to that comes the drugs. Millions of people are trapped in this vicious cycle of drug abuse. He also mentioned how the entire social system would get affected by the individual's drug consumption. • Mr. Anathu Shivan spoke about project Venda which is an awareness programme aimed at youth and teenagers

	because they are prone to get diverted towards a wrong path and often pointing at drug addiction. He talked about how relevant it is to ensure the participation of youth in the elimination of drug abuse in our society. • Ms. Dyna Davis introduced the logo of Project Venda to the participants. Wherein the yellow background with chatboxes showing friends and families saying no signifies that one should assertively say no to all factors forcing or tempting us to abuse drugs. She also talked about the brain processes that are involved in drug abuse and how it badly affects the brain. • Mr. Jijin S spoke about tobacco use and how it is the most commonly used gateway drug in the world. He further added how film and social media often portrays drug abuse with a heroic shadow in it oftentimes causing the younger generation to model such unlikely behaviours. • Ms. Deepthy Jyothi mentioned how online ad video game addiction is as much critical as that of drug addiction. Online platforms can also be a place for cyber-bullying and body shaming. She spoke about how it is important to say no to all such factors contributing to addiction and also start-up initiatives to prevent and help others who are having a hard time saying no or lacks awareness about the seriousness of drug abuse and addiction.
Programme Outcomes	• The participants were able to get insights into the issue of drug menace and the various factors contributing to it • They were also able to understand the importance to say “no” assertively to all tempting factors that might lead to drug abuse or addiction. • Moreover, they could also gain valuable insights on the importance of youth participation in this endeavor towards eliminating drug abuse. • The participants were also able to familiarize themselves with the Project Vneda by the Fourth Wave Foundation
Supporting Documents	• Flyers, photos and participants list


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online session on

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▶ 03/08/2021

▶ 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

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▶ **Coordinators**

Ms. Chippy Raj
(Volunteer Secretary)

Dr. Francina P.X
(NSS, Program Officer)


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Program Chart

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NSS Geetham	Ms. Krishnendhu (Department of Sociology)
Welcome	Mr. Arafath Mohammed. A (Department of Personnel Management)
Inauguration	Rev. Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil S. J (Rector and Manager, Loyola college of social sciences)
Session by	Mr. Anandhu Shivan Ms. Dyna Davis Mr. Jijin. S. Ms. Deepthy Jyothi (Catalysts Project Venda)
Vote of thanks	Ms. Rejitha Ravi (Department of Social Work)

▶ 03/08/2021 ▶ 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

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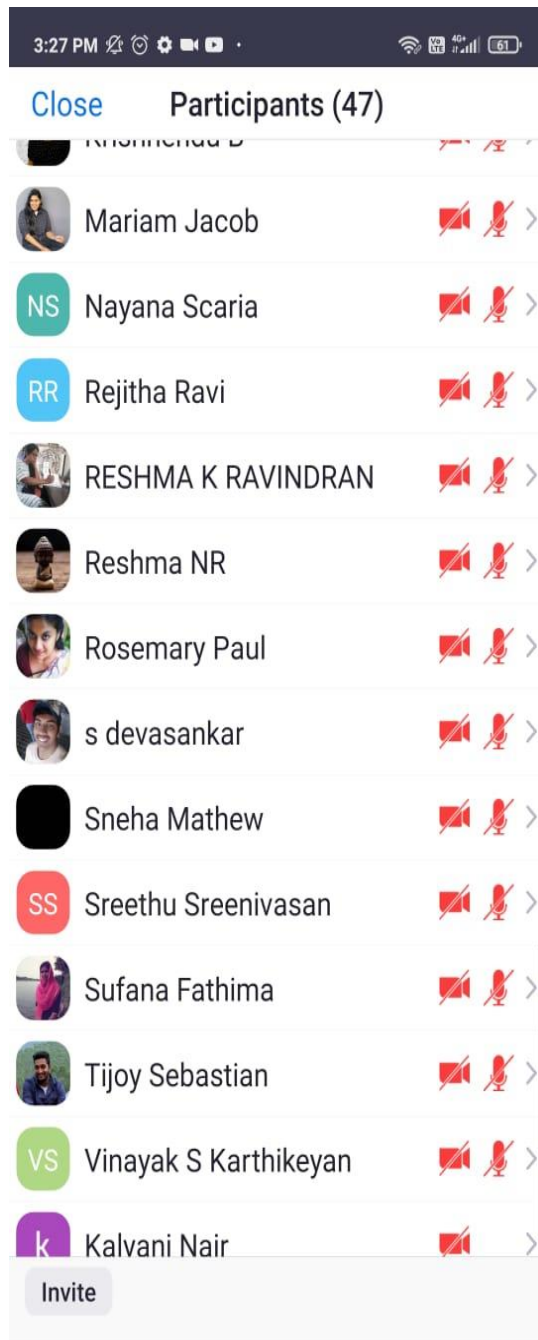
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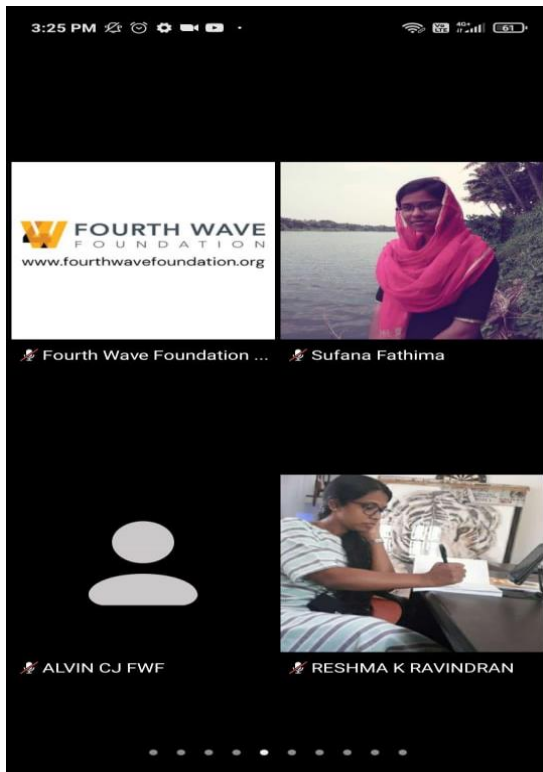
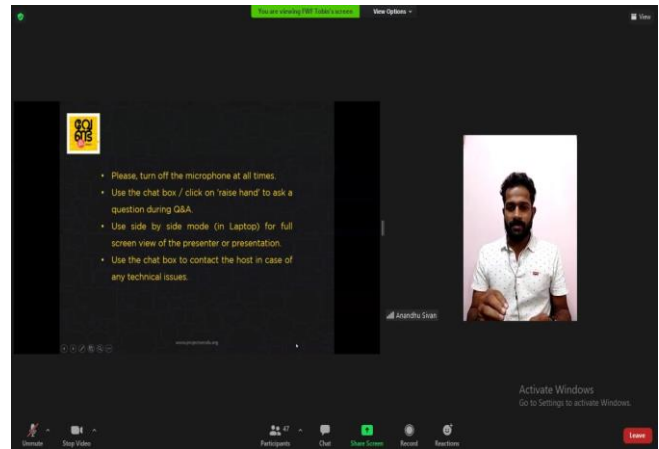
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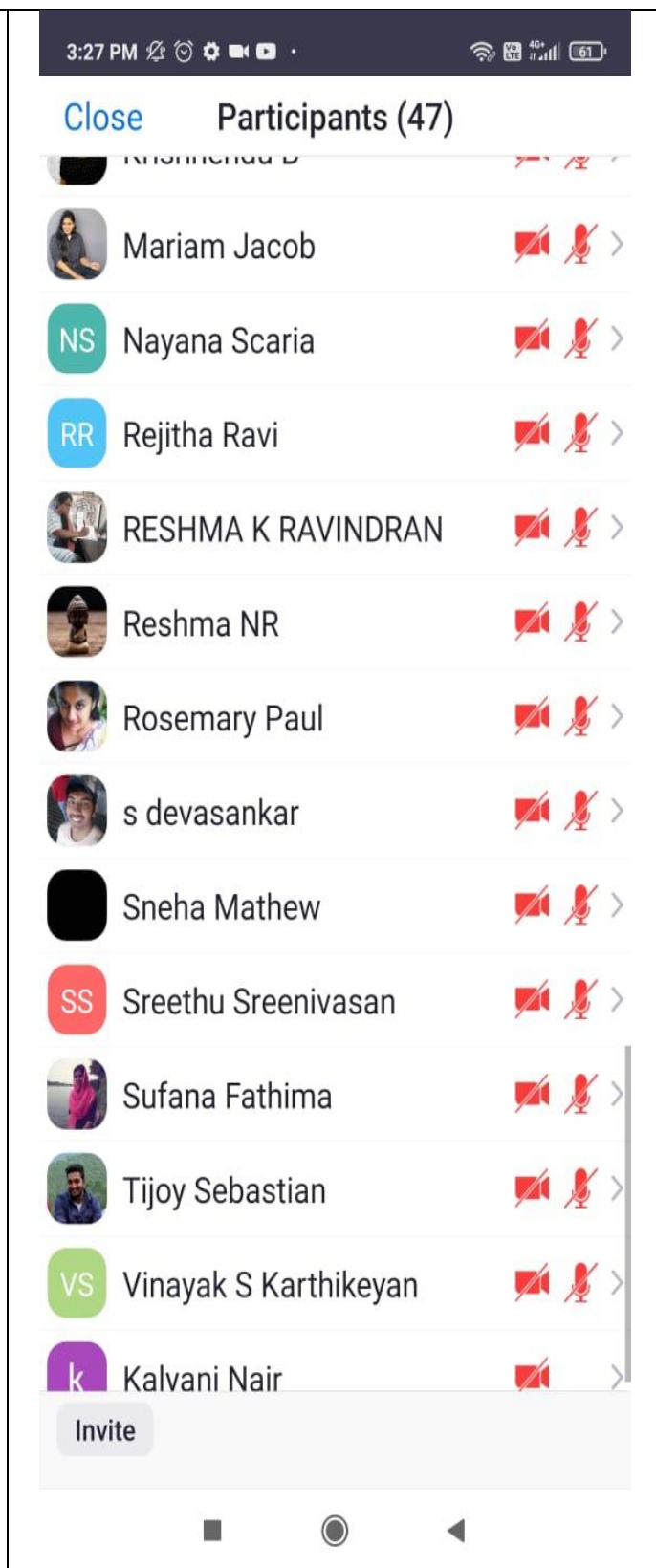
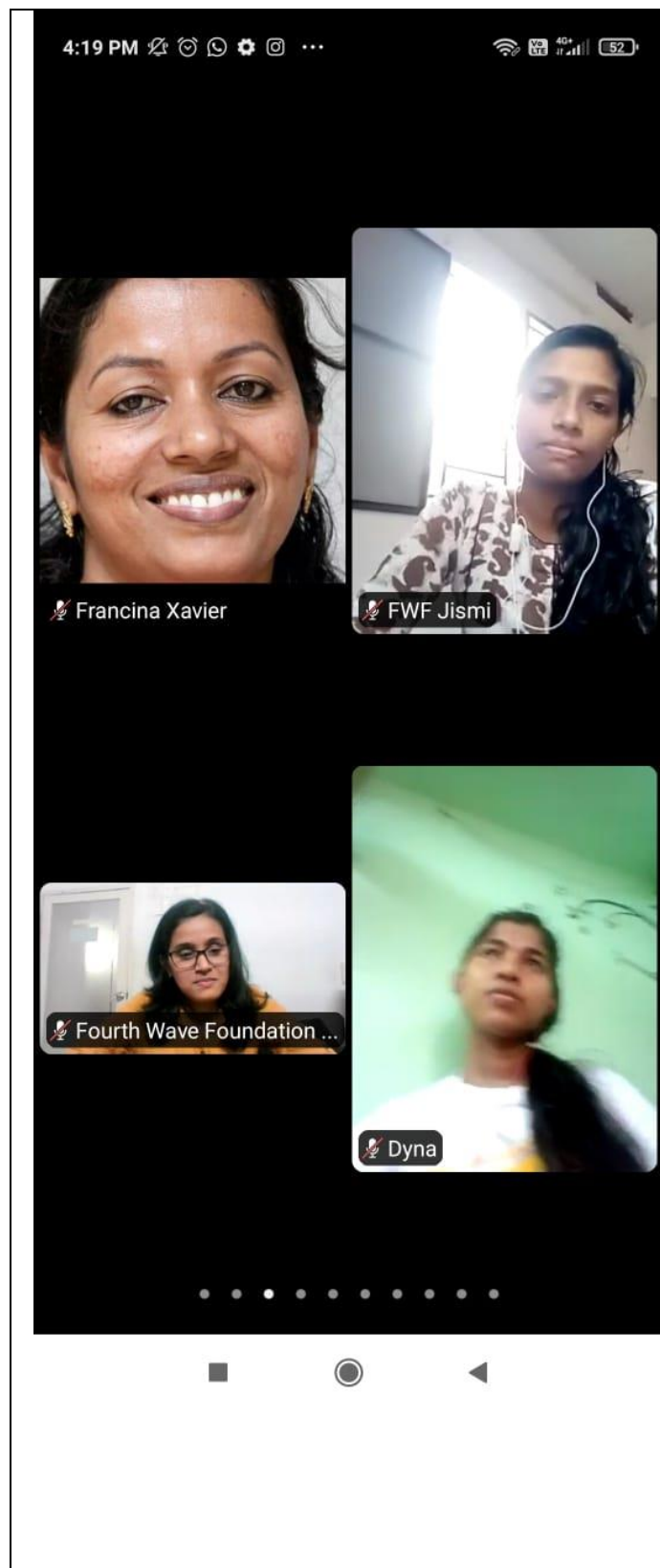


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online session on

Awareness against Substance Abuse



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▶ 03/08/2021

▶ 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

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Program Chart

Emcee	Ms. Nayana Scaria (department of Disaster Management)
NSS Geetham	Ms. Krishnendhu (Department of Sociology)
Welcome	Mr. Arafath Mohammed. A (Department of Personnel Management)
Inauguration	Rev. Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil S. J (Rector and Manager, Loyola college of social sciences)
Session by	Mr. Anandhu Shivan Ms. Dyna Davis Mr. Jijin. S. Ms. Deepthy Jyothi (Catalysts Project Venda)
Vote of thanks	Ms. Rejitha Ravi (Department of Social Work)

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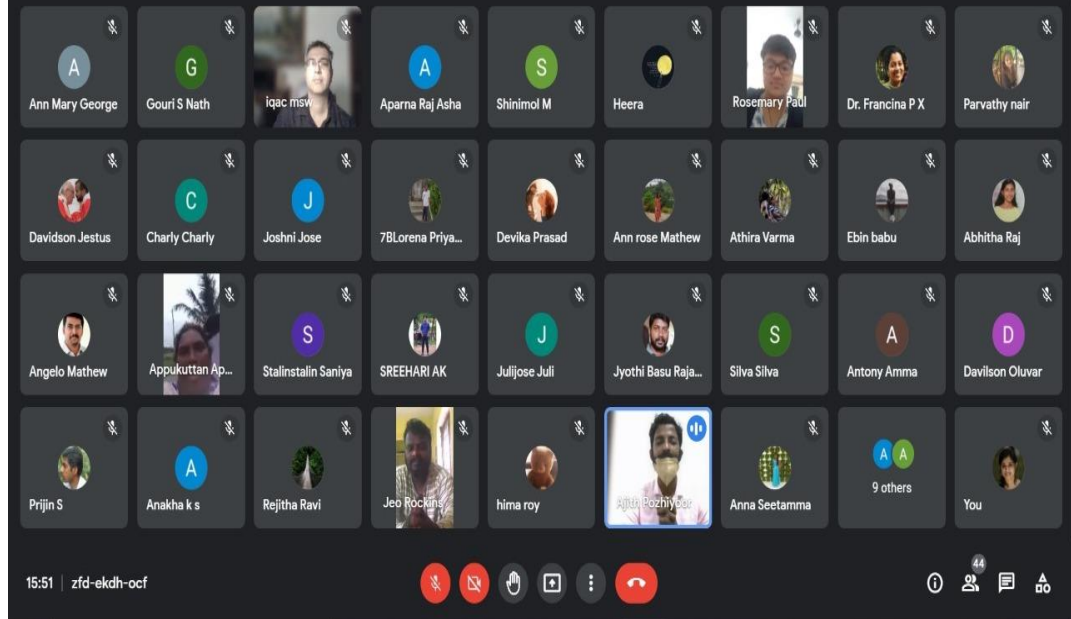
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Report			
Programme Name	Inauguration of "MUNNERAM"	Organizer	Department of Social Work, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram
Date	28/09/2021	Time	3.00 pm –4.30 pm
Venue	Google meet	Faculty in-charge	Dr. Francina P X

Programme objectives	- To inaugurate the group work process "MUNNERAM" by field initiative of department of social work - To introduce the idea behind the program, its aim and goals with the parents of Pozhiyoor and faculties and students of Loyola College of Social Sciences
Resource persons	- Mr. K. Ansalan (MLA, Neyyattinkara Constituency) - Mr. Ajith Pozhiyoor (Chairman, standing Committee, Health and Education, counselor, Pozhikkara Beach ward, Kulathoor Gramapanchayath) - Mrs. Surya S Prem (District Panchayath representative) - Mrs. Soniya Anthony (Block Panchayath Representative) - Dr. Sabu P Thomas (Vice Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences) - Dr. Sonny Jose (HOD, Department of Social Work, Loyola College of Social Sciences) - Fr. Jacob Stelas (Vicar, St. Mary's Church, Paruthiyoor)
Participants	- Faculties and students of Loyola college of Social Sciences - Members of the community(Pozhiyoor Beach ward)
Programme activities	The inauguration of "MUNNERAM" online group work programme for the children of Pozhikkara Beach Ward has conducted through online platform. Mr. Ajith Pozhiyoor, ward counselor, chairman, standing committee, health and education, Kulathoor Grama panchayath delivered the welcome address. Mr. K Ansalan, MLA, Neyyattinkara constituency inaugurated the programme. Dr. Sabu P, Vice Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences delivered the keynote address. Mrs. Surya S Prem, District Panchayath representative, Mrs. Saniya Anthony, Block Panchayath Representative, Dr. Sonny Jose, HOD, Department of Social Work, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Fr. Jacob Stelas Vicar, St. Mary's Church, Paruthiyoor gave the facilitation. Faculties and students of Loyola college of Social Sciences, Sreekariyam and community members of Pozhikkara Beach Ward participated on the programme. Dr. Sonny Jose presented the aim of the program. Ms. Hima Roy, Student Coordinator delivered the vote of thanks.
Programme outcomes	The online group work "MUNNERAM" inaugurated officially. The faculties, students of Loyola College of Social Sciences and community members of Pozhikkara get an idea about the programme.

Supporting documents



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 Kunnappallil 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.



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



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.















Golden Jubilee Memorial Lecture Series- Challenges of Indian Democracy; a Contemporary Perspective



The 4th Golden Jubilee Memorial Lecture took place on 18th February 2020 and was Delivered by Mr. Sitaram Yechury, General Secretary of Communist Party of India (Marxist), Veteran Parliamentarian and Writer. He talk vividly on the topic 'Challenges of Indian Democracy; a Contemporary Perspective'. He addressed the various challenges that our constitution and democracy is facing under the current socio-political scenario. He focused on the importance of the present day political parties staying true to the core values of our constitution. The lecture was followed by an interactive session. Teachers, Students and the invited personnel from various fields actively participated in the session to make it a fruitful endeavor. To commemorate the occasion, a sapling was planted in the college campus by Mr. Sitaram Yechury.

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KERALA BUDGET 2020- ANALYSIS

T M Thomas Isaac , presented the Budget for Kerala for the financial year 2020-21 on February 7,2020.The Gross State Domestic Product of Kerala for 2020-21 at current price is projected to be Rs9,78,064 Crore. This is 12.2% higher than the revised estimate for 2020-20.

LITCOF had conducted a discussion on the topic: **Kerala Budget 2020** on 19 February 2020 at 1.30pm.The discussion started by giving an introduction delivered by **D R. Sunil Kumar** (Staff coordinator, LITCOF) and what is going to be subject of discussion for the day and after that the representatives **Ms. Feba** and **Ms .Amritha** (Department of Social work) gave an introduction about budget and why it is needed and through the points of what was read in the newspaper on budget 2020. It includes the following points:

- ▣ Budget proposes a tax hike of 2% on new two wheelers above ₹2 lakhs and cars above ₹15 lakhs
- ▣ 12-point package to improve GST collection
- ▣ Fair price of land hiked by 10%, hike goes up to 30% for land near big projects
- ▣ ₹2,000 crore for Life Mission to provide housing for the needy
- ▣ ₹4,384 allocation for water supply projects
- ▣ Welfare pensions hiked by ₹100
- ▣ ₹1,000 crore set aside for construction and improvement of rural roads
- ▣ ₹1,000 crore for coastal development package
- ▣ 2.5 lakh water connections for houses in 2020- 21
- ▣ 1,00,000 houses to be constructed
- ▣ ₹900 crore set aside for welfare of non-resident Malayalis
- ▣ ₹40 crore outlay for royalty to paddy farmers
- ▣ IT workforce in Kerala to go up from one lakh to 1, 85,000 etc.

After discussed about the changes that has planned on this 2020 budget, the group was divided into two and given the opportunity to discuss with the group about the

opinions and feedback on the same and after the discussion , one member in the group could present on what they have discussed within the group. After the allotted time in the group, each representative from the each group came forward to present what they have discussed in their group. The main point proposed by both the group was the disparity between the proposal of changes in the budget presentation and the changes which happened during the years. The discussion was effective in the way that it could collect the overall picture about the Budget 2020 and what is it all about. The discussion ended up at 2.15 pm.



National Educational Policy-2020

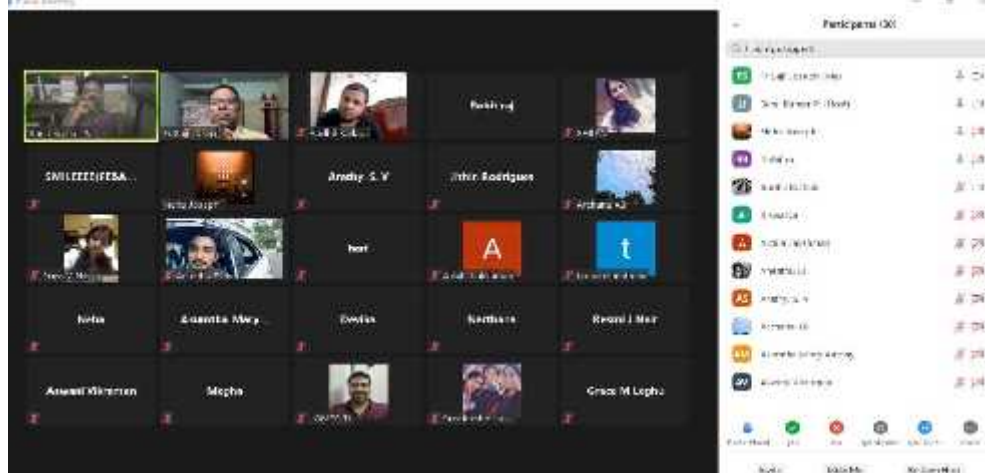
“The education belongs to everyone. Thus the government should have a minimal intervention. “Sri narendra modhi’s words after he addressed the inaugural session of the governor’s conference on the national educational policy. It has been said that the policy is aimed at transforming the Indian education system to meet the needs of the 21st Century. The National Education Policy as submitted by the Kasturirangan Committee submitted an education policy which seeks to address the challenges facing the existing education system such as Quality, Affordability, Equity, Access, and Accountability. The new education policy is making transformation to the existing one which was from 1986 and though NEP 2020 seeks to bring a holistic change in the education system, multitude discussions ahs being carried out.

National education policy 2020 had become a sensational topic of discussion in the recent time. It is the obligation of us to saunter with the changes of the society. And also it is also the loyalty view the changes with a critical mind. Loyola in the company of friends has initiated a webinar on the topic “the new education policy 2020” on 18 Th august 2020. Fr. Saji Joseph SJ welcomed the participants. Thirty nine participants enriched the discussion with their valuable ideas and presence. The day had two presenters, Ms. Neha Joseph and Mr. Rohit raj dealt with the changes brought by the educational policy in the school education and in the higher education respectively.

The entire two hours sessions was cleaved into three. In the first one was followed by the welcome speech. In the same Ms. Neha Joseph introduced the basic changes that brought by the new educational policy in the existing one. Also she added up the changes occurred in the school educational sector, its pros and cons.

The next was handled by Mr. Rohit Raj. He continued with the changes that came in the higher educational sector. Detailed description and comparison of the same with the existing one was done by him. Then the floor was opened for discussion. It was initiated by Dr. Sunil Kumar, he

The concept of the new education policy is similar to a coin and it had both its own advantages and disadvantages. Here the policy is visualizing a holistic change to the existing one and seeks rectification of poor literacy and numeracy outcomes associated with primary schools, reduction in dropout levels in middle and secondary schools and adoption of the multi-disciplinary approach in the higher education system. The success depends on the will and way in which it will be implemented.

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**LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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LITCOF calls for..... A discussion on
'NEW EDUCATION POLICY 2020'



Neha Joseph

Venue: ZOOM Platform

Date: 18-08-2020



Rohit Raj

Time : 2: 30 PM

**Presenters
for the Day**

ALL ARE WELCOME

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.



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.

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Report- 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).



Report: Sex education in India and USA:- Social work Interventions	Activity: Webinar	No participants: 20
Date: 7 th November 2020	Day: Saturday	Place: Thiruvilwamala
Time(hours): 6pm am to 8pm Preparation and background work: 8 hours	Report duration:2.00 hours	Time: 12Hours:

Objectives

-) To plan, organise and conduct a webinar as part of field work
-) To conduct webinar on the topic sex education in India and USA: social work interventions

Activities

-) Trainees were divided into groups of two each and chose a topic according to their interest. Trainees chose the topic Sex Education. Trainees contacted concerned mentors and various resource persons to discuss the topic and arrange a webinar on the same.
-) The resource person was Fr. SanilMayilkunnel S J, who is pursuing PhD in Loyola University, Maryland.
-) Trainees prepared outline of the program, an article on the topic, brochures, invitations, PowerPoint presentations etc. and invited everyone irrespective of the college or course, to the webinar.
-) Trainees hoisted the webinar on Zoom platform, compered, mediated and also presented social work interventions
-) Trainees also provided E-certificates to the participants

Observations

-) There were participants from many colleges, even from outside India, students, faculties and persons from other professions also attended the same. The webinar was very interactive and participants had lot of queries and additions too. The webinar extended the stipulated time in order to answer all the queries
-) There were lot of positive appreciations for the trainees

Learnings

-) It was a new experience for the trainee to organise and conduct a webinar, through lot of discussions, corrections and improvements, trainee could learn to organise a webinar well
-) Trainee could learn about technical aspects such as poster creation, charting invitations, conducting webinar on online form, feedback forms creation and processing etc
-) Trainee could learn to multitask and control and mediate the program and present at the same time
-) While making E-certificates, there was a technical glitch, trainee could learn from the mistake and improve on it.
-) Trainee could also understand about sex education in India and USA, its pattern, challenges and possible interventions.

Evaluation

The webinar was a great learning experience for the trainee. Trainee could improve technical skills and also leadership and presentation skills. The webinar was very interactive and lively; many participants raised queries and also shared their views and experiences. Even when the webinar exceeded the stipulated time, participants stayed active. There were participants from outside India also. The webinar was successful and a great learning experience for the trainee.



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.

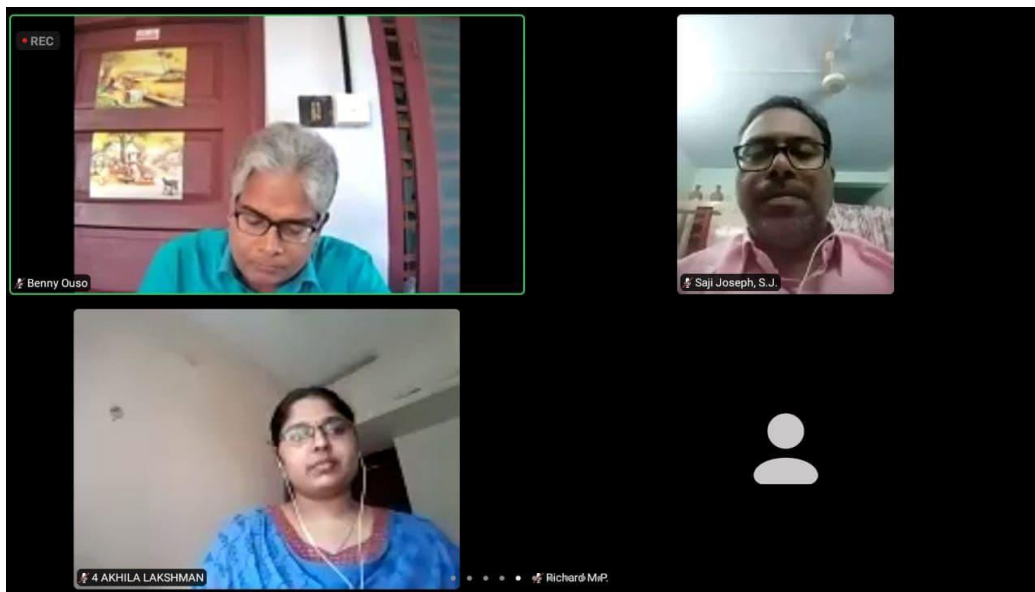
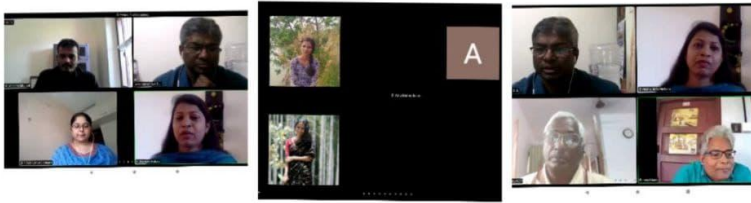
Rev. Dr. Benny Chiramel, S.J is a Jesuit priest in the Kerala province. He persuades his masters and doctrine in social work from Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce and Science, Mumbai. He has taught in Karyavattom campus, Kerala University for two years. Currently he is the director of “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).



Rev. Dr. Jose Murickan Endowment Lecture Series 2- White Collar Crimes in India and the Education Sector

The 2nd Rev. Dr. Jose Murickan Endowment Lecture took place on 10th November 2020 and was delivered by Dr. Sibichen K Mathew IRS, Commissioner of Income tax. The session was conducted online through the platform zoom. He talks explicitly on the topic 'White Collar Crimes in India and the Education Sector'. He addressed the various issues in the contemporary India related to the white collar jobs. The speaker also highlighted the commercialization of education system of the current reality. The session was moderated by Dr. Saji P Jacob. The lecture was followed by an interactive session. Teachers, Students and the invited personnel from various fields actively participated in the session to make it a fruitful endeavor.



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Rev. Dr. Jose Murickan
Endowment Lecture Series-2

White Collar Crimes in India
and the Education Sector

Welcome	Moderator	Speaker	Vote of Thanks
 Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil S.J. Rector and Manager Loyola College	 Dr. Saji P. Jacob Principal Loyola College	 Dr. Sibichen K. Mathew IRS Commissioner of Income Tax (GoI) Bangaluru	 Fr. Sabu P. Thomas S.J. Vice Principal Loyola College

When
Date: 10.11.2020
Time: 2.30pm

Where
Zoom ID: 5847800173
Passcode: loyola

All are Welcome

Importance of Reading & Sharing of Reading Experience

National Reading Day is celebrated on **June 19**, of every year, the following week as Reading Week, and Reading Month will be celebrated from June 19 to July 18. National Reading Day is celebrated to honour the father of the 'Library Movement in Kerala', the late PN Panicker, whose death anniversary is on June 19. On this occasion Loyola in the Company of Friends (LITCOF) organized a session to commemorate this day on June 19, 2019. . The topic for the day was “Importance of Reading & Sharing of Reading Experience”. The session was monitored by Balachandran Kizhoth, Former Registrar University of Kerala. The program started by a welcoming note delivered by D.R. Sunil Kumar P (staff coordinator, LITCOF) by 2:00 pm. Dr. Saji P Jacob, Principal of Loyola College of Social Sciences felicitated the gathering.



Balachandran began the session by stating that he is so happy to designate himself as a book lover. He shared his childhood experience of reading and how it has impacted on his life. The resource person emphasizes the thought that knowledge is freedom and the knowledge that we gain through reading has its own dignity and value. Today we live in a

sophisticated- technological era and this itself has created a negative effect on reading. The present generation has become the slaves of technology and they are unable to lead a life without it. This is the present reality. At the same time Balachandran also states that we can't generalize the generation as a whole. Still there are people who values reading. Nowadays we can get any information through our finger tips with the help of internet. But taking a book and reading it gives you a different feeling. After the official session the platform was open for public interaction. Here few students shared their experiences of the books that they have read and also its impact on their lives. Dr. Aby Tellas the faculty of HRM spoke on the importance of incorporating the theme of reading in academic curriculum.

Finally the session got over by 3:30 pm with the official vote of thanks by Fr. Sajan (Second M.A Sociology).





A lecture on Indian Constitution



First session of LACE began with a short lecture on Indian constitution on 29th August, 2019. The session was moderated by Anju K S (First year M. A. Sociology). An introduction on Indian Constitution and its basic features were discussed in the session. It was held at J.M. hall from 1:20 pm- 2:10 pm.

Continuation of previous lecture on Indian constitution was held at J.M. hall on 5th September 2019. The session was taken by Femi (2nd year M.A. Sociology). The speaker covered the history of the Indian constitution, its characteristics and the main Articles of our constitution.

REPORT

Programme Name	Alumni – Programme: Rev. Dr. Jose Murickan S. J Memorial Lecture on “Responsibility of Civil Servants in the present Indian context”	Organizer	Loyola College Alumni Association
Date	16-10-2019	Time	2.30 – 4.30 p.m.
Venue	Sutter Hall, LCSS, TVM	Faculty in-charge	Dr. Francina P. X

Programme Objectives	To introduce late Rev. Dr. Jose Murickan S. J to present generation by organizing a Memorial Lecture on “Responsibility of Civil Servants in the present Indian context” and to interact with former alumni
Resource Person (s)	Mrs. Geetha Paul IPS & T AFS
Participants	Students of M.SW, M. A Sociology, M. A HRM and M.Sc Counselling psychology, Managing Committee members, alumni members in and around Trivandrum and staff of Loyola College.
Programme Activities	The programme started with prayer and an informal welcome by Ms. Athira Wilson, III MSW, Master of ceremonies. This was followed by a brief introduction about late Rev. Fr. Jose Murickan SJ by Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil S J, Rector and Manager of Loyola Institutions. Mr. P N Sreekumar IRS, President of Loyola Alumni Association introduced the chief guest Mrs. Geetha Paul. He spoke about the importance of alumni associations in a college and that Alumni meetings and also about finding meaning of life. This was followed by Rev.Dr. Jose Murickan SJ Memorial Lecture by Mrs. Geetha Paul IP &T AFS. She was an alumna of Loyola College(Sociology Department). This is the first lecture on Rev. Dr. Jose Murickan SJ in the history of Loyola College being held. Fr. Jose Murickan was a lecturer in the Department of Sociology - .1965-85, who later became the Principal of the college. Mrs. Geetha Paul who was a civil servant recollected her memory of working with Fr. Jose Murickan on an international project as well as his lectures on protestant ethics, capitalism and ways to transform society and so on. According to her, integrity and character was the two main aspects that would make a civil servant stay true to their job. “Civil Service is not merely a career, but it is serving the nation”, said Mrs. Geetha Paul. The later part of her lecture gave an idea about her experience of being a civil servant and emphasized on the obligations that a civil servant was bound to. “A civil aspirant must have clarity of concepts related to Indian history, Constitution of India, Indian economy, poverty, developmental economics, and environment and so on. Those people must start their preparation by reading NCERT texts and later progressing to reputed authors”, she added. Mrs.

	Geetha Paul also pointed out the importance of exercise and meditation while preparing for such examinations as it would need almost 12 hours of daily studies each day. Mrs. Geetha Paul concluded the lecture by sharing some of the bitter experiences of her service time. Proactive leadership, trust, love, compassion, integrity, humility and gratitude were the qualities that all civil servants must uphold. Austerity and simplicity was what she followed in life. The programme ended as Mrs. Geetha Paul made a financial contribution for the Alumni Association.
Programme Outcomes	1. Late Rev. Fr. Jose Murican was introduced to younger generation. 2. Organized a socially relevant topic to the student community. 3. Informal gathering of Loyola alumni and retired staff members. 4. New Loyolites got an overall idea about alumni association and its activities.
Supporting Documents	Photos



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, Government 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”.



NET Orientation



On 28th November 2019, LACE in collaboration with the Sociology Department has organized an Orientation class on UGC-NET/JRF. The three students of the department who had cleared Net in 2019 namely, Femi, Arunima and Niranjana were the speakers of the session. They elaborated the preparations they had done for the examination and introduced various applications as well as learning materials.



Indian Constitution and Legal System



A detailed session on the Indian constitution was held on 2nd December 2019 at Sutter Hall. The session was taken by Adv. Jayprakash Narayan (first-year M.A. Psychology). The main focus of discussion was the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy. During the discussion part, the legal system in relation to fundamental rights was explained.



WORKSHOP ON SEX & SEXUALITY

SALT organized a workshop on Sex and Sexuality and AIDS in collaboration with Kerala Aids Control Society. Dr. S K Harikumar, member of KACS and CEO of Centre for advanced research in health and human behavior, and Mrs. Balamanju were the resource persons. The workshop was held on 09-12-2019. Topics discussed included basics of HIV and AIDS, its prevalence, methods to control, the 90-90-90 target, concept of sex and sexuality. In a social science college with students to work among people and community, the topic had immense relevance. Prevention of HIV spreading and eradicating stigma was identified as main targets.



Pic; Session by Dr. S. K Harikumar & Ms. Balamanju



**Presenting memento by
SALT President Ms. Dona
Maria**

Protest Meeting



Loyola College Union as part of the growing chaos happening in our society organized a Protest meeting against citizenship amendment act, National Register of citizens & the police action on the students of Jamia Millia University. Union representatives and students from various departments assembled at the Sutter hall for a short session on 16th December 2019. The participants shared their opinion about the issues mainly focusing on CAA and police action on the students of Jamia Millia. After the opinion sharing, students came out of the hall and Jithin (Union Chairman) along with Arjun (University Union Councilor- UUC) burnt the draft of CAA as their protest.



Vayana Paksha Dinaacharanam

India celebrates June 19 as the National Reading Day in honor of P N Panicker, the father of the Library and Literacy Movement in Kerala. The LITCOF of Loyola College of Social Sciences celebrated this day with a short session. Khyrunisa, the well known Indian writer was the speaker of the day.



The session was held on 20th June 2018 at 3.30pm in the Sutter Hall. Dr. Sunil Kumar, the reading club coordinator, Dr. Saji P Jacob, Principal of Loyola College of Social Sciences were present for the meeting. Fr. Sajan the secretary of LITCOF officially welcomes the gathering.

Khyrunnisa A is an award winning writer of children's fiction and the author of the hilarious Butterfingers books. *Howzzat Butterfingers!* (2010) is the first novel in the series. She created the popular comic character Butterfingers for *Tinkle*. Her first book for adults is *Tongue in Cheek: The funny Side of Life* (2018). Khyrunnisa narrated her child hood

experiences of reading books and how it has influenced her life throughout. Reading is an ignite her to succeed and it's all because of this she could author many books.

After the official session, the platform was open for interaction. The students spoke about their ideas and very few shared their experiences of their favorite book. Dr. Sunil Kumar concluded the session with his general remarks. The session had a fruitful interactive session. The guest was honoured with a small memento. The meeting was concluded by 4:30pm with Aravind (2nd Year M.A. Sociology) delivering the vote of thanks to all the participants.



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, Labor 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 disperse for tea break.



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Organizing 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 reason she 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 migrant 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 Adv. 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. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head, Department of Sociology, LCSS. Ms. Jayasree Kulakkunnath, teacher and researcher, Ernakulum, 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 Ernakulum 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 Ernakulum 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, Ernakulum, 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 Ernakulum district for lacking proper sanitation facilities. There are more than over 134 camps for migrant labourers in Ernakulum 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.

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".

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 First Year MA Sociology started the discussion followed by Anuraj and Reshma of First year 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.

Golden Jubilee Lecture Series - Contemporary India- a Socio Political Outlook



The Loyola College of Social Sciences celebrated its 50 years on 4th December 2018. The day was honored by the presence of Dr. Shashi Tharoor the M.P. of Parliament from Thiruvanthapuram, Writer and former International Civil Servant. Dr. Shashi Tharoor focused on Contemporary India: A Social Political Outlook. He addressed the young students from Loyola School and College asked them to have knowledge about their voter's rights. He said democratic freedom should be enjoyed by all Indians; this idea should be widened not narrowed. The students and staff had a chance to ask queries and questions to Dr.Shashi Tharoor. The day ended with a good experience to all the staff and students.

Union Budget 2017-18 – ANALYSIS

The Department of Personnel management organized a half day talk on "Union Budget 2017-18" on 14th February 2018. As a Social Science College it is important to hold a budget analysis session and know how it affects the current economy and to educate the students the nuances of budget. The department of personnel management does a good job in conducting sessions every year. This program had chief guests who critically analyzed the current budget and presented their view points on current economy. It all started with a prayer which graced the occasion. There were mainly two chief guests; they all pioneered their area of knowledge. Shri B. A. Prakash who is the chairman of fifth state finance commission and he has written several books on Indian and Kerala economy graced the occasion. We had one more speaker Shri Sivaram who is a tax practitioner and he presented the analysis of industrial perspectives of union budget. Dr. Prakash Pillai, R (HOD of personnel management) proposed the welcome speech. Official presentation was started by the chief guest B.A. Prakash. He gave a presentation on the context of economy that is major problems and issues. Then major fiscal policies pursued to address the issue and later critical analysis of the budget. The objective of his presentation was to present current economic situation and examines the findings of the economy survey. He started the presentation with economic survey details then moving on to fiscal deficit and policy rates. Agriculture, finance, industry, income tax, social welfare schemes and populist schemes were discussed in detail.



Budget Analysis 2017 -2018 Colloquium



Loyola College of Social Sciences conducted a budget analysis session on 20th February 2017. This year's budget was unique and awaited because it was the first budget after demonetization. The program began at 1.45pm with a prayer. Then Dr Prakash Pillai, Head of Department of Personnel Management gave the Welcome address where he cordially welcomed all the dignitaries. Dr.Baiju Ramachandran, Director of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries was the moderator. The other eminent panel members were Ms Gayathri Nair IES, Director PPP Project, Kerala State Planning Board, Prof. Jose Pampackal, Director DBFS, Dr Gabriel Simon Thattil, Prof. Dept of Commerce, University of Kerala. The whole session was divided into 4 perspectives. That is 4 perspectives through which budget were analyzed. Athul Dhanish (Second Year MAHRM Student) spoke from student perspective. Socio-economic perspective was handled by Ms. Gayatri Nair, IES, Business Perspective by Prof. Jose T Pampackal and finally industrial perspective by Dr. Gabriel Simon Thampi. After the presentations of dignitaries there was an interactive session with the audience where questions like advantages of change of financial year, reviving Rural India, new initiatives like merging of railways, dismantling of Planning Commission were

raised and were answered with pleasure by the panellists. Then the felicitations and handing over of the mementos to the guests was done by Dr.Jose Boban, Principal. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr.Smitha Pannackal of Personnel Management department and then the meeting was officially adjourned.



Discussion on the topic “**Demonetization**”

Fourth session of reading club was held on 1st March 2017 at 1 PM in the Sutter Hall. Dr. Sunil Kumar, the reading club coordinator, and Fr. Saji S.J and other faculties were present for the session. The topic for the day was ‘**Demonetization**’ and it was presented by Aloysius of 1st MA and Anu of 2nd MSW.

Demonetization is a hotly debated issue of the hour which was a shocking factor for the nation. The presenters dealt with the major concept and what is it all about. The presentation began with the introduction of the concept demonetization. In economic sense Demonetization is the act of stripping a currency unit of its status as legal tender. It occurs whenever there is a change of national currency. The current form or forms of money is pulled from circulation and retired, often to be replaced with new notes or coins. Sometimes, a country completely replaces the old currency with new currency. The most crucial thing about demonetization is that notes and coins of a certain denomination are banned by the central government. There are certain merits and demerits of demonetization. When a new policy is introduced by the government, it has to face several challenges and obstacles. Demonetization is not an exceptional one. Anu spoke about the advantages of demonetization. The main advantages are:

-) It aims to reduce Corruption drastically. The dealing of black money will be stopped abruptly because of demonetization. Government pushes the future of the corrupt people in stringent darkness by implementing demonetization across the nation.
-) It is expected that liability of the government will be reduced by the introduction of demonetization. The risk and liability of liquid currency will be reduced. It is quite convenient to handle soft money in place of hard currency. Demonetization also reduces the liability notes of the government.
-) One of the huge impacts of demonetization is that in certain cases, it leads to tax avoidance. The deposited money will be tracked by the Income Tax authorities. Hence, people who are known for their tax avoidance will become hesitant to do so. This will lead to fulfilling the government exchequer in a proper way. The transaction of loan will also be under review. Flow of taxes will increase. This will lead to the implementation of different welfare measures taken by the government.

After the official presentation by the presenters the session was open for discussion. In the interactive session the students mainly focused on the challenges of demonetization.

One of the main concerns pointed out was connectivity of internet. Since digital transactions are promoted everywhere, maximum people will go cashless. But not in every part of the world there is adequate internet connectivity. In the developing nations, especially, certain policies should be implemented first with proper infrastructure. Other concerns raised by students were shortage of cash. Chaos cannot be avoided due to the dearth of cash. This was the exact scenario during the 2016 Indian banknote demonetization. People faced numerous problems in exchanging and depositing the demonetized banknotes. Few unwanted casualties also occurred because of this ruling. Another major negative impact of demonetization is felt in the rural areas. The agricultural sector entirely depends upon cash. Moreover, rural people do not possess adequate financial literacy to handle the situation. In India, almost 80% of the rural population is unaware of the term digital transaction. Plus, there is still a lack of knowledge of computers and a cashless economy. During 2016 demonetization, this chunk of population was hit badly.

After the official interactive session, Fr. Saji congratulated the entire team for organizing such a fruitful interactive session. Alosious concluded the session by stating that demonetization is one of the historical steps taken by the Government of India so far. It was no less than a financial revolution to curb corruption. However, it is a continuous process which will be reviewed by the government from time to time. Although there are certain challenges faced by the policy, the primary objectives of demonetization have been achieved. The loopholes of the policy can be repaired but the national interest of demonetization should be acclaimed.

The meeting was concluded by 3pm with Terese Mary Chako, secretary of reading club delivering the vote of thanks to all the participants.



Discussion on the topic “Post Demonetization & Introduction of GST”

A session of LITCOF was held on 9th October 2017 at 3 pm in the J M Hall. Dr. Sunil Kumar, the LITCOF staff coordinator, Fr. Saji S.J were present for the meeting. The topic for the day was ‘**Post Demonetization & Introduction of GST**’ and it was presented by SreeJyotish and Nounith Noble of 2nd MSW. The session began with the official welcome by Fr. Sajan, LITCOF secretary.

The whole session tries to explain about situation of India after the introduction of two main economic shocks; **Demonetization and GST**. SreeJyotish mainly focused on the conceptual side of the topic, where as the analysis part was done by Nounith. GST and Demonetization are two bold decisions taken by the Indian government to tackle the issues which exist and to resolve the emerging issues which arises day by day in the Indian economy. GST and Demonetization are likely to be described as game changers of the Indian Economy. Goods and Services Tax which is commonly referred to as “GST” is consumption based tax/levy. It is based on the “Destination principle.” GST is applied on goods and services at the place where final/actual consumption happens. Though GST is a tax reform, it is going to impact every sphere of business activity, be it procurement, supply chain; IT, logistics, pricing, margins, working capital, etc. as a number of business decisions taken are based on the current tax structure which may no longer be relevant in the new **GST regime**. On the other hand, Demonetization which is an act of stripping a currency unit of its status as legal tender and the necessity for Demonetization arises whenever there is a change of national currency. The old unit of currency must be retired and replaced with a new currency unit. The major motive of this demonetization is to combat inflation, to combat corruption, and to discourage a cash system. Therefore the process of demonetization involves either introducing new notes or coins of the same currency or completely replacing the old currency with new currency. These two will render great opportunity for customers to relook at their structure and redesign their supply chains, since the current supply chain has been designed according to interstate taxation.

One of the most significant indirect tax transformations of the country was the Goods and Services Tax – GST. Even though it helps boost the economy, there are various advantages and disadvantages of GST. GST benefits in India will assist the Government as well as the

consumers in the long run in creating a win-win situation for both. Some of the advantages of GST in India are enlisted as follows:

-) Under the GST administration, the final tax would be paid by the consumer for the goods and services purchased. However, there would be an input tax credit structure in place to ensure that there is no slumping of taxes. GST is levied only on the value of the good or service.
-) **Abolition of multiple layers of taxation-** One of the advantages of GST is that it integrated different tax lines such as Central Excise, Service Tax, Sales Tax, Luxury Tax, Special Additional Duty of Customs, etc. into one consolidated tax. It prevents multiple tax layers imposed on goods and services.
-) **Ease of Doing Business:** with the implementation of GST, the difficulties in indirect tax compliance have been reduced. Earlier companies faced significant problems concerning registration of VAT, excise customs, dealing with tax authorities, etc. The benefits of GST have aided companies to carry out their business with ease.
-) **Regulation of the Unorganized Sector under GST:** it has created provisions to bring unregulated and unorganized sectors such as the textile and construction industries to name a few under regulation with continuous accountability.

After the presentation, the interactive session was started where students mainly focused on the demerits of GST. The major criticisms on GST raised by the students were;

-) **IT Infrastructure:** since GST is an IT-driven law, it cannot be sure whether all the states in India are currently equipped with infrastructure and workforce availability to embrace this law. Only a few states have implemented this E- Governance model. Even today some states use the manual VAT returns system.
-) **Higher Tax Burden of SME's:** earlier the small and medium enterprises had to pay excise duty only on a turnover that exceeded Rs. 1.5 crore every financial year. However, under the GST administration, businesses whose turnover exceeds Rs 40 lacs are liable to pay GST.

-) **Increase Burden of Compliance:** The GST administration states that companies are required to register in all the states they operate in. This increases the burden on the business for excessive paperwork and compliance.
-) **Coaching of Tax Officers:** there is inadequate training that is provided to the Government officers for practical usage and implementation of such systems since the GST administration heavily banks on information technology.

Dr. Sunil Kumar, staff in charge of LITCOF gave his concluding remarks highlighting on the practicality of GST and its understanding among general public. The meeting came to an end by 5 pm with the vote of thanks delivered by Anjali, Joint secretary of LITCOF.

Lecture on Mental Health at Workplace

World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health. The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide. On 13th October the volunteers were given an insightful lecture by Dr. L.R.Madhujan. The talk was really inspiring.



Discussion on the topic “**Juvenile Justice Act 2015**”

The first discussion of reading club was held on 28th June 2016 at 3.30pm in the JM Hall. Dr.Sunil Kumar, the reading club coordinator, Dr. Angelo Mathew and Fr. Saji S.J were present for the meeting. The report of the previous meeting was read out by Ms Teresa Mary Chako of 2nd MA Sociology. The topic for the day was ‘**Juvenile Justice Act 2015**’ and it was presented by Mr.Adil Hakkim of 2nd MSW

The topic selected was the need of the hour. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, defines the legal framework in which juveniles (below 18 years old in India) can appear before a judge. Juveniles in conflict with the law must be distinguished from children in need of care and protection. If the situation requires it, the latter can be placed by a judge in a children home to protect them. Adil in his presentation touched on different avenues of the topic. Throughout the presentation he mainly focused on the following topics;

-) WHAT IS THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT? WHAT DOES IT SERVE?
-) PURPOSE OF CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE
-) THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT AND ITS MAIN PRINCIPLES IN PRACTICE

The Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 is the major legal text on Child Protection in India. The JJ Act guarantees the security, the protection, the education and the well-being of the children in need in India. The JJ Act recommends enquiries to determine if the situation of vulnerability of a child requires a placement in a children’s home. Child Welfare Committee (CWC) plays a very important role for the welfare and social security rights of the children. The main duty of CWC is to conduct enquiry on the child and family situation. If the child is truly in need of care and protection, the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 demands that he or she be placed in a children’s home like TARA. The CWC therefore orders this placement.

The CWC is also in charge of making sure that TARA’s homes respect the provisions of the JJ Act and that the children are taken care of properly. The Child Welfare Committee (a Board of Magistrates representing the Government of India) decides if the placement of the child is necessary, as provided for by the Juvenile Justice Act. There is one Child Welfare Committee (CWC) per district in India. They decide what the appropriate response to the situation is, according to the legislation on Child Protection in India. Each child is produced before the Child

Welfare Committee once a year to renew their long term placement order. The last part of the presentation dealt with the major juvenile justice principles that were in practice. The main principles are as follows:

-) Children meet with their families every month and exchange a weekly phone call when possible
-) Children deposit complaints and suggestions in a dedicated box which are reviewed weekly during the staff meeting in presence of the Child Representative
-) Children are supervised round the clock by competent, reliable and trained adults
-) Children are supervised at night by dedicated night staff who complete half hourly checks during this most vulnerable time
-) Girl children are always surrounded by at least one female staff

After the official presentation discussion was started were students raised their concerns on the topic. The major concerns raised were with regard to the practicality of the JJ act principles practiced in reality and the inadequacy of the official authorities. Another concern was with regard to the increase in number of juvenile cases. The main reason pointed out for such juvenile crimes was the social conditions to which child were exposed. At the end Fr. Saji gave his concluding statement about the topic and about the overall presentation by Adil Hakkim.

The meeting was concluded by 5pm with Teresa Mary Chako delivering the vote of thanks to all the participants. KRISHNENDU J and Kajal of First year MSW were selected as the next presenters. The next meeting was tentatively fixed for 26 July 2016.



Discussion on the topic “Sexuality and Moral Policing”

A meeting of reading club was held on 26th July 2016 at 3.00pm in the JM Hall. Dr.Sunil Kumar, the reading club coordinator, and Fr. Saji S.J and Dr Angelo Mathew were present for the meeting. The report of the previous meeting was read out by Mr.Adil Hakkim of 2nd MSW. The topic for the day ‘**Sexuality and Moral Policing**’ was presented by Ms.Kajal and Ms. Krishnendhu from first year MSW. 21 students participated for the session.

Sexuality and moral policing is all time discourse subject for a long period of time. So the topic selected for the session was the need of hour. The whole session was divided into 2: the concept of sexuality and the atrocities related to it, and moral policing and its contemporary interpretations. The first part of the session was dealt by Krishnendhu. Sexuality is not about whom you have sex with, or how often you have it. Sexuality is about your sexual feelings, thoughts, attractions and behaviors towards other people. You can find other people physically, sexually or emotionally attractive, and all those things are a part of your sexuality. Sexuality is diverse and personal, and it is an important part of who you are. Discovering your sexuality can be very liberating, exciting and positive experience. Some people experience discrimination due to their sexuality. The most important thing to understand about sexuality is that it is self-defined; that is, that every person is allowed to talk about and understand their own sexuality in their own way that makes sense to them. The different types of sexuality are; Homosexual, heterosexual, bisexual and so on. Besides different laws which concerns of human rights, people who exposes to their sexuality are being discriminated extensively in our society. Contemporary Indian society is an example for this. We can talk about sexuality and the concept of sex only in silence. That’s the present reality of the society.

Second part of the session dealt with the concept of moral policing by Kajal. The concept of moral policing implies it is a broadest sense which could mean **a system where a strict vigil and restriction is imposed on those who violate the basic standards of our society**. The basic standard of our society could be found in its cultures, age-old customs and religious doctrines. But this concept is being misinterpreted nowadays based on the so called religious mindsets and other aspects. Cases of assaulting youngsters have become rampant across the country. Our constitution or the books of law does not permit the functioning of ‘moral police’. The concept needs a rethink. Moral policing seems to define itself as an act by frustrated men who have

nothing much to do in their lives but bully people around. One cannot claim privacy in a public place; however, the so called moral police can be punished under section 354 of IPC for molestation, section 351 for assault and attempt to rape under 375 and 376. It is an unjustifiable act that even the law does not seem to have an answer for. The law should bring such people to justice and not allow anybody to wield a weapon and decide the course of action. It is time we implement the provisions of The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

After the official presentation, the platform was open for interaction. The students spoke about their ideas on sexuality and mainly emphasized the attitude people have when they see a transgender in public. The need to include such subjects in education was also discussed. Few students also expressed their personal experience where they have to face the atrocities of moral policing in some way or another. Dr. Sunil Kumar concluded the session with his general remarks. The session had a fruitful interactive session. The meeting was concluded by 4:30pm with Adil Hakkim delivering the vote of thanks to all the participants.



ONE DAY SEMINAR ON “PREVENTION AND REDRESSAL OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT THE WORKPLACE’-29th October 2016



The seminar was inaugurated by Sri. S.N. Vijayanandan, Chief Secretary Government of Kerala. “Jesuit institutions play a vital role in the society by installing values and services along with academics”, he said. He added that the new challenges of the society referred as second-generation challenges such as life style diseases, less job opportunities, environmental issues should be seriously taken into consideration. Dr. L. Radhakrishnan, in his inaugural address defined what is sexual harassment and existence of harassment in all spheres of life. Fr. Joye James SJ, Mr. M.S. Sreekumar felicitated the function. Dr. Anitha S., Faculty, Dept. of Personnel Management gave vote of thanks.

Afternoon session of the seminar started at sharp 2 pm. That was the time for panel discussion. Dr. Sonny Jose HOD, Dept. of Social Work introduced the panelists. We had an eminent panel headed by Dr. K.B. Valsalakumari IAS, District Collector Pathanamthitta. Mr. Arun B, Deputy Labour Commissioner Government of Kerala, Smt. Lakshmi Bhaskar, Counsellor State Police Women Cell, Sr. Sally, Social activist, Mr. Manoj Madhavan, Mr. M.S.Sreekumar were the panellists.

Dr. K.B. Valsalakumari started the discussion by introducing the relevance of the topic. She congratulated the alumni association for conducting a seminar with such a relevant topic. First all the panelists gave their own opinion about the topic. Sr. Sally pointed out the issue on a social perspective. Attitudinal change of people in society as well as in companies towards women must be changed. People protect the culprit. It should be

changed. People protect our own people. The culprit escapes from the issue with his power. The victims are also not interested to file a petition before Internal Complaints Committee because either the inefficiency or the fear of publicity. People in the society not support women.

Mr. Arun B. pointed out the legal aspects of sexual harassment at workplace. He emphasized the role of government, labour department in protecting the interests of workforce especially women workers. Smt. Lakshmi Bhaskar explained her views that lack of awareness about the Act is one of the major problems. Also, the criminal tendency of women also increasing nowadays that is women deliberately manipulate the situations to impose legal actions on male workers because of personal revenge.

Mr. M.S. Sreekumar explained the duties of a company toward prevention of sexual harassment, the duties of ICC etc.

Mr. Manoj Madhavan handled the issue on a global perspective. The unwelcoming behaviour may be a welcoming behaviour to other person due to cultural variations among countries. The law must not be to women only, it should protect the interest of male workers also.

After the introductions by panelists the time was for discussion. Audience were actively participated in the discussion. The opinions of audience were:-

- Today organizations going on a diversity hiring process. So the harassment is not only against women, also against transgender. So the transgender also be covered under the Act. They should be protected against any type of harassment.

The suggestions put forwarded by panelists and audience are:

- ❖ The law must be changed to protect the transgender.
- ❖ The ICC can be formed independent of the company having more number of outside persons.
- ❖ Awareness about the ICC to be spread over all departments of a company.
- ❖ Negative attitude of employer towards the law should be removed

The session ended at 3.30 pm. Dr. L. Radhakrishnan IAS presented memento to all panelists. The session was ended up by the vote of thanks by Dr. Smitha Jose Panackal, Faculty Department of Personnel Management. The concluding session of the seminar was chaired by Dr. L. Radhakrishnan IAS, Alumni association president. He concluded the seminar and put forward a suggestion to the labour department to follow up. Dr. Prakash Pillai HOD Department of Personnel Management delivered the vote of thanks.

Public Participation in Promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption



Loyola Association of Management Professionals and Students (LAMPS) organized a session for commemorating Vigilance Awareness Week with the theme- Public Participation in Promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption. The interactive session was conducted in collaboration with HLL Life care limited.

Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week every year during the last week of October is taken up to encourage all stakeholders to collectively participate in the prevention of, and the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of and the threat posed by corruption. HLL is a company aimed at realizing the government's family planning programme, HLL Lifecare Limited started as a manufacturer of natural rubber latex condoms. The company spread its wings to diversify into a healthcare major, with great emphasis over healthcare services. Two representatives from HLL Lifecare came for the session and spoke about the importance of the day. In the contemporary society, it is the need of the hour. A pledge was taken as part of the

observing vigilance awareness week. As part of the week essay competitions were conducted earlier and at the end of the session, prizes were distributed to the participants.

