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LETTER FROM Fr.PRINCIPAL

Dear Staff and Students,

I express my appreciation to all the staff and students, who have given overwhelming support and generous contribution to our brothers and sisters in GAJA affected areas. Approximately, four hundred students, accompanied by dedicated staff members, were deployed in Pudukkottai, Nagapattinam, Punalvasal, Vedaranyam and Thiruthuraipoondi for relief and rehabilitation operations. Their enthusiasm and energetic involvement were lauded by people and organizations, which reflected the purpose of Jesuit education –‘Making Men and Women for and with Others’. My special appreciation goes to –Professors Felix, Prasanna Kumar, Andrew, Simon and Xavier for their remarkable services in organizing the teams and coordinating relief works with a team of student volunteers.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Francis Sj,
Principal,Loyola College, Chennai-34

‘GAJA’ Cyclone

Gaja cyclone hit the delta region in Tamil Nadu on **16th November 2018** and ruined the lives ruthlessly. It has been the worst cyclone to hit Tamil Nadu since Vardah in 2016. Moreover, it is the 10th cyclone to affect TamilNadu in the past 16 years.

Gaja made its landfall with wind speeds of 120 km per hour. The worst Affected districts in Tamil Nadu were; **Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Pudukottai, Dindigul, Trichy, Karur, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram, Cuddalore** in Tamil Nadu and **Karaikal** in the Union territory of Puducherry. It has pulled down the sources of life and ripped the rhythm of life. More than 50 people and lakhs of livestock were killed and about **250,000** people were evacuated to relief camps.

More than **2 lakh houses** and electric poles were brought down to the ground. The Farmers have lost 80% of their trees, 90% of the coconut trees and crops have been damaged as severely as the trees. It will take at least 30 years for the farmers to recover from this damage. The affected areas are remained without power supply since 15 November though a partial rectification is done now.



Testimony

I really had a great experience coming to the outreach programme , really helped me to know about the rural life and it was a wonderful opportunity to help the poor and the widows who were affected by the gaja cyclone and happy they blessed us for coming all the way from Chennai.

Balamurugan.P
18-PMA-018

Loyola reaches out to the people affected by GAJA cyclone

Responding to the cries of our brothers and sisters in cyclone-affected areas, **Fr.Andrew**, The Loyola Principal formed the core team consisting of Deans of students, Professors **Andrew** and **Simon** to coordinate and mobilize resources to reach out to people. Cash counters, class room collections, online campaign, conducting of **cricket match** and **art gallery** are some of the strategies employed to raise funds for victims. Students, Alumni, students' union and some members in teaching faculty and **CHENNAI VOLUNTEERS** (an NGO) were fully involved in procuring material such as food grains,diapers,blankets, sanitary napkins, tarpaulin, candles, match boxes, mosquito coils,mats etc. Loyola collected approximately **Rs 10 Lakhs**.



The team identified the most affected and neglected villages in Pattukottai, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur and Tanjore districts. Nearly **350 students** accompanied by **20 professors** pitched in with relief operations to Thoppukollai, Lenavilaku, Kalangarai-Nagapattinam, Punalvasal, Vedaranyam and Thiruthuraipoondi. The poor, landless laborers, refugees and gypsies were the priority people in our relief and rehab operations.

There is a proposal to undertake a multi-sectoral research study on the disaster management and safeguarding agricultural works. **Fr.Kumar** and his team are making preliminary discussions on this project.



Six students coming from Gaja cyclone affected areas

Reach The Unreached



Touch The Untouched

were given fees concession

'GAJA' Cyclone Relief

Loyola's Response

Loyola College responded to the havocs made by the cyclone. The **first initiative** that was taken by Loyola was converting rural exposure camp for first PG students into Relief camp. The initial plan was done and the first batch of the students for the relief work was sent on the **19th of November, 2018** itself.

Official Meeting

The first meeting meant for **'GAJA' Relief Operations** by Loyola was held in the office of Dean of Students on **20th November-2018** between 11.00am and 12.30pm. The meeting was convened by **Rev Fr Louie Albert, S.J.**, The Director of Department of Service Learning.

The **second initiative** was the collection of relief materials and fund. **GAJA relief operation** was set up with a team of Professors namely **Prof. Andrew Michael (Dept. of Sociology), Dr. Prasanna kumar & Prof. Maria Roy Felix (Dean of Students), Prof. Simon Ajuh Sudhakar (SHE) and Prof. Xavier (Chemistry)**. The team had fastened the relief work under the guidance of **Fr. Louie Albert. SJ**, Director of Department of Service Learning. A meeting was convened with the class representatives in terms of collecting relief materials and fund. They all have coordinated and contributed generously to the affected people.



Testimony

The camp taught us moral values, peoples strength, and their physiological disturbes caused by gaja cyclone. we also learned the importance of agriculture and particular about coconut farming. Thanks for Loyola for giving this wonderful camp.

R.Balacharadhar
18-PCA-014

Mega Art Sale

Besides the above strategies, a Mega Art Sale was jointly organized in collaboration with **Artpromoglobal**, Chennai to raise fund for the victims of GAJA cyclone. It was organised in the Bertram hall on the **3rd and 4th December, 2018**. More than **20 Artists** donated their art works freely to raise fund for Gaja victims. More than 5 artists came there to draw live **CARICATURE** and **PORTRAITS** to raise funds. 100 per cent of the Sale of art works and the live **CARICATURE** and **PORTRAIT** were donated to GAJA victims.



The Loyola students' union of the college besides collecting fund and relief material organised a **cricket tournament** to raise funds for the victims of the cyclone. **Twenty Teams** across various departments participated to show their generosity.



INSIDE THE CAMPUS

Students from **PULC** and **B.Ed** college in the campus also have donated generously. Loyola Alumni, The Chennai volunteers and the sisters of **little flower** convent Chennai, **DLF** workers, Guindy have also donated relief materials. There were also a number of individual volunteers who collected relief material and funds from their area and brought to Loyola. Altogether, the team had collected relief material worth of **13 lakhs** and fund around **12 lakh**. The collected Relief materials were sent to the following GAJA

Affected Areas ;

Vedaranyam, Nagapatnam, Thiruthuraiipoondi, Thuravikadu, Thiruchitrambalam and Punalvasal nearby Pattukkottai. The remaining materials were sent to Refugee camp at Lenavilakku and Dindigul.

MEENAKSHI SUNDAR R
(18-PAN-010)

“ I understood the meaning of team work and learnt to be responsible to help the needy. Either big or small every drops of humanity counts in Dharma”-



RELIEF CAMPS

PUDUKOTTAI -19th-25th November 2018

A total of **27** students belonging to First PG Sociology accompanied by staff members from the Service Learning Department and from Sociology Department reached Pudukottai Multipurpose Social Service Society on 20/11/2018. **Rev.Fr.James, Director of PMSSS** appreciated the students' community for their immediate response in reaching out to the victims of the cyclone Gaja. A team of students left to the Sri Lankan refugee camp situated at Thoppukollai and LenaVilaku for the relief activities. The camp comprised of around 500 families which were nuclear in nature and with infants found in most of the households.



To conclude, the relief camp gave students an opportunity to taste the success of unity by exploring the Delta region. It strengthened the spirit of team work muting our personal identities and ideologies to serve for the community gaining hands-on experience and enhanced the knowledge of various socio-cultural conditions of our brethren in their time of need.

The predominant thatched and asbestos sheet houses were damaged. Electricity was interrupted as the trees fell on the electric lines which in turn made their life more complicated with unavailability of basic needs such as food and water. The drinking water was available only after 2 days and it was priced more than Rs.10 which was unaffordable to the people. **Dr. Raja Mohammed**, a renowned Historian addressed the students who briefed the history of Pudukottai District. The team cleaned the premises of Saint Joseph's boy's school R.C Middle School located near PMSSS,

Prof. Devasagayam addressed the students during a feedback session and deliberated on the importance of Tamil Language with short stories that attracted everyone.

**Villages Visited: Kottaikadu, Vengadakulam
Lena Vilaku , Thoppu Kollai, Aliya Nilai**



KALANGARAI -November 30 th to December 5, 2018

villages visited:

Vettaikaraniruppu, Odacheri, Kovilpatthu, Vadavur, Kalangarai

Input Sessions:

Representatives from **Bedrock Institute**, an NGO for fishermen, **Mr. Govindasamy**, Farmer and businessman spoke on Prawn Farming and Agriculture. **Mr.MGK Nizamudeen**, Ex-MLA: spoke on Rescue, Relief, and Rehabilitation during Natural Calamities. **Mrs.Pushpa**, District President, Cooperative Society for Widows, **Rev.Fr.Francis Xavier SJ**, Kalangarai shared their experience on the problems of single women, farming, and fishermen community.

A total of **37** students belonging to First PG Media Arts accompanied by staff members from the Service Learning Department and from Media Arts Department reached Kalangarai run by the Jesuits. **Rev.Fr.Kulandaisamy SJ**, Founder President, Kalangarai guided the student team to different villages.



Life of Villagers at Grassroot Level, Think before Action were some of the key issues discussed with the student community.

Students were engaged in relief works like cutting trees, disassembling damaged roof, cleaning up the houses etc.



Cultural program performed at the Primary School in Odacheri

PUNAL VASAL - 30th November to 5th December 2018

Villages visited:

Poovanam, Punalvasal,
Ramakrishnapuram, Keela
Punalvasal, kuringinagar.

Students from M.com and MCA along with the Professors reached Punal Vasal Church and were guided by **Rev.Fr.Vincent** (Parish Priest), **Rev.Fr. Dominic Samuel** (Asst. Parish Priest), **Rev.Sr.Jayanthi** and **Rev.Sr.Josephine**.



Input Sessions:

Fr.Vincent, the parish priest and correspondent of Arockiya Annai Hr Sec School oriented our students on the aftermath of the GAJA cyclone and its impact on the people in and around Punalvasal. Mr.Xavier highlighted the negative impact of Monocropping (coconut trees) in Punalvasal. Mrs.Mariyammal shared the devastation of property and cattle. **Dr.Jayakumar**, (Ottangadu Govt. Veterinary Hospital), a veterinary doctor and an alumni of Punitha Arockia Annai School, addressed our students regarding the loss of property and cattle. He also then presented statistical reports on the compensation allocated by the Government, the loss of cattle and the actual loss of cattle sustained. The students were emotionally taken back on seeing the massive destruction. The villagers poured out their agony, suffering, about this natural disaster that has flipped their lives upside down and has taken them 30 years aback to start all things over again. The students who visited Punalvasal and Poovanam village during their house visits covered the roofs of a few houses with Tarpaulins. **“Darkness to light”, “Why Education?”, “Students, the change makers!”**, **“The Eternal asset - Christ”** were some of the themes our students performed in the cultural event to the village community.

On observing the ground reality of Punalvasal, our students learned the value of self-contentment and to be more selfless, and they realized that they should be moulded as men and women for others. This immersive experience enhanced the confidence of the students to raise above all odds and gave them hope to face all situations.



ANNIE TRIBONA (18-PMT-011)

“It was a life changing experience and a make Hay opportunity to serve the people who had fed us, all these years. I’m really proud in being a part of it.”

VEDARNYAM

30th November to 5th December 2018

Besides the students belonging to First PG **ECONOMICS, 3D ANIMATION & FOOD CHEMISTRY, TEN AICUFER'S** and Two students From **LOYOLA B.ED** college participated as volunteers. The team along with the Professors reached the Point Callimore International school, the camp location at Vedarnyam located in the Kuravapulam village.

Business tycoon **Mr. Sultana Arifa** guided the team and made various arrangements to visit the unreached villages. While students were cleaning the roads and clearing the debris Nagapattinam **MLA Mr Thamimum Ansari** visited our spot and appreciated our students. He also suggested that all Higher Educational Institutes should follow the Loyola model in responding to such disasters. Rather than expecting the government.

OUR STUDENTS INTERVIEWED BY MEDIA IN THE PRESENCE OF M.L.A Mr.THAMEEM ANSARI



The Municipal Commissioner thanked the Loyola students for their splendid works. News Channels Like Puthiyathalaimurai and NEWS-7 interviewed our students activities and also appreciated the student community.



An interaction with the government school girls students.

Villages visited:
Keelakadu,
Melakkadu, Kaikatti,
Vellai gate,
Kathiripulam



The packed relief materials were distributed door to door in the interior villages with the help of local people. Besides removing the debris, clearing the fallen trees over the huts was the major work done by the students. A set of girl students along with two lady professors visited the Seethalakshmi government school in Kathiripulam and distributed the sanitary pads to the school girls.

Cultural program was performed on the same school where the school kids got a high motivation. In his address the school Head Master thanked the Loyola college for responding to their locality and also shared that after the cultural program the school kids have gradually begun to recover from the disaster incident.

THIRUTHURAIPONDI-30th November to 5th December 2018

Villages visited: Veeranagar (Gypsy community), Poosalampattu, chembiavellore, Therkutheru-chembiavellore



Upon further interaction the students came to know that it would take at least a month for electricity to be restored. Although many people's built up their lives after cyclone, still some families are struggling to recover.

The relief materials (165) were distributed in three different parts of the Punjayur village as 70+70+12 packages respectively. A set of Students handed over the packages to each family with immense pleasure and satisfaction, the smile of the people lightened the students hearts. Another student team along with more than 300 relief packages went to Sembiyavelur of Nagapattinam district to distribute the relief materials. The students distributed the packages to individual houses with whom they had interacted during the previous days. The people accepted the relief materials and showed their gratitude.

The students of Loyola College (MLT, DJ and MATHS) were accommodated in ST Antony's School, Thiruthuraipoondi. The students were taken to Punjayoor, one of the worst affected places by the cyclone, where no relief materials had reached earlier. The student teams were sent to different parts of the cyclone affected village (Sembiyavelur, Pazhayangudi, Nandampallam panchayat of Nagapattinam district) for an interactive session with the villagers. The students were guided by the local people heads.

On interacting with the people, students learnt that the level of damage caused by the cyclone was much greater than expected. Many were left homeless even without basic amenities and medication.

They also stated that their farmlands which was the only source of income was destroyed completely. Though the people were suffering to meet their basic needs they rendered whatever they had in their homes to students and exhibited outstanding hospitality.

FATHERS VISIT:

Jesuit team – Frs. Andrew, Kumar, Justin and Louie visited the students and staff in the working places and motivated them by underscoring the purpose of Jesuit education.

KODAIKANAL :

Loyola college has given financial assistance to rebuild the houses which are destroyed by gaja cyclone.



PHOTO GALLERY





Recognition from Tamil News paper



திருவாரூர் மாவட்டம், திருத்தறைப்பூண்டி புதிய பஸ் ஸ்டாண்ட் அருகே புயல் பாதித்த வீரன்நகர் நரிக்குறவர் வசிக்கும் பகுதிகளில் சென்னை லயோலா கல்லூரி மாணவ, மாணவிகள் தூய்மை பணிகளை மேற்கொண்டனர்.

மத்தியப் பல்கலை. சார்பில் நிவாரண உதவி

திருவாரூர், டிச. 21: திருத்தறைப் பூண்டி அருகே உள்ள மூலக்கரை பகுதியில் கஜா புயலால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட வீடுகளுக்கு தமிழ்நாடு மத்தியப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் மற்றும் சென்னை லயோலா கல்லூரி சார்பில் நிவாரணப் பொருள்கள் வெள்ளிக்கிழமை வழங்கப்பட்டன.

மூலக்கரையில் உள்ள தொடக்கப் பள்ளியில் 70 மாணவ-மாணவியருக்கும், அங்கன்வாடியில் 30 குழந்தைகளுக்கும் நிவாரணப் பொருள்கள் வழங்கப்பட்டன. பேஸ்ட், பிரீஸ், பென்சில், பேனா, டவல் உள்ளிட்ட ரூ. 1000 மதிப்புள்ள இந்த நிவாரணப் பொருள்களை பையில் வைத்து மாணவ, மாணவிகளுக்கு வழங்கினார். இதுதவிர, தொடக்கப்பள்ளி மற்றும் அங்கன்வாடிக்கு தண்ணீர் நிரப்பும் டிரம், 10 தாள்ப்பாய்கள் ஆகியவையும் வழங்கப்பட்டன. இந்நிகழ்ச்சில் மத்தியப் பல்கலைக்



திருத்தறைப்பூண்டி அருகே பள்ளி மாணவ, மாணவியருக்கு நிவாரணப் பொருள்களை வழங்கிய மத்தியப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தினர்.

கழகத்தின் சமூகப்பணித் துறைத் தலைவர் சிகாமணி தலைமையில் பேராசிரியர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர். இதேபோல், சென்னை லயோலா கல்லூரி முதல்வர் ஆண்ட்ரோ தலைமையில் நிவாரண உதவித் தொகை ஏற்கெனவே வழங்கப்பட்டிருந்தது.

இதுகுறித்து மத்தியப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தரப்பில் தெரிவித்தது: கஜா புயலால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட வீடுகளின் துயர் துடைக்கும் வகையில் ஆசிரியர்களும், உறுப்பினர்களும் நிவாரண நிதிக்கு ஒரு நாள் சம்பளத்தை வழங்கியுள்ளனர். மேலும்,

பல்வேறு கிராமங்களுக்குச் சென்று, சுமார் 3,000-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட உணவுப் பொட்டலங்களை வழங்கினார்.

கடந்த இரண்டு வாரங்களில் நிவாரண சேகரிப்பு மற்றும் விநியோகத்தில் ஈடுபட்டுள்ள பல துறையில் ஆசிரியர்களும் மாணவர் குழுக்களும் இணைந்து இதுவரை ரூ. 1.18 லட்சம் தொகையை அளித்தனர். இதுதவிர, 110 ஜோடி பாய்கள் மற்றும் ரூ. 22 ஆயிரம் மதிப்புள்ள டெட்ஷீட் களும் மக்களுக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டன. மன்னார்குடி, வேதாரண்யம் பகுதியைச் சேர்ந்த 200-க்கும் மேற்பட்டோருக்கு அரிசி மற்றும் ரூ. 60 ஆயிரம் மதிப்புள்ள மளிகைப் பொருள்கள் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

மேலும், என்எஸ்எஸ் மாணவர்கள் சார்பில் பல்வேறு கிராமங்களுக்கும் சென்று, நிவாரணப் பணிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வருகின்றன என்றனர்.



Gaja Cyclone Relief Work at Mulakarai Village organized by The Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu & Sponsored by Loyola College, Chennai

The Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu organized a series of Gaja Cyclone relief activities at Mulakarai Village, Vedharanyam Taluk of Nagapattinam District. As follow-up, the Department of Social Work distributed relief materials containing School bags, Notebooks, Brush, Play materials to 70 Students of Government Middle school and 30 children of Anganwadi mulakarai Village on 21st December, 2018 at Government Middle school. The relief materials were sponsored by Rev. Dr. Andrew S. J, Principle, Loyola College, Chennai. Dr. Sigamani Head, Department of Social Work Department presided over the function, distributed the relief materials for the children. In his motivational speech to the school students Dr Sigamani highlighted the importance of building the self confidence level for their better career. The Headmaster, Teachers of the Government Middle School, Parents and Assistant Professors from the Department of Social Work attended the relief Work.

GAJA RELIEF FUND ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 26TH NOV 2018 TO 31ST JAN 2019

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
REVENUE RECEIPTS		REVENUE EXPENSES	
Dept Wise Contribution	2,41,010	Relief Work At	
Art Sales	11,040	Kalangari	10,898.00
Counter Collection	1,57,156	Thiruthuraipoondi	16,084.00
Loyola Students Union	1,31,856	Punalvasal	5,300.00
PU-LCS Twinning Programme	1,48,561	Vedaranyam	11,600.00
Loyola Staff Contribution	2,82,740	Other Expenses	8,716.00
AICUF students	6,010	Fees Concession to GAJA affected	
B.Ed College	30,000	Students	88,610.00
Malayali Kudumbam	10,000	Transportation	4,500.00
DDU Kaushal Kendra	14,130	Food & Refreshments	14,659.00
Catholic Staff Club	5,000	Stationery and Materials	14,092.00
LIFE Dept	2,000	Flex	2,300.00
Little Sisters of the poor	7,000	Volunters Meeting	9,000.00
Loyola College Society	75,000	Relief Materials to:-	
Others	1,200	People' Edn & Action KKL Peak	3,53,000.00
		Centre for Happiness - P Sigamani	50,000.00
From Benefactors		Nagai Jesuit Public Charitable	
Mr.Xavier Britto	50,000	S & E Trust	4,00,000.00
M/s.Erode Textile Mall Pvt Ltd	50,000		
Mr.John Knox	15,000		
Mr.CA.M.Ezhil-Alumni	10,000		
Mr.Ezhil and Raj-Alumni	10,000		
Mr.Thomas Verghese Simon-Alumni	1,00,000		
Online/NEFT	4,500		
TOTAL [A]	13,62,203	TOTAL[A]	9,88,759.00
LOANS/ADVANCES		LOANS / ADVANCES	
ADVANCES SETTLED	1,72,540.00	ADVANCE TO LOCAL TRAVEL	40,000.00
		VEDHARANYAM RELIEF WORK	1,00,000.00
		ADVANCE FOR EXPENSES-COORD	32,540.00
TOTAL [B]	1,72,540.00	TOTAL[B]	1,72,540.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS [A+B]	15,34,743.00	TOTAL PAYMENTS [A+B]	11,61,299.00
<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	-	<u>CLOSING BALANCE (BANK)</u>	3,73,444.00
TOTAL	15,34,743.00	TOTAL	15,34,743.00



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