

# **Loyola College (Autonomous)**

## **Chennai – 600 034.**

### **Department of Service Learning (Outreach)**

The Department of Service Learning (Outreach) organized orientation programs for the Under Graduate students from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at Lawrence Sundaram Hall. The shift – I & II students attended their sessions in the respective schedules. In the orientation sessions, the dynamics of Outreach was explained to the students, knowing the needs of people in the sub-standard settlements (slum) and take the educational theory into practice among the under- privileged people. The staff in-charge from various departments also attended the orientation along with their students.



All the sessions started off with a prayer and felicitation by the college officials. The officials shared their views and thoughts about the outreach program. Some of them shared their experiences about playing the role of a faculty from their respective departments and how they felt during their visit to the Outreach destinations.



Third year students shared their experiences about Outreach, which was very enlightening and knowledgeable. The community volunteers spoke about their experiences with Loyola students during the Outreach program. They highlighted that students come twice in a week and interact with the people about day- to- day life. With them they shared the livelihood-training program and through Outreach, students provided relief materials to the people affected by the floods in the city.

Rev. Fr. V. Henry Jerome SJ., emphasized about the importance of Outreach program. He added that Outreach would transform the values.

Department of Service Learning (Outreach) staff gave power point presentation and explained about the dynamics of Outreach program. The rules and regulations were made clear and students were also informed that 120 hours must be spent on this program.



Apart from the academics, students should get an exposure on the life of less fortunate. This would make them realise the need for being men and women for others. This program would help the students of Loyola in academics, credits, and would play a vital role in shaping their attitude.