

LOYOLA COLLEGE(AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY CELEBRATION (20-12-2022)

The Department of Sociology, Loyola College in association with **Jesuit Migrant Service**, commemorated International Migrants Day on 20th December 2022 with two contests and a street play at Loyola Campus. A street play aimed at raising awareness was held on the Loyola College campus at 11 AM and 4 PM during the first and second shift break times. Following the performances, the winners of the contest were announced and recognized with awards and certificates.



The central theme of **the street play** was chosen as Intrastate Migration, with inputs from the **orientation session** conducted on 12th December, 2022, by Fr. William, Director of Jesuit Migrant Service. The street play featured songs performed by sociology students that shed light on the challenges and difficulties faced by migrants (push factors such as lack of employment and financial stability) and the reasons they are drawn to urban areas (pull factors such as job availability and the appeal of city life). The performance also depicted the struggles and emotional turmoil of informal contract workers and

highlighted sociological themes such as discrimination and alienation experienced by migrant workers in their work and environment.



At the end of the street play, the guest of honor, Professor Dr. Bernard D'Sami, Director of the Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research, gave a talk on the important statistics related to inter- and intra-state migration, citing various reference materials for the benefit of the audience. He emphasized that migrant workers are not a threat to native workers, but rather contribute to the workforce. Professor D'Sami also discussed the changing ratio of migrant workers, the four labor codes, and the treatment of migrants in neighboring states. He referenced that the districts of Thiruvallur, Kanchipuram, and Chennai are home to about 50% of migrants in Tamil Nadu, and

emphasized the need for research, data, and the inclusion of migrants in the citizen's charter. He also reiterated the role of the JMS in uplifting migrants.



Poster Contest and Shorts Video Contests were organized by the Department of Sociology and Jesuit Migrant Service. The invite to the contests was sent to 15 city colleges and various departments in Loyola College. The preparation began two weeks ago, with enthusiastic participation from students of Loyola and other colleges. Placards and posters were made by the students with the theme "Plight of Migrant Workers".

The winners of the poster-making competition were announced by Assistant Director of Jesuit Migrant Service Rev. Fr. Alex Chinna. The certificates were distributed by Prof. Dr. Bernard D'Sami, Director, Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research, Loyola College





Aharika from I M.A Sociology of Loyola College received first place in poster making competition. Harini, I B.A. Sociology of M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women received the 2nd place and Namrada Datta, II M.A. Economics of Loyola College, received the third place. Since the short video entries were not up to the standard, all short video contestants received a participation certificate.

Rev. Dr. Louie S.J., Controller of Examination and Director of Loyola Hostel and Dr M. Gautaman, the Head, Department of Sociology, greeted and thanked the organizers and performers.

The event concluded with an informal gathering for snacks and tea at the Department of Sociology, attended by Rev. Dr. Victor Roach, Fr. Bakyaraj, Fr. William, Fr. Alex Chinna, Sis. Aloucia, Ms. Nandhini, Prof. Venkatesh, Prof. Kiran, and the faculty of the Department of Sociology, including Dr. M. Gautaman, Dr. Vanitha, Prof. Venkata Narayana, Dr. Jean Gifty, Prof. Thebora, Prof. Aravindan, and Dr. Siva Priya.