

Workshop on VIRTUAL LEARNING

Organised by Loyola College

in association with Chennai Literary Association

on 9th January 2015

A one day workshop on **VIRTUAL LEARNING** was organised by Loyola College in association with Chennai Literary Association on 9th January 2015 (Friday) to mark both the celebrative nature of Chennai Literary Festival and creating awareness of reading habits. The workshop is one of many activities – seminars, debates, competitions, workshops, panel discussions CLF aims at celebrating the education.



Mr V.N. Muralidharan, COO, Global, Bhawan Cyber Tek Group, inaugurates VLW

Inaugurating an important workshop, “Virtual Learning” organised at Loyola College, Mr. **V.N. Muralidharan**, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Ethiraj College for Women & COO, Global, Bhawan Cyber Tek Group, Chennai emphasised the need to utilize the web resources for the purposes of education and training. As all the students and teachers become more and more internet-users, it is inevitable that educational institutions move towards exploiting innumerable tools and abundant resources to supplement the physical environment classroom learning. At the same time, he strongly felt that virtual learning will not offer the personal touch and monitoring which teachers provide the students in the physical classroom with.



Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J. Principal, Loyola College felicitates VLW Participants

Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J., Principal, Loyola College, Chennai felicitating the participants, said that students should make use of the online resources through facilities like MOOCs.



Engrossed participants of VLW

The participants comprised of Professors and students of city colleges like WCC, QMGC, CTTE College for women, RMK Vivekanada College, Loyola College and other outstation colleges like Ayya Nadar Janaki AMMAL College, Sivakasi. The resource persons who actually offered hands-on experience to the participants on virtual learning using Blogging, Social Networking, Google Drive and Wiki Spaces for educational purposes were Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Coordinator of the workshop, Loyola College, Chennai, Dr. Mangayarkarasi, Department of English, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai and Prof. Sakthi Prasath, Department of English, SRM University, Chennai.



Prof. Sakthi Prasad, SRM trains the participants of VLW

Mr. Ganapati M, COO, Rails Factory, Chennai, shared the Industrial Expectations on Virtual Resources. He urged all the participants to exhaust the facilities offered by the current state of online technology, Web 2.0 and move on to get trained with Web 3.0 as the world is fast catching up new technology.



Mr. Prem Srinivasan, Librarian, USIS, Chennai steers participants to the Virtual Resources

Mr. Prem Srinivasan, Librarian, USIS, Chennai explained the Virtual Resources available in big libraries like the one in USIS and initiated the participants to explore the resources for themselves.



Dr. Joseph Chandra, HOD, Department of English, LC welcomes the guests

Dr. Joseph Chandra, HOD, Department of English, Loyola College, Chennai felicitated and exhorted the group to blend the virtual learning with the routine classroom learning.



Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Coordinator, WEPRO explains the dynamics of VLW

The programme was organised by Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Coordinator, WEPRO, Loyola College, Chennai to offer the students of Loyola College a flavour of Chennai Literary Festival.