STUDY CENTRE INAUGURATED BY STUDENTS OF COMPUTER SCIENCE FOR THE CHILDREN OF MUTHUMARIAMMAN NAGAR SLUM -08-09-2011

The students of B.Sc Computer Science, Loyola College, Chennai inaugurated a Padippagam (Study Centre) for the welfare of Muthumariamman Nagar slum at Arumbakkam, Chennai.

Main objectives of the “Loyola Study Centre”:

- To take tuition and special coaching to the school going children and to develop their extracurricular activities
- To give Non Formal Education for the youth and elders.
- To disseminate information regarding the welfare schemes provided by the government and private sectors.

The Inauguration of “Loyola study centre” was conducted on 8\textsuperscript{th} September 2011 at 5 pm by our college Principle Rev. Dr. B.Jeyaraj SJ, Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy SJ, Vice Principal and Director of Outreach, Prof. Nester Jeyakumar, Head, Department of Computer Science, Prof. Jaiprakash, Coordinator, Department of Outreach, Mr. Thirupathy, secretary, Residential welfare Association, Muthumariamman Nagar and Mrs. Fathima Beevi, community leader were the special invitees who graced the occasion.
Impact of Community leaders meeting:

The Department of Outreach organized a Community leaders’ meeting on 12th of August in Loyola College in which the Director insisted that the community leaders should identify places in their slums for taking tuition for the empowerment of children and others. As a result of this meeting, Ms. Revathi a community leader from Muthumariamman Nagar took initiative to start a study centre which has blossomed as “Loyola Study centre”. We appreciate the noble effort of Ms Revathi and wish her to do many more services to the slum community. Prof. Jeyaprakash, Coordinator, Department of Outreach made it possible in a short span of time by his efficient and effective coordination of the slum community and the college students.

Student involvement:
Students made generous contribution to meet the expenses of making a thatched hut, fans, tube lights, black board and study materials like charts of alphabets, numbers, good habits and leaders of the country to be displayed on the walls. We honour the efforts and hard work of our students to educate the slum Children and elders. Kudos to the staff and students of computer Science Department.

Inaugural function on 8th Sept 2011:
Rev. Dr. B. Jeyaraj SJ, opened the study centre and greeted the student’s effort and congratulated the students to be a role model for others. He asked the children and their parents to make use of this study centre for education and empowerment.

Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy,SJ., Director ,Department of Outreach said that by making use of this study centre, school students must get first rank and also he announced prizes for the first rank holders. He greeted the Outreach students and asked them to work for the tangible development of the slum dwellers by their committed efforts.

Prof. Nester Head of the Department of Computer science said that he is proud of his department students and greeted them for their good work.

The community leaders Mr. Thirupathy, Mrs. Fathima Bebi thanked the students for their initiatives and promised to render their support and encouragement for the development of Muthumariamman Nagar slum.

42 school going children, 10 youth and 20 parents participated in the function along with the students of II B.Sc Computer Science in the programme. All the students and leaders greeted and thanked Rev Dr B. Jeyaraj SJ, Principal, Loyola College, after the National anthem.