

ORIENTATION FOR THE NEW NORMAL: PREPARING STUDENTS FOR ONLINE SESSIONS OF ODD SEMESTER



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Known for its student centered approach, Loyola College organised a series of orientation programmes to prepare students for the 2020-21 odd semester-which was conducted through a challenging virtual mode. The department of DDU KAUSHAL Kendra had a specific session for 18UAN, 18UDJ, 19PAN, 19PDJ batches on 27th August 2020 via Google Meet.

After the initial briefing on the rules & regulations of the college, students were given guidance on accessing classes online. The virtual gathering was addressed by Prof. Charles Durai and Prof. Tresa Xavier, who also enlightened students on the workflow and the processes of online classes. The well-planned orientation programme cleared doubts about accessing classes and submitting works through Google Classroom.

The school of Human excellence, which was also a part of the program, motivated the students on the beginning of the new normal-e based learning due to Covid-19 pandemic. Especially, motivational videos interspersed in between the session increased the engagement of the students. The Online Orientation program was a big success. It provided the impetus after a long break from academics due to the pandemic.