

Orientation program for students teaching in schools associated with Chennai Volunteers

24th July 2023 – MRF Hall

The Orientation session for the students who will be teaching in Corporations schools and special schools associated with Chennai Volunteers on 24th July 2023. The orientation session for the shift 2 students was started at 11.15am in MRF hall on 24th July 2023. Ms. Rinku Mercheri, the Director of Chennai Volunteers was the Resource person for the orientation session. She spoke about the activities of Chennai Volunteers and their association with Loyola College.



She said that the students have a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the underprivileged children. She mentioned about the work done by the students during the previous years and the kind of impact that they have created among the children. Ms. Rinku said that when the students are left alone and given a responsibility to handle a class, they will start to think on their feet and be more creative in teaching. She mentioned that the students will be mostly involved in

teaching conversational English as it is the most essential thing which was required, as even the teachers in certain corporation schools are not able to speak fluently as they have the responsibility of teaching different subjects apart from English.

Ms. Rinku spoke about setting smart goals for themselves and the children in the schools as it is a yearlong program. She mentioned that the main focus is that we should make the children learn through repetition (repeating the concepts frequently) so that it gets registered in the minds of the children. She said that it is a fulfilling opportunity as what Loyola students get back in return is immeasurable. The skills and the leadership abilities that could be developed would also be useful for the students to acquire a decent job in the future as these are the skills which are sought out by the HR managers.



The students also had some questions which were answered by Ms. Rinku and the Faculty members. The session ended at 12.10 pm. The session for the First shift students was conducted in the afternoon and Ms. Vidhya handled the session. The

afternoon session started at 2.30 pm and around 70 students attended the afternoon session. Ms. Vidhya spoke about the importance of reaching out to the underprivileged children in the schools. She explained about the modules which have to be taught to the children in the corporation schools. Ms. Vidhya spoke about how the program could contribute towards developing the personality of the children. The session ended at 3.30 pm after Ms. Vidhya spoke about the schools in which the students could offer teaching assistance.