

Best Practices:

Loyola Book Reviewers' Association: Organizes book reviews by students with the help of faculty to develop reading habits and inculcate enthusiasm. The activities of Loyola Book Reviewers' Association were inaugurated on 12.01.2020 and 06 Book Reviews as noted below were organized in the course of academic year.

1. J. Pity Parker (DGH-21) reviewed a book entitled *Shadruchulu* (Telugu), authored by Pity Parker, on 12.11.2020. Rev. Fr. G.M. Victor Emmanuel, SJ, Principal was the Mentor.
2. K. Lasya Chandrika (DPH-13) reviewed a book entitled *Allari Pillalalo Adbutha Marpulu* (Telugu), authored by A.S. Makarenko, on 17.12.2020. Dr. A. Samuel Dayakar, Dean of Student Activities, ALC was the Mentor.
3. N. Venkatesh (DOC-20) reviewed a book entitled *Discover Your Destiny*, authored by Robin Sharma, on 27.01.2021. Mr. Ch. V. Chowdary, Dept. of Commerce, ALC was the Mentor.
4. J. Sai Sushma, (DEC-17) reviewed a book entitled *Calling Sahmat* authored by Harinder Sikka, on 18.03.2021. Dr. AV Ravi Kumar, Dept. of Physics was the Mentor.
5. K. Y. Alekhya, (DPH-12) reviewed a book entitled *Nikola Tesla: Imagination & the Man that Invented the 20th Century*, authored by Sean Patrick, on 24.03.2021. Mr. S. A. B. Nehru, Dept. of Comp. Science was the Mentor.
6. T. Bala Bashita, (DPH-63) reviewed a book entitled *The Great Works of Rabindranath Tagore*, authored by Rabindranath Tagore on 02.06.2021, with Ms. Chandana Kavya, Lect. in English, as the Mentor.

Student Welfare Schemes: Our Student Welfare Scheme Viz. Subsidized Lunch Scheme for the needy Day Scholars for this academic year was launched on 25.11.2020. 105 students availed the benefit of the subsidized lunch scheme. The Management spends Rs. 7,00,000/- on this every year. Earn while You Learn programme for Hostel Students was continued this year.

Equal Opportunities Cell (EOC): This programme is a UGC-sponsored initiative. It aims at providing equal opportunities to students hailing from disadvantaged background. Dr. PVS Sairam, Department of Physics and Vice-Principal, Degree is the coordinator for EOC. The topics were self-confidence, motivation, communication skills, career guidance and leadership. This program was organized from September to December. The students belonging to economically backward families were selected for special training in life skills.

College Dispensary: Established on the Campus from 01.08.2014 with a qualified doctor and an auxiliary nurse to provide medical care to the students and staff, the Dispensary continues to provide medical services and Generic Medicines to the students and staff, free of cost, on all Working Days.

Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN)– a UGC initiative for the benefit of differently-abled students, implements initiatives to provide a supportive environment for the academic growth of physically and visually challenged students by organizing sensitization and motivational programmes, training in computer-aided learning, providing scribes' services during examinations, and connecting the NGOs / Governmental agencies to the visually challenged students, for obtaining necessary support.

Our college has a total number of 40 differently-abled students - 19 visually challenged and 21 orthopedically challenged - pursuing different courses in the current academic year. Dr.G. Sahaya Baskaran, Dept. of Physics, is the coordinator, for this HEPSN programme. The support to these students is provided through NGOs like Help the Blind Foundation-Hong Kong, Enable India-Bangalore, Youth4Jobs- Hyderabad, and government agencies such as Department of Disabled Welfare and Senior Citizens, Govt. of A.P. and AP State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC).

Distribution of Scholarships and Laptops to the Visually Challenged Students: The students received financial support through scholarships from Help the Blind Foundation, a Hong Kong based Charitable organization. The organization provided scholarships to 68 visually challenged students - of our college as well as to local Colleges - to the tune of Rs. 6,80,000/-. Dr.Illa Ravi, Principal, SRR and CVR Govt. College, Vijayawada, was the Chief Guest at the function held on 22.03.2021 to distribute the scholarships to the beneficiary-students. Rev.Frs.Dr.GAP.Kishore,SJ,

Covid-19 Pandemic – Social Responsibility of Andhra Loyola College:

Andhra Loyola College, in tune with its commitment to the poor and marginalized sections of the society as a social responsibility, always desires to be the first in lending a helping hand in times of calamities to alleviate the sufferings of the victims.

The outbreak of novel Corona Virus across the world, declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a Pandemic resulting in a Global Emergency on 30.01.2020, has found its way into our country as well forcing the Union Government to declare the First Phase of Lockdown on 24.03.2020.

The Lockdown has seriously affected the entire life pattern of all the people in the country in general and rendered millions of families such as daily-wage workers and those employed in unorganized sector helpless with no income. The worst affected segment of people is the migrant labourers who were stranded at their workplaces away from their home states due to sudden declaration of lockdown and consequent stoppage of all means of transport. Both the Union Government and State Governments have initiated implementation of different relief measures to help these families.

In such scenario, quickly responding to the harrowing situation, the Management of Andhra Loyola Institutions has responded with its humanitarian gesture of coming to the rescue of the

needy people by swinging into swift action to render help through different relief measures from the day one of the Lockdown period i.e. during March and April 2020.

The Management has pumped in about Rs.26,00,000/- (Rupees twenty-six lakhs), besides the contributions made by different sections of the society, staff and students of the college, for undertaking relief measures with primary focus on the poorest of poor people.

The Relief Activities (worth Rs.16 Lakhs) undertaken during the First Wave include

1. **Distribution of Food** to Daily-Wage Workers, Pavement Dwellers and Migrant Labour from 26.03.2020 to 30.04.2020;
2. **Donation of Masks and Face Covers** to the Police Department on 7th April 2020;
3. **Distribution of Provisions to –**
 - a. 175 Poor Families in the College-adopted villages in Machilipatnam area viz. Manginapudi, Usalavaripalem, Rayapalli, Atchivaripalem, and Jinjerru on 19th April 2020.
 - b. 270 Poor Families in Gudlalleru Mandal on 19th April 2020:
 - c. 125 Poor Families of Gangireddula Dibba, Vijayawada city, on 21st April 2020:
 - d. 75 families of Class IV Employees of the College on 22nd April 2020:
4. Month-Long **Distribution of Nutritious Food** to the Police Personnel from 5th April 2020.
5. **Conduct of Covid 19 Test for**
 - a) The Members of Management and Staff of the College from 6th to 10th August 2020
 - b) The staff (including their family members) of Andhra Loyola Institutions on 29th September 2020
 - c) The students of the College on 23rd and 24th November 2020
6. College Auditorium and Play Grounds Infrastructure turned into State-government-run Rehabilitation Centres of Migrant Labour and Rytu Bazars during the Lockdown period from 04.04.2020 to 22.08.2020.

Relief Measures (Rs.10 Lakhs) undertaken during the II Wave of Covid 19 Pandemic:

1. **Food On Wheels:** Distributed daily 250 Cooked Food Parcels for 8 days from 28.05.2021 to 06.06.2021 to the affected Daily Wage Labourers, Migrants, Beggars and Orphans etc.
2. **Dry Ration Drive:** 250 Dry Ration Kits containing 17 items per kit were distributed in the affected Yanadies and other ST communities in Krishnalanka, Prabhunagar, Poranki, Penamaluru, Pathapadu areas of Vijayawada Urban & Rural Mandals; and to Tolubommalata artists of Narasaraopet from 10.06.2021 to 30.06.2021.
3. **Medical Kits:** 1000 Corona Medical kits were distributed to the affected Poor free of cost and under medical supervision.
4. **Face Masks:** Distributed 500 hundred sets consisting 6 Masks each to the poor, who could not afford to buy decent Face Masks.

5. **Tarpaulin Sheets and Roof Covers:** Distributed 170 Tarpaulin Sheets to the poorest of the Poor who live in huts.
6. **Covid 19 Testing:** Covid 19 testing for the Unaided Teaching and Non-teaching members of the staff was organized from 22nd to 25th May 2021. About 200 people availed the opportunity.
7. **Financial Assistance:** Supported staff and their families who are affected with Covid-19, based on their financial situation and the seriousness of the Patient; 2 to 3 Months of the Individual's monthly salary was given as advance; and also paid some of their Medical Bills and so on, especially for the patients in critical condition.
8. **Isolation Center:** ALC started Isolation Centre at Mathais Hostel for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff - cooked Food and Medical Assistance were provided observing the Covid-19 protocols.

Industrial Tours/Educational Tours/Field Trips:

The college regularly organizes industrial and educational tours to expose students to industrial atmosphere and inculcate spirit of entrepreneurship among them

1. The PG Department of Botany organized a Field Trip led by Dr Chinnappa, to Ommevaram near Ongole, Prakasam District, for Fossil Collection on 13.03.2021.
2. The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development organized a Field Trip for its 1st year students to Zero Budget Natural Farming Farm, Chukkapalli, on 03.04.2021.

Management scholarships

The college is run under the management of the Society of Jesus which focuses on providing quality education to the economically and socially marginalized groups. In this context the management grants scholarships to the needy students. This academic year an amount of Rs. 8,71,085 was granted to 407 students of various courses.