

### **7.3.1 Highlight the performance of the institution in an area distinct to its priority and thrust**

The vision of Andhra Loyola College is to promote excellence with social commitment and value-based leadership. It enables the learners to be independent and assimilate real knowledge, reflect, reinforce and represent novel ideas to make learning more exciting and exhilarating. The college always strives to offer courses that would help students to get jobs either in industries, software or settle as entrepreneurs. Apart from the classroom instructions, students are always exposed to a wide world of learning through workshops, internships and guest lectures. The curricula help students to interpret and analyse the facts, differentiate between theoretical and practical knowledge and enjoy experiential learning.

Apart from education, the college also concentrates on the overall development of the students by organizing social work programmes like Andhra Loyola Extension Service for Rural Transformation [ALERT]. This programme is designed to help people in rural areas deprived of the facilities and resources they have and can utilize. Through this programme the students work with rural people by encouraging them to think creatively and develop ideas that would change their lives and guide them by supplying the necessary data and details. Andhra Loyola College strongly believes that education is not just what makes an individual, but it is the application of the knowledge and skills that makes them a true person. The motive is to make women self-governing and self-regulating. To augment and supplement the income for a better living, they can concentrate on innovative business ideas which require minimum capital, man power and less risk.

Though people strongly believe villages are the backbone of any country, unfortunately the meagre sources of income in rural areas is making the villagers to migrate to cities. To sensitize the farmers, artisans, farm labourers and to convince that there are ample opportunities for generating income, they need live examples. The College initiated many programmes by providing relief and rehabilitation works in villages on the sea coast of Manginipudi, choosing the worst-affected areas surveyed by the students. A meticulous and scrupulous planning of forming Self-Help Groups [SHGs] comprising a ten to fourteen was successful making them secured and assured.

To empower and enable the people in rural areas with the techniques and tips for supporting their families, the management organizes Workshops, Seminars and Mushroom Cultivation Programmes in the selected areas. Loyola SHGs Mushroom Cultivation Farm was established in Gudlavalleru Village on 24.11.2018. The SHG members of Manginapudi, Usalavaripalem, Rayapalli, Atchivaripalem, Jinjeru, and Gudlavalleru villages of Krishna District were also trained in tailoring, gold covering works and provided loans for buying buffalos, goats and sheep. To create awareness on protecting their environment, Tree Plantation Programmes were organized. ALERT also helps the tribal people in East Godavari District. Awareness camps and cultural programmes were conducted to create consciousness on health and hygiene, preventing from dreadful diseases and consequences to be faced by Sots either mentally, physically or emotionally for consuming alcohol. The school dropouts were identified and referred to the nearest schools. French students visited the adopted villages from 09.02.2016 to 12.02.2016, organized health camps and distributed sarees to the old-age women.

