

# ANDRHA LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

VIJAYAWADA: 520008

## EXTENSION PROGRAMMEREPORT 2022 - 2023

### ALANA, ALERT & ALANA- MANNA

#### I. EXTENSION ACTIVITIES UNDER ALANA (ANDHRA LOYOLA ASSISTANCE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ADVANCEMENT):

##### 1. STATE LEVEL CONFERENCE FOR FIELD-LEVEL WOMEN WORKERS:

On July 29, 2022, a State-level conference for Field-level Women Workers was organized collaboratively with the Dalit Bahujan Resource Center (DBRC) Guntur, extending invitations to women sanitation workers from both Vijayawada Rural and Urban areas. The event served as a significant platform to acknowledge and appreciate the dedicated services provided by these women daily for the well-being of the public in our society.



Sri. MD. Imtiaz IAS, CEO SERP, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, expressing his gratitude to all sanitation workers for their unwavering dedication. He assured the attendees that the issues faced at the field level would be brought to the consideration of the Chief Minister's desk, with subsequent actions planned in the coming days.

Adding to the depth of the conference, Prof. SaraswatiRajuIyer, Head of the Department of Sociology & Social Work and Dean of Social Sciences at AcharyaNagarjuna University, Guntur, attended as the Guest Speaker. Sri. A. Deva Kumar, Director of DBRC, and Rev. Fr. Dr. M. Sagayaraj SJ, Correspondent, joined

the gathering along with sanitation department staff, sanitation women workers, and rag pickers. The Seminar hall at ALC provided the perfect setting for a comprehensive discussion, highlighting the importance of recognizing and addressing the challenges faced by women workers in the sanitation sector.

## **2. DISTRICT LEVEL CARE LEAVERS ASSOCIATION MEET:**

The Academic Conference Hall hosted a District-level Care Leavers Association Meet on July 27, 2022. The event drew the participation of NGO representatives actively involved in the welfare of street children and child protection. The esteemed presence of Sri. Prasad, Additional Joint Director of the Department of Women & Child Welfare in NTR District, added significance to the gathering as he graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

During the event, Sri. Prasad emphasized the importance of collaboration among Care Leavers NGOs working with street and runaway children to collectively safeguard the rights of children. Rev. Fr. Thomas Koshy, State Program Director for the protection of Street Children & Runaway children, represented NavjeevanBalBhavan. Dr. Francis Thambi, Project Director of Child Rights Advocacy Foundation (CRAF), along with other NGOs' Project Directors and representatives, actively participated in the program. The event not only provided a platform for dialogue and collaboration but also underscored the shared commitment towards ensuring the well-being and protection of vulnerable children in the district.

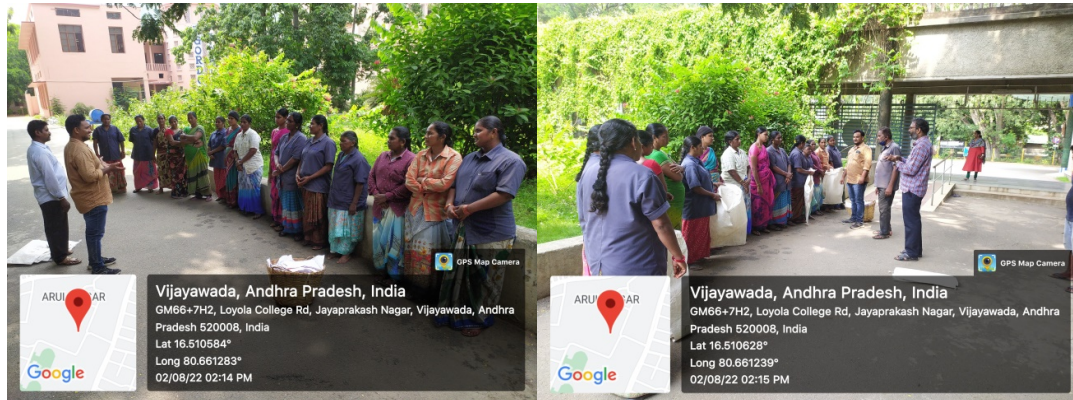


## **3. AWARENESS ON WASTE SEGREGATION:**

On August 2, 2022, ALANA, in collaboration with ITC – WOW (Well-being out of Waste) represented by SURAJ KRISHNA GREENARIES, conducted an awareness program on Waste Segregation. This initiative aimed at promoting sustainable waste

management practices and was a collaborative effort to foster environmental consciousness within the ALC College community.

Mr. Shashi, ITC – WOW Outreach Coordinator, played a pivotal role in providing comprehensive training to the sweepers and sanitary workers of ALC College. The focus of the training was on the meticulous separation of dry and wet waste, along with highlighting effective methods for preserving dry waste. Valuable insights were shared by Mr. Shashi on distinguishing between recyclable and non-recyclable waste, emphasizing the significance of recycling in waste management.



Moreover, the session included practical suggestions for sweepers and sanitary workers on optimizing the use of wet waste by converting it into high-quality manure for plants within our campus. Sri. Ramana, Non-Teaching Supervisor, and Mr. R. John, Extension Work Coordinator, actively participated in the program, reinforcing the commitment of ALC College to sustainability and creating a greener environment. This initiative not only educated the staff on effective waste segregation but also encouraged the implementation of eco-friendly practices for a healthier and cleaner campus.

#### **4. DISTRIBUTION OF NEW A4 BUNDLES & OFFICE STATIONARY:**

Annually, the ITC agency SURAJ KRISHNA GREENARIES diligently gathered paper waste from old records across all departments. Based on the weight of the collected waste, they generously provided new stationary and A4 bundles. This year, a substantial amount of 1.96 tons of dry waste was amassed. In a noteworthy gesture, on August 18, 2022, they delivered new stationary and A4 bundles, valued at Rs. 27,450/- in recognition of the dry waste lifted.

The received items included 10 boxes of 70 GSM A4 bundles and office stationary, which were handed over to Rev. Fr. Dr. G.A.P. Kishore, Principal of ALC. In a collaborative effort, Mr. Shashi, ITC – WOW Outreach Coordinator, and Sri. R. John, Extension Coordinator, actively participated in the program, reinforcing the

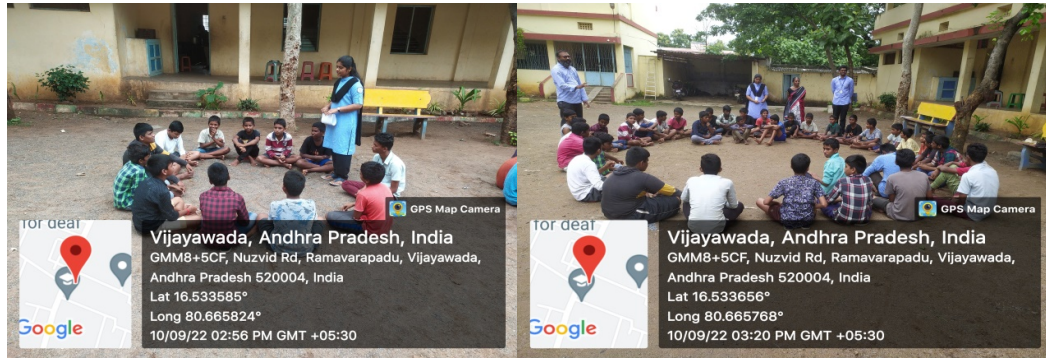
commitment to sustainable practices and environmental consciousness. The distributed materials were thoughtfully allocated to the respective departments, marking a meaningful contribution to the college's ongoing efforts in waste management and sustainability.



## 5. WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY:

In observance of World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, 2022, the ALANA Extension program, in collaboration with the Department of Psychology, orchestrated Mental Wellness events tailored for street children and runaway children at NavjeevanBalabhavan Street Children Home in Carmel Nagar, Vijayawada. Psychology students took the lead, organizing group sessions aimed at discussing general mental health topics and emphasizing the importance of open communication and seeking help for those facing mental struggles.

Simultaneously, an "Inspirational Talk" was conducted at the Social Welfare Special Girls Hostel in Kasturibaipeta, specifically for high school girls. Ms.Parimala Rani, Lecturer in Psychology, delivered a motivational speech addressing the challenges students face within the competitive education system. She provided valuable suggestions on overcoming mental stress and encouraged the girls to maintain a positive mindset. Advising them to cultivate positivity in all aspects of their lives, Ms.Parimala Rani recommended practicing affirmations such as "I am a hard worker" and "I will never give up," fostering a resilient and optimistic outlook.



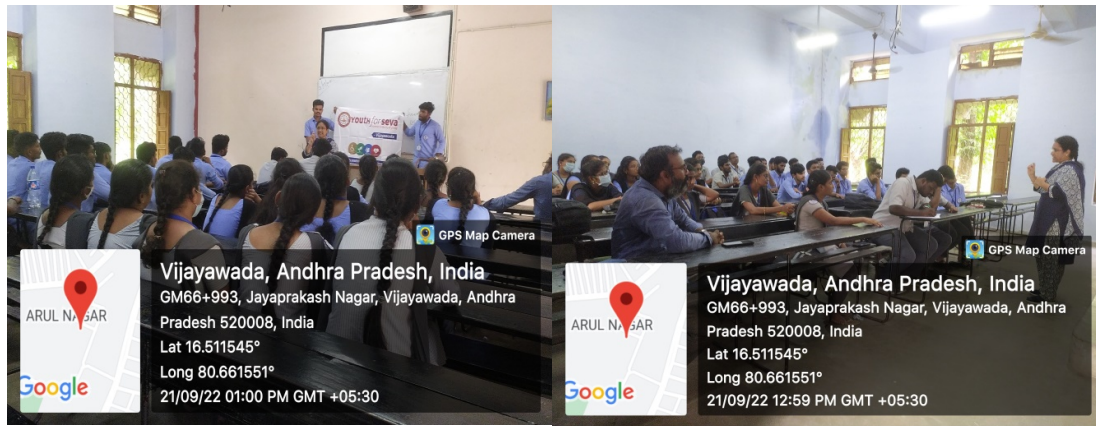
The initiative witnessed enthusiastic engagement from student volunteers in the Department of Psychology, including Ms.Parimala Rani, Mr. R. John (Extension Work Coordinator), and Ms. Krishna Kumari (Warden of SW Special Girls Hostel), alongside the residents of the hostel. This joint endeavor was not just focused on promoting awareness about mental health but also aimed to offer tangible strategies for effectively dealing with and cultivating a positive mental outlook during challenging circumstances.

## 6. RAISING AWARENES ON ONLINE MONEY APPS FOR STUDENTS:

Youth for Seva Voluntary Organization conducted an insightful talk on "Raising Awareness on Online Money Apps for Students" on September 21, 2022, at ALC. The session served as a critical reminder for students to exercise caution when it comes to downloading online apps, emphasizing the potential financial troubles and other issues that may arise even with timely repayments. Recent reports indicated an alarming increase in complaints to the police regarding harassment by fraudsters using online money apps. Disturbingly, instances of mental distress leading to suicides among young individuals have been reported across our state and country.

Recognizing the severity of the situation, the police have established a special grievance cell and are actively filing cases against the authorities of problematic apps. To safeguard themselves, students were advised to verify the details of finance companies on the RBI website, ensuring that they are authorized to provide loans

through online channels. Furthermore, if students encounter fraudulent or spam calls in their contact lists, they were encouraged to promptly inform their parents and file a case at the nearest police station for legal assistance.



The program attended by Sri. Anusha, Programme Coordinator, Mr. Pradeep, State Coordinator from Youth for Seva, Mr. John, Extension Coordinator, and 80 students from various streams, aimed not only to raise awareness but also to empower students with the knowledge to navigate the digital financial landscape safely. The collective effort of organizations like Youth for Seva, alongside educational institutions, is crucial in fostering a secure online environment for students.

## 7. COMMEMORATING GANDHI JAYANTHI:

On October 2, 2022, DOVE (Delegates of Value Education) Student Volunteers actively engaged in a Rally to commemorate "Gandhi Jayanthi," contributing to the SwachhAmritMahotsav organized by the WOW (Well-being out of Waste) Team, represented by the SURAJ KRISHNA GREENARIES ITC Agency. This event aimed to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's principles and values, aligning with the theme of creating awareness on Gandhiji's ideology and his significant contribution to India's freedom struggle.



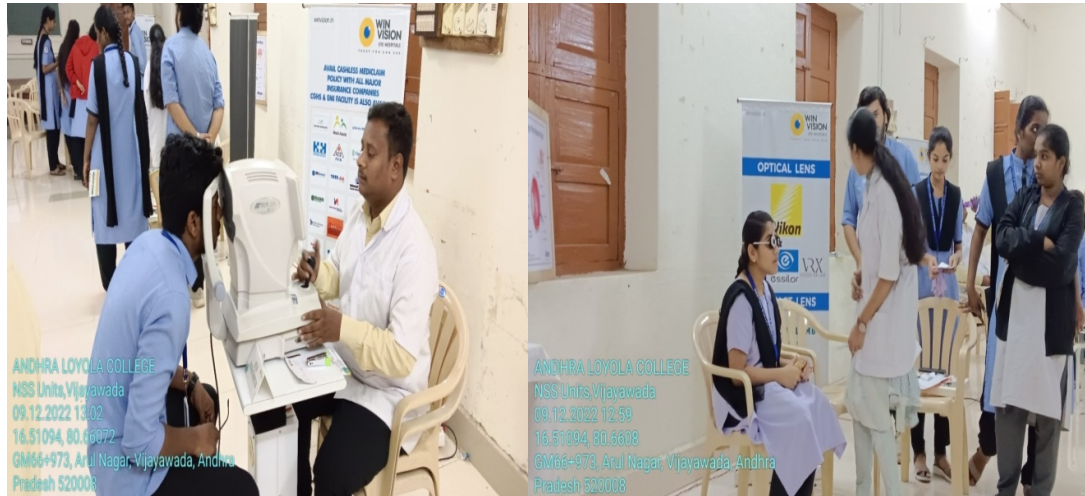
A notable presence of 70 Degree Student Volunteers added vibrancy to the rally as they marched with dedication, embodying the spirit of Gandhian principles. Mr. Shashi, ITC – WOW Outreach Coordinator, delivered an inspiring talk on Gandhian philosophy, encouraging everyone to reflect on the teachings of the Father of our Nation and inviting them to walk in his footsteps. The participation of DOVE Student Volunteers not only highlighted their commitment to value education but also showcased their active involvement in events promoting ideals that shape a cleaner, healthier, and morally conscious society. Such initiatives play a crucial role in instilling the spirit of Gandhiji's teachings among the youth, fostering a sense of responsibility towards societal well-being.

### **8. FREE EYE CHECK-UP CAMP:**

In celebration of the College Foundation Day, the ALANA – EXTENSION Wing and NSS units collaborated to organize a noteworthy "Free Eye Check-up Camp" in partnership with Win-vision Eye Hospitals in Vijayawada. This special event took place at the Rev. Fr. Theckemury Hall on December 9th, 2022.

The program's inauguration was led by Rev. Fr. Dr. G.A.P. Kishore SJ, the Principal, who lauded the Win-vision Eye Hospital team for orchestrating such a valuable initiative. A significant turnout was observed, with approximately 1230 students benefiting from free eye screening tests. Moreover, 112 staff members availed themselves of the services provided by the Eye camp. The NSS Programme officers actively supported the event, and the participation of Dr. Harika, the HR Manager, Mr. Basha, and technicians from Win-vision Hospitals added to the program's success.

This collaborative effort was geared towards providing essential eye care services to students and staff, emphasizing the importance of vision health within the community. The event not only marked the College Foundation Day but also showcased the collective commitment to the well-being of individuals through accessible and vital healthcare services.



## 9. ALANA – VIDHYANJALI PROGRAMME:

As part of the ALANA Extension program, our second-year degree merit students were chosen to spearhead the ALANA – VIDHYANJALI initiative across 15 Municipal Corporation High Schools in Vijayawada city. A total of 180 student volunteers enthusiastically enrolled in the Vidhyanjali program, following the guidelines set by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

To mark the commencement of ALANA - VIDHYANJALI, an inauguration ceremony took place at SKRMR Municipal High School on February 6, 2023. Smt. M. Syamala, Additional Commissioner (General) at VMC, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. She extended her congratulations to the management of Loyola for their commitment to supporting children enrolled in Municipal Corporation High Schools. The event witnessed the presence of Sri. Rajashekar, Supervisor for VMC High Schools, Sri. Nancharayya, Headmaster of SKRMR Municipal Corporation High School, Rev. Fr. G.A.P Kishore SJ, Principal ALC, along with student volunteers and school children.





The dedicated students assigned to Municipal Corporation High Schools are actively involved in assisting children in the 6th, 7th, and 8th standards with their studies. This support initiative occurs after regular college hours, from 4 PM to 5:30 PM, throughout the entire semester. The commitment of these students reflects a commendable effort to contribute to the educational development of their younger peers in the community.

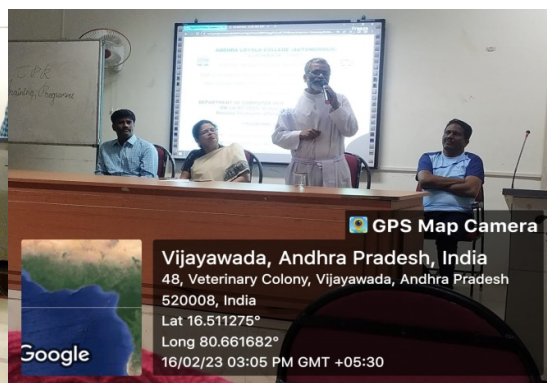


## 10. DIGITAL INFRA STRUCTURE SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

Our College Extension program, ALANA, collaborated with the Department of Computer Science to organize a Digital Infrastructure Support Program for Municipal Corporation High Schools and the Department of School Education on February 13, 2023, at Room no 1N7 ALC. The esteemed presence of Smt. CV. Renuka, District Education Officer, NTR District, as the Chief Guest added a special significance to

the event. During the program, she not only addressed the gathering but also took part in distributing 40 desktop computers to benefit 10 Municipal Corporation High Schools and the Department of School Education.

Expressing her gratitude, Smt. CV. Renuka, DEO, commended the management of ALC for their proactive stance in supporting government schools. This acknowledgment highlighted the positive impact and meaningful contribution of ALANA's collaborative efforts. Rev. Fr. Dr. G.A.P Kishore SJ, the Principal of ALC, Mr.Kamalakar from the Department of Computers, Sri. Rajashekar Supervisor of VMC schools, school Headmasters, and dedicated student volunteers actively participated in the program, further emphasizing the collective commitment to enhancing digital access and education in the community. The event not only showcased the importance of partnerships between educational institutions and government bodies but also underscored the transformative role that such initiatives play in shaping the future of students in the region.



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## Desktop computers donated to VMC schools

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VIJAYAWADA (NTR DISTRICT)

THE Department of Computer Science and Extension Wing of Andhra Loyola College on Friday organised a digital infrastructure support programme by providing desktop computers to support digital education in the Government and Municipal Corporation High Schools in Vijayawada city.

District Education Officer CV Renuka, the chief guest, said that providing 40 desktop computers to VMC schools and Government Schools will help schoolchildren in their studies. Donating digital equipment also means extending the lifespan of personal computers and reducing the amount of e-waste and it will be an example to institutions and companies, she said and congratulated the management of Andhra Loyola College for coming forward to extend their support for Government school children in particular.

Principal Fr Dr GAP Kishore said that Loyola College is implementing college extension programme in Vijayawada Municipal

Andhra Loyola College principal Fr GAP Kishore handing over computers to DEO Renuka in Vijayawada on Friday

Corporation schools since a decade and at present, as per the guidelines given by the UGC and Union Ministry of Education, has been implementing Vidyanjali programme in 15 VMC High Schools to support 6th, 7th and 8th Class students in their studies through selected college merit student volunteers after school hours. He requested the teachers to make use of the services of student volunteers to improve best results among slow learners.

Kamalakar, senior faculty member of Department of Computer

Science, said that Loyola College will provide technical support where there is need to restart LCD projectors, smart classes, virtual classes and planning to organise workshops on 'Teaching Aids' for all the interested teachers provided with relevant material.

VMC High Schools supervisor Rajashekar, Superintendent of Department of School Education Kumar and VMC Schools Staff, Extension Coordinator R John, and student volunteers participated in the programme.

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## **II. EXTENSION ACTIVITIES UNDER ALERT (ANDHRA LOYOLA EXTENSION SERVICE FOR RURAL TRANSFORMATION):**

### **11. TRIBAL EXPOSURE PROGRAMME:**

As part of our College ALERT Tribal exposure programme, in collaboration with Loyola Integrated Tribal Development Society (LITDS) Katukapally, a team of dedicated DOVE student Volunteers embarked on a transformative journey. From October 27 to October 28, 2022, they ventured into Tribal villages at ChinturMandal. The primary focus of this expedition was to explore and understand the living conditions of the primitive tribes dwelling in Katukapally and Tatilanka villages.

During their visit, the DOVE volunteers immersed themselves in the tribal culture, gaining valuable insights into the unique livelihoods of these communities. The experience went beyond observation, allowing them to actively engage with the tribal residents and comprehend the challenges they face.

In addition to the cultural exchange, the volunteers took the opportunity to raise awareness on crucial health aspects, particularly focusing on providing valuable tips to combat epidemic infections during the rainy seasons. This extension of the program demonstrated a holistic approach, ensuring that the tribal exposure not only served as an educational experience but also contributed to the well-being and health awareness of the tribal communities visited.



### **12. CONVENING A GATHERING OF ALC SELF-HELP GROUP MEMBERS:**

Within our College ALERT program, we organized a group meeting at the Hanuman Junction Jute Bags Sewing Center on October 27, 2022. This center, operated by dedicated members of a Self Help Group, plays a crucial role in empowering the

community. The gathering was graced by the presence of Sr. Fathima, the Centre Incharge, adding a special dimension to the event.



The meeting provided an excellent platform for the Self-Help Group members to express not only their gratitude but also their enthusiasm for being part of the Jute Bags Sewing Centre. Their testimonials conveyed the joy and fulfilment they experience through this endeavour, shedding light on the positive impact it has had on their lives. These individuals passionately spoke about the transformative role of the project, emphasizing how it has significantly contributed to meeting their family's financial needs.

Moreover, the meeting facilitated a deeper understanding of the community's needs and aspirations. It underscored the profound difference initiatives like the Jute Bags Sewing Centre can make in fostering economic independence and enhancing the overall well-being of the participants. The College ALERT program remains committed to supporting and uplifting communities through such impactful initiatives.

### **13. AWARENESS CAMPAIGN:**

Engaging in the College ALERT Tribal exposure programme, our collaboration with Loyola Integrated Tribal Development Society (LITDS) Katukapally took an enlightening turn. The committed DOVE team ventured into the Guttikoya Tribe Villages, immersing themselves in the community and gaining valuable insights into the resources available. The interactive sessions revealed the unique ways in which the tribes sustain themselves, offering a glimpse into their lives without modern amenities such as electricity, particularly within the reserve forests.

To further enrich the experience, the students organized and performed skits that conveyed crucial messages. The skits emphasized the importance of abstaining from alcohol, underscored the value of education, and encouraged parents to prioritize their children's education by enrolling them in the nearest school boarding facilities. This holistic approach not only broadened the understanding of tribal lifestyles but also aimed to create a positive impact on the community by addressing critical social issues during 12/12/2022 to 13/12/2022.



#### **14. MATTRESSES DISTRIBUTION FOR THE NEEDY & POOR:**

As part of the College ALERT program, Rev. Fr. Dr. G.A.P. Kishore SJ, Principal of ALC, launched the Sleeping Mattresses Distribution initiative, marking its inception with a generous donation of 100 mattresses to the Government General Hospital in Vijayawada. This program's extension aimed at reaching urban and rural slum dwellers, with dedicated DOVE volunteers stepping forward to distribute mattresses across various areas from December 27, 2022, to January 15, 2023. The outreach covered locations such as Auto Nagar, Housing Board slum, Porankidonka, Ranigarithota, Tadepalli, Kankipadu, Rajarajeswaripeta, Vambaycolony, Pathapadu,

Punadhipadu, Edupugallu, as well as seasonal migrant workers and sanitary workers in and around Vijayawada.



This compassionate mission aimed to provide support to impoverished residents, ultimately reaching around 1250 families facing dire circumstances. The impact of this initiative was profound, particularly for children who had never before experienced the comfort of sleeping on a mattress. As these beneficiaries received the invaluable gift of mattresses, tears of joy welled up in their eyes, signifying the transformative impact on their lives.

The heartening response from the slum dwellers resonated deeply, with approximately 56 student volunteers actively engaging in the distribution. These dedicated volunteers found profound joy in extending a helping hand to those less fortunate, making a positive impact on the lives of the recipients.

### **15. EDUCATIONAL SESSION ON MENSTRUAL HYGIENE:**

In collaboration with the Yesupadam Charitable Society, an impactful Educational Session on Menstrual Hygiene was organized for women rag pickers at New RajarajeswariPeta, Vijayawada on March 16, 2023. The session aimed to empower and educate women on crucial aspects of menstrual hygiene. Mr.JoshvuaNeeraj, Program Coordinator, and Outreach staff from Yesupadam Charitable Society, along

with Mr. R. John, Extension Work Coordinator, actively participated in the program, underscoring the importance of community education.

During the session, Ms. Jessy, a dedicated counselor, conducted a group meeting among the women workers. She provided essential instructions on maintaining proper hygiene during the menstrual period. In cases where sanitary napkins were unavailable, she suggested the use of cloth napkins as an alternative. The information shared by Ms. Jessy was not only well-received but also deemed highly useful by the women in attendance. The session, facilitated by a compassionate lady counsellor, not only addressed practical aspects of menstrual hygiene but also fostered an open and supportive environment for the women to share and learn from one another.



## **16. FREE MEDICAL CAMP:**

As part of the ALERT program, a Free Medical Camp was organized in collaboration with the Yesupadam Charitable Society at Poranki Slum on April 2, 2023. The camp was attended by children and elders from the slum, revealing prevalent health issues such as skin infections, body pains, and instances of malnutrition among the children due to inadequate diets.

During the camp, special attention was given to sensitizing rag pickers about the importance of a nutritious diet and the need for proper sanitation practices in the surrounding areas. Mr. R. John, Extension Coordinator, along with the dedicated staff of Yesupadam Charitable Society, including Mr. Jhasuva Neeraj, Project Coordinator, actively participated in the program. Their combined efforts aimed not only to address immediate health concerns but also to educate and empower the community on sustainable health practices for the well-being of both children and elders. This initiative showcased the commitment of the ALERT program to holistic community development and healthcare awareness.



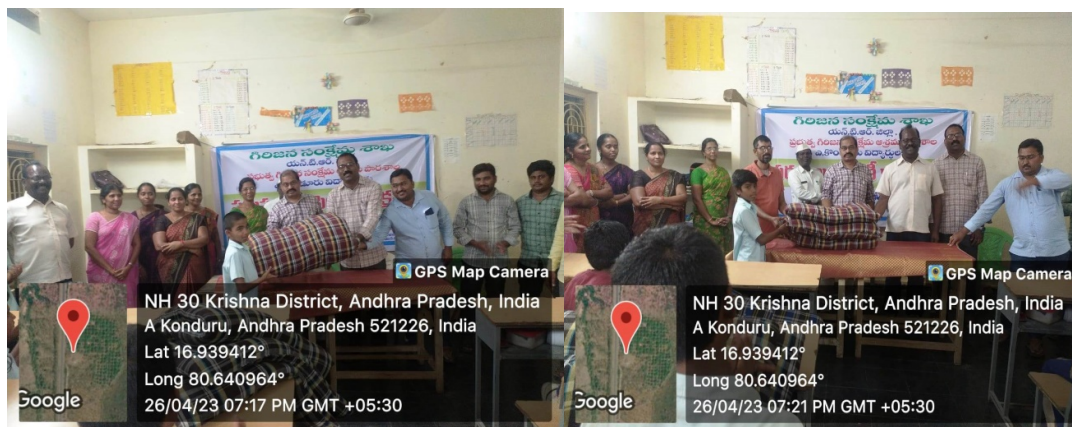
## 17. SLEEPING MATTRESSES TO CHILDREN IN TRIBAL HOSTEL:

As part of the ALERT program, Mr. R. John orchestrated a special initiative involving the distribution of sleeping mattresses on April 24, 2023, benefiting the children studying at the Government Tribal Welfare Residential Hostel in A.Konduru, TiruvuruMandal, NTR District.

The event was graced by the presence of Sri. RugmadayaGaru, District Tribal Welfare Officer, who attended as the esteemed Chief Guest. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from both school teaching and non-teaching staff, creating a collective atmosphere of support and camaraderie. A total of 300 sleeping mattresses were generously distributed to the children residing in the Tribal Residential Hostel, with Mr. John, Extension Coordinator, and Dr. Samuel Dayakar, Head of the Department of Political Science, representing ALC in this meaningful endeavor.







The joy and gratitude were palpable among the students as they received their new sleeping mattresses. Sri.Rugmadaya, District Tribal Welfare Officer, expressed his appreciation for the support provided by voluntary organizations and institutions, emphasizing that such assistance enabled tribal children to pursue their education. He commended the commendable efforts of Andhra Loyola College in making a positive impact on the lives of these tribal children. This event not only addressed a basic necessity but also reinforced the crucial role that collaborative efforts play in ensuring the well-being and education of tribal hostel children.

### **III. EXTENSION ACTIVITIES UNDER ALANA - MANNA:**

#### **18. NUTRITION SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS:**

On the occasion of December 1, 2022, World AIDS Day, the Extension Wing of ALANA - MANNA and the Red Ribbon Club came together to host a Nutrition Support Program for People living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) at the ALC Seminar Hall.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Rev. Fr. G.A.P. Kishore SJ, the Principal of the institution. He extended his greetings to the gathering and introduced the Chief Guest, Dr.Usha Rani, Additional District Medical & Health Officer of the NTR District. Dr.Usha Rani expressed her optimism, stating that the battle against AIDS has entered its final stages. She encouraged AIDS patients to be courageous and resilient in the face of this challenge.

Mr. M. Rukmangadiya, District Tribal Welfare Officer, NTR District provided insights into their department's contributions. Andhra Loyola College's Extension Activities Department and the Red Ribbon Club jointly organized this event, which aimed to educate students about AIDS prevention and awareness.

In a compassionate gesture, 100 HIV-positive individuals from the NTR District received nutritious Dry



Ration consists of 5 Kg bag of 5 different provisions consists of Jaggery, Raagi Flour, Flattened Rice, Bengal gram, and Foxtail millets.

Fr. Mark Sagayaraj, the Correspondent, shared valuable insights about preventive measures to safeguard against this disease. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed guests, including Mr.Kiran, the District Program Manager from DAPCU, Mr.Renuka, President of CHES, an NGO, and Dr. K. Shekhar, the Coordinator of the Red Ribbon Club. The entire program was effectively overseen by Mr. R. John, the Coordinator of Extension Activities.

## **19. NUTRITION SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR OLD AGE & HOMELESS PEOPLE:**

In upholding its commitment to community service, the ALANA – MANNA program orchestrated a impactful Nutrition Support program on December 17, 2022. This initiative specifically aimed at extending assistance to the elderly and homeless residents inhabiting the slums of Vijayawada. During this event, a substantial quantity of dry ration, consisting of five different provisions, was distributed to approximately 100 individuals from the elderly and homeless demographic, residing in and around Vijayawada. The success of this endeavor can be attributed to the unwavering dedication and active participation of key individuals, including Sr. Fathima, Fr. Joseph Thambi, Dr. Samuel Dayakar (Head of the Department of Political Science), and Mr. John.

Beyond addressing the immediate nutritional needs of the elderly and homeless, this program exemplified the steadfast commitment of ALANA – MANNA to creating a positive impact on the lives of those facing vulnerable circumstances. Initiatives of this nature, driven by community spirit, play a pivotal role in fostering compassion and solidarity within society, showcasing the transformative potential of collective efforts in creating a more supportive and empathetic community.



## **20. ALANA MANNA-CHRISTMAS HELP:**

In connection with the ALANA – MANNA program, Mr. R. John, Extension Work Coordinator, took a heart-warming initiative during the Semi-Christmas celebrations on December 22, 2022. The duo visited slums in Poranki, Penamaluru, and Krishnalanka areas, spreading the joy of the season by distributing Christmas aid in the form of provisions to support the sustenance of these families.

This compassionate effort extended a helping hand to nearly 106 families, providing them with much-needed assistance during the festive season. The gesture not only embraced the spirit of Semi-Christmas celebrations but also exemplified the commitment of ALANA – MANNA to making a positive impact on the lives of those residing in underprivileged communities.



## 21. DRY RATION DISTRIBUTION FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH TB & HIV/AIDS:

On World TB Prevention Day, ALANA – MANNA spearheaded a Nutrition Support Program for individuals contending with TB and those living with HIV/AIDS on March 24, 2023. Collaborating with local NGOs, the program went beyond the goal of simply raising awareness about tuberculosis prevention; it also endeavoured to address the nutritional requirements of individuals affected by TB and HIV/AIDS.



A crucial role in this initiative was played by a dedicated team of Student Volunteers. They meticulously devised a roadmap, navigating through local voluntary organizations to lend their support. Fuelled by a profound spirit of compassion, the volunteers actively interacted with these organizations, distributing essential dry ration

items to patients in need. This comprehensive approach aimed not only to observe World TB Prevention Day but also to offer tangible assistance to vulnerable populations grappling with these health challenges.

In alignment with these efforts, the ALANA – MANNA program, executed by DOVE Volunteers in and around Vijayawada city, provided nutrition supplement diets for 150 members. This further exemplified the commitment to addressing the holistic needs of the community and making a positive impact on the lives of those affected by tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

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