



From the Principal's Desk



As the Principal of Andhra Loyola College, it gives me immense pride to be part of an institution that stands as a beacon of academic excellence and service to humanity. With a rich legacy and a commitment to shaping future leaders, Andhra Loyola College has continually strived to provide holistic education, instilling in our students not only knowledge but also values that guide them in their journey towards success.

At Andhra Loyola College, we believe that education is not just about acquiring degrees, but it is a transformative journey that empowers individuals to make meaningful contributions to society. Our motto, "Service to humanity is service to God," encapsulates the core ...

- Rev. Fr. Dr. G.A.P. Kishore, SJ

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY WORKSHOPS EQUIP SCHOLARS WITH ESSENTIAL SKILLS

In a bid to foster excellence in research practices, two impactful workshops on research methodology were recently conducted in Delhi.

The first workshop, titled "Basics of Research Methodology and Issues in Plagiarism (An Interdisciplinary Approach)," was organized by the Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, operating under the Ministry of Education's PMMMNMTT initiative. Held at the Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi, the workshop ran from May 31st to June 6th, 2022. Scholars and academics delved into the fundamental principles of research methodology while also addressing the critical issue of plagiarism, essential for maintaining academic integrity.

Following this, the Department of Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education, UGC-HRDC, University of Delhi, hosted the Faculty Induction Program (FIP-3) Research Methodology workshop. From June 1st to July 2nd, 2022, participants engaged in intensive sessions aimed at enhancing their research skills and understanding of methodological approaches.

These workshops mark significant strides in equipping scholars and faculty members with the necessary tools and knowledge to excel in their research pursuits. By emphasizing interdisciplinary collaboration and addressing issues such as plagiarism, the workshops contribute to fostering a culture of rigorous academic inquiry and integrity within the scholarly community.

In a bid to stay updated with the latest trends and educational reforms, faculty members from the Department of Visual Communication and Electronic Media participated in a thought-provoking webinar. Rev Fr I Lourduraj, SJ, along with Mr. M. Elisha, Mr. CH. Hemanth, and Ms. P. Lalitha, actively engaged in a webinar centered on the theme "Experimental Learning as Envisaged in NEP 2020."

The webinar, organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, a prominent institution under the Ministry of Education's PMMMNMTT initiative, took place on June 19, 2022. Hosted at Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi, the event aimed to explore innovative teaching methodologies aligned with the objectives outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) of 2020.

Participants delved into discussions surrounding the integration of experimental learning

approaches within the educational framework, emphasizing practical insights for effective implementation. The webinar served as a platform for educators to exchange ideas, gain fresh perspectives, and adapt pedagogical strategies in line with contemporary educational paradigms.

The enthusiastic participation of faculty members underscored their commitment to professional development and their dedication to staying abreast of transformative educational practices. Such initiatives reinforce the institution's ethos of fostering a dynamic learning environment conducive to holistic growth and innovation.

News Item:

Distinguished faculty members from various departments have been recognized for their expertise and appointed to pivotal roles, further enhancing the academic landscape with their contributions.

1. **Dr. M. Srinivasa Reddy** of the Department of History has been bestowed with the responsibility of Course Developer for Market Oriented Courses in History, specifically focusing on "History Writing." This prestigious appointment, granted by the A.P. State Council of Higher Education, signifies Dr. Reddy's commendable scholarship and dedication to shaping the educational curriculum to meet contemporary demands.
2. **Dr. G. Sahaya Baskaran**, an esteemed member of the Department of Physics, has been appointed as a Reviewer for the renowned international peer-reviewed journal, 'Journal of Non Crystalline Solids,' published by Elsevier. His expertise and discernment will contribute significantly to maintaining the journal's high standards of academic rigor and excellence.
3. **Dr. K. Rayapa Reddy**, a distinguished faculty member from the Department of Chemistry, has been appointed as a Reviewer for multiple esteemed international peer-reviewed journals,

including 'Applied Nanoscience' by Springer, 'ACS Omega' by the American Chemical Society, and 'ChemPhysMater' by Science Direct. Dr. Reddy's scholarly acumen and meticulous approach will enrich the peer-review process, ensuring the dissemination of cutting-edge research findings.

4. **Dr. K.N.V.R. Lakshmi**, from the Department of Statistics, has been appointed as a Reviewer for the esteemed international peer-reviewed journal, "Model Assisted Statistics & Applications," published by IOS Press BV. Dr. Lakshmi's expertise in statistical methodologies will contribute to maintaining the journal's reputation for publishing high-quality research in the field of statistics and its applications.

Moreover, the Department of Statistics has been proactive in organizing informative events to enrich scholarly discourse. Recently, a Guest Talk on "Research Methodology" was organized, featuring Smt. Lakshmi Godavarkar, Ex-Additional Director General of the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, as the esteemed Resource Person. Additionally, a Guest Talk on "Research Methodology" was held with Prof. B. Muniswamy, Head of the Department of Statistics at Andhra University, sharing invaluable insights and expertise. These initiatives underscore the department's commitment to fostering academic excellence and research innovation.

News Item:

The library at Loyola College has maintained its momentum of growth and development, aligning with the evolving needs of its user community. This academic year witnessed significant strides in the expansion of the library's resources and infrastructure, catering to a diverse range of subjects and interests.

A notable highlight of the expansion efforts is the addition of 1355 new books covering various disciplines such as Aviation Management, Agriculture, Hotel Administration, and Liquid Crystals, among others. Additionally, the library renewed subscriptions

for 108 journals and magazines, investing a total of Rs. 3,92,880.00 towards enhancing both undergraduate and postgraduate library collections.

In a bid to further enrich its academic offerings, the Department of Library and Information Sciences secured membership in prestigious organizations like the NDLI Club and SWAYAM-NPTEL of IIT-Chennai, effective from the current academic year. These affiliations underscore Loyola College's commitment to providing students and faculty access to high-quality educational resources and digital learning platforms.

The academic year also saw the inception of the Loyola Book Reviewers' Association, inaugurated on August 24, 2021. This initiative facilitated the organization of six book reviews, fostering a culture of literary engagement and critical discourse within the college community.

In a significant move towards promoting entrepreneurship and innovation, the college launched "Zen Bakes" - an incubation center aimed at nurturing startups in collaboration with the Departments of Food Technology, Hospitality and Hotel Management, and BBA. The launch, coinciding with the College Foundation Day on December 9, 2021, was graced by Prof. K. Rammohna Rao, Vice Chairman of APSCHE, marking a pivotal step towards fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among students.

These initiatives underscore Loyola College's commitment to holistic development, academic excellence, and fostering an environment conducive to innovation and growth.

News Item:

In a bid to promote hands-on learning and explore the significance of natural food sources, the Department of Botany at Loyola College inaugurated an Entrepreneurship Unit specializing in Mushroom Cultivation on March 30, 2022. The initiative aims to provide practical training in mushroom cultivation techniques while highlighting the importance of natural food sources in today's context. The unit was inaugurated by Prof. M. Rami Reddy, Registrar of

Krishna University, symbolizing a collaborative effort towards fostering entrepreneurial skills and promoting sustainable agriculture practices.



Furthermore, to commemorate World Biodiversity Day, the Department of Botany organized a Poster Presentation Competition on May 18, 2022. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from approximately 45 students from both undergraduate and postgraduate programs, along with faculty members. The competition provided a platform for students to showcase their understanding of biodiversity and its significance through creative poster presentations. Mr. Sankar from the PG Department of Botany, Dr. B. Siva Kumari from the Department of Botany, ALC, and Dr. S. Dayakar served as evaluators, ensuring fair judgment and constructive feedback for participants.

Dr. P. Srinivasa Rao from the Department of Botany played a pivotal role as the Organizing Secretary, overseeing the smooth conduct of the event. The competition not only highlighted the importance of biodiversity conservation but also underscored the department's commitment to fostering academic excellence and encouraging student participation in research and innovation.

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) Air Wing and Naval Wing at Loyola College have showcased commendable achievements and active participation in various events, emphasizing their commitment to social service and holistic development.



In the recent Republic Day Camp, the Air Wing cadets exhibited their dedication by engaging in a series of social service activities and rallies alongside their regular training. Additionally, the cadets were recognized for their outstanding performance, receiving cash awards in acknowledgment of their meritorious contributions.

Participation in camps played a significant role in enriching the cadets' experiences. Notably, 15 cadets from the Air Wing actively participated in the Puneet Sagar Abhiyaan program organized by 17(A) BN NCC from May 30 to June 5, 2022. Meanwhile, the Naval Wing cadets demonstrated their enthusiasm by attending various camps, including the International Yoga Day event conducted by 8(A) Naval Unit NCC at ALC on June 21, 2022.



The Naval Wing cadets showcased their versatility and commitment to social causes through their participation in a range of events organized by

the 8(A) Naval Unit NCC. These events included commemorations such as World Environmental Day on June 5, 2022, World Day Against Child Labor on June 12, 2022, International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2022, and World Bicycle Day on June 3, 2022.

The active involvement of NCC cadets from both the Air Wing and Naval Wing underscores Loyola College's emphasis on instilling values of service, discipline, and social responsibility among its students. These achievements reflect the dedication and enthusiasm of the cadets in contributing positively to society while honing their leadership skills within the NCC framework.

The serene practice of yoga took center stage at Loyola College as International Yoga Day was observed with great fervor and enthusiasm on June 21, 2021. The event, organized to commemorate the global significance of yoga in promoting physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, attracted participants from across the college community.



Students, faculty, and staff gathered to partake in various yoga sessions and mindfulness exercises, guided by experienced instructors. The occasion served as a platform to emphasize the importance of incorporating yoga into daily routines for holistic health and stress management.

With an emphasis on unity and harmony, International Yoga Day at Loyola College fostered a sense of togetherness and mindfulness among participants, reaffirming the timeless wisdom and universal appeal of this ancient practice.

Notable Appointments and Academic Achievements at Loyola College

Rev Fr. N. Britto Martin Paul, SJ, assumed the role of Director of the Gogineni Hostel on July 7, 2021, succeeding Rev Fr M. Anand, SJ, who was transferred as the Principal of Loyola Junior College, Darsi.

In academic accomplishments, Mr. K. Balachandra, Lecturer in Microbiology, was conferred with a Ph.D. degree in Microbiology by Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, on July 20, 2021. His thesis titled “Bioprospecting of *Alcaligenes faecalis* VuBc M20 isolated from marine water of Machilipatnam Sea Coast, Andhra Pradesh and Docking studies of the extracted Bioactive Compound” adds to the institution’s tally of 66 Ph.D. holders among the staff.

Additionally, several faculty members have submitted their Ph.D. theses during this academic year, including Rev Fr. I. Lourduraju, SJ, Rev Fr. N. Bujji Babu, SJ, Mr. P. Venugopala Rao, Mr. B. Balaji Bhanu, Ms. N. Satyavedam, and Mr. Satyanarayana.

The Faculty Induction Program (FIP-3) Research Methodology organized by the Department of Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education, UGC-HRDC, University of Delhi, Delhi, took place from June 1 to July 2, 2022, further enhancing the academic capabilities of the faculty members.

Additionally, the Departments of Electronics and Physics organized significant seminars and workshops. Notably, a webinar on “Research & Research Tools in present-day Technologies” was conducted on July 17, 2021, with Dr. Ch. Ravi Shankar Kumar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Physics, Gitam University, Vizag, delivering an enlightening talk. This event garnered participation from research scholars, PG students, and faculty members from ten different states.

Furthermore, Dr. G. Sahaya Baskaran of the Department of Physics has been appointed as a Subject Expert on the Board of Studies in Physics at Maris Stella College, Vijayawada, and SDMS Mahila Kalasala, Vijayawada, further contributing to academic excellence in the region.



Dr. Movva Srinivasa Reddy Recognised for his extraordinary service.



*“Education is the passport to the Future,
For tomorrow belongs to those
who prepare for it today.”*

-Malcolm X



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