

LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



Criteria 3- Research, Innovations and Extension

3.2- Innovation Ecosystem

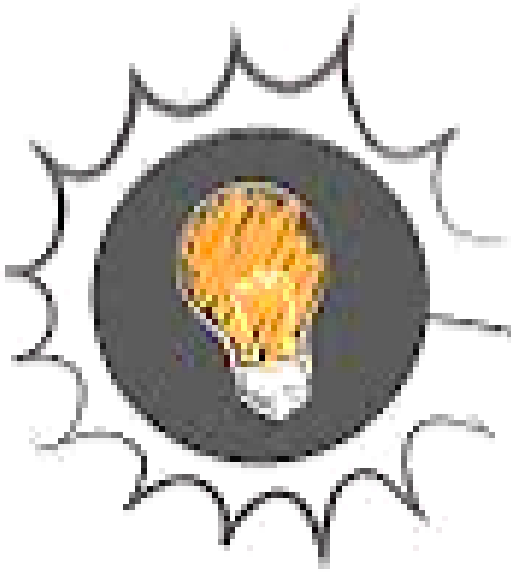
3.2.1 Institution has created an ecosystem for innovations and has initiatives for creation and transfer of knowledge

3.2.1-5: Loyola- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (Loyola- IEDC)

IEDC- LCSS

2016

Incubating professionals for a better tomorrow



Innovation
& Creativity

Loyola College of Social Sciences

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Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.

-Steve Jobs

Loyola College of Social Sciences

About Us

Accredited at A level by the NAAC with a CGPA of 3.72 on a 4-point scale in its 3rd Cycle of Re-accreditation in 2014, is an advanced institute for Social Sciences, the only one of this kind in the University of Kerala. The college offers postgraduate courses in Social Work, Sociology, Human Resource Management and Counselling, besides the doctoral programme. Social research is a priority area of the college that has a strong department of extension and outreach which functions as the live-lab of the college wherein the classroom texts are contextualized and field-tested.

Department of Social Work

IEDC is functioning under the Department of Social Work. Established in 1964, the Department of Social Work was the first professional department under the University of Kerala to offer a Masters Degree in Social Work. The object of the department is to impart training to the graduates in order to become professionals in the diverse fields of social work. Being one of the pioneering institutes in social work education, the Department has realized the need to reinvent and proact on opportunities to retain the department as a flagship department at the national level. We need to reposition ourselves in the realm of social work as educators and trainers. Thus, it is imperative that we seize the opportunity to take initiatives through continued deliberations and training by organizing seminars, workshops and conferences and modelling interventions. Being aware of the fact that we lag behind in visibility in the general society, the department resolves to encourage the students and the faculty to involve in intercollegiate programmes, community welfare initiatives as well as integral development of communities. We also realize the need to involve communities and adopt a community as part of our social responsibility.

Highlights

The department is currently one among the Top 5 colleges for Social work in the country (Outlook survey 2015). Other laurels are;

- Rated as 5th Best Social Work College by Outlook-MDRA National Survey 2010
- Rated as 7th Best Social Work College by Outlook-MDRA National Survey 2012
- Rated as 6th Best Social Work College by Outlook-MDRA National Survey
- Rated as 3rd Best Social Work College in India by Outlook-MDRA National Survey and The Week magazine

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Looking Ahead

The Department has collaborated with the Kerala Startup Mission and trying to elevate the efforts for promoting social enterprise in Kerala. Initial discussions held on November 2015, came up with an idea of organizing an “International Conclave on Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship”. The successful conclave parallel led to the formation of IEDC and thus equipping the college to conceptualize and organize dozens of programmes to promote and propagate Social entrepreneurship. A brief report is enclosed. We look forward to have a professional incubation center exclusively for non- engineering college students (First ever exclusive social enterprise incubator in Kerala – if we could claim so !)

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Activity Summary

1. International Conclave on Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship

Loyola College of Social Sciences in collaboration with University Grants Commission and James Cook University (Australia), is hosted a conference on Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship: Getting Started (ISE) from 7-9 December 2015. ISE Conference and Workshop endeavors to stimulate, equip and enable young professionals, academicians & aspiring entrepreneurs, to embark on social enterprises and beyond. The Conference on 7&8 December exposed the theme "social entrepreneurship," and offered an opportunity to harness the power of ideas, know-how and resources. The panel interactions and paper presentations featured: role models among social entrepreneurs with whom they network and quiz. The Workshop on 9 December offered individuals and teams keen on social innovation, an opportunity to design and take home a workable idea. Through the ISE, participants learned to, interact and network with leading social entrepreneurs, social work educators and other young people, while equipping self with clarity and also expanding their networks for potential collaborations and partnerships for social-good and transformation.



Logo ; ICISE-2015



2. Social entrepreneurship Award night

As a part of the conference, the Loyola College of Social Sciences (LCSS- IEDC) in collaboration with various other institutions and organisations has instituted awards for the outstanding contributions by Social Entrepreneurs under various themes – Gender, IT, Environment, Capacity Building, Water, Agriculture, Health, Education, Social Inclusion, etc. Dr. M. K. Muneer, Minister for Social Welfare and Panchayat, GoK was the chief guest and distributed the awards to the awardees.

The awardees were

1. Social Catalyst award : Mr. Sumesh , Kabani tourism
2. Women social entrepreneur : Ms. Shobha Ashwin, Weavers village
3. Social Change maker : Ramkamal, Chakshumathi
4. Special jury: L. Pankajakshan, Shanthigram
5. Special jury : MR. G Karthikeyan, Sristi village



3. The Social Innovator award-2015

ISE has also invited innovative minds from all walks of life to propose sustainable and complete solutions to tackle menace of street dog issue in Kerala and restore harmony between Man and the canine race. The best propositions were awarded with a title of Social innovator-2015

1. Thomas Chacko, Principal Lourd Matha College , Trivandrum
2. Ashlin Mathew, Alumni, Loyola College of Social Sciences



1. Idea pitching session with Mr. Vinod Subramanian, CEO Sandesh-one (2 sessions December 2015 and January 2016)
2. Idea pitching with Mr. Aneesh Pappachen, E&Y (December 2015)
3. Discussions with Destination Kerala team for publications (December 2015 and January 2016)
4. Idea pitching Social Enterprises and Scope of social research Dr. Narayan Gopalkrishnan, James Cook University (December 2015 and February 2016)

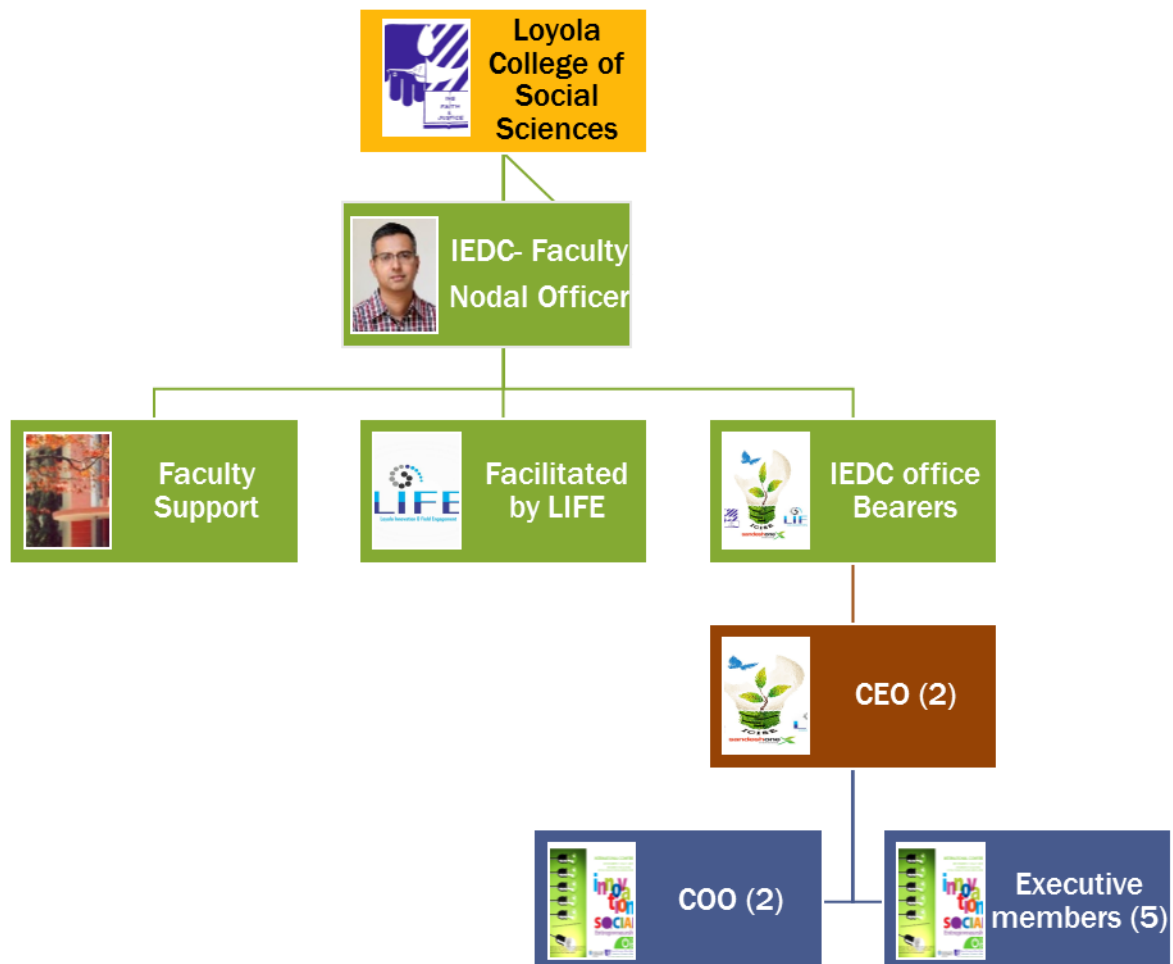
These ideation sessions and discussions paved way for

- a. Ekolife- An social enterprise engaged in harnessing urban abundance to garner funds for social projects
- b. Fishnet-
- c. Student initiatives inside the campus
- d. Seminars and in-house programmes (experience sharing)
- e. Sessions with L. Radhakrishnan, Kerala state Innovation council
- f. Sessions with Dr. Thomas Joseph, Faculty, IIT Udaipur
- g. Attended I3 SNIT, Adoor
- h. Attended Coordinator meet at IEDC VKCET, partially on 31.07.2016
- i. Represented at IEDC Summit at Trivandrum 23rd August 2016

Selection of Office bearers for IEDC- LCSS

- Organizing an entry level completion for the post of office bearers under innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Cell- Loyola College
- Post available and open for students are: Chief Executing Officer (CEO)- 2 nos ,Chief Organizing officers (COO), IEDC Executive Members (5) for Documentation, Public relations, Reporting, etc.

Preparing basic documents for IEDC (Mission, Vision, Mode of Action, Etc)



Defining IEDC

- Defining IEDC in Social Science Context
Outlining and promoting “SOCIAL ENGINEERING¹”, its scope and possibilities?
- Networking with other IEDCs in Kerala - Via two boot camps²
 1. Internal Boot camp soon after the formation of IEDC team
 2. External boot camp in collaboration with other social science colleges)
- Idea pitching sessions, IEDC talks, Shark Tank

Equipping Young professionals

¹ the application of sociological principles to specific social problems.

² Launched with an aim to boost student entrepreneurship in Kerala, startup boot camps primarily conduct workshops, seminars and leadership camps.

Mechanisms



- Signing MoU with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development, Chennai and Kerala State Innovation Council, GoK (proposed)
- Loyola Alumni Network formation; convergence of different clubs and association within the institute
- Certification and accreditation of work carried out by the IEDC office bearers by institute and Kerala state Startup Mission
- Possibility of setting up IOT lab in the college premise from the allocated fund

Other updates.

Tentative programme plan

- Update/ report the work/ programmes conducted by IEDC (pre and post formation) from December 2015 onwards (Students)
- IEDC team formation by October 2016
- IEDC logo competition
- Internal Boot camp by November 2016
- Finalizing on the IEDC structure, Vision Mission, Plan of Action
- MoU with RGNIYD, Kerala Innovation Council, etc
- External Boot camp 2016
- Working and completing Manual on Entrepreneurship Development
- A publication of papers discussed during ICISE-2015
- A book on social enterprise and its scope

Notes to Financial Statements

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Received a sum of Rs.2, 00,000 from Kerala Startup mission

- Rs.1,00,000 has been disbursed for the International Conclave held during December 2015
- Other plans includes
 - a. 2 Boot camps
 - b. Publications
 - c. Idea pitching
 - d. Others

