

Malappuram district under the Community Based Nutrition Programme (CBNP), which turned out to be Kudumbasree in 1996, the biggest women organisation in Kerala for Poverty Eradication.

The first Childline Project in Kerala was initiated by Loyola College in Trivandrum in 2002, and now Childline line is working in all 14 districts of Kerala. Last three years we have been involved in designing school counselling programme in Kerala as well as training around 400 school counsellors who are working in government schools of Kerala. This project was initiated by the Social Welfare Department of Kerala, under the Kishori Sakhti Yojana, and later renamed as Psycho-Social Services to Adolescent Girls.

The Loyola Extension Services (LES) has become a major training centre recognized for various training and development programmes for Government officers, students, teachers, trainers, other professionals, and community members. The Loyola Research Centre has to its credit over one hundred Research studies funded by the State, Indian Government and International agencies such as the DFID, UNICEF, ADB, KUBEL SIFTUNG and others for Feasibility, Monitoring, Evaluation and BenchMark Studies. Training in research methodology is also one of the activities of the Research Centre.

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Editorial

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Golden Jubilee of Loyola College of Social Sciences

Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum was established in 1963, which is one among the 45 Jesuit Colleges in India. It is the smallest in the State with three specialized PG departments in Sociology, Social Work, Personnel Management and a Research Centre. Loyola College had international collaborations with the University of Namur, Belgium, Cleveland State University, Ohio, University of Lund, Sweden, Louisiana State University, USA, Institute of Asian Research, British Columbia, Canada and Sophia University, Japan. The College giving due emphasis to Extension and Research in Academic learning had established separate Centres in this respect.

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, inaugurated the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Loyola College of Social Sciences on 30th October 2012. The entire Loyola Campus was thrilled as the President of India lighted the sacred lamp to inaugurate the year long Jubilee celebrations. Jubilee is a time to take stock of our achievements and failures of the past fifty years. Loyola College, Trivandrum feels proud of being rated with highest score (3.7 out of 4 at A grade) among the colleges in Kerala by NAAC. As we glance through the history of Loyola College, it has experienced some precious moments of pride and commitment. Right from its inception Loyola College has been involved in social activities.

Loyola was the first college in Kerala to start an official extension department even before the University Grants Commission (UGC) declared Extension as one of the triple objectives of higher education in the country. Already in early 1970s, we were actively involved in Non-Formal Education through the National Adult Education Programme. The first Family Counselling Center in Kerala was started in Loyola Campus in 1986. Later the Central Social Welfare Board requested Loyola College to monitor the Family Counselling Centers in Kerala as well as to give induction and refresher courses to the counsellors.

During the Eighth Five Year Plan, the Central Government and UNICEF recognised Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum as the Field Training Institute (FTI) for the training of Community Organizers and Trainers on Call (TOCs) for the Urban Basic Services for the Poor (UBSP) programme. This gave an opportunity to the faculty and students to get involved in urban poverty eradication programmes. In fact, we organised, monitored and facilitated Pattom- Kesavadasapuram Area Development Society (ADS) under the Trivandrum Municipal Corporation for over 10 years. After the experience of training women municipal councillors of Kerala in managerial skills and women empowerment, we were asked in 1994 to train Community leaders and organisers in