

Community Service at Nirmala Shishu Bhavan

On 20th September 2025, members of the AICUF society of Loreto College visited Nirmala Shishu Bhavan, an institution run by the Missionaries of Charity. The visit was part of AICUF's ongoing community service initiatives. A group of fifteen volunteers, including six office-bearers and nine student members, participated in the program held between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

As a gesture of solidarity, the students contributed essential items such as rice, dalia, suji, biscuits, toothpaste, and soaps. However, the core purpose of the visit extended beyond material donations. The volunteers sought to spend meaningful time with the 44 resident children, aged 6 to 15 years, many of whom were differently abled, including those who were blind, diagnosed with Down syndrome, or living with intellectual disabilities.

The interaction was marked by warmth, joy, and creativity. The volunteers engaged the children in activities such as drawing and stringing beads, ensuring active participation and encouragement. A particularly touching moment occurred when a blind girl began imitating the rhythmic tapping of one student on the table, symbolizing her eagerness to connect through sound and shared experience. This exchange, along with the group's support in the children's artwork, fostered a spirit of companionship and care.

For the AICUF members, the visit was both eye-opening and fulfilling. It offered them an opportunity to reflect on values of compassion, patience, and service. The resilience and positivity radiating from the children, despite their daily challenges, left a deep and lasting impression.

The experience reinforced the idea that even small acts of kindness can make a profound difference, not only brightening the lives of the children but also inspiring the volunteers to continue engaging in meaningful community service.

