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**Dr. M. X. Miranda Endowment Lecture  
20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Theme:** Dr. Ambedkar: His Contribution to Education

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Arul Doss S.J., Head, Department of History, St. Joseph's College, Thiruchirapalli.

The programme began with a prayer song invoking the blessings of the god. The welcome address was given by Dr. L. Selvanathan, Head of the Department of History, Loyola College.



Rev. Dr. Arockiasamy Xavier S.J., Principal, Loyola College, felicitated the gatherings. He appreciated Dr. L. Selvanathan, Head of the Department, Dr. V. Yesubhakthan, Coordinator, Shift-II and the faculties of the Department of History for organising a series of Endowment Lectures.



Mr. Emil Manu honoured the Guest Speaker by presenting a memento. Mrs. D. Anuradha introduced the chief speaker.



Rev. Dr. Arul Doss, S.J has chosen the topic *“Dr. Ambedkar: His Contribution to Education”* as this is the 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar. He emphasized on the conditions of the Sudras that they are socially discriminated, economically impoverished, politically powerless and culturally considered to be impure. According to Ambedkar, education should have the following characters:



1. Universal education,
2. Cheaper education,
3. Democratization of education and
4. Educational reforms should be enacted through legislation.



He also threw light on the purpose of education and the hard realities faced by the Sudras. Dr. Ambedkar had published weekly paper, news paper and books like *'Mookanayak'*, *'Bhikrit'*, *'HitkaraniSabha'* and *'Thoughts on Linguistic States'*.

He expressed the reality of the present scenario that untouchability is practiced in different ways especially by the educated people. According to Ambedkar equality means 'the raising of the level of the lower classes to that of the higher'. He also firmly said 'teaching should not be entrusted to Brahmins alone'. He said 'the philosophy of education is that it should give Human dignity'.



Rev. Dr. Arul Doss, S.J presented a video clipping on education by Mr. Charuhasan. It emphasized to impart knowledge of the Indian Penal Code to the students from class V to XI. Students have to be taught science, moral values and good behaviour. On Sanskrit education he stated that language is important to convey our ideas and no language is superior to others.

Mr. Aditya Rahul, UG secretary delivered the vote of thanks. The endowment lecture was conducted successfully and it was concluded with the National Anthem

