

# Loyola College (Autonomous)

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## Department of History

### Dr.M.X. Miranda Endowment Lecture

The Department of History organised the Dr. M.X. Miranda Endowment Lecture on January 24, 2018. The endowment lecture was instituted in the year 2001; thereafter it is regularly conducted to expose both the staff and students to the various trends in the historical studies. The endowment lecture was held with the presence of Rev. Fr. Jebamalai Raja, S.J. Chennai Mission Superior, Rev. Dr. Arockiyasamy Xavier, S.J., Principal, Loyola College, Chennai, Dr. L. Selvanathan, Head, Department of History, Mr. V. Yesubhakthan, Coordinator, Shift II, Department of History, professors and students of History, Sociology and from other departments of the college. Dr. Antony Raj Perinbam S.J., founder and CEO, Dr. Ambedkar Cultural Academy, Madurai delivered the endowment lecture on “*Can the Subaltern Speak?*”



Dignitaries



Prayer Song- Department Choir



Welcome Address- Dr. L. Selvanathan



Invitees

Through his research and activism, Rev. Fr. Antony Raj has enlightened on various conditions of subaltern groups in the social structure. Quoting Gayatri Spivak and other writers, he defined subaltern identity as marginalised groups due

to hegemonic domination of elite classes. He also said that 'History should be written from below' and quoted historians Ramachandra Guha and others. Further, he classified Subaltern groups into three categories



*Presenting Shawl*  
**Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier S.J.**



*Presenting Memento*  
**Dr. V. Yesubhakthan**

such as Blacks in America, Untouchables in India and Women who are the downtrodden sections of the society. Fr. Antony Raj opined that the marginalised sections of the society are longing for self-respect and freedom and narrated the events.



*Introducing the Chief Guest*  
**Mr. Kiran Kumar**



*Student Participants*



Felicitation

*Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier S.J.*



Chief Guest's Address

*Rev. Dr. Antony Raj Perinbam S.J*

He strongly established that the subaltern are both denied self-respect and subjected to undergo heinous treatments in the form of destruction of life and property. To this, he substantiated by illustrating various incidents such as Villupuram massacre in which seventeen lives were lost, Kizhavenmani massacre where forty-four lives of innocent Dalits were burnt alive, and death of Rohit Vemula in the University of Hyderabad to which he refers to as institutional murder.

#### Students Interaction with the speaker





### Speaker's response

He urged the students to realise the power of their voices, develop critical bend of mind in addressing the various issues that we are encountering today. The lecture evoked enthusiastic response from the students by throwing pertinent question to the speaker.



*Vote of Thanks*  
**Dr. A. Arputha Selvi**



*Master of Ceremony*  
**Mr. Siddarth Lama II B.A.**

Fr. Antony Raj enlightened them with his wisdom. Dr. A. Arputha Selvi, President of the History Association thanked the speaker for sharing his wisdom on this gracious day.