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Report

Guest Lecture on “Humanism and Right to Live”

17th December 2016 at MRF Hall

A Guest Lecture on “Humanism and Right to Live” was organised by the Loyola Pro Life Forum. The lecture began with a prayer song invoking the blessings of the god. Dr. L. Selvanathan, Head and Associate Professor, Department of History, Loyola College delivered the lecture.



Mr. Ajathachatru, Secretary, Loyola Pro Life Forum was the master of ceremony. Dr. I. Princes, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Loyola Pro Life Forum, welcomed the gatherings and introduced the guest speaker.



Dr. L. Selvanathan in his lecture explained the meaning of the term “Humanism”. He said that it is derived from the Latin concept “humanitas”. He emphasized the value of human life and affirms their ability and responsibility to lead meaningful and ethical lives capable of adding to the greater good of humanity. He highlighted that, humanism advocates the extension of participatory democracy and the expansion of the open society, standing for human rights and social justice. It gives meaning and shape to the life of the people. Then he spoke about the rights of the people.



He stated that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. Everyone has a right to life, liberty and security of person.



He briefed on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016. The bill was originally presented in the year 2014 at Rajya Sabha. The bill is aimed at securing and enhancing the rights and entitlements of disabled persons and also gives effect to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related matters.





Mr. Munir Ahamed, President, Loyola Pro Life Forum proposed the vote of thanks. The lecture concluded with the National Anthem.