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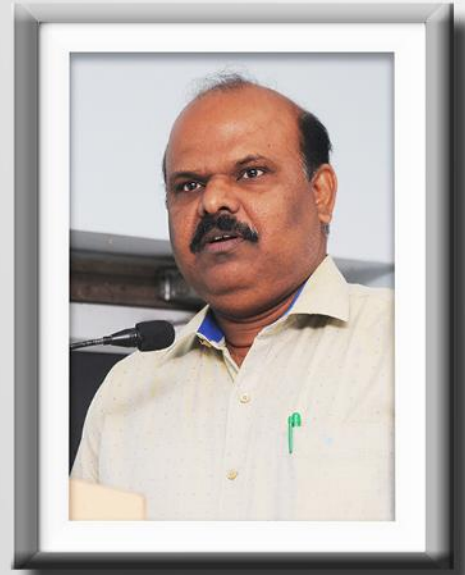


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From the desk of...

A well thought out system in its place is an important indicator of any institution of excellence. It is not achieved over night. It is a process which has to be backed up with a clear vision and steady monitoring. The interest of individuals has to be sacrificed for the common good of the institution. Further, the cumulative experience of the past should be allowed to guide it. Loyola College remains an institution of excellence because of its system that has been built over the years. Strengthening the already built-in system is the need of the hour if Loyola has to go beyond the status of excellence. More importantly, it is required in the context of even educational institutions being evaluated for standard and quality education.



Documentation is such an important aspect that we need to archive each and every important moment. It is what will make the institution strong and worthy of any credit. Loyola Academic Newsletter (LAN) takes smaller steps to record the events of the College in the form of digital chronicle and contribute in the journey towards 'Magis'. It is true that we fare well but we need to fare forward. Every member of Loyola family has the responsibility to take part in the exercise of bettering the best. At this moment, let us joyfully recall the words of T.S.Eliot, "In my end is my beginning".

Dr K. S. Antony,
Director, WEPRO



Campus Cognizance

- ▼ 12th December 2017, - Rev. Fr Jayapathy Francis SJ Endowment Lecture titled “From Print to Screen: Literature & Tamil Cinema” organized by Department of Visual Communication.
- 12th& 13th December, 2017 - Faculty Development Programme for Faculty members of Shift II.
- 14th to 16th December, 2017 - Department Festival
- 16th December, 2017 - Christmas Celebration organized by Catholic Teaching Staff Association.
- 16th & 17th December, 2017 - “Coastal Cleaning Program” for Club Defaulters prior to 2015 batch
- 18th December, 2017 - Meeting for Regular Management Teaching Staff
- 18th December, 2017 - Christmas Celebration
- 19th December, 2017 - Springboard - A Leadership Programme for the Quality Circle Members organized by IQAC
- 20th December, 2017 - Awareness Campaign on International Migration Day organized by Department of Sociology (Shift-II) in collaboration with Jesuit Migrant Service, Outreach and LISSTAR
- 21st December, 2017 to 3rd January, 2018 - Christmas vacation
- 22nd December, 2017 - Biology Seminar on “Recent Advances in Astrobiology” Organized by Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE)

DECEMBER 2017



- ▼ 4th January, 2018 - The College reopened after Christmas vacation.
- 5th January, 2018 - 4th International Hot-Air Balloon Festival organized by Department of Visual Communication in collaboration with Tamilnadu Tourism Development Corporation.
- 6th & 7th January, 2018 - “VEEDHI VIRUDHU VIZHA” organized by LSSS.
- 8th & 9th January, 2018 - International Conference on Computing Sciences (ICCS 2018) organized by Departments of Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science and Applications in collaboration with Loyola Research Institute of Mathematics & Computing Sciences (LIMCOS)
- 8th to 11th January, 2018 - National Workshop for Research Supervisors and Research Scholars on “High Impact Research Skills” organized by Environmental Monitoring Research Laboratory PG and Research Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology.
- 9th January, 2018 - Workshop on “Journalistic Writing” organized by Department of English & Chennai Literary Festival team.
- 9th January, 2018 - Dr K. Swaminathan Endowment Lecture Organized by Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE)
- 10th January, 2018 - Rev. Fr N. Casimir Raj S.J. & Prof. U. Munuswamy Endowment Lecture organized by Department of Sociology
- 10th January, 2018 - Life Ethics at its Best Relationship & Challenges Program organized by Forum for Loyola Women Students (FLOWS).

JANUARY 2018

-10th & 17th January, 2018 - Faculty Development Programme on “Physical and Mathematical Sciences - An Interdisciplinary Approach” organized by Departments of Physics and Mathematics (Shift II).

-11th January, 2018 - Pongal Celebrations.

-12th to 15th January, 2018 - MAGIS 2018 “Youth Ambassadors for Peace and Reconciliation”

-18th January, 2018 - LISSTAR Discussion Forum on “Conservatism to Convenience: Income Tax made easy”

20th January, 2018 - Parent-Teacher Meeting for Shift I & Shift II.

22nd January, 2018 - Springboard - A leadership programme for Quality Circle members organized by IQAC.

-22nd to 25th January, 2018 - Short-term training programme on “Entrepreneurship in Fisheries & Aquaculture (EFA-2018)” organized by Loyola College in collaboration with National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Govt. of India.

23rd January, 2018 - Entrepreneurship Development Program organized by FLOWS.

23rd January, 2018 - Invited Lecture on “A study of Brown dwarfs in the constellation of Perseus and an outlook of higher education in Taiwan” Organized by Department of Physics.

-24th January, 2018 - Dr M. X. Miranda Endowment Lecture Organized by Department of History.

-24th January, 2018 - Open Forum for Students organized by IQAC.

-24th & 25th January, 2018 - Two-Day Workshop on “Time series Data Analysis using Eviews” organized by Department of Economics (Shift II)

-25th January, 2018 - LISSTAR Discussion Forum on “Tamil Migrants in Kerala: A Case Study”

-26th January, 2018 - 69th Republic Day Celebration.

-27th January, 2018 - A Retreat for PG Catholic boys.

-31st January, 2018 - Copper Moon 2018 organized by Loyola Astro Club, Department of Mathematics.

31st January, 2018 - Viewing of Total Lunar Eclipse organized by Christopher Schenier Astro physics Lab, Department of Physics.

▼ 1st & 2nd February, 2018 - National Symposium on “Insects and their Environment Friendly Management” organized by Entomology Research Institute (ERI).

-1st to 7th February, 2018 - First CIA Test.

-7th & 8th February, 2018 - International Conference on “Sustainable Development Practices in the Modern Business Era” (ICSDP-2018) Organized by Department of Commerce.

-8th to 11th February, 2018 - Chennai Story Telling Festival 2018 organized by Department of English and World Storytelling Institute.

-12th February, 2018 - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Candle Light Procession organized by Campus Ministry.

JANUARY 2018

FEBRUARY 2018

- 12th & 13th February, 2018 - National Conference on “Social Work Response to Contemporary Social Issues - An Insight” Organized by Social Worker’s Association for Staff & Students (SWASS), Department of Social Work.
- 13th February, 2018 - Faculty Development Programme for Shift II Faculty members.
- 14th February, 2018 - Ash Wednesday Holy Mass / Prayer Service.
- 14th February, 2018 - National Symposium on “Towards a Sustainable Agriculture in India” organized by Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD), Department of Economics.
- 14th February, 2018 - Workshop on “Preparation for Competitive Exams” Organized by Forum for Intellectual Advancement.
- 15th February, 2018 - LISSTAR Discussion Forum on “An overview of Garment workers issues and Research approaches”
- 16th February, 2018 - Invited Lecture on “Holistic View of Active Galactic Nuclei: From Low-Luminous to Ultra-Luminous Ones” Organized by Department of Physics.
- 16th February, 2018 - Annual Sports Day (Shift - II).
- 17th February, 2018 - Annual Sports Day (Shift - I).
- 17th February, 2018 - A Hands-on Workshop on “Project Development using PHP and MySQL” organized by Department of Computer Science.
- 19th February, 2018 - National Seminar on “GST Legislation & Business Process” organized by Department of Commerce (Shift II) in Collaboration with NACIN, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.
- 19th February, 2018 - Invited Lecture on “Optical communication - a popular presentation” organized by Department of Physics.
- 20th February, 2018 - Dr W. T. V. Adishesiah Memorial Endowment Lecture organized by Department of Social Work.
- 20th February, 2018 - Rev. Fr George Chirackal Memorial Endowment Lecture organized by Department of Social Work.
- 20th to 23rd February, 2018 - International Film Festival 2018 organized by Loyola Institute of Vocational Education (LIVE).
- 20th to 23rd February, 2018 - Management Week & Workshop on Life Skills organized by Commerce Forum, Department of Commerce (Shift II).
- 22nd February, 2018 - Book Launch on History of Irulas “ERULARGALIN VAZHVUM VARALAATRU POORVIGAMUM” organized by Chennai Jesuit Mission & LISSTAR.
- 22nd February, 2018 - Talk on “Central Budget Organized by Department of Economics.
- 22nd & 23rd February, 2018 - International Conference on Materials for Energy and Environment (ICMEE 2018) organized by Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE).
- 23rd February, 2018 - Special Lecture on “Alternative Methodologies: Interlinking Caste, Race, Gender, Region and Class” Organized by LISSTAR in collaboration with the Departments of History, Social Work, Sociology & Visual Communication.
- 24th February, 2018 - Annual Lenten Penitential Walk to St. Thomas Mount.
- 24th February, 2018 - UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Evolution of Human Diseases and Laboratory Medicine” organized by M.Sc. Medical Lab Technology.
- 26th February, 2018 - A Concert by TM Krishna.
- 27th February, 2018 - Rev. Fr. Jerome D’Souza S.J. Endowment Lecture (2017-2018) organized by Loyola Alumni Association.
- 27th February, 2018 - Hiralal Gupta Endowment Lecture Organized by Department of History.

FEBRUARY
2018

- 27th February, 2018 - Loyola Research Day 2018.
- 27th February, 2018 - Free Eye Check-up & Medical Camp organized by Department of Service Learning (Outreach).
- 28th February, 2018 - Thoudam David Endowment Lecture & Valedictory Function organized by Department of Economics.
- 28th February, 2018 - Elders Day organized by Department of Service Learning (Outreach).
- 28th February, 2018 - Dr. G. J. Sudhakar Endowment Lecture organized by Department of History.
- 28th February, 2018 - Workshop on “Experimental Astronomy” organized by Loyola Astro Club, Department of Mathematics.

- ▼ 1st March, 2018 - Valedictory function of “One Month Boot Camp” organized by LIMCOS.
- 1st March, 2018 - Ashok Mehta Endowment Lecture organized by Department of History.
- 2nd March, 2018 - UGC sponsored State Level Seminar on “Quality Assurance and Accreditation” organized by IQAC.
- 2nd & 3rd March, 2018 - DEBUZZ ‘18 Loyola National Level Quiz Festival Organized by Dean of Students Office.
- 2nd & 3rd March, 2018 - Faculty Development Programme for Junior Faculty members of Shift II.
- 3rd March, 2018 - BLITZKRIEG Loyola Annual Debate Championship 2018 organized by Dean of Students Office & Loyola Debate Society and Quiz Club.
- 3rd March, 2018 - Loyola Hostel Day titled ‘Nexus’
- 5th March, 2018 - THEIA 2018 Inter-collegiate Cultural & Sports Meet for the Visually Challenged Students organized by RCDA.
- 5th March, 2018 - Dr P. Sagayaraj Endowment Lecture organized by Department of Physics.
- 5th March, 2018 - Triple Celebration: - Valedictory Function of Loyola Physics Association (LPA), Farewell to Dr Joe JesuDurai & Reunion of Retired staff Organized by Department of Physics.
- 6th March, 2018 - Group Photos Session for Final Years UG, PG, M.Phil. & Research Students.
- 6th March, 2018 - Valedictory Function of the History Association organized by Department of History.
- 7th March, 2018 - National Conference on “Goods and Services Tax (GST): Impact and Prospects” (GSTIP -2018) organized by Department of BBA & B.Com.(CS).
- 7th March, 2018 - National Conference on “Responding to Challenges of Service Learning” organized by Department of Service Learning (Outreach) & LISSTAR.
- 7th March, 2018 - Rev. Fr Alfred Rapinat Endowment Lecture Organized by Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology.
- 8th March, 2018 - International Women’s Day Celebration Organized by Dean of Women Students Office & Forum for Loyola Women Students (FLOWS).
- 8th March, 2018 - LISSTAR Discussion Forum on “Takeaways from the Budget of 2018”.
- 9th March, 2018 - Prof. C. R. Babujee & Prof. J. Edmund Manohar Raj Endowment Lectures Organized by Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology.

MARCH
2018

-9th March, 2018 - 42nd Rev. Fr Racine Endowment Lecture organized by Department of Mathematics.

-10th March, 2018 - Retreat for Catholic Teaching Staff (Shift I & II).

-10th March, 2018 - Retreat for Catholic Non-Teaching Staff.

-12th March, 2018 - Valedictory Function of Statistics Association (2017-2018) organized by Department of Statistics.

-12th & 13th March, 2018 - National Conference on "Occupational Health of Industrial Workers: A Social Science perspective" organized by Department of Social Work.

-13th March, 2018 - Academic Mentoring Session.

-13th March, 2018 - Outreach Day Celebration organized by Department of Service Learning.

-13th March, 2018 - Chroma '18 Farewell to Prof. S. Pencier & outgoing students organized by Department of English.

-13th March, 2018 - Valedictory function of Springboard - A Leadership Programme for Quality Circle Members organized by IQAC.

-13th to 16th February, 2018 - Life Skills Training Program for First Year PG Students organized by School of Human Excellence.

-15th March, 2018 - A. G. Soundara Rajan Memorial Lecture.

-15th March, 2018 - Valedictory Function of Loyola Commerce Association (2017-2018) organized by Department of Commerce.

-15th March, 2018 - Lecture cum Discussion on "Leadership" organized by LISSTAR in collaboration with LIAC.

-16th March, 2018 - Discussion on "Nuances of Research Writing" organized by WEPRO.

MARCH 2018

▼ 2nd to 4th April, 2018 - CIA Retest

-4th April, 2018 - Diligence & Regularity Award (2017-18)

-5th & 6th April, 2018 - Practical Examination UG - AR / PG

-5th to 13th April, 2018 - Online Staff Assessment & Exit Poll for all final year UG & PG students

-7th April, 2018 - Practical Examination UG - AO / PG

-9th to 11th April, 2018 - Practical Examination UG - Major / PG

-11th April, 2018 - Signing of Consolidated CIA Mark Statement by all Arrears / Repeaters

-11th April, 2018 - General Staff Meeting

-11th April, 2018 - Valedictory function of Catholic Teaching Staff Association & Felicitation of Retiring Staff

-12th April, 2018 - Last date for approval of CIA marks by course teachers.

APRIL 2018





Colloquium

International Conference on Computing Sciences (ICCS 2018)

Loyola Research Institute of Mathematics and Computing Sciences (LIMCOS), Loyola College, Chennai hosted the International Conference on Computing Sciences (ICCS 2018) on January 08 & 09, 2018. The International Conference, ICCS 2018 aimed at creating a new forum for researchers working on applications of Mathematics in Computing Sciences. Around 220 extended abstracts of research papers were received and eight parallel sessions with 40 chairpersons were planned to present all the papers, and all the selected papers are published in Scopus Indexed Journals. A few interesting, innovative and thought provoking talks in two parallel sessions were delivered by eminent scientists. Dr K.Murugan, Vice-Chancellor, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore inaugurated the conference and released the proceedings of the peer reviewed research papers. Mr. JaithirthuRao, Chairman, VBHC Value Homes & Founder Chairman and former CEO, Mphasis, the Guest of Honour highlighted the importance of computing sciences in the context of 21 century.



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Dr K. Swaminathan Endowment Lecture

Dr K. Swaminathan Endowment Lecture on January 9, 2018 was organized by Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE).

Rev. Dr Francis Xavier S.J. delivered the lecture on the implications of dark matter and dark energy to the understanding of reality. 200 persons from academic arena were enlightened by knowing the unexplored insights into evolution of the universe.



Special Lecture on "Death at the end of the Empire: The lasting Legacy of European Cemeteries in India"

The Department of History, Loyola College organized a special lecture on 14th March 2018. Dr. David Johnson, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina, Charlotte delivered the lecture on "Death at the end of the Empire: The lasting Legacy of European Cemeteries in India". After the prayer, Dr. L. Selvanathan, Head, Department of History welcomed and introduced the speaker. Dr. David Johnson's lecture was mainly focused on the Colonial Era, when the British enjoyed the pomp and pleasure. He took the cemeteries as the sign of the ruins that holds the legacy of the past, with a slight emotional touch. He also encapsulated the way power shapes history. In this lecture he substantiated that the understanding of history or the past makes us more familiar with the present. After an interaction, Dr. A. Arputha Selvi, President, History Association proposed the vote of thanks. The session concluded with a Thanks Giving hymn.

Pongal Celebrations



Pongal Celebration was organized on January on 11, 2018 for the staff and students. It was a demonstration of colours, music and traditional games. This year as a special gesture, Army displayed its ammunitions for the staff and students and its band performed musical concert to enthrall the audience.

Chennai Storytelling Festival 2018 at LCC



WEPRO, Loyola College and World storytelling Institute jointly conducted a Four-day International Workshop titled “Chennai Storytelling Festival 2018” from Feb 08 to Feb 11, 2018. The main theme of the festival is “Storytelling for Teaching, Training, and Healing: Helping to Activate the Listener”. The inaugural session of the festival was an International Symposium on “Narratives and Telling Epics” with Dr Martha Bigelow, Professor, University of Minnesota, USA, MsCathrynFairlee, Professional Storyteller, California, USA, Dr Eric Miller, Director, World Storytelling Institute, Chennai as resource persons. More than 200 student participants both from Loyola and other colleges and about 100 adults from various walks of life benefitted from the workshops and storytelling performances by resource persons such as MsPriyankaChatterjee, Kolkatta, MsShreyaBiswas, Bangalore, MsMohanty, Mumbai, Vasugi Ram Manohar, Chennai, MsYogitaAhuja, Ahamedabad and award winning performers from USA and Sweden.

National Symposium: “Towards Sustainable Agriculture in India”

A National Symposium on “Towards a Sustainable Agriculture in India” was organized by Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD) on February 14, 2018. Dr M. S. Swaminathan, Professor (Economics), Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr Shashanka Bhide, Director, Madras Institute of Developmental Studies, Mr C. Kamaraj, IAS, Managing Director (MD), Aavin, enlightened the participants of the symposium on the need for sustainable agriculture in India.

MAGIS 2018 – A Programme to rejuvenate the Youth

MAGIS 2018, the South Asian version of the International version of MAGIS usually held every alternate year preceding the World Youth Day began on 12 January at Loyola College, Chennai. The event was organized by Fr Paulraj SJ, Co-ordinator of the Tamil Nadu chapter of Jesuit Youth Ministry of South Asia (JYMSA). The three day event reflected on the theme – ‘Youth Ambassadors for Peace & Reconciliation’. More than 680 young students from all over India participated in the event. Fr Joe Arun S.J., Fr Jebamalai Raja S.J., Fr Maria Arul Raja S.J., Fr Jerry Rosario S.J., Fr Irudhayaraj S.J., Ms Corrine Rasquina and Mr Ebenezar George exhorted the young people to ‘be transformed so as to transform’. Dr Ku. Chinnappan, Tamil University, Tanjore urged the students saying, ‘service to humanity is service to god’. The youth ambassadors of peace and reconciliation went on a penitential walk on the last day to Santhome Shrine of St. Thomas the apostle. The pilgrimage to Santhome ended with a holy mass celebrated by Rev. Dr Danis Ponnaiah S.J., the Provincial of Madurai Province. Fr Provincials sermon highlighted the call given to everyone to promote peace, Justice and Reconciliation.

Book Launch on History of Irulas

A Book Launch on History of Irulas, “IRULARGALIN VAZHVUM VARALAATRU POORVIGAMUM” was organized by Chennai Jesuit Mission & LISSTAR on Feb 22, 2018.

LISSTAR in collaboration with the departments of History, Social Work, Sociology & Vis. Com. organized a special Lecture on “Alternative Methodologies: Interlinking Caste, Race, Gender, Region and Class” by Dr Gajendran Ayyathurai, Ph.D., Centre for Modern Indian Studies [CeMIS], Göttingen University, Germany on February 23, 2018



Entrepreneurship in Fisheries & Aquaculture (EFA-2018)

Loyola College and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Ministry of Agriculture and Former welfare Govt. of India have jointly organized a short term training programme on “Entrepreneurship in Fisheries & Aquaculture (EFA-2018)” from 22 to 25, January 2018. Dr A. R. Thirunavukkarasu, formerly Director-in charge of CIBA addressed the need for more Entrepreneurs for the sustainable agriculture. He highlighted the various avenues for doing successful business in aqua culture. Speaking on the occasion, Dr R. Vijayan, Incubation Manager, MANAGE informed the audience that his department is ready to extend all the service to the trainers to become the entrepreneurs. Rev. Fr Francis Jayapathy, Rector, Loyola College emphasized the need for synergy of traditional knowledge of fisherman and scientific knowledge for the better fisheries in our country. Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier, Principal observed that “This is a novel programme for the student community to make them an Entrepreneur so that they will be the job provider”. Dr S. Vincent, Dean of Research, highlighted the importance of the training programme. The participants comprising students, Researchers, Entrepreneur and NGOs represent southern state of our country.

International Conference on “Sustainable Development Practices in the Modern Business Era”

An International Conference on “Sustainable Development Practices in the Modern Business Era” (ICSDP-2018) was organized by Department of Commerce, Loyola College on February 7 & 8, 2018. Tamil Development Minister K. Pandiarajan, MLA gave the inaugural address and insisted on sustainable development practices being promoted in entrepreneurial sector.



Revolving Fund Programme

Department of Service Learning, Loyola College has initiated an event to distribute revolving fund for the young widows identified at the outreach intervention areas, Chennai. More than 100 widows were identified by the students who were assigned to identify the needy from most vulnerable background. CIOSA has donated Rs.2,05,000 as revolving fund for 41 members (Rs 5000 each), since outreach intervention areas are 41. Mr Rajasekaran, MPP Trust motivated the young widows to utilize the amount properly. Rev. Dr Arokiasamy Xavier S.J., Principal, Loyola College and Rev. Dr Louie Albert S.J., presented those young widows with the cheque of Two Lakhs Five Thousand Rupees.

Dr M.X. Miranda Endowment Lecture

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, 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?”



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 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. 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.

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. 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.

Loyola Research Day 2018 in Commemoration of National Science Day

Loyola has celebrated its First Research Day on 27th February 2018, at 4.00 pm in Lawrence Sundaram Hall.

Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, a renowned scientist and the father of green revolution of our country was the chief guest on the occasion. The Principal of Loyola College, Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ welcomed the gathering and said that this Loyola Research Day will be an Annual Celebration every year hereafter.



Rev. Fr A.M. Jayapathy Francis SJ, Rector of Loyola Institutions appreciated the faculty members who have contributed tremendously for the promotion of social relevant research which have paved the way for securing centum in the parameter of research in the NIRF Ranking 2017.

Prof. M.S. Swaminathan in his address stressed the importance of the role of Science & Technology in agriculture and farmers growth. He highlighted the strategy required for doubling income of farmers which will ensure food security in our country. He also emphasized the need of women entrepreneurs who can involve in farming practices. He opined that the involvement of women in farming practices will sustain the agriculture. Prof. Swaminathan applauded the Loyola Research centre that is driven by a scientific temper and social values.

Dr S. Vincent, Dean of Research Loyola College, said that the college has achieved many milestones through research. He further said that the Loyola Research has secured a cumulative citation of 32,000 which is extraordinary in an Arts & Science college. The college has filed 31 Patents due to their research outcome. During the period of 2014-2017 the Researchers have published 1368 Research Articles in leading National and International Journals. Many Major & Minor Projects were secured by the faculty members from different government funding agencies.

During this occasion the Faculty and Research Scholars were honoured with Awards under different categories. There were seven professors who have secured more than 1000 citations under science stream and were honoured with cash prizes with a citation. The Departments who have produced more than 50 Ph.D., have received honour from Prof. Swaminathan. There are seven professors honoured during the occasion for their patents. There were seven Research Scholars honoured with citations and cash prizes for having secured more than 10 Impact factor for their research publications. During this occasion Loyola College signed an MOU with National Institute of Epidemiology, an ICMR Institute of Govt. of India. Dr Manoj Murhekar, Director of NIE signed the agreement on behalf of National Institute of Epidemiology. While he was addressing the participants of the programme, he said “This agreement will help to build a joint project an epidemiology by the scientists of two institutions”. He has also assured that this MOU will benefit the nation by the expertise of these two institutions. Dr Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal felicitated the occasion. Prof. S. Pencier, Vice Principal proposed a vote of thanks.

Ashok Mehta Endowment Lecture

The Department of History organized Ashok Mehta Endowment Lecture on 1st March 2018. Dr M. Lakshmanan, Head and Associate Professor, Department of History, Presidency College, Chennai delivered the endowment lecture was on “Capital and Labour in Madras Presidency”. The programme started with a melodious prayer song. Dr Louis Mushary, President Shift II delivered the welcome address. Dr L. Selvanathan, Head and Dr V. Yesubhakthan, Coordinator Shift II honoured the guest speaker. The Chief Guest was introduced by Mr Siddharth Lama II B.A.

Dr M. Lakshmanan in his lecture explained the connection between labour and survival of human being, he elucidated on labour as any act which was done for sustenance or profit, through this definition he made the base on which he specialized his lecture on the features of labour and capital in India. The speaker brought out the profound importance to caste in understanding the state of labour and capital in India. He gave an explanation on the present profane society where everything is valued including labour and stated that now everything has a price and it is the sign of the degradation of humanity. The speaker was stating that the future historians need to adopt a different method in viewing all the Indian events, and this should be studied from the perspective of the caste system and religions of India.

The lecture achieved its fullness, when audience were allowed to add on their comments opening new windows of knowledge. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks by Mr Christyan, I M.A. The Master of Ceremony was Mr. Adhitiya Kaarthikheyam, II B.A. History.



Events

The Folk Festival



LSSS in association with Alternative Media Center (AMC) conducted 5th edition of "VEEDHI VIRUDHU VIZHA" - A Tamil Folk Arts Reviving Celebration on 6th and 7th of January, 2018 at Loyola College, Chennai. As many as 2000 folk artistes including 200 senior artistes from 32 districts of Tamil Nadu actively took part in it and expressed their love for the cultural symbols of the Land. Mr T. Pandian, Leader of Communist Party of

India graced the occasion and sensitized them on continuing the cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu. The event aimed at reviving the dwindling Tamil Folk Arts like folk songs, dances, street theaters, plays etc., and rewarding folk artists who save and sustain the age old cultural folk arts of the land despite a number of ordeals.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Candle Light Procession on Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was organized on February 12, 2018 by Loyola Campus Ministry. The mass and celebration was participated by a number of catholic staff and students and people of neighbourhood areas.



Republic Day Celebration

69th Republic Day was celebrated on January 26, 2018 at Loyola College. Guests of Honour were Dr Francis Jose, Associate Professor & Former Head, Dept. of Commerce & Dr John R. Devadason, Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry.



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2018

Loyola College celebrated its 93rd Annual Sports Day on 16th February 2018. Mr Md Shakeel Akhter, IPS Addl. DGP, Armed Police, Chennai, the Chief Guest of the opening Ceremony of 93rd Annual Sports Day insisted on acquiring the values derived from sports and games. Soft skills like leadership and team work could easily be picked up from participating and organizing the sports events. Other officials who were present on the occasion were Rev. Dr S. Lazar, SJ, Secretary, Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier, S.J., Principal, Dr Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal, Rev. Dr S. Samuel Jeyaseelan S.J., Director, Sports & Games, Prof. S. Pencier, Vice Principal (Shift I), and the guest of honor. To live up to the expectations of the Chief Guest, all the staff and students demonstrated the spirit of team work by organizing the event so nicely that the chief guest applauded the entire staff and student team for their meticulous planning.





*Kudos
to
Veterans*



Dr Francis Jose

Associate Professor in the Department of Commerce has served Loyola College with dedication for 35 long years. He has served as member of the Governing Body, Dean of Arts, Head of the department, Executive member of the Alumni Association, Program coordinator for UGC sponsored Orientation program in Commerce, Secretary of the Catholic Staff Association. He is presently the President of the Loyola College Teaching Staff Association. He has authored two books and has published many research Articles. He has two research projects to his credit. He is ranked 20th worldwide by an online website based on the publications of individuals. His articles have been referred 8593 times. He was one among the thirty two staff invited for the Goldman Sachs NEN roundtable.

Dr Albin T. Fleming

Associate Professor in the Department of Zoology has put in 33 years of fruitful service in Loyola College. He has served as the Head of the department, President of Zoologists association and Coordinator of the Enviro Club. He is a committed researcher and sincere teacher. Seven Scholars have completed Ph.D. under his guidance and another Five are on the verge of completion. He has published many research papers in International Journals and has two research projects to his credit. He has organized many conferences and has served as external examiner for Ph.D. Viva Voce examinations in several institutions across Tami Nadu.



Dr Joe G. M. Jesudurai

Associate Professor in the Department of Physics, has served Loyola College with dedication for 33 years. He is Dean of Sciences at present and has also served as Head of Department of Physics, Vice Principal, Member of the Governing Body, IQAC Coordinator, Chief Superintendent of Examinations, Coordinator for CPE and FAEA, Convener of Restructuring Committee, member of Disciplinary committee for 17 years and Faculty Advisor for AISEC. He has published 20 Research articles in National and International Journals, presented 16 papers in conferences, organized many programs and has completed a Research Project. Three of his Ph.D. scholars have completed and two have submitted their theses. More importantly, he has designed and fabricated many equipments used in Physics laboratory by UG and PG students.



Prof. C. S. Robert Bellarmine

Head and Associate Professor of the Department of Sociology has served Loyola College with commitment for 31 years. He has served as a member of the Governing Body, Director of the Training and Placement Cell, Vice President of Sports and Games, Coordinator of PULC, Secretary of the Catholic Staff Club and Secretary of Loyola Teaching Staff Welfare Scheme. He has also served as the faculty advisor of the Loyola Society of Debaters. It was under his headship that M.A. Medical Sociology was changed to the more popular and useful program, M.A. Sociology.



Dr John R. Devadasan

Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry has put in 30 years of fruitful service in the college. His area of research is “Inorganic Photo Chemistry”. He is a sincere teacher with a rich experience in Inorganic Chemistry. He is known for the way he engages the classes with real life examples and his ability to correlate science with religion is extraordinary. He has a special knack of motivating the students through his scintillating lectures. He is known for his intellectual engagement with his colleagues.



Prof. S. Pencier

Associate Professor in the Department of English has served Loyola College with dedication for 19 years. He is currently the Vice Principal. During his service at Loyola College, he has held very responsible positions like Controller of Examinations, Member of the Governing Body, Assistant Controller of Examinations, Chief Superintendent of Examinations, Convener of Disciplinary Committee and also served as faculty advisor for many units like AISEC. He has authored three books and attended many conferences. He is an able administrator and a highly committed teacher.



Mr S. Arul Antony Raj

Selection Grade Record Clerk has put in 31 years of sincere service in Loyola College. He is our administrative staff in the shift-I college office. During his long period of service, he has executed various assignments with commitment and dedication. When he started his career in the office, he was more interested to go to the government office for presenting the salary cum arrear bills and to make entries. He has contributed his tireless service for the students by issuing, receiving bus and railway concession forms. He was an active member in administrative staff association.



Mr J. Benedict Lawrence Victor

Special Grade Herbarium Keeper, has served Loyola College with commitment for 31 years. He has started his service in the college library as library assistant from 1987. He played an important role when he served both in library and college office. He was promoted as herbarium keeper in 1990. He is a calm, sincere and hardworking person and doesn't hurt anyone. He has worked for a short period both in vis.com department and in chemistry lab. As he has excellent handwriting, he used to write college day certificates.



Mrs Lourdu Mary

Our supportive staff has put in 24 years of sincere service in the college. She has contributed good service to the college by keeping the college premises clean. She used to work from morning till evening tirelessly. She always did her work with commitment. She is a simple and hardworking person.



The following professors have completed 25 years of dedicated service to the college:

- Dr A. Daniel, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Tamil.
- Dr M. A. Baskar, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics.
- Dr S. A. Rajarajan, Associate Professor, Department of Tamil.
- Dr S. Vincent, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology.
- Dr K. S. Antonysamy, Associate Professor, Department of English

The following administrative staff have completed 25 years of devoted service to the college:

- Mr Arockiadas, Lab Assistant, Department of Chemistry
- Mr B. Lazar, Lab Technician, Department of Computer Science



Workshop

Journalistic Writing

Workshops on various topics like Theatre workshop, Copy Editing, Creative Writing, Story Telling, etc. as part of fifth edition of the Chennai Literary Festival were organized by Chennai Literary Association in various colleges to train students from city colleges on language and literary skills.



Loyola College in association with Chennai Literary Festival 2018 conducted a workshop on Journalistic Writing at Loyola College on 09.01.2018 to orient the students on the need for and art of composing news items. 135 participants from 13 city colleges enthusiastically participated in the workshop and found it interactive and informative.

Mr. Danial Thimmayya, Chief Reporter, New Indian Express exposed the participants to a hands on experience to write for a journal. Using videos of speeches by renowned persons such as Malala, Sachin Tendulkar, Rajinikanth, he led the participants to analyze and present a news item with the apt title for the same. He then summarized the features of effective news as content verbatim, arresting opening, right context and fitting conclusion.

Mr. Olivannan, CEO, Emerald Publishers, founder President of CLF, Mr. Kumaravel, President, CLF and Prof. Meena Kumari, Coordinator, CLF felicitated the participants and were delighted to see the overwhelming response of the student community towards enhancing their writing skills.

Dr Joseph Chandra, Head, Department of English, Loyola College inaugurated the workshop and subtly stated the importance of media in the 21st Century as it plays a vital role in constructing the society and reality.

While welcoming the guests and the participants, Dr K.S. Antonysamy, Director, WEPRO and organizer of the workshop intrigued the audience by highlighting the objectives of CLF and also highlighted the need to learn the skill of writing to the media.

News Reading



Loyola WEPRO amidst its numerous activities took an extra mile to organise a training programme for budding news readers of our college on March 02, 2018. Ms Jemima Jorin, News Anchor, Sathyam TV was the trainer. WEPRO student members' performance after the training programme was much enhanced and noticeable changes were felt on the subsequent news recording.

Nuances of Research Writing

A one day programme to impart the nuts and bolts of news reading and editing in the young minds was organized by Dr K.S. Antonysamy, WEPRO Director. In addition, a Discussion on “Nuances of Research Writing” - was also organized on March 16, 2018.

Dr Martha Bigelow, Professor, University of Minnesota, USA initiated the discussion with 20 Ph.D Scholars of English Department and suggested collaborative publishing as a progressive step in research.

Dr K. S. Antonysamy, Associate Professor, Loyola College shared his expertise on the importance of “Thesis Writing” and imitated the scholars to be conscious of the need for original and technical in drafting and documenting. Dr. Joseph Chandra, HOD, English cautioned the scholars to manage time and know the research procedure.

Training of Trainers

Web Enhancement and Public Relation Office organized a Two-Day National Workshop on “Training of Trainers: Becoming Effective Teachers and Trainers” on 20th & 21st April, 2018. This workshop had clearcut objectives which strive to prepare participants as effective teachers and trainers that they may excel and exceed in their profession. The focus of the workshop was to combine the expertise of teachers and trainers and the learning needs of Gen Z learners. The dynamics of this workshop aimed at reviewing and revitalizing the four stages of training – ideational/ideatie, performative, participative and demonstrative.

The workshop was inaugurated in the presence of college officials, Rev. Dr Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ, the Principal, Rev. Dr Lazar, SJ, the Secretary, Dr Fatima Vasanth, the Deputy Principal and Dr K.S. Antonysamy, Director, WEPRO and the convener of this workshop.



Dr K.S. Antonysamy welcomed the officials and shared the need for a workshop of this kind. He also highlighted the dynamics of the workshop. Rev. Dr Lazar, SJ shared his deep thoughts on the art of teaching these days. He insisted that teachers have to become an agent of change. He also expects a paradigm shift to take place in the realm of teaching and learning. Rev. Dr Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ, the Principal congratulated the convener and team on his novel initiative bringing out a Trainee’s Manual on account of this workshop. The manual is meticulously prepared and specially prepared. Fr. Principal stated that the methodology the teacher uses in the classroom must be innovative which suits the need of the hour and live up to the expectations of e-generation learners. Dr Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal, was appreciative of the efforts taken by the WEPRO to conduct this workshop. She shared her views on virtual classroom in near future. She stated that it is necessary to get adapted to reality of the day. She made a good remark between school and college students where the later need be attended to with much care and support.

The resource persons for the two-day national workshop are Rev. Dr Francis M. Peter, Trainer, XLRI, Jamshedpur, SqnlDUnni Nair, the Founder, Excel HR Facilitation and Services, Mr. Martin Robert, CEO, Transfigure Training Consultant, Dr Eric Miller, Director, World Storytelling Institute, Prof. Edward Felix, Assistant Professor of English, Christ University, Bengaluru, Prof. Supriya Sam, Assistant Professor of English, Loyola College and Prof. SurnikaKannan, Assistant Professor of French, Madras University.

The participants (50 in number) are professors from the colleges from Mumbai, Bangalore, Kerala, Trichy, Madurai, Coimbatore, Chennai and Jaipur.



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We value the reports of your department activities and events. We wish to keep them on-record in Loyola Academic Newsletter and Loyola Insider. Hence you may send reports and photographs of your department programmes to WEPRO@LoyolaCollege.edu.

We also welcome your feedback.

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