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GREETINGS TO ALL LOYOLA FRATERNITY!

Reflection is a characteristic that is unique to every human being to raise his standards of living from ordinary to extraordinary. Leadership mastery is one such subject worthy of reflection. Hoarded degrees, highly graded performance and prestigiously awarded titles are not just moments of celebration and personal fulfillment but realization of greater responsibility, accountability and transparency. Loyola - College of Excellence conferred by UGC (in 2014 and holding good till 2019 March) is not a timeless title but it is a marathon torch relay to be run with care, share and dare. It is a reminder and wakeup call to really know what an individual's vision is, what the vision and mission of the college is, what the requirement of the society and the world at large is. It all begins with the personal realization of the purpose for which God wanted us on this earth. Leadership is still looked at as a crown intended to be intuitively stemmed with responsibility, truthfulness, sincerity and accountability. Let us redefine success as a state of mind satiated with humility and disparity. Let us live to shine our lights through all darkness both internal and external. Let our leadership create empowered, self-less leaders, not just blind followers which the world is replete with.

I wish you all a blessed year ahead in the Vision and Mission of St. Ignatius of Loyola!



REV. DR A. THOMAS, SJ.
Principal



IT IS WITH IMMENSE JOY THAT I GREET YOU ALL AT THE DAWN OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

“Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world.” says Joel Barker, who familiarized the concept of paradigm shifts. The Ignatian pedagogy likewise calls for a paradigm of experience, action and reflection. As Loyola College is nearing its centenary, we humbly acknowledge the mission and vision our forefathers have established, the tireless efforts of all our officials in establishing an effective administrative system, the pedagogical practices of our teachers in achieving educational excellence, the commitment of the administrative and non-teaching staff and the dedication of our student fraternity towards the institution and the society. This whole-hearted commitment of every stake holder towards the institution is what has made Loyola earn the laurels and accolades bestowed upon it.

While we thank and appreciate the efforts, we are also responsible and accountable for the future of this institution. It is vital that we not only look back at the glorious past of the institution but also make concrete measures to sustain the renown and work towards making Loyola a global institution which provides excellent and quality education, suited to the requirements of a 21st century learner. The exigency for excellence also pertains to doing academically and socially relevant research which can serve the society at large. At Loyola, we believe in the Jesuit educational trait of forming and educating agents of change. While we sharpen the minds of our students, we should ensure that they also form the right attitude, learn to care for the marginalised and make a difference in the life of others and their own lives.

May the light of Loyola continue to be a beacon to all our privileged stake holders as we become men and women for and with others. Let us carry forward the mission and vision of the college and strengthen every foundation on which this institution was built and thereby contribute to our national building mission.

Wishing you all a rewarding and successful year ahead !



As Loyola family is gearing up to another academic year, we sincerely thank and remember all our beloved staff members who have retired last year. Over the years Loyola college has progressed and scaled great heights under their guidance. Their dedication and devotion to the college has been an inspiration to the young and old alike. Though they may not be with us in the campus, their exemplary career will be imprinted in the very heart of this institution. As we bid them farewell, we earnestly seek their guidance and wisdom in our future endeavours. We express our heartfelt gratitude for all the service that they have rendered to this college.

Wishing them a long, happy and healthy retirement !



REV. DR FRANCIS P. XAVIER, S.J.

Rector

Loyola Family is greatly delighted and honoured to welcome our new Rector Rev. Dr. Francis P Xavier, S. J. We wish him wholeheartedly for his New Mission.

To put the best foot forward and step into a new beginning is absolutely glorious. We take immense pleasure in congratulating and welcoming the new officials of Loyola College for the academic year 2019-20. We are truly delighted and look forward to your leadership and inspiring management. We wish you success in all your endeavors in the upcoming years. We look forward to your guidance and counsel in making the flag of Loyola soar higher. We welcome you to this new venture!

The following are the newly-appointed officials of Loyola College in this academic year. (2019 - 2020)

REV. DR. A. THOMAS, S.J.	PRINCIPAL
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DR K. SWAMINATHAN ENDOWMENT LECTURE

Dr K. Swaminathan Endowment Lecture on Tackling the Diabetes Epidemic in India – Some Success Stories was delivered by Padma Shri. Dr. V. Mohan, the Chairman and the Chief of Diabetology and Dr. Mohan’s Diabetes Specialties Centre, Chennai. The lecture was organized by Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE) on January 10, 2019



A NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS



Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD) organized a national symposium on Contemporary Issues in Environmental Economics. The chief guest and the expert C. Rangarajan, Former Chairman Economic Advisor Council to Prime Minister opined that environmental pollution and deterioration must be minimized in such a way that the future generations can live as we are.

91ST GRADUATION DAY

Loyola College celebrated its 91st Graduation day on Friday, January 25, 2019. On this occasion, 1954 UG & PG students including 34 differently abled students and 37 M. Phil. candidates received their degrees. Among them 64 are the prize winners. The Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar, the Founding Vice-Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University, delivered the Graduation Address and awarded the medals to the winners. The degree certificates were distributed by Rev. Fr. A. M. Jayapathy Francis, S.J., Rector, Rev. Dr. D. Selvanayakam, S.J., Secretary and Correspondent, Rev. Dr. F. Andrew S.J., Principal, Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal, Deans, Vice Principals and Heads of the Departments. The entire programme was organized under the headship of Rev. Dr. F. Andrew, S.J., Principal, and Loyola College.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



The 70th Republic Day and the Inaugural function of 20th Rev. Fr. L. D. Murphy S.J., Memorial Football Tournament was conducted on January 26, 2019 at Loyola College. The Chief Guest Ms. E. I. Roseline,



Superintendent, Loyola College, hoisted the National Flag and Dr. A. Daniel, Head and Associate professor, Department of Tamil delivered the Republic Day Message. The Guest of Honor Mr. K. Shankar, Ex FIFA World Cup Referee inaugurated the Murphy Football Tournament.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day Celebration held at Loyola College on March 08, 2019 was organized by Dean of Women Students Office (functions in Loyola Campus that exclusively caters to the needs and holistic development of the women students) to mark the International Women's Day Celebration. Both Men and Women students from the college attended this celebration and encouraged the staff and student achievers. S.P. Lavanya, Additional Superintendent of Police, CBCID Cybercrime Cell and Actress Manjima Mohan were the chief guests of this remarkable occasion.



94TH COLLEGE DAY



The 94th College Day celebration at Loyola College Chennai, founded in the year 1925 by Rev Fr Francis Bertram, SJ, was held on March 15, 2019, at 5:30 pm. Loyola has been in the service of the society for 94 years and it strives to achieve holistic development of students besides academic excellence. The academically conducive atmosphere in Loyola helps the students to shine in their chosen career after the completion

of their degrees. Loyola College additionally engages itself in taking special efforts to assist physically challenged students and students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

U.S Consul General in Chennai Robert. G. Burgess presided over the ceremony as the Chief Guest of the ceremonious day. During the event, the Consul General addressed the students and staff, distributed the medals to 87 meritorious students and gave away the co-curricular awards to students and the awards to the best outgoing students. A jubilarian, the teaching and non-teaching faculty members who were retiring in the academic year 2018-2019 were also honoured during this occasion. Recognition was given to research activities. Staff members with 100% attendance were honoured and best faculty awards were also given. The other dignitaries who graced the occasion were Rev. Fr. A.M. Jayapathy Francis SJ, Rector, Rev. Dr D. Selvanayakam SJ, Secretary & Correspondent, and Rev. Dr. F. Andrew SJ, Principal. Officials of the college, Heads of various departments, Coordinators, professors and the administrative staff members were present.

LOYOLA STUDENTS INDUCTION PROGRAM – 2019

Loyola Students Induction Programme (LSIP), a Bridge Course to offer First UG students (Shift I & II) orientation on English Language and Ethos of Loyola, was organised by the Department of English, Loyola College from June 10 to 15, 2019. The course aimed at enhancing the language skills, motivation, personality development and preparing them to align with Loyola culture and curriculum. About 2500 students from shift I & II participated and benefitted from this six-day intensive training programme namely 30 hour crash course on communicative competence. The LSIP was conducted for 2300 students who belong to 21 departments from Shift – I and II of the college. The course was conducted in various classrooms inside the campus with the use of 55 staff members and 40 Assistant Trainers. The sessions were distributed among Trainers, Asst. Trainers and College officials. The material for course was designed by the Department of English titled Learn, Unlearn and Relearn and Learning to Communicate authored by Dr. Lovejoy, Associate Professor, St Joseph's College, Trichy.



On Day I, the Entry level test took place and based on the scores of the entry level test and demographic details students were streamlined into A and B stream for the next five days. At the end of the fifth day, the Exit level test was conducted and based on the scores of the exit level test and demographic details, students were streamed for their General English regular programme into A, B and C streams. The program was run successfully under the able guidance and support of Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Head, Department of English, Loyola College.

ACADEMIC STAFF ORIENTATION



The Academic Staff Orientation, held on 14 June, 2019 for Arts and Commerce and 15 June, 2019 for science in L.S. Hall, focused on the theme Outcome based Education. Rev. Fr. D. Selvanayakam S.J Secretary, Loyola College, welcomed the teaching fraternity and introduced Rev. Fr. Rector and Rev. Fr. Principal. Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham S.J. Principal, Loyola College introduced the newly appointed officials and recruited faculty members of 2019-2020. The key-note address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Francis P. Xavier S.J, Rector, Loyola College on the Perspectives of Jesuit Higher Education. Dr. M.G. Sethuraman, Professor of Chemistry & Director (R&D), The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram was one of the speakers of the Plenary sessions spoke on The Curricular Design – the Changed Focus. The Guest Speaker Dr. Sushil Mary Mathew, Head, Department of English, PSGR Krishnammal College of Arts and Science gave insights on Design of OBE Elements. The staff members actively participated in the deliberation on the theme of the day and prepared PSO and CO for the syllabus of each course in their respective departments.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



A Faculty Development Program was organized by IQAC, Loyola College on 19 July, 2019 for the faculty members of Shift II. The program centralized the theme Formation and Transformation of Students, was delivered by Dr. Jeyakar Chellaraj, Director, Impart, who has been a veteran of the field of Higher Education. Dr. Jeyakar brainstormed the minds of the staff participants on how to reduce the circle of concern of the students by teachers' circle of influence which would forge the students towards transformation. The session was made interesting through interactions and activities.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

A leadership training program was organised for all the Loyola Students' Union members and Class representatives by the Dean of Students' Office on the 22nd of July, 2019 at LICET auditorium. Mr. S. Unni Nair, a trainer from Squadron Leader, held an interactive session with the student leaders to help them realise their leadership potentials and to make the best use of it. The program was in fact an inspiring one to the young leaders and led them towards self - actualization.





NALEENA PRASHEETHA made the headlines when she became the first transgender in the country to be elected as the associate secretary to a College Union. Currently pursuing her post-graduation degree in Visual Communication, she is an avid activist working relentlessly for the welfare of the transgender community as well as the Rights of Women. In this candid conversation, Naleena opens up to Ashwin and Marisa on how did she overcome the hurdles in her life's journey and how does she plan to reach her goals and visions.

► TELL US ABOUT YOUR LIFE BEFORE LOYOLA!

I joined Loyola College only in 2015. But my life before Loyola was a tormenting one. After completing my 10th standard, I underwent a gender reassignment surgery at the age of 16. Since I had done my schooling in a boys' school, I was unable to continue my higher secondary studies after the surgery. So I started living my life like other transgender fraternity. I took my 12th Board Exam privately and got through the exam with good marks. I waited for a year before applying for colleges. I felt that I took a risk in applying for Loyola College as a transgender. But by God's grace I got the seat.

► DID THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY OPPOSE YOUR DECISION OF PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION ?

Many of my people told me that I would not be able to complete it. As I was about to start, some of my friends even asked me, " why do you want to study? Will you even get a job? Even if you do finish your degree, you'll end up on the roads, clapping your hands and begging, so why even bother? " Amidst all this negativity, I had one clear goal in mind and it was pursuing higher education. I had a strong mind set about it so I didn't let it affect me in anyway. I didn't want to miss the chance when I got it. I needed it so that my life wouldn't be like the lives of others.

► HOW DO YOU FEEL AT LOYOLA ?

At Loyola, I've never felt isolated. Loyola has been a place where I feel safe and secure. It's like being under a mother's protection, love and care. My life has two different phases i.e. Before and After joining Loyola college, among which the latter one changed my life drastically (Positive Change).

▶ WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO TAKE UP VISUAL COMMUNICATION AS YOUR DEGREE ?

Media is a very powerful tool as everyone declares. I never attempted to analyse whether it is the true or not. People believe what they choose to believe. People need to be aware of and understand the transgender community and how it has been wrongly portrayed by people and in the media. It has to be shown for what it truly is rather than what people assume it is. I determined that I should change the stereotypical mindset of people in the society towards my community. I thought it would only be possible, if I choose any media related study. And that's how I chose Visual Communication degree.

▶ HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE INCREASE OF THE TRANSGENDER ADMISSION YEAR BY YEAR IN LOYOLA ?

Well, I'm extremely happy about it. To be honest, I feel happy to see transgender brethren studying in Loyola during my time. And I presume that the number will also be increased as the years pass by. I feel that I possess so many responsibilities like earning a good reputation, scoring good marks and having no arrears so that other transgender students can learn and get influenced by my noble deeds. I should not create any bad reputation that may affect the lives of other transgender who wish to study.

▶ HOW DO YOU RELATE YOURSELF WITH THE VALUES OF LOYOLA ?

If I were to study in other colleges, I wouldn't shine like this. Loyola witnessed and valued my talents and there was no discrimination that I had to face because of my gender. Every loyolite knows that Loyola spreads its light on everyone to shine everywhere. In the same way, Loyolites also let their lights shine. I feel so proud to be a Loyolite. I feel more proud to be the first transgender graduate in Loyola than being the first elected transgender in the College Union.

▶ WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO CONTEST IN THE LOYOLA STUDENTS' UNION ELECTION ?

I actually stood for the elections way back in 2017 but the election was cancelled before the voting process. It was the first time that a transgender student had actually stood for a college level election, not just here but at the national level. When I got the opportunity for the second time, I didn't want to let go off the opportunity given. Even when I stood back then, people didn't encourage me. Nevertheless, I persisted and I luckily won this year.

▶ DO YOU HAVE A MESSAGE TO OTHER TRANSGENDERS ?

Education is an important aspect in our lives as a transgender person. We need to make it a priority. All our doubts will be answered once we are educated. There is no need for us to listen to the negativity of others and we don't need to depend on others either.

▶ WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO NON-TRANSGENDER STUDENTS?

All five fingers on your hand aren't the same, they're all different but together they have a role to play for the transformation of the society. Everyone is different and unique. So, we request you to understand us. Everyone, irrespective of their gender identity should work together for a common cause (I.e) to make the world a better place.

PONGAL DAY CELEBRATION

The Pongal Day Celebration was commenced with a Holy Eucharistic Celebration. The Jesuits of Loyola College celebrated the holy mass. The Department of History, Loyola College in collaboration with the Government of India: India Tourism, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organized the Pongal Day Celebration for the staff and students on January 12, 2019. The event was demonstrated through spectrum of colors, vibrant traditional folk music and traditional games.



VEEDHI VIRUDHU VIZHA



LSSS in association with Alternative Media Center (AMC) conducted the 6th Edition of Veedhi Virudhu Vizha - A Tamil Folk Arts Reviving Celebration on 19th and 20th of January, 2019 at Loyola College, Chennai. Many folk artists all over Tamil Nadu actively took part in this spectacular event and passionately expressed their love for the cultural art forms which are the symbol and the spirit of the Land. The event aimed at reviving the

dwindling Tamil Folk Arts like Folk Songs, Dances, Street Theaters, Plays etc.,

HOMAGE TO PULWAMA BRAVE HEARTS

The management, the staff and the students of Loyola College paid homage to the brave martyrs of our mother land on 22nd February 2019. Each one took part in the homage in remembrance of the sacrificial soldiers and resolved to commit themselves to the nation building task with love, peace, understanding and harmony. The ceremony turned to be a witness for the national integration and unity. The press and media gathered at Loyola premises to cover the entire programme.



A DAY WITH ELDER



On 13th February, the Outreach Department arranged for A Day with Elders programme for its beneficiary slum dwellers which was held at Bertram Hall at 10.30 AM. The Members of the Prolife Club- Shift- II also partnered with them. This meet focused on inculcating moral values in one's lives to be an integrated person in the society. The programme was presided over by our Principal, Rev. Dr. F. Andrew S.J, Rector Rev. Fr. Francis Jayapathy SJ and the

Outreach Department Director Fr. Louie Albert SJ. Many other renowned personalities like Dhanalakshmi, the Social worker, Mariamma and actor Karthi were present and shared their valuable inputs in this programme

94TH ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



Loyola College witnessed its 94th Annual Sports Day on 16.2.19 at 8.30 am. The chief guests Mr. K.C.Ganapathy and Mr.Varun Ashok Thakkar Sailing Doubles Bronze Medalists- Asian games 2018 inaugurated the sports events. Loyola alumni Padmashree Achanta Sharath Kamal, the Arjuna Awardee - Table Tennis and Mr. Achanta Rajath Kamal the International player - Table Tennis served as the chief guests of the closing ceremony and they distributed the prizes as well. The participation of the

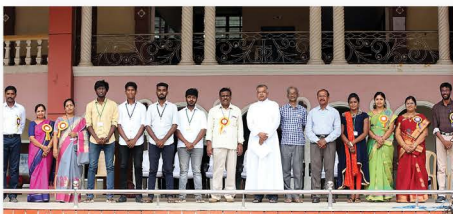
staff and the students in the various events was quite encouraging and a true spirit of sportsmanship prevailed throughout the day.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY - 2019

Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR), Chennai, in collaboration with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), School of Human Excellence (SHE), Department of History, Department of Sociology, Loyola College, Chennai, commemorated the 'World Refugee Day' at 3.00 p.m. on 20th June 2019 in LS Hall. Rev. Dr A. Thomas, SJ, Principal honoured the Chief Guest Ms. Karuna David, Retired Staff Member, UNHCR with a memento. Rev. Dr Francis P. Xavier SJ, Rector, Loyola College, offered a thematic presentation titled, 'Education for Transformation' where he shared the Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) experience. Following the presentation was a Panel Discussion headed by Dr Bernard D'Sami, Senior Fellow and Coordinator – LISSTAR and Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director of Jesuit Refugee Service – South Asia (JRS-SA). Ms. Shwetha Selvan, Repatriation Assistant, UNHCR was present during the discussion. The documentary 'This is Where the Rohingya Genocide Happened' made the audience a deeper understanding of the trauma Rohingya's faced in their homeland and their plight as refugees. The special lecture on the plight of women and children as refugees by the Chief Guest Ms Karuna David became more insightful as she shared her experiences with the refugees.



LOYOLA STUDENTS' UNION ELECTION



The LSU Elections (2019-20) was conducted to elect five candidates who will hold the positions, namely, President & Joint Secretary from Shift-II, Vice President & General Secretary from Shift-I, and a woman candidate for the post of Associate Secretary, who will be representing all women students of the college. As per the rota for the current academic year 2019-2020, the posts of

President and Joint Secretary are allotted to Shift II, while the posts of Vice President and General Secretary are allotted to Shift I. The post of Associate Secretary is reserved for women candidates and will be voted by women students only. On Friday, the 21st June 2019, students of Shift I & II turned in large numbers to cast their votes electronically. The election was conducted in 109 classrooms and each classroom was manned by a Polling Officer and an Authenticating Officer. The election started at 9 am and ended at 11 am. The results of the election were declared by the Chief Election Commission and the same were announced by Rev. Dr. A. Thomas, S.J. Principal.

The following are the elected members of LSU 2019:

PRESIDENT	:	SUNKU JISHNU (17-UBC-277)
VICE PRESIDENT	:	PHILIP XAVIER D (17-UPB-037)
GENERAL SECRETARY	:	PRADEEP JOEL S (17-UCH-001)
JOINT SECRETARY	:	MANIMAARAN G (17-UMT-288)
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY	:	NALEENA PRASHEETHA T (18-PVC-022)
SPECIAL SECRETARY	:	SARAVANAMOORTHY. P (17-UEL-061)

The College congratulates the newly elected Loyola Students Union leaders!

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



Dr. Venkatesan, Bachelor of Naturopathy & Yoga Science from Anna Siddha Hospital presided over the International Yoga Day celebration and conducted Yoga demonstration for 383 JD cadets of 8 Chennai city schools which are attached to I TN Naval NCC Unit, Madras B group, Tamil Nadu. On 21st June 2019, 06 50 h. all the nominated JD cadets were present with their corresponding ANOs at the Loyola College Main Cricket Ground. Exactly by 07 00 h the Yoga demonstration was started and all the required sequences were conducted systematically up to 08 00 h. All the JD cadets were enthusiastic and willingly did Asanas. Later the invited Yoga instructor was honoured with the memento.

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING

The International day against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking was commemorated on 26 June, 2019 at Y.D Hall. Due to the increase of drug usage among college students, the Loyola Counselling Centre conducted various activities in the campus for a period of one week from June 26 – July 4, 2019 in order to promote awareness in the young minds. Activities included were display of posters, banners, LED display, information through digital boards and web. The Street Plays on Awareness of Addiction at different places of the campus were performed during the breaks of Shifts I&II. An Awareness session on Drugs was also arranged. A total of 150 1st year Media students took part in this event. The Deputy IG of Narcotics Bureau of TN, Dr. Annie Vijay graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. An Awareness Walk took place on the 28th of June separately for Shift I&II. A pledge was taken on 26th of June through the PA system where the students expressed their commitment against Drug Addiction. *Throughout the week, I&II year UG students engaged in class discussions on awareness to addiction.



INAUGURATION OF LOYOLA STUDENTS' UNION



The inaugural ceremony of the Loyola Student Union (2019-2020) held on 5 July, 2019 in Bertram Hall. The chief guest of the function was Mr. Sujith Kumar, Asst. Vice president, Infosys Ltd. Chennai who is also identified as a Public speaker shared the students on how he reengineered his life as a successful one with an unyielding spirit. He remembered how his Alma mater (Loyola) helped him shine in his career though he was

not academically strong. In the presence of the chief guest, the Elected President Mr. Sunku Jishnu, the Vice President Mr. Philip Xavier, the General Secretary Mr. Pradeep Joel, the Joint Secretary Mr. G. Manimaaran, the Associate Secretary Ms. Naleena Prasheetha and the elected Special Secretary Mr. Saravanamurthy were handed over with the gowns and badges and were persuaded to take oath. Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Principal, Rev. Fr. Secretary along with the other dignitaries on the dais unveiled the Loyola Students' Union Logo for the year 2019- 2020. The president of the Loyola Students' Union Mr. Sunku Jishnu contributed to the Poor Boys Fund with an amount of Rs. 1,00,000 to support students who are found to be economically weak and who are in need to pay their college fees.

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Mass of the Holy Spirit was concelebrated on July 11, 2019 at 8:30 AM at the Jubilee Quadrangle. It was organized by Rev. Fr. A. Irudaya Raj SJ- Director, Campus Ministry of the college. The staff and the students of Loyola campus attended the holy mass to receive the graces of the Holy Spirit. The main celebrant of the Holy Mass was Rev. Jose SDB, Salesian Provincial, Chennai and the Homily was delivered by Rev. Bosco SDB, Vice Provincial, Chennai where he preached about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to lead our souls towards Heaven. He also appealed to the students to become fruitful men and women of the society and become the champions of virtues. At the end of the Holy Mass, the priests released the doves as a symbol of peace.



INAUGURATION OF THE FORUM FOR LOYOLA WOMEN STUDENTS

The inauguration of Forum for Loyola Women Students (FLOWS) was organized by the Dean of Women Students' Office held on 19th July, 2019 at L.S. Hall. Mrs. Kavitha Muralidharan, a freelance journalist and the former associate editor of India Today was the chief guest. The elected office bearers of FLOWS were presented with the badges which followed by the oath taking ceremony. The chief guest in her address shared her experience in helping women for their empowerment. She also spoke about the various social stigmas imposed upon women and how could women overcome them with their brave heart.



CRICKET MATCH - RESOURCE CENTRE FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED (RCDA)

As a part of celebration of the feast of the founder of our College St. Ignatius, the students' union in collaboration with RCDA organized a Cricket match for the visually challenged students of our College on 19th July 2019 (Friday) in Hockey Ground from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm. The physical Education Department of our College made the arrangements for the match. This is the first time that the students' union has taken such an initiative to encourage the visually challenged students of our College. Two teams consisting of around 24 visually challenged students were took part in the event. The visually challenged students of our college joined the program to motivate the team members. The admin and staff members of the Union and RCDA witnessed the match along with the students. The team led by the captain Mr. Saravanamoorthy (17-UEL-061) was the winner of the match and the team led by Mr. Jeevanandham (17-UHT-061) was the runner of the match. They will be awarded on the day of celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola.



SEMINAR ON THE DRAFT NEW EDUCATION POLICY 2019



A seminar on the Draft New Education Policy 2019 was organized by the Loyola College Management for the Staff of all the institutions in Loyola Campus on Monday 22nd July in Bertram Hall. The seminar, entitled “Expanding the Horizons of Education – Understanding the Draft New Education Policy 2019”, was convened to discuss about the draft of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2019 which was submitted to the MHRD by a committee lead

by Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan. The seminar was moderated by Rev.Fr. Joe Arun, S.J. which had an elaborate discussion by the three panellists from different sectors of education namely, Dr. P. Ramasamy, Member of the Advisory Committee, NCPCR Government of India, Ms. Sundaroli, Organizer of Child Friendly Schools of Tamil Nadu and Mr. Prince Gajendrababu, an Activist and the Founder Member of Tamil Nadu Common School Platform. Faculty members of all Loyola institutions actively participated and clarified their doubts on the New Education Policy Draft.

JANUARY

- ▶ 10: Dr K. Swaminathan Endowment Lecture was organized by the Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE)
- ▶ 10: Uraiadal (A Guest Lecture for the uplift of Motivation among the students) was organized by Forum for Information Technology, Department of Computer Science.
- ▶ 12: Pongal Celebrations.
- ▶ 19 & 20: Veethi Viruthu Vizha was organized by LSSS.
- ▶ 21: A One Day National Seminar on Protest Writings was organized by the Department of English.
- ▶ 22 to 29: First Continuous Internal Assessment Test.
- ▶ 25: 91st Graduation Day.
- ▶ 26: 70th Republic Day Celebrations & Inaugural Function of 20th Rev. Fr. L.D. Murphy, S.J. Memorial Football Tournament.
- ▶ January 26 to February 1: Rev. Fr. L. D. Murphy, S.J. Memorial Football Tournament.
- ▶ January 28 to February 1: Workshop on Research Methodology was organized by Dean of Research in Collaboration with Loyola Research Institute of Mathematics and Computing Sciences (LIMCOS) & Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR).
- ▶ 29: Lecture on Modern History of South India was jointly organized by the Department of History & Social Work.
- ▶ 30: International Seminar on “Careers in Clinical Research” (ISCCR ‘19) & MoU with MMS University, Michigan, USA was organized by the department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology.
- ▶ 30 & 31: A Twoday Faculty Development Programme on Internet of Things (IOT) was organized by the department of Computer Science and Application.
- ▶ 31: Springboard Leadership Programme (Fourth Session) for Quality Circle Members was organized by IQAC.

FEBRUARY

- ▶ 1: Open Forum for Students was organized by IQAC.
- ▶ 1: Endowment Lecture was organized by the Department of Physics.

- ▶ 2: Rev. Fr. Casimir Raj, S.J. & Prof. U. Munuswamy Endowment Lecture on “Social Media & Humanity” was organized by the Department of Sociology.
- ▶ 3: Shalom Cultural Event Supporting Transgenders was organized by Rotaract Club
- ▶ 4: A Workshop on “EcoStorytelling: Stories that Care for our Planet” was organized by LEAF, LISSTAR, Department of English & the World Storytelling Institute, Chennai.
- ▶ 4 & 5: International Conference on FintechThe Way Forward (ICFTWF ‘19) was organized by PG & the Research Department of Commerce.
- ▶ 5: A Special Lecture on “Siddha Medicine in Tamil Literature” was organized by the Veeramamunivar Literary Association, Department of Tamil (Shift II).
- ▶ 5 to 8: National Workshop for Biologists on “Practical Biotechnology” was organized by the Environmental Monitoring Research Laboratory, Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology.
- ▶ 7 & 8: National Symposium on “Natural Products for Human Health” was jointly organized by Entomology Research Institute & Loyola Inclusive Innovation Impact Centre.
- ▶ 8: International Conference on Revisioning and Rewriting Her Self: An Exploration of Women’s Writings was organized by the Department of English.
- ▶ 8: Monthly Mass & Prayer Service.
- ▶ 9: Parent - Teacher Meeting.
- ▶ 11: International Lecture Series on The Facets of Colonialism was organized by the Department of History.
- ▶ 11: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Candle Light Procession.
- ▶ 11 & 12: A Two-day National Seminar on Taxonomy, Biodiversity & Conservation was organized by the Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology & Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE) in Collaboration with Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Kolkata.
- ▶ 12: UGC - Sponsored One Day Workshop on “Entrepreneurial Skills for Women” in Sub- Standard Settlements was organized by PG & the Research Department of Commerce in Collaboration with Department of Service Learning.
- ▶ 12: SANYOG - 2019 (An International Peace Tour of Mother Language) International Mother Language Day was jointly Organized by Dept. of Tamil, Loyola College, Chennai St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata Tamil Avaiam - Loyola Alumni.

- ▶ 13: A Day with Elders (Elders from 43 Outreach Intervention Slums in Chennai) was organized by the Department of Service Learning.
- ▶ February 14, 2019: The First Session of Academic Mentoring .
- ▶ 14: National Symposium on “Contemporary Issues in Environmental Economics” was organized by the Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD), Department of Economics.
- ▶ 14: Utru Nokku - A Stage Drama was jointly organized by Yavanika Theatre Group & the Department of Visual Communication.
- ▶ 16: 94th Annual Sports Day.
- ▶ 18: International Seminar on Recent Trends in Bioinorganic Chemistry 2019 (RTBIC 2019) was jointly organized by the Department of Chemistry & Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE).
- ▶ 18: The Eighth R. P. Ranga Endowment Lecture was organized by the Department of Mathematics.
- ▶ 18: Thiru. S.X. Swamikannu Endowment Lecture was organized by the Department of English.
- ▶ February 18 to 22, 2019: Management Week was organized by the Department of Commerce (Shift II).
- ▶ 19: Senthamizh Sangamam - State level Tamil Festival was organized by Dean of Students Office & Tamil Debating Club.
- ▶ 19 & 20: Debuzz - National Level Inter-Collegiate Annual Quiz Festival was organized by Dean of Students Office & Loyola Debate Society and Quiz Club.
- ▶ 20: Blitzkrieg - Annual Loyola Debating Championship was organized by
Dean of Students Office & Loyola Debate Society and Quiz Club.
- ▶ 20: Renaissance - Puthu Yugam was organized by Dean of Students Office.
- ▶ 20: Guest Lecture on “Unfair Trade Practice” was organized by Citizen Consumer Club (Shift-I).
- ▶ 21: Prof. C. R. Babujee & Prof. J. Edmund Manohar Raj Endowment Lectures was organized by Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology.
- ▶ 21: International Conference on “New-Fangled Marketing: Trends and Strategies of Start-Ups and Entrenched Firms” (ICNFM - 2019) was organized by Department of Business Administration
- ▶ 22: Homage to the Martyrs (Pulwama Brave Hearts).
- ▶ 22: National Workshop on Big Data Analytics through Cloud Computing was organized by Department of Computer Science in Collaboration with LIMCOS.
- ▶ 22: Thoudam David Endowment Lecture & Valedictory Function of the LEAD was organized by Department of Economics.
- ▶ 22: Dr. B. Chandrasekar Endowment Lecture was organized by Department of Statistics.
- ▶ 23: Workshop on “Practical Astronomy” was organized by Loyola Astro Club, Department of Mathematics.
- ▶ 24: Loyola Women's Hostel Day.
- ▶ 25: Faculty Development Programme (Shift II) .
- ▶ 25: Inigo Tamil Peravai Kaviarangam was organized by Department of Tamil.
- ▶ 26: Special Seminar on Learning from Nature(Research Methodology) was organized by Departments of Mathematics, Physics, Advanced Zoology, Plant Biology & Biotechnology in collaboration with LIMCOS.
- ▶ February 26 to March 1: Life Skills Training Programme for 1st Year PG Students was organized by School of Human Excellence.
- ▶ 27: Epsilon Summit '19 was organized by Entrepreneurship Development Cell.
- ▶ 27: Sports for the Disabled was organized by Department of Service Learning.
- ▶ 28: Loyola Research Day 2019.
- ▶ February 28 & March 1: National Conference on “Biochemistry and Therapeutics of Diabetes and Cancer - Treatment and Challenges” (BTDCTC-2019) was organized by Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology.

MARCH

- ▶ 2: Intensive Dance Workshop was organized by Loyola Dream Team & Loyola Club of Performing Arts.
- ▶ 2: Loyola Hostel Day.
- ▶ 4: Distribution of Revolving fund to the beneficiaries (3rd Cycle) was organized by Department of Service Learning.
- ▶ 4: Rev. Fr. Alfred Rapinat, S.J. Endowment Lecture was organized by Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology.
- ▶ 4: Invited Talk on Virtual Learning Environments was organized by Dean of Research
in collaboration with LIMCOS.
- ▶ 4: Valedictory of Loyola Physics Association was organized by Department of Physics.
- ▶ 4: Dr. W. T. V. Adiseshiah Memorial Endowment Lecture Organized by Department of Social Work

- ▶ 4: Rev. Fr. George Chirackal Memorial Endowment Lecture was organized by Department of Social Work.
- ▶ 5: A Special Debate on Women in Social Media organized by Dean of Women Students.
- ▶ 5: Valedictory Function of Forum for Information Technology (FIT) organized by Department of Computer Science.
- ▶ 6: Ash Wednesday Holy Mass / Prayer Service
- ▶ 6: Job Fair for all the Final Year UG & PG Students organized by Loyola Students Union in collaboration with Placement Cell
- ▶ 6: Springboard Leadership Programme (Fifth Session) for Quality Circle Members organized by IQAC.
- ▶ 6: Talent Fest & Valedictory Ceremony organized by Citizen Consumer Club (Shift I)
- ▶ 6: Valedictory Function of B.Com. Corporate Forum organized by Department of B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship.
- ▶ 6 to 12: Artspark An Art Exhibition by 18 UVC organized by Department of Visual Communication.
- ▶ 8: International Women's Day Celebrations organized by Dean of Women Students Office & Forum for Loyola Women Students (FLOWS).
- ▶ 8: Social Media Conclave '19 organized by II M.Sc. (Viscom), Department of Visual communication
- ▶ 8: Union Day Valedictory of Union, Clubs & Outreach organized by Dean of Students Office
- ▶ 11 to 20: Online Staff Assessment & Exit Poll for all Final Year UG & PG Students
- ▶ 9: Annual Lenten Penitential Walk to St. Thomas Mount.
- ▶ 10: Catechism Session for 1st Year UG Catholic Students organized by School of Human Excellence.
- ▶ 11: Dr. K. Balasubramanian & Dr. Panchapakesan Endowment Lecture organized by Department of Statistics.
- ▶ 14: The Final Session of Academic Mentoring
- ▶ 14: Special Lectures on Revisiting Emperor Akbar and his Jesuit Encounters. What is History? organized by Department of History.
- ▶ 14: Global Villagers Media Award Ceremony organized by Loyola Viscom Film Club, Department of Visual Communication.
- ▶ 15: 94th College Day
- ▶ 18 to 23 :Second CIA Test

APRIL

- ▶ 1 to 25 : Semester Exam - April 2019.
- ▶ 3 : Lamp Day was organized by the Loyola Art and Media Production, Department of Visual Communication.

MAY

- ▶ 2 to 24: Internship in Chemistry – 2019 was organized by the Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE).

JUNE

- ▶ 1: PG Entrance Test.
- ▶ 10 to 15: Bridge Course was conducted for the First year UG Loyola Students (Induction Programme).
- ▶ 14 & 15: Academic Staff Orientation.
- ▶ 17: College reopened for the Senior Students.
- ▶ 17: Inauguration of First Year UG classes.
- ▶ 20: World Refugee Day 2019 organized by the Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR) in Collaboration with the Jesuit Refugee Service (South Asia), The School of Human Excellence, the Department of History and the Department of Sociology.
- ▶ 21 : Loyola Students Union Election (2019-2020).
- ▶ 21 : International Yoga Day.
- ▶ 24: Inauguration of First Year Post Graduate classes.
- ▶ June 24 to July: Orientation Program for II year UG students was organized by the Department of Service Learning.
- ▶ June 26 to July 4, 2019: The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was Organized by Loyola Counselling Centre.
- ▶ 29: Retreat for II Year UG Catholic Boys.

JULY

- ▶ 2: Inauguration of Loyola Visual Communication Association was organized by the Department of Visual Communication, Media Arts & BMM Animation
- ▶ 4: Inauguration of Loyola Viscom Film Club was organized by the Department of Visual Communication
- ▶ 5: Inaugural Function of the Loyola Students Union (2019-2020).
- ▶ 6: Retreat for III Year UG Catholic Boys.

- ▶ 9: The Inaugural Function of the Sociology Association (2019-2020) was Organized by Department of Sociology.
- ▶ 10: M.Phil. Entrance Test was conducted.
- ▶ 10: Inaugural function of LIMCOS (2019-2020) & Lecture on “Significance of Data in the Information Age” was Organized by Loyola Research Institute of Mathematics and Computing Sciences (LIMCOS).
- ▶ 10: Inauguration of “Loyola Commerce Forum” 2019 – 2020 was organized by the Department of Commerce (Shift II).
- ▶ 11: Mass of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ 11: Inauguration of Loyola Foreign Languages Association was organized by the Department of Foreign Languages.
- ▶ 11: Inauguration of Loyola Mathematics Association Shift II (2019-2020) was organized by Department of Mathematics (Shift II).
- ▶ 12: Inauguration of Loyola History Association (2019-2020) was organized by the Department of History.
- ▶ 13: Retreat for I Year UG Catholic Boys.
- ▶ 15: Special Lecture on “Modern Taxation and its Implication on Society” was organized by the Department of Sociology.
- ▶ 15: Inauguration of Social Workers’ Association for Students & Staff (SVASS) was Organized by the Department of Social Work.
- ▶ 16: Inauguration of Quality Circle & Springboard Leadership Programme was organized by the IQAC.
- ▶ 16: Inauguration of English Literary Association (2019-2020) was organized by Department of English (Shift II).
- ▶ 16: Inauguration of Veeramamunivar Literary Association (2019-2020) was organized by the Department of Tamil (Shift II)
- ▶ 17: Inauguration of the M.Phil. Classes.
- ▶ 17: Inauguration of M.Sc. Data Science Programme.
- ▶ 19: Faculty Development Programme (Shift II).
- ▶ 19: Inauguration of Forum for Loyola Women Students (FLOWS).
- ▶ 19: A Cricket Match for Differently Abled Students of Loyola College Organized by the Loyola Students Union in collaboration with the Resource Center for Differently Abled (RCDA) and Model Resource Center for Disability Service (MACDS).
- ▶ 19: Inauguration of Forum for Information Technology (FIT) organized by the Department of Computer Science & Applications.
- ▶ 22: Leadership Training Program for all the Loyola Students Union Members & the Class Representatives was organized by the Dean of Students Office.
- ▶ 22: Inauguration of Thathuva Pothagar Tamil Ilakkiya Mandram was organized by the Department of Tamil.
- ▶ 22: Inauguration of Loyola Association of Plant Biology and Biotechnologist (LAPB-2019-20) was organized by the Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology.
- ▶ 22: A Seminar on the Draft New Education Policy for the Staff of all the Institutions in Loyola Campus.
- ▶ 24: Inauguration of Inigo Tamil Peravai was organized by the Department of Tamil.

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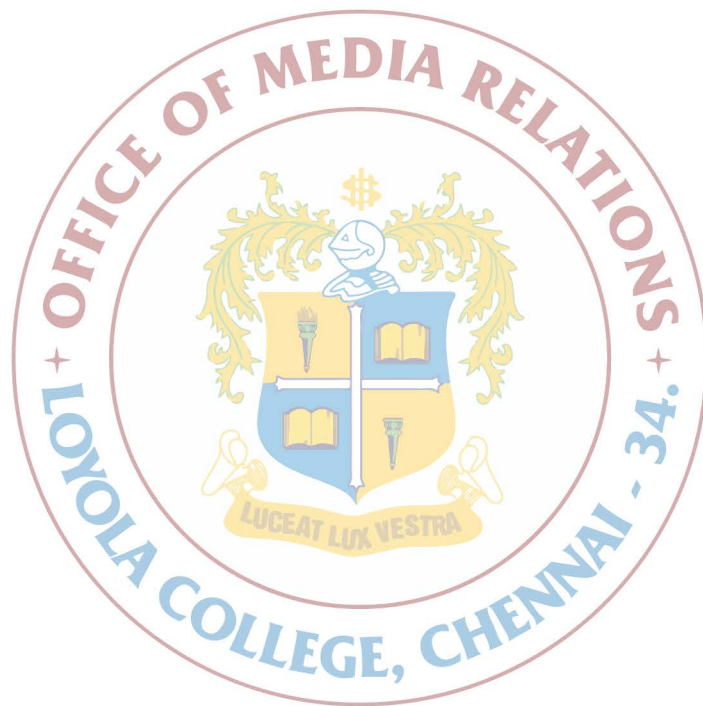
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