



LOYOLA ACADEMIC NEWSLETTER

Sprout 2



“Empowering of individual leads to the empowering of the whole society”

Accolades

Loyola College, Chennai has yet again been recognized as one of the top class educational institutions in India. The academic year 2016-17 began with much expected accolades being bestowed from different quarters. Loyola remains in top ten colleges list – second in Science and fourth in Arts and Commerce in a survey conducted by India Today, a national level magazine. The Week, another national level magazine rates Science and Commerce as number two and Arts as number three. Besides, over 28,000 applications were forwarded to secure admission in the college that could accommodate only about 2,800 candidates!

From the desk of

Principal



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

Loyola College has grown like a banyan tree offering the coolest shade to thousands of deserving students. In its journey towards where it has reached today, the covetable status of College of Excellence, so many administrators, officials, staff and students have unassumingly contributed their might. As a concrete step towards realizing the Ignatian spirit, 'Magis', the focus of the entire Loyola family should be constantly on improving Academics, Discipline, Attendance and Social concern. Therefore, I invite each and every one of you to keep the goal of 'evermore' and march forward. Loyola is surely destined to continue to be the flag bearer in the field of higher education. LAN is one of the initiatives of staff and students that would speak volumes of the quality programs both curricular and co/extra-curricular organized at Loyola. I wish that many more members of the college extend their support to LAN and avail themselves of the opportunity to exhibit their communicability.

Dear Loyola, as an outsider I have always been your admirer, advocate and well-wisher. I have seen you grow as a mighty giant in the field of Higher education. Now having been embraced into your fold as Deputy Principal, I am wonder struck by your intellectual prosperity and covetable position as 'College of Excellence'. You have spread your wings beyond the traditional and conventional arena. You are setting trends to ensure holistic education. You have embraced all stakeholders. You have set high academic standards. Your co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are planned and executed with much professionalism. The novel initiatives of each department especially Outreach and School of Human Excellence have exposed students to stark realities.

The College Cultural (Ovations) and Sports have given a level playing field to students to overcome barriers of all kinds. Loyola Students Support Service (LSSS) is a great solace and support to students of various types of needs. The center is like a honeycomb attracting parents and students in need.

My ardent prayer and wish for you, Loyola is that you will continue to unleash your potential. Let your Light Shine and brighten the World. My appreciation is due to WEPRO Team for capturing all experiences of Loyola in the form of LAN, the official newsletter of the College.

Deputy Principal



Dr. Fatima Vasanth

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Besides the Regular:

Here is an exclusive interview with Mr. B V Amala Rajendhran, one of the senior non teaching staff members of Loyola College, who has been working in Loyola since 1990. He began his career as a Non Teaching staff in Commerce Department (from 1990 to 1996). From then onwards, he has been working in Loyola Institute of Vocational Education (LIVE). He shares us about yesteryear's biorhythm of Loyola; the history of LIVE -- its evolution; and his 21 plus years of retrospection in the continuum.

What do you like most in Loyola College?

The atmosphere, the ambience, the surroundings and the way people behave.

How does your family respond to your work in campus?

Since the day I joined Loyola, my family holds a trust on this institution. When I was working for the Department of Commerce, I used to stay back until 8.30pm almost every day. My wife and children are happy that I am safely employed in a well protected environment.

Unforgettable moment

There are many but my favorite one was the seventy fifth year celebration of Loyola College. It is something that is special, memorable, and inevitably close to my heart till date.

What have been your important milestones in your career?

Twenty five years ago, when I stepped into Loyola premises, I came in with Basic English typing skills which were considered to be a special qualification for employments those days as computer literacy does in this generation. And then, I invested my time to learn Tamil typing too. I became efficient in it and added up another level to my profile. After that, I also had the opportunity to learn basic administration skills. And for four different years I received the 100 /- attendance award.



Mr. B V Amala Rajendhran

We might have heard of them, spoken to them, but here, we will get to know more about what we haven't known about them. Meet the heroes within the campus in this section; they become our interviewees to share more about themselves with us.

Behind the Scenes



How do you guide new comers in work place?

When they do some small mistakes; I will try to tell them once or twice but do not insist as i don't want to be unfriendly to them. Because I believe that they will learn over experience.



Unforgettable persons in campus

When I was working under Commerce Department, I had a very good time there. Though, I was a non teaching staff there, all Professors in the department treated me as one of them and made me feel at home.

All the fathers who held the Director position in LIVE treated me with love and respect. They trusted my work, my skills, and my ideas. They were all good and so kind to me.

What is your expectation from college if they are willing to give you something?

I really do not expect anything in material. But I only wish I had received a letter with principal sign when I got my award for 100 percent attendance for the four consecutive years. It would have made me happier.

Any good practices that you wish to suggest in college?

The continuation of the annual visual report

If there is something you want to change in Loyola culture, what is it?

Each administrator, who is given a responsible charge, comes up with a set of ideas and lay foundation. The problem is that the successors sometimes do not take these ideas forward to the next level. On their entry, instead of amalgamating their new thinking with their predecessors' ideas, they abruptly stop the existing practice and lay again a new different foundation. And therefore one tends to deviate from the common vision or values of the College.

Do you have any message for students?

Be happy but focus on your studies. Do not give in to various distractions. Earn respect for your parents and teachers.



2016

June

- June 06-10

Orientation programme for newly appointed academic staff and academic staff with less than five years of service was organized by IQAC.
- June 14 & 15

Orientation programme for all academic staff.
- June 16, 20

College reopened - II, III U.G. & II P.G.
- June 18

Loyola Students' Union 2016-2017 election.
- June 20-24

World Refugee Day Photo Exhibition at School of Media Studies Art Gallery was organized by LISSTAR & Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS).
- June 21

The International Yoga Day was celebrated in the Loyola campus on 21st June 2016. The NCC Army, Navy and Air-Wing cadets of Loyola College actively participated in this event and spread awareness about the benefits of Yoga.
- June 24

AURA - Center for Counselling and JMAADD (Jesuit Ministry to Alcohol and Drug Dependents) commemorated the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
- June 25

PG Aptitude Test was conducted for 2016 admission.
- June 27

Inauguration of First Year Under Graduate classes.
- June 30

LISSTAR organized a Discussion Forum on Russia - Iran Relations 1991-2010 and the India Factor moderated by Dr. Nansi Paulraj.

July

- July 2

Retreat for III UG Catholic boys.
- July 8

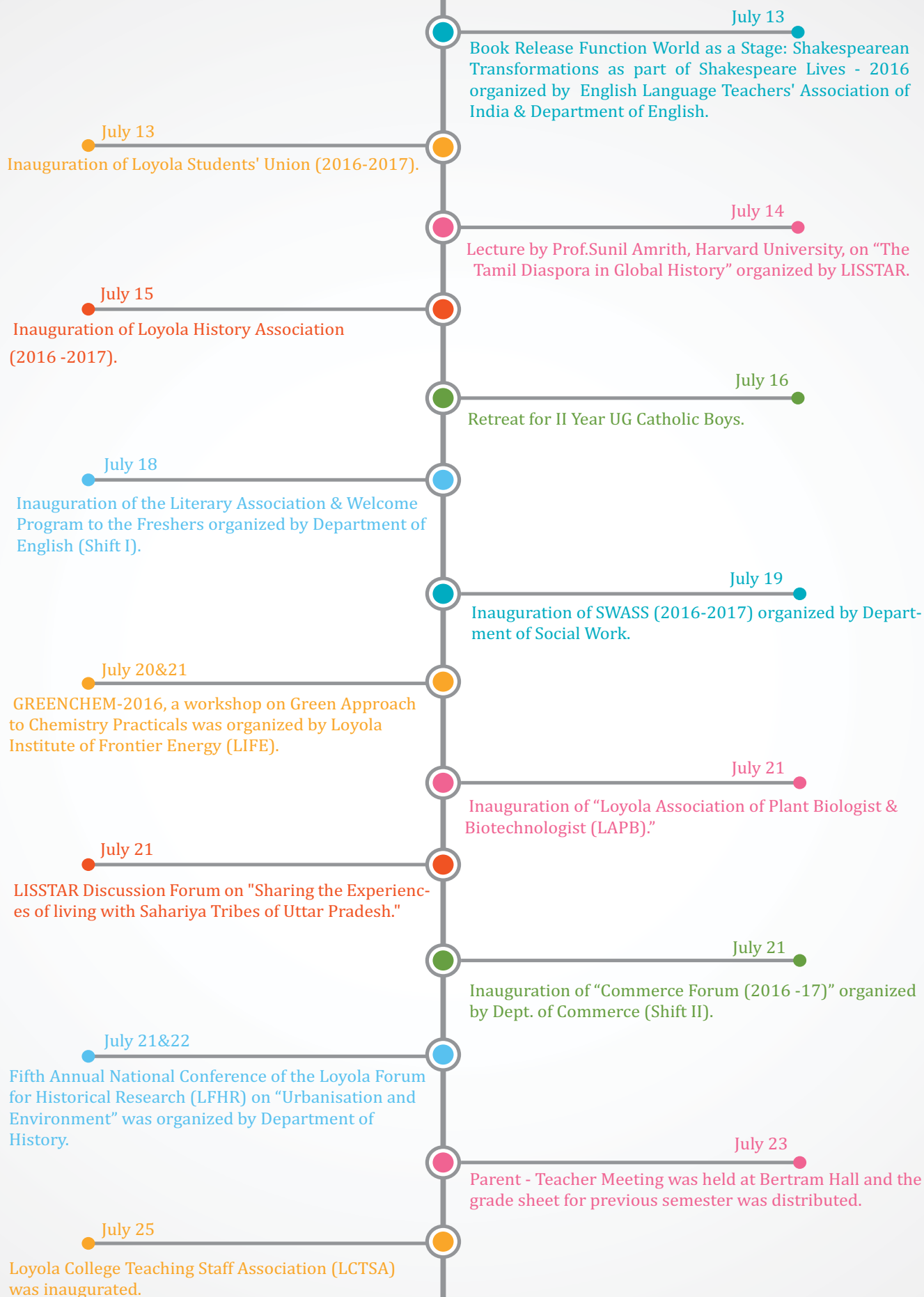
Inauguration of First Year Post Graduate classes.
- July 8

Inauguration of Loyola Viscom Film Club.
- July 12

Inauguration of Loyola Economics Association for Development (2016-2017).



Campus Cognisance



Campus Cognisance

July 25-29

Fotalent 2016, an exhibition and lecture series on photography was organized by Dept. of Visual Communication.

July 26

Mass of the Holy Spirit concelebrated.

July 26

Inauguration of "Commerce Association (2016-17)" organized by Department of Commerce (Shift - I).

July 26

Inauguration of "Forum for Information Technology (2016 - 17)" organized by Department of Computer Science.

July 27

Book release function on "Siddha - Traditional Medical Practices" organized by Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology & Entomology Research Institute (ERI).

July 27

Inauguration of "Thaththuva Pothagar Tamil Illakia Mantram" organized by Department of Tamil.

July 28

LISSTAR Discussion Forum on "A Sociological Study on Social Capital and Risks of Non-Communicable Disease."

July 29

Homage to St. Ignatius of Loyola.

July 29

Guest Lecture on "Uncovering Lots population in the Milky way" organized by Department of Physics.

July 29

Inauguration of "Literary Association & Freshers' Day" organized by Department of English (Shift II).

August

August 2

M.Phil. Entrance Examination.

August 3

Inauguration of "Statistics Association (2016-2017)".

August 3

Inauguration of Catholic Teaching Staff Association.

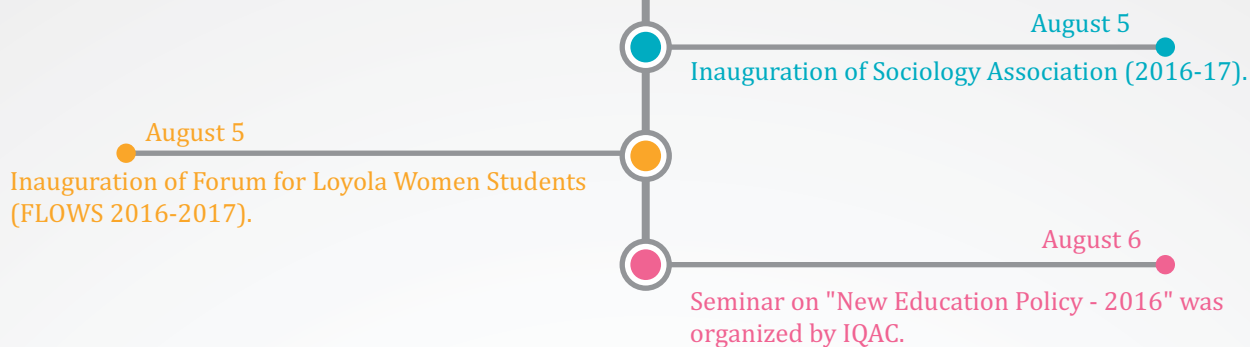
August 3

Parent's Meeting with their wards organized by Dept. of Service Learning (Outreach).

August 4

LISSTAR Discussion Forum on "Organizational Culture: War Vs Aware".





Do you know

Loyola won the Wilson cup for the first time 1951. Hockey goalie, Muneer Sait, a Loyolite played for all India team against Belgians in 1961-62. Another Star hockey player Sultan M. Shah was selected as a member of the national hockey team. (1973-74). In the same year Madhavan from Loyola played under - 19 national Cricket team against Pakistan. Captain of the tennis-team, Ashok Amirtharaj became a National Junior Champion. In tennis, Vasudevan won the Junior National Champion. For the first time when Asiad was held in India in the year 1982, Vasudevan reached semi-finals in the tennis and Ram Gopal Narayan won the bronze medal as a member of the Indian water-polo team. D. Marimuthu won the ball badminton nationals at Delhi and was given the `Star of India' Award (1984-85). Keith Cooper and Ravikumar were selected to attend the Indian Junior Camp and Cooper was a member of the India Junior team (Tennis) which toured USSR and Pakistan. Viswanathan Anand has become a legend in Chess and he passed out from Loyola in the late nineties.

BALL BADMINTON TEAM (1984-85)



Loyola College has been conducting 'EXODUS CAMP', a preparatory coaching program for the under privileged students particularly poor catholic students from the villages, the Dalits, Orphans and Semi-orphans by providing them with language skills, Life skills, city exposure and so on in order to take up degree studies in Loyola College and other colleges effectively. EXODUS CAMP was conducted from 24th April to 18th May 2016 and 442 students from different districts of Tamil Nadu benefitted from it. This year 'EXODUS CAMP – 2016' was further strengthened and enhanced in collaboration with ONGC. The fine gesture of ONGC which sponsored for 100 students enabled Loyola College Management to reach out to the periphery and provide the opportunity for the socially deprived sections and first generation learners from the villages.

Activities

The activities of the camp include English Language classes, Motivational sessions, Spiritual activities, Guest lectures on various social issues, Cultural events, Sports competitions etc. Thus we have tried our best to provide a holistic formation to the under privileged students and prepare them to face their college studies with ease and future challenges.



Outcome

- Acquired Basic English knowledge and gained confidence to speak in English by getting rid of their fear and inhibition.
- Took part in spiritual and cultural events



DESAM camp was conducted from 3rd May till 13th May 2016. It is conducted every year for the Gypsy children from the neighborhood of Chennai to help them to improve their health, sanitation, skills and educational status. Nearly 75 Gypsy children (from Pallavaram, Guindy, Minjur and Kotturpuram settlements) have benefitted. We tried our best to promote them to the next stage in education and alleviate drop outs in their community. Being a residential camp, the children were taught through play way methods. Thus they were groomed in discipline, relationship, table etiquette, general knowledge and social awareness. Eminent personalities, social activists and artists were invited to share their experiences and motivate them in social awareness and social justice. This exposure to a new culture and atmosphere broadened their outlook and instilled in them the desire to come up in life in spite of great difficulties and huge hurdles.

FOLLOW UP

- Starting Tuition centers in Gypsy Colonies with the help of DESAM Volunteers to reduce drop outs.
- Admitting Eight Gypsy students in Loyola School, Kuppayanallur who will slowly become ambassadors of higher education for gypsy communities.
- Updating data of the Gypsy people to motivate them to address their also needs and rights from the government.



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LSSS-Workshop on Theater for Transformation

Every year Art and Literary section of LSSS conducts Theater for Transformation workshop for our LSSS volunteers. This year it was held on from 7th May 2016 till 10th May 2016 at Asissy Illam, Sembarambakkam. Nearly 35 students participated in the training. During this training all the folk forms and theater techniques were given by special resource person's invited from different places in Tamil Nadu.

The aim of the workshop is to review the traditional folk forms and also remember the suppressed cultural nuances. Our resource person concentrated on the skill of every student. The objective is to develop each student's life style through subaltern culture.



Every day program started with small theater exercise along with social awareness songs and theater techniques.

Before the final day, our team members conduct one special performance in the field. This field experience sustained their creative idea and also learned the importance of social responsibility.

This summer camp fine-tuned behavior of the students transferred their opinion and thoughts through the alternate media skills. The students learned the difference between their class room skills and on the ground communication skill. This effective workshop designed and organized by Loyola Students Support Services, under the valuable guidance of Rev. Dr. M S Jacob SJ, Director and Dr. Kaleeswaran, the Coordinator for Art & literary section.

Special English Coaching Classes (SECC)

LSSS is conducting Special English Coaching Classes for all the Tamil medium students of I year UG. The classes have begun from 17th August 2016 and it will continue till 17th March 2016. This year tutors are hired from the trained institution like MAGNUM OPUS centers. And also LSSS is grateful to Mrs. Kannagi Pakckianathan I.A.S. for her voluntary service to our students. The experts trained the students especially in verbal communication and descriptive writing. Nearly 350 students from shift I and shift II are making use of this service.



College reopened for II, III U.G. & II P.G. on 16th June 2016. The nominations for LSU was announced immediately and the election was conducted on 18th June. Almost 5000 students of Loyola College came together recently to elect the students council. The students Union plays an integral part in every major event of the college, and it has been a platform for many young social workers, politicians and leaders. The Students Union successfully conducts a camp for Dalit Students annually, and supports many deserving students with academic and financial aid.

The Loyola Campus is WiFi enabled and therefore elections are conducted electronically across 97 polling stations within the campus.

This exercise in democracy and student solidarity is ensured by the College Election Commission, which prepares for several contingencies like erratic power supply, system and software issues, and malpractice.

Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, PRO and Election Commissioner said that hassle-free electronic polling has been conducted for the last three years now. This also gives Student Representatives and their supporters the mechanism to monitor and oversee electronically the process.

The students complete all campaigning work a day ahead of the elections. After the declaration of the final list of nominees, the manifestos are presented by the representatives to the entire college.



On the Election Day, students voted amidst high security and under electronic vigilance to avoid any kind of malpractice or the influence of money or politics inside the campus.

The student community elected Sunil Kumar (14-EL-068) as the President; Jayavardhanan (14-EC - 207) as the Vice President; Dixon Sebas (14-VC-117) as the Secretary; Ithikhas Natrajan (14-VC-047) as the Joint Secretary and Monica (15-PVC-03) as the Associate Secretary.

With the support of all officials of the college, Rev. Dr. Arockiasamy Xavier, Principal, Loyola college ensured the election process to be flawless and also introduced the elected members to the student community.



LISSTAR, IQAC and School of Human Excellence organised a one day seminar on NEP on 6th August, 2016, with the presence of 378 professors of Loyola College, eminent academicians from other institutions and resource persons. The participants were enlightened on the following themes by resource persons to bring about clarity over the substance of the proposed NEP 2016.



1. Higher Education in NEP:
Prof. Venkatesh Athreya, Former Registrar, Bharathidasan University

2. Unpacking the NEP-2016:
Mr. Prince Gajendra Babu, State Platform for Common School System, Tamil Nadu

3. Political Background of NEP :
Mr. K. I. Venkatraman, Social Activist

4. How an education policy ought to be in contemporary India?:
Dr. V .Vasanthi Devi, Former Vice-chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University

Based on the deliberations and insights received from participants the Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai-34, would like to present the report to MHRD and the committee responsible for drafting NEP to consider the observations and suggestions appropriately for drafting the final National Education Policy 2016.

The crux of the insight obtained through deliberation is that the new draft of education policy must reflect the pedagogy that is learner centred. The new draft of education policy must reflect human excellence, which is with a focus on ideals of forming men and women for and with others. The new draft of education policy must reflect Democratic principles of the Nation to uphold unity in diversion and a new draft of education policy

must be framed with the help of educationists, legalists and experts from all fields. The new draft of education policy must reflect country's diversity, secular and socialistic character, brotherhood, social justice, respect state's individuality, decentralization of power, autonomy to institutions and other constitutional guarantees. The locus standi of minorities' educational service must be ensured under the constitution article 30 (1). The new education policy must take cognisance of various judgements of the Supreme Court, that have upheld the above constitutional guarantee.



Inauguration of Quality Circle and Springboard 2016

The IQAC is an internalised system to channelizing all efforts and measures of the institution towards sustaining and enhancing quality. One of the dynamics of IQAC is quality circle. Quality Circle is a volunteer group composed of students who contribute towards Institutional effectiveness through group processes. They were selected based on their academic track record, communication skills and willingness to contribute through quality circle.

Quality circle engaged in the following activities:

1. Leadership skills development Programme
2. Regular feedback
3. Identifying students who need help
4. IQAC News Letter
5. Assisting IQAC - professor in - charge in documentation in the department
6. Active participation in all common programs of the college



Springboard

The Springboard is a programme of preparing leaders of tomorrow conducted by the IQAC for its QC members of UG and PG students to develop the skill sets, perspectives and values to become an effective and efficient leader. Students will gain a better understanding of their own approach to leadership and acquire new ideas to optimize and sustain their potential.

The first session for Springboard for the Academic year was inaugurated on 22 August, 2016. Mr. Jesuraj Prince Jayachandran – Student Counsellor enlightened the Quality circle members on the theme of Discover A Leader in You. The session was lively and activity filled with meaningful interaction of participants. Rev.Dr.M.Arockiasamy Xavier S.J., Principal and Dr.Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal offered their words of felicitation to QC members on the occasion. Dr.A.Xavier Mahimairaj, Coordinator IQAC, welcomed and explained the role and objectives of QC members and solicited wholehearted cooperation from the quality circle members on the occasion to have an eventful and fulfilling academic year 2016-17.





Loyola upheld the theme of this year's World Refugee Day, "Mercy In Motion". LISSTAR of Loyola College along with JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service) organized "Education for Transformation", a photo exhibition of Refugees from Asia, Africa and Middle East in VISCOM Art Gallery to create awareness among the student community as well as the public. Students from different colleges participated in the awareness program displaying signs and boards highlighting the ways of showing acceptance and respect to the Refugees and also how others can treat them with care. Around 400 students came together for this noble cause.



Rev. Fr. A.M. Jayapathy Francis, S.J., Rector, Loyola College inaugurated the event in presence of Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, S.J., Principal, and Rev. Dr. S. Lazar S.J., Secretary, Rev. Fr. Stan Fernandes S.J., Director, Jesuit Refugee Service.

A Panel Discussion was also held on the theme "Urban Refugees" in Loyola Preview Theatre, School of Media Studies, where the students were provided with an opportunity to ask questions regarding Refugees.



Street Play by LSSS

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

AURA - Centre for Counseling, Loyola College, Chennai and JMAADD (Jesuit Ministry to Alcohol and Drug Dependents) commemorated the International day against Drug Abuse Illicit Trafficking on June 24 and created awareness among its student population about Drug abuse.

A silent rally was organized on this day during the breaks of Shift 1 and 2 to sensitize and build student support and solidarity against drug abuse. Rev.Fr. A. M. Jayapathy Francis S.J., Rector and Dean of School of Human Excellence flagged off the rally during the break time in the morning and Rev. Fr. Henry Jerome, S.J., Dean of Outreach Department flagged off the rally for Shift 2.



Book Release



A series of literary events have been visualized by ELT@I in the name of Shakespeare Lives – 2016 to commemorate 400th Death Anniversary of Shakespeare. Book Release - The World as a Stage: Shakespearean Transformations written by Dr. K. Chellappan is one such event planned and organized by Department of English, Loyola College, ELT@I and Emerald Publishers.

Releasing the book, Dr. K. Rosaiah, His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu insisted that Shakespeare's plays are to be staged and read even more intensively now so that the much needed human and social values and love for communication skills are imparted to the younger generation.

Rev. Fr. A. M. Jayapathy Francis S.J., Rector, Loyola College in his presidential address illustrated the fact that "Shakespeare was not of an age, but for all time!" and also felicitated the author of the book.



...Book Release

Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, S.J., Principal felicitated that we are fortunate enough to listen to the verbal music composed by the Bard of Avon. They say it is 400 years since the man left behind his pen on earth, but only for it to be picked up by distinguished scholars like Dr. K. Chellappan, who exalt the genius through their accomplishments. A prolific writer and an astute academician, Dr. K. Chellappan continues to inspire us with his love for English Literature and in particular, Shakespeare and impart secular values such as Love, Justice, Equality, and Fraternity.

Dr. K.S.Antonyamy, PRO, Loyola College & ELTAI Chennai Chapter Head organized the programme on behalf of the Department of English, Loyola College, ELTAI and Emerald Publishers. Rev. Dr. S. Lazar, S.J., Secretary, Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, S.J., Principal, Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal, Thiru Olivannan, CEO, Emerald Publishers, and Dr. Mangaiyarkarasi, National Coordinator of Shakespeare Lives – 2016, felicitated the author, Dr. K.Chellappan. Declamation of II MA students on passages from Shakespeare was yet another rich tribute paid to the Bard of Avon.

Green Chem-2016

A two-day workshop to evangelise the necessity of minimization of chemicals in laboratory practices and procedures was conducted by the Dept. of Chemistry on 20th and 21st of July. The workshop conducted at Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy premises was convened by Dr.S.Vincent, Dean of Research and Dr.A. Jeya Rajendran, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry. Rev.Dr. John Pragasam S.J., Director of LIFE delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Kumar, Chief Scientist, IGCAR, Kalpakkam delivered key note address. Professors from Chennai city participated and learned the micro scale analytical skills. Rev.Fr. A.M.Jayapathy Francis S.J., Rector felicitated the workshop.

Fotalent 2016

An exhibition and lecture series on photography was organized by the Dept. of Visual Communication. The event was inaugurated on 25th July 2016 by Sharad Haskar, a renowned photographer. There was a screening of a documentary titled, War Photographer.



Mass of The Holy Spirit

A mass of the Holy Spirit was organized on 26th July, 2016. The campus staff and students participated in the holy mass with piety and sincerity. Most Rev. Dr. Jude Paulraj, Bishop of Palayamkottai diocese along with all Jesuits of Loyola College community concelebrated the mass and professed the message of the Holy Spirit in life as “Spirit of God: Be our Guide and Advocate”. Further, he illustrated how the Holy Spirit permeates in our life as Councillor, Leader, Guide and Advocate and above all the guiding force behind our Complete Life. He reiterated that by incidence or even by accident, we need to read the action or presence of God with the eyes of Faith. The presence of Holy Spirit, assured by Jesus teaches us the truth which the lord intends that we learn in every day events of our life.



Loyola College Sports Team

The Loyola College sports team won the annual overall championship trophy for the Maximum Number of University Players from Loyola College for the academic year 2015-2016 conferred by the University of Madras. Rev. Dr. Arockiyasamy Xavier S.J., Principal, Rev. Dr. Samuel Jeyaseelan S.J., Director, Sports and Games and Prof. Vijayakumar, Physical Director received the trophy from the Registrar of the Madras University.



Prestigious Honour to Dr. S. Vincent, Dean of Research

The Royal Society of Biology, London has elected Dr. S. Vincent, Dean of Research, Loyola College as a fellow of Royal society of Biology by its resolution on July 01, 2016 for his outstanding contribution to biological sciences. It is very rare honour for an Indian biologist to have such a distinguished fellowship.

This honour has been conferred on him following his commendable contributions in the field of aquatic biology especially the heavy metal toxicity affecting the quality and sustenance of aquatic biosystem using fish as bioindicator. In addition, for the first time in the country, he designed and implemented GIS strategy for the management of storm water drain in relevance to public health issues in urban cities to combat vector borne diseases. The study forms the reference work for the Corporation of Chennai in planning urban development through mapping the stagnant and water currents and disease epidemic hotspots.

He has also contributed an “Integrated online prediction system for disaster and disease outbreaks in controlling diseases and managing disasters” which is popular in Indian as well as International contexts. The technology has been transferred to King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research, Govt. of Tamilnadu for managing the vector borne disease outbreaks in the state. In addition, he has developed several ecofriendly bioinsecticide formulations against various species of mosquito vectors causing the spread of potent viral and parasitic diseases and the publications on these formulations have been well cited in peer reviewed journals.

He has published numerous papers in peer reviewed journals with good number of citations in India and international. It is much evident of his research contribution with the credential of (H)-index 19 as indicator with cumulative impact factor of 74 and total citations of 789.

In brief, his significant contribution interlinks the bioresearch areas such as assessing



aquatic toxicity using appropriate bioindicators and biomarkers, vector control by bioinsecticides and management of diseases and disasters by Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Besides having several peer reviewed publications and citations of his work in India and abroad, he filed five patents that have industrial utility and completed several projects with noteworthy research outcomes.

As a Task Force Member, he has made a technical report on “GAJAH- Securing the Future of Elephants in India” under “Elephant Task Force”, Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change, GoI to arrive effective strategies for elephant protection in India after visiting numerous elephant habitats and corridors throughout India. He also substantially contributed towards science popularization through consistent delivery of talks in e-media, popular lectures at academic institutions and written articles in leading newspapers and magazines. His concepts secured several projects from government agencies such as DST, DBT, DIT, Ministry of Earth Sciences and DAE.



Mentoring Revived (Staff Orientation Program 2016)

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Loyola organized a 5-day orientation program for Newly-Joined and Younger Staff from 6th to 10th of June 2016. The Staff were oriented on the Jesuit vision of Education, effective teaching and learning methodologies, transformative teaching techniques, handling emotional quotient, understanding today's youth and few other topics. Technical aspects such as utilizing ICT-enabled classrooms, smart boards were also covered. Importance of student-centered teaching and testing patterns along with research experience was emphasized.

Followed by Younger Staff Orientation Program, the General Staff Orientation Program was organized on 14th and 15th of June. Rev.Fr.A.M. Jayapathy Francis, SJ, Rector, introduced the new Principal, Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ, and first lay lady Deputy Principal, Dr.Fatima Vasanth. Other changes and appointments for the academic year was announced by Rev. Dr. S. Lazar, SJ, Secretary and Correspondent. Rev.Fr.Rector declared the theme for the year to be 'Student Centrality'. There was a panel discussion with alumni and parent moderated by Rev.Fr.Henry Jerome, SJ, Head, Dept. of Service Learning.

Deliberating on the dynamics of orientation, Dr.A.Xavier Mahimairaj, IQAC Coordinator, ensured the staff on an upright outcome of the orientation. Consequentially, to ensure the centrality of students, the process of mentoring has been revived from the even semester 2016-17.



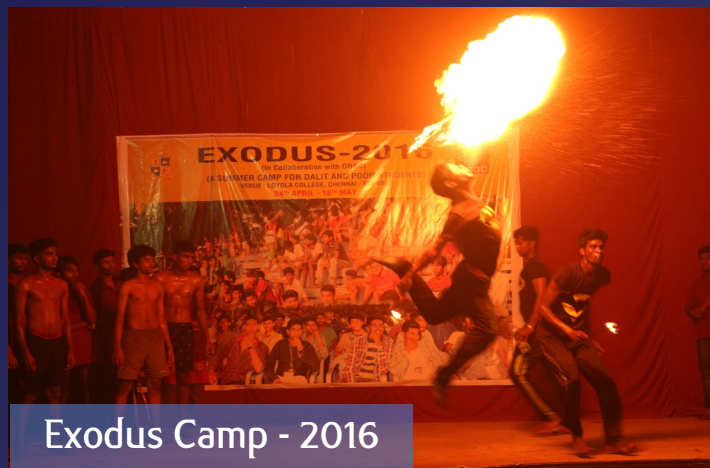
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- Dr.K.S.Antonysamy,
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Student's union



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