



# LOYOLA ACADEMIC NEWSLETTER

Sprout 3



Loyola extends its Horizon in Higher Education



## • *From the desk of* •

I am profusely happy as the Vice Principal and the Director of Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS) that we have been faithful to our mission of empowering the poor and marginalized in our campus.

I feel overwhelmed with joy and jubilation about various services rendered to the poor and Dalit students on our campus. When I look at the data, this year the Loyola Management has generously given nearly two crores of rupees as fee concessions, sumptuous and delicious free noon meals to 410 students, part time jobs to 140 students, Enabling Classes organized for 250 students, Special English Coaching Classes and Access classes arranged for 310 students. I am much more excited to learn that the beneficiaries are very committed and sincere and sharing a lot of progress in their academics this year.

I am happy to note that we have a team of dedicated trainers in English, committed professors for Enabling Classes, genuine and brilliant student volunteers for Peer Learning. May all these tribes increase more and more in our campus.

My warmest congratulations and appreciation are due to WEPRO Team for leaving no stone unturned to make Loyola "A Learned Campus" through LAN, website and all its public relations services. I wish you all the very best.



M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob, SJ



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According to the National Institutional Ranking Framework 2017, the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India has awarded Loyola College, Chennai the second position among the higher educational institutions in India. About 3300 Higher Educational Institutions were chosen to participate in the ranking system. Out of 200 colleges, Loyola captured this position based on the scores obtained under parameters like Teaching Learning Resources(TLR), Research And Professional Practices(RP), Graduation Outcome(GO), Outreach and Inclusivity (OI) and Public Perception(PP). The college was given the highest point i.e. 100 out of 100 in the criteria pertaining to Research and Professional Practices (RP). The total number of publications for the last three calendar years was 305 in the science stream with 1673 citations and Scopus 525 with 2044 citations. The college achieved this merit because of its strong base for Teaching Learning & Resources (TLR). Periodical restructuring of curriculum keeping the initial academic experiences of the college as the background, has taken the institution ahead and met the expectation of market needs. Graduation Outcome (GO) is one area where Loyola has to focus in the days to come. It has taken concrete steps to realize the theme - 'students' centrality' - earmarked for the academic year 2016-17. Enabling programmes conducted by LSSS, e-content preparation by the academic staff, soft skills training offered to all PG students by School of Human Excellence, continuing curriculum restructuring, strengthening the use of ITC in teaching and learning, student based research-park are some of the initiatives that are geared towards realizing this goal.

In the parameter of Public Perception (PP), Loyola leaves no stone unturned to reach every section of the society. It commands respect from different sectors of people of our country for its value based education with a theme of Men and Women for others. Under the category of Outreach and Inclusivity(OI), the College is in its journey towards accomplishing the primary objective of providing opportunity to the deserving students irrespective of caste and creed. It takes pride to admit more differently abled students with care and concern. They are given outstanding quality education through a special center called Resource Centre for Differently Abled (RCDA) which was sponsored by Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of India, a good representation from all the states of our country and also from other







## BEHIND THE SCENES...

### *How long have you been associated with Loyola College?*

A friend working in Loyola College introduced me here. It was exactly on 9th June, in 1963. It was a Tuesday morning. Around 9.00 a.m. I stepped into this campus

### *What was your first work in the campus?*

I started working in the European mess in Loyola hostel. It was very posh. Then I became a tiffin master there. I was also interested in electrical work then. So during my leisure time, I started carrying the tool box and accompanying the electricians.

In 2008, I started working in Fathers Residence. I was regular to Church. I participated in Eucharistic Celebration every morning. I became a friend of the sacristan there. I observed his work and learnt to become one.

### *Unforgettable moments if any?*

I contributed my idea to set up the light at the cross, which you can see today at the top of the steeple of the Gothic Church in our campus. accepted by the management.

I was happy about contributing this idea.

Though I didn't have the opportunity to continue my studies after 5th standard, I learnt so many things on my own. I made experiments with my own ideas and found some of them work well.

For setting up the light at the cross, the management approached so many engineers who were unsuccessful with their plan. Finally, I experimented and came up with a working model which was accepted by the management. I was happy about contributing this idea.





### Unforgettable person, if any, in Loyola?

Fr. Soosai, because of his love for the helpers.

### People in the campus say that you resemble the great scientist Dr.Abdul Kalam, what is your opinion?

I owe thanks to God that I resemble Kalam sir. I respect him. His contribution for the society is awe-inspiring. I am so glad to bear this title as I can remind 'ayya' to young people of this generation; It is because I am here I am able to meet so many young people. I am thankful to the Jesuit Community.

### What is your message to the students?

Students are well exposed and not in a position to accept advice. But they find it difficult to start their day early. I still get up at 4:30 am.

Problems may exist in all walks of life. However, you have found a place in Loyola College. Make best use of the opportunity and live your life to the fullest.





## SEPTEMBER'16

- **1st September 2016** - LISSTAR Discussion Forum on "Tamils Immigration to Burma (1850-1938)".
- **2nd September 2016** – Teacher's day celebration.
- **16th – 17th September 2016** - Oventions 2016
- **22nd – 24th September 2016** - Regional workshop on "Heavy metal analysis using Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer".
- One day Seminar for Priests, Religious & Seminarians - **24th September 2016** Organized by LSSS
- Online Training Programme for Students – **26th September 2016** Organized by Training & Placement
- One day Workshop on "Official Statistical System in India" - **28th September 2016**
- Book Launch Caste Victimization: A Study on the Dalits (Arunthathiyars) of Dalits - **28th September 2016** Organized by LISSTAR
- LISSTAR Discussion Forum on "The Mill-Hill Missionaries Contribution to Education in the Madras Presidency (1875-1926)" - **29th September 2016**
- Workshop on "Learning French Through Songs" - **30th September 2016** Organized by Dept. of Foreign Languages

## OCTOBER'16

- Manavar Kavi Arangam - **1st October 2016** Organized by Department of Tamil
- Loyola Alumni Day - **2nd October 2016**
- E-Resources training for Research Scholars by EBSCO personnel - **4th & 5th October 2016** Organized by Central Library
- Workshop on Statistical Data Analysis using R - **7th & 8th October 2016** Organized by Department of Statistics
- World Mental Health Day 2016 - **13th October 2016** Organized by Loyola Center for Counselling
- Loyola College honours the students for Diligence & Regularity - **14th October 2016**
- One day Seminar on "Voice of Slums in Post-Flood Chennai: Future Concerns" - **24th October 2016** Organized by Dept. of Service Learning (Outreach)

## NOVEMBER'16

- Inauguration of Kerala Chapter – **19th November 2016** Organized by Loyola Alumni Association
- LISSTAR Discussion Forum on "Assam in Colonial Ethnography" - **24th November 2016**
- National Workshop on "Innovations in Water Resource Management in Educational Institutions" - **24th & 25th November 2016** Organized by LIFE and ERI
- Inauguration of AURA club - **26th November 2016**
- Inauguration of Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) Shift 2 - **28th November 2016**
- Legal Rights Awareness Program - **30th November 2016** Organized by Forum for Loyola Women Students in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Federation of Women Lawyers
- Rural Exposure Camp (2016-2017) for First Year PG students from **28th Nov. to 3rd Dec. 2016** Organized by Dept. of Service Learning (Outreach)

## DECEMBER'16

- LISSTAR Discussion Forum on "Demonetization of Currency: Economic Implications" - **1st December 2016**
- Training Programme for Personal Mentors on "Effective Helping Skills" - **1st & 2nd December 2016**



- Young Scientists' Conference on Faunal Diversity (YSCFD) - **5th December 2016** Organized by School of Entomology & Centre for Natural Resources Management (SECNARM), Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology
- Five days Training Programme on Research Methodology - **9th to 13th December 2016** Organized by Office of the Dean of Research in collaboration with LISSTAR
- Guest Lecture on "Humanism and Right to Live" - **17th December 2016** Organized by Loyola Prolife Forum
- Christmas Celebration for the Students - **19th December 2016**
- Media in Tamil Civil Society - **20th December 2016** Organized by Department of Visual Communication
- Talk on "Saving Lives through Organ Donation" - **21st December 2016** Organized by Pro-Life Forum (Shift II)

## JANUARY'17

- LISSTAR Discussion Forum on "A Study on Social Support and Empowerment of Inter - State Women Migrants in Construction Sector in Chennai" - **5th January 2017**
- Veethi Viruthu Vizha Organized by LSSS - **7th & 8th January 2017**
- Workshop on "Academic Writing" - **10th January 2017** Organized by WEPRO, Loyola College & Chennai Literary Festival
- Talk on "Humanism" Organized by Loyola Prolife Forum (Shift II) - **10th January 2017**
- A workshop on "Soft Skills" Organized by Dept. of English - **11th January 2017**
- A session on "Thinking Process" Organized by Forum for Intellectual Advancement Club - **12th January 2017**
- Panel Discussion on "Child Wellbeing: Lessons, Issues and Challenges from Finnish and Indian Pre-school system" Organized by FINDIGATE LISSTAR & Dept. of Social Work - **12th January 2017**
- Youth day Celebrations Organized by Department of Service Learning (Outreach) - **12th January 2017**
- Inauguration of Erode Chapter - **19th January 2017** Organized by Loyola Alumni Association
- Commerce Alumni Meet - **19th January 2017** International Conference on "Prism of Possibilities - Business Opportunities and Challenges in global era" - **19th & 20th January 2017** Organized by Department of Commerce
- Book Launch on "The Role of Christians in the India's Freedom Struggle" by Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ (Principal, Loyola College) - **24th January 2017** Organized by Dept. of History in collaboration with LISSTAR
- Special Lecture on Yassmin's Story - **24th January 2017** Organized by LISSTAR in collaboration with Dept. of Social Work
- Orientation Programme for all Academic and Personal Mentors - **25th January 2017**
- 68th Republic Day Celebration - **26th January 2017**
- Seminar on "Music as a power to unite" - **28th January 2017** Organized by Loyola Club of Performing Arts

## FEBRUARY'17

- Input Session on "Life Coping Skills" - **1st February 2017** Organized by RCDA
- LISSTAR Discussion Forum on Unpacking the GST (Goods & Services Tax) - **2nd February 2017**
- National Level Research Scholars Workshop on "Geospatial tools and techniques for Bioresource Management" - **6th to 11th February, 2017** Organized by Environmental Monitoring Research Laboratory, Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology





- Academic mentoring 2nd session for 1st UG Students - **14th February 2017**
- National Symposium on “Urbanization of India – A Game Changer?” - **14th February 2017** Organized by Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD), Department of Economics
- One day Expo on “Terrace Garden” - **14th February 2017** Organized by Enactus Club
- Seminar on “Christianity & Tamil” - **15th February 2017** Organized by Department of Tamil
- Rev. Fr. N. Casimir Raj S.J. & Prof. U. Munuswamy Endowment Lecture on “Technology and Changing Social Relationship” - **15th February 2017** Organized by Department of Sociology
- Seminar cum Workshop on Job Related Upskilling in Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology (SWJUZZB 2017) - **15th February 2017** Organized by School of Entomology & Centre for Natural Resources Management (SECNARM), Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology
- National Conference on “Strategic Human Resource Practices” - **16th February 2017** Organized by Dept. of Commerce (Shift II)
- Free Eye Check Up – **16th February 2017** Organized by B.Com. (CS) “B”, Dept. of Service Learning
- Springboard – A Leadership Programme for the Quality Circle Members - **16th February 2017** Organized by IQAC
- A Meeting for all the Club Faculty - **16th February 2017**
- LISSTAR Discussion Forum on “Economic Impact of the Union Budget (2017-18)” - **16th February 2017**
- Thoudam David Endowment Lecture on Game Theory - Creative Solutions for an increasingly complex world - **17th February 2017** Organized by Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD), Department of Economics
- Annual Sports Day (Shift - II) - **17th February 2017**
- Talk on “No Suicide” - **18th February 2017** Organized by Loyola Pro-life Forum (Shift II)
- Annual Sports Day (Shift - I) - **18th February 2017**
- Rev. Fr. Jerome D’Souza S.J. Endowment Lecture (2016-17) on “The Role of Youth in Emerging India” - **20th February 2017** Organized by Loyola Alumni Association
- Workshop - Atelier en francais et en allemand - **20th to 23rd February 2017** Organized by Department of Foreign Languages
- Sixth R. P. Ranga Endowment Lecture - **21st February 2017** Organized by Department of Mathematics
- Free Eye Checkup - **21st February 2017** Organized by Rotaract club
- Three days Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme on “Social Harmony and National Unity” - **21st to 23rd February 2017** Jointly organized by School of Human Excellence (SHE), Loyola College & Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)
- Dr. V. Mohan & Dr. V.A. Murthy Endowment Lecture on “Molecular Medicine” - **22nd February 2017** Rev. Dr. Joseph Inchackal Endowment Lecture on “IT Resource for Science” - **22nd February 2017** Organized by Department of Advanced Zoology & Biotechnology
- UGC Sponsored International Seminar on “Models and Methods in Bioinorganic Chemistry” - **22nd February 2017** Organized by Department of Chemistry
- Dr. G. J. Sudhakar Endowment Lecture on “The Manifesto and the Modern Self: Reading the autobiography of Muthulakshmi Reddy” - **22nd February 2017** Organized by Department of History
- UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Diseases of Civilization - Today and Tomorrow” - **23rd February 2017** Organized by M.Sc. Medical Laboratory Technology
- Dr. K. Swaminathan Endowment Lecture on “Nature of Hydrated Protons” - **23rd February 2017** Organized by Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE)



- LISSTAR Discussion Forum on “Understanding a Media Text: An Introduction” - **23rd February 2017**
- Department Festival (Sciences) - **24th February 2017**
- Department Festival (Arts) - **25th February 2017**
- Rev. Fr. L. D. Murphy S.J. Memorial Football Tournament - 25th February to 3rd March 2017
- Loyola Women’s Hostel Day - **26th February 2017**
- Programme on “Entrepreneurship & Intellectual Property Rights” - **27th February 2017** Organized by ED Cell
- The National Science Day - 2017 on “Science and Technology for Specially Abled Persons” - **27th February 2017** Organized by Office of the Dean of Research, Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE) & Resource Centre for Differently Abled (RCDA)
- Thiru X. Swamikannu Pillai Endowment Lecture - **27th February 2017** Organized by Department of English
- UGC Sponsored Life Skills Training Programme for all the first year PG Students (Shift I & II) - **27th February to 3rd March 2017** Organized by School of Human Excellence
- Loyola Pro-life Forum (Shift I & II) - Valedictory function - **28th February 2017**
- Feb. 2017 M.Phil. Semester Examinations - **28th Feb. 2017 to 6th March 2017**

## MARCH'17

- Ash Wednesday Holy Mass / Prayer Service - **1st March 2017**
- Prof. Hiralal Gupta Endowment Lecture on “History and Sangam Literature” - **1st March 2017** Organized by Department of History
- Open Forum for Students - **2nd March 2017**
- LISSTAR Discussion Forum on “Introduction to Health Research: Quantitative & Qualitative Methods” - **2nd March 2017**
- Rev. Dr. M. Albert William SJ Endowment Lecture on “Blood Flow Images of Vessels in Living Organs Using Cross-sectional Concentration Curves” - **3rd March 2017** Organized by SECNARM, Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology
- Prof. C. R. Babujee Endowment Lecture on “Drug Discovery and Development” - **3rd March 2017** Organized by Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology
- Late Dr. Arockiasamy Memorial Lecture on “Experiential Marketing” - **3rd March 2017** Organized by Department of Commerce (Shift - II)
- Loyola Men’s Hostel Day - **4th March 2017**
- Prof. Panchapakesan Endowment Lecture on “Degradation Modeling and Associated Issues” - **6th March 2017** Organized by Department of Statistics
- Media Education Campaign on ‘Body Image’ - **6th to 10th March 2017** Organized by II M.Sc.(Viscom), Department of Visual Communication
- “CONQUEST 2K17” An Inter-Collegiate Consumer Fest - **7th March 2017** Organized by Loyola Citizen Consumer Club
- International Conference on Recent Trends in Mathematics (ICRTM 2017) - **7th March 2017** Organized by Department of Mathematics
- LUX ‘17 (Loyola Ubiquitous eXcellence) Intra-Departmental Technical Competitions & Symposium - **7th March 2017** Organized by Forum for Advanced Computing Technologies (FACT), Dept. of Computer Applications (MCA)





- Valedictory Function of History Association (2016 - '17) - **7th March 2017** Organized by Department of History
- International Women's Day - **8th March 2017**
  - Conference on "Emerging Wings beyond Empowerment"
  - Celebration for the Staff
  - Celebration for the Students

Organized by Dean of Women Students
- Inauguration of Mushroom House – **8th March 2017** organised by Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology
- Rev. Fr. Alfred Rapinat, S.J. & Prof. J. Edmund Manohar Raj Endowment Lectures - **8th March 2017** Organized by Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology
- THEIA 2017 Inter - Collegiate Cultural & Sports Meet for the Visually Challenged - **9th March 2017** Organized by RCDA & MRCDS
- Clubs Day - **10th March 2017**
- The Annual Lenten Penitential Walk to St. Thomas Mount - **11th March 2017**
- Workshop on "Big Data Analytics" - **March 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2017** Organized by Department of Statistics
- Group Photo Session for Final Year UG, PG, M.Phil. & Research Students - **13th March 2017**
- Valedictory Function of Forum for Advanced Computing Technologies (FACT) - **13th March 2017** Organized by Department of Computer Applications (MCA)
- UGC Sponsored Special Lecture on "Politics, Violence and Non-Violence in Ancient India" - **14th March 2017** Organized by Department of History
- Input Session on "Innate Human Potential"- **14th & 15th March 2017** Organized by RCDA
- The Mentors Day - 15th March 2017
- Public Lecture on "Xenophobia and its Challenges to an Inclusive Society" - **15th March 2017** Organized by Department of Sociology in Collaboration with LISSTAR
- A Programme for the Teaching Faculty on "Identifying, Understanding and Handling Students with Addiction- Substance and Process" - **16th March 2017** Organized by Loyola Counselling Center (LCC)
- LISSTAR Discussion Forum on "Refugees: Risks and Challenges Worldwide" - **16th March 2017**
- A Programme for the parents on "How can Parents help their Children who are addicted" - 18th March 2017 Organized by Loyola Counselling Center (LCC)
- 92nd College Day - **18th March 2017**
- PU-LCS Loyola Twinning Programme 15th Graduation Day - **19th March 2017**
- Outreach Day Celebration - **20th March 2017** Organized by Department of Service Learning (Outreach)
- Workshop on Semiotics, Social Theories & Research Methods for M.Phil., Ph.D. Scholars & Faculty Members of the Social Science Depts. of Loyola College - **20th to 25th March 2017** Organized by Dean of Research & LISSTAR
- Faculty Development Program for Shift - II Faculty Members of Commerce, Corporate, BBA & Economics - **23rd to 25th March 2017**
- First Chennai Chapter Meeting - **25th March 2017** Organized by Loyola Alumni Association
- Online Staff Assessment & Exit Poll from **22nd March to 31st March 2017**
- General Staff Meeting for Teaching Staff Members - Discussion on the "Restructuring of Teaching, Learning and Evaluation" - **31st March 2017**

It was indeed a joyous moment for the B.A.French students at Loyola College when they welcomed 14 French students from a high school Saint-Louis Saint Marie from Gignanc la Nerthe – Mari-gnane near Marseille in the South of France. The French students were given a traditional tamil welcome with aarthi, chandan, and flower garlands. For most of the French students who were between 16 and 18 years , this was the first time to India. The French students were impressed with the kolam and the welcome. The afternoon was meant to give them a dose of our tamil culture with a traditional Carnatic song, Bharathanatyam and also Oyilattam by the B.A.French students. It was followed by the interaction between the French students and the B.A.French students. The exchange was meaningful and gave both sets of students an insight to the two different cultures in question.

The Department of Foreign Languages is very proud to welcome the French students as the Department is considering a prospective collaboration with this institution in France. Already the Department has collaboration with two French Universities and sends 6 students every year to do one semester in France. Once in two years, two staff members of the Department visit France for a month on staff academic exchange.



### Do You Know

Loyola college is the only Arts and Sciences college that has been ranked in all sections of Arts, Sciences and Commerce in the Top Ten Colleges list for the last two decades.





The Department of Foreign Languages organized a workshop “French through songs” for the B.A.French students on 30th September 2016 from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. at Vis.Com Preview theatre.

A French Music group from France called NYNA VALES conducted the workshop. The workshop was organized by the Department of Foreign Languages and the Office of the Pays de la Loire Region in France. The group consists of Nathalie Carudel the lead singer, Yann Sevel , singer, composer and musician and Guillaume Ozanne, singer and musician. They sent in their song sheet earlier in the week and we made photocopies of the song sheet available to the students. After a brief introduction of the group by Ms. Kamala Govindarajan, Director of the Office de la Pays de la Region in Chennai, the group animated the session with their performance. The students were made to sing the song along with them from their song sheets after explaining the meaning of the verses. At the end of the session, the French musicians requested the students to sing Carnatic music songs. It was a cultural exchange for the students as well as the French musicians. The workshop turned out to be interesting and useful to the students.

### Rural Work Camp For The First Year Post Graduate Students

The Department of Service Learning(Outreach)] organized a rural work camp for the first year post graduate students from 28th November -03rd December,2016. Around five hundred students attended the camp and the camp was conducted in seven places in three taluks of Cuddalore district. The taluks are: Panruti, Chidambaram and Kattumanorkoil. The rural work camp was conducted for six days and the first day the students started the onwards journey to the campsite and attended the inauguration after which there were ice-breaking sessions. After dinner, the students formed into six teams, namely: Documentation Team, Prayer & Recreation Team, Food Service Team, Cultural Team, Cleaning Team, And Time Management Team. The day session begun with prayer followed by physical exercise. The students did manual work like: agriculture work, cleaning the common places, deepening the irrigational channels, and whitewashing the school. Each of the teamss went to village visits in the afternoon for interacting about their livelihood, agriculture work and rural reality of the people. Various input sessions were arranged on rural economy, labour issues, nature of rural employment and gender discrimination. The students performed drama, skit, mime and group songs on social issues. The students provided their feedback on the last day. The camp ended with a valedictory programme.



The Department of service learning (Outreach) had organized a program for the youth representing the 41 slums chosen for Outreach intervention at L S hall on 12th January, 2017 at 3 pm. Mr. Samson, 1st year Post graduate student from the Economics Department was the Master of ceremony for the Program. Rev. Fr. Secretary, addressed the students and made them aware of their responsibilities. Rev. Fr. Henry Jerome encouraged and motivated the students to make use of the opportunities at their disposal. The main objective of youth day celebrations is to present the opportunities available for the youth and to encourage them to engage purposefully in their future endeavors.

Mr. Marana Gana Viji was invited as the chief guest for the Program and he spoke about the struggles faced by him through his career. After sharing his experiences he encouraged the youth to ask questions and he responded to their questions immediately and his answers indicated that life has taught him a lot of lessons and has made him wise. He sang the 'Dangamari song' which was sung by him in the movie "Anehan" at the end of the event. The participants were thoroughly entertained during the course of their interaction with Mr. Marana gana Viji.

Mr. Joseph and Mr. Nirmal Kumar the Trainers from Don Bosco Anbu Illam – Vazhikatti project made a presentation about the life skill training programmes offered in their centre and they spoke about the courses and the career opportunities available for the youth.

The Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Chandru from Appasamystreet. He thanked the chief guests and the youngsters for their presence. The event came to an end at 5 pm as the participants were given.

## Volunteering work

The cyclone Vardahas caused great havoc and it has resulted in the destruction of many trees in Chennai city. Thousands of trees have been uprooted, billboards have been destroyed and it has disconnected telephone lines and disrupted mobile connectivity, power cables have been broken and there is water logging in a few low-lying areas. The vehicles could not move in many parts of Chennai as traffic has been hampered. Cleaning up roads and removing the broken branches of trees is a tough task for the Corporation of Chennai and they have been trying to clear it. The department of Service Learning wanted to clean the areas where the Outreach intervention is being done, by providing instant relief materials.

So, the second year under graduate students rendered their help by removing the broken tree branches and dry leaves. This work started in the morning with the joint efforts of the Department of Service Learning, and Chennai Volunteers. The Zonal officers of VIII, IX and IX allotted the working spot with the help of the respective field staff. The staff arranged tools to clean the areas. The detail of area is as follows:

- Teynampet
- Dr.Thomas road
- United India 2nd street( Ayanavaram Taluk office's
- Methanagar park
- M.G.R Colony





Loyola College is giving utmost importance for water management, waste water treatment and reuse of treated waste water. About 4.5 million liters of waste water is generated every month inside the college campus. A Sewage water Treatment Plant (STP) has been constructed to purify the wastewater and reuse the treated wastewater at a total cost of about 1 Crore. The recycled water is used for irrigation and replenishing ground water table within the campus. Eight water quality parameters such as pH, electrical conductance, sodium adsorption ratio, boron, total dissolved solids (inorganic), sulphates, chlorides and sodium will be analyzed qualitatively and quantitatively according to the requirements of TNWADB. The water quality parameters will be analyzed before and after the treatment at ERI. This sewage water treatment plant highlights the proactive involvement of Loyola College management in waste water treatment with a view to positively encourage other educational institutions to start such activities for water conservation.

Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE) and Entomology Research Institute (ERI) are important research centers of Loyola College. They are involved in interdisciplinary and collaborative research in areas such as Energy, Environment, Material Science, Bioethics, Biopesticides, drug discovery, Vector mosquito control, Molecular biology and Development of new crop varieties. LIFE and ERI jointly organized a national workshop on 'Innovations in Water Resources Management in Educational Institutions' from November 24th to 25th, 2016.

The workshop helped to:

- create awareness among students, teachers, researchers, managements and public about water resources management in Institutions.
- educate the participants about water resources management technologies.
- implement the innovative practices in educational institutions.
- find out possible collaborations with industries, institutions, NGOs and people.
- recommend the best practices to government agencies for wider implementation.



Alumni Day was organized by Loyola College on October 02, 2016 to offer all the alumni members a platform to look back, reminisce and draw strength from one another. Meaningful discussions at department level and year wise were facilitated. On the occasion, Alumni Carnival for all was organized. Entertaining events for kids and spouses of alumni like fun games, treasure hunt and competitions were organized to give them a wonderful experience. Sports and games like volley Ball and Cricket were also conducted to give them a feel of their student days on the campus. Besides, a campus tour was organized for the alumni and their family members, as Loyola has grown far and wide. State of the Art digital library, use of solar energy on the campus, rain harvesting system, new School of Commerce and Economics, School of Media studies, Infrastructure facilities in Loyola college of Engineering and Technology, Food court, and many other newer developments on the campus are the places of attraction for most of these former students who spent their time during 1960s and 70s at Loyola. Further, the Alma Mater honored its illustrious sons who have, in true spirit of Loyola College, shined in their fields of work. The celebration of Alumni Day this year focused on “Felicitation of Illustrious Alumni in Judiciary and other fields”. The following alumni members were conferred with “Loyola Alumni Award”:

**Judges:**

1. JUSTICE JASTI CHELAMESWAR, Supreme Court
2. JUSTICE T.S.SIVAGNANAM
3. JUSTICE C.T.SELVAM
4. JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN
5. JUSTICE R.SUDHAKAR, Judge, J&K High Court
6. Justice M.M.SUNDARESH

**Senior Advocates:**

7. MR. KRISHNA SRINIVASAN
8. MR. PATTABHI SUNDAR RAMAN
9. MR. VIJAY NARAYAN
10. MR. JOSEPH KODIANTHARA

**Illustrious Alumni:**

11. MRS. MIRIAM, Wife of MR. N.RAM received on behalf of Mr. N.Ram, Journalist and Chairman, Kasturi & Sons Ltd. Publishers of The Hindu Group of Newspapers
12. MR. M.V.BHASKAR RAO, IPS, Former Director General of Police
13. MR. K.V.PONNAPPAN

More importantly, the Alumni Day Celebration heralded the beginning of Marching towards ‘Loyola-100.’ LAA members also played a crucial role in planning to take Loyola 90 to Loyola 100 where Loyola attains the global standard.

JUSTICE JASTI CHELAMESWAR, Supreme Court, the chief guest of the day recalled his own days saying that he was an average student in the college and many who were present were really better than him. His nightmare experience was his mathematics examination. He strongly expressed that education should enumerate certain basic values that would transform the society and he himself learnt values





of life in his college days and therefore, would go on to defend them and challenge any force that deters such values. He went on to reiterate that education today should impress upon the next generation that discipline is something without which no society can flourish.

Rev.Fr. Lazar SJ, Secretary, Loyola College welcomed the gathering. Rev.Fr. A.M.Jayapathy Francis SJ, Rector, Loyola College felicitated the alumni saying the values most of them picked up at Loyola College is still being practiced by these alumni, quoting the attitude of JUSTICE JASTI CHELAMESWAR, who worked for reforms and stood for transparency in judiciary.

Dr.G.Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT, President, Loyola Alumni Association also felicitated the gathering.

Rev.Dr. A.Thomas SJ, Director, Loyola Alumni Association proposed vote of thanks and the entire programme was organized under his auspice.





Jesuit Priests commemorated 334th birth anniversary of Costanzo Giuseppe Beschi, the Jesuit missionary who is better known as Veeramamunivar among Tamil scholars. Rev.Dr. M.Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Principal, Loyola College and Rev.Fr. Lazar SJ, Secretary, Loyola College along with the Jesuit priests of Loyola College community garlanded the statue of Veeramamunivar at Marina Beach on November 8, 2016 as a mark of respect to their pioneer in Missionary work at Tamil Nadu. They deem it an honour to recall the achievements of the missionary, great poet and traditional grammarian as a source of inspiration to carry on their mission of higher education today.

Born as an Italian, he went on to become a Jesuit priest, missionary in South India, and renowned poet in the Tamil language. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1698, and went to the Madura Mission in 1710. Though primarily a missionary, he is better known as one of the classical writers of Tamil Literature. With his genius and indefatigable industry, he mastered the Tamil grammar in five years. He composed a grammar of High Tamil, and was the first to write a grammar of the common dialect which still remains the foundation of scientific Tamil philology.

He is also the compiler of several Tamil dictionaries, among them the quadruple lexicon containing words, synonyms, categories of words, and rhymes; a Tamil-Latin and Latin-Tamil-Portuguese dictionary. His greatest poetical work is the 'Thaembaavani' (The Unfading Garland), one of the Tamil classics. This Tamil 'Divina Comedia' is divided into thirty-six cantos, containing 3,615 stanzas. Another poem: 'Paramartaguru Kadai' (the adventures of Guru Paramarta). Further, his involvement in Tamil culture led him to translate and explain 'Thirukkural' in Latin in 1730.





The ninety-year-old Loyola campus, which prides itself of having some of the precious trees, suffered a shock from Vardah Cyclone on 12th December. The roaring wind tore the trees into pieces in the campus and ravaged the greenery of the campus. By the time the cyclone crossed the north Chennai, the roads of Loyola was filled with fallen trees and branches. Totally 636 trees were damaged and 134 trees were uprooted.

Below is the zone wise detailed report of trees damaged and uprooted in Loyola College campus.

#### Zone 1:

- Near Church: 8 trees were damaged and 3 trees were uprooted. Requires replacement of 5 trees.
- Church to Farm House Road: 37 trees were damaged and 1 tree uprooted. Requires replacement of 3 trees.

#### Zone 2:

- Farm House to B.Ed., College Road: 28 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- B.Ed. College Block: 8 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 2 trees.
- IDCR Block: 15 trees were damaged and 4 trees were uprooted. Requires replacement of 5 trees.
- B.Ed. College to Bike Park: 25 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 2 trees.

#### Zone 3:

- LIBA Block: 10 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- LIBA Car Park: 14 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- ERI Block: 26 trees were damaged and 1 tree uprooted. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- ERI to Ladies Hostel Road: 11 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.

#### Zone 4:

- Ladies Hostel to LICET out Gate: 14 trees were damaged and 6 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 5 trees.
- LICET out Gate to LICET Canteen: 15 trees were damaged and 4 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 5 trees.
- LICET Canteen to LICET Hostel Road: 16 trees were damaged and 1 tree uprooted. Requires replacement of 2 trees.

#### Zone 5:

- Pavilion Block: 6 trees were damaged and 1 tree uprooted. Requires replacement of 2 trees.
- Berchmans to Church Road: 7 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- Pavilion Block to B.Ed., College Road: 49 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.

#### Zone 6:

- Chennai Jesuit Mission side Road: 4 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- Friends of Police to Give Life Cafe Road: 15 trees were damaged and 10 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 14 trees.
- Give Life to Arrear Stone Road: 10 trees were damaged and 4 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 5 trees.
- MCA Building (side road only): 3 trees were damaged and 1 tree uprooted. Requires replacement of 2 trees.



**Zone 7:**

- Bertram Building Front: 7 trees were damaged and 2 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 4 trees.
- Arrear stone to Loyola Hostel Main Gate: 10 trees were damaged and 4 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 3 trees.
- Arrear stone to History Dept. Block side road: 9 trees were damaged and 1 tree uprooted. Requires replacement of 2 trees.

**Zone 8:**

- Jubilee Building Front: 7 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- Behind Commerce Building: 6 trees were damaged and 2 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 4 trees.
- Commerce Building Front: 5 trees were damaged and 5 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 6 trees.

**Zone 9:**

- Chemistry Dept. Garden: 3 trees were damaged and 3 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 5 trees.
- IOB ATM and Bike Park side: 26 trees were damaged and 5 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 4 trees.
- IOB Bank to opposite ground: 13 trees were damaged and 6 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 9 trees.
- JD Building Road only: 8 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- Cherio water tank to LED notice board: 6 trees were damaged and 1 tree uprooted. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- LED notice board to NCC room road: 6 trees were damaged and 1 tree uprooted. Requires replacement of 2 trees.
- Chemistry Dept. to side gate straight road: 4 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.

**Zone 10:**

- Church road to Jesuits Bike Park: 4 trees were damaged and 1 tree uprooted. Requires replacement of 2 trees.
- Jesuits Bike Park to Ignatius Statue (Staff car parking): 4 trees were damaged. Requires replacement of 1 tree.
- Jesuits Residence (Full Campus): 41 trees were damaged and 15 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 20 trees.
- Staff car parking straight road to College out Gate: 18 trees were damaged and 4 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 5 trees.

**Zone 11:**

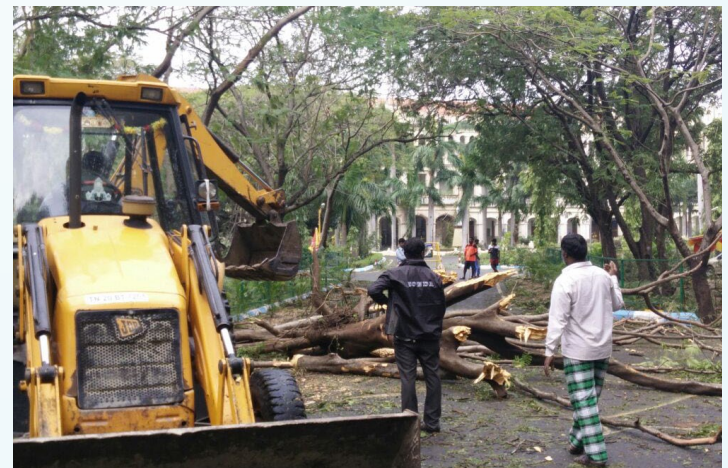
Loyola Hostel Campus: A total of 28 Blocks constitutes the Loyola Hostel campus. Where majority of the Blocks are utilized for residential purpose and the rest is utilized for general utilities like Office, Mess, Staff bathroom, Mess Workers Quarters, etc. In this zone, totally 138 trees were damaged and 48 trees uprooted. Requires replacement of 116 trees.





Places	Damaged Trees	Uprooted Trees	Replacement Needed
Loyola Hostel campus	138	48	116
Loyola College campus (Except Loyola Hostel)	498	86	131
Loyola College full campus (In TOTAL)	636	134	247

Some of the trees in the campus have already been rejuvenated. New saplings have been planted through various supporters including Enviro Club of Loyola. We will remain a green campus, come what may.



## Do You Know

Down Sterling was a famous inter-collegiate cultural festival, held annually in Loyola College, which had been named after Sterling Road. It was considered as one of the biggest college cultural fests in South India till 1992. Today the cultural fest is no more than a memory.



The Department of Commerce (Shift-I), excelling in imparting quality education, hosted a 2-day International Conference on “Prism of Possibilities - Business Opportunities and Challenges in the Global Era” on 19th & 20th January, 2017. The objective of the conference was to bring academicians, researchers and industrialists from the international and national community on a common platform to explore and examine the diverse facts of the business in global context. Further, the conference also aimed at bringing people associated with business, corporate, industries and service sector to deliberate on present trends of business and to explore new opportunities in emerging markets. The conference focused on seven areas viz., Corporate Governance, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Banking & Insurance, Human Capital, Information & Communication Technology, Marketing and Supply Chain Management & Logistics.

Mr.K.Jeyaramakrishnan, Consultant & Former Vice President, Tata Consultancy Services delivered the Chief Guest address during the inaugural session. He highlighted the significance of the vertical seven sectors of Economy – banking and finance, manufacturing, retail chain, hospital and hospitality industries, government, travel and tourism, education and the opportunities and roles of these sectors in the context of globalization. He also emphasized on encouraging the developments of educational sectors to develop the nation.

Mr.J.N.Gupta, Former-ED, SEBI, highlighted the various areas where the stock markets can show progress such as time lag in payment, tax regime, exchange rate, etc.

Mr.R.Koteeswaran, Former CMD, Indian Overseas Bank spoke about the availability of digital data which is used for research and also discussed the benefits of digital banking.

Mr.V.G.Dhanasekaran, Director, Foresight Insurance and Reinsurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd., Colombo, spoke about global insurance markets and insisted the importance of facing challenges leading to opportunities.

About 400 participants including students, academicians, research scholars and policy makers from various parts of the country and abroad attended the conference. Mr.Thiyagarajan Kumar, Chief Internal Auditor, Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd. (TOI Group), Mr.Jeyaraman, Senior Advisor, KPMG, Mr.Kumaravel, Co-Founder, Naturals, and Rev.Fr.Christie P. Maria Joseph, Director, LIBA were among notable guest speakers.

Among 120 papers received, nearly forty papers were short-listed for presentation in the conference. This is the 4th International Conference hosted by Department of Commerce, Loyola College. Earlier the department had conducted 7 conferences of National and International importance.





**Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ**, Principal, Loyola College has authored another book to his credit. On January 24, 2017, his book "The Role of Christians in the Freedom Struggle" was released by Mr. R. Nallakannu, Senior Leader, Communist Party of India. LISSTAR of Loyola College and Department of History collaborated to organize the launch of this book at Lawrence Sundaram Auditorium, Loyola College. The first copy was received by Nawabzada Mohammed Asif Ali, Dewan to the Prince of Arcot. The review of the book was done by Mr. R. Vijaya Sankar, Editor, Frontline and Prof. A. Karunanandan, Former Professor of History, Loyola College, Chennai.

The author dedicates this book for the Christian strugglers who fought with goal, confidence and brave heartedly forfeited their lives for independence of India. The essences of this book are participation of Christianity for the development of our country, search for the roots of politics, and principal fight of Tamil Nadu Christian leaders. Senior Congress leader and former MP, Mr. S. Peter Alphonse in his felicitation expressed that the author has given life for the Christian people who were born in different districts of Tamil Nadu, beaten up, prisoned and surrendered their life for independence of our country.



## French Students Exchange

- 15 French students and 3 professors from Lycee Saint-Louis Sainte Marie, a French High School in Marseille, France were here in Loyola on Feb 6, 2017. Organized by Department of Foreign Languages, Loyola College there was an academic and cultural interaction.
- The interactions were on our traditional dance, music, food, sports etc. to gain cross cultural knowledge in addition to the academics. Loyola College is planning for an exchange programme with this high school in the forthcoming year. This programme is their first time in India. The students felt that it was a very good exchange on culture and civilization.
- This became possible because of Mr. Micheal Rigaut, a French volunteer who worked in the Department of Foreign Languages from 2002-2004 and now works with the High School.

National Symposium on Urbanization of India was held on Feb 14, 2017. Inaugural Address was delivered by Dr. Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations. Mr. Dharmendra Prathap Yadav, IAS, Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Vice-Chairman, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority gave special address.

## Rev. Dr. Jerome D'Souza Endowment Lecture 2016-17

Late Rev. Dr. Jerome D'Souza Endowment Lecture 2016-17 was held on Feb 20, 2017 in Bertram Hall. Mr. C. Sujith Kumar, Managing Trustee of Matram Foundation, delivered the Endowment Lecture. While speaking on the Role of Youth in Emerging India, he invited the audience to build on the God-given talents. Instead being job seekers, he urged them to become job creators. Narrating events from his life journey, he motivated the students to tap their hidden potentials. He appealed to the students to use the Social Media in a responsible manner to build the country that looks up to the youth of today. The demographic divide has given the present students the greatest advantage as well as the challenge, he observed.

Mr. C. Sujith Kumar advised the students to nurture ideas that have potentials to become a big social enterprise. India can incubate ideas that can transform the world. He narrated a few life stories of children and women who have made it big in real life because of the intervention by Matram Foundation. He observed that here are thousands of such students and women who need care and little support. Students should not close their eyes when they see a suffering humanity, they need to respond and respond with care and dignity.

This Endowment Lecture was delivered in honour of Rev. Dr. Jerome D'souza, who was a member of Indian constitutions assembly. Around 800 final year students attended this lecture organized by Loyola Alumni association.



### Do You Know

Loyola Dream team is one of the best dance teams and crowd pullers in the country





A Job Fair for Differently-abled cum Disability Inclusive Conference was conducted on Feb 26, 2017 in Loyola College. It was organized by Loyola Alumni Association in association with “We Are Your Voice 2017,” a group of NGOs.

One 100+ companies participated in the job fair for which there were around 2,500 registered job seekers. Many HRs and CEOs addressed the job seekers and oriented them towards better prospects. The fair provided many opportunities as people with specific disabilities were absorbed by firms with suitable vacancies. The BPOs absorbed visually impaired candidates; software companies took in people with physical disabilities of the legs; data entry-based firms took people with hearing and speech impairment and so on.

Standard Chartered, Tech Mahindra, Accenture, HCL, SBI Cards, Appollo, SPI Cinemas were some of the firms that took part. A lot of companies hired people for back-end jobs such as accounting, based on their skills and experience.

C Pushpanathan (52), a person with hearing and speech impairment got a job with velaiasia.com. “The company I previously worked with closed down. Most companies are willing to offer a job only to the young diffabled. I found a job that pays me a little over Rs 12,000 a month,” he writes on a piece of paper and smiles.



### Do You Know

Christ the King Church in Loyola Campus dates back to 1930s. This 157 feet tall steepled gothic church was designed and built by Architect S. A. Gnana Pragasam Pillai at the behest of Rev. Fr. Francis Bertram S.J., the founder and Principal of Loyola College.

### National Science Day

The National Science Day was celebrated on Feb 27, 2017. It was organized for the differently-abled students by the Office of the Dean of Research, Loyola College. Dr.S.Vincent, the Dean of Research, facilitated the entire program. Rev.Dr.John Pragasam SJ, felicitated the gathering. Dr.Jose Swaminathan, Principal, Loyola ICAM College of Engineering and Technology delivered a talk on “Science and Technology for Specially-Abled Persons.”

Around 80 differently-abled students of our College actively participated. The students came to know about the recent assistive technologies. Dr.R.Kaleeswaran, Coordinator, Art and Literary Society and his team from LSSS enlightened the students about the interconnectedness between Tamil Folklore and the recent technology. The program concluded with a grand lunch.



Intercollegiate Cultural and Sports meet for Visually Challenged students was held on Mar 9, 2017 at Lawrence Sundaram Auditorium from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm. Around 170 visually challenged students of various Colleges participated in the program organized by Resource Centre for Differently-Abled (RCDA) & Model Resource Centre of Disability Services (MRCDS). Inaugural function was presided by Rev.Dr. S.Lazar SJ, Secretary. Mr.J.Anumohan, Director and Actor, was the chief guest. He appreciated the students for their extraordinary talents and wished them the best in all their endeavors.

Competitions such as Quiz, Singing and Spelling Game were held during morning session. Prof.Preethi Shanthi and Prof.Julia Pradeepa, Department of English were the judges for spelling game. Mr.Sai Vignesh and Mr. Shravan, Airtel Super Singers - Vijay TV, judged the singing competition.

Sports events such as Shot Put and Running Race were held in the afternoon. Mr.S.Vijayakumar and his team facilitated the sports events.

Mrs.Anuradha Sriram, Playback Singer was the chief guest for the valedictory. She entertained the students with her mellifluous voice. Officials from HBF (Help the Blind Foundation) and Sathya Sai organizations were the guest of honour. The overall championship trophy was won by Presidency College.

## 92nd College Day Celebration at Loyola College

92nd College Day Celebration at Loyola College was held on March 18, 2017 (Saturday) at 5.30 P.M. Shri Arun Goyal IA & AS, Accountant General, Tamil Nadu presided over the function as the Chief Guest.

Shri Arun Goyal is an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer with more than 30 years' experience of working both in Central and State Governments under challenging environments. He is passionate about reforms & bringing about systemic changes. His special interest lies in the areas of Finance, Trade & Commerce, Industry and Power.

He addressed the staff and students and distributed the medals to the meritorious students. About one hundred students received the medals during the occasion. Awards for the best staff researchers who have done extraordinary research in the discipline of science and humanities during this academic year 2016-17, were also presented. On the occasion, the academic milestones of the College were also shown in video graphic form. The Chief Guest suggested that students should gain necessary skills to attain the set goal. It will serve the secret of success. Reading habit is also another attribute of success. Loyola Award 2016 was conferred on Dr.G.Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT Vellore for his outstanding contribution to higher education. He has been chosen for the award for various reasons. First of all, his own attachment to Loyola is very evident in his life, career and institution. He attributes his success to the education and discipline he received from Loyola College. What he is today and what he has built as VIT brand is due to the rigorous training provided at Loyola College. Next, he stands up for the values that the great forefathers of Loyola College imparted. He acknowledges that it is these administrators who molded his personality and character. Acting with courage and honesty and ensuring quality education to the deserving students is what makes him an icon. His concern for the poor and their education is commendable and therefore, he admits a number of poor students from Tamil medium in all his institutions.







## PU-LCS Graduation Day

15th Graduation Day for Pondicherry University –Loyola College Society Twinning Programme was held at Loyola College, Chennai on March 19, 2017 (Sunday) at 5.00 P.M.

**Shri Ve. Vaithilingam**, Honourable speaker of the Legislative Assembly, & Former Chief Minister, Govt. of Union Territory of Puducherry was the Chief Guest. He delivered a formal address to the staff and students and distributed the medals to the meritorious students. **Shri.K.Lakshminarayanan**, Honorable Parliamentary Secretary, Govt. of Union Territory of Puducherry was the Guest of Honour.

Please send in a copy of your department event reports to [wepro@loyolacollege.edu](mailto:wepro@loyolacollege.edu) to enable us publish them in the forthcoming issue. We also welcome your feedback.

- **Dr.K.S.Antony**samy,  
Chief Editor - LAN,  
Director - WEPRO



College of Excellence

On the occasion of World Heart Day, Hotel Taj Coromandel associated with Loyola College to spread the importance of maintaining a healthy heart through careful eating habits amongst the youth. The Executive Chef of Taj Coromandel, Sujan Mukherjee and team organized a live demo on September 29th for over 150 students showcasing some easy-to-make healthy dishes that are light on the heart and great in taste.

The team of chefs dished out four lip-smacking dishes for the students, that started with a healthy salad- Soya glazed tofu with beans sprouts, beets and tomato; this was followed by a cold soup- Cucumber, mint, cumin and low fat yoghurt and ended with two main course options, a Skewered herb marinated chicken with peppers and shallots on Wilted spinach for the non-vegetarians and a Crushed sweet potato steak with hung curd and berry for the vegetarians, thereby keeping everyone's preference in mind.

Speaking on the occasion, Saleem Yousuff, Area Director Taj Chennai & General Manager, Taj Coromandel said, "At the Taj Coromandel, we believe in promoting healthy eating habits among the younger generation of today. Given today's fast paced lifestyle, it is imperative that we maintain a heart-healthy diet for overall wellbeing. We are pleased to associate with the prestigious Loyola College to help create awareness among the student fraternity on simple steps to follow to maintain a healthy diet."

The event was coordinated by the PG Department of Food Chemistry and Food Processing along with the Department of Chemistry. This kind of sensitizing programme for the youth in the context of healthy life and food choice is the need of the hour.

## TamilNadu in Chennai – Celebrating Folk Arts of TamilNadu

A two day "**VEEDHI VIRUDHU VIZHA**"- A TAMIL FOLK ARTS REVIVING CELEBRATION was grandly organized by Loyola College in collaboration with Alternative Media Center (AMC) on 7th & 8th January, 2017 at Loyola College campus, Chennai. There were more than 1000 Folk artists from 32 districts of Tamil Nadu who actively took part in it and expressed their love for the cultural symbols of the Land.

The objectives of this solemn function are to revive the dwindling Tamil Folk Arts like Folk Songs, dances, street theaters, Plays etc., and to reward 150 Folk artists from throughout Tamil Nadu who save and sustain the age-old cultural folk arts of the land despite a number of ordeals.

Mr. Annadurai, Director, Field Publicity, Government of India, showed solidarity with the artists by his presence and assurance of supporting them.

The occasion was chaired by Loyola College officials Rev.Fr.A.M. Jayapathy Francis SJ, Rector, Rev.Dr.S. Lazar SJ, Secretary, and Rev.Dr.M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Principal. Objectives of the Veedhi Virudhu Vizha were briefed by Rev.Dr.M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ, Vice Principal (Academics & Services- Shift I). He requested the Government of Tamil Nadu to regularize the old age pension for the senior artists and to establish Folk Arts Training and Research Department in the Colleges to regain the deteriorating folk arts of the land. There was also cultural procession by more than 1000 artists starting from Valluvarkottam, adorning the streets of Chennai city with a number of enthralling cultural performances. It indeed awakened the spirit of the people who witnessed them.







## Redefined Wings

International Women's Day was celebrated in Loyola College on March 08, 2017. A Conference titled "Emerging wings beyond empowerment" was organized by Dean of Women Students Office to mark the International Women's Day Celebration wherein both Men and Women students from all the department participated. The focus was on youth empowerment and theme of the conference was to reiterate the gender parity and urge to move towards complementarity of both genders in realizing the goals of higher education. Thiru. G. Ramakrishnan, State Head, Communist Party of India (Marxist) was the chief guest for the occasion.

The day's proceedings were divided into four sessions:

- Ms.E. Angayarkanni, Advocate, Chennai High Court spoke on "Women and the Law Front"
- Ms. Nandhini, Director, Cargo Scientific System Pvt. Ltd. dwelt on "Breaking Stereotypes through financial empowerment"
- Ms. Ishwarya, Campaigner of Anti-Stalking, initiated a discussion on "Media's portrayal of women," which subsequently progressed into the debate on Media's engagement with violence against women: Sensitizing or Sensationalizing.
- Further the fourth session was on "Redefining Feminism: India's first Feminist" with two components of short film screening and discussion that was led by Ms. Priyadarshini, Journalist and Film maker.

The Chief Guest for the occasion of valedictory session and campus International Women's Day celebration was the illustrious Kavignar Arivumathi and the Guest of Honour for the day was Dr. Shalini, Psychiatrist, Mind Focus. The celebrations culminated with grand cultural extravaganza of dance and song performed by men and women students.

The highlight of the entire programme was the play titled "Sudalaiamma" which had overwhelming response from the audience. It was singlehandedly acted out by Ms. Prema Revathy, a member of Marapachi theater group directed by Prof.A. Mangai. The play subtly brought out the atrocities meted out to the disadvantaged class especially from police officials.





**Preview Theater Glammed Up!**

Many events happen around the world to acknowledge the mainstream media ventures, but a few recognize the importance of alternative entertainment in changing the world. Dept. of Media Arts, Loyola College has been conducting the Short Film competitions in association with Parivu Magazine for the past five years. The competition is conducted for the College and University students in Tamil Nadu.

**Short Film Competition 2017:**

The Dept. of Media Arts announced the competition this year in January. The response was immediate and overwhelming. More than 40 short films came in to compete from throughout the state. The film-making students of the Media Department along with the professors evaluated the films based on the concept, presentation, and technical nuances.

The 5th Year Short Film Award Function was conducted on March 15, 2017 (Wed) in Preview Theatre, Loyola College, Chennai. Eminent film-maker, Director Gautham Vasudev Menon graced the occasion and announced the results.

**Release of New Short Film:**

'H2SO4', a new short film by Mr.Prashanth Prabhu, a second year postgraduate student in the Dept. of Media Arts, was released by Director Gautham Vasudev Menon. The film is based on the cruelty of acid attack.





## Chief Guest Address:

Amidst his busy shooting schedule of 'Dhuruva Natchathiram', his present mainstream venture with Actor Vikram, Director Gautham Vasudev Menon took a short break to come to Loyola to share his thoughts with the budding film makers. "You have to concentrate on the script. It's a challenging atmosphere out there. Many of my friends who started the film-making journey with me are now into other business. Concentration and Perseverance are the key values that will help in making a successful film-maker." he said.

## Prize Winners:

**First Place:** The first place was secured by Aadhithya Pranav, Anna University student who had made the short film, 'Tharuvi'. Concept: An old lady and an youngster, who are orphaned victims of the societal disrespect start a new journey. Cash Award: Rs.10,000/-

**Second Place:** 'Madharaasi', a film by PSG College Student, Prabakar from Coimbatore, attracted the jury for its concept of celebrating fraternity. Cash Award: Rs.5,000/-

**Third Place:** Inspired by the acclaimed movie, Joker, 'Komaali', a film by Subramaniya Bharathi, SRM University, Chennai, based on the farmers suicide issue moved the organizers to give away the third place. Cash Award: Rs.3,000/-

**Special Prizes:** A cash award of Rs.1000/- each was given for Best Cinematography, Best Actor, and Best Editor.

**Director Gautham Vasudev Menon, Actor John Vijay, and Actor 'Dhaadi' Balaji announced and gave away the prizes.**





Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar Silver Jubilee Commemoration 49th Athletics Meet for University Departments and Affiliated College of University of Madras was held on December 13, 14 & 15, 2016 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. Loyola College, Chennai retained the A L Mudaliar Athletics Meet trophy for the 15th time in succession with 8 Gold, 10 Silver and 6 Bronze medals. It was Loyola's 37th victory in the 49-year old Athletics Meet.

Thangavasanth created a new record in pole vault with 4.70m, the existing one was 4.80m. Further, Loyola 4 X 400 Mts Relay team also created a new record with 3:17:0 sec. against the old record 3:19:5 sec. Dr. David Jawahar, Registrar, University of Madras gave away the prizes. Officials of Loyola college, Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, S.J., Principal, Rev. Dr. Samuel Jeyaseelan S.J. Director for Sports and Games and Mr. Vijayakumar, Physical Director, Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, PRO and Prof. Pencier, Vice Principal were present during the prize distribution ceremony.



### Do You Know

- Loyola Library has 1,10,000 books
- Loyola is a 99acre (400,000 m<sup>2</sup>) tree lined green campus





# Becoming Effective Teachers and Trainers

A Two Day National Workshop on Training of Trainers: Becoming Effective Teachers and Trainers was organized by Web Enhancement and Public Relations Office (WEPRO), Loyola College, Chennai – 600 034 on April 21 & 22, 2017. The main objective of the workshop was to train participants to become effective teachers and trainers employing updated modules and techniques, design and deliver teacher development programmes and excel and exceed expectations continuously. The four stages of the workshop are ideative, demonstrative, participative and performative. Around 80 participants from colleges in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra participated and contributed to the training programme.

The officials of the college- Rev. Fr. A. M. Jayapathy Francis, S.J., Rector, Rev. Dr. S. Lazar, SJ, Secretary & Correspondent, Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal, Loyola College, Chennai inaugurated the workshop highlighting the role of teachers in the society and the need for achieving excellence in teaching profession. Further, they appealed to all the participants to bring in the element of training into teaching so that the students turn out to be knowledgeable, positive thinking and skillful.

Rev. Dr. Francis M. Peter, S.J. XLRI, Jamshedpur, ELT Expert, Trainers' Trainers, Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Associate Professor, Loyola College, Chennai, Dr. K. Elango, Teacher Trainer, Chennai, national secretary, EITAI Mr. Martin Robert, Training Consultant, Transfigure, Chennai. Dr. S. Thiruvengataswami, Professor and Head, English Department, SSN Engineering College, Chennai and Dr Eric Miller, Director, World Story Telling Institute, Chennai acted as resource persons. Eric Miller's session on "Story Telling as a Pedagogical Tool" was tailor-made to suit the expectations of participants from different disciplines. For instance, he illustrated how the story of H<sub>2</sub>O may be narrated to enthuse the interest and involvement of science students. Even stories of plants, animals from various points of view may be undertaken. Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, PRO, Loyola College, a teacher trainer himself organized the programme to expose the participants to stand out training modules.



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