

Ovations 2022: A Report

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On the 29th of April 2022, Loyola College, Chennai witnessed the grand event "Ovations 2022". 'Ovations' is the inter-departmental cultural extravaganza that Loyola college conducts as an annual tradition. After 2 years of uncertainty due to the pandemic, "Ovations 2022" stands to be the first grand live event in the post-COVID scenario. It lays a platform for the students of Loyola to exhibit their talents and skills with great zeal. It specially emphasizes on togetherness and collectiveness of the students from various departments and enables them to develop Loyola's ethos of leadership and responsibility. This event was bestowed upon by Rev. Dr. Francis P. Xavier, SJ (Rector), Rev. Dr. D. Selvanayagam, SJ (Secretary and Correspondent), Rev Dr A. Thomas, SJ (Principal) and Dr. Melchias Gabriel (Deputy Principal).

Every year Ovations is organized with a theme to portray the nerve of the student community. The theme of Ovations 2022 was "Retro Revamp". The theme signifies the reinvention of a style or fashion from the recent past (i.e.) the 70s- the 90s. Loyola's 30th Ovations came to pass over the duration of a month, from the Inauguration on 29th March 2022 to the Grand Finale on 29th and 30th April 2022.

Loyola's 30th Ovations consisted of both off-stage and on-stage events. The 8 On-stage events that took place during the two-day Grand Finale included Western dance, Light music and Variety events. Ovations 2022 was star-studded with the guests of honour including Actor Soori on the day of the Inauguration, Actor Prabhu Deva on the day of the Valedictory and various other celebrities from the Tamil cinema fraternity. The annual cultural festival acted as an opportunity for students to create memories and exhibit their talents in the midst of the hectic semester.

Under the collaborative auspices of the Office of Dean of Students - Dr. D. David Stanley (Shift - 1) Prof. S. Isaac Francis (Shift - 2) and the Loyola Students Council represented by Sasha Alfred Murray (President), Dhevaakaran (Vice President), Kishore Palanivelu (General Secretary) and Abigail Vinolia (Joint Secretary), Loyola College's Ovations '22 turned out to be a resounding success.