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Inauguration of Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD)

On 12th July 2016, Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD) was inaugurated to embark a new year in the path of academics. Mr. P. Selvaganesh, I.R.S, also an alumnus of Economics Department was the Chief guest of the day. Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal graced the occasion with her presence. Prof. D. Bhagwan Das, Head of The Department of Economics, Dr. Uma Maheshwari, President of LEAD, Mr. Levin, Secretary of LEAD were also present, along with the other staff members and students. The inaugural session began with a prayer song by the department choir. After the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed the inaugural address which marked the propitious start of the day.

Dr. Uma Maheshwari, President of LEAD delivered the welcome address warmly welcoming the students and the staff members. This was followed by the patron address by the head of the Department, Prof. Bhagwan Das. He emphasized on the need to develop a deep understanding of the subject and spoke about the various achievements which the chief guest had acquired and a brief account of his five years as an outstanding student of the department in Loyola College. Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal also addressed the gathering and wished every success for all the future endeavors. Mr. Levin, Secretary of LEAD in brief, enlightened everyone regarding the importance of the Association, its functionality and the upcoming events of the year. Mr. Jishnu S Pillai, Associate Secretary of LEAD introduced the chief guest, Mr. P. Selvaganesh I.R.S. Shortly after this, our chief guest delivered the most awaited speech of the day. He advised the students to keep challenging themselves and to make the most out of their time at the College. He highlighted the importance of the ever-thriving discipline of Economics and also spoke about its application in counteracting the present day challenges that are faced by the economy. He emphasized on the importance of having a dream, a vision that would guide us to achieve great heights and advocated on giving back to the college, the society and the government. He inspired all the civil service aspirants by not just his vast achievements but in his humble voice he instilled into the students, a sense of discipline and a desire to aim high and gave a brief account about his life as an I.R.S officer. His success and humility is truly worth admiring. Not often do we come across such lessons and talks that are worth retaining in our minds. This was surely one of those inspiring speeches that would motivate all students to become more ambitious and diligent in their lives.

The newly elected office bearers were then congratulated and the chief guest awarded the badges to them. The Joint Secretary, S. Sirpi rendered the vote of thanks and the educative and enriching inaugural session ended with the national anthem.