

# Chronology of Events



- 1912 Request of Archbishop Aelen to open a College in Madras in February.
- 1924 Foundation stone laid by His Excellency Willington, Governor of Madras on 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- 1925 Beginning of the College with 75 students enrolled in the first year B.A. in Economics, History and Mathematics.
- 3 blocks of hostel constructed.
- Inauguration of the College by Sir A.P. Patro, Minister of Education.
- 1926 Establishment of Departments of Physics and Chemistry. Number of students increased to 300.
- 1927 Commencement of the First year Honours in Mathematics and Economics.
- Enrollment of students went up to 503. Closure of B.A. History.
- 1929 Eleven hostel blocks came into existence.
- 1930 Construction of the College Church.
- 1932 Blessing of the College Church by Most Rev. E. Mederlet, D.D.,S.C., Archbishop.
- 1933 Annexes were built for the Physics Department.

- 1937 Establishing Oriental Languages (Hindi, Telugu, Sanskrit).
- 1942 The strength of the College increased to 1387.  
Initiating Hindi, French in Part III of the B.A. Re-introduction of Latin, Botany and Zoology in the B.Sc., B.Com. (Honours) & B.Sc. (Honours) in Chemistry.  
A storey was added to the Jesuit Residence. Two hostel blocks each of 3 storeys completed. Construction of the Chemistry Block.
- 1945 Inception of B.Com.
- 1948 Starting of Department of Natural Sciences.
- 1949 Department publication of the first research paper in Zoology division of Department of Natural Sciences.  
Launching of B.A. French.
- 1950 Opening of Department of Botany. Commencement of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations on 27th October.
- 1950 Inauguration of the Bertram Hall.
- 1951 The student body numbered 1800.
- 1952 Two Hostel Blocks, new mess-rooms, a store cum dispensary and a temporary indoor games building were built.  
Construction of 40 houses in two quarters at the corners of the College for the non-teaching staff.
- 1954 Installing the Institute of Social Science offering Diploma in Social Work.  
Cardinal Gracias presided over the College Day.
- 1956 Introduction of PUC after an initial hesitancy.  
Celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. Ignatius.  
Addition of a Block of 15 rooms to the Jesuit Residence.  
Construction of the Teaching Staff quarters.  
Shedding of Intermediate in Arts & Sciences.
- 1957 Launching of B.Sc. Zoology. Revival of B.A. History.
- 1958 Starting of new two year PG courses.

- 1959 Opening of B.Sc. Statistics.  
**Visit of Cardinal Agagianian accompanied by Archbishop Knox.**
- 1963 Introduction of M.A. Social Work.  
Establishment of Entomology Research Institute.
- 1967 **Visit of Rev. Fr. Pedro Arrupe, Superior General of the Society of Jesus on 20<sup>th</sup> June.**
- 1968 Introducing German Language.
- 1969 Initiating B.A. Tamil.
- 1970 Opening of Sauliere Hall for Hostelites on 31st July.
- 1971 **Starting of Loyola College (Evening).**  
The strength of the College stood 2500.  
A floor was added to the Day Scholar's Centre.
- 1972 Appointment of a full time Counselor.
- 1973 Commencement of Ignatian Institute for Career Development.
- 1975 **Golden Jubilee Celebrations.**
- 1978 **The College becomes Autonomous**
- 1979 Establishment of Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA)  
**1980 Visit of Rev. Fr. Pedro Arrupe, Superior General of the Society of Jesus.**
- 1981 Initiation of M.Phil. Economics.  
Introduction of Dept. of Foreign Languages (French & German).
- 1982 Starting of M.Sc. Statistics.
- 1983 Founding Loyola Institute of Visual Communication and B.A. Sociology.
- 1984 Commencement of M.Phil. in Chemistry and Mathematics.
- 1985 Opening of M.Sc. Physics and M.Sc. Zoology.
- 1986 **Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee on 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

- 1987 Starting M.Phil. Commerce & Statistics.  
Upgradation of Dept. of English as a PG Dept.
- 1988 Commencing of M.Phil. Zoology.  
Most Rev. G. Casimir, S.J., D.D., blessed Jerome D'Souza  
Administrative Block.
- 1989 Initiation of B.Sc. Visual Communication.  
Establishment of Ph.D. in Statistics, M.Phil. in Physics,  
Economics & Social Work.
- 1990 Construction of the New Physics building and  
Computer Centre.
- 1991 Inception of the New Racine Research Centre in  
Mathematics.
- 1992 Inauguration of the New Physics Block.  
Establishment of Ph.D. in Physics.  
Launching of Loyola Extension & Awareness Programme for  
PG students (LEAP).
- 1993 Introducing M.A. Applied History and  
B.Sc. Computer Science.
- 1995 Setting up Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE).  
Hosting of the First National Jesuit Alumni Congress.
- 1996 Foundation of the New LIBA building in September.  
Visit of Cardinal Lourdusamy.  
Upgradation of Department of Commerce as a  
research department.
- 1997 Celebration of the birth Centenary of Fr. Jerome D'Souza, S.J.
- 1998 Beginning of Loyola Institute for Industrial and  
Social Science Research.  
Introduction of M.A. Philosophy. Re-introduction of  
B.A. French.  
**Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Evening College in March.**  
**Inauguration of the Platinum Jubilee Building by**  
**Superior General, Rev. Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.**

- 1999 Launching of PU-LC, Starting of M.C.A., M.Sc. Biotechnology and B.B.A. Launch of M.Sc., International Business (L.S.B.U.). Accredited at 5 Star Level by NAAC.
- 2000 Dept. of Botany renamed as the Dept. of Plant Biology and Biotechnology. Commencing B.C.A., B.A (Corp.) and M.Sc. (Computer Science).
- 2001 Restructuring of the Syllabi - Choice Based Credit System introduced in UG.
- 2002 Inauguration of the LIFE Building.
- 2003 Opening of M.Sc. Medical Laboratory Technology & M.Sc. Visual Communication.
- 2004 Restructuring of the Syllabi - Choice Based Credit System introduced in PG. Initiation of M.A. Medical Sociology and Biomedical Instrumentation Science.
- College with Potential for Excellence conferred by UGC.**
- 2005 Dept. of Zoology renamed as the Dept. of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology.
- Blessing of new buildings “School of Media Studies” and additional floor in J.D. Block.
- Opening Loyola - Kovalam Tsunami Rehabilitation Project and Kovalam Community College, assisted by TATA Relief Committee.
- Introduction of MSW (SF)  
M.Sc. Corporate Governance, London South Bank University, UK
- Evening College becomes Autonomous.**
- 2006 Autonomous status for M.C.A.
- Restructuring Phase - II for UG implemented.**
- Starting M.A. Media Arts, M.Phil. History, and M.Sc. Industrial Biotechnology, Management and B.B.A., Lille Catholic University, France.
- Founding Resource Center for Differently Abled Students and School of Physical Sciences.
- Reaccredited at A+ Level by NAAC.**

- 2007 Renovation of the 75 year old College Church.  
Setting up Guest Rooms & IOB, Loyola Branch in the New Premises.  
Instituting M.Phil. & Ph.D. in Plant Biology and Biotechnology and English. M.Phil Courses restructured. M.A., Med. Sociology changed to M.Sc., Med. Sociology.
- 2008 Commencement of M.Sc. Food Chemistry and Food Processing. Renaming of LISOR as LISSTAR
- 2009 Opening M.C.A. in PULC and Euroasian Management in South Bank University, London
- 2010 **Conferment of SIRO (Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) status by Dept. of Science and Technology, GOI.**
- 2011 Initiating second section in B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship and M.A. Tamil Course. Establishing e-resources for research and publications  
Institution of Ritu and Sanjiv Kaura Chair in Liberal Arts.
- 2012 **New restructuring of UG & PG. syllabus**
- 2013 **NAAC reaccreditation, 3rd cycle with 3.70 CGPA out of 4.00.**  
**Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, inaugurated the School of Commerce and Economics.**
- 2014 Conferred "College of Excellence" in February by UGC for a period of 5 Years from 2014 to 2019.  
Commencement of B.M.M. Multimedia and Animation.  
Initiating third section in B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship.
- 2015 **UGC has recognized the college as the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Centre for Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood.**
- 2016 Commencement of DDU KAUSHAL Kendra with B.Voc. and M.Voc. in 3D Animation / Digital Journalism.
- 2017 All India 2nd Rank in the category of colleges by NIRF, MHRD, Govt. of India.
- 2018 Commencing of B.Com. Honours in collaboration with Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- 2019 Commencement of M.Sc Data Science Course in collaboration with gateway 2 AI, a pioneering startup in the field of AI.