Dr. P. Sagayaraj, the Head of the Department of Physics, Loyola College Chennai completed guiding 25 Ph.D. candidates on 29th November 2012. In honour of this remarkable achievement, an endowment was established by his well wishers and students on the very same day. The 1st Endowment lecture was delivered by Prof. K. Ramamurthi of SRM University on 6th February 2014.

The 2nd Dr. P. Sagayaraj Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. S. Gunasekaran, Dean (R&D), St. Peter’s University, Avadi, Chennai – 600 054. Dr. S. Gunasekaran is a high profile researcher, administrator, teacher and an orator par excellence. He was formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Physics, Pachaiyappa’s College and later the Registrar at Periyar University, Salem.
Dr. P. Sagayaraj, the Head, Dr. S. Gunasekaran, the Chief Guest, Dr. K.A. Ravindran, the coordinator and Dr. J. Merline Shyla, President LPA

The event begins with a prayer song by the II M.Sc students

Dr. S. Jerome Das, the UG Professor welcoming the gathering
Dr. S. Pauline handing over a memento to the Chief Guest

The Chief Guest honoring Dr. P. Sagayaraj

Dr. J. Merline Shyla, the LPA President introducing the Chief Guest Dr. S. Gunasekaran
Dr. S. Gunasekaran delivered a talk entitled “ATR Technique - A Fortune to FT-IR Spectroscopy for Materials Characterization”. He demonstrated the applications of FT-IR with real time examples (health hazards of paper cups and paper banana leaves) and highlighted the advantage of ATR technique over the conventional methods. He also highlighted the contributions made by Indian Scientist to Physical Science research. He quoted Sir. C.V. Raman, Sri Chandrasekar and Dr. Abdul Kalam to enthuse the young minds.

This Lecture was well attended by students, research scholars and faculty of the Department of Physics, Loyola College. The lecture proved to be of immense motivation to both the students and the faculty. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. G. Sreekumari.