90th College Day Celebration at Loyola College

90th College Day Celebration at Loyola College, Chennai was held on March 18, 2015 (Wednesday) at 5.00 pm in Quarter Angle Stage. His Excellency F.K. Morule, High Commissioner of South Africa, New Delhi was the Chief Guest. Earlier, he was a member of ANC Branch Executive Committee, ANC Regional Executive Committee, ANC Regional Working Committee, ANC Provincial Executive Committee and ANC Provincial Working Committee during 1991-2012. Further, in 2007 he was elected to the ANC National Executive Committee and in 2009 he was appointed as the member of the ANC National Disciplinary Committee.

He addressed the staff and students and distributed the medals to the meritorious students. In his address, the chief guest said that education is the key to unlock future issues and the process of realizing inculcated human values for the greater good. He expressed his pleasure at seeing such a long standing college in the field of education and said that it was education that helped the humanity look at issues like food security, water scarcity and other issues afflicting the world with balanced perspective. He rejoiced at the fact that only education can illuminate society against discrimination and injustice and encourage critical thinking and share scientific light. He added that education serves as step ladder to progress from sub human condition to betterment of life.

He also hailed the motto of Loyola College namely producing students as agents of social change and providing education to the marginalized. The kind of education imparted at Loyola serves as a means of building an inclusive society and providing students with opportunity to realize their full potentials. Appreciating the retirees, he further said that a teacher never retires. They always contribute to development of the community. He drew the attention of students to the truth that the world looks up to them to utilize the knowledge, skills and excellence accumulated in Loyola in promoting research on environmental science, economics, developmental issues and health education, etc. He said that the present generation will be judged by how it responds to the call of humankind at the time of needs. Therefore, they are expected to rise up to the occasion and uplift the needy in terms of eradicating the poverty and inequality, and solving towards malnutrition.
Senior journalist, Palagummi Sainath was named the distinguished Alumni of the college this year. Rev. Fr. A.M. Jayapathy Francis, S.J., Rector, read the citation of Loyola College Award to be presented to Mr. Sainath and handed it over to the chief guest. Rev. Dr. M. Albert William, S.J., Secretary, recalled the contribution of the staff during the academic year and thanked them for their cooperation. In addition, he motivated the students to be unique and perform exceptionally well in the world of works.

Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J., Principal, felt that it was fitting that Loyola College had His Excellency F.K. Morule, High Commissioner of South Africa, New Delhi as the Chief Guest of College Day Programme as the year, 2015 is the centenary year since Mahatma Gandhi left for India after fighting against apartheid regime in South Africa. He opined that the dream of casteless society is still elusive. Therefore, the education imparted at Loyola College should enable us to fight against the evils - corruption, caste, creed, parochialism, etc. that retrograde the growth of our nation. He also felicitated the jubilarians and the members of the retiring staff who rendered yeoman service to the College.

The College Day celebration was made colorful with the report containing the achievements of all 40 (UG +PG) departments in Shift I and Shift II in the form of an hour-long video capsule. 67 Prize winners received the medals during the occasion. Further, 2 special research awards were given to the members of the teaching faculty who did extraordinary research in the discipline of science and humanities during this academic year 2014-15.

Dr. Albones Raj, Vice Principal, welcomed the guests and gathering and Prof. Ramamurthy, Deputy Principal proposed the vote of thanks.

The programme was organized under the guidance of by Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J., Principal, Loyola College, Chennai -34.

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