BRIEF HISTORY OF LOYOLA COLLEGE:

Loyola College was founded by Rev. Fr. Francis Bertram and a band of dedicated Jesuits in 1925, with the primary objective of providing University Education in a Christian atmosphere for deserving Students. The College aims at training young men and women of quality to be leaders in all walks of life and to serve their fellowmen in justice, truth and love. It fosters an atmosphere of intellectual vigor and moral rectitude in which the youth of our country may find their fulfillment and achieve greatness as eminent men and women of service.

Loyola College became autonomous in July 1978. The College, however, continues to be affiliated to the University of Madras and is autonomous, in the sense that it is free to frame its own course of studies and adopt innovative methods of teaching and evaluation. The University degrees will be conferred on the students passing the examinations conducted by the college.

VISION OF THE COLLEGE:

The primary aim of the College is to provide University education in a Christian atmosphere to deserving students, especially those belonging to the Catholic Christian Community. Although this college is meant primarily for Catholics, it does admit other students irrespective of their caste and creed.

The college aims at training young men and women of quality to be leaders in all walks of life and serve their fellowmen with justice, truth and love. It is expected that this training would play a vital role in bringing about the desired change for the betterment of the people of our country, more particularly the poorer and marginalized sections of the society and Dalits. Further it will foster an atmosphere of intellectual vigour and moral rectitude in which the young men and women of our country may find their fulfillment and achieve greatness as eminent men and women for others.
BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY:

The Department of History, “Where excellence is not a habit, but a tradition” has a history as old as Loyola College. The tale of the founding and the emergence of the department are in many respects exemplary of its age. The History department is one amongst the three oldest department in the college, the other two being Mathematics and Economics, that started in 1925 when the college was founded. The department had its periods of eclipse and revival. After a short spell, when the pass course in political science was abolished, its members were integrated with the History department.

In 1957, the Department of History once again revived after three decades under Prof. Rajendran. Even in the non-autonomous days, the department excelled in various directions as a pioneer in both curricular and co-curricular activities. The grant of autonomy enabled the department to innovate and experiment with a variety of academic programmes and activities. The History department took the plunge to make capital advantage of the special privilege, autonomy had provided.
**Brief History of the Loyola Forum for Historical Research:**

The Loyola Forum for Historical Research or the LFHR was founded at the conclave of the historians of Department of History, Loyola College (Autonomous), Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Rajendran, Head and Professor, Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli and General Secretary, Tamil Nadu History Congress. The LFHR functions under the Department of History, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai.

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The founders and office bearers of the Loyola Forum for Historical Research (LFHR) as such are:

- **Patrons:**
  
  
  Rev. Dr. Joe Arun S.J., *Secretary*, Loyola College, Chennai.
  
  Rev. Dr. Boniface Jeyaraj S.J., *Principal*, Loyola College, Chennai.

- **Executives/Office Bearers:**
  
  - Dr. G.J. Sudhakar, Associate Professor, Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai as the *President* of the Loyola Forum for Historical Research.
Prof. B.P. Jeyachandran, Head, Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai as the *General Secretary*, Loyola Forum for Historical Research.

Dr. Bernard D’ Sami, Associate Professor, Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai as the *Vice President* of the Loyola Forum for Historical Research.

Prof. L. Selvanathan, Associate Professor, Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai as the *Joint Secretary* of the Loyola Forum for Historical Research.

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Mr. M. Rajasekar, UG Student Secretary, Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai as the *Student Secretary* of the Loyola Forum for Historical Research.

Mr. D. Rohan Kumar, PG Student Secretary, Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai as the *Student Secretary* of the Loyola Forum for Historical Research.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE LFHR:**

The objectives of the Forum are:

1. To promote scientific study of regional, national and international history;
2. To coordinate research with other historical institutions and organizations;
3. To serve as a forum to promote and assess historical paradigm by conducting Annual Congresses, seminars, workshop and conferences;
4. To promote the significance of historical and other associated area studies namely archaeology, museology, archival and tourism studies;
5. To promote historical research in this part of the world and to encourage, recognize and to provide space to the history research scholars;

6. To recommend new projects, schemes and programs on historical studies to organizations, institutions and governments;

7. To honour historians and historical contributors;

8. To highlight the significance, value and credibility of historical studies through publications with special emphasis to regional historical studies and;

9. To receive and administer funds for the implementation of the above said objectives.

**Membership & Subscription:**

- Membership cannot be transferable:

- Life Time Members: Life Time Members means membership for a period of 14 years.
  
a) Those current teaching staff members (aided) of Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai are eligible to be the life members of the Forum by paying a subscription of ₹5000/- only.

b) Those teaching staff members who have earlier served the Department of History are eligible to become life members of the forum by paying a subscription of ₹2000/- only.

c) Those current teaching staff members (self-financed/Shift II) of the Department of History are eligible to become life members of the Forum by paying a subscription of ₹1000/- only.

d) Those research scholars and those who have done their research (M.Phil or Ph.D) under the Department of History or under the guidance of the staff of the Department of History are eligible to become life members of the Forum by paying a subscription of ₹1000/- only.

e) Donors of Loyola Forum for Historical Research pay a subscription of ₹1000 or more. But they will not be considered as members of the forum nor hold any voting rights.

Those who wish to become a member of the forum will have to write a requisition letter addressed to the President or the General Secretary of the Loyola Forum for Historical Research by paying the above mentioned prescribed fees in the form of a crossed Cheque or a Demand Draft (DD) in favor of “The Principal, Loyola College, Chennai – 600034”. Posted to “The Treasurer, Loyola Forum for Historical Research, Chennai – 600034”.
**ANNUAL CONGRESS:**

The Loyola Forum for Historical Research conducts a two day Annual Congress in which research papers can be presented by research scholars. This year the First Annual Congress of LFHR will take place in Loyola College from 5th to 6th March, 2012.

There will be five sections on different topics namely Social History, Political History, Cultural History, India in International Relations and Subaltern Studies. Research Scholars are invited to submit papers under any of these sections during the Annual Congress.

**DELEGATE FEE:**

All participating Delegates in the two day Annual Congress of LFHR shall pay a Delegate fee. They have to mandatorily submit research papers in a standard format (see Research Papers). The Delegate fee for participating teachers is ₹1000 and for research scholars is ₹500 only.

All Delegates will be provided with a kit which consists of a bag, pen and a scribbling pad on registration and lunch, tea and snacks on both the days. But it excludes accommodation. Those delegates who are in need of accommodation must pay an additional amount of ₹2000.

**RESEARCH PAPERS:**

Research papers are invited from the delegates attending the Annual Congress of the LFHR. The research papers should be based on original research providing new data and interpretation on any aspect of regional, national or international history. The paper should be presented only in English and not exceeding 5 pages. It should be neatly typed with double space on one side of A-4 size paper with Times New Roman as font style, 12 as font size and with End Notes (notes at the end of the article). A minimum of 5 primary sources and 5 secondary sources are to be mentioned mandatorily in the Bibliography.

The research paper along with the abstract of about 100 words in duplicate should reach the Local Secretary, Loyola Forum for Historical Research, Department of History, Loyola College, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034 on or before 27.2.2012

In addition, you can submit the abstract/full text of your paper processed in MS WORD via email to lfhr.chennai@gmail.com.

The Editorial Board will go through the articles and will intimate only the selected articles to be presented in the Annual Congress through a personalized email.

The highlight of the Annual Congress of the LFHR is focused on opening new avenues in Indian history. We hereby invite researchers to present papers related to Indian History and Indian in International Relations.
Disclaimer: If any article published in our research journal courts controversy or is misquoted, non-authentic or as the case may be, the Loyola Forum for Historical Research or the Editorial Board shall not bear any responsibility for it. It is the author of the article who shall bear the responsibility.

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