



LOYOLA ACADEMIC NEWSLETTER



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INDIA TODAY

BEST COLLEGES - 2017



LOYOLA AMONG TOP 10 COLLEGES

In **India Today** Ranking (2017), Loyola College figures second in Science and Arts at fourth in Commerce at national level.

The **Week** has estimated Loyola College as number 02 in Commerce and Science and 03 in Arts at all India level ranking.

A FACT

25 cities covered for the week Hansa Research Best Colleges Survey 2017 are Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Bhopal, Indore, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Kochi, Chennai, Kolkata, Coimbatore, Lucknow, Dehradun, Mumbai, Delhi, Ghaziabad, Gurugram, Noida, Patna, Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Vadodara and Gandhinagar.

RANK 2

LOYOLA CONTINUES TO SHINE...

National Institutional Ranking Framework 2017 (NIRF), the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India has awarded Loyola with the covetable second position among the higher educational institutions in India for its unparalleled academic initiatives and best practices. All India level survey conducted by National level Magazines like *India Today* and *The Week* affirm time and again that Loyola is at zenith of higher education. In addition, the increasing number of applications during the academic year (2017-18) touching forty five thousand mark speaks volumes of the enormous faith that the public has on the holistic education offered at Loyola.

Blending Academic excellence with practical wisdom and social responsibility is the success story of Loyola College. Autonomy has encouraged reform in teaching, learning evaluation, and restructuring the curriculum keeping in mind the employability quotient and societal expectations.

From the desk of...



NIRF Ranking by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India, *India Today* and *The Week* magazines' assessment and the increasing number of applications forwarded to Loyola speak volumes of the enormous faith that the public has on the holistic education offered at Loyola. Let us attribute this to collective planning and implementation of the shared vision and strong commitment on the part of management, staff and students. We have walked together to reach this milestone in the annals of Loyola. While congratulating, I would like to invite every one of you to contribute substantially and take Loyola even beyond excellence. Constant improvement in Academics, Research and Wholesome formation will be an indicator of our professional development. Let us accept that we have miles to go before we realize fully the vision and mission of Jesuits especially formation of the youth that our forefathers have set for us. Let Your Light Shine!

Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, S.J., Principal



Greetings to Everyone!

Let us begin the academic year 2017-18 with a new vigour, right attitude, and insights for a meaningful educational journey throughout the year. Let us create a win-win situation and work towards a positive environment for you and others. Opportunities come on our way, but often we do not identify them or let them go without realizing that an opportunity missed is missed forever. We often fix our problem on others and look for solutions outside our boundaries, but the search for solutions and happiness is within our reach. For quality of life, we need to live our lives and let others live as the popular saying goes, "Live and Let Live!"

Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal

**"Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those who pre-
pare for it today."**

TEACHER IN IGNATIUS



DO YOU KNOW

“Teach me to be generous” was the prayer said by St. Ignatius of Loyola. One may wrongly perceive Ignatius as a soldier: stern, iron-willed, practical, showing little emotion not a very attractive or warm personality. However, the way he influenced those who knew him proved that Ignatius was like a magnet attracted people with love and good values. Everyone loved him and everybody felt his love. St. Francis Xavier’s soul was saved by his teacher Ignatius. And Xavier began to follow Ignatius till the end of his life.

Ignatius’ school of learning recommends total surrender to God. His prayer reads as follows. “Take O Lord and receive all my liberty, my memory my understanding and my entire will”. This prayer prompts one to share one’s knowledge and wisdom with neighbours.

St. Ignatius not only gave systematic rules for the discernment of spirits based mainly on his personal experience but used discernment as an excellent tool for personal decision making in everyday life. Ignatian discernment teaches one not to go by the emotions like ‘I like to do this’ or the reasons by considering pros and cons of deciding matter but to decide from the heart through spiritual consolation and desolation.

Ignatian way of decision making and the consciousness Examen an awareness exercise are taught in the business schools. Ignatian pedagogy or method of discernment will help every person to bring about the fulfillment of God’s generous hopes and desires for the world and for us. No doubt, for Ignatius the heart of education is the education of heart.

Dr. M. F. VALAN
Dept. of Chemistry

Christ the King Church was designed and built in 1931 by Architect S. A. Gnana Pragasam Pillai at the behest of Rev. Fr. Francis Bertram S.J., founder Principal (1924-1935) and second Rector (1926-36) of Loyola College. The grandeur of the church was, thus, described at the time of consecration: “The sacred edifice stands out in all its beauty, elegance and slimness with its harmonious lines clear cut on the blue azure, towards which walls, turrets, buttresses, parapets, roof, spire all soar and coverage carrying aloft with them, the soul of the onlooker.”

♦ **St. Ignatius of Loyola** was born in 1491 at Azpeitia in the Basque province of Guipúzcoa in northeastern Spain. Inigo is his baptismal name.

♦ St. Ignatius, at the time he decided to become a priest, was not literate in an important language -- so he had to study Latin with school children.

♦ St. Ignatius, along with two of his companions, Peter Faber and James Lainez, decided to go to Rome and place them at the disposal of the Pope. It was a few miles outside of the city that Ignatius had the second most significant of his mystical experiences. At a chapel at La Storta where they had stopped to pray, God the Father told Ignatius, 'I will be favorable to you in Rome' and that he would place him (Ignatius) with His Son.



BEHIND THE GREENS

...painting the world green



An Interview with
PROF. WILSON

The architect of our green campus

Gardening requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to gratify ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expends effort on them.

We have a beautiful green campus today and Prof. S. Wilson is the man behind the greens. In accordance with the maxim, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" Prof. Wilson has never lost his hope in tomorrow.

We might have heard of them, spoken to them, but here, we will get to know more about what we haven't known about them. Meet the heroes within the campus in this section; they become our interviewees to share more about themselves with us.

How long have you been involved in the activities of Gardening in the campus?

In the year 1996, when I got retired from the Botany Department, there was no one to take care of the garden. Father Secretary then asked me if I could assist gardening in the campus. I agreed and for the last 21 years I have been here almost every day to tend to the plants.

How many members are there in your team?

To create and maintain a good garden is a continuous process. This year, 200 odd saplings were planted. So, it involves a lot of work. We hire external support for huge projects. On a regular basis, there are 6 gardeners. They look forward to my instructions on a daily basis.

How does a regular day's work look like for you?

I arrive in campus by 11 am and inspect the various plants and give instructions to the helpers to carry out activities like trimming, watering, moving pots, etc.

What about the flora in our campus?

There are 200 odd species and more than 2000 odd trees. Dominant trees are the Neem and 'Mailvaganam Tree'. There are 100 and odd coconut trees. The campus is divided into avenues and garden beds. There are nearly 7 avenues. For example: the Mahogany Avenue. The Garden in the front with the letters 'LOYOLA COLLEGE' is referred to as Carpet gardening.



'Let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment'-Pope Francis. True to the words of Pope Francis, Prof. Wilson plays a vital role in protecting the environment in our campus and he expressed so much concern in keeping it clean and tidy, by our day to day activities.

What about garden waste disposal?

Garden trash is collected regularly, allowed to dry and it is processed once in every 6 months. The trash is fermented to form organic manure. Cattle dung is also bought in lorry loads to be used as manure for our plants grown here in campus.

Who/what inspired you the most towards gardening?

When I was a small boy, I went with my grandmother to a pond. It was dry. However, there was a small pit dug inside the pond. And there inside the pit, I found the inflorescence from 'Poo Arasa Maram' very attractive. Right from a very small age I love plants.

How does your Family support in this choice of work?

I grow flowering plants in my house and bring them here. I am paid for this gardening work. But it's the love for plants that keeps me motivated here. My family is happy to see me engaged in a work related to my passion.

What is your most memorable achievement as a gardener?

I was instrumental in replacing the Burmodo grass lawns with Korean grass lawns.

Any unforgettable moment?

Planting around 150 saplings between LIBA building and Loyola B.Ed. building, along with former Principal, Fr. Joseph Xavier, S.J.



*"Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay."*

—Robert Frost

*"I felt my lungs inflate with the
onrush of scenery—air, moun-
tains, trees, people. I thought, 'This
is what it is to be happy.'"*

—Sylvia Plath



What is your major challenge as a gardener?

I am troubled when I see our students or others being not mindful of plant beds and walk across them. However, I instruct them to be careful.

I am also strongly concerned about the untidy area around the canteen and the way used cups, plates or packets are left around. I have initiated cleanup activities with the support of the helpers. However, I believe it is important for continuous instructions (maybe even through the intercom) and example set by management and teachers to clean up the area. As I believe, the younger generation requires continuous directions!

Another challenge is the delay in processing the requirement towards gardening by the management.

What is your message for students?

Forest is beauty to a country, so is garden for a house. Gardening is healthy for body and mind. It serves as a good recreational activity too. Plants provide fresh air to breathe and gardens enthuse flexible spirit. A beautiful, well maintained garden induces respect for each other and lofty emotions.

⇒ **Interviewed by Prof. Renita**

"We received this world as an inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!" —Remarks, Pope Francis, meeting with political, business and community leaders, Quito, Ecuador, July 7, 2015



ACADEMIC STAFF ORIENTATION

Academic Staff Orientation was organized on June 13 & 14, 2017. 'Building Relationship' was earmarked as the theme for the academic year. Further, officials of the college insisted on sharpening the skills of teaching and learning. Mr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Deputy Adviser, NAAC, one of the resource persons, called for redefining the academic excellence in terms of academic and social research and project based teaching and learning.

UGC EXPERT COMMITTEE VISIT

UGC Expert Committee visited Loyola College July 20 & 21 July, 2017 for extension of Autonomy. The six member expert committee was ably coordinated by **Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath**, Former Principal, Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi. The committee scrutinized all the credentials, interacted with the members of the management, officials, staff and students and visited all the landmarks of the college.

UGC SPONSORED SPECIAL LECTURE ON "HOW RAILWAYS SHAPED EVERYDAY LIFE IN COLONIAL INDIA"

Department of History organized an UGC sponsored special lecture on July 19, 2017. **Dr. Ritika Prasad**, Associate professor of History, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, USA spoke on "How Railways Shaped Everyday life in Colonial India". Dr. Ritika Prasad discussed how historically the railways have shaped the Indian way of life, during the colonial period. She used Info graphics for the better understanding of the market integration and technology interaction of the Indians with railways during the colonial era. She highlighted the changes railways brought about in the lives of the Indian people and how Railways became a political space for "the budding of Indian Nationalism".



Photo Gallery



Academic Staff Orientation



UGC Sponsored Lecture



UGC Expert Committee Visit

Loyola Summer School

A SHORT TERM COURSE ON ENHANCING E-SKILLS QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR) organized a Short Term Course on Enhancing E- Skills: Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods from 1st to 10th June 2017 at Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai.



Eighteen participants attended the course from various universities and colleges. Dr. M.A. Sudhir, Course Director and UGC Emeritus Professor, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Sr. Hilaria Soundari, Professor, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, Course Coordinator, Associate Professor of Dept. of Sociology, Loyola College, Dr. Bernard D'Sami, Senior Fellow and Coordinator, LISSTAR, Loyola College, Dr. Victor Louis Anthuvan, Professor of Finance & Dean - Research, LIBA, Chennai,

Prof. S. Xavier, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Statistics, Loyola College and Dr. Ruban Raja, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Statistics, Loyola College were the resource persons who handled various sessions.

A PUBLIC LECTURE ON JESUIT SOURCES

A PUBLIC LECTURE ON JESUIT SOURCES (Jesuit History in South Asia in 19th-20th Century) was organized by Department of History in Collaboration with LISSTAR of Loyola College, Chennai on July 07, 2017. Fr. Robert Danieluk Archivum and Romanum Societatis Iesu (ARSI), the Jesuit Curia in Rome was the speaker. 150 participants benefited from the programme.



In his Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius presented various methods by which a person could move systematically through the three traditional steps of spiritual growth: purgation, illumination, and union with God.



***Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,*
the motto of the Society of Jesus means "To the Greater Glory of God".**

In Memoriam

Always in our hearts

Prof. Bala Muthu Murugan, aged 33, Asst. Professor, Department of Social Work, Loyola College breathed his last at 1.29 am on 07.07.2017 after suffering from severe head injury due to an accident.



Prof. Bala was a dear colleague to all of us. He will continue to live not only in our memories but his Heart, Eyes, Lungs, Kidneys and Liver will continue to live on in other recipients as his family, according to his wish has decided to donate his organs.

May his soul rest in peace!



HANDS ON EXPERIENCE



Loyola- Racine Research Institute of Mathematics and Computing Sciences (LIMCOS) organized a Two-Day Hands-on Workshop on Machine Learning with R & Latex on 15th & 16th July 2017 at Loyola College. Dr. Prashant Singh Rana, Tapar University, Patiala, Punjab was the Resource Person. 63 Participants attended the workshop from various Colleges and Universities in Chennai.

LECTURE ON GENERAL POSITION SET OF A GRAPH



Rev. Dr. Paul Manuel, Department of Information Science, Kuwait University, Kuwait presented a lecture on 8th July 2017 (Saturday) at Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. Quite a number of participants attended the lecture.

SEMINAR ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Dr. Paul Manuel, Department of Information Science, Kuwait University, Kuwait presented a lecture on 10th July 2017 (Monday) at Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. 158 Participants attended the lecture.

TUTORIAL ON NET - EXAM



Rev. Dr. M. Albert William SJ, Director, LIMCOS presented a lecture on 8th July 2017 (Saturday) at Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. Many students benefitted from the lecture.

PHYSICS TRAINING & TALENT SEARCH



Department of Physics organized 15-day lecture series program "Physics Training & Talent Search (PTTS 2017)" from May 22 to June 5, 2017 for M.Sc. Physics students selected from all over India. The total number of participants was 32. The program was funded by Triveni Educational Trust, Allahabad and Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMSc), Chennai. Classical Mechanics, Quantum Mechanics and Experimental Physics are some of the courses taught by the resource persons - Dr.M.Sivakumar, Hyderabad Central University, Dr. S V M Satyanarayana, and Dr. Alok Sharan, Pondicherry University.



Saint Ignatius of Loyola included in his spiritual Exercises a prayer called " The Examen", which derives from the Latin word for examination. It is a meditation with roots in Ignatian Spirituality



IFTAR: INTER RELIGIOUS FAITH

For the first time at Loyola College, Inter faith IFTAR Prayer & Meal with our Muslim Brothers and Sisters was organized to celebrate the spirit of RAMADAN on 23rd June 2017.



The aspect of coming together with due respect and love for each other and community-sharing, made the Iftar event much more sublime and meaningful not only to the Muslim brethren but to all who gathered for event.



Many dignitaries- Mr. Mohammed Asif Ali - Nawabzarda, the Prince of Arcot, Mr. Faizur Rahman - Independent Journalist and Secretary General for the Islamic

Forum for the Promotion of Moderate Thought, Swami Sri Hariprasad - Managing Director, Vishnu Mohan Foundation, Fr. Varghese Rozario- Archdiocese Secretary for Interreligious Dialogue and Ecumenism and Director of Youth Commission, Mr. Yaseva - Director of Propel Global, Rev. Dr. Thomas Birla - Professor of Religion, Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute and Jesuit officials - Rector, Secretary, Directors of LIBA, LICET & IDCR and professors - participated in this meaningful observance and celebration.

COMMEMORATING THE WORLD REFUGEE DAY: WITH REFUGEES

The Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras, Department of Political Science, Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Department of Service Learning (Outreach) and Loyola Institute of Social Science Training & Research (LISSTAR) of Loyola College organized a Panel Discussion on World Refugee Day, 20th June 2017 in LICET, Chennai.



Dr. Ramu Manivannan, Professor & Head, Dept. of Politics and Public Admin., University of Madras, Chennai and Mr. Sachithananda Valan, Associate Repatriation Officer, UNHCR, Chennai delivered the Refugee Day Address. 300 members attended the discussion.



SPORTS

Congratulations



**VIKAS G. MEHRA
(16 - UEC - 041)
(ECONOMICS)**

Vikas G. Mehra, participated in the Dutch Junior Open 2017 (Squash) held in Amsterdam, Netherlands in the Boys under 19 categories representing India and won the 3rd place.

The Latin word, MAGIS is translated as 'more, better, fuller'. St. Ignatius of Loyola used this word to describe how authentic Christianity fosters a deeper connection with Christ and more zeal in serving others. From this perspective, the "+" (plus) sign can also be interpreted as the Cross – the symbol of divine love to the very end.

MAGIS shows us the Ignatian way towards a fuller life. The founder of the Jesuit order summarized the dynamics of Christian life in three words: know – love – follow. Contemplating the mystery of Christ's life, immersing oneself in His message and studying His ways through the Gospel fascinates us and makes us yearn to follow His footsteps in our life.

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

24th July 2017



Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated on July 24, 2017. The staff and students of Loyola Campus participated in the holy mass with piety and

sincerity to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit that makes us co-creators in recreating our common home and leads us towards New Earth and New Heaven. Rev. Fr. M. Arul Raj, Vicar-General, Arch-Dioceses of Madras-Mylapore was the main celebrant and professed the message - One Spirit – Many Gifts. He invited every one of them to realize and identify the distinct feature God has endowed all of us with and become men and women for and with others. He, further, appealed to all the students to keep three 'I's – Interactive, Innovative and Initiative as gifts of the Holy Spirit and make their academic life fruitful.

புனித இன்னாசிவாருக்கு புகழ் மானை

இயேசு சபையை நிறுவிய
இனிய தூய இன்னாசிவாரே!
குண்டடிப் பட்டு
புண்பட்ட வேளையிலும்
இயேசுவின் வரலாற்றையும்
புனிதர்களின் வரலாற்றையும்
இதயத்தில் ஏற்று
அகிலம் புகழ் வாழ்ந்த
ஆன்மிகத் தந்தையே
கற்க முடியாமல்
கலங்கித் தவித்த
கருவேலங்காட்டு மக்களுக்கும்
கல்விப் பணி புரியக்
கற்றுக் கொடுத்த கருணை
வள்ளலே!

நீர்
அறிவா சனங்களையும்
அறிவாசனத்தில் அமரவைத்தீர்
எல்லாம் இறைவனின்
அதீதிக மகிமைக்கே – என்று
கள்ளயில்லா உணர்வோடு
எம்
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நின் பெயர் தாங்கிய
எம் கல்லூரி
அகிலம் புகழ் உயர்ந்திட
அருள் மறை பொழிந்திடுக!

முனைவர், து, லேரி சொர்ணாம்பாள்
தயிழ்த்துறை

We value the reports of your department activities and events and wish to publish them in *Loyola Academic Newsletter and Loyola Insider*. Hence you may send reports and photographs of your department programmes to wepro@loyolacollege.edu. We also welcome your feedback.

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