## **Department Festival: Unus Ulagu - 2023-2024**

The Loyola International Relations Association (LOIRA) organized the department festival 'Unuas Ulagu - 2023-2024' on December 16, 2023, at the MCA Smart Room, MCA Building. The event celebrated the theme "Sustainable Development Goals" and incorporated the celebration of the Year of the Youth, as propounded by the Jesuit Chennai Province.

## **Inaugural Ceremony:**

The event commenced at 9 AM with a welcome address by Dr. Subramaniyan, Assistant Professor and President of LOIRA. Dr. Nansi, Coordinator of the Department of International Relations, felicitated the academic mentor, Dr. Bernard D'Sami, who introduced and felicitated the inaugural chief guest, Dr. R.K. Radhakrishnan, Senior Associate Editor of Frontline magazine. Dr. Radhakrishnan addressed the gathering, marking the conclusion of the inaugural ceremony.

## **Events:**

A total of eight events were organized, with four on-stage and four off-stage events. The on-stage events included Quiz, Diplomatic Duels, Cultural Showdown, and Phantom Mishap, while the off-stage events comprised Write Here Write Now, Ink Insight, Reel Showdown, and Map Maze. The events witnessed participation from various colleges across Chennai, involving students from the departments of Political Science, International Studies, and Defense and Strategic Studies.

## **Valedictory Ceremony:**

The valedictory ceremony began at 4:30 PM, with Dr. Stanly Johny, the International Affairs Editor of The Hindu, as the chief guest. The overall winners of the event were announced as Women's Christian College.

The festival provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and engage in stimulating activities related to international relations and sustainable development goals. It fostered a spirit of healthy competition and intellectual discourse among the participating institutions.