## **INAUGURATION - Loyola International Relations Association (LOIRA)**

The inauguration ceremony of the Loyola International Relations Association (LOIRA) occurred on July 21, 2023, graced by the presence of the esteemed Chief Guest, Mrs. Lise Talbot Barrè, Consul General of France in Pondicherry and Chennai. The proceedings commenced with a Prayer Song, followed by the rendition of 'Tamil Thaai Vaazhthu.' Dr. Bernard D'Sami delivered the Welcome Address, and the introduction of the Chief Guest was eloquently presented by Dr. Nansi, Coordinator of the Department of International Relations. Dr. Subramaniyan, President of LOIRA, provided an insightful overview of the association and its activities, after which Dr. Bernard D'Sami extended his felicitation to the Chief Guest.

Consul General Barrè engaged the students with a notable address, offering valuable insights into the enduring diplomatic relationship between India and France. She touched upon various facets of this diplomatic tie, including the arms purchase agreement and other bilateral relations. Notably, India and France are actively working on multiple agreements and contracts for future signing. Mrs. Barrè also shed light on the Prime Minister of India's visit to France, underscoring the deepening of ties between both nations. France's commitment to facilitating French language classes and enhancing educational visas for Indian students interested in France was emphasized. The Chief Guest also shared motivational insights from her extensive experience as a diplomat.