

REPORT On CIVIL SERVICE FOR NATION BUILDING

The Department of History, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, organised a lecture on 'Civil Service for Nation Building' on December 14, 2021. Mr V. Nanda Kumar IRS, Additional Commissioner, Income Tax Department, Government of India, was the chief guest on this occasion.

The programme, initiated with a prayer song by the department choir, was followed by the welcome address by Ms A. Karoliya Jansirani, Assistant Professor. Mr A. Jeevith Anguram and Mr Naresh Bala, Assistant Professors, honoured the Chief Guest was with a College Shawl and Memento. Mr J. Ranganathan, Coordinator, Shift II, Department of History, addressed the gathering and introduced the chief guest.

In his address, Mr V. Nanda Kumar, emphasised the importance of having a good attitude and character in civil service. He motivated the audience by giving examples from his personal life. Stressing the importance of History, he stated it is not only about learning facts but rather the quest to interpret them. He urged the gathering not to suppress their curiosity but to develop rationality. These qualities come with huge applications when one becomes a civil servant. Later, he narrated a motivational story of Beno Zephine, a 100% visually challenged aspirant who made it through the civil service exam. She was asked to take an interview with the Foreign Minister and Secretary. This event was one of a kind. Highlighting her success story, he urged the audience to become History makers.

The Lecture ended with Mr Vishak Ratheesh Nair, PG Secretary, who gave a brief overview of the programme delivered by Mr V. Nanda Kumar, IRS, Additional Commissioner, Income Tax Department. Maria Glory Lauren Carvalho, I - PG student, proposed the vote of thanks.