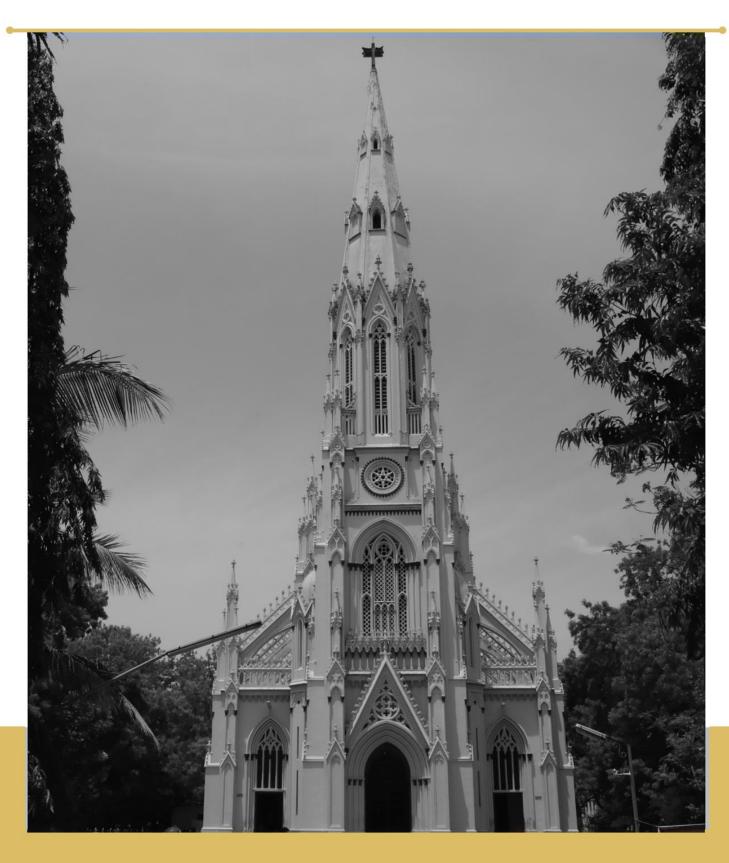
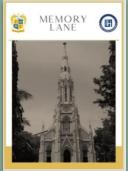


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## From the desk of Director







#### My dear Alumni

It is such a pleasure to be in touch with you all. With the support of the Executive Committee and the General Committee, the Loyola Alumni Association is reaching greater heights. As the Director, I am proud and thankful at the same time for the dedication and the support given by the members.

Once again it is the time of the year that we meet as a family of your alma matter. After two long years, our meeting is in person. I thank God for the mercies!

As one of our special guests at the last year's LAD, Mahatria, said that there are a few positive outcomes due to the pandemic. One of them, of course, is the virtual meetings. In spite of the pandemic and difficult times we were able to be connected globally.

Jesuits have crossed the 500th year mark in their dedication to education and service. We had faced many hurdles to reach where we are, but they are not over yet. However, we will continue to do what our founder St Ignatius of Loyola had directed us to do.

I would also like to let you all know that we will be celebrating our centenary year of our college in the year 2025. It is important that members from all our Chapters are represented.

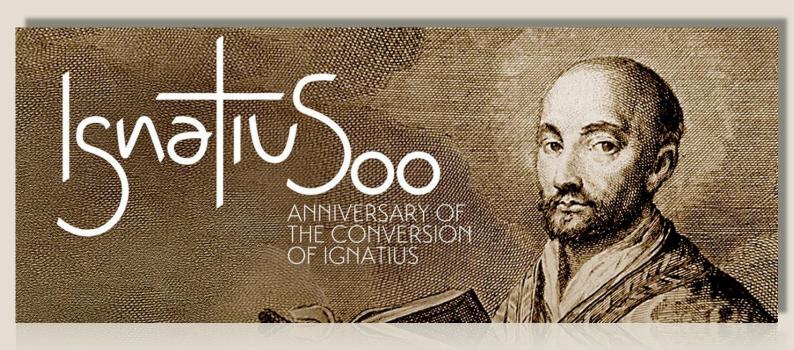
I am also excited to share the news that Loyola is in the threshold of becoming a University. This too will be updated to you all as and when possible.

Once again, thank you all for your support and encouragement!

Sincerely,

Fr Thomas Amirtham

**Director LAA** 



#### Loyola ranks 4th All India!

Loyola College has been awarded the 4<sup>th</sup> best among the Arts & Science Colleges in India.

Congratulations to Fr Principal / Alumni Director, Jesuits, and the management of Loyola College for this consistent achievement.

The ranking given by National Institutional Ranking Framework is meticulously done and the modus operandi is open for anyone to check.





## Loyala Alumni Day 2023



After a gap of 2 years, Loyola welcomes its Alumni to the Loyola Alumni Day on 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022 at its campus. One of the core events of the day is the Awards of Excellence in different fields to a few distinguished Alumni.

This year 4 such categories have been identified:

### Mr.Sultan Refai

2013 – 2016 B.Com as a GUIDING LIGHT





## Mr.Ajit Isaac

1985 – 1988 BA Economics as a GLOBAL LOYOLITE

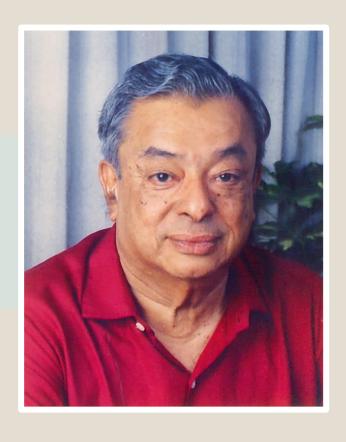
## Dr. Verghese Kurien

1937 - 1940

**B.Sc.Physics** 

as a

LIFETIME ACHIEVER





#### Mr. Vetrimaraan

1994 - 1997

B.Sc. Visual Communication

For

**CREATIVE EXCELLANCE** 

More details on each of the awardee will be carried in the next issue after the awards have been given.



## LAD 2022/A Recap



For the successive second year the Loyola Alumni Day (LAD) was celebrated virtually with a lot of pomp. Highlights were the participation of Spiritualist Mahatria with a special address, Dr Rajkumar as the chief guest and the famous Surya who set the screen on fire. The entertainment was subtle and enjoyable, participated by the alumni and their families.



The program commenced on the dot at  $5.00\,\mathrm{pm}$  with an invocation song by our alumnus Sudhakar Jayaraj.

Rev Dr. Francis P Xavier SJ, Rector, in his speech thanked the LAA and the Chapters in giving a helping hand in both the first and second Covid wave. He also mentioned that Loyola is in the threshold of becoming a University and invited the Alumni in visiting the alma matter and offer their expertise in taking her to greater heights.

President of the Alumni Association Dr G Viswanathan, in his address, recalled his college days mentioned that our college is nearing the centenary year and plan to have a celebration fitting the great institution. He also thanked the Director, Secretary and the members of Executive Council of the LAA.

An LAA Newsletter was brought out to commemorate the event. This was graciously released by Rev Dr. Selvanayagam, Secretary & Correspondent of Loyola College and received by the ever-active J. Balamurugan, Secretary of LAA.

One of the International Chapters of LAA which is growing by leaps and bounds, the USA Chapters which are now four, inaugurated their exclusive website. Mathew Tharakan, Chairman spoke along with a few from the different chapter of USA. Masiullah Mohamed, fondly known as Masi, the Convenor of the International Chapters thanked.

One of the highlights of the LAD is the Illustrious Alumni Awards. This year the committee honoured 5 Illustrious awardees and 3 with certificate of appreciation.

Following are the awardees for the year 2021

#### Mr. M. Razzack

1964 – 1967 as a **Citizen of the year** 

While thanking the institution for bestowing this award which he considered the best award he had had ever received, he vividly recalled the days in the college. He was the President of the Institute of the Chartered Accountant of India



## Mr. C. Subba Reddy

1974 – 1977

as a

#### **Business Leader of the year**

In his speech, Mr Reddy thanked the management for the award. He lauded the role played by the team Ceebros and dedicated the same to them.



#### Mr. Aswath Damodaran

1974 - 1977

as a

#### Global Light of the year

Aswath Damodaran is Professor of finance at the Stern School of Business at New York University. He thanked the management of the award and recalled the foundation. he received from Loyola in his college days which he loed shaoe his future.



## Mr. D.Bala Nagendran

2007 –2010 as a Guiding Light of the year

Visually impaired Bala Nagendran always wanted to be in the Service and achieved his aim. He too thanked the LAA for the award bestowed on him.



#### Mr. S. Muralidharan

1979 –1982 as a Covid Warrior

From Kerala Chapter of LAA, Muralidharan had been in the forefront in helping the Covid affected. He profusely thanked for the recognition.



#### Certificate of Appreciation were awarded to

**Mr Paul James** – Paul James, from Cochin, is involved in cancer care of the patients who cannot afford the treatment.

**Mr Preejo T J** – A Covid warrior who helped Covid patients with funds, help in getting into hospitals etc.

Mr Andrew Rozario - Another Covid warrior was recognised by LAA

In his address Rev Fr Thomas Amirtham, Director LAA / Principal, thanked Mr Mahatria for his inspiring talk, He also thanked Dr Rajkumar and Actor Surya for their participation. He thanked all the alumni, their families, and various Chapters for making the LAA so vibrant. Lastly, he spoke about the 500<sup>th</sup> year of Jesuits which was being celebrated throughout the world.

#### **Christmas Celebration**



As always, the Christmas celebration for the Alumni was an enjoyable evening. There were music, games and excellent food. Everyone was made to participate, and Fr Rector and Fr Director gave meaningful messages.

#### Shop@1925 - Down Memory Lane -

Our own Souvenir shop was inaugurated on 4<sup>th</sup> of April this year by John Vijay, our Alumni and an actor, in the presence of Rev Fr Francis P Xavier SJ who blessed the premises. Also present were Rev Fr Selvanayakam SJ, Secretary & Correspondent and Rev Fr Thomas Amirtham SJ, our Director and the Principal. Please do visit the shop whenever you are in Chennai next, and you will be amazed at the wide variety of souvenirs on display!





## **News from International Chapters:**



Fr Thomas Amirtham / Alumni Director visited the USA and Canada during July / August this year and met many of the Chapters there. He was accompanied by LAA Secretary, Balamurugan, EC Member and Co-ordinator of International Chapters, Masiullah and others.











## News from Domestic Chapters:



#### Bengaluru Chapter



Bengaluru Chapter met on 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 at the Koramangala Club from11 am onwards. Guest of honor was Mr Ajit Isaac, Chairman, Quess Corp Ltd. There was a good response. Fr Director accompanied by many EC members attended the meet.

## **Hyderabad Chapter**



Hyderabad Chapter meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 from 11 am onwards at the Secunderabad Sailing Club. Guest of honour was Justice Chellameswar, Judge of the Supreme Court (Retired). This was also attended well with our Director of LAA in attendance with the Secretary and other EC members.

Following virtual meetings were held during the year:

Department of Visual Communication on 17th April 2021



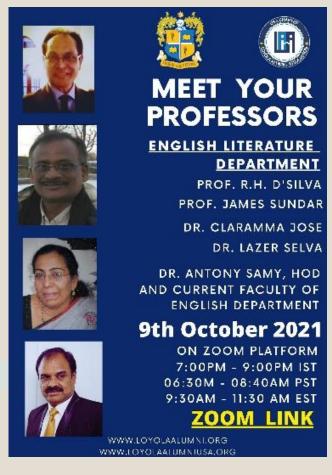
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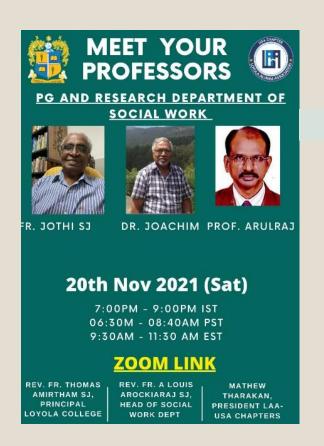


English – 9th Oct 2021

Economics - 1st July 2021 and on 28 Aug 2021

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LI-ION Batteries - Basics, Challenges and Research

LAA USA Chapter collaborated with LICET (Our Engineering College) to conduct this program. This virtual meet was well attended.

#### Social Work - 20th Nov 2021



