

## Loyola Alumni Association - Annual Report 2019

Academic year 2018-2019 has been a highly rewarding year for Loyola Alumni Association. The year has seen the starting of Chapters in different countries besides organising local chapters in India.

The year started with the organization of a Loyola Award programme to an illustrious Alumni of Loyola Shri Raja Arumugm a 1983 batch Graduate in Botany and currently the **CHIEF MISSION SUPPORT OFFICER, UN special envoy to Syria on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. The programme was held at Bertram Hall.

**Loyola Alumni Day** was organized on 5<sup>th</sup> of Aug 2018 at Jubilee Quadrangle. 1700 Alumni participated in the event which had three different components. In the afternoon the Alumni visited their respective departments and wished their past and present professors besides discussing with them on the New Trends in Education and on how they are able to make use of the valuable education which they received at Loyola.

**Loyola Alumni Awards:** Six different distinguished achievers in their fields were Awarded with Loyola Alumni Award and they are: 1. **Shri.Surender Singh Kandhari** a Graduate from Loyola between 1963 and 65 and a Businessman in Middle East was awarded with 'Loyola Alumni Award' as "Global Loyolite of the Year". 2. **Shri Karpoora Sundarapandian IAS** who did hi PUC in 1963-64 was awarded with Loyola Alumni Award as ' Citizen of the Year'. 3. **Shri Vasudevan Baskaran** the Hockey Legend who did PUC and B.A. Eco between 1968 and 1972 was awarded with Loyla Alumni Award as Sports Person of the Year a 4. **Shri L.Ramkumar** Managing Director of Tube Investments of India limited, who studied PUC and B.Com at Loyola between 1972 and 1976 was awarded Loyola Alumni Award as ' Business man of the Year' and 5. **Shri Inspiring Ilango**, an inspiring and motivating public speaker was awarded with Loyola Alumni Award as the "**Guiding light of the Year**".

**Presidential Medalists :** **Shri A.K.Viswanathan IPS**, Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai was Honored for receiving the President's Medal for 'Meritorious Service' and **Shri Xavier Britto**, Chairman of Kerry- Indev was honored for receiving the prestigious Award for Logistics as '**World Customs Organisation Certificate of Merit**'.

**Light Music Fest:** In the evening on Loyola Alumni Day on Aug.5<sup>th</sup> 2019 an hour of 'Music Fest' was organized bringing out the nostalgia of 'Down sterling Days of Loyola' from the 80s.

**Overseas Chapter:** Eleven Loyola Alumni Chapters were organized in different countries and cities Viz: Two Chapters in Australia; 2. One Chapter each at Dubai; 3. Malaysia; 4.Sri Lanka, 5.Singapore and at 6.London. Loyola has identified over 1700 Alumni living in different countries handling a number of activities professionally.

In India there are **Local Chapters** at 1. Chennai; 2.Delhi, 3.Bangalore, 4. Coimbatore, 5.Kerala, 6. Virudunagar, 7. Tanjore, 8.Trichy, 9.Erode and 10.Puducherry.

**Support to the Needy:** Loyola Alumni Association is providing Midday Meals to over 150 deserving students of Loyola with a cost of Rs 3 lakhs every year. It provides Scholarships worth Rs 2.5 lakhs to meritorious students besides loans to the tune of Rs 3 lakhs to the deserving students of Loyola.

**LOHO Meet:** Loyola Alumni who were at Loyola Hostel gathered at Yelagiri for a three day get together on 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2019. Over 169 Alumni members along with their family members ( Numbering up to 500) came together to experience the Spirit of Loyola.

**Foundation for New Hostel:** Thirty five Alumni members came together to express their solidarity with the management on the Foundation day for the New Hostel at Loyola on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2019. Fr.Rector blessed the Foundation stone in the presence of Hostel Director and Alumni Director besides a number of fathers.