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A NEWSLETTER FROM LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Loyolites,

Warm greetings from the Loyola Alumni Association!

As I reflect on the months just past, I am filled with deep gratitude and immense pride for the extraordinary spirit you - our dear alumni - continue to bring to everything that bears the name of Loyola. This February edition of Loyola Alumni Connect is not merely a newsletter; it is a living testament to what a community united by values, vision, and vocation can accomplish together.



The milestones we have achieved in recent months have been nothing short of remarkable. The launch of the Afforestation Project, inaugurated at our centenary campus, is a powerful symbol of our commitment to a greener, more responsible future. Our Blood Donation Camp on February 10, which mobilized an extraordinary 633 units of blood in a single day, demonstrated that the Loyola spirit of service is alive and thriving. I was personally honoured to be part of that initiative, and I thank each volunteer and donor who made it a resounding success.

The International HR Conclave 2026, a landmark collaboration with our Malaysia Chapter and global partners HRCI, USA, and the historic MoU signed with Promeritus Group are milestones that will shape the professional futures of our students and alumni for years to come. The first-ever Alumni Enrolment Programme for outgoing students, the visit to PDEU Gandhinagar, Chapter Meets in Kerala, Delhi, Salem-Erode and the joyful Christmas Get-Together - each event reflects the depth and breadth of our alumni family.

I am also deeply honoured that the Loyola Alumni Association has been recognized with the prestigious Higher Education Excellence Award for Alumni Leadership and Institutional Impact by the University of Windsor, Canada. This award belongs to every single one of you.

My heartfelt thanks go to our Executive Committee, General Committee members, Chapter convenors, sponsors, and every alumnus who gave their time, talent, and treasure to these endeavours. Your contribution through Shop@1925, Eat@1925, and the Scholarship and Centenary Building Fund continues to transform lives.

More importantly, I warmly invite you to join us at the Chennai Chapter Meet on March 14, 2026, and to remain actively engaged in the life of your alma mater. The road ahead is rich with opportunity, and together, we shall continue to serve, to build, and to shine.

In the spirit of Loyola,

Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ

Director, Loyola Alumni Association
Loyola College, Chennai

EVENTS & PROJECTS



LOYOLA COLLEGE AFFORESTATION PROJECT LAUNCHED

TWO CENTENARY INSTITUTIONS UNITE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The afforestation project at Loyola College was officially inaugurated by Fr. Rector Robin, marking a historic collaboration between two 100-year-old institutions. This green initiative will plant 185 trees across two phases - 110 in Phase 1 and 75 in Phase 2 - transforming the campus ecosystem.

The project is generously sponsored by Rtn. Geetha Nagu, whose husband and son are distinguished Loyola alumni, exemplifying the deep connection between the institution and its community.

Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander, Secretary, Loyola College, Rev. Dr. Jacob, Centenary Committee Convenor, Dr. Goutaman, Vice Principal, Prof. Joel (Centenary Convenor-Faculty), Dr. K.S. Antonysamay, Alumni Relationship Manager, and Rotarians Suresh Amirapu, Gautam, and Sumit participated in the inauguration ceremony.

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This initiative demonstrates RCM's impact beyond urban centers, bringing environmental action to a meaningful scale. Our partner, the Environmental Foundation of India (EFI), will document the project annually to track biodiversity improvements benefiting both the campus and the city.

Special appreciation goes to Mr. Arun Krishnamoorthy for his steadfast support, and to the Board and committee members whose collaboration made this vision a reality. The entire project was spearheaded by Rtn. George B Cherian, Past President & Centenary Convenor - LAA.



EVENTS & PROJECTS



LAA CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER 2025



The Loyola Alumni Association celebrated its annual Christmas Get-Together on December 18, 2025, honoring both the festive season and Loyola College's centenary milestone. The event brought together alumni, officials, and dignitaries for an evening of celebration and reflection.

Mr. J. Balamurugan, General Secretary of LAA, welcomed attendees, followed by a birthday cake cutting ceremony for December-born alumni. Distinguished dignitaries including Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert, S.J., Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj, S.J., Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander, S.J., and Rev. Dr. J. Antony Robinson, S.J. shared Christmas messages. Their inspiring words reflected on the spirit of Christmas and Loyola's enduring mission.

The highlight was a specially curated Christmas Celebration Quiz conducted by Dr. K. S. Antonysamy, Alumni Relationship Manager. The quiz creatively explored two themes: Loyola's hundred-year legacy—featuring the college's founding vision, pioneering educators, and transformative milestones—and Loyola Today, celebrating current academic excellence, research initiatives, and distinguished faculty achievements. This interactive format fostered friendly competition while rekindling pride in the Loyola community.

Mr. George B. Cherian, Joint Secretary and Centenary Celebration Convenor, enlisted the alumni contribution to the college especially the Scholarship and Centenary Building fundraising programme. Mr. Stanley, Coordinator of Kerala chapter delivered the vote of thanks. The evening concluded with dinner and a live musical concert by Alumna, Fedora & Troupe, creating a joyful atmosphere that celebrated Loyola's distinguished past and vibrant present.

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LOYOLA COLLEGE LEADERSHIP DELEGATION VISITS PDEU, GANDHINAGAR

A distinguished delegation from Loyola College, Chennai, comprising Rev. Dr. J. Antony Robinson, Rector; Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj, Principal; Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director, Loyola Alumni Association (LAA); and Mr. J. Balamurugan, General Secretary, LAA, visited Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on February 3-4, 2026. The campus visit was graciously facilitated by Prof. Sundar S. Manoharan, Director General, PDEU, and a proud alumnus of Loyola College. The delegation engaged in meaningful discussions on innovation, infrastructure development, and potential areas of academic collaboration, marking a significant step toward strengthening institutional partnerships.

EVENTS & PROJECTS



BLOOD DONATION CAMP A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

FEBRUARY 10, 2026 | LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI



We are proud to announce the successful completion of our Blood Donation Camp – a collaborative initiative bringing together Loyola College, Loyola Alumni Association (LAA), and Rotary Club of Madras, with dedicated support from the Rotaract Club of Loyola College (District 3234), Youth Red Cross, Chennai Volunteers, and Madras Voluntary Blood Bureau.

The event set a new benchmark by mobilizing 633 units of blood in a single day, with all donations facilitated through VHS Hospital Taramani, Rajiv Gandhi General Hospital Chennai Central, Institute of Child Health and Hospital, Egmore, and Indian Red Cross Society, Egmore.

Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director of LAA, and Rtn. PP. George B. Cherian, Joint Secretary of LAA and coordinator of the programme, led by example by donating blood themselves. Their personal involvement exemplifies true commitment to this life-saving cause.

Rtn. Vinod Saraogi, District Governor and Loyola College alumnus, was a driving force behind the initiative. Mr. J. Balamurugan, Secretary of LAA, and Mr. MA Arun Prasanna, GC member of LAA, contributed significantly to organizing the event.

This initiative stands as a testament to the spirit of service, compassion, and community engagement that defines the Loyola mission and reinforces our commitment to social responsibility.

EVENTS & PROJECTS



LOYOLA COLLEGE ALUMNI ENROLMENT: A FIRST OF ITS KIND



The first-ever enrolment programme for all outgoing students of Loyola College was held on February 14, 2026, in Bertram Hall. Students were given an engaging introduction to the Loyola Alumni Association, covering its regular activities, national and global chapters, including the Women's Chapter, and the alumni enrolment process. Acknowledging the collective efforts of the Alumni Association and its Executive Committee members in bringing key college projects to realization, most notably the Loyola Shyam Kothari Centenary Building and the Fr. Kuriakose Scholarship Programme, Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Principal, warmly invited outgoing students to enrol and seize the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and contribute to their alma mater. EC members further encouraged students to become part of this distinguished alumni community. This milestone would not have been possible without the steadfast vision of Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director, LAA, whose persistent initiative for an orientation programme dedicated to enrolling outgoing students made it a reality.

EVENTS & PROJECTS

The International HR Conclave 2026, held on February 16 at Loyola College, was an initiative of the Loyola Alumni Association (LAA) and its Malaysia Chapter. The event was thoughtfully planned and meticulously executed through the collaborative efforts of Loyola College, the Loyola Alumni Association, and Loyola International Academic Collaboration (LIAC).

Its resounding success stands as a testament to the invaluable contributions of LAA members, who extended their support across resource mobilisation, logistics, international relations, media outreach, and publicity. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members - and in particular, the alumni members of the organising committee - for their dedicated efforts and tireless commitment in bringing this conclave to a truly memorable event. The International HR Conclave 2026 was organised in strategic collaboration with Promeritus Group, Malaysia, and the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI), USA. The conclave was based on 'Transforming HR as a Strategic Driver in the Digital Age' and brought together an impressive assembly of CHROs, HR professionals, academicians, industry leaders, and students from across India and overseas.

LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COLLABORATED HOSTING LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL HR CONCLAVE 2026



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The conclave was inaugurated with a Presidential Address by Rev. Dr. J. Antony Robinson, S.J., Rector, Loyola College, Chennai, who set the tone for a day of rich intellectual exchange. The inaugural session featured keynote addresses by two distinguished speakers – Mr. Ma Foi Pandiarajan, Executive Chairman and Director, CIELHR Group, and Dr. Amy Schabacker Dufrane, SPHR, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of HRCI® – who shared their global perspectives on the transformative role of HR in the digital era. The valedictory session was presided over by Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore, with the Guest of Honour, Mr. Saravana Kumar Kumaravasagam, Consul General of Malaysia for South India, further underscoring the event's international stature.

The most consequential development of the day was the formal signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Loyola College and Promeritus Group, the authorised HRCI preparation partner for Southeast Asia and Southern India. This landmark agreement is poised to integrate HRCI's globally recognised certification pathways into the Loyola ecosystem, empowering students, faculty, and alumni with credentials that meet world-class professional benchmarks. The partnership aims to implement best-in-class HR standards through individual and ISO HR certifications, equip future-ready talent with HRCI credentials, and harness digital innovation to enhance organisational effectiveness across Southern India.

In collaboration with Promeritus Group, Malaysia, and the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI), USA, the event was organised by Loyola College Principal Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Alumni Director Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ and Dr. J.A. Charles, Director, Loyola International Academic Collaboration.

**LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
COLLABORATED HOSTING
LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL
HR CONCLAVE 2026**

CONTRIBUTION



SHOP@1925 & EAT@1925 A MILESTONE OF SERVICE AND GRATITUDE!

On January 22, 2026, the Loyola Alumni Association (LAA) presented a cheque of Rs. 16,00,000/- (Sixteen Lakhs only) to Rev. Dr. Antony Robinson, S.J., Rector; Rev. Dr. D. Thomas

Alexander, S.J., Secretary; and Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj, S.J., Principal of Loyola College – marking our highest contribution ever from Shop@1925 and Eat@1925!

Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert, S.J., Director; Dr. G. Viswanathan, President; and Dr. S. Xavier Britto, Vice President of LAA, were honored to present these proceeds in the presence of Prof. L. Joseph Arockiasamy, Deputy Principal; Mr. J. Balamurugan, Secretary; and Mr. George B. Cherian, Joint Secretary, LAA. This contribution supports the Fr. Kuriakose Scholarship Fund, empowering deserving students in their educational journey.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Mr. M. J. Abdul Rahman for his instrumental role in promoting sales and monitoring operations – his dedication has driven this remarkable achievement!

To every alumnus, patron, and well-wisher who has supported our ventures – THANK YOU!
Your patronage transforms lives and keeps the Loyola spirit alive.
Together, we continue to serve and shine!

AWARD



HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD – ALUMNI LEADERSHIP & INSTITUTIONAL IMPACT

It is with immense pride and joy that we share a momentous achievement for our Loyola Alumni Association.

The University of Windsor, Canada, in partnership with the Global Education and Careers Forum (GECF), has honored Loyola Alumni Association with the prestigious Higher Education Excellence Award for Leadership in Alumni Engagement & Institutional Development.

At a distinguished Award Reception held at the Taj Coromandel, Chennai, on February 09, 2026, Dr. J. J. McMurtry, President of the University of Windsor, Dr. Chris Busch, Associate Vice President, Global Engagement, and Mr. Vijaya Kumar Nair, Founder of GECF, presented this esteemed award. This recognition is a testament to the collective efforts and unwavering commitment of our Executive Committee, General Committee members, and our vibrant alumni community across national and global platforms. Each one of you have contributed substantially to realizing our shared vision.

The Loyola Alumni Association sincerely thanks every alumnus for their dedication, support, and excellence that have made this achievement possible. Let us celebrate this milestone together and continue to uphold the values and legacy that define our community.

LAA CHAPTERS MEET

LOYOLA ALUMNI ERODE & SALEM CHAPTERS MEET



On November 22, 2025, members of the Salem and Erode chapters of Loyola Alumni Association gathered at Dwayfarer Inn to reconnect and share their experiences. The meet focused on - Connecting with fellow alumni, Strengthening bonds, Exchanging resources, and Sharing foundational experiences with the younger generation. The discussion was facilitated by Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director, Dr. M. Karthikeyan, Convenor, National Chapters, and Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Alumni Relationship Manager. LAA appreciates Mr. Senthil, our alumnus for organizing the successful chapter meet.



MEETING WITH THIRUPPUR MAYOR, A PROUD ALUMNUS OF LOYOLA

On November 22, 2025, Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director, LAA along with Dr K.S. Antonysamy had a meeting with Thiruppur Mayor Dinesh Kumar, our proud alumnus of 1999 B. Com batch. They made use of the opportunity to discuss further networking and strengthening chapter activities.

LAA CHAPTERS MEET

KERALA CHAPTER HOSTS SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEET



The Kerala Chapter of the Loyola Alumni Association held its Annual Meet on November 29, 2025, at Grand Hotel, Ernakulam. Addressing the members, Rev Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director of LAA, commended the Kerala Chapter's contributions to the College's infrastructure development. Mr. J. Balamurugan, Secretary, and Mr. George B. Cherian, Joint Secretary and Convenor of the Centenary Celebrations Committee, highlighted LAA activities and College projects.

In a notable gesture supporting the College's green initiatives, M/s Duroflex Limited contributed Rs. 50 lakhs under their CSR program toward the Solar Energy Project for Loyola Shyam Kothari Centenary Building. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. George L. Mathew, Chairman Emeritus. In addition, Mr. V.J. Kurian IAS has proposed that South Indian Bank will donate Rs. 25 Lakhs towards Loyola Shyam Kothari Centenary Building.

Eminent alumni including Mr. P.K. Hormis Tharakan IPS (former DGP Kerala and RAW Director), Mr. V.J. Kurian IAS (Cochin Airport Architect & South Indian Bank Non-Executive Chairman), Mr. M.P. Joseph IAS (former Ernakulam Collector), Mr. Paul Antony IAS (former Chief Secretary, Kerala), Mr. M. Sivadas (Retired Labour Commissioner, Kerala) and CA Abraham Thomas reminisced about their formative years at Loyola.

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ECONOMATES BATCH OF 1976 & 78



Loyola Economates Batch of 1976 & 78 Reunion 29. 01. 2026



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Front Row:(L-R) Kirubamurthy Suppiah, K. Ashok, Basil Row, A. Gerald, Antony Xavier, Dilip R. Vellodi, T. Rajendran, P.L. Ravikumar, S.E.J. Eswar Rao, N.S. Palaniappan.

Middle Row: S. Gopalakrishnan, G. Lakshmi Narayanan, R. Thomas, John Bhasme, Lawrence Royen, P.C. James, P. Rajaram, M. Ganesan, Prabakar Subramaniam, R. Pattabiraman.

Back Row: V. Ranganathan, Thomas Abraham, N.G. Shankar, Sourin Chakravorty, S. Navin Kumar, Abraham Samuel, J. Rajkumar, Nader Mirza, Joy Cheenath, Srikar Reddy.

LAA CHAPTERS MEET

LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DELHI CHAPTER MEET



The Delhi Chapter of the Loyola Alumni Association held its annual get-together at the Tamil Nadu House, New Delhi, on 18th February 2026.

Among the distinguished alumni in attendance were Mr. P. Chidambaram, Mr. M. M. Sundaresh and Mr. M. Damodaran.

Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Principal, and Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director of the Loyola Alumni Association graced the occasion.

Alumni fondly recalled their cherished memories of college life and the lasting impressions left by their professors.

The Principal spoke about the significant strides the college has made in recent years, while the Director acknowledged the invaluable contributions of alumni toward the construction of two landmark additions to the campus – Loyola Shyam Kothari Centenary Building and TOI–Loyola School of Economics and Commerce.

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LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DELHI CHAPTER MEET

Mr. Chidambaram reflected on the culture of alumni giving, noting that in India such contributions have largely been limited to the IITs, in stark contrast to universities in the United States, where alumni endowments run into billions of dollars.

The Director and the Principal expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Chidambaram for his pivotal role in securing rare tax exemptions for Loyola, which has greatly facilitated fundraising efforts and enabled substantial infrastructure development on campus over the years.

The event was meticulously planned and executed by Mr. Thiyarajan Kumar (GC member of LAA), Mr. K. Sreekanteswaran, Mr. G.A.Prithvi (EC member of LAA) and Mr. Antony Julian, Delhi Chapter Office Bearers.



FUTURE EVENTS

**LOYOLA ALUMNI CHENNAI
CHAPTER MEET 2026**

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**LOYOLA ALUMNI
CHENNAI CHAPTER MEET**

BACK TOGETHER. BETTER THAN EVER

**MARCH 14TH 2026
SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

VENUE: BERTRAM HALL, LOYOLA COLLEGE

KEY NOTE SPEAKER
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Mark your calendars! The Loyola Alumni Association Chennai Chapter is thrilled to invite you to our Mega Chapter Meet -Loyola For Life 2026, under the banner "Back Together. Better Than Ever."

Join us on Saturday, March 14th, 2026, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Bertram Hall, Loyola College, for an evening of inspiring keynote addresses, celebrity speakers, networking, and cherished reunions.

Renew old bonds, forge new ones, and celebrate the Loyola spirit that unites us all!



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