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THE VOTER WHO WASN'T THERE

Behind India's SIR protests lies one deceptively simple question: when I reach the booth, will my name be on the list?

Imagine this. You reach the polling booth with your voter ID in hand and the morning off work. The officer runs a finger down the list, then runs it down again. Your name is not there. Nobody has threatened you or turned you away; a line in a database has quietly ended your vote. That possibility has pushed opposition parties, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), student groups and citizen organisations onto the streets against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of India's electoral rolls.

WHAT THE FIGHT IS REALLY ABOUT

Nobody disputes that rolls need cleaning: the dead, the duplicated and the departed must go. The quarrel is over method. Who is scrutinised? What proof is demanded? Can a wrongly removed voter return in time? Mass deletion is not, by itself, proof of political design, and a charge of targeted removal needs evidence. But a process so vast owes citizens enough transparency to rule it out. Asking for that, is not disloyalty. Peaceful protest is protected by Articles 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(b), and citizens need not wait for a court verdict before questioning a public authority.

WHEN DISSENT MET FORCE

The state's response soon became a story of its own. Before the 10 October Delhi demonstration, The Indian Express reported barricades, transport curbs and about 25,000 security personnel; NDTV documented mass detentions, including CJP leaders held after their flight landed. At the July march, plain-clothed men wielding lathis drew outrage until Delhi Police confirmed they were policemen, and other personnel appeared without name tags, which the force said was to avoid online targeting. On 10 October, police reportedly arrested four men claiming right-wing affiliation for assaulting students and women. Authorities cite intelligence inputs and earlier violence, so the test is whether each restriction was necessary and proportionate. Force without a name attached is hard to square with accountability. The Supreme Court stepped in against unlawful detention, asked for normal Metro and rail services subject to public-order needs, and ordered a review of barricades. A right to assemble that cannot practically be exercised exists only on paper.

QUIETER BARRIERS

Voters faced barriers of a quieter kind. In West Bengal, The Indian Express reported that judicial officers examined about 60.06 lakh disputed cases and ordered roughly 27.16 lakh deletions before the April 2026 elections. Tribunal judges later reported trouble serving notices, receiving documents and restoring names through the digital portal. This does not prove that every deletion is wrong. It does show that remedies can move more slowly than elections. An intensive revision needs time for verification, notice, hearings and correction before polling, because a voter vindicated after the election wins apology, not a vote.

COURTS AND A CONFUSING MAP

Courts have been asked to untangle all this, and their signals can look mixed because they have answered different questions. In May 2026 the Supreme Court upheld the Bihar exercise while preserving scrutiny of wrongful exclusions. But the power to revise a roll is not the same as the legality of every requirement imposed in its name. Form 6 shows the gap. The Election Commission says it never amended the statutory form but added a separate SIR declaration, though it admits the online presentation could suggest otherwise. Critics are blunter. Former Chief Election Commissioner O P Rawat has called the changes illegal, and The Wire reports that altering the form itself would need Parliament's approval. Chief Justice Surya Kant has clarified that the Court has not approved any modified Form 6 and wants the record showing who changed it. On 28 October the Court reportedly asked why existing voters were being made to apply like new ones. The question is open, not closed.

WHO DECIDED, AND WHO CAN UNDO IT?

Behind the legal tangle lies a simpler question: who decided? In September, The Indian Express reported that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had recorded at least 14 written objections over ten months. They questioned communications issued in the Commission's name without their knowledge and changes to Form 6 without amending the rules; Sandhu called the added question on earlier SIR rolls "unauthorised and illegal". They also objected to limits on Electoral Registration Officers' access to ECINet, the Commission's digital platform, which they said overrode those officers' statutory authority over the rolls. The report does not claim any result was altered; it asks who authorised what. The Commission replied on 26 October 2026 that all three SIR rollout orders were unanimous, and earlier called the objections personal opinions rather than dissent notes. Section 18 of the 2023 Act requires the Commission to act unanimously where possible and by majority where members differ, so authorisation and implementation records can settle which account is true. The Supreme Court has deferred the hearing to 17 November, saying it will examine the records.

Goa shows what such control can mean in practice. Ninety-seven voters stayed off the final roll despite local officials finding them eligible, because the software reportedly had no rollback option to restore them. The Commission later said 88 had applied through Form 6 and been accepted. That is welcome, yet it leaves a sharper question: why could the officials' own findings not simply be implemented? Authority that software can overrule is authority in name only.

Public trust depends, finally, on who appoints and who answers. The 2023 law gives the Union executive two of three seats on the committee selecting Commissioners, which warrants scrutiny of independence without proving any appointment improper. The law also shields serving and former Commissioners, but only for acts done, or purportedly done, in official duty, not for a lifetime of conduct. Even so, an institution that asks to be trusted must seem to be.

PUTTING THE BURDEN WHERE IT BELONGS

The remedy must therefore reverse the burden. When an eligible name is wrongly removed, the authority that removed it should be responsible for restoring it, with clear reasons, accessible help and prompt decisions. Citizens may need to supply evidence, but a migrant worker losing a day's wages for a hearing, or a first-time voter without digital access, should not pay for an administrative error. For students, the practical start is small: check your own entry, then help someone else check theirs.

Democracies rarely lose their voters in one dramatic stroke. They lose them quietly, name by name, line by line. On election day, every debate about statutes, software and institutions shrinks to a single personal test: I am here. Is my name?

Sources: The Indian Express (incl. 23 September 2026 investigation); NDTV; ThePrint; The Wire; Supreme Court of India judgment summary (2026); Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Act, 2023; WION; PTI



Rev. Dr. Dominic Jayakumar SJ
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Message from FR. DIRECTOR



Fostering Mental Well-Being: Global Insights from the Assembly of International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU)

In an era marked by rapid technological shifts, a plethora of digital media, intense academic pressure, and social uncertainty, university students face unprecedented challenges to their mental health and emotional peace. As one of the participants at the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) Assembly 2025—held at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia (June 30 – July 3, 2025)—I had the privilege of joining over 300 global leaders, university presidents, rectors, and academic delegates to address these pressing realities.

One of the five key focus areas of the Assembly was Student Well-being & Mental Health, emphasizing holistic student development, inclusion, and emotional care across higher education settings. Grounded in the Ignatian tradition of cura personalis—care for the whole person—the conference underscored that academic excellence cannot exist in isolation from mental well being and inner tranquillity.

In his opening address, Fr. General Arturo Sosa, S.J., offered spiritual guidance, urging educators to embody the "Jesuit way of proceeding" by serving as agents of hope, peace, and reconciliation. The Assembly highlighted that fostering inner peace among students requires creating compassionate, inclusive campus environments where young individuals feel valued and supported.

Moreover, the discussions linked mental well-being to broader global issues. Delegates explored how emerging developments in artificial intelligence, political polarization, and environmental concerns directly impact student anxiety and mental health. By encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration and expanding global initiatives like the Magis Exchange, universities aim to cultivate resilient global citizens equipped with both intellectual capability and emotional fortitude.

Standing alongside delegates from across the globe, the imperative to prioritize student well being and mental health was deeply inspiring and unmistakable. My experience at the IAJU Assembly 2025 served as a profound reminder that nurturing student well-being is not an auxiliary service, but the very core of our educational mission. By committing ourselves to their mental health and inner peace, we empower our students to navigate life's complexities with balance, grace, and unwavering purpose.



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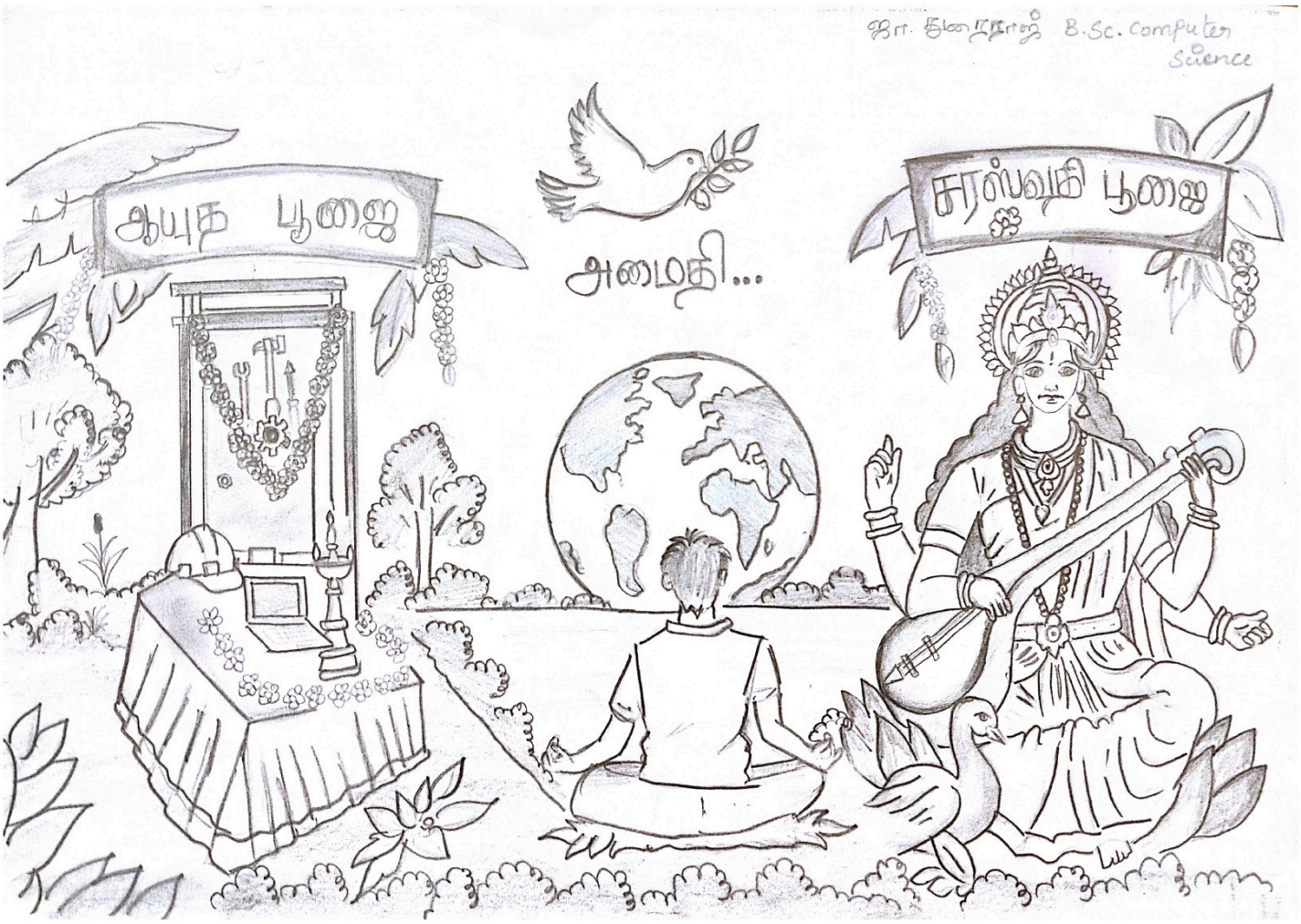
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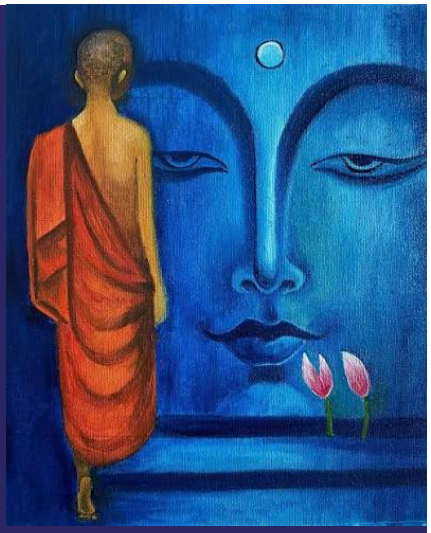




FINDING INNER PEACE IN A NOISY WORLD

Peace is often understood as something that will arrive when everything in our lives falls perfectly into place. We tend to believe that once our problems are solved, our responsibilities are completed, and our circumstances become favourable, we will finally experience peace. But what if peace is not waiting at the end of our problems? What if peace is something we need to cultivate within ourselves?

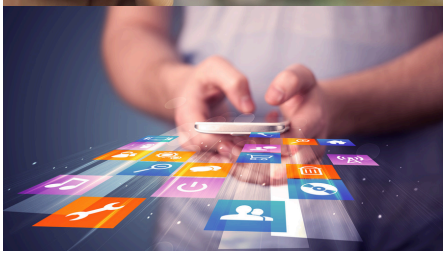
Every time we try to fix things for others, we often create more burdens for ourselves. We may constantly expect a day when everything will be completely settled and free from problems. However, life will always bring challenges. Instead of waiting for a perfect moment, we need to learn how to remain peaceful even in the midst of difficulties.



There is also great satisfaction in doing things on our own. Whenever we accomplish our duties despite problems, we experience a sense of fulfilment. This satisfaction brings joy and confidence to our hearts. At the same time, we must learn to understand that not everything is within our control. Other people's opinions, their actions and our past mistakes cannot always be changed. We should not waste our energy feeling guilty about things we cannot control. Sometimes, letting go is the best option for preserving our inner peace.

Making space for ourselves is an important step towards finding peace. We cannot possess inner peace permanently. Some days we feel calm, while on other days we over think, lose our temper or struggle with our emotions. There may also be days when we feel that we have to start all over again. And that is perfectly okay. Starting again and again is part of the journey.





Inner peace is not a destination that we reach once and possess forever. It is a practice. Sometimes, we need to travel inward and gradually cultivate peace within ourselves. Instead of constantly searching for peace in external circumstances, we need to pay attention to our thoughts, emotions and needs.

In today's world, we are surrounded by constant noises like Social media notifications, opinions, expectations and responsibilities can easily distract us from ourselves. We often give more attention to the outside world than to our inner world. We may become concerned about how others see us and what they think about us. But constantly seeking approval from others can disturb our peace.



We also tend to compare ourselves with others. We may feel that we should already have a perfect career, financial stability, a settled family and a clear direction in life. However, life does not follow the same timeline for everyone at every time. Each person has a different journey, and comparing ourselves with others only creates unnecessary pressure.

True peace begins when we stop demanding perfection from life and from ourselves. We can acknowledge our mistakes without allowing them to define us. We can accept what we cannot change, learn from what has happened and move forward with greater awareness.

Ultimately, no one can give us lasting peace except ourselves. We need to create an environment within where we can grow, shine and heal. Peace does not mean that life will become free from problems. It means developing the strength to face those problems without losing ourselves.

Inner peace is not found by escaping the noise of the world; it is found by creating silence, acceptance and strength within ourselves.

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சரஸ்வதி பூஜை

அறிவூட்டும் அன்னை சரஸ்வதியே!
அருள்மழை பொழியும் உனக்குத் திருநாள்!
அடியேம் உன்னைத் தொழுவது பெருநாள்!

வெண்கமல பீடத்தில் வீற்றிருக்கும் தேவியே!
வீணை நாதத்தோடு மிளிரும் தமிழ் மகளே!

புத்தகங்கள் குவித்துப் பூக்கள் சூடினோம்!
ஊதுபத்தி ஏற்றி ஒளிவிளக்குத் தொழுதோம்!

பொரியும் சுண்டலும் உனக்குப் பிரசாதம்!
பழங்களின் சுவையும் உனக்குப் பாதக் காணிக்கை!

புனிதமாய் உன்னைப் போற்றிப் பூஜை செய்தோம்!
வாழ்வு தரும் தொழிலுக்கும் கருவிகளுக்கும் வணங்கினோம்!

கல்வியும் ஞானமும் என்றும் அருளுக!
கலைமகளின் திருவருள் எங்கள் வாழ்வியல் பெருகுக!

அறியாமை இருள் நீக்கி அறிவொளியைத் தரவே,
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CAMPUS CHRONICLES



மதுரை மற்றும் கீழடி கல்விச் சுற்றுலா

தமிழ்த்துறையின் சார்பில் 01.10.2026 அன்று மதுரை மற்றும் அதன் சுற்றுப்புறங்களில் அமைந்துள்ள வரலாற்றுச் சிறப்புமிக்க இடங்களுக்கு கல்விச் சுற்றுலா ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டது. அதில் தமிழ்த்துறை மாணவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு தமிழ் இலக்கியம், வரலாறு, பண்பாடு மற்றும் நாகரிகம் தொடர்பான அறிவை மேம்படுத்திக் கொண்டனர்.

இச்சுற்றுலாவின் சிறப்பம்சமாக கீழடி தொல்லியல் அகழாய்வுத் தளம் மற்றும் அருங்காட்சியகம் அமைந்தது. அங்கு மாணவர்கள் தொல்லியல் சான்றுகள், தமிழ்-பிராமி எழுத்து வடிவங்கள், மண்பாண்டங்கள், மணிகள், சுடுமண் பொருட்கள் மற்றும் வேளாண்மைக் கருவிகள் ஆகியவட்டைப் பார்வையிட்டனர். சங்ககாலத் தமிழர்களின் எழுத்தறிவு, கைவினைத்திறன், வணிகம் மற்றும் மேம்பட்ட வாழ்க்கை முறை குறித்த புரிதலை இத்தொல்லியல் ஆய்வுகள் மூலம் மாணவர்கள் அறிந்துகொண்டனர்.

மேலும், பாறையைக் குடைந்து அமைக்கப்பட்ட திருப்பரங்குன்றம் முருகன் கோயில், மகாத்மா காந்தியின் இந்திய விடுதலைப் போராட்டப் பங்களிப்பை எடுத்துரைக்கும் காந்தி நினைவு அருங்காட்சியகம், முருகப்பெருமானின் அறுபடை வீடுகளில் ஒன்றான பழமுதிர்ச்சோலை, அழகர் கோயில் மற்றும் மீனாட்சி அம்மன் திருக்கோயில் ஆகியவற்றின் கட்டிடக்கலை, சிற்ப வேலைப்பாடுகள், ஆன்மீகச் சிறப்புகள் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டு மரபுகளையும் மாணவர்கள் கண்டு மகிழ்ந்தனர்.

இக்கல்விச் சுற்றுலா, வகுப்பறைக் கற்றலை வரலாற்றுச் சான்றுகளுடனும் நேரடி அனுபவங்களுடனும் இணைக்கும் சிறந்த வாய்ப்பாக அமைந்தது. குறிப்பாக, கீழடிப் பயணம் தமிழர்களின் தொன்மை மற்றும் பாரம்பரியம் குறித்த மாணவர்களின் புரிதலை ஆழப்படுத்தியது. சுற்றுலாத்திற்குப் பின்னர், மாணவர்கள் தங்களது பார்வைகள் மற்றும் கற்றல் அனுபவங்களைத் தொகுத்து விரிவான அறிக்கையைத் தயாரித்து தமிழ்த்துறையில் சமர்ப்பித்தனர்.

SANGAMAM 2026: Celebrating Art, Creativity and Talent

Sangamam, is an arts festival for school students held on 14 October 2026, with the aim of nurturing artistic talents, encouraging creativity, and fostering cultural appreciation among young learners. More than 250 students from 12 schools participated in the vibrant celebration of artistic expression. Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Jayakumar, S.J., Superior participated in the event and appreciated the students for their outstanding creativity and enthusiastic performances.











Rev. Dr. Danis Ponnaiah, S.J., Secretary, delivered the felicitation address, emphasising that those who aspire to bring about change must first become the change they wish to see in the world. The programme was graced by Dr. Duraisamy, Founder of Vinola Hospital and Little Ooty Garden, and Rev. Sr. Dr. Arockia Mary, Principal of St. Michael's Higher Secondary School, Vazhapadi, as the chief guests. They distributed prizes to the winners and, through their special addresses, encouraged students to cultivate their artistic abilities and develop self-awareness alongside their academic pursuits. Their inspiring words highlighted the importance of holistic education in shaping confident, creative, and responsible individuals.

The competitions featured three categories of dance: Western, Folk, and Classical. Separate prizes were awarded to government and private schools in each category, ensuring equal opportunities for participants from diverse educational backgrounds. The winning schools received ₹3,000 for first place and ₹2,000 for second place. In addition, all participants received certificates and shields in recognition of their involvement, while 12 teams were honoured with consolation prizes for their performances.The event was attended by the college Principal, Dr. J. Josephine Daisy; Vice Principal, Rev. Dr. Antony Markus, S.J.; Administrative Vice Principal, Dr. David Prabu; and Hostel Director, Rev. Fr. Dr. Ignaci Arockiasamy, S.J., along with faculty members and students. The festival was organised under the guidance of the Deans, Prof. Sabarinathan and Prof. Janani Iswariya. Sangamam 2026 was a celebration of youthful talent, cultural diversity, and artistic excellence. The festival provided school students with a valuable platform to showcase their abilities, build confidence, and appreciate the transformative power of the arts. Through this initiative, Loyola College of Arts and Science, Mettala, reaffirmed its commitment to holistic education and the all-round development of young people.

KALVI VAZHIKAATI 2026: LIGHTING THE PATH TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE





Loyola College Mettala Inspires Higher Secondary Students to Dream, Discover and Achieve

16 October 2026: In a significant move to promote educational awareness and empower young minds, LCM, organised Kalvi Vazhikaati 2026, a career guidance and higher education awareness programme for higher secondary school students from Namakkal district and neighbourhood. The programme aimed to inspire students to pursue higher education, explore diverse career opportunities, and make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures.

With a special focus on students from rural and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, the initiative reflected the college's commitment to making higher education accessible and meaningful to all. Guided by our, "Let Your Light Shine," the programme sought to illuminate the aspirations of young learners and encourage them to recognise education as a powerful instrument of personal growth, social mobility, and nation-building.

Through this outreach initiative, Loyola College Mettala reaffirmed its commitment to extending educational opportunities beyond the campus and strengthening its relationship with the surrounding school community.

A TRADITIONAL BEGINNING WITH A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The programme commenced with Tamil Thai Vazhthu, followed by a welcome dance celebrating Tamil culture and artistic expression. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp symbolised the triumph of knowledge over ignorance and the transformative power of education.

The inaugural session highlighted the importance of guiding young people at a crucial stage of their academic journey and encouraging them to pursue their ambitions with determination.

The gathering received the felicitations of Rev. Dr. Dominic Jayakumar SJ, Superior, and Rev. Dr. Danis Ponniah SJ, Secretary of the College. Their participation reflected the institution's commitment to the holistic development of young people and its mission of serving society through education.

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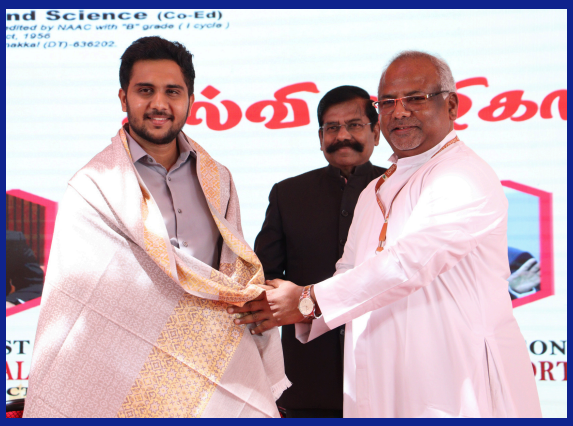


Loyola College Mettala Inspires Higher Secondary Students to Dream, Discover and Achieve

16 October 2026: In a significant move to promote educational awareness and empower young minds, LCM, organised Kalvi Vazhikaati 2026, a career guidance and higher education awareness programme for higher secondary school students from Namakkal district and neighbourhood. The programme aimed to inspire students to pursue higher education, explore diverse career opportunities, and make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures.

With a special focus on students from rural and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, the initiative reflected the college's commitment to making higher education accessible and meaningful to all. Guided by our, “Let Your Light Shine,” the programme sought to illuminate the aspirations of young learners and encourage them to recognise education as a powerful instrument of personal growth, social mobility, and nation-building.

AN INITIATIVE ROOTED IN EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT



The transition from school to higher education is a defining stage in a student's life. For many young people, particularly those from rural communities, limited access to career information and educational guidance can make this transition challenging. Kalvi Vazhikaati 2026 was conceived to bridge this gap by providing students with exposure to avenues of higher education, professional opportunities, and inspiring role models.

The programme brought together educational leaders, distinguished personalities, school students, teachers, and faculty members on a common platform. It aimed to help students recognise their potential, understand the opportunities available to them, and approach their future with greater clarity and confidence.

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The inaugural address was scheduled to be delivered by Thiru Madhubalan IAS, District Collector of Namakkal, whose participation underscored the importance of education in community development and social progress. The presence of a senior district administrator was intended to reinforce the message that education equips young people to contribute meaningfully to society.

LEADERSHIP, LEARNING AND INSPIRATION

Dr. Hemachandran Karah, Associate Professor at IIT Madras, was invited as the Guest of Honour. His association with one of India's premier institutions of higher learning brought an academic perspective to the programme's emphasis on educational aspirations and excellence. His participation was intended to encourage students to explore higher education opportunities and aim for academic achievement.

A special highlight of the programme was the invited address by Dr. Kaliyamurthy IPS (Retd.), a retired Indian Police Service officer. His professional experience offered an opportunity to inspire students to value discipline, perseverance, courage, and commitment in pursuing their goals. The inclusion of a distinguished public servant also broadened students' exposure to career possibilities and the responsibilities associated with public service. Together, the invited personalities on the dais represented different dimensions of achievement and service, encouraging students to look beyond immediate circumstances and consider the wider possibilities that education can open up.



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OPENING DOORS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

An institutional presentation by Rev. Dr. Danis Ponniah SJ, Secretary of the College, formed an important part of the programme. It was intended to introduce students to Loyola College Mettala, its educational vision, and the opportunities offered through undergraduate education.

For students preparing to complete their higher secondary studies, gaining a clearer understanding of college education can be an important step towards making informed choices. The presentation sought to encourage them to consider higher studies confidently and recognise the value of selecting courses that align with their interests, abilities, and future aspirations.

The programme also emphasised the importance of informed decision-making, sustained academic effort, and a willingness to explore emerging educational and professional pathways.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Kalvi Vazhikaati 2026 was designed not merely as a formal gathering but as an engaging educational experience. Motivational addresses, institutional guidance, and cultural performances were brought together to create an atmosphere conducive to learning and inspiration.

The welcome dance and cultural extravaganza added vibrancy to the event, while the participation of school teachers strengthened the connection between school education and higher education institutions. The programme offered a shared platform for students from different backgrounds to reflect on their ambitions and the opportunities available to them.

Kalvi Vazhikaati 2026 reflected the college's ideal of forming men and women for and with others. By bringing higher secondary students into direct contact with educational leaders and accomplished professionals, the programme sought to encourage a sense of possibility, responsibility, and service. Beyond individual career aspirations, the initiative highlighted education as a means of strengthening families, transforming communities, and building a more inclusive society.

A Collective Institutional Effort

The planning and successful organisation of Kalvi Vazhikaati 2026 involved the coordinated efforts of the college administration, organising committee, faculty members, non-teaching staff, student volunteers, participating schools, and invited dignitaries. Mr. Mario Cassion Anand, IQAC Coordinator, served as the Convenor of the programme and played a pivotal role in its meticulous planning and execution. The programme reflected the importance of collective responsibility in organising educational outreach activities of this nature. The support of the institution and the cooperation of all those involved were integral to the initiative. The college extended its sincere gratitude to the invited dignitaries, resource persons, school managements, teachers, organising team, faculty members, staff, student volunteers, and supporters who contributed to the programme.

50 Years
Golden Jubilee

A JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE



Fifty long years have gone by It was Aug 15, 1976. The day's double celebration was further burnished by one more celebration. And it was my Final Profession (Last Vows) in the Society of Jesus. By then I had spent 17 years of my life as a Jesuit. I was ordained a priest in 1973. Now I was at the threshold of another important milestone. I was called by my Superiors to get fully incorporated into the worldwide Jesuit Family. It was a moment of truth or a day of reckoning for me, as it would presuppose my definitive and irrevocable life decision.

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I took it, and 'it made all the difference in my life, ' in the words of Robert Frost The day has etched itself indelibly in my memory as it also brought to limelight my first apostolic community, St Joseph's Trichy, the students of Sacred Heart Hostel whom I loved, my parents and my filmily members. The Rector was late Fr. J.L Gnanarethinam, S.J ., who was also the main celebrant at the Vows Mass and received my vows. The Hostel students made it unforgettable with their colourful felicitation function in the historic Lawley Hall, dotted with speeches, songs, dances and whatnot. My elder brother Tilak gave a solo singing performance. The Jesuit community's felicitation at lunchtime was an overwhelming token of their joy and love. My dad, the late Mr Antonysamy's fiery oration on the occasion turned out to be the icing on the cake. When I revisit my journey over the years, I see my life as a breathtaking kaleidoscope of activities and events.

MY EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY: My life as a Jesuit was not confined to one single ministry, although my main focus from the beginning was the education of youth. My Provincial had a vision for me as a teacher and sent me to SXC Bombay for B.Ed. I started my teaching career in SJC High School, Trichy. However, my innings did not last long as my then Rector had a different plan for me. He wanted me to do my Master's in English and join the College Faculty. You see how a Jesuit is expected to be pliable and flexible. In other words, obedience meant in real life, availability. We were told from the initial stage of our formation that we had to be 'instrumentum coniunctum cum Deo" (instrument united with God). Where there is greater need, a Jesuit should be ready to go. It is only through our superiors that we come to know God's will. Therefore, doing what the Superior bids is equivalent to obeying God's will or cooperating with God's plan. I switched to college in the year 1977 and by 1978 completed my M.A. in English Literature, securing a gold medal from Madurai- Kamaraj University.

Invaluable Hostel Experiences: My experience as Sacred Heart Hostel warden (director) provided me with ample opportunities to experiment with my youthful enthusiasm and dreams for the youth of the day I was asked to shepherd a group of college students who were drawn from varied backgrounds, rural and urban, simple and elitist, English-speaking and multilingual. In effect, I had to deal with a group of boys with expectations and mindsets that posed many challenges. But my down-to-earth approach that was based on trust coupled with respect won over even the roughest characters. It was by and large smooth sailing for me. My impartial engagement with the students of all backgrounds appealed to them. I was lucky to have a good Rector in the person of Fr Gnanarethinam, who could not be outdone in generosity towards the poor Catholic students. Hence, it was a cakewalk for me when it came to helping poor and deserving students to pay their hostel fees. Sports and games were the biggest tool in a warden's hands to forge strong ties with the sports persons. The reward for my five-year stint in Sacred Heart Hostel is the enduring relationship and bonding with some that has lasted till today. For a Jesuit, an involvement with students' hostel life is unavoidable and perhaps is the real test of his calibre in view of his preparedness for future challenges at a higher level in different spheres.

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AICUF that helped me to reorient my worldview: Another invaluable and inescapable dimension of Jesuit educational ministry is the socially relevant values and activities that permeate our educational 03 curriculum. Apart from Jesus' teachings that bear on human centrality, our Constitution 's foundational principles and teachings of other religious\social/political thinkers and leaders were an integral part of our curriculum. And the most powerful vehicle to carry these values home to the adolescent minds of our students was the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF). I was inducted into AICUF in 1976 by Fr Rex Pai, S.J. when he left SJC to take up the reins as Provincial of Madurai Province. I had a glorious innings with the AICUF students of SJC and later with the Tamil Nadu AICUF.

The main objective of our sessions, meetings and seminars was to provide a platform for students to develop leadership skills and to become agents of social transformation. The AICUF INTER COLLEGIATE MUSICAL CONTEST was a flagship program that put SJC AICUF on the TN map. SJC stood to gain as it drew participants from a wide range of colleges. Our activities did not stop here. Village immersion was an integral part that made students reach out to villages to learn about their lives and problems and be part of their struggles. The 1977 floods in Cauvery that swept away several villages and upended the livelihoods of thousands of villagers became a stark reality that challenged our AICUF students. Many of them responded generously and threw themselves into the relief operations and later into rehabilitation and reconstruction work. Several such volunteers have continued to serve the poor in different parts of TN , and some have taken up human rights issues and are still doing advocacy work like Henri Tiphagne (People's Watch), Maria James (RUC), John Peter (PSA) and A.Samy (AREDS).MY stint with SJC and TN AICUF catapulted me into the National arena as National Director of AICUF with HQ at Chennai, attached to Loyola College, Nungambakkam.

I spent nearly seven years (1982 to 89) travelling the length and breadth of India in a bid to visit AICUF units and students and to organise and participate in Regional, state and national level seminars or leadership camps. After a bold attempt to change the crucial membership issue of the AICIJF constitution, the national council took a decision to convene the National Convention, which in 1989 unanimously voted for changing the membership clause by declaring that full membership will be accorded to every eligible member irrespective of Religious affiliation. In other words, it removed the offending provision, according only associate membership to non-Catholics. It was a revolutionary step in AICUF's history. With this done, I was prepared to hand over the leadership baton to the next man. Fr Manuel Alphonse succeeded me as National Director. My educational ministry continued over a long period in St Joseph's College, Loyola College, Chennai and St Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.

I was instrumental in starting PG program in English Literature in SXC along with my HOD Dr Albert Joseph. My teaching pedagogy got refined and sharpened as I was engaging students from different backgrounds. Side by side with my teaching ministry, I was called upon by my Superiors to take on leadership responsibilities of different Jesuit communities.

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I was Rector of St Joseph's College (1991-97) and Satya Nilayam, Chennai (1997-2003). It was during my tenure as Rector that we celebrated the now famous Sesqui-centenary (150 years) of St Joseph's College. I still have nostalgic memories of the events, programs and personalities that made the year a historic milestone. At Satya Nilayam, we not only inaugurated the M.A.(Phil) program but also created more space for scholastics' comfortable stay by erecting the beautiful building bearing the name Arrupe Hall.

I was the secretary of SJC and SXC and Correspondent of De Britto and Loyola Academy. I was Superior of Beschi Dindigul, De Britto, DVK and Loyola Academy (CBSE) Vadamelpakkam, where I constructed the Hostel for boys and girls that eventually made Boniface Illam redundant. At Beschi Illam, thanks to Fr Sebasti L Raj 's financial support and encouragement, Fr Benedict Lawrence and I collaborated with the Provincial for the emergence of Arrupe Bhavan with a beautiful and inspiring Chapel. Hope I can take credit also for the Rene Hall (its design and plan) as well as the entire block that serves the needs of both the House and Province. I have set a new paradigm in Jesuit traditions by taking on leadership roles till I was age 80. Now I am 84, and my active life continues with some necessary changes in my rhythms. My Superiors make use of my experience, expertise, talents and skills for the province (editing Chemmadal), the community (House librarian, Chemmadal reporter) and the college (counsellor) here at Mettala.

AS COUNSELLOR: Counselling requires a special skill naturally endowed or acquired through specialised studies or training or practice. In my case, I have acquired this skill through my training and practice as a priest. In the confessional, I have met with numerous cases of penitents who came with problems that needed counselling. I have handled hundreds of such cases. Of course, in one sitting it may not always be possible to solve problems. However, it is an accepted norm that a catholic confession is a useful prelude to a session with a professional counsellor. I have been a counsellor to college students in St Joseph 's and St Xavier's. Now, those experiences stand me in good stead as I am counselling both students and staff members at Mettala. Here at Mettala, it has been the turn of my young Superior Fr Dominic Jayakumar to get the best out of me at this age by his extraordinary care for my health and by his respect for my opinions and contribution at community and college levels. I enjoy my role as Counsellor since I deem it as a gift of God. And the work of healing is no doubt, the continuation of Christ's compassionate listening and healing ministry.

MY SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY: The real root of my social concern and love for the poor may not be far to seek. The seed of social involvement was sown by my parents. In this, my parents, particularly my father, were my role models. They brought up a Dalit boy in our home and educated him in my father's school. He was one among us, and we did not show any discrimination. My father got him a job in the postal dept and married him off. Till his last breath, my father was a deeply committed Vincentian, and the Vincent De Paul Society was his lifeblood. He was a Catholic action leader with a passion for the spread of the Gospel teachings. This is what I have inherited from my father. Of course, I am always grateful to God for this grace.

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I did learn from the Church's social teachings (Vatican Council II) the essence of social concern and its theological roots, and this was further deepened by my involvement in AICIJF. As a matter of fact, I owe it to AICUF that I have had a long trail of socially relevant activities. My predecessor Fr Claude D'Souza, S.J. was the initiator of several NGOs with ex-AICUFers in charge. Thus began the proliferation of NGOs in northern and southern regions of Tamil Nadu. During my tenure as National Director, I only had a nodding relationship with most of these groups. While I gave them moral support, Fr Manuel Alphonse was their mentor. Fr Claude continued his support to them in all possible ways till his death. I was deeply involved in Rural Uplift Centre, based in KK and founded by Mr Maria James, also an ex-AICUF full-timer. Till date, I am its President and have always been its mentor and supporter. Fr Antony Pappuraj, S.J. also journeyed with us for a long time as its treasurer. Sadly, he passed away during Corona's nasty grip the world over. Rural Uplift Centre started on a modest scale with its support to unorganised labourers such as beedi workers. It swelled to become an all- Tamil Nadu federation with powerful leaders who fought for better wages and labour rights. We empowered the groups, and they were able to have bargaining power to demand their rights from employers and the govt. When we tasted success, we were encouraged to get involved with other unorganised sectors in Tirunelveli, Tuticorin and Kanyakumari districts. Every time there was a natural disaster in TN, we were the first to initiate relief work and reconstruction work.

The Tsunami of Dec 26, 2004 was a massive disaster that hit the coastal villages and fishing hamlets and upended the livelihoods of thousands of fisher folks. We were again one of the first from the voluntary sector to jump into action thanks to help and funding from foreign agencies that reached us promptly. Our credibility has gone sky high, and most foreign agencies from Europe have no hesitation in contacting us for such emergency services and pumping in money. Except for the Govt's bureaucratic interference and delays in granting permissions for receiving funds, we have enjoyed the goodwill of several foreign agencies. Of course, RUC has over the years, taken up advocacy of human rights and other legal issues of poor rural people. We have a legal team of our own for legal education of village women and for advocacy. Women's groups get our special attention and care for training and empowerment through awareness and rights training. When we are hard up for foreign funds, we take up Govt schemes and try to get local funding to keep our activities going and to retain our committed staff with meagre salaries. There are ever so many govt schemes aimed at eliminating or alleviating hunger and poverty to an extent. We also join this national movement to combat poverty and hunger. We train villagers about such govt schemes and encourage them to benefit from these. We have consistently shown interest in agriculture, as many of the target groups especially tribal people, engage in agriculture/horticulture or are agricultural labourers. Of course, they are mostly small or marginal farmers. We train them in organic farming and in producing plant growth tonic, raising nurseries and preparing compost, etc. We also train the tribals to form a farmer producing company.

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In order to inculcate the value of education, we also run some creches for children. Leadership training is an important part of our training modules. Here I must say a word about Mr Maria James, M.A., B.L, the founder and the Secretary of this organisation. He is a lawyer. Above all, he is an excellent administrator known for his transparency and simple ways with coworkers and target groups. He has seen some days and faced challenges both financial and from govt side. But as his hands are clean and he has a clean image, no force or threats or problems could shake his self-confidence or bring down the edifice he has built up. He believes in teamwork. He has succeeded in building an excellent team over the years. May God bless him with good health and long life so that his services to the rural poor may be available for a long time to come.

My stint with AREDS operating from Renganathapuram, Karur has a long story as well. This NGO is the brainchild of Mr A. Samy and his wife Christy. I continue to be associated with them. 1 am a member of the Governing Board. Of late, my contact has been less and less as I came away from southern TN. The distinctive character of this NGO is that it is more driven by high level thinking and thought processes fuelled by intellectuals, theologians and activists drawn from a wide spectrum. But their primary objective is to focus on people's issues and experiences by putting in place a participatory decision-making system. It is always a bottom-up process. As they are working among the agriculturist population, their concerns primarily centre around land, water, rivers, housing and agricultural accessories etc...

Their historic achievement was to enable the women to organise their own Bank in order to help the people with loans at affordable interest rates. Ms Christy's role in forming and organising women 's groups and struggles for their basic rights has been singularly praiseworthy. Like most other NGOs, AREDS too find themselves at the crossroads as the fund flow from agencies is trickling down and the govt's noose around NGOs is tightening. They are exploring other avenues for service to people and options for mobilising local funds. Mr John Peter, also an AICUF product, was the chief architect of PSA (People's Solidarity Association) based originally at Mutharasanallur, which later fell prey to the 1977 floods. It was a place for AICUFERs to gather for sessions, seminars and camps, which eventually became the main office of PSA after the floods submerged our buildings together with the surrounding villages. Our first operations began with the relief and rehabilitation work and later reconstruction work. Our initial thrust was to serve the local community very badly affected by the floods. This went on for some years. Later we shifted gears and moved out to pastures new. We have broadened our approach to social justice work to include right to education and human rights struggles. We support women's groups to work for their basic human rights and create awareness about education and responsibility to protect our earth as our common home. Mr John Peter is a good thinker and teacher. He has trained several AICUF groups in social analysis and other groups in terms of their human rights and legal entitlements. He must continue his services for a long and with God's grace and with the cooperation of his talented and committed wife, Ms Christy (Subathra) he should influence and impact Gen Z and youth groups intent on social change.

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MY PASTORAL MINISTRY: As a Catholic priest I have always given top priority to my pastoral ministry whatever was my main occupation. I never declined requests for saying Mass or for hearing confessions. Very few Jesuits have the good fortune of being in charge of parishes. Some talented preachers with a charismatic touch and inclination have been rendering healing ministries as a full time job. My good friend Fr V. Ignatius and Fr. Thamburaj, my novitiate companion, have been successful in this field. In my case, I had a chance to render direct pastoral ministry only for a month in a remote village in Sivagangai district as a newly ordained priest. However, I have always enjoyed taking up Mass assignments, whether I was Rector or Superior or Hostel director or professor or Secretary of College. On Sundays, I used to be restless if I could not say Mass for the people. I was more overjoyed to be asked to hear confessions in parishes or in convents or schools or colleges. More often than not, confessions turn out to be counselling sessions. Of course, a priest should remember that hearing confession is one of his primary priestly duties. I always welcome priests who come to confess. My memory goes back to my days in Satya Nilayam, Chennai, De Britto, Devakottai and Loyola Academy, Vadmelpakkam. The priest ofRamnagar Parish (DVK) was a good friend of mine. Therefore, he would ask me to say Sunday Mass in substations invariably on all Sundays. I enjoyed saying those Masses and feast day Novena Masses. There was a Church dedicated to St Ignatius at Mullikoondu near our De Britto school. I was happy to organise the Novena Masses every year with the help of my community members. We always took turns to say community Mass or students' Masses. I prepared well for these Masses and used to make the homilies meaningful to students. At Vadamelpakkam, the Maraimalai Nagar PP was on friendly terms with us, and therefore, we were called up to say three or more Masses every Sunday. Sometimes he used to invite us for hearing confessions during Lent. I was privileged to practically function as in charge of MTC Nagar, a substation. I struck a very good rapport with the people. They were very fervent and ready for any work in the Church. Rail Nagar St Antony's Church was another substation that I cannot forget. The people, mostly settlers from the southern parts of TN, were very fervent and contributed generously to the renovation and expansion of the Church. In Chennai, Pallikaranai was my pastoral outpost. It was then only the substation of Tambaram parish. Today it has been raised to the status of an independent parish. Even seven years in Vadmelpakkam and the five years in Devakottai were rich in pastoral ministries. Before I sign off, I must thank Mr Maria James for hitting on this idea of my penning a few lines on my recollections or nostalgic memories of my fifty-year journey as a full-fledged Jesuit. He was the one to think of dividing my life and ministry into three strands. Of course, it shows how familiar he is with the Jesuits' lifestyle and ministries. I have included certain other less obvious services like AICUF and Hostel management that have shaped my personality and thought processes and perspectives in a big way. My late elder brother, Mr Bosco Gandhi, brought out a lovely souvenir filled with photos that recall my family, people and events, along with several significant milestones in my life as a Jesuit. Now it has been the turn of Mr Maria James, my newfound brother in Christ, to bring out this memoir portraying a fifty-year journey titled: The Road Less Travelled by Poet Roben Frost's words graphically and truly describe my journey following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. In this uncommon (less travelled) journey, I have not been alone.

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My fellow Jesuits, my students, colleagues, NGO friends, beneficiaries and stakeholders have been accompanying me in my journey through thick and thin. There have been ups and downs, but the Lord has been with me in moments of crisis, holding my hand and leading me. My Jesuit community never let me down. Daily Common Eucharist and community Prayer under girded by communal discemment and sharing helped us to stand united and face any crisis boldly and march ahead with all hope and faith in the Lord. My journey still goes on...

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Loyola College of Arts and Science, Mettala, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Final Profession of Rev. Dr. A. Leo Antony Tagore, S.J., on **18 October 2026**, with profound gratitude, joy and admiration. The memorable occasion brought together his family members, friends, fellow Jesuits, well-wishers and members of the college community to honour five decades of his commitment to the Society of Jesus and its mission of faith, education and service.

The celebration commenced with a solemn **Eucharistic celebration,** giving thanks to God for Fr. Tagore's fifty years of faithful Jesuit commitment and for the numerous ways in which his life and ministry have touched individuals, institutions and communities. The Eucharist provided an opportunity for the gathering to reflect on his journey of vocation, his dedication to education, his commitment to social justice and his compassionate accompaniment of people from different walks of life.

The Eucharistic celebration was followed by a **felicitation programme**, during which the gathering expressed its appreciation and affection for the Jubilarian. The presence of his family members and friends made the occasion especially meaningful, recalling the relationships and shared experiences that have accompanied him throughout his life. The college community joined in celebrating his academic contributions, institutional leadership, social engagement and pastoral service.

The celebration was not merely an acknowledgement of an important milestone; it was a tribute to a life shaped by faith, availability and selfless service. As the college honoured Fr. Tagore's fifty years of Final Profession, the occasion also reaffirmed the enduring relevance of the Jesuit ideal of being men and women for and with others.

The Golden Jubilee celebration at Loyola College, Mettala, thus became a memorable expression of gratitude for Fr. Tagore's life and mission, bringing together the people who cherish him and celebrating a legacy that continues to inspire generations.





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விருந்தினர்களாக மருத்துவர் துரைசுவாமி மற்றும் வாழப்பாடி புனித மைக்கேல் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளியைச் சேர்ந்த அருட் சகோதரி முனைவர் ஆரோக்கிய மேரி ஆகியோர் பங்கேற்று, வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்குப் பரிசுகளை வழங்கினர். மாணவர்கள் கல்வியுடன் கலைத்திறனையும், சுய அறிவையும் வளர்த்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டும் என அறிவுறுத்தினர்.

இந்த நடனப்போட்டியில் மேற்கத்திய நடனம், நாட்டுப்புற நடனம், செவ்வியல் நடனம் என மூன்று பிரிவுகளில் போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன. ஒவ்வொரு பிரிவிலும் அரசு மற்றும் தனியார் பள்ளிகளுக்கு தனித்தனியாகப் பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன. முதல் பரிசாக ரூ.3,000, இரண்டாம் பரிசாக ரூ.2,000 வழங்கப்பட்டதுடன், பங்கேற்ற மாணவர்களுக்குச் சான்றிதழ்கள் மற்றும் கேடயங்களும் வழங்கப்பட்டன. மேலும், 12 குழுக்களுக்கு ஆறுதல் பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

இப்போட்டியில் மொத்தம் 12 பள்ளிகளைச் சேர்ந்த 250 க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவ, மாணவிகள் பங்கேற்று தங்களது நடனத் திறமைகளை வெளிப்படுத்தினர். நிகழ்ச்சியில் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் முனைவர் ஜோஸ்ப்பின் டெய்சி, துணை முதல்வர் அருட்தந்தை முனைவர் ஆண்டனி மார்கஸ் உள்ளிட்ட பேராசிரியர்கள், அருட்சகோதரிகள், துறைத்தலைவர்கள், பணியாளர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர். நிகழ்ச்சிக்கான ஏற்பாடுகளைப் பேராசிரியர்கள் சபரிநாதன், ஜனனி ஐஸ்வர்யா ஆகியோர் மாணவப் பிரதிநிதிகளுடன் இணைந்து செய்திருந்தனர்.

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நாமக்கல் அக் 15: ராசிபுரம் அருகே மெட்டாலாவில் உள்ள லயோலா கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரியில், பள்ளி மாணவர்களின் கலைத்திறனை ஊக்குவிக்கும் வகையில் ‘சங்கமம் 2026’ கலைத்திருவிழா மற்றும் மாபெரும் நடனப்போட்டி நடைபெற்றது.

கல்லூரி அதிபர் அருட்தந்தை முனைவர் தோமினிக் ஜெயக்குமார் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்ற நிகழ்ச்சியில், கல்லூரிச் செயலர் அருட்தந்தை முனைவர் டேனிஸ் பொன்னையா வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்.

சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களாக மருத்துவர் துரைசுவாமி, வாழப்பாடி புனித மைக்கேல் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி அருட்சகோதரி முனைவர் ஆரோக்கிய மேரி ஆகியோர் பங்கேற்று வெற்றியாளர்களுக்குப் பரிசுகளை வழங்கினர்.

மேற்கத்திய, நாட்டுப்புறம், செவ்வியல் நடனம் என மூன்று பிரிவுகளில் போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன.

ஒவ்வொரு பிரிவிலும் அரசு மற்றும் தனியார் பள்ளிகளுக்குத் தனித்தனியாக முதல் பரிசாக ரூ.3,000, இரண்டாம் பரிசாக ரூ.2,000 வழங்கப்பட்டன.

பங்கேற்ற மாணவர்களுக்குச் சான்றிதழ், கேடயங்களும், 12 குழுக்களுக்கு ஆறுதல் பரிசுகளும் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

இப்போட்டியில் 12 பள்ளிகளைச் சேர்ந்த 250க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவ, மாணவிகள் பங்கேற்று தங்களது நடனத் திறமைகளை வெளிப்படுத்தினர். நிகழ்ச்சியில் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் முனைவர் ஜோஸ்ப்பின் டெய்சி, துணை



முதல்வர் அருட்தந்தை முனைவர் ஆண்டனி மார்கஸ் உள்ளிட்ட பேராசிரியர்கள், அருட்சகோதரிகள், துறைத்தலைவர்கள், பணியாளர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர். ஏற்பாடுகளைப் பேராசிரியர்கள் சபரிநாதன், ஜனனி ஐஸ்வர்யா ஆகியோர் மாணவப் பிரதிநிதிகளுடன் இணைந்து செய்திருந்தனர்.

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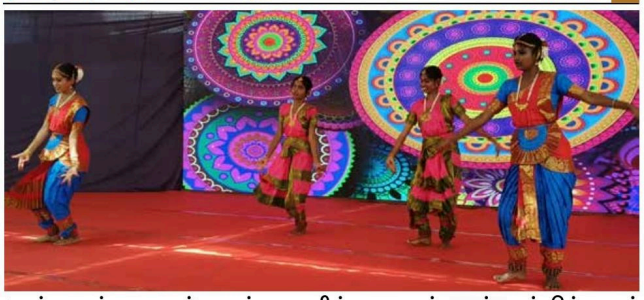
மெட்டாலா இலயோலா கல்லூரி கல்வி வழிகாட்டி நிகழ்ச்சி - 2 ஆயிரம் பேர் பங்கேற்பு



நாமக்கல் மாவட்டம் ராசிபுரம் மெட்டாலா லயோலா கல்லூரியில் கல்வி வழிகாட்டி நிகழ்ச்சி நடைபெற்றது. இதில் நாமக்கல் ஆட்சியர் லி. மதுபாலன், ஐஐடி சென்னை இணைப்பேராசிரியர் ஹேமச்சந்திரன் கரா, முன்னாள் காவல் கண்காணிப்பாளர் கலியமூர்த்தி ஆகியோர் மாணவர்களுக்கு வழிகாட்டினர். கல்லூரி முதல்வர் ஜா. ஜோஸ்ப்பின் டெய்சி வரவேற்றார். அதிபர் தோமினிக் ஜெயக்குமார், செயலர் டேனிஸ் பொன்னையா உள்ளிட்டோர் பங்கேற்றனர். சேலம், நாமக்கல் மாவட்டங்களைச் சேர்ந்த 2,000-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர்.



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முன்னாள் காவல் கண்காணிப்பாளரும் தன்னம்பிக்கைப் பேச்சாளருமான முனைவர் கலியமூர்த்தி, சென்னை ஐ.ஐ.டி. கௌரவ பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் ஹேமச்சந்திரன் கரா ஆகியோர் கலந்து கொண்டு குத்துவிளக்கேற்றி நிகழ்ச்சியைத் தொடங்கி வைத்தனர்.

தொடர்ந்து சிறப்பு விருந்தினருக்கு கல்லூரி அதிபர் தோமினிக் ஜெயக்குமார், கல்லூரி செயலர் அருள்தந்தை டேனிஷ் பொன்னையா ஆகியோர் சால்வை அணிவித்து நினைவு பரிசு வழங்கி சிறப்பித்தனர்.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் மதுபாலன் பேசியது, நாமக்கல் மாவட்டத்தில் கடந்த கல்வியாண்டில் 97 சதவீத மாணவர்கள் உயர்கல்வியில் சேர்ந்துள்ளனர். வரும் கல்வியாண்டில் 100 சதவீத மாணவர்களையும் உயர்கல்வியில் சேர்க்கும் நோக்கில், நான் முதல்வன் திட்டத்தின் கீழ்

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மாணவர்கள் உயர்கல்வியை சரியான முறையில் தேர்வு செய்வதுடன், ஏ.ஐ. உள்ளிட்ட புதிய தொழில்நுட்பங்களையும் கற்றுக்கொள்ள வேண்டும். இதன் மூலம் எதிர்கால வேலைவாய்ப்புகளை அதிகரித்துக் கொள்ளலாம் என என்றார்.

கௌரவ சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக முனைவர் ஹேமச்சந்திரன் கரா இணைப்பேராசிரியர், ஐஐடி சென்னை அவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டு, விடாமுயற்சியும், தொடர் முயற்சியும் என்னுடைய வெற்றிக்கு காரணம் என்ற நம்பிக்கை வார்த்தைகளை எடுத்துரைத்தார். தொடர்ந்து, முன்னாள் காவல் கண்காணிப்பாளரும், தன்னம்பிக்கைப் பேச்சாளருமான முனைவர் கலியமூர்த்தி பேசுகையில், செல்போன் பயன்பாட்டால் குடும்ப உறவுகள் பாதிக்கப்படுவதுடன், இணையத்தில் பரவும் ஆபாசக் காட்சிகள் குழந்தைகளின் மனநலத்தையும் பாதிக்கின்றன. எனவே, குழந்தைகள் செல்போன் பயன்படுத்துவதைப் பெற்றோர்கள் கண்காணிக்க வேண்டும்.

செல்போனை எடுத்தவுடன் பயன்படுத்தாமல், யாரிடம் பேச வேண்டும் என்பதைத் தீர்மானித்துப் பேச வேண்டும். நேரில் பகிரத் தயங்கும் விஷயங்களை செல்போனிலும் பகிரக்கூடாது. நிழல் உலக ஆபத்துகளில் இருந்து குழந்தைகளைப் பாதுகாக்க பெற்றோர்களும் ஆசிரியர்களும் விழிப்புணர்வுடன் செயல்பட வேண்டும். மேலும் சினிமா பிரபலங்களை முன்மாதிரியாகக் எடுத்து கொள்வதைத் தவிர்த்து, நேரில் காணக்கூடிய சாதனையாளர்களை முன்மாதிரியாகக் கொண்டு இளைஞர்கள் வாழ்க்கையில் வெற்றி பெற வேண்டும் என்றார்.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் முனைவர் ஜா. ஜோஸ்ப்பின் டெய்சி, கல்லூரியின் துணை முதல்வர் அருட்தந்தை முனைவர் ஆண்டனி மார்கஸ், விடுதி இயக்குநர் அருட்தந்தை இன்னாசி ஆரோக்கியசாமி , கல்லூரி மாணவிகள் விடுதி இயக்குநர் அருட்சகோதரி சகாயமேரி, அருட்சகோதரி ஆஷா, நிர்வாகத் துணைமுதல்வர் டேவிட் பிரபு, பொருளாளர் அருட்தந்தை இராயப்பன் இன்னாசி சே.ச., ஆலோசகர் அருட்தந்தை லியோ தகூர் சே.ச., துறைத்தலைவர்கள், பேராசிரியர்கள், ஆசிரியரல்லாப் பணியாளர்கள், மாணவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டனர்.

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