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From the Principal's Desk...

Unveiling of the MiG-27 on 3rd September was the second event of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Due to the pandemic, we could not invite students and parents. The third event of the Diamond Jubilee Year was the release of the digitized and indexed school magazines of the last 56 years on 3rd September. I am sure, the alumni will take delight in going through them online. I hope we will be able to arrange at least one function where students and parents can come together to close the Diamond Jubilee Year.

LOYOLA ELECTRONIC NEWS SERVICE

The first Board examinations of ICSE and ISC are announced for November-December. That big change in exam schedule has altered all our plans. Right now, first terminal exam are going on.

Our computer teachers of the senior school had a 4-day orientation for Robotics training. The Robotics lab is also ready for students. The aviaries are coming to life with the presence of new birds.

I wish our students all the best for their examinations.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J

UPCOMING EVENT



MEET OUR PANEL

EXPLORE

Career Guidance Session 10: Why an MBA? A career in Management & Consulting



Sankar Krishnan 1983 Batch Former Partner, McKinsey & Co. Chief Strategic Advisor, Ramco Group



Somnath Kishore 2014 Batch BTech, MBA Junior Associate McKinsey & Co



Xavier Sebastian 1994 Batch Chief Strategy Officer TAFE BTech. MBA



Abhilash Jayapal 1997 Batch Founder at Terrific Minds Director at OrthoFX



Ryan Jacob Mathew 2022 Batch Class XII Co-Moderator

The session is on October 9, 2021 at 6:45 PM IST on MS Teams

MS Teams Link: http://tiny.cc/90ctL0BA

You may send in questions for the panelists to exploreloba@gmail.com



Unveiling of the MiG-27 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TS 575

September 3, 2021 will remain an unforgettable day in the history of Loyola School for the rare rendezvous of high-profile officers of the Indian Defence Forces on their dear old campus for the unveiling of the recently decommissioned MiG-27 positioned near the new basketball court, the very first thing one sees on entering the sprawling precincts of this sixty-year-young school.



The meticulously planned and impeccably organised function was attended by 14 Loyolite officers of the Defence forces and two non-Loyolite officers, the present MLA of the constituency Shri Kadakampally Surendran, Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ the Rector, Fr Devassy Paul SJ the former Principal, and Fr PT Joseph SJ the Principal all of whom played a pivotal role in getting the MiG positioned on the campus. Dr Ram Mohan the President of LOBA along with the other executive members, Fr Joseph Edassery SJ the former Vice Principal, Fr Roy Alex SJ the Principal of the CBSE school, the representatives and the President of the PTA, the spouses of a few IAF officers, and the members of the staff were among the others who attended the function.

Mrs Aswathy Philip welcomed the gathering, and Principal Fr PT Joseph SJ proposed the vote of thanks.

Among the highlights of the function were:

- * The inauguration of the MiG Park by Shri Kadakampally Surendran,
- * The unveiling of the acknowledgement plaque by Air Marshal SRK Nair and Air Marshal TD Joseph,
- * The unveiling of the MiG-history plaque by Colonel Lal Kesavan and Cdr Deepak Sebastian,
- * The dedication of the project to the Indian Armed Forces by Air Marshal B Suresh and Fr Devassy Paul SJ, and
- * The reminiscences of Wg Cdr Nalini Ranjan Kanthy of the Class of 1969 which brought together all the people involved in the run-up to the landing of the MiG. A fascinating piece of history by itself, his speech is given in full on the following pages.

No less important was the second part of the function—the release of the digital version of all the 56 back issues of *The Loyolite*. Mr Reny M John of the 2007 batch, who spearheaded this project, briefed the audience on how it was envisioned and realised, and Frs Joseph Edassery SJ and PT Joseph SJ released the collection which is now available on the school website.

The entire programme was streamed live. A click anywhere on the LENS logo below will take you to the video coverage of the function.







MLA Shri Kadakampally Surendran inaugurating the MiG Park



Air Marshal SRK Nair and Air Marshal TD Joseph unveiling the acknowledgement plaque



Colonel Lal Kesavan and Cdr Deepak Sebastian unveiling the MiG-history plaque



Air Marshal B Suresh and Fr Devassy Paul SJ dedicating the project to the Indian Armed Forces



Mr Reny M John briefing the audience on the digital version of all the back issues of The Loyolite



Former Vice Principal Fr Joseph Edassery SJ releasing the e-version of all the 56 back issues of The Loyolite



Principal Fr PT Joseph SJ presenting the CTB version of the Diamond Jubilee Souvenir to Wg Cdr MS Mathews (above) and Sqn Ldr Monica Bharan (below)





Vote of Thanks: Fr PT Joseph SJ



MC: Mrs Aswathy Philip

A Dream and its Realization



It was at a private meeting at the official residence of Air Marshal Suresh at Trivandrum about two years back that I first broached the idea of installing an aircraft at the school. It was a life's desire for me. Suresh was then the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Air Command. Surprisingly he was so positive that he said: "Yes sir, it may take a little



time, but I will have it done." Mind you, I was meeting Suresh for the first time ever. His positive response surprised me. Suresh did not realize at that time that he had made this promise to someone who would not let him go back on his word. For a year after that I haunted Suresh like a ghost. That is history, but the aircraft is there in front of all of you, on what is now the Air Force Road, as imposing as ever.



From Left to Right 1.Sqn Ldr Monica Bharan, 2. Wg Cdr G Roshan (Retd), 3. Lt Col Ninan Thomas, 4. Wg Cdr MS Mathews (Retd). 5. Maj Gokul, 6. Gp Capt Bebin Abraham, 7. Gp Capt Phillips Abraham (Retd), 8. Gp Capt A Radhakrishnan (Retd), 9. Air Marshal B Suresh (Retd), 10. Air Marshal SRK Nair (Retd), 11. Gp Capt Paul Jacob (Retd), 12. Air Marshal TD Joseph (Retd), 13. Gp Capt Renjith V Panicker (Retd), 14. Col Lal Kesevan (Retd), 15. Wg Cdr NR Kanthy(Retd), 16. Cdr Deepak Sebastian. The two non-Loyolites in this group are Sqn Ldr Monica Bharan, from Hq SAC, who oversaw the logistics, and Wg Cdr MS Mathew (Retd) who did the liaison with the Govt.

This aircraft, TS 575, has an added history in that it had been flown by three Loyolites all of whom are in our midst today: Air Marshal TD Joseph, Gp Capt Paul Jacob and Gp Capt Ayyappan Radhakrishnan. We also have with us two others: Air Marshal Suresh himself and Gp Capt Ranjith V Panicker both of whom have flown the Mig 27 with distinction but not TS 575.

Today's function is not an air force show. It has been organised as a reunion of all Loyolites, and all servicemen irrespective of rank from all the three services. Had it not been for the pandemic we would have had a much larger representation from all the three services. 20, however, is not too bad a figure. We also have here with us representatives from all Loyolite bodies who are extremely proud of all the servicemen present here.

During its 60 years of existence, Loyola has sent 60 plus of its students to the armed forces. The first three to join the armed forces were from my batch, i.e. the 1969 batch, and the first to be commissioned was Brig S Vijaykumar (Retd). The first to sport three stars was Air Marshal SRK Nair.

There was no record of those who had opted for the Defence forces as a career. It took me almost two years to compile a list of Defence service personnel from Loyola. We have traced 63 till date, sixty of



Loyolites who flew the aircraft on display: Gp Capt Ayyappan Radhakrishnan, Air Marshal TD Joseph, and Gp Capt Paul Jacob

whom appear in the list displayed around the aircraft. Three more whose name came in later do not figure in the list but would be included shortly. One among the three is here today. Welcome Manoj Jayaseelan, thank you for accepting my request for your presence here.

All Loyolites who have joined the services have a unique bond irrespective of the number of years they studied in the school.

Their attachment to the school is phenomenal. Suresh is one such example. He left school in the 8th standard but considers himself to be a hardcore Loyolite.

This project would not have seen the light of the day had it not been for the excellent support that we got from Sri Kadakampally Surendran the former Minister for tourism and now the MLA from this constituency. He was ever willing to help us. We also acknowledge the help rendered by Hq SAC whose representatives Gp Capt Pradeep and Sqn Ldr Monika Bharan are here with us today. Wg Cdr MS Mathew (Retd) who helped us to a very great extent to get the necessary approvals

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and we have 3
three-star generals,
2 two-star generals
from the school
already. I am
certain many more
will join this list
before long.

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from the Govt is also in our midst. He is not a Loyolite but still ran the extra mile smiling for us Loyolites.

A special mention about the role played by Monika and her team in what is generally a logistic nightmare. She handled this flawlessly. Please give her a big hand. Thank you SRK and Joe for spending time handholding me in this project.

I also acknowledge with gratitude the effort put in by my friend and junior in school Architect F. Anand. He took on the task of designing the park and what you see here is all his effort. He was under constant fire from me from the NCR but took all that sportingly. Thank you friend. I am much obliged.

This aircraft is open to the public to visit. We have identified a photo point from where the entire aircraft can be captured.

A special thank you to Fr Devassy Paul SJ the former Principal who is also here today. Father grabbed the idea of installing an aircraft at the school the moment I mooted it. Unfortunately he was transferred out soon after. The project was finally executed with the active support and blessings of Fr PT Joseph SJ, the present Principal, who reposed great trust and confidence in me.

The intention behind this project is to motivate the new generation of Loyolites and the young generation from around this locality and our NCC cadets (who are also represented here today) to opt for the Defence forces as career choice. We hope this MiG will be a great motivator.

Let me assure you that a career in the Defence Services is second to none. In sixty years, sixty plus Loyolites chose this as a career. All of them excelled and we have three, three-star generals, two, two-star generals and two one-star generals from the school already. I am certain many more will join this list before long. Where each one of us has reached today is because of Loyola and there is no better way to acknowledge this than the project that we are dedicating today. It is a gift from all of us to our alma mater.

Cheers Loyola! Jai Hind.

NEWS COVERAGE IN MACAYACA MANORAMA, DEEPIKA, AND MATHRUBHUMI



ലയോള സ്കൂളിൽ മിഗ്- 27

തിരുവനന്തപുരം ഇന്ത്യൻ വ്യോമ സേനാംഗങ്ങളായ പൂർവ വിദ്യാർഥികളുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ കേരള ടൂറിസം വകുപ്പിന്റെ സഹ കരണത്തോടെ ലയോള സ്കൂ ളിൽ സ്ഥാപിതമായ മിഗ് 27 ന്റെ അനാച്ഛാദനം മുൻമന്ത്രി കടകം പള്ളി സുരേന്ദ്രൻ നിർവഹിച്ചു. പൂർവ വിദ്യാർഥികളും റിട്ടമേഡ് എയർമാർഷൽമാരുമായ എസ്. ആർ.കെ.നായർ, ബി.സുരേഷ്, ടി .ഡി.ജോസഫ്, വിങ് കമാൻഡർ രഞ്ജൻ ഗാന്ധി, പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ ഫാ.പി.ടി.ജോസഫ്, മാനേജർ ഫാ.സണ്ണി കുന്നപ്പിള്ളിയിൽ, മുൻ പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ ഫാ. ദേവസി പോൾ തുടങ്ങിയവർ പങ്കെടു ത്തു.

ലയോള സ്കൂളിൽ മിഗ് -27 യുദ്ധവിമാനം അനാച്ഛാദനം ചെയ്തു

തിരുവനന്തപുരം: ഇന്ത്യൻ വ്യോമസേനാംഗങ്ങളായ ലയോള പൂർവ വിദ്യാർഥികളുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ കേരള ടൂറിസം വകുപ്പിന്റെ സഹ കരണത്തോടെ ലയോള സ്കൂളിൽ മിഗ് - 27 സ്ഥാപിച്ചു. കടകംപള്ളി സുരേന്ദ്രൻ എംഎൽഎ അനാച്ചാദന കർമം നിർവഹിച്ചു.

പൂർവവിദ്യാർഥികളായ റിട്ടയേർഡ് എയർ മാർഷൽമാരായ എസ്. ആർ.കെ. നായർ, ബി. സുരേഷ്, എന്നിവർ പങ്കെടുത്തു. സ്കൂൾ പ്രി ൻസിപ്പൽ ഫാ. പി.ടി. ജോസഫ് എസ്ജെ, മാനേജർ ഫാ. സണ്ണി കു ന്നപ്പിള്ളിയിൽ എസ്ജെ, മുൻ പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ ഫാ. ദേവസി പോൾ എ സ്ജെ തുടങ്ങിയവർ പുങ്കെടുത്തു.ചടങ്ങുകൾക്ക് വിംഗ് കമാൻഡർ ര ഞ്ജൻ കാന്തി നേതൃത്വം നൽകി.



ലയോള സ്കൂളിൽ സ്ഥാപിച്ച മിഗ് - 27 യുദ്ധവിമാനം.

കാർഗിൽ യുദ്ധത്തിലെ മിഗ് 27 ലയോള സ്കൂളിൽ

തിരുവനന്തപുരം ▶ കാർഗിൽ യു ഭ്യത്തിൽ ഇന്ത്യൻ വ്യോമസേന യുടെ ഭാഗമായിരുന്ന മിഗ് വിമാ നങ്ങളിലൊന്ന് ഇനി തലസ്ഥാന ത്ത്. ഇന്ത്യൻ വ്യോമസേനയുടെ ഭാഗമായിരുന്ന മിഗ് 27 വിമാനം ലയോള സ്കൂളിൽ സ്ഥാപിച്ചു. 1985-ൽ വ്യോമസേനയുടെ ഭാഗ മായ ടി.എസ്. 575 എന്ന ഫൈറ്റർ എയർക്രാഫ്റ്റാണിത്. 2019-ൽ ഡി കമ്മിഷൻ ചെയ്ത വിമാനം ടൂറിസം വകുപ്പിൻെറ സഹകരണത്തോടെ യാണ് ഇവിടെ സ്ഥാപിച്ചത്.

ബംഗാളിൽനിന്നാണ് വ്യോമ സേനാ അധികൃതർ മിഗ് 27 തിരു വനന്തപുരത്തെത്തിച്ചത്. സ്കൂ ളിലെ പൂർവവിദ്യാർഥികളായി രുന്ന ഗ്രൂപ്പ് ക്യാപറ്റ്ൻമാരായ



🔾 ലയോള സ്കൂളിൽ സ്ഥാപിച്ച മിഗ് 27 വിമാനം

പോഠം ജേക്കബ്, അയ്യപ്പൻ രാ ധാകൃഷ്ണൻ, റിട്ട. എയർ മാർഷൽ ടി.ഡി.ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ ഈ വിമാനം പറത്തിയിരുന്നു എന്ന പ്രത്യേകതയുമുണ്ട്.

കടകംപള്ളി സുരേന്ദ്രൻ എം എൽ.എ. വിമാനത്തിൻെറ അനാ ച്ചാദന ചടങ്ങ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. സ്കൂളിലെ പൂർവ വിദ്യാർഥികളും റിട്ട. എയർ മാർഷൽമാരുമായ എസ്.ആർ.കെ.നായർ, ബി.സു രേഷ്, ടി.ഡി.ജോസഫ്, പ്രിൻസി പ്പൽ ഫാ.പി.ടി.ജോസഫ്, മാനേ ജർ ഫാ. സണ്ണി കുന്നപ്പള്ളിൽ, ഫാ. ദേവസി പോഠം എന്നിവർ പങ്കെടുത്തു.

വിങ് കമാൻഡർ രഞ്ജൻ കാന്തി നേതൃത്വം നൽകി.



LOBA EXPLORE SESSION IX ON

ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Attendance is often an indication of the predisposition of the attendee, not a reliable index of the intrinsic merit of the programme. Frenzied fans of heavy metal concerts almost always outnumber the attendees at a symphony orchestra. This being the general trend, it is heartening that many people attended the ninth career guidance session of LOBA EXPLORE, on 4 September 2021, despite the fact that entrepreneurship lies very

low on the scale of priorities for those who think in conventional terms when it comes to career choice. Perhaps, LOBA's initiative and its eight EXPLORE sessions on treble that number of career options have made Loyolites more receptive to every snippet of information to arrive at informed decisions. Or else, the crowd puller was nothing but the sterling credentials of the panellists themselves that are worth repeating.

P. Vijay Kumar BTech, MBA, who belongs to the Class of 1983, is Co-Founder & CEO of InApp, a global software services company. Additionally, he chairs the Kerala Regional Council for NASSCOM and is a member of their National SME council, and serves as the Hon. Warden to the British Deputy High Commission, Chennai. He had formerly been Chairman of CII, Trivandrum Zone and member of the National Board of Round Table India and Founding Chair of Young Indians (YI) in Trivandrum. He was the School Leader and led the NCC contingent as Cdt. Flt. Sergeant.

George Varghese of the Class of 1984 is Founder-CEO of ET Marlabs. He had been with IBM, Hitachi, and Infosys in Japan and Australia as Head of Banking & Capital Markets.

Dr. Saji Salam, Managing Partner of Careventures Capital in Houston, Texas, is a good example of how an MBBS and MBA can be combined to carve out a career with a difference. He had previously worked in healthcare management consulting with Cognizant, Deloitte, Accenture, etc. advising Fortune 500 clients.

Augustine Chandy of the Class of 1984 is a PE Investor based in the UK. He had been Country Manager, Olam, and Director with the supply chain company CHEP. This school topper in the 1984 SSLC exam went on to acquire BTech and MBA degrees before embracing the career of his choice.

Fariq Naushad, a Research Fellow at IIT Kanpur and a Central Govt. Fellow

under the BIRAC Scheme, is a Computer Science Engineer and an entrepreneur at heart. He graduated from Loyola in 2011 and is the Co-founder & CEO of Greenikk. During his Loyola days, he was on Trivandrum District basketball team for two years and the school team for five years.

The co-moderator Vaishnav R. is a student of Class XII.

It was only natural that with such highprofile Loyolites as the panellists, the session turned out to be a memorable one because it covered the full spectrum of the prospects and challenges of entrepreneurship. It goes to the credit of the panellists that they clarified everything without ever using any jargon, and made it all the more enjoyable by spicing their expositions with anecdotes from their school days and thereby giving the session the feel of a happy family reunion. Everyone could easily relate to the analogy of the entrepreneurial arena to the school playground during the lunch break when twenty teams share just two goalposts and still no one loses sight of his ball or his goal. And, especially reassuring was Tarig's reminiscence of how he benefited from hours of mentoring from Loyolite heavyweights like Dr Suresh K. Aravind, former worldwide Vice President of Johnson & Johnson, and a host of other good souls which highlights the fact that Loyolites cannot be otherwise and that help is always available to those who seek it.





INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

REAR ADMIRAL C. S. BABURAJ VSM

(LOYOLA ALUMNUS: 1981 BATCH)





National Anthem: Junior School Choir







BONDAGE IN FREEDOM (SKIT BY CLASS V)





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WINNERS IN INDEPENDENCE DAY COMPETITIONS

SPEECH IN ENGLISH (STD VIII TO XII)







PAINTING/DRAWING (STDS III & IV)

SECOND











PATRIOTIC COSTUME (LKG TO STD II)

FIRST



ADAM CHRIS NAZARETHIL

SECOND









PATRIOTIC SONG (STDS V TO VII)

FIRST





SECOND



PRANAV P. NAIR, V C

THIRD



DARSHAN R. NAIR, VI B





Adithya Kishor, XI B

As Emily Dickinson says in her poem 'No rack can torture me':

The eagle of his nest No easier divest And gain the sky, Than mayest thou,

Except thyself may be
Thine enemy;
Captivity is consciousness,
So's liberty

For me, freedom is power—power to hold my head high with integrity and honesty, power to make my own choices. I am free because I know that I alone am responsible for my actions. I know that decisions I take without deliberation will only destroy me. Therefore, to me freedom comes with great responsibility.

The same outlook on freedom is seen in 1 Corinthians 6:12 of the Bible: "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything'—but I will not be mastered by anything."

Liberty to me is the freedom to attain true knowledge which will help me to take the right decision for my development, to enjoy my rights and

have a deep insight into my duties. For me freedom also represents equality. There should be equal opportunities for everyone without any racial, religious or gender discrimination. Justice should neither be biased nor delayed. Last but not the least, freedom for me is a Tagorean utopia where there is no exploitation, dishonour, frustration, disease, war, or violence and where the mind is without fear. Freedom is to live happily without care in a world without boundaries, to strive to cast away our chains of ignorance and superstition, to have awareness about respecting the freedom of others.

These days our freedom is being destroyed by the demands of economic technocracy, political bureaucracy and religious idiosyncrasies. The Bible says, in Peter 2:16: "Live as free men but do not use freedom to cover up evil; live as servants of God." So, freedom to me in a gist is to experience the true past, to experiment with the present, and expect and dream a healthy and peaceful future.

We have completed 75 years of independence and independent existence. Keeping in mind these ideologies, let us leap into the next era of Indian freedom and strive for the very world that Tagore, Sarojini Naidu, and all our freedom fighters yearned and fought for. Thank you.

This is the script of the First-Prize-winning speech delivered as part of the intramural Independence Day competitions.













JOVAN RENATO JESKLEEN, II B



NEERAD R., II D



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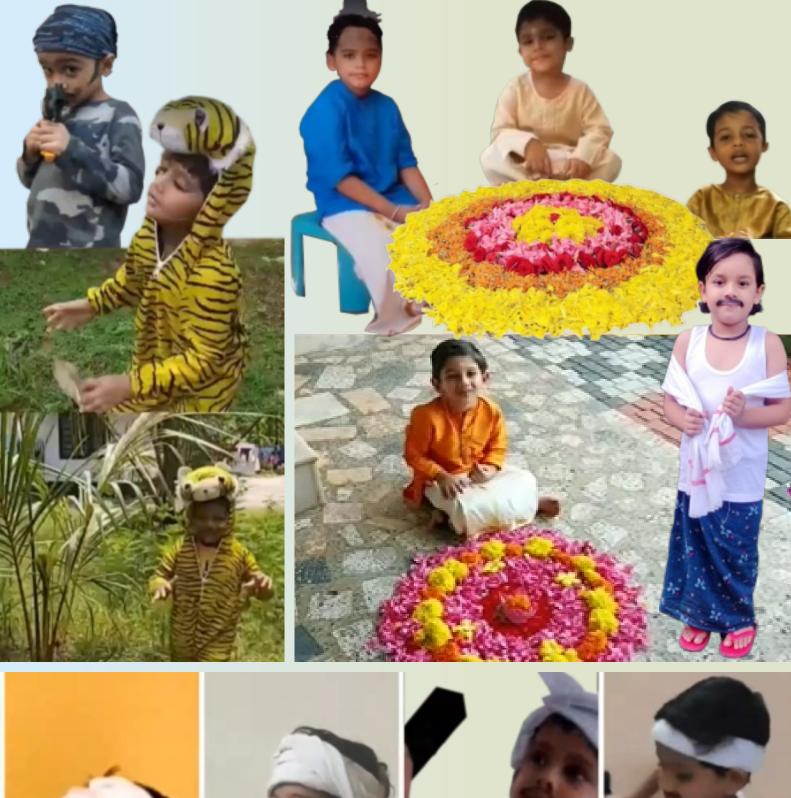
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Welcome Address Abhay Krishnan, XII A (School Leader)



TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS



Please don't sweat over the missing apostrophe in the title. It is not a matter of grammar, but of meaning. It depends on whether the day is observed in honour of just one teacher or all teachers. And, teachers do not own the day. If Flag Day and Veterans Day are admissible, why not go for Teachers Day?





























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Vidya Vignaharini Vidya Prassana Hrudayi Vidya Sakala Dharini

These lines from the famous song in Super 30 sorted out my clouded thoughts as I sat down to prepare the report on the online celebration of Teachers' Day. Yes, knowledge drives away all difficulties, brings happiness, and offers protection. GU means darkness and RU means dispeller. So, a good guru must be a dispeller of darkness; he must not only inform but also transform. Celebration of Teachers' Day during pre-COVID days, organised by students dressed in civvies and all the hubbub seems like a hallucination now. I am reminded of kids' favourite of the late 90s—Archie Comic, which eerily predicted Home-learning in 2021. Little did I know then that after two decades, I would end up as a teacher telling my students that video cameras must be on all times.

Whatever happens, the show must go on and positive vibes should be in the air. Only Happy teachers lead to happy children and thereby happy classrooms. The birthday of a true academician, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, was celebrated by Loyola's sons with much gaiety. The whole function was meticulously planned by the students of classes XI and XII. They set an example of how a programme can be compiled and completed in a situation of instability. There wasn't a single dull moment. A plethora of events like skit, music, video presentations, etc. definitely pulled the strings of the teachers'

hearts. Our dear Principal's insightful words and Fr Roy's statement that teachers don't just teach their subjects but the art of living instantly got etched in our minds. Bringing Fr Joseph Edassery, former Vice Principal for 19 years was the highlight of the day. A special mention goes to the students of UKG A, I B&E, II A&B, IV A, and VI D. We could clearly see the effect of back to back assemblies. Last but not least, the PTA deserves a big thank you; without the dear parents, the success of this event would have been a distant dream.

Thanks to the rigorous training provided by our school management. We are students once again trying to become better teachers. Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all who have taught me life lessons in different phases of my life and to those who still continue to teach me.

This special occasion made me ponder about the ubiquitous use of the Internet which is the new age oxygen! Distance learning isn't new. Teachers recited the study material through the radio during the World Wars and polio outbreak. Times have changed dramatically, but never the effort and dedication of educators.

Let this teachers' day be a celebration of the sacrifices and contributions of teachers all around the world. In the meanwhile, we'll continue to learn, unlearn, and relearn till the end and create more *Aha* moments. May this change be for the best!

Anjaly V. Das