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### *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Loyolites,

The month of June is always special at Loyola School, marking not only the beginning of a new academic year but also the reawakening of life, energy, and purpose on our beloved campus. This year, we begin our journey under the inspiring theme “Roots of Resolve.” It is a call to dig deep into our values, convictions, and identity, and to rise with strength, commitment, and clarity of purpose.

From the very first day, we have seen this resolve in action. The reopening day brought with it fresh enthusiasm, and our students returned with bright faces and hopeful hearts. The World Environment Day celebrations reminded us that caring for the Earth must be an unwavering part of who we are. Tree planting drives, eco-awareness campaigns, and creative student presentations reflected our commitment to sustainable living.

We celebrated our Award Day with pride, honouring those who have excelled academically and brought laurels to the school. It was a moment to affirm that excellence is the fruit of hard work, perseverance, and a deep sense of purpose. The Investiture Ceremony was another powerful moment when our newly elected student leaders pledged to serve the school with dedication and vision—standing tall and grounded in the “roots” of Loyola’s values.

On International Yoga Day, the quiet discipline and harmony of body and mind were on full display. Hundreds of students participated with sincerity, embodying the inner strength and balance that yoga fosters.

A landmark event this month was the inauguration of Pope Francis Complex, a milestone in our journey of growth. This magnificent facility bears testimony to the unity and generosity of the Loyola family. I place on record our deep gratitude to LOBA, especially the 1984 batch for their generous gift of the sports pavilion, and the 1972 ISC batch for establishing a cutting-edge Robotics and AI Lab. Their contributions will inspire generations of Loyolites to dream and dare.

We also witnessed the rebirth of a beloved space—the Fr. C.P. Varkey SJ Library, now renovated and revitalized. It is a space where silence speaks, where curiosity leads, and where knowledge grows. Reading Day, observed with enthusiasm across the school, reminded us that books are not just sources of information but companions in our journey of personal and intellectual growth.

As we step into this new academic year, let the “Roots of Resolve” guide us—to be strong in our convictions, steadfast in our efforts, and faithful to our calling. May our actions this year be deeply rooted and resolutely fruitful.

With gratitude and blessings,

**Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ**

*The externship programme during the summer vacation was unforgettable for its scale and success. So, instead of covering that initiative in this issue of LENS, we are bringing out a comprehensive supplement, with 52 reports along with related photographs.*



# Hearty Welcome



Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ (Principal, CBSE)

&



Sr Jiji Thomas (Principal, HSE)

Hailing from Koodaranji in Kozhikode District, Fr Ramlat Thomas is a double postgraduate in Physics and English. He has a B.Ed degree as well and is currently pursuing his part-time doctoral research.

Fr Ramlat joined the Jesuit Society in 1995 and was ordained to ministerial priesthood in 2011. Having served as teacher and Principal at various institutions, including AKJM School, Kanjirappally, he was transferred to Loyola School, Calicut, where he served for ten years, first as Vice Principal and then as Principal.

Sr Jiji Thomas joined the Daughters of the Heart of Mary congregation and became a religious in 1997.

With an M. Sc and B. Ed degree of the University of Mumbai, she joined Loyola School as a PG Teacher of Chemistry in 2006 and became the Vice Principal and then the Principal of the CBSE wing during Fr Roy Alex's six-month tertianship last year and assumed charge this year as the Principal of the HSE section of Loyola School that follows Kerala syllabus.

# NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF



Sibin Manohar  
(Geography)



Paul Eugin  
(History)



Nithin N.  
(Maths)



Amrutha C. V.  
(Maths)



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(English)



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(Economics)



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(Biology)



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Shalumol S.  
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Raji Mathew  
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Seema O.  
(NTS)



Sreekala S.  
(NTS)



# SUMMER CAMP

## *at Loyola*



Summer vacations are time for fun and learning beyond the classrooms. To make the holidays more engaging, our School organised a vibrant summer camp on the campus from 1 April to 2 May 2025. 380 students benefitted from the special training in basketball, football, swimming, cricket, table tennis, roller skating, chess, karate, robotics, music, and art & craft.

The summer camp was set in motion by our esteemed chief guest, Mr M. Rajeev Kumar, former international footballer and coach. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ with his presidential address and by Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ with his felicitatory speech. We were privileged to have our Bursar Fr Jose Thaiparambil SJ along with Mr S. Rajiv, former national water polo gold medallist and chairman of the

Technical Committee of the Swimming Federation of India, for the function.

The summer camp featured a wide array of activities designed to cater to diverse interests and talents. Mr Aaron George, an Indian A team cricket video analyst, from Rover Sports Academy did an exceptional job coaching our cricket aspirants, instilling discipline, skill and team spirit in them. The camp offered special training in basketball by the Trivandrum District Basketball Association. Training in football was led by Mr Aji A.S, former Kerala youth team coach. Premier Chess Academy guided our chess enthusiasts while Mr Manoj G. R. from the District Sports Council and an eminent PADI scuba diver led the swimming sessions. Karate sessions were conducted by Mr Shaji Joseph, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Black Belt,



Fr Jose Thaiparambil SJ presenting the memento to Mr M. Rajeev Kumar.  
Seen on the left extreme is Mr S. Rajiv

Japan. Trivandrum District Roll Ball Association supervised and conducted sessions for the skating students. Table Tennis was another event that attracted a large number of trainees. Training in

robotics was offered by Acadevo Research Labs. Art and craft sessions were handled by our own Bindhulekha Ma'am. Our own teachers Ms Priya Balan and Mr Suresh Daniel trained our budding musicians, and our PE teachers, Mr Rajesh T.G., Mr Umesh U. and Mr Anu G.S. did yeoman service in coordinating all the sports activities.

Overall, the summer camp was a great success, fostering creativity, confidence and camaraderie among the participants. Our School, once again demonstrated its commitment to holistic education. The camp was a veritable celebration of learning, unforgettable experiences and boundless energy of young minds coming together.

**Amrit Ramesh, X B**





Basketball



Roller Skating



Karate



Football



Swimming





Robotics



Music



Art and Craft



Cricket



Chess



Table Tennis



**Sunil Varghese**

The Loyola Old Boys' Association (LOBA) mourns the passing of Sunil Varghese, a towering figure in our community and a shining example of what it means to be a Loyolite for life.

Sunil was more than just an alumnus; he was a trailblazer whose life and legacy continue to inspire generations of Loyolites. A proud member of the Class of 1976, he stood out even in his school days for his leadership, intellect, and charisma.

After Loyola, Sunil pursued Mechanical Engineering at College of Engineering, Trivandrum, and went on to earn his MBA from the IIM, Ahmedabad, where he consistently ranked among the top of his cohort. His professional journey was one of relentless excellence and innovation. As the Founder and CEO of Hevea Engineers Ltd, he built the company into one of the region's premier manufacturers of printing rollers, exporting products that met international standards.

But Sunil's impact went far beyond industry. He was a man of many talents and passions. He graced the silver screen in the film Jack N Jill (2022), and was a respected bridge guru, revered for his mentorship and strategic insight. As a TEDx speaker, he eloquently shared the intellectual and practical value of bridge, viewing it as a metaphor for life and leadership.

Sunil gave back to the world through over 25 years of leadership coaching and startup mentoring. He had a remarkable ability to connect with people, inspire confidence, and nurture potential, traits that earned him deep respect in the entrepreneurial and academic worlds alike.

His interests were wide-ranging, from magic to behavioural science to spiritual exploration. A true Renaissance Loyolite, Sunil embodied the spirit of curiosity, creativity, and compassion that LOBA cherishes.

We at LOBA remember him with deep gratitude and admiration. His life was a testament to Loyola's enduring values of excellence, service, and brotherhood.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, especially his brother George Varghese (Loyola Batch of 1977), his mother, Prof. Dr Sara Varghese and his wife Srihari. May they find strength and peace in the knowledge that Sunil's legacy lives on in the lives he touched, and in the community that will always remember him with pride.

Rest in peace, dear Loyolite.  
You will be deeply missed.

**LOBA**

# For Auld Lang Syne

## REUNION OF THE BOYS OF 1999

*Such is the bond that Loyola forges—you leave as young fifteen-year-old brats on the cusp of adulthood, you may go places, travel the world, you may take a path less trodden on, you may achieve great heights with banners soaring and echoes roaring, but there’s always that little tug at your heartstrings that keeps bringing you back to school. The yearning for the good old times, “For auld lang syne my dears, we’ll take a cup of kindness yet for auld lang syne”.*

*“Machuuu!!”*

*“Enne manassilavunnundo?”*

*“Aliya! Ninakkum kashandi aayo?!”*

*Edo thanikku oru mattavum illallo!”*

These were just some of the several greetings that went around the Sutter Hall as we, boys of the batch of '99 met again after 25 long years. Despite the numerous bald patches, the occasional protruding pot belly, and flourishing grey hairs, the







vibe at the Sutter Hall was a delightfully uplifting one - it seemed like this 50-something group of middle aged men, quite literally the oldest of friends, simply picked up from where they left off after their board exams in 1999.

In a quintessentially Loyola way, our 25th anniversary gathering began with an old fashioned school assembly in the Sutter Hall with 55 99'ers and 25 of our teachers and other staff members in attendance, starting with a full-throated rendition of all three stanzas of our school song (a hat tip to the present year school choir). For any current Loyolites who might be wondering, the Sutter Hall used to be an endearing venue for many a School Assembly, Youth Festival, LA Fest, and even karate classes back in the day! Enscornced in its warm and welcoming feel, the assembly kicked off with former Asst.







School Leader and Cdt. Flight Sergeant John Valsalan delivering the welcome speech, a moment's silence for the dear departed teachers and staff, followed by an address by the Principal Rev. Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, reminiscences by students of the batch M Ranganathan, KS Sabarinadhan, Nizamuddin PS, and Vijay Sankar, and some heartfelt messages from the teachers and staff. The mood was buoyant as the assembly wound to a close with the batch handing over mementos of gratitude to the staff members, and finally culminating in the long standing chant of *Sabse Aage* which needs no introduction to any generation of Loyolite.



Up next was nostalgia served hot; the delicious lunch served by Joseph uncle had our taste buds participating in the reunion as well, with memories of the 12:10 p.m. lunch breaks rushing back just like many of us would rush to the canteen, a ten rupee note at the ready,





to indulge in uncle's generous supplies of porotta and beef! Bellies and hearts full, we then trooped into our oldest surviving school bus for a joy ride from school through town, during which we were transformed into excited schoolboys, screaming "Happy Holidays!" at the top of our lungs!

The group of merry 99'ers then filed into our old 10<sup>th</sup> grade classroom where we were treated to an impromptu history class by Rev. Fr Edassery SJ who had travelled down from Christ Hall, Calicut, for the reunion. The organizers also had a surprise up their sleeve—our selfsame Sixth Grade Geography weekly test! Hilarious scenes ensued, as many of us struggled to remember what on God's good Earth cordilleras were, while a few of us came up with some creative answers, and some even tried to copy answers from the more enlightened ones!

With that, school was out and we regrouped later for a relaxed, no-agenda dinner party at the Gokulam Grand, where the conversations continued, jokes were cracked, legs were pulled, and we re-lived bits and pieces of our younger







selves, many of us even breaking into song as the evening progressed.

As a joyous bonus, the entire group also huddled around the birthday celebration of Avalyn, Joel's daughter and current Loyolite Aiden's elder sister; her dad's entire school batch coming together to sing a spirited *Happy Birthday!*

The day, well spent, had to end eventually. But, not before reaffirming promises to keep in touch, as the decades we spent apart dissipated into a renewed sense of camaraderie that never really faded but just needed a bit of dusting off.

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**Kaustuv Dasgupta**  
X B (1999)





The Parents Cricket League (PCL) entered its fourth edition in 2025, bringing with it a refreshing new twist – the introduction of a surprise team comprising Teachers and Non-Teaching Staff members of Loyola School. This unique addition transformed the event into more than just a competition; it became a joyful celebration, uniting families, parents, and teachers on the sports field during the summer vacation.

This edition featured ten enthusiastic teams vying for the coveted PCL trophy. Scheduled during the first and second weeks of April 2025, the matches saw tremendous support from the sidelines, with energetic cheers from family and friends creating an electrifying atmosphere. The excitement was contagious, and the PCL emerged as a fantastic platform for Parents, Teachers, Non-Teaching Staff, and supporters to showcase their sporting talent.

The tournament kicked off on 6th April 2025 under bright skies and a well-prepared pitch, setting the stage for a thrilling inaugural match. However, the second leg on 12th April faced a weather setback due to unexpected heavy rain. The pitch and outfield were waterlogged, but thanks to the prompt intervention of the coordinating team the grounds were quickly restored. What followed were some of the most spirited and competitive matches, played with immense energy and enthusiasm.

The grand finale saw a face-off between the two top teams – Titans and Trivianz. In a nail-biting finish, Titans outplayed the defending champions, Trivianz, clinching the title in an unforgettable match. The closing ceremony was graced by Principal Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ and Rector Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ who felicitated the proud winners and runners-up, bringing the tournament to a fitting conclusion.

The success of this edition of PCL can largely be attributed to the camaraderie among the PTA members. Their friendship and teamwork were the driving forces that ensured the smooth conduct of the event, even amidst challenging weather conditions. Their unwavering spirit turned hurdles into memorable moments.

The PCL 2025 stands as a shining example of how nurturing both academic and extracurricular talents across students, parents, and educators can lead to holistic development. The bonds formed and memories created during this tournament will undoubtedly inspire greater participation in the years to come.

As the curtains fall on this vibrant edition, there's already an air of excitement and anticipation for PCL 2026!

**S. Rakesh Kumar**





The Coordinating Team



S. Rakshesh Kumar  
PCL Coordinator



TITANS, the Winners



Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ felicitating the teams



TRIVIANZ, the Runners-up



# STAFF EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

(25 TO 30 MAY, 2025)



**Fr Sabu Kumbackal**  
AI-enabled Teaching and Learning



The Staff Empowerment Programme for the new year commenced on 26 May 2025. The opening session was chaired by Ms Roshini Francis. After the prayer led by Ms Josmy Thomas and the welcome address by Ms Jinsam Shibu, the new Principals, Fr Ramlat Thomas of the CBSE section and Sr Jiji Thomas of the HSE wing were formally welcomed. Following this, the new teachers introduced themselves.

The highlight of the day was the session on 'AI-enabled teaching and



**Ms Beena Nair's session on Social and Emotional Learning**



learning', led by Fr Sabu Kumbackal (Professor, SH College, Thevara). His insightful presentation offered a futuristic perspective on integrating technology into education. Day one ended with the vote of thanks proposed Ms Rajitha R.

The second day of the programme was chaired by Ms Anila Elisa. The prayer was led by Ms Sindu N. Sarma and the welcome address was delivered by Ms Sarah Koshy. The major segment of the day was a

scholarly presentation on 'Social and Emotional Learning', by Ms Beena Nair from the Curriculum Management team. Her session offered valuable insights into the academic strategies and curriculum frameworks, emphasizing the importance of innovative teaching practices and student-centric approaches. The audience found her address both informative and inspiring.



**Br Savy SJ**  
**Peace Education**



**Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ**  
**Jesuit Education**



The second day's session ended with the vote of thanks by Ms Sumithra R. Nair.

The session on the third day was chaired by Ms Baijayantee Bhattacharya. Ms Priya Balan led the prayer song, and Ms Aswathy Philip welcomed the gathering.

The highlight of the day was the keynote address by Br Savy SJ, who spoke on 'Peace Education'. His powerful message emphasized the need for compassion, understanding, and harmony in educational settings. His words left a lasting impact on the audience and set the tone for further reflection and action. The session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms Lisha Vijayan.

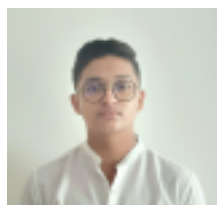
The programme on the fourth day included department-wise discussions, assignment of specific duties to different teachers to ensure a coordinated and organized flow of activities, and special training in the more productive use of the smartboards.

The last segment of the programme, on 30 May, was chaired by Ms Marina Antony. Ms Subha Reji led the prayer and Ms Ruby John welcomed the gathering.

The most significant part of the day's proceedings was the enlightening talk on 'Jesuit Education' by Fr Sunny Thomas Kunnappalil SJ. Ms Beena Thomas delivered the vote of thanks.

**Ms Keerthy V.S.**

# Praveshanolsavam



The reopening day assembly marked the commencement of our new academic year at Loyola School. Like any other assembly, we began with a prayer that set a divine tone for the events that unfolded. As one of the emcees, I then had the privilege of introducing the audience to the legacy of Loyola School, instilling the very feeling of being a Loyolite.

As a sense of unity spread throughout the indoor stadium, we witnessed the *Praveshanolsavam* song, which turned out to be a vibrant performance. Sean Nicholas Neil of Class 12 B1 delivered the welcome address following which Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ introduced the new Jesuits at Loyola College and the newly appointed staff members.

The presidential address was delivered by the Manager and Rector, Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, after which the dignitaries came forward for the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Our chief guest for the day was District Collector Ms Anu Kumari, IAS whose words were not just inspiring but also extremely relevant to current social issues. Our new CBSE Principal Fr Ramlat Thomas and the HSE Principal Sr Jiji Thomas and the PTA President Dr Anju Deepak offered their valuable thoughts on this momentous occasion.

The reopening assembly went on to a whole new level as the Loyola junior dance team put up an unforgettable performance leaving all of us on the edge of our seats. Hridya Shaji of 12 C1 delivered the vote of thanks and thus, the event that marked a great beginning came to a conclusion but only to ignite us for the rest of the year.

The assembly was not just a formal gathering; it was energetic and valuable, the very kick-start we all needed. As it came to a close, we Loyolites celebrated the return to our second home and stood before our legacy, resolved to live by it and improve upon it.

**Aamir Ahmed, XII B1**

























# Welcoming Our Youngest Learners



Loyola Kindergarten warmly welcomed the youngest learners and their families into the Loyola fold on 4 June. The colourful induction ceremony began with a band procession by the junior boys. The programme, anchored by Ms Tvarita

Tripathi, included a prayer song by Ms Priya Balan, lighting of the lamp, address by Ms Veena V. and the Registrar Mr Joy Varghese's introduction of the LKG teachers. This introductory segment of the programme was followed by thoughtful speeches by the Principals of all three sections, Frs Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, Ramlat Thomas SJ and Sr Jiji Thomas.

What followed next was particularly touching. The parents were invited to place their hands on their child's head during the special prayer for a successful academic year, invoking blessings for every young learner. The formal segment concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms Arti Rawat and the election of the PTA representatives and interaction with them.

A second band procession led children and parents to the kindergarten block, where families had the opportunity to visit classrooms and familiarize themselves with the facilities available. It was a wonderful moment of connection and curiosity, especially for the children as they explored their new surroundings.

The day set a warm and positive tone for the year ahead. We look forward to supporting our new students as they begin their journey of learning, discovery, and growth at Loyola Kindergarten.

**Ms R. Rajitha**







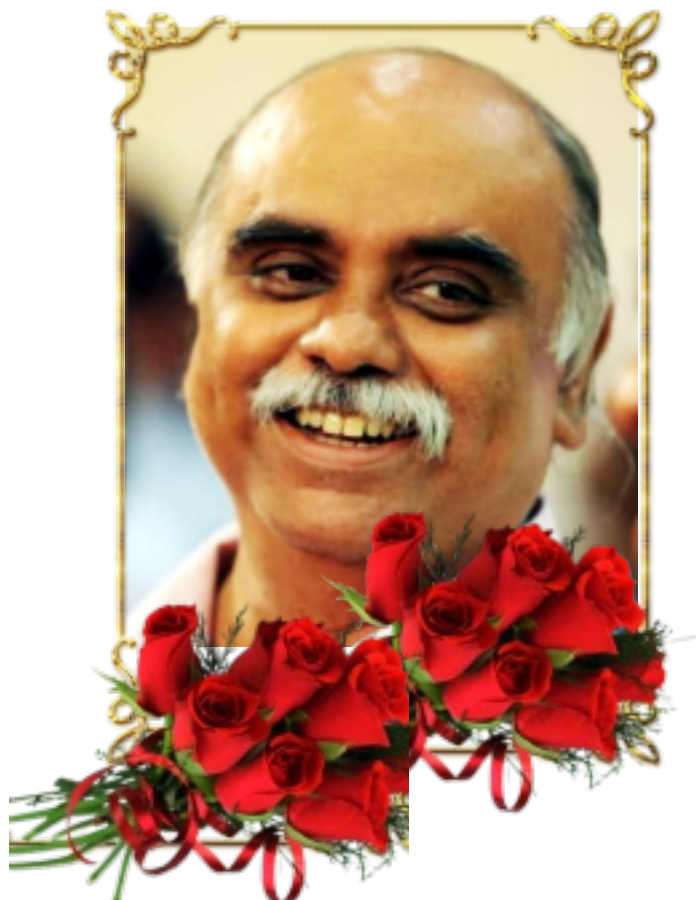


## Teachers-Parents Interaction





## *In Memoriam* D. Ranjit



LOBA mourns the loss of one of our distinguished alumni, Er. D. Ranjit of the Batch of 1972.

Ranjit joined Loyola School in 1965 and he graduated in 1972 as an outstanding student, honoured with the General Proficiency Award for all-round excellence. He was known for his quiet strength, discipline, and unwavering dedication, whether in academics or on the sports field, where he proudly represented Loyola School, the District, and the State in both athletics and basketball.

After Loyola, he continued to make us proud, graduating from Maulana Azad College of Technology, Bhopal, and building a remarkable career in cardiac surgery and biomedical engineering. As the first engineer in the world to work as a perfusionist in a cardiac surgery theatre, Ranjit's pioneering work at Sri Chitra

Tirunal Institute saved countless lives and advanced India's medical research through groundbreaking patents and clinical innovations.

Beyond his profession, he served society with compassion, and a true Loyolite spirit, always giving back through charity, mentorship, and community service.

He is deeply mourned by his wife Vijaya, son Sooraj, daughter-in-law Gopika, and beloved grandchildren Deethya and Shivom.

LOBA salutes Ranjit's life of purpose and great achievement, a Loyolite whose legacy will inspire generations to come.

Rest in peace, dear Ranjit.

Forever remembered by your LOBA family.



## OBSERVANCE BY THE NCC & NATURE CLUB

Troop No.17 and Nature Club of Loyola School observed the Environment Day in a meaningful manner. The cadets had prepared paper bags as replacement for plastic bags and their plan was to march to Sreekariyam and supply the bags free of cost and at the same time spread awareness among the shopkeepers about the dangers of plastic. Registrar Mr Joy Varghese addressed the cadets and Sr Jiji Thomas flagged off the rally. In the seminar competition organised by the NCC in the multimedia hall, different teams made high-quality presentation on the theme *Beat Plastic Pollution Globally*. The event was inaugurated by HSE Principal Sr.Jiji Thomas.

Following the seminar, Frs Ramlet Thomas SJ and Dr Salvin Augustine SJ planted a sapling on the CBSE campus. Saplings were also distributed to the cadets.

Among the competitions organised were poster designing and slogan writing.







*Ushering in a new era of leadership:*

# INVESTITURE of the OFFICE-BEARERS



On 13 June 2025, Loyola campus echoed with pride, promise, and purpose as we hosted our investiture ceremony for the new academic year. The event marked the official handover of responsibilities to the newly-elected student leaders. As the emcee, I had the honour of guiding the audience through each significant moment of the ceremony.

The programme commenced with the school anthem, sung in unison, filling the hall with a sense of unity and pride. This was followed by a heartfelt prayer, seeking blessings for the new school council for the year ahead.

Then came the pledge, a solemn and stirring moment. With a sharp single beat, the former general captain stepped forward to administer the pledge to the incoming council. With right hands raised and voices firm, the new office-bearers took their vow of duty, discipline, and dedication to the school. A final single beat marked the conclusion of the pledge, and the audience took their seats. What followed next was the presentation of badges to the new office-bearers.

Next came the oath of office — a reaffirmation of their commitment. With solemn expressions and clear voices, the council pledged to uphold the values of the school, lead by example, and serve with honesty and respect.

The atmosphere then shifted to reflection and inspiration as Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ spoke about the essence of leadership — not authority, but accountability and service. His words reminded us that leadership is not just about wearing a badge but about carrying a vision and living with purpose.

This was followed by felicitations by the CBSE Principal Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ and HSE Principal Sr Jiji Thomas, acknowledging the efforts of the outgoing council members and expressing gratitude for their service over the past year. The event concluded with the national anthem.

Being the compere for this event is an experience I will always cherish. It gave me not only a chance to improve my public speaking skills but also a front-row seat to witness the spirit of leadership and responsibility that our school instils in its students.

As the new council takes charge, we step into a year of promise, unity, and action. The Investiture Ceremony was not just an event—it was a commitment to excellence and a celebration of growth.

**Arjun Gururani, X A1**











# AWARDS DAY



On 9 June 2025, the Loyola family gathered together to celebrate the achievements of students who had excelled in different fields. Although

it had been raining in torrents, the indoor stadium was almost full with parents eager to witness their wards being honoured.

The Chief Guest for the day was Ms Mini Antony IAS. The function commenced with the prayer song by the school choir, followed by the welcome address by Aaron Renji Mathew of class X A.

One of the highlights of the day was the keynote address of the chief guest. It was followed by the distribution of awards.

Among the outstanding awardees were Rishi Gogoi (the CBSE south zone topper, and national second rank holder scoring 499/500 marks in the CBSE Class X exam), Abraham Kurian and Aditya S. Nair who did well in the JEE Advanced examination

in 2025 and qualified for admission to IITs), and John Sabu Abraham, the Best Loyolite of 2025.

All students who secured 90% marks and above in the board examinations were duly honoured with certificates and trophies.

Awards were also presented to the Proficiency Prize winners and All-Rounders of each class as well as teachers and students with full attendance.

Frs Sunny Kunnappallil, Dr Salvin Augustine, Ramlat Thomas, and Sr Jiji Thomas warmly felicitated the awardees.

The programme was further spiced up with a musical tribute to the awardees by Neerad R. and Cyril Job of Class VI.

The Awards Day celebrations closed on a positive note, with everyone hoping to see many more achievers from our school in the next academic year.

**Benjamin James Pio, XI C**

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Note: The writer is the School topper in ICSE board examination.







Receiving the Chief Guest, Ms Mini Antony IAS



Singers & Comperes



Keynote Address: Ms Mini Antoy IAS



Felicitations by Frs Sunny Kunnappallil SJ and Dr Salvin Augustine SJ



Cyril Job & Needrad R. of Class VI with their musical tribute to the awardees





## ISC CLASS TOPPERS



Rishi Gogoi, South Zone Topper and National Second in CBSE Class X Exam (499/500 Marks)



Abraham Kurian who qualified for IIT admission



Aditya S. Nair who qualified for IIT admission



John Sabu Abraham  
The Best Loyolite 2025



Jagan Vasudevan (99.25%)



Niveditha Manoj Nair (99%)



Shreya Rajesh (97.75%)



## **SCHOOL TOPPERS IN CBSE CLASS XII SCIENCE**



**Dev S. Nair (98.60%)**



**Sreya Chandra K.J. (97.80%)**



**Neha Maria Nebu (96.60%)**

## **SCHOOL TOPPERS IN CBSE CLASS XII COMMERCE**



**Vaika Iyer V. (99.40%)**



**Aron Tony (99%)**



**Aaharshi Mandal (97.40%)**

## **SCHOOL TOPPERS IN CBSE CLASS X**



**Gautham C. S. (98.40%)**



**Ganga Sankar G. S. (98.20%)**



## SCHOOL TOPPERS IN ICSE EXAM



Vaibhav A. Nair 98.4%



Ananthakrishnan L. 98.2%



Rohan Philip 98.2%



Arshad Muhammed 97.8%



Ishaan Sajay 97.8%



Siddharth B. Nair 97.8%

**Note:** For space constraints, the individual photos and details of all students who scored 90% marks and above in 2025 board examinations and were honoured on the Awards Day are given on the following pages.

# ISC (CLASS XII) EXAMINATION



Jagan Vasudevan (99.25%)



Niveditha Manoj Nair (99%)



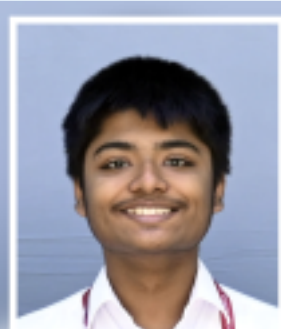
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Abraham Kurian (97.25%)



Adithya S. Nair (97.25%)



Adith P. S. (96.5%)



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Adith Rajesh (94.75%)



Adarsh A. L. (94.75%)



Johanna Esther N. (94.75%)



Adithi S. (94%)



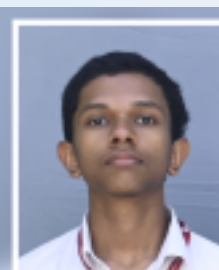
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Manish J. (93.75%)



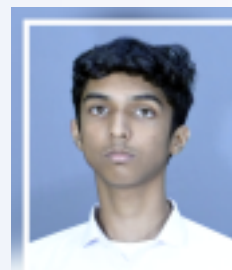
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Navaneeth A. (93%)



Aditya Narayanan R. (93%)



Sachit Thomas (93%)



Abhishek C. Wilfred (92%)



Vighnesh V. S. (90.75%)



Ram Mohan M. (90.5%)



Adwaith S. L. (90.25%)



Arjunkturishna M. (90%)



## CBSE CLASS XII COMMERCE



Vaika Iyer V. 99.40%  
(State Topper)



Aron Tony 99.00%



Aharshi Mandal 97.40%



Janice Rajesh 94.80%



Aadithyan J. 94.40%



Geethika S. Nair 94.40%



Jennifer Esther Josephine  
94.20%



Sanjana S. 93.80%



Ria Sara George 92.60%

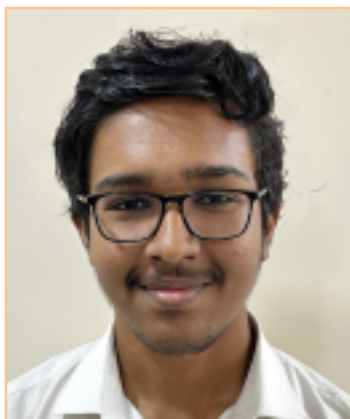


Parthip Binu 91.60%



Joan Maria John 90.80%

# CBSE CLASS XII SCIENCE



Dev S. Nair 98.60%



Sreya Chandra K.J. 97.80%



Neha Maria Nebu 96.60%



Sreekanth Lal 96.60%



Adheena Easwar, 96.40%



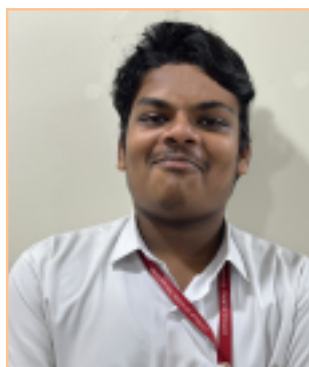
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Meenakshy R. S. 95.20%



Alphin Mathew Bijo 95.20%



Kesav M. Surendran 95.20%



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Pavithra C. Pradeep 94.60%



Manya Bharti 94.60%



Navneet V. 94.40%



Garv Hingorani 94.20%



Niranjana Shaji 94%





Adithya Rajesh 93.60%



Pranav Santhosh 93.40%



Neha Aravind 92.20%



Neha R. Krishna 92.20%



Mayookha Nair P. K. 92.20%



Indira J. Sharon 92%



Sreevidya Vinodkumar 91.80%



Swetha Sajikumar 91.60%



Sulekha Syedali S. 91.40%



Ayaan Saju 91.20%



Aaron Eby Alphonse 90.80%



Laya S. Bijoy 90.80%



Jessica George 90.60%



Abhishek S. Ashok 90.20%



Nanda Kishore A. S. 90.20%

## ICSE (CLASS X)



Vaibhav A. Nair 98.4%



Benjamin James Pio 98.4%



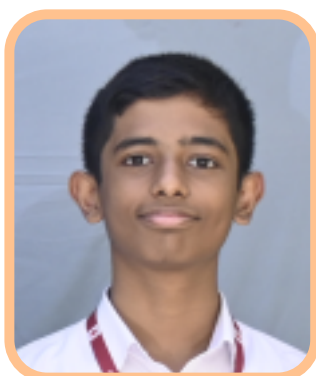
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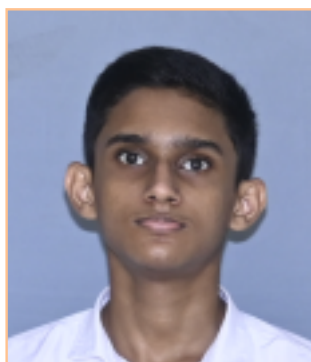
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Siddharth B. Nair 97.8%



Rohan John Thomas 97.6%



Ananthu Krishnan A. S. 97.2%



Adithya R. 97%



Ravi Shankar H. 96.8%



Ryan Thomas 96.8%



Saurav Krishnan V. 96.6%



Mahasvin M. 96.6%



Sridhar P. S. 96.6%





Ram Gopi 96.4%



Abhinand M. Nair 96.4%



Pranav R. L. 96%



Advait Vishal 96%



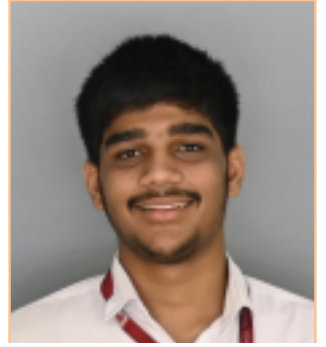
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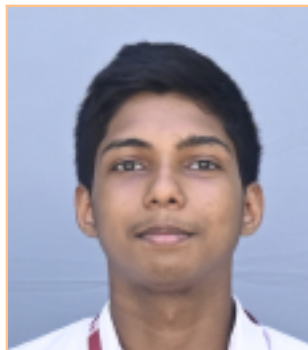
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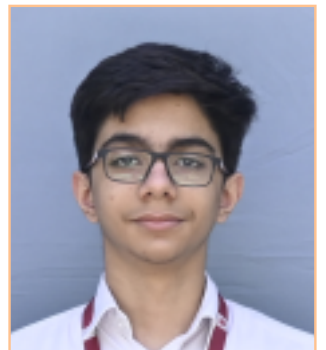
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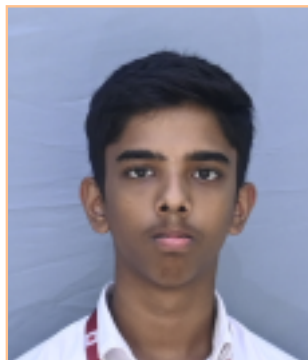
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Aadith Rajeev 95%



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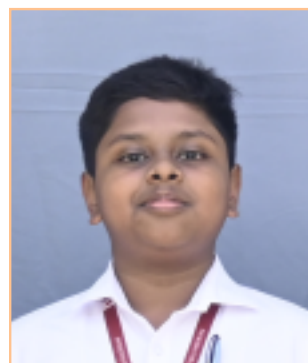
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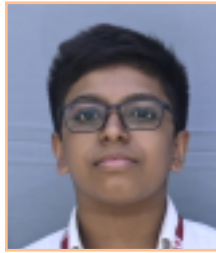
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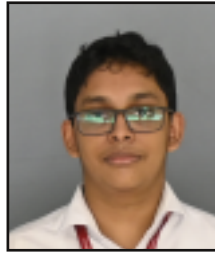
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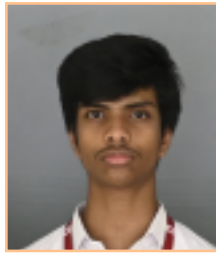
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Johan K. Denny 93.6%



Arjun G. 93.6%



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Amrit Ramesh 93.2%



Chris George Thomas 92.8%



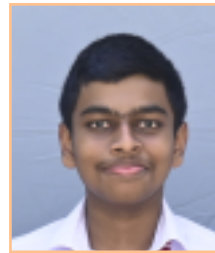
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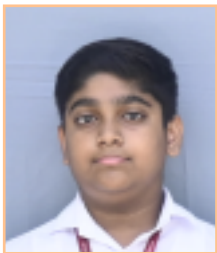
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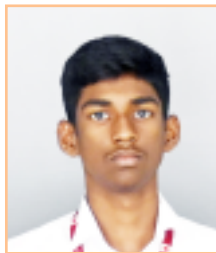
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Govind S. Krishna 92.2%



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Abhinav Krishna J. S. 91.6%



A. Jeramin Anthony 91.4%



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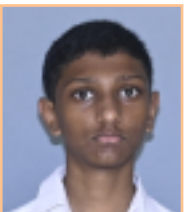
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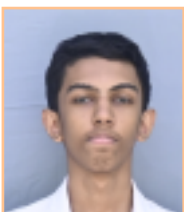
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Karan Suresh 90%



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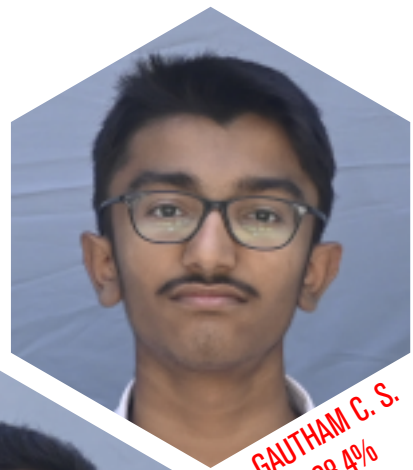
Nyjil D. Edwin 90%



## CBSE CLASS X



**RISHI GOGOI**  
99.8%  
NATIONAL TOPPER



**GAUTHAM C. S.**  
98.4%



**GANGA SANKAR G. S.**  
98.2%



**MUHAMMED ATIF**  
98%



**NAVNEET UMESH**  
97.2%



**Aaryan S.** 97.2%



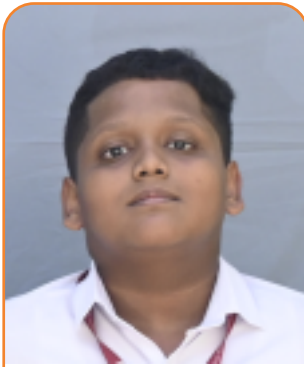
**Abhinav P. K.** 97.2%



**Ritheesh R. S.** 97.2%



**Sivesh Sunil Kumar** 97%



**Rayan Bhami Moosa** 96.4%



**Jyothis Jose** 96.2%

## CBSE CLASS X

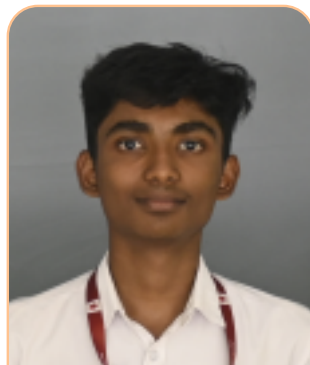
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Ethan Zacharia 96%



K. Lakshminarayanan 95.6 %



Pranav Krishna P. 95.2%



Dhanvin M. S. 94%



Gaurav Jayaprakash 93.8%



Glenn Tom 93.2%



Asif Ali M. 92.8%



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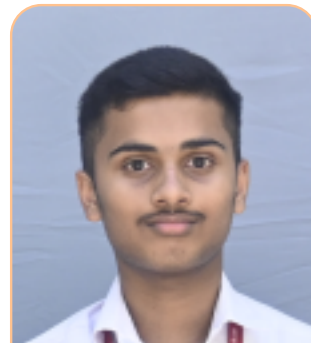
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Sidhanshu Sanjeev Sivan 92.2%



Anton Biju Thekkutheri 92%



Evan Alex Abraham 91.2%



Govind M. 91.2%



Johan Justus 91%



Aman A. S. 91%



Nimad Nahas 90.2%



Ambareesh S. 90%



# CBSE SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS



**AWARDEES FROM LOYOLA SCHOOL**



Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ (Principal, Loyola CBSE)  
receiving the Award for the School



Awardees from all schools at the venue, St Thomas Central School

## Student Awardees

Sl.No.	Student Name	Class	
1	<b>RISHI GOGOI</b>	X	<b>Sahodaya Topper, School Topper, Subject Topper</b>
2	Sivesh Sunil Kumar	X	Subject Topper
3	Muhammed Atif	X	Subject Topper
4	Gautham C S	X	Subject Topper
5	Rayan Bhami Moosa	X	Subject Topper
6	Abhinav P K	X	Subject Topper
7	Ganga Sankar G S	X	Subject Topper
8	K Lakshminarayanan	X	Subject Topper
9	<b>VAIKA IYER V</b>	XII	<b>Sahodaya Topper, School Topper, Subject Topper</b>
10	NEHA ARAVIND	XII	Subject Topper
11	JOHANNES JOBY JOHN	XII	Subject Topper
12	NEERAJ N	XII	Subject Topper
13	DEV S NAIR	XII	Subject Topper
14	SULAIKHA SYEDALI S	XII	Subject Topper
15	Dev S Nair	XII	Subject Topper
16	Aron Tony	XII	Subject Topper
17	Geethika S Nair	XII	Subject Topper
18	Manya Bharti	XII	Subject Topper
19	Neha Maria Nebu	XII	Subject Topper
20	Niranjana Shaji	XII	Subject Topper
21	Pranav Praveen	XII	Subject Topper
22	Sreya Chandra K J	XII	Subject Topper

## Student Awardees (Continued)

23	Mayookha Nair P K	XII	Subject Topper
24	Meenakshy R S	XII	Subject Topper
25	Alphin Mathew Bijo	XII	Subject Topper
26	Ayaan Saju	XII	Subject Topper
27	Layana Renjith	XII	Subject Topper
28	Adheena Easwar	XII	Subject Topper
29	Meenakshi Prasanth	XII	Subject Topper

## Teacher Awardees

Sl.No.	Teacher Name	Class	Subject Centum
1	Ms Catherine Thomas	X	English
2	Ms Sherine Francis	X	Mathematics
3	Mr Vishnu B Nair	X	Mathematics
4	Ms Sonia Rajendran	X	Science
5	Ms Anuja N S	X	Science
6	Ms Archana T	X	Science
7	Ms Judy K Punnoose	X	Computer Sciene
8	Ms Shima Mathew	X	Computer Sciene
9	Ms Subha Reji	XII	Mathematics
10	Ms Sarah Koshy	XII	Accountancy
11	Ms Asha S	XII	Economics, Entrepreneurship
12	Ms Arathy B Kumar	XII	Psychology
13	Ms Judy K Punnoose	XII	Computer Science , AI
14	Ms Roshy Thomas	XII	Computer Science





Proficiency Prize Winners



Awardees for Full Attendance



All-Rounders



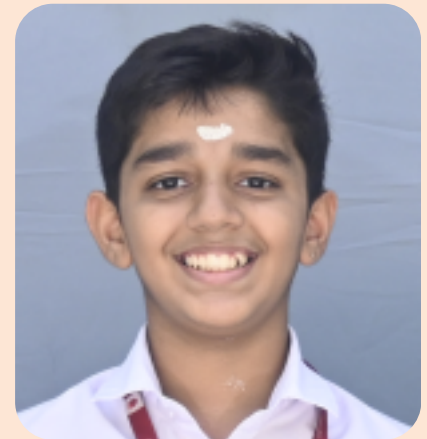
...And the saga of success continues...

## LOYOLITES IN THE LIMELIGHT



**GAURAV UNNIKRISHNAN** of Class X, member of the Indian team that won the First **JUNIOR ROLL BALL WORLD CUP** in Nairobi, Kenya, on 27 June.

[Click here for the news coverage](#)



**SIDHANSHU SANJEEV SIVAN, XI E1**  
Selected to chair the Children's Jury at the 55<sup>th</sup> Giffoni International Film Festival, Italy, from 18 to 28 July, 2025



**EBBA ADILA S., XI A2**  
Gold Medal in Waterpolo, 50 m Butterfly, 4×100 m Medley Relay, 4×100 m Freestyle Relay, and 4×200 m Freestyle Relay; Silver Medal in 100 m Butterfly, and Bronze Medal in 50 m Backstroke & 50 m Freestyle at 40<sup>th</sup> District Aquatic Championship



**SANDRA JOSE, XI A2**  
Silver Medal in State Junior Boxing Championship



**ROSHAN SURESH, VI C**  
1<sup>st</sup> in U-14 State Level Squash Tournament



**ALFIE LEO JOMON, III C**  
3<sup>rd</sup> in South Kerala Chess Tournament (LP Boys) & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Trivandrum District U-9 Chess Tournament



**SIDDHARTH P., V D**  
3<sup>rd</sup> in Trivandrum District U-11 Boys Doubles Badminton Championship



**ANIRUDH UDAY, I D**  
2<sup>nd</sup> in U-7 District Open Chess  
Championship & 3<sup>rd</sup> in Kerala State  
U-7 Open Chess Championship



**EVAN EBY, IV A1**  
9<sup>th</sup> in Maths Talent Search Exam of  
Kerala Ganitha Sasthra Parishad



**NIRANJANA J. NAIR, II C**  
Silver Medal in Trivandrum District U-9  
Badminton Championship



**AMBAREESH R.R., VIII C**  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Mental Arithmetic & 3<sup>rd</sup> in Abacus  
at Abacus Mental Arithmetic  
International Olympiad



**NEELLESH MANUB, VIII A & AAGNEY S.S., VIII B**  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Vaachan 2025 Quiz



**NAHUSH P., II C**  
3<sup>rd</sup> in Robogene 9.0  
Project Presentation &  
A+ Grade in Coding and Robotics  
(Level 1) of STEM ROBOTICS



**NANDAN KRISHNASWAMY, V C**  
3<sup>rd</sup> in Robogene 9.0  
Project Presentation of STEM ROBOTICS



**SREEKESHAV SUDEEP, V B**  
4<sup>th</sup> in U-12 World Chess Fiesta Junior



**AARUSH S. S., II A1**  
4<sup>th</sup> in U-9 District Open  
Chess Championship

#### FOR THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF ACHIEVERS

We are delighted to project your achievements every month. To help us in this regard, all students who win prizes in competitions conducted outside Loyola School are advised to submit to the school office all relevant details like their names and classes, along with copies of the certificates and, if available, photographs showing them receiving the award. Intramural competitions organised by private agencies for their publicity or low-profile competitions organised by local bodies like Residents Association are not considered for projection on social media platforms or for inclusion in our in-house publications like LENS and the School Magazine.



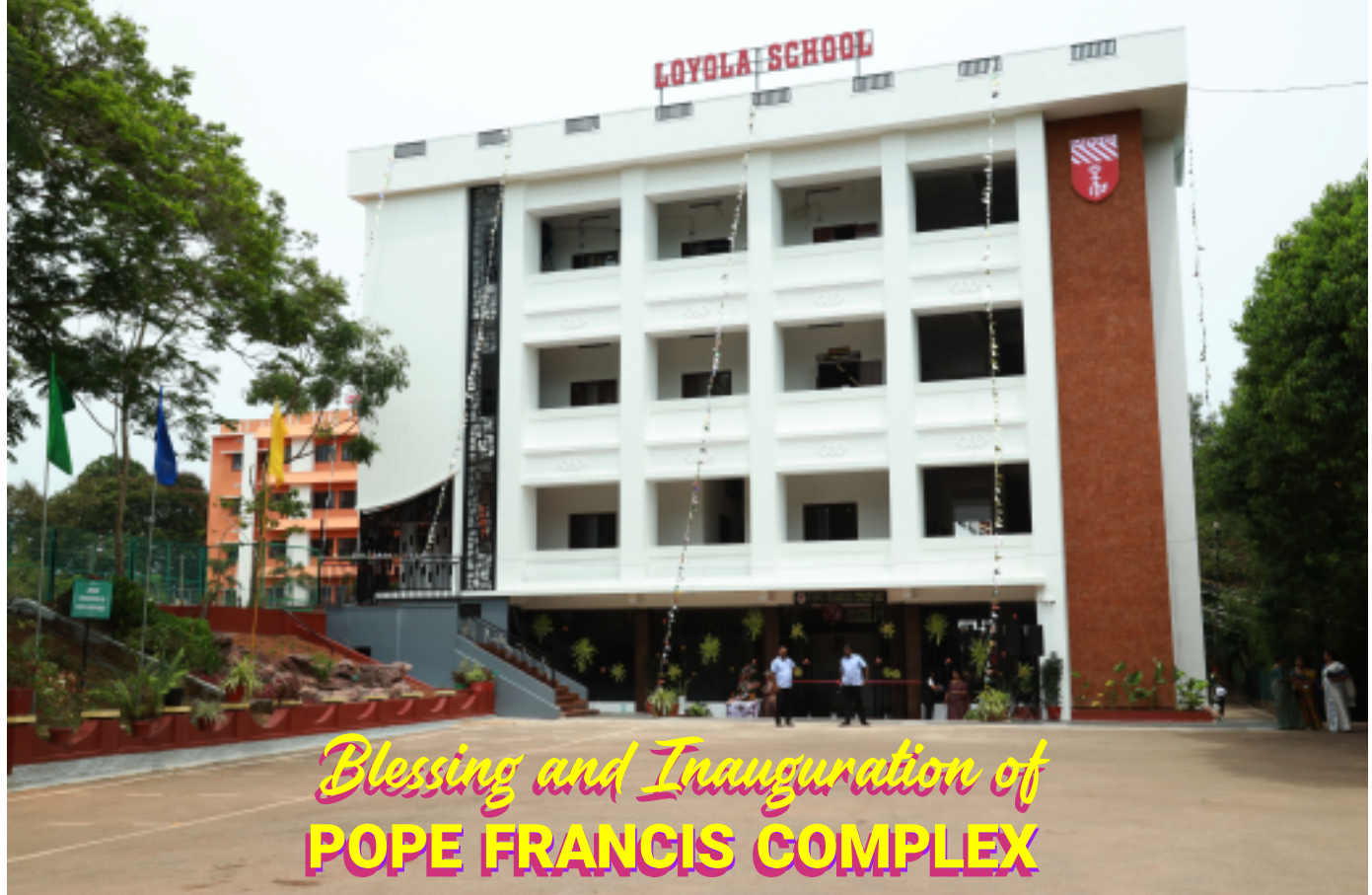


Loyola School Basketball Teams: Runners-up in both U-17 and U-19 Boys Category in CISCE ZONE A BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 held at Loyola Indoor Stadium



Loyola School Football Team: Runners-up in U-17 Boys Category in CISCE ZONE A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2025





The blessing and inauguration of Pope Francis Complex was held on 23 June 2025, making it a significant milestone in Loyola School's march to excellence.

The blessing of the four-storeyed complex was officiated by Fr E. P. Mathew SJ, Provincial of Kerala Jesuit Province who prayed for God's guidance and protection to make it a place of learning and service. Mr Roshy Augustine, Minister for Water Resources, officially inaugurated the imposing structure by cutting the ribbon. The sports pavilion, the part of the complex sponsored by the batch of 1984 in memory of their classmates Satheesh Radhakrishnan and Charles Chacko was inaugurated by Kazhakootam MLA and former minister Mr Kadakampally Surendran.

While the facilities in the complex were being blessed by the Jesuits on the campus, the guests of honour were ushered into the auditorium for the second part of the programme which began with the prayer by the school choir, and the welcome address by Aimee Sara Roshan of Class XII.

In his presidential address, Fr E. P. Mathew SJ highlighted the significance of the new complex in furthering the school's mission. In his inaugural

address, Mr Roshy Augustine emphasized the importance of the latest addition to the infrastructure. The focus of the keynote address by Mr Kadakampally Surendran, MLA, was the values embodied by Pope Francis and their relevance today. Among the others who spoke on the occasion were Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, Rector and Manager of Loyola Institutions who invoked God's blessings for the new facility, Principal Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ who gratefully acknowledged the contractor and the construction team for finishing the complex on a war footing, Loyola College Principal Fr Dr Sabu P. Thomas SJ, LOBA President Mr Jacob Mathan, and Mr Augustine Chandy of the class of 1984. The function also included a musical interlude by the school choir and the presentation of mementos to the key figures who contributed to the erection of a fitting monument to the first Jesuit Pope. The solemn function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms Jesha Majeed.

The inauguration of Pope Francis Complex was quite memorable for the presence of distinguished guests and the alumni and the entire school community. The new complex stands as a testament to the institution's dedication to excellence in education and service.

**Fiona Ann Benny, XI D**





Royal reception of the guests of honour



Prayer led by the staff choir



Fr E. P. Mathew SJ, Provincial, blessing Pope Francis Complex



Hon'ble Minister Mr Roshy Augustine inaugurating the Complex



Hon'ble MLA Mr Kadakampally Surendran inaugurating the Pavilion





Prayer by school choir



Presidential Address: Fr E.P. Mathew SJ



Welcome Address: Aimee Sara Roshan



Keynote Address:  
Mr Kadakampally Surendran



Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ



Inaugural Address:  
Mr Roshy Augustine



Provincial Fr E. P. Mathew SJ draping the golden shawl around Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, congratulating him on being awarded PhD by Creighton University, Omaha, USA



Fr Dr Sabu Thomas SJ



Mr Augustine Chandy  
(1984 Batch)



Musical interlude



LOBAs President Mr Jacob Mathan



Memento of appreciation to the building contractor,  
Mr Antony Joseph, Taj Associates



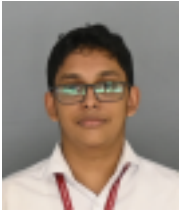
Vote of thanks by  
Ms Jesha Majeed



## Some of the facilities inside Pope Francis Complex



# *Blessing and Inauguration of* **FR. C. P. VARKEY SJ LIBRARY**



The inauguration of the refurbished library, rechristened Fr. C.P. Varkey SJ Library, was held on 23 June 2025. The ceremony began with a heart-touching prayer song by

Ms. Priya Balan, followed by a warm welcome address delivered by Gaurav Jayaprakash, who extended greetings to the distinguished guests and everyone present.

The occasion was honoured by the presence of Dr. John Felix Raj SJ, the Vice Chancellor of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, and Fr. Dr. E.P. Mathew SJ, Provincial of the Kerala Jesuit Province. The Provincial blessed the renovated library, invoking God's grace upon the space and all who would use it.

The solemn blessing was followed by the official

inauguration of the library by honourable Dr. John Felix Raj SJ who then delivered an inspiring speech on the power of reading and the role of education in shaping young minds.

The library is renamed in honour of acclaimed former Principal Fr. C.P. Varkey SJ, whose vision, leadership, and dedication have left a lasting impact on generations of Loyolites. The new library stands as a tribute to his legacy and reflects the school's commitment to academic excellence.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Abhirami M. Ajith, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, faculty, and students whose efforts made the event quite memorable.

**Daniel T. Mathews, XI G1**



Provincial Fr. E .P. Mathew SJ blessing the library







Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj SJ cutting the ribbon



Inaugural address by Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj SJ



# CISCE ZONE A SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025



The CISCE Zone A Swimming Championship 2025, hosted by Loyola School, was held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Loyola Aquatic Complex. It saw participation from ten schools across Thiruvananthapuram and featured over 107 well-

organised events and eighty participants.

The event began with the welcome speech by Siddarth Sebin Roy, followed by the inauguration by Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ. Fr Ramlet Thomas SJ and Sr Jiji Thomas felicitated the participants. The inaugural function ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Murali Maheshwar, the sports secretary.

Swimmers of Loyola put up an outstanding performance. In the U-19 category, Akshat S. Nair of class XII B won first place in the 200 m, 100 m, and 50 m breaststroke. Niranjana A. M.

of XII B came out first in 200 m and 400 m freestyle and second in 100 m freestyle.

Ishaan Soorej R. of X B won the first prize in 50 m butterfly and the second place in 800 m freestyle while Abhinand M. of X A came second in both the 50 m freestyle and 50 m backstroke. Together, they claimed the first place in both the 4×100 m freestyle and medley relays.

In the Under-17 category, Arjun Krishnakumar, Ethan Ritz, Gowtham Krishna A. A., Sarvesh S. Chirayil, Vishnu P. A., and Johaan Gejo earned top positions across freestyle, backstroke, and butterfly events. The relay team secured the second place in both relay formats.

In the Under-14 category, Johaan Joseph Koshy, Leonn Tom, Gagan A., Arpith A., and Alansha A. won multiple individual medals. Their relay team, including Sidharth A. M., clinched the first place in both 4×100 m events.

St Thomas School, Mukkolakkal became the champions and Loyola School, the overall runners-up.

The event concluded with the prize distribution, followed by the vote of thanks by Kalyany S. Kumar. The championship stood as a celebration of commitment, teamwork, and the true spirit of sportsmanship.

**Kalyany S. Kumar, XI A**  
(Sports Secretary)

[Click here for a linkedin Post on Loyola Aquatic Complex](#)







# IMA ANTI-SUBSTANCE ABUSE CAMPAIGN



On 13 June, the Indian Medical Association conducted an awareness session as a part of the *Unarve* initiative of its *Chitrashalabham* Wing. The class was arranged for the students of grades 8 to 12. The discussion was an eye-opener to the dangers of substance abuse.



The session was presided over by Sr Jiji Thomas. Ms Ishani A. of XI A delivered the welcome speech. IMA President Dr Vineetha Nair explained the purpose of the programme and introduced the speakers—Dr Riaz I., Professor of Paediatrics, Govt TD Medical College, Alapuzha and Dr Najeeb S., Consultant Psychiatrist, Mental Health Centre, Peroorkada, two men of high reputation in their respective fields. Various ill-effects of drugs and the cure for them were discussed during the class. The interactive session that followed the general presentation was a lively one as thoughtful questions were clearly answered by the resource persons.

This worthwhile session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Ann Mary Kurian of XI A.

**Gautham Abhilash, IX B**



## Visit to CTCRI to attend the SVT Endowment Lecture



On 23 June 2025, we had the good fortune to be taken to ICAR-CTCRI to attend the Shri Visakhama Thirunal Endowment Lecture. The purpose of this visit was to learn about the recent developments in the field of Indian agriculture.

On reaching the institute, we were taken to a conference hall. After a few introductory speeches by prominent figures in the agricultural science field, the function was formally inaugurated by Professor Rajeev Kumar Varshney, who is a legendary figure ranked in the global 2% of scientists by Stanford. He was instrumental in producing India's first Gene-edited rice variant, Pusa DST-1.

This seminar is held annually to honour Shri Visakhama Thirunal who saved thousands of lives during a famine in Kerala by popularising cassava cultivation in the state.

While the keynote address was indeed quite advanced, there was much to be gleaned from it. Prof. Rajeev delved deep into the realm of gene editing by replacing individual genes in a plant's DNA. Even though the topic was far beyond our level of understanding, we caught small snippets on the topic. We learned at least the basics of gene-editing, as well as how it affects the crop and the lives of Indians. Overall, it was an enlightening experience.

**Niranjana Naveen, IX B1**



# Celebrating Mindfulness:

## YOGA DAY AT LOYOLA SCHOOL



International Day of Yoga falls on 21 June, but its observance at Loyola School was spread across two days to make it more inclusive instead of a ritualistic exercise.

On Friday, 20 June, the junior boys came together to celebrate it with a special morning assembly that beautifully highlighted the essence of yoga and mindfulness.



The programme began with a soul-stirring prayer which created a serene atmosphere. What followed was a soothing video presentation that brought out the importance of yoga in our daily lives. The visuals and message of the video encouraged the children to understand yoga not just as a physical practice, but as a path to inner peace and balance.

Students of classes IV and V then assumed a series of yoga postures, including all the twelve rounds of Surya Namaskar. The discipline, coordination and confidence of the performers testified to the dedication and guidance of their teachers.



A major highlight of the event inside the auditorium was the spectacular yoga dance in which the performers combined music with graceful yoga postures. Their creative formations and synchronization elicited the loudest applause from the audience.



The event concluded with a mass exercise session in which the energy was infectious. Students, teachers and even the principal participated in it with great enthusiasm, turning the entire auditorium into a vibrant space of movement and joy.



The venue for the second segment of the celebration was the main ground. It was meant for senior students and led by Mr Umesh U.

The final segment, on 21 June, was organised exclusively by and for the NCC.



On the whole, the Yoga Day programme was a powerful reminder of how essential it is to cultivate mindfulness and wellness from a young age. It brought to life the essence of yoga not just as a physical discipline, but as a way of life.

**Ms Madhulika Singh Rathore**















# READING WEEK OBSERVANCE



**Dance exposition of Sugathakumari's poem 'Nandi', featuring Dhanvin A. Aswin, Achyut Krishna M. H., Vaibhav K. Iyer, Laxman Sankar, Adish S. Krishna**





# The Finale of the Reading Week Observance

The finale of the Reading Week held at Loyola School on 25 June in memory of Shri P.N. Panicker, the Father of Library Movement in Kerala, was an unforgettable event that transported the students to an enchanting world. It was attended by all three Principals, Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ and Sr Jiji Thomas, and masterly emceed by N. P. Adidev of V D and Ayaan S. of V A. The programme commenced with a soothing prayer song by the first graders and the welcome address by Thomas Mathew Puthusseril of IV D. Then the audience repeated after Dhananjayan M. of V D who recited the reading day pledge. Following the oath taking, Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ delivered a thought-provoking reading day message.

A highlight of the programme was the release of the fifth-grader Aadvik Sharma's book by Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ.

It was followed by the screening of a video on Shri P.N. Panicker and the importance of Reading Week observance.

Among the presentations that stood out for their excellence were the dance exposition of poetess Sugathakumari's *Nandi*, featuring the junior boys Dhanvin A. Aswin, Achyut Krishna M. H., Vaibhav K. Iyer, Laxman Sankar and Adish S. Krishna, screening of video on 'Reading along with the family', the

footage on the renovated library, the recitations by Nirmay R. of 1 C, N.P. Adidev of V D, and Badrinath K. of IV A1, and the eloquent speech by Vihaan Vijesh of III A. The colourful programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dev Narayan Gireesh of V A.

In addition to the above special assembly for the junior boys, the week-long observance included Malayalam literature quiz for classes VI and VII, poster-making and book review competitions for classes VI to IX, a special segment on Loyola Radio, and a concluding function the highlight of which was the keynote address by poet and cultural activist Santhan Haridasan.

**Ms Archana Sarika V. R.**



**Reading Day Special Radio Loyola Programme**



**The performers and comperes with the mentors. Standing at left extreme is the writer of the report.**



**Keynote address by poet and cultural activist Santhan Haridasan**

# Forthcoming Programme

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