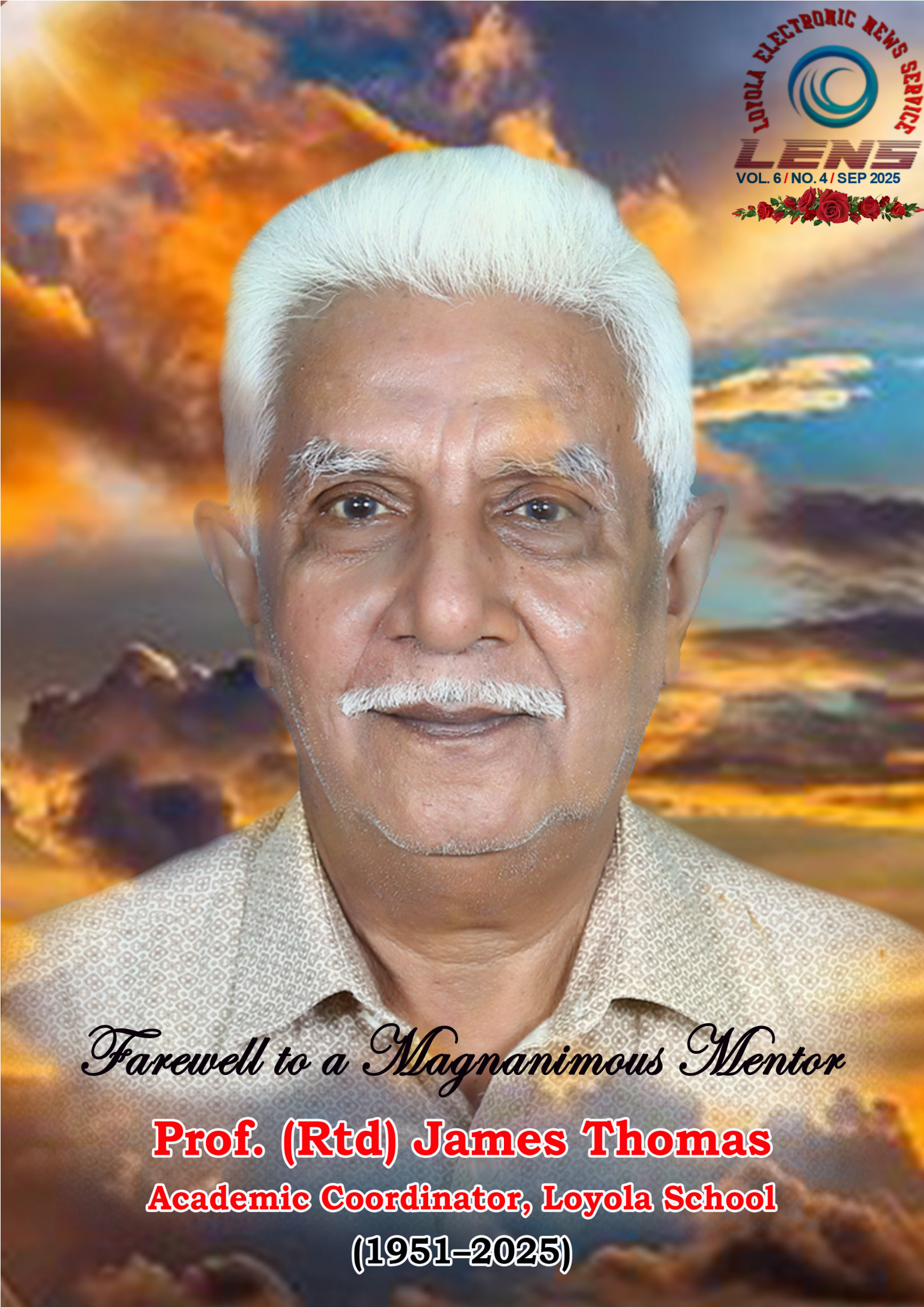




Farewell to a Magnanimous Mentor

Prof. (Rtd) James Thomas
Academic Coordinator, Loyola School
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From the Principal's Desk

Celebrating Excellence and Cherishing Legacies

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

Dear Loyola Family,

With hearts brimming with pride, we begin this month's reflection by celebrating a monumental achievement: Loyola School, Thiruvananthapuram, has been adjudged the number one school in Kerala and number eleven in India by Education World. This remarkable milestone reflects the steadfast dedication of our students, teachers, and parents. Your passion, unity, and commitment have woven this moment of glory into our school's legacy. A heartfelt thank you for making this dream a reality.

The presence of Dr. S. Somanath, the esteemed former chairman of ISRO, elevated our joy during this celebration, inspiring us with his vision and wisdom. His visit was a beacon of inspiration, reminding us of the heights we can achieve through dedication and innovation.

This month has been a vibrant mosaic of events, each showcasing our community's spirit of growth and togetherness. The Teachers' Day celebration was a heartfelt tribute to our educators, whose guidance shapes the minds and hearts of our students. The Career Guidance Program illuminated pathways for our students' futures, while the session on the safe use of the internet and social media, led by DySP Arunkumar, empowered them to navigate the digital world with confidence and responsibility.

The Memory Walk Through the Life of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was a soul-stirring journey, inspiring us to embrace innovation, humility, and service—values championed by the “Missile Man.” Our campus came alive during LSpectra, where creativity and talent shone brightly, showcasing the brilliance of our students. The MEDIWHIZ 2025 District Level Pre-Medical Quiz highlighted their intellectual prowess, with our students competing with passion and precision.

We take immense pride in hosting the ASISC Rangolsavam for categories 4 and 5, Zone A, in our school. This spectacular event was impeccably organised, with over one thousand two hundred students participating, filling our campus with vibrant energy and creativity. Our teachers did a commendable job, ensuring every detail was meticulously planned and executed, making this cultural extravaganza a resounding success. The event not only showcased artistic talent but also strengthened our community's bond through shared expressions of culture and heritage.

Amid these moments of triumph, we pause to honour the memory of our beloved James Sir, whose untimely passing has left an irreplaceable void. James Sir was the creative genius behind LENS, our cherished e-magazine, tirelessly designing, editing, and breathing life into its pages for years. His vision transformed LENS into a platform that captures the essence of our school's spirit. We are profoundly indebted to him for his countless contributions—his warmth, wisdom, and creativity will forever remain etched in our hearts. Though James Sir cannot be replaced, his legacy will continue to inspire us.

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” – Albert Pike

As we celebrate our achievements and cherish the memories of those who have shaped us, let us move forward with renewed purpose, honouring the past while building a brighter future together.

With gratitude and reverence,

Principal

In Loving Memory of James Thomas (1951–2025)



Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ
Principal

It is with profound sorrow that we bid farewell to James Thomas Sir, a beacon of wisdom, dedication, and unwavering integrity, who departed this world on 27 September, 2025. Born on March 21, 1951, in the serene town of Adoor, to the late Jacob Thomas and Rosamma Thomas, James sir hailed from Thekkemury house in Vilakkumadam near Pala. As the eldest of a loving family of eight—three brothers and five sisters—he was a pillar of strength and affection, nurturing bonds that defined his warm and devoted household. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Rosamma, and their cherished daughters, Jisha and Anu, who were the pride and joy of his life.

James Sir's journey was a testament to the transformative power of education and selfless service. From his humble beginnings in the classrooms of Govt LP School in Anakkal, Kanjirappally, where he completed his lower primary education up to Class 4, to his upper primary years at CCM HSS in Karikkattoor, Manimala, and high school at St. Thomas Higher Secondary School in Erumely, his academic foundation was solid. He pursued a Pre-Degree at St. Dominic's College, Kanjirappally, and excelled at SB College, Changanacherry, earning his BA and MA degrees, securing the second rank in his MA programme.

His professional odyssey was marked by profound contributions to English education. He began as Head of the English Department at Tuensang College in Nagaland, bringing passion and precision to his role. This was followed by a distinguished 28-year tenure as a professor at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, Calicut, where he inspired countless students with his mastery of language and literature. Even after retirement, his commitment never waned; he joined Loyola School in Sreekaryam as Academic Coordinator, pouring his heart into shaping young minds until his final days.

Our acquaintance began in 1999 at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, evolving into a deep friendship that transcended the teacher-student bond. I recall a cherished scooter ride together—a rare privilege, as he seldom allowed others to ride—symbolising the trust and warmth he extended. As an exceptional English teacher, he imparted not just grammar and prose, but life lessons in humility and excellence. Post-retirement, his generosity continued; he shared meticulously prepared grammar lessons and materials, correcting my writings, including my doctoral thesis. His edits were unparalleled, offering insights that propelled me to success. James Sir was more than a teacher—he was a mentor, a father figure, and a genuine friend, embodying authenticity in a world often marred by pretence.

In his final days, following an angioplasty, James's spirit shone brightest. From his hospital room, he expressed a heartfelt desire to see me, urging prayers for his recovery. Visiting him alongside fellow fathers, we shared words of comfort, prayed together, and exchanged a poignant embrace—a kiss on the hands, a hug that sealed the sacred bond between teacher and student. It remains the greatest gift we could share, a moment of pure, unadulterated love and respect.

James Sir lived for his school and community, available around the clock, never uttering “no” to any task, yet insisting on perfection. He abhorred shallowness, mediocrity, and hypocrisy, living as a committed soul akin to a Jesuit outside the Society of Jesus—devoted, principled, and profoundly human. His life echoes the words of Henry Adams: “A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.” Indeed, his influence rippled far, moulding generations with his sharp intellect and compassionate heart.

As we mourn his loss, let us celebrate his legacy: a man who turned education into an art of empowerment. In the spirit of Rabindranath Tagore, “The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence”—James exemplified this harmony, inspiring us to strive for excellence without compromise. He leaves behind a world brighter for his presence, reminding us that true greatness lies in quiet, steadfast service.

Rest in peace, dear Sir. Your lessons endure in our hearts forever, cherished by your loving wife, Rosamma, daughters Jisha and Anu, your devoted siblings from the warm and tight-knit Thekkemury family, your loving Loyola family members, and all who were touched by your remarkable life.

Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ
Principal

The Tree with Rich Fruit

‘Every good tree produces good fruit...’(Matthew 7:17)



Ms Mary Titus Mathew

Every time I heard the resounding bass voice, “Mary Ma’am”, when at Loyola School, I would turn, with warmth and joy, to the direction from which it came. That voice distinctly belonged to the tall, lean, grim-faced Mr James Thomas, known to all as James Sir. He may have had a strict countenance but everyone who interacted with him knew that he was a man of great compassion and kindness. His stern expression would break into a beautiful smile and then it was quite obvious from his demeanour that he was the epitome of goodness. Though older than me by more than twenty years, he always suffixed my name with ‘Ma’am’ - his humbleness and greatness humbled me.

A few years after James Sir joined Loyola School as a Teacher of English, I had the privilege of working alongside him. When one’s co-teacher is erudition, intellect, technology, sagacity... personified, but is still humble enough to accept the other’s ideas, teaching becomes exciting and engrossing.

One would never shy away from approaching James Sir to seek assistance with queries on vocabulary, grammatical structures, literary appreciation, writing, and anything pertaining to language or any subject for that matter. He was not just a human English Language and Literature Encyclopaedia but also a provider of appropriate content on any subject that was broached. He wholeheartedly offered reference books for our perusal, for added information. He never stopped learning and we were encouraged watching him learn.

I was never ashamed to seek help from James Sir for correction. On the contrary, I was proud to be guided by such a great person who always persevered to attain perfection. His corrections were gentle, detailed, and satiating.

Music, a passion that I shared with Sir, was often discussed. I admired him for the knowledge he possessed on that. He was always generous in sharing the music score for piano and guitar recitals especially for my sons.

Even after I retired from service, James Sir continued to answer my queries via email. The replies would be very clear, descriptive, beneficial, and prompt. There was one last query, probably still in his inbox, for which I have not received his reply. I know that I will never receive his reply ever again but I'll follow his advice to take up challenges, face them and find solutions; for James Sir never encouraged giving up.

Dear James Sir, you were God's good and faithful servant and son who provided protection to those who came seeking that, and you have borne rich fruit which has nourished generations of children and adults alike.

Goodbye, Sir. Rest in Peace.

In Loving memory of James Sir!



Ms Padmam A

Dearest James Sir, you were more than a mentor, a constant support, a perfectionist, and yet so gentle at heart. You corrected our mistakes with kindness and gave us confidence when we doubted ourselves. I could run to you anytime for advice, and you always had the right words to guide me.

In my 30 years of teaching, it was only because of your encouragement that I found the courage to write my first article in a magazine. You had worked relentlessly for Loyola School, day and night, giving your very best. Truly, you were a good soul whose memories can never be erased from my heart.

Your absence has brought me the same heartbreak I felt when I lost my father, for losing you has left a void that words cannot fill. The values you taught us, your kindness, your loving guidance, your smiling face, your instant replies to our mails, and your constant encouragement will remain with us always.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

— 2 Timothy 4:7

May your soul rest with God, surrounded by eternal peace.

Captain of Our Hearts - A Tribute to James Sir

Ms Catherine Thomas

A nervous yet seemingly confident young woman entered a classroom full of examiners, ready to deliver the demo class that would decide her future at Loyola School. She had chosen and carefully prepared a lesson plan on Robert Browning's poetry. As she spoke, she could feel the weight of many eyes upon her, but one presence stood out. A tall, white-haired man was sitting quietly, observing intently, his wise eyes fixed on her with a mixture of curiosity and discernment. When he finally spoke, his gruff voice carried both authority and respect. It was the kind of voice that could silence a room, yet never diminished the one it addressed. The young woman soon found herself engaged in a spirited exchange on Victorian literature. That conversation marked the beginning of a bond that would leave a deep impression on her life.

James Sir, had not simply spoken to me. From that moment onward, he had taken me under his tutelage. I was not merely a colleague; I became his student, his "beti", his beloved daughter. Though my time with him was short - a meagre three years - it was rich beyond measure. He taught me to look at literature and life with nuance and uncompromising clarity. Our conversations extended beyond classrooms, traversing the worlds of Thomas Hardy and James Joyce, through music, landscapes of Assam, and into searching questions of faith and doubt. He sharpened my intellect even as he nurtured my spirit.

To the wider Loyola community, James sir, was a formidable force to reckon with; a strict disciplinarian, an uncompromising perfectionist, well-known for his pedantic precision with language that could intimidate even the most self-assured. He was a man of principle, with a no-nonsense approach and steadfast commitment to the welfare of the school. In every sense, he was an institution. Yet behind the stern façade was great depth and humanity. He once advised me, “Dear girl, our sufferings are best preserved as our personal property, to be shared only with the most trustworthy souls.” These words revealed to me a man who not only bore his burdens with dignity but who was capable of deep trust and intimacy. He would have scorned the idea of my writing a sentimental homage to him, chastising me for being an emotional fool, but I cannot help it. To be counted among those few whom he trusted with his inner world was both an honour and a responsibility. My admiration for him and the time we shared demand to be remembered.

In his final days, the universe allowed me a small, precious glimpse of him. I had promised him tea, parippuvadas, and long conversations once he recovered and returned to school. That promise will remain unfulfilled. Yet to partake in those last moments is a gift that I will carry in my heart. His passing feels unreasonably soon. I will no longer see him standing in front of the ICSE building, arms folded behind his back in deep contemplation. He will not be there to gently pat my son, Michael’s head while calmly humouring his long list of questions. We will not get the chance to celebrate my PhD together, a dream he cherished more deeply than I did. But in the quiet spaces of my memory, he will endure as a father figure, a mentor, and a companion in thought. In the shadow of his absence, I can’t help but echo the words of Walt Whitman:

“O Captain! my Captain! Our fearful trip is done,
The ship has weather’d every rack, the prize we sought is won.”

Indeed, the prize of his wisdom, integrity, and care will continue to shine in all of us who were privileged to know him and learn from him.

Rest in Peace, Dear Sir.

GOODBYE, DEAR JAMES SIR

Wing Commander Nalini Ranjan Kanthy (Retd.), 1969 batch

On behalf of LOBA

I was heartbroken to hear the shocking news of the passing away of my good friend, Prof. James Thomas. I had known him for only a few years, and much of our bonding and bridge-building happened over WhatsApp, through emails, and on telephone calls. The number of occasions I physically met him could be counted on my fingertips. Yet, I adored him for all his help, support, and warmth.

When the school celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 2021, the then Principal, Fr. P. T. Joseph, requested LOBA to bring out a Coffee Table Book tracing the history of the school from 1961 to 2021. I was tasked with putting together a team to accomplish this stupendous and near-impossible task within a very limited and tight schedule. We were at a loss as to how to get it going. That was when I remembered the magician - James Sir. The DJ Coffee Table Book would never have become a reality without his immense support, from the time it was conceived until it was finally published.

He helped LOBA with many other projects as well, including giving LOBA pride of place in The Lens. Even the 100 unsold copies of The DJS were eventually sold, thanks to his tireless efforts. Though he was a couple of years elder to me, he always addressed me as “Sir” and that is how I addressed him too.

His command of the English language was beyond compare. He had a solution for every issue we faced. Never one to panic or lose his cool, he carried a beatific smile etched on his face. He never said “no” and was a stickler for schedules. Not many know the tremendous load that James Sir carried for Loyola. I am certain he did not take much rest or many breaks. He worked late into the nights, and his responses to queries were always instant. A designer, editor, and writer par excellence, he painstakingly compiled the school’s history; an extraordinary work that only he could have accomplished.

I will miss him deeply, as will the school, LOBA, and all those fortunate enough to know or work with him. His popularity was evident from the large turnout that came to bid him a final goodbye, both at Trivandrum and at Pala, where he was finally laid to rest. LOBA offers its prayers and condolences to his family.

Unfortunately, I was out of Kerala when he left us and was unable to pay my last respects in person. That broke my heart. However, it was providential that I happened to be in Trivandrum soon after, on the very day the school held a condolence meeting in his memory, where I was able to eulogize a dear friend.

I offer my personal condolences to the bereaved family. He leaves behind his wife, Mrs. Rosamma, and his two daughters, Jisha and Anu, whom I have never met. I must, however, assure them that in James Sir they had a wonderful and much-valued husband, father, and head of the family; a man of character, wisdom, and honesty. May he be at peace in his new abode.

James Sir: A Lasting Legacy



Jonathan Edwards
X A

The sudden passing of James Sir, our Academic Coordinator, has left a deep void in our school community. His presence was a constant reminder of what discipline, integrity, and dedication truly mean. It is difficult to put into words the depth of loss we feel. He was a mentor, a guide and a figure who shaped the academic culture of our school in countless ways. He believed that discipline was not merely about rules, but about shaping character and he held everyone to the same high standards that he had set for himself.

James Sir was a man who valued precision, whether in language, conduct, or principles. His command of English was remarkable; perfect in writing and flawless in delivery. He would always reply to emails promptly, reflecting his professionalism and promptness and never left a message unanswered. I still remember sending him an email on Friday (26th September) evening, expecting his usual quick response. That reply never came. The next morning, I came to know of his passing. That silence will forever remain with me, marking the moment we lost not just a coordinator, but a mentor.

One of his lasting contributions to the school was the design of the old diary, complete with vocabulary, challenging words, and technical aspects of English. This diary was not just a book, but a tool he envisioned for Loyolites to grow in language and thought. This was more than a project to him; it was a reflection of his dedication to learning, discipline, and excellence in the field of language. He also played a vital role in shaping Lens, our monthly magazine. As an editor, he brought the same perfectionism, precision, and love for language that defined his work in every sphere. All of the pages we turn in the school magazine also bear the imprint of his vision and his commitment to excellence.

Beyond his academic rigor, James Sir's presence was felt in the very hallways of our school. He would often walk through the corridors, hands held behind his back, moving softly and quietly, almost like a silent sentinel. Students would instantly sense his gaze as he peered into classrooms, always attentive, always watchful, ready to catch the mischievous yet never missing a chance to guide them back to the right path. That quiet vigilance, subtle yet firm, reflected his belief that discipline was as much about guidance as it was about rules.

James Sir lived a life rooted in integrity and expected the same from everyone around him. He was a perfectionist, never hesitant to voice his opinions bluntly yet honestly, always believing that truth delivered directly was the highest form of respect. His strictness, ever-present, was a guiding force that pushed us all to rise to higher standards. His legacy will live on in the values he instilled, the systems he built, and the countless lives he influenced. James Sir's absence will be deeply felt, but his impact will never fade. He has left us a standard to uphold and in striving to live by it, we honour his memory.

When Wisdom Took Its Leave



Aamir Ahmed
XII B1

It feels bittersweet as I find words to share my idea of the very individual whose heart and soul reside in this masterpiece you are reading - LENS. Last Saturday marked the demise of one of the pillars of Loyola School, who walked through the corridors serving as our very own guardian - James Sir. This is my tribute to him.

My first memory of James Sir is from my admission day at Loyola, where I was sent to meet him for what was termed a 'preparatory' interview. I recall that he emphasised two things: one was discipline, and the other was, of course, the school uniform. But behind that white-haired moustache was a smile and a sense of warmth, which I knew was another quality he wanted us to imbibe from him. Though he wouldn't say that, we knew.

Almost a month into my first year at Loyola, I was sent to meet him again- and this time it was not for a noble deed. I had forgotten to bring my school ID card and I found myself in his office, waiting for a punishment that was not so pleasant. But what we had there was a deep conversation, a conversation about what Loyola means to him, the legacy that echoes through the school, and how the little things in life make big differences we often cannot foresee. That one episode moved me and changed my perception about many things- including the man with whom I had the chat and maybe, even life as a whole.

Months later, I was on my way to the school bus when I was called from behind. It was the very same man and this time he had something in mind. He spoke to me about honesty and how he believed that I was "an honest person". Since sarcasm was not his forte, I enjoyed his words with a hearty laugh. In the end, he asked me to pen down an article for the esteemed School magazine 'The Loyolite'. I was told to take as much time as I wanted but to keep one small thing in mind: originality. It was one thing he felt that was missing these days: words that came from the heart. Today, as I take my pen to jot down something even for the littlest of matters, this is one thing I still keep in mind, even as I reminisce about my memories of him.

For me, James Sir was not just a disciplinarian: he was also a teacher, and as a matter of fact, I've been privileged to attend one of his classes. A few months ago, he handed me a script that I had to present before him. Having done quite a few voice-overs, I presumed this could be done in a breeze. But as I finished reading the script, he handed me another one, which was hand written and contained all the pronunciation mistakes I had made in the past one minute. This was when I was introduced to the man whose knowledge of grammar and pronunciation crossed all the horizons I knew, initiating a class that I truly keep close to my heart.

I see James Sir not just as a guardian, not just as a teacher, but as a fellow Loyolite who loved the school as much as any of us- if not more. With his hands held behind, he would roam around the school with sternness, strictness, and a sense of boldness. His strictness did not command fear, his sternness was not unwelcoming, and his boldness was not overpowering but it was in fact, his way of showing love.

This is for the one person who made each of his words count -

Au Revoir
James Sir

Hearty Welcome to Loyola Family



Ms Deepa Harikrishnan
KG Coordinator



Ms Reethu Antony
KG Teacher

ACHIEVEMENTS - SEPTEMBER 2025



HARSHITH SUSANTH (10B)
SCORED 57 RUNS OFF 83 BALLS AGAINST
SRI LANKA IN THE 1ST MATCH,
AND IN THE 2ND MATCH, HE SCORED
113 RUNS OFF 157 BALLS AGAINST
AFGHANISTAN IN THE SAC
INTERNATIONAL MULTINATIONAL
SERIES (UNDER-17)



A DHRUVA MADHAVDAS (V A)
THIRD PRIZE
DISTRICT KALARIPAYATTU
CHAMPIONSHIP



ALOK SHAIJU (IV C)
RUNNER UP
UNDER 10 BOYS' SINGLES
37th G V RAJA MEMORIAL TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIP - 2025



AGASTYA NARAYAN V R (III A1)
SECOND RUNNER UP
SIP PRODIGY 2025
REGIONAL SIP ABACUS COMPETITION

BEST SCHOOL DELEGATION - LOYOLA SCHOOL



HONOURABLE MENTION
AAMIR AHMED (XII B1)
DEA ANN SHINS (XII C1)
VAIBHAV PRINCE (XI C1)

VERBAL MENTION
ANNA GEORGE (XI D)
NAKUL DINAAR (XI B)

SELECTED FOR THE CISCE NATIONAL TEAM



AUSTIN DATSEN THARAKAN (VII B)
UNDER-14
CISCE STATE CRICKET
CHAMPIONSHIP



ABHIMANYU A SARMA (VII A)
UNDER-14
CISCE STATE CRICKET
CHAMPIONSHIP



WINSTIN DATSEN THARAKAN (VI D)
UNDER-14
CISCE STATE CRICKET
CHAMPIONSHIP



HARSHITH S (X B)
UNDER-17
CISCE STATE CRICKET
CHAMPIONSHIP



NAVNEET POTHUVAL (X A)
UNDER-17
CISCE STATE CRICKET
CHAMPIONSHIP



M NARUN (IX C)
UNDER-17
CISCE STATE CRICKET
CHAMPIONSHIP



SIDDHARTH P (V D)
SECOND PRIZE
U-11 BOYS DOUBLES
SUB JUNIOR BADMINTON
RANKING TOURNAMENT



SIDHARTH S NAIR (VI A1)
SILVER MEDAL
RINK I QUAD 200M EVENT
SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA
SKATING COMPETITION



AAMIR AHMED (XII B1)
SPEC. MEN
PRIYANKA GANDHI - AKPPM
MBCET MUN 2025



TESSA TOMS (XI G1)
MEENAKSHI NAIR (XI G1)
ZONAL LEVEL - FIRST PLACE
AQUA REGIA INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ 2025



MADHAV A (V A)
FIRST PLACE
RECITATION -ENGLISH (CAT-III)
ASISC KERALA REGION



JONATHAN EDWARDS N (X A)
THIRD PLACE
 RECITATION - ENGLISH (CAT-V)
 CULTURAL COMPETITIONS
 ASISC KERALA REGION ZONE A



JONATHAN EDWARDS (10A)
GAURAV UNNIKRISHNAN (10B)
 REPRESENTED THE KERALA STATE & WON
GOLD MEDAL
 SOUTH INDIA ROLLBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
 COMPETITIONS



KAVIN PRABU (II C)
GOLD MEDAL
 INDIVIDUAL KATA
 (SUB-JUNIOR BOYS, 7 YEARS)
 INTERDOJI KARATE
 CHAMPIONSHIP 2025



VIAAN DAHIYA (7D)
FINISHER'S MEDAL
 INDIVIDUAL KATA
 FOR COMPLETING THE
 HALF MARATHON
 (21.1 KM OUT OF 42 KM)

ASISC CULTURAL COMPETITIONS (RANGOLSAV 2025)

Category III



Maadhav A (V A)
English Recitation
First Prize



James Alex Medayil (V D)
English Solo
First Prize



Srihari P R (V D)
Light Music
Second Prize

English Group Song - Second Prize



Johan Alex Nithin (III D)
Samar Shahid (IV D)
Evan Oommen Jinju (IV D)
Jio Varki (V D)

James Alex Medayil (V D)
Abhinav Ganesh (V B)
Joshua George Daniel (V B)
Madhav Balachandran (V A)

ASISC CULTURAL COMPETITIONS (RANGOLSAV 2025)

Category III won Second Runner up in the competitions held



Category IV

First Prize

Third Prize



Neellesh Manub
(VIII A)
Classical Music



Neerad R
(VI D)
Light Music Malayalam



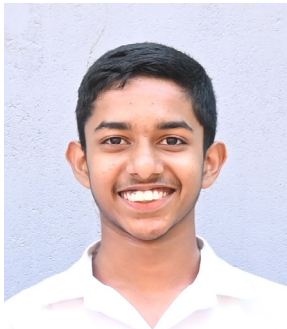
Aagney S S
(VIII C)
Malayalam Elocution



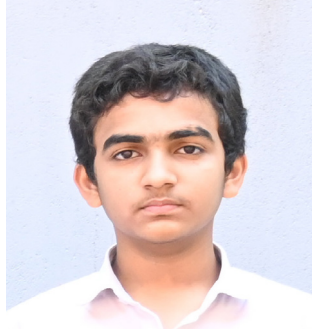
Shreyan M Nair
(VIII D)
Light Music- English

ASISC CULTURAL COMPETITIONS (RANGOLSAV 2025)

Category V



Ananthakrishnan L
(XI C)
Extempore Malayalam
First Prize



Abhinand M Nair
(XI C)
Classical Music
Malayalam Boys
Second Prize



Gowri Parvathy J
(XI A)
Mohiniyattam
Second Prize



Jonathan Edwards N
X A
Recitation English
Third Prize

Theme dance boys- Third prize





Haifa Zainab
11 C1

National Inaugural Ceremony of 'Memory Walk through the Life of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam'

Loyola School, Thiruvananthapuram, was honoured to host the national inaugural ceremony of the 'Memory Walk through the Life of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam' on 17 September 2025. The event, which also featured a screening of the award-winning feature film 'Kalam Std 5B', brought together dignitaries, faculty, and students to celebrate the enduring legacy of the People's President.

The ceremony commenced with the National Anthem, followed by an invocation by the School Choir. Master Rishi Gogoi of Class 11 B1 formally welcomed the august gathering.

The chief guest, Dr. S. Somanath, former Chairman of ISRO, was felicitated by the school and the film's collaborators. Other distinguished attendees included Mr. Tom Jacob (Actor and Producer), Mr. Lyju Mithran Mathew (Chief Director), and Mr. Lalkrishna (Assistant Professor, Delhi University).

Advocate Anjana Devi, Member of the National Women's Commission Advisory Board, delivered the Presidential Address, urging students to embody the values championed by Dr. Kalam. This was followed by the official release of the movie poster by the dignitaries.

The Memory Walk is a nationwide initiative scheduled from September 15 to November 15, 2025. The journey begins in Thiruvananthapuram, where Dr. Kalam started his scientific career, and concludes in Shillong, the site of his final lecture. The route will engage youth across several states through interactive events and screenings.

Following the poster release, the Principal and Director, Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, addressed the gathering, highlighting Dr. Kalam's humility and his profound impact as a national mentor. The audience then viewed the film 'Kalam Std 5B', which poignantly depicted the early life and values of the visionary.

Dr. S. Somanath delivered the keynote address, offering inspiring perspectives on India's space research advancements and Dr. Kalam's leadership. He further engaged with students in a lively, interactive session. The dignitaries were presented with mementos as a token of appreciation.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Haifa Zainab and the School Anthem. The event served as both a fitting tribute to an icon and a powerful inspiration for the youth to dream, innovate, and contribute to the nation. Hosting this national inaugural ceremony was a moment of pride for Loyola School, reinforcing its commitment to fostering visionary and responsible citizens.



Happy Teachers' Day



A Memorable Teachers' Day Celebration at Loyola School



Ms Judy K Punnoose

On September 12th, the Loyola School campus buzzed with appreciation as we celebrated Teachers' Day. Though delayed by the Onam break, the spirit was undimmed. Students transformed each classroom into a venue of gratitude, welcoming their teachers with personal cards, flowers, and sweets.

From the morning arrival until departure, teachers were surrounded by warmth and sincere thanks from every student they encountered. The day perfectly captured the students' deep respect and affection, reinforcing the cherished teacher-student bond that defines our school's ethos.



EXPLORING CAREERS IN DESIGN

Awareness Session on Design Education & NIFT



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An informative session on Design Education and the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), aimed to illuminate the vast career opportunities within the design and fashion technology sectors, was successfully organised at Loyola School for Classes 11 and 12 in the school auditorium on 16 September.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Afroze Farid, a Professor from NIFT Kannur, elaborated on design's significance as a dynamic academic field that drives innovation across global industries. She demonstrated how design education integrates creativity, technical skill, and strategic thinking to build successful professional paths.

Dr. Farid provided a comprehensive overview of NIFT, highlighting its esteemed reputation as a premier institute for advanced education in design, fashion technology, and management. She detailed the various undergraduate and postgraduate programmes tailored to equip students for the rapidly evolving creative industries.

The presentation covered diverse career trajectories for NIFT graduates, including fashion design, textile design, accessory design, fashion communication, technology, and management. Dr. Farid illustrated these paths with examples of alumni who have become successful entrepreneurs, industry leaders, and innovators both in India and internationally. She also shared essential information on the NIFT entrance examination, eligibility criteria, and the overall admission process.

The session proved to be highly educational and motivating for the students. It successfully broadened their perspectives on the creative industries, presenting design as a viable and fulfilling career choice, while fostering confidence and curiosity to explore the field further.



L' SPECTRA

SCIENCE & ARTS EXHIBITION 2025



Ms Lisha Vijayan S

L' SPECTRA 2025-26: CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

Loyola School, Sreekariyam, proudly hosted its annual Science and Arts Exhibition, L' Spectra 2025-26, on September 19th, 2025. The event transformed the school campus into a dynamic hub of creativity and intellectual exploration from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The exhibition was thoughtfully structured across three sections: Kindergarten, Juniors (Classes I-III), and Seniors (Classes IV-XI), with displays spanning the Indoor Stadium, Berchmans Hall, and the Xavier Block.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. K. Harikumar IAS, Director of the Department of Mining and Geology, who served as the Chief Guest. The ceremony, graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, Rev. Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ, Sr. Jiji Thomas, and Rev. Fr. Jose Thaiparambil SJ, commenced with a prayer song by the school choir. Following a welcome address by Art Secretary Master Ishan Sajay and the presidential address by Rev. Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ, Dr. Harikumar delivered an inspiring inaugural address. He emphasised the critical importance of fostering scientific temper, creativity, and critical thinking in young minds, leaving a profoundly motivating impression on the audience. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Junior School Leader Master Mohammad Yusuf.



The official opening was marked by simultaneous ribbon-cutting ceremonies at all three venues, led by the Chief Guest in the Indoor Stadium, Rev. Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ in Berchmans Hall, and Sr. Jiji Thomas in the Xavier Block. The motivating presence of Mr. Joy M. Varghese, the Registrar, provided great encouragement to the young participants.

L' Spectra witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 500 students, who presented a diverse array of projects with remarkable dedication. The exhibits spanned disciplines including Science, Mathematics, Social Science, Commerce, Languages, and Art, featuring everything from innovative scientific models and eco-friendly solutions to historical explorations and artistic creations.

A highlight of the day was the visit by Rev. Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ and Rev. Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ to all the venues. Their engaging interactions with the students generated tremendous enthusiasm and further fuelled the creative energy of the event.

Adding a unique dimension to the exhibition was a special display of artistic talents by the teaching faculty. Their works in fabric printing, painting, and craft served as an inspiring testament to the creative spirit that thrives within the school community.

The exhibition attracted a large number of parents, alumni, and guests, who were deeply impressed by the students' ingenuity and confidence. The vibrant interactions between visitors and young innovators created a stimulating atmosphere that celebrated inquiry and discovery.

The resounding success of L' Spectra 2025-26 stands as a testament to the vibrant culture of Loyola School, where curiosity and innovation are nurtured. The event concluded on a high note, leaving behind cherished memories and a renewed passion for learning, truly celebrating the boundless potential of every student.









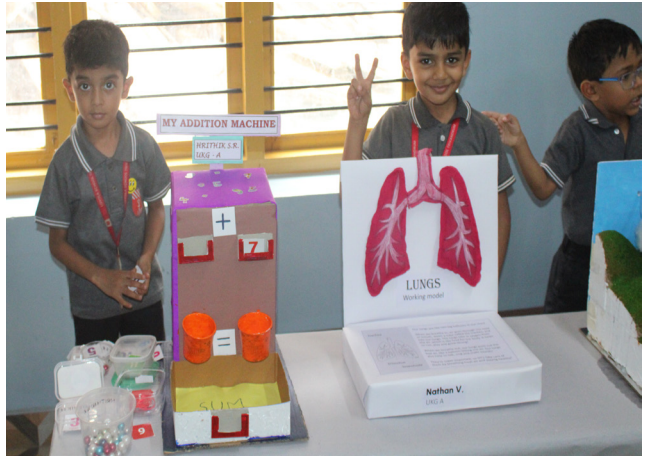




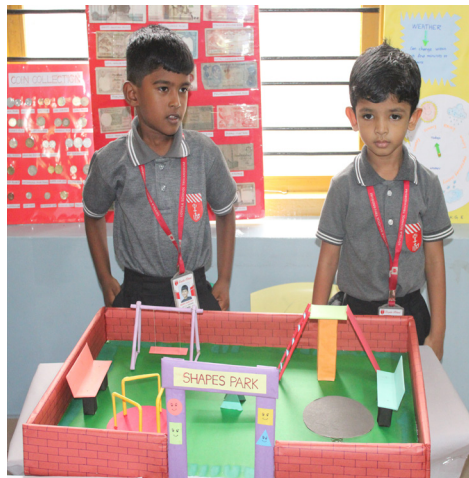






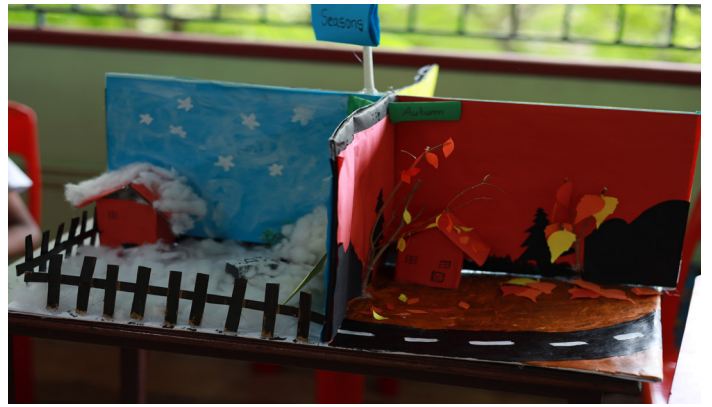


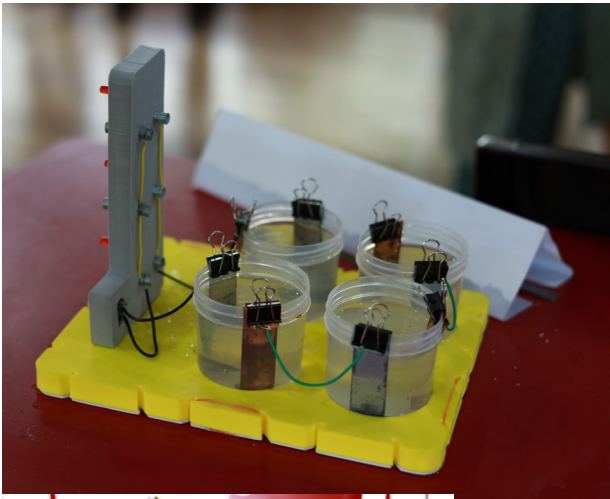
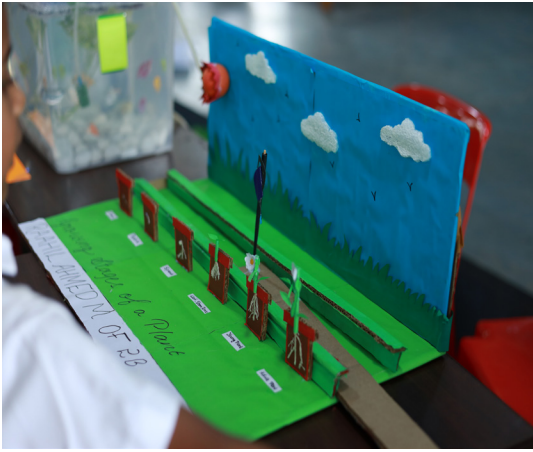


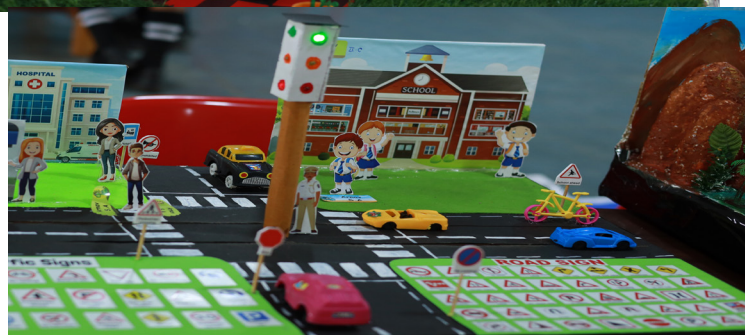
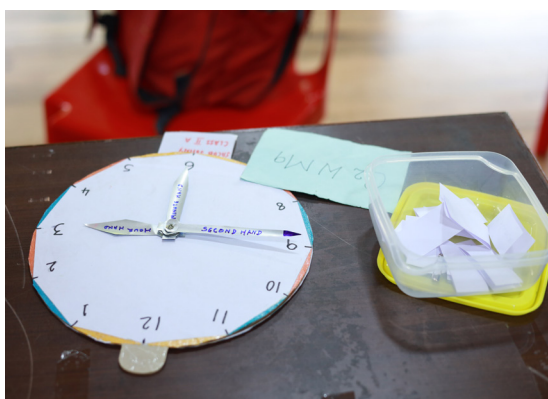
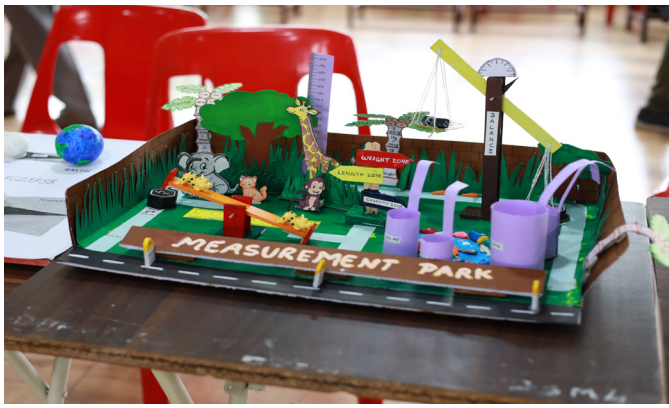


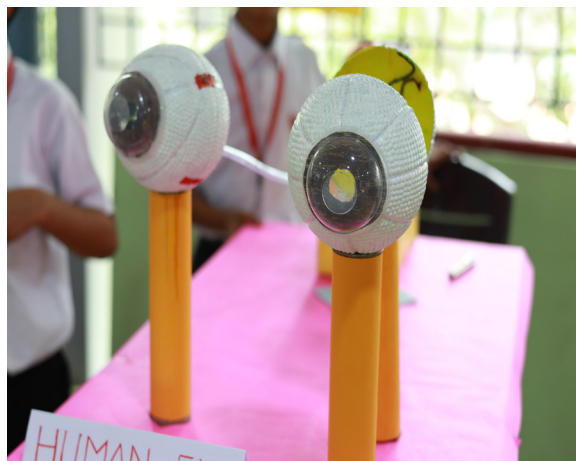
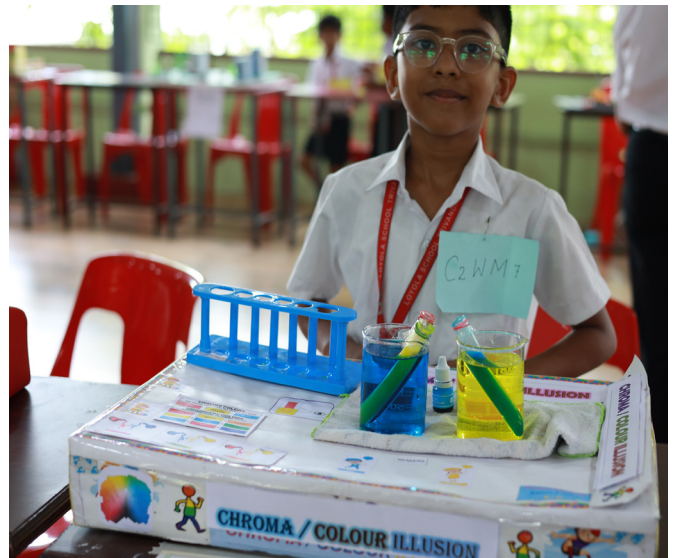


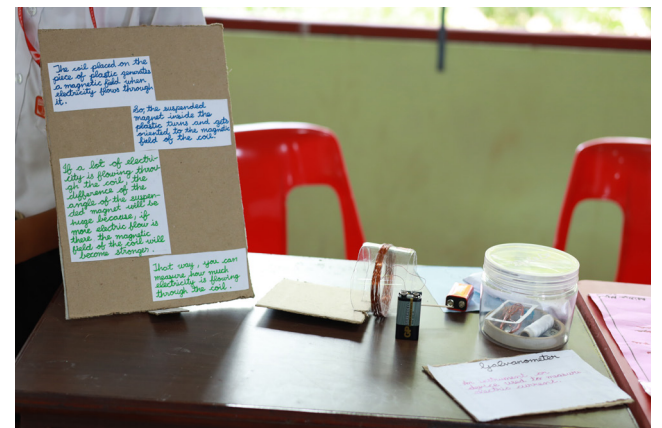
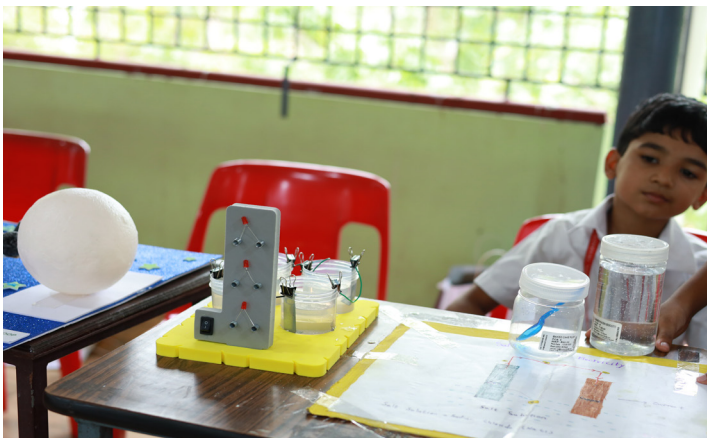
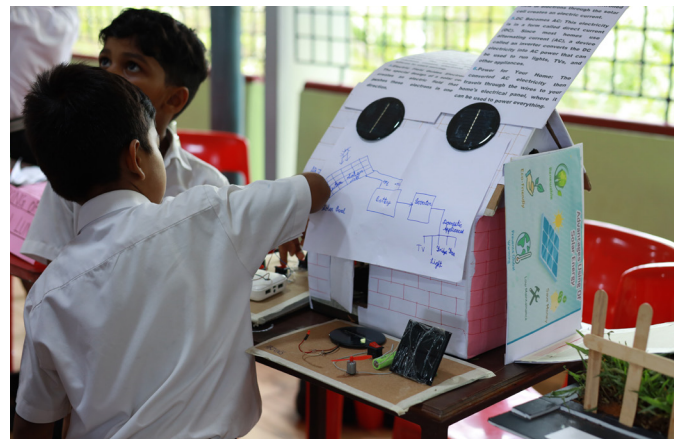


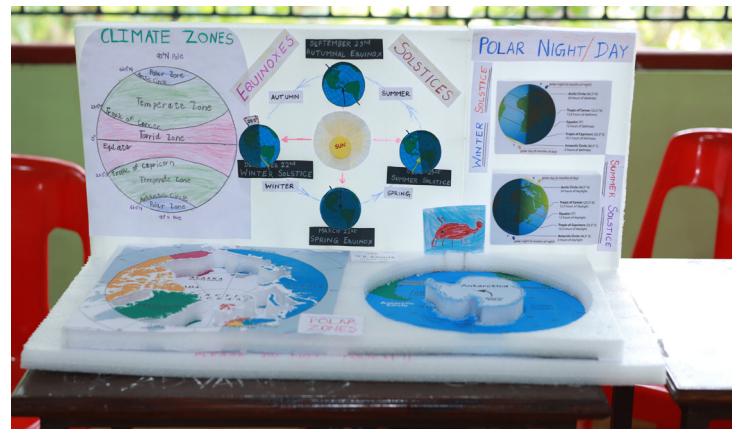
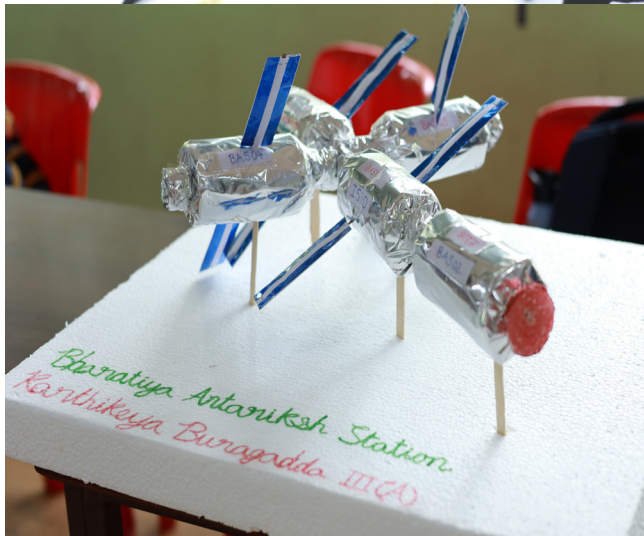


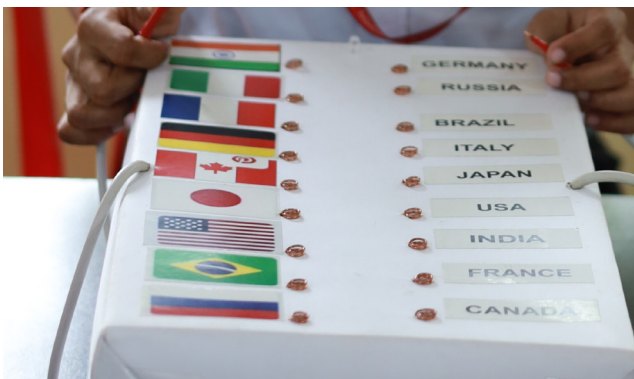
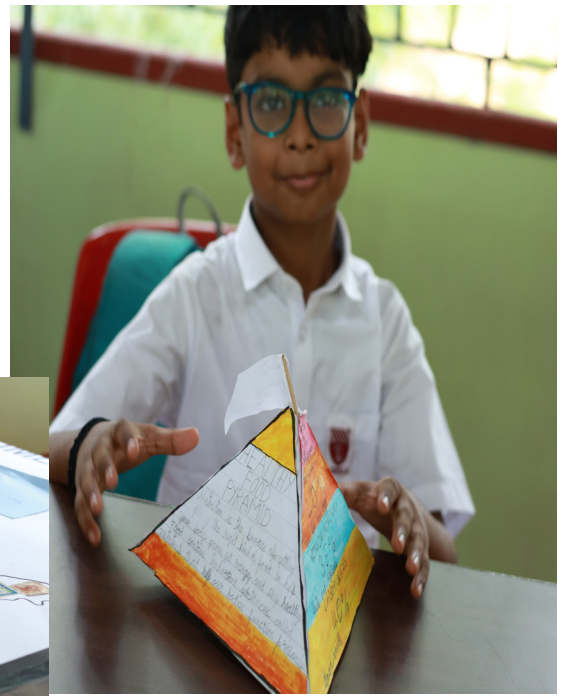


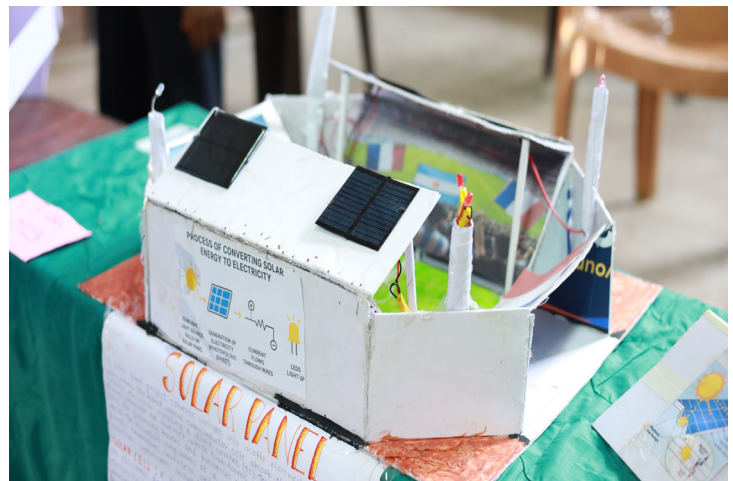


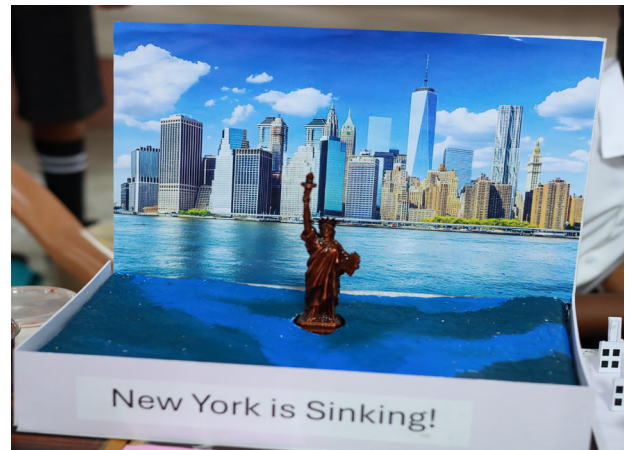


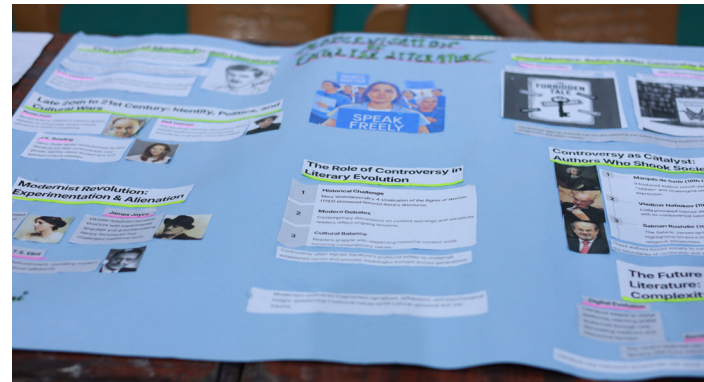
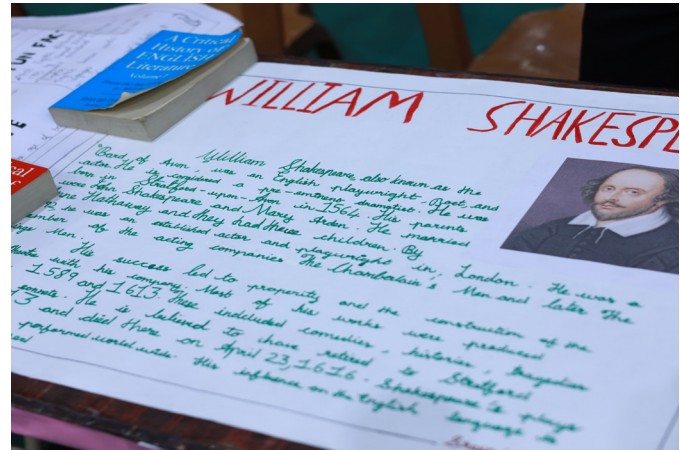
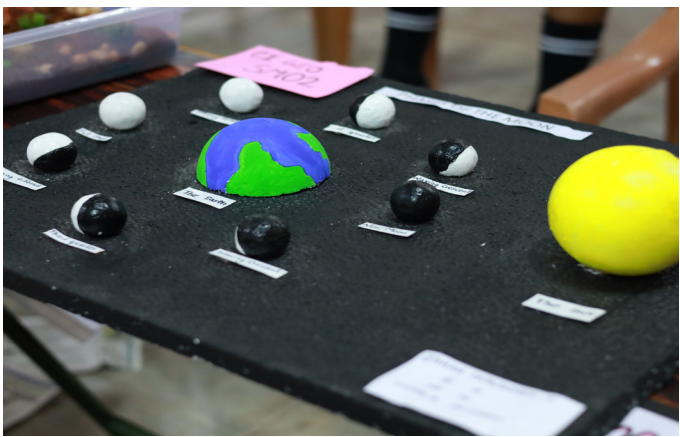




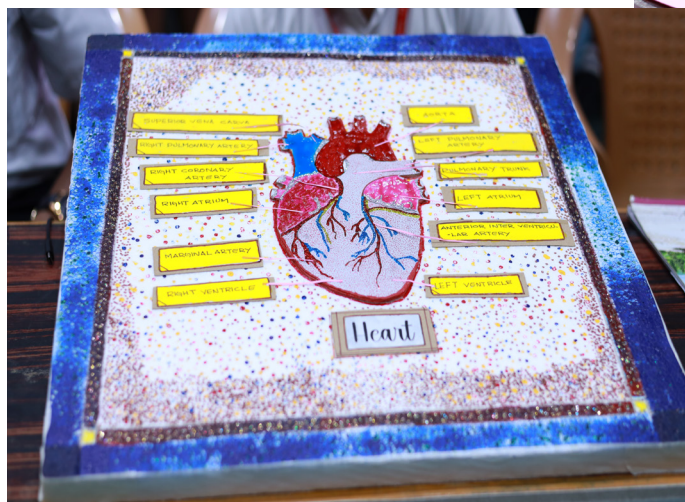
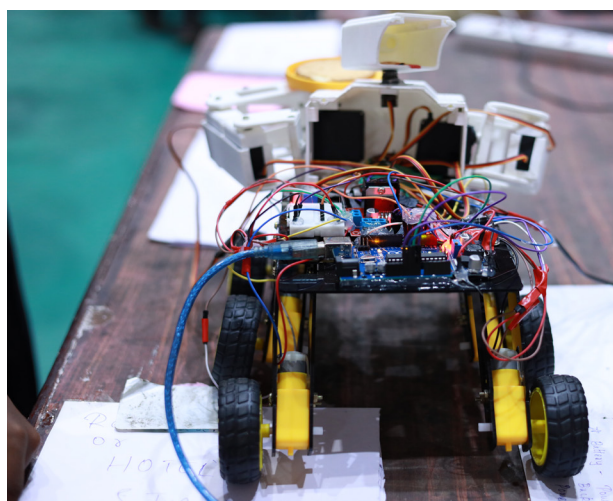
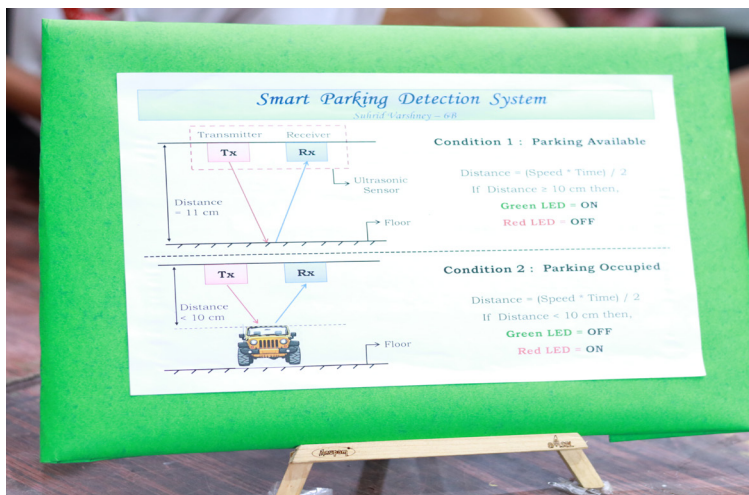












MEDIWHIZ 2025



DISTRICT LEVEL PRE MEDICAL QUIZ

MEDIWHIZ 2025 – A BATTLE OF BRILLIANCE IN PREMEDICAL QUIZ

Loyola School proudly hosted MEDIWHIZ 2025, the Interschool Trivandrum District Level Premedical Quiz Contest, on 25th September 2025. The event was organised by the Department of Pharmacology, Sree Gokulam Medical College and Research Foundation, in collaboration with Loyola School, as part of National Pharmacovigilance Week 2025.



Dr Jeena Susan Easow

Fourteen teams from schools across the district competed through four exciting rounds, led by Quiz Master Dr. Swetha Reba Mathews, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology. Dr. Nisha Bhaskar and Dr. Nandkishore ably served as Scorekeeper and Timekeeper.

After a spirited contest, Hrishikesh Arun and Namdev S. from Sarvodaya Vidyalaya emerged as champions. The second prize went to Johan Renu Thomas and Ryan S. Mathew of St. Thomas Residential School, while Muhammad Nihal Haleem and Shreyas S. B. of Loyola School secured the third place.

The winners were felicitated by Prof. Dr. Ramani P. T., Prof. Dr. P. Shobha, and Sr. Jiji Thomas, while Dr. Ivy Abraham compered the event. Shields and certificates were presented to the winners, and all participants received certificates of participation.

The quiz not only celebrated knowledge but also encouraged curiosity and healthy competition among young learners.

RANGOLSAV 2025

The ASISC (Association of Schools for the Indian Schools Certificate) Zone A Performing Arts Festival, Rangotsav: Cat 4&5, was inaugurated at Loyola School by Rev. Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil, S.J., Rector-Manager of Loyola Institutions, and Fr. Salvin Augustine, S.J., Director & Principal of Loyola School. The dignitaries lit the ceremonial lamp and delivered inspiring messages on the importance of the arts as a vehicle for self-expression, unity, and growth.

The festival was organized in two categories:

Category 4: 26 schools participated

Category 5: 24 schools participated



Ms Ruby A John

Each school competed in a spectrum of performing arts events such as classical music, light music, dance, drama, instrumental solos/ensembles, and group performances. Judging was based on parameters of creativity, technique, presentation, and adherence to the theme. In Category 4, St. Thomas Residential School displayed consistent excellence across disciplines, securing the top spot, while Trinity Lyceum's strong showing earned them the first runner-up position.

In Category 5, Infant Jesus Anglo Indian High School, Tangasseri emerged as a clear leader, with Trinity Lyceum placing first runner up. Several individual and group performances stood out for originality, emotional impact, and technical finesse.

Despite the competitive atmosphere, students from various schools supported each other, creating an environment of mutual encouragement. Rangotsav was a success not only because of the trophies awarded, but because it brought together young performers in a celebration of art and culture. The experience enhanced confidence, teamwork, and cultural awareness among participants. We sincerely wish that this event be a stepping stone for more artistic endeavors and lasting collaborations between schools.



Golden Jubilee Class Reunion – The Batch of 1975

Fifty years after graduating from school, the ISC class of 1975 assembled in their beloved Alma Mater on September 13 to commemorate their Golden Jubilee. Forty two students from various parts of the globe, 20 accompanied by their spouses were in attendance at a function in school. Most of the students were at school for the first time in fifty years and while the school has expanded and grown, the basic structure and soul remained much the same even after the passage of half a century.

At the school function, the Principal Fr. Salvin Augustine after reminding the '75 batchers that he was born after the batch had passed out, detailed the remarkable growth of the school over the years. Distinguished alumni, Dr. Dilip Joseph reminisced about his school journey that began in 1965, while Dr. Regi George who with his wife has devoted his life to providing health care to a remote village in Tamil Nadu, spoke of the impact the school had on his life. Mr. Jacob Mathan, the LOBA president, kept us updated on the activities of the Old Boys Association.



Fr. Salvin Augustine updating us about the many achievements in the last 50 years.

The group went on a nostalgic trip around the campus they once graced and even took a bus ride to relive the good old days. The trip to the school ended with a sumptuous lunch at the school cafeteria.

A yearbook detailing the profiles of the 50th batchers and old school photographs, compiled by Mr. Krishnakumar of the batch, was presented to Fr Salvin and the LOBA President and Secretary.

After the school events, the batch spent 2 days at Varkala, at a seaside resort, where it was mostly fun and games. The 'boys' showed that the talents they had exhibited at the School Youth festivals back in the day, were still intact. The final year A division and B division classes squared up in a fiercely competitive tug-of-war contest that was disputedly won by the B division. Dr. Nandakumar gave a talk on 'Lifestyle medicine', a relevant topic for the 65 year olds.



The classmates of the batch of 1975 together again 50 years



Krishnakumar of the class of 1975 presenting the commemorative yearbook he edited, to Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ

Loyola school will always remain a cherished memory for the '75 batches. There was a unanimous consensus that the school laid an extremely strong foundation for the eventual career paths of the batch

As a token of appreciation for the part played by the school in their success, the batch of 1975, partly sponsored the newly inaugurated AI Lab in the school.



In Gratitude - The AI Laboratory partly sponsored by the Batch of 1975

We wish the school continued success in the years to come.

Mathew Zacharia

For the Class of 1975

A Journey Through the Hills: Class 11's Visit to Ooty and Coonoor

“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.” – Saint Augustine

An unforgettable educational tour to Ooty and Coonoor was organised from 28 September to 1 October 2025 for Class 11 students under the guidance of Rev Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ, Principal, Loyola School (CBSE). A total of 326 students participated in the tour, accompanied by 16 staff members. The trip was efficiently arranged by Discover Kerala Holidays, with eight well-equipped buses ensuring a safe and comfortable journey.

The tour offered students a wonderful opportunity to explore nature, science, and culture. The group visited the Botanical Gardens, the Tea and Chocolate Factory, and the Radio Telescope, where students learnt about the various types of telescopes and their uses; an experience that greatly enhanced their scientific curiosity. The serene Pine Forest and the historic CSI Church in Ooty were among the most memorable stops. In Coonoor, students admired the beauty of Sims Park, known for its diverse flora and picturesque landscapes, and a batch photograph was taken there to capture the joyful memories of the trip.





Apart from sightseeing, students also enjoyed shopping in the vibrant local markets, taking home souvenirs and moments to cherish. On the return journey, the group halted at Coimbatore for a delightful dinner, marking a pleasant conclusion to the trip. The tour was truly a blend of learning, leisure, and laughter. It strengthened the bond between students and teachers and provided valuable experiences beyond the classroom.

A heartfelt note of gratitude goes to Rev Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ, Principal, Loyola School (CBSE), for his guidance and leadership, and to all the staff members for their constant support and care. Special thanks are also extended to Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, Director and Principal of Loyola School (ICSE), and Sister Jiji Thomas, Principal, Loyola School (State), for their encouragement and blessings that made the tour a memorable success.

Ms Sarah Koshy



Class IV's Picnic Experience - A Report



The students of Class IV went on a picnic to Green Tsavorite Farm near Varkala. We started from the school at 9:30 a.m. and reached the farm after a pleasant journey. The farm was a beautiful place filled with greenery and a wide variety of trees. We were warmly welcomed with natural fruit juice, freshly harvested from their farm. Their hospitality was truly commendable. A total of 152 students and 5 teachers participated in the trip. The students were divided into groups, and each group was assigned a task manager to guide them.



Ms Prema Titus

Various games were organised, and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in them. We also visited their paddy field, which was an exciting experience for the children. The lunch provided was delicious and well-arranged. We started our return journey at 4:45 p.m. and reached the school safely by 6:15 p.m. Overall, it was a fun-filled and enriching day for everyone.



Adieu, James Sir...

May you find eternal peace in the embrace of the Almighty.

