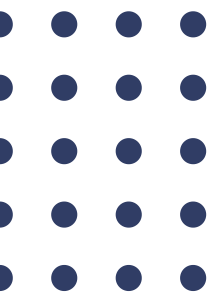




# LOYOLA ALUMNI CONNECT MAY 2026

A NEWSLETTER FROM  
LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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FROM THE DESK OF  
**THE DIRECTOR,**  
LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



## Dear Fellow Loyolites,

As we turn the pages of yet another eventful chapter in the annals of Loyola, my heart overflows with gratitude. The spirit that has always defined our community – generosity, fellowship, and a deep sense of purpose – finds its fullest expression in moments like these. To every alumnus, well-wisher, Executive and General Committee member, and donor who has contributed time and efforts to Loyola Alumni Association and to our beloved alma mater, we remain grateful. Your sustained support – whether towards the Shyam Kothari Centenary Building nearing completion, the scholarship funds that have changed countless young lives, or the vibrant Chennai Chapter Meet that brought together nearly 600 Loyolites – reflects the enduring bond this institution nurtures across generations.

This year's scholarship disbursements – totalling well over ₹1.65 Crores across ten scholarships – stand as a powerful testament to our collective commitment to equity and access. From the Sutherland Scholarship to the NAZTEC, Cholamandalam, ABAN group and Ajit Isaac Foundation awards, these resources have opened doors for students from the most marginalised backgrounds, enabling them to pursue their academic dreams with dignity. Every penny given is a life touched; every life touched is a future transformed.

We are immensely proud to celebrate the achievements of our distinguished alumni. We warmly felicitate Mr. C. Joseph Vijay on assuming the office of Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Udhayanidhi Stalin as Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. JCD Prabhakar as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly – alongside our three newly elected MLAs. We also rejoice in the laurels of Mr. Ajit Isaac and Mrs. Sarah Isaac, honoured with the Forbes India Leadership Award 2026 for their extraordinary palliative care mission, and in the golden leap of pole vaulter C. Reegan, who soared past the Commonwealth Games qualification mark at the inaugural National Indoor Athletics Meet. You make every Loyolite proud.

And now, a date to mark in your hearts and calendars: Loyola Alumni Day 2026 – 9th August 2026. This cherished annual homecoming is your moment to walk through familiar corridors, reconnect with lifelong friends, and rediscover the values this great institution instilled in us. Whether you graduated last year or five decades ago, Loyola is always home. We warmly invite every Loyolite – near and far – to join us on this joyful occasion and reaffirm the bonds of fellowship that make our community truly extraordinary.

Looking forward to collaborating and networking. .

In the spirit of Loyola,  
**Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ**  
Director, Loyola Alumni Association  
Loyola College, Chennai

# CHENNAI CHAPTER MEET - 2026

Nearly 600 alumni of Loyola College gathered on March 14 for Loyola Alumni Chennai Chapter Meet 2026, the largest chapter of the college's global alumni network. The event brought together Loyolites spanning multiple generations in a spirit of fellowship, and served as the platform for the formal launch of a comprehensive year-long programme calendar aimed at strengthening alumni engagement, student mentorship, and community service.



**Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan**, former Minister for IT & Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu, delivered the keynote address, reminding the audience that the humanities remain indispensable even as technology reshapes every domain of life, and that the true measure of education lies in its ability to cultivate critical thinking and nurture socially responsible citizens.



**Mr. Sujith Kumar**, Founder of the Maatram Foundation, offered a vivid and moving account of his organisation's wide-ranging contributions to society – work that continues to touch countless lives across Tamil Nadu. His address left a deep impression on the assembled alumni. The evening's third speaker, **Mr. Mohan Raman** – acclaimed actor, writer, and film historian – delivered a nostalgic and deeply personal tribute to legendary actor Nagesh, holding the audience spellbound with his reflections on a life devoted to cinema and craft.



The highlight of the programme, however, was the unveiling of the chapter's annual activity calendar - a structured, three-point programme designed to run through the full year ahead. The first initiative involves a formal partnership with the Loyola Inclusive Innovation Impact Centre (L3IC), the college's dedicated startup and incubation hub. Through this collaboration, alumni from across industry and academia will channel their expertise to amplify the centre's impact and empower the next generation of student innovators. The second initiative focuses on facilitating internships and externships for current Loyola students, bridging the gap between academic learning and professional exposure. The third initiative envisions the organisation of job fairs exclusively for alumni, creating targeted opportunities for career growth and professional reconnection within the Loyola community.

**Mr. Karthik Sabanayagam**, President of Loyola Alumni Chennai Chapter and Founder and Managing Director of the Sree Sumangala Group, underscored the significance of the evening's announcements, expressing confidence that the initiatives would open meaningful avenues for alumni to connect with the college, engage with students, and contribute to the broader community. **Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ**, Director of the Loyola Alumni Association, echoed this sentiment, noting that the alumni coming together in large numbers was testament to the enduring spirit of fellowship that the institution stands for.





**Rev. Dr. J. Antony Robinson SJ, Rector, Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Secretary and Correspondent and Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Principal, Loyola College** graced the occasion and felicitated the alumni, extending their encouragement and support towards the initiatives proposed for the year ahead.





## LOYOLA SHYAM KOTHARI CENTENARY BUILDING: NEAR COMPLETION

**Loyola Shyam Kothari Centenary Building** is a ground-plus-four-floor structure comprising 60 classrooms, 10 staff rooms, 3 multipurpose conference halls, and one Auditorium, built at an estimated cost of ₹40 Crores to commemorate Loyola College's centenary year of 2025. Staying true to the institution's heritage, the building replicates the architectural design of the iconic main building constructed in 1925.

The building is designed to house the School of Liberal Arts and accommodate nearly 6,000 students, funded through alumni and well-wisher contributions as well as CSR contributions from corporates and foundations for supporting the expansion of emerging UG/PG programmes.

Structural work has been fully completed as per the approved architectural plan. Interior fit-out is underway, and signage boards - covering room numbers, directional indicators, and departmental name boards - are being installed floor-by-floor. Additionally, a rooftop solar power system is being commissioned to ensure energy efficiency and long-term sustainability.

All interior works, finishing touches, and utility installations are expected to be completed by July 2026, after which the building will be formally commissioned for use.

LAA has been the backbone of fundraising, with contributions from alumni across India and abroad. LAA Executive and General Committee members and the alumni community deserve appreciation for their relentless fundraising efforts.

# LAA CONTRIBUTES TO FR. KURIAKOSE SCHOLARSHIP & LOYOLA RESEARCH ENDOWMENT FUNDS

LAA has made a generous and meaningful contribution to two of the college's most vital financial initiatives. Mr. Kathik Sabanayagam, President, LAA Chennai Chapter formally handed over a cheque of Rs. 12,00,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs only) towards **Fr. Kuriakose Scholarship Fund** and a cheque of Rs. 12,00,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs only) towards Loyola Research Endowment Fund to Rev. Dr. Antony Robinson SJ, Rector in the presence of Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Secretary & Correspondent; and Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Principal, Loyola College, Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director and EC members, LAA at the Executive Committee meeting held on March 12, 2026. This noble gesture is a tremendous encouragement to the ongoing fundraising efforts of the college and its alumni community.



# ALUMNI ENROLLMENT ON GRADUATION DAY

To encourage graduating students to join our Alumni portal and to raise awareness about alumni programmes and initiatives, a dedicated help desk was set up near the staircase of the college's main building on Graduation Day – March 18, 2026.

The help desk offered on-the-spot guidance and support, making it convenient for graduands to register with ease. An encouraging number of them signed up on the day itself, marking a promising step toward building a stronger and more connected alumni community.



## SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT

**Fr. N. Casimir Raj S.J. Endowment Scholarship:** LAA is glad to share that the interest accrued from Fr. N. Casimir Raj S.J. Endowment Scholarship, amounting to Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only), has been disbursed to the deserving students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, differently abled individuals, those from single-parent families for the academic year 2025–26.

**Loyola – Ajit Isaac Foundation Scholarship:** We are glad to share that the disbursement of Loyola – Ajit Isaac Foundation Scholarship amounting to Rs. 8,87,700/- (Eight lakhs eighty-seven thousand and seven hundred only), has been disbursed to the deserving, poor, economically disadvantaged students of Loyola College for financial year 2025–26.

# SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT

**Loyola – NAZTEC Scholarship:** We are pleased to announce that the Loyola – NAZTEC Scholarship amounting to ₹8,93,000 (Rupees Eight Lakh Ninety-Three Thousand Only) has been successfully disbursed to deserving students of Loyola College for the financial year 2025–26. The scholarship extended its support to students from vulnerable and marginalized backgrounds, including those living in poverty, refugees, children of single parents, orphans, transgender individuals, differently-abled students, and the economically disadvantaged.

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**Loyola – Swamy and Swamy, Chartered Accountants Endowment Scholarship:** We are glad to share that the accrued interest from Loyola – Swamy and Swamy, Chartered Accountants Endowment Scholarship, amounting to Rs. 1,40,725/- (One lakh forty thousand seven hundred twenty five only) has been disbursed to the deserving and financially poor UG/PG students of Loyola College for academic year 2025–26.

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**Loyola – Alamelu Venkatraman Endowment Scholarship:** We are pleased to announce that the accrued interest from the Loyola – Alamelu Venkatraman Endowment Scholarship, amounting to ₹37,500 (Rupees Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only), has been successfully disbursed to deserving students of the Department of Physics, Loyola College, for the academic year 2025–26. The scholarship was awarded in honour of Alamelu Venkatraman.

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# SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT

**Loyola – ABAN GROUP Endowment Scholarship:** We are glad to share that the accrued interest from Loyola – ABAN GROUP Endowment Scholarship, amounting to Rs. 3,50,000/- (Three lakh fifty thousand only) has been disbursed to the deserving, poor students, dalits, tribal students, economically disadvantaged students and socially disadvantaged students of Loyola College for academic year 2025–26.

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**Loyola – Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited Scholarship:** We are pleased to announce the successful completion of the Educational Scholarship for Underprivileged Students of Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. A total amount of ₹6,84,670 (Rupees Six Lakh Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Only) has been disbursed to deserving, academically meritorious students from underprivileged backgrounds for the financial year 2024–25.

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**Loyola – Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited Scholarship:** We are pleased to announce the successful completion of the Educational Scholarship for Underprivileged Students of Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. A total amount of ₹30,16,930 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Only) has been disbursed to deserving, academically meritorious students from underprivileged backgrounds for the financial year 2025–26.

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**Loyola – Sutherland Scholarship:** We are pleased to announce that the Loyola – Sutherland Scholarship amounting to ₹52,60,000 (Rupees Fifty-Two Lakh Sixty Thousand Only) has been successfully disbursed to deserving students of Loyola College, Chennai, for the financial year 2023–24. The scholarship extended its support to students from vulnerable and marginalized backgrounds, including those living in poverty, refugees, children of single parents, orphans, transgender individuals, differently-abled students, and the economically disadvantaged.

# SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT

**Loyola – Sutherland Scholarship:** We are pleased to announce that the Loyola – Sutherland Scholarship amounting to ₹50,00,000 (Rupees Fifty Lakh Only) has been successfully disbursed to deserving students of Loyola College, Chennai, for the financial year 2024–25. The scholarship extended its support to students from vulnerable and marginalized backgrounds, including those living in poverty, refugees, children of single parents, orphans, transgender individuals, differently-abled students, and the economically disadvantaged.

**Loyola Student Support Service (LSSS) meticulously identified beneficiaries and distributed the scholarships.** These scholarships have greatly assisted the beneficiaries in meeting their semester fees, hostel charges, and examination expenses. It is heartening to note that this thoughtful initiative - championed by alumni and well-wishers with a sincere commitment to student welfare - continues to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of underprivileged students. The financial relief provided has enabled them to pursue their academic journey with renewed focus, confidence, and dedication.

On behalf of the Management of Loyola College, the Rector, and the Executive and General Council members of the Loyola Alumni Association, we extend our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors and benefactors whose invaluable contributions have made this possible.



# ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

## LOYOLA PRIDE IN THE HALLS OF POWER



**MR. C. JOSEPH VIJAY**  
CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU



**MR. UDHAYANIDHI STALIN**  
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION



**MR. JCD PRABHAKAR**  
SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Loyola rejoices as six of its alumni make their mark in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

We congratulate **Mr. C. Joseph Vijay** on becoming **the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu** and **Mr. Udhayanidhi Stalin** as **the Leader of the Opposition** – a proud moment for every Loyolite. Our felicitations to **Mr. JCD Prabhakar** on being elected Speaker of **the Legislative Assembly**.

We are equally proud of **our MLAs** – **Mr. A. Srinath (Thoothukudi)**, **Mr. I.P. Senthilkumar (Dindigul)**, and **Mr. D. Logesh Tamilselvan (Rasipuram)** – for their mandate to serve the people.

*May they lead with the values Loyola instilled – integrity, excellence, and selfless service.  
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam! (For the Greater Glory of God).*



**MR. A. SRINATH**  
(THOOTHUKUDI)



**MR. I.P. SENTHILKUMAR**  
(DINDIGUL)



**MR. D. LOGESH TAMILSELVAN**  
(RASIPURAM)

# LOYOLITE'S GOLDEN LEAP C. REEGAN

We take immense pride in C. Reagan, alumnus of Loyola College and Thanjavur's celebrated pole vaulter, who clinched gold with a remarkable leap of 5.30m at the inaugural National Indoor Athletics Meet in Bhubaneswar, surpassing the Commonwealth Games qualification mark and setting a new personal best. A true Loyolite spirit soaring to national glory!



**SPORTS UPDATE**

**SUN NEWS**

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# AWARD FORBES INDIA LEADERSHIP AWARD 2026 – MR. AJIT ISAAC



## Congratulations, Mr. Ajit Isaac & Mrs. Sarah Isaac!

Loyola College, Chennai, and the Loyola Alumni Association take immense pride in congratulating our distinguished alumnus, Mr. Ajit Isaac, Founder Trustee, Ajit Isaac Foundation, and Mrs. Sarah Isaac, Trustee, Ajit Isaac Foundation, on receiving the prestigious Forbes India Leadership Award 2026 under the category of The Grassroots Philanthropists.

The award was presented by Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and Mr. KVS Manian, MD and CEO, Federal Bank - a recognition that speaks volumes of their dedicated service.

This honour is a fitting tribute to their extraordinary compassion and tireless dedication to serving the sick, particularly through palliative and end-of-life care. In choosing to walk alongside the most vulnerable at the most difficult moments of their lives, Mr. Ajit Isaac and Mrs. Sarah Isaac exemplify the highest ideals of selfless service and human dignity.

The Jesuit Management of Loyola College, together with Director, Executive and General Committee members of the Loyola Alumni Association, applaud their steadfast commitment to the needy and the poor. We are deeply inspired by their mission and offer our sincere prayers that they may continue their noble work with renewed strength, purpose, and grace for many years to come.

# LOYOLA ALUMNI DAY 2026



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## LOYOLA ALUMNI DAY 2026

Together for a century. United for a life time.

# SAVE THE DATE



09<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026 (SUNDAY)



MARK YOUR **CALENDARS!**  
REGISTRATION STARTS SOON!

Mark your calendars! Loyola Alumni Day 2026 is set to be celebrated on 9th August 2026. This much-anticipated annual gathering brings together Loyolites from across generations to reconnect, reminisce, and reaffirm their bonds with their beloved alma mater. We warmly invite all alumni to join this joyful celebration of fellowship and shared memories.



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