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*From the Principal's Desk*

## Celebrating a Vibrant November at Loyola

As we approach the end of the year, Loyola School continues to thrive in its mission of nurturing young minds and fostering a culture of excellence. November has been a month of joy, creativity, and gratitude, marked by curated events and celebrations that exemplify our school's vibrant spirit. This year's ZEST was a true carnival of joy and togetherness, bringing parents, grandparents, and teachers

into the heart of our celebrations. The excellent organization by our parent community was the highlight of the event, showcasing their incredible teamwork and dedication. The cultural programmes performed by parents were a treat to behold, reflecting their enthusiasm and creativity. Students shone in the Games Zone, offering exciting activities that engaged everyone.

A well-coordinated medical camp added a meaningful dimension, ensuring health and care were prioritized.

The exhibition stalls, organized as part of our Charity Dive, were a resounding success, emphasizing our commitment to giving back to society. ZEST '24 was not just an event but a testament to the vibrant community spirit that makes Loyola truly special.

Special thanks to Dr Anju Deepak and the PTA executive members and Mr S.Rakshesh Kumar, the ZEST coordinator, for making the event memorable and a grand success.

The Festival of Lights illuminated our campus with its warmth and positivity. Our students showcased the spirit of *Diwali* through cultural programmes and sharing of a variety of sweets and moments of joy. The celebration was a reminder of the values of harmony, togetherness, and the victory of light over darkness.

This month, we also celebrated the backbone of our institution—our non-teaching staff. Their tireless contributions ensure that Loyola School functions seamlessly every day. Through thoughtful gestures

and meaningful programmes, we expressed our gratitude for their dedication and commitment.

Veer Gatha Project 4.0 in our school stood out for its memorable presentation and the students' enthusiastic participation.

As we reflect on these events, let us carry forward the lessons of teamwork, gratitude, and patriotism into the days ahead. Let us continue to strive for excellence while nurturing the spirit of joy and celebration that defines our Loyola family.

We are also glad to publish the report on the Flood Relief Activities in Wayanad to which our close-knit family of parents, students, and staff contributed generously.

Wishing you all a blessed and fruitful December ahead.

**Fr Salvin Augustine, SJ**

## MEET OUR ALUMNI OF THE MONTH



Jose Mathew & Abey Antony M.

and I took on production, sales, and finance. Recently, we refined our roles, with Abey as Chief of Staff and myself as CEO.

Our belief was simple: good food shouldn't be a luxury but a delightful necessity accessible to everyone. Tired of the usual offerings, we wanted to introduce global cuisines to our community. This led to the creation of our brands *Momiji*, offering a variety of dumplings, and *Rasa*, our upcoming line of functional beverages.

Our journey hasn't been without its challenges. Venturing into business taught us that many perceived limitations are often just fears of the unknown. By staying vigilant and adaptable, we've navigated uncertainties we once thought insurmountable.

To current students and aspiring entrepreneurs, I humbly share this: entrepreneurship is more than a career path; it's a commitment to continual learning and resilience. No amount of preparation can fully equip you, but every experience contributes to your growth.

We recognize that our achievements stem from the strong foundation built during our school years. The guidance and support from our teachers, non-teaching staff, and the broader school community have been invaluable. To the alumni and faculty, your encouragement has been a beacon for us. We extend our heartfelt thanks to you and hope to honour the values you've instilled in us.

We aspire to expand Viplavam Food Labs, embracing new technologies and trends to bring diverse culinary experiences to more people. We remain open to learning and growth, knowing there's much more ahead.

Our story is one of humble beginnings and the collective effort of many. We hope it serves as a small inspiration, showing that with perseverance and support, it's possible to turn modest ideas into meaningful ventures.

Thank you for allowing us to share our journey.

Cheer Loyola's Scions.

# In Memoriam



Sreekumar N.

"A life lived simply, yet richly. "

In ever loving memory of our dearest friend, the late Shri Sreekumar N, "Kuleena House". Sreekumar was a student of Loyola (1974 batch) from kindergarten till the ninth standard. He is remembered in Loyola for his performance in a peacock dance on School Day. He was a very loving person and was available to all his friends, till the last. He worked in the State Agricultural Department, and retired as the Deputy Director. He passed away in Ghana, while on an assignment as an Organic Agricultural Consultant. His demise was due to an automobile accident. He leaves behind his wife Janaky Sudha and two sons, Aswin Kumar Sreekumar and Anand Kumar Sreekumar. May the fragrance of his essence be in our memory always.

LOBA

# In Memoriam



When any of us from BoSS, or any ex-Loyolite in Trivandrum, wanted to know anything related to the construction field, we never had to look beyond SS, as Suresh Michael Solomon was popularly known among us. That's the kind of person SS was. He was truly the heart and soul of BoSS—an intriguing coincidence that our batch of Loyolites will always have Suresh's initials in our name.

His kindness, loyalty, diligence and caring surely started with his family: his wife Bindu (homemaker and solely behind their children's academic excellence), son Varun (an ex-Loyolite and an IIT & IIM product currently working with ICICI Bank, Chennai) and daughter Diya (now preparing for CAT after having completed BA English Literature from Lady Shri Ram College Delhi and MA from EFLU, post her pass with 100% marks in HSC exams).

Suresh would go to the ends of the world to ensure a good life and happiness for them. Those values and attributes spilled over to his friends, clients, employees and elders. Where that unbounded energy, quiet

strength and a joyful, mischievous smile came from was always a mystery to us, but most welcome and warm.

Suresh Solomon was a solid presence for us in Trivandrum and at every gathering of BoSS, maybe the last to arrive, but also the last to leave after ensuring everyone's needs were taken care of. Alas, for once, he left early, and we are the ones in deep sorrow and shock at the manner of his leaving. He used to diligently sponsor the LOYOLA Best Athlete Cup every year in memory of his brother Santhosh, which will now be carried forward by BoSS in memory of both Santhosh and Suresh.

We will honour our Dear, Dear friend by carrying on his sincere, smiling, serene ways and savouring the wonderful memories that he leaves behind. We wish his family the best and promise to be there for them whenever needed and in the pursuit of happiness, just as SS would want us to. Cheers, Suresh. You are so badly missed already. Ride on, SS. Say hello to Santhosh and keep that shirt's second button open.

We will miss you, dear Friend

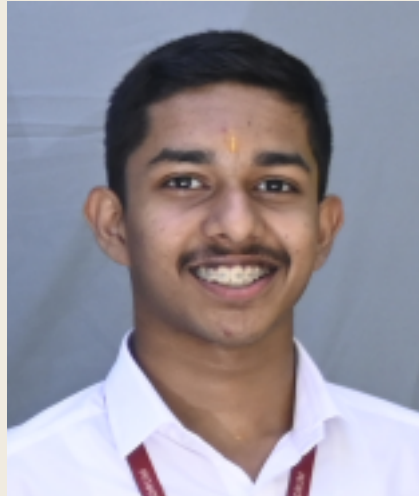
**BoSS (Boys of Seventy-Seven)**

# LOYOLITES IN THE LIMELIGHT



**ISHAAN SAJAY, X B**

3<sup>rd</sup> in ASISC Fr George Hess Memorial National Literary Competitions: Quiz at Ryan International School, Goregaon, Mumbai, on 26 October 2024



**ANANTHAKRISHNAN L., X B**

1<sup>st</sup> in Aqua Regia Quiz Competition of T.I.M.E. (Bangalore Region) and 4<sup>th</sup> at the National Level



**ASHWIN RAJ PRADEEP, X C**



**ABHINAND M. NAIR, X A**

2<sup>nd</sup> in English Light Music at ASISC Regional Cultural Competitions at KE School, Mannanam, on 8 Nov. 2024



**NEERAD R., V B**

1<sup>st</sup> in Light Music in Category 3 at ASISC Regional Cultural Competitions at KE School, Mannanam, on 8 Nov. 2024



**PRABITH KRISHNA, V A1**

SIP International Prodigy 2024 (SIP Academy, Kolkatta, 10 Nov 2024)





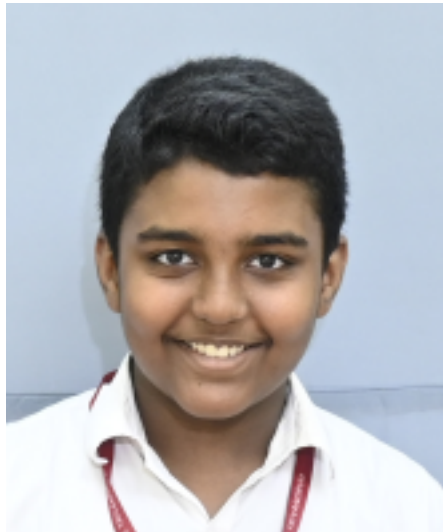
**Darshan S. Anand, VIII C**  
Performer Award in SIP International  
Abacus Prodigy 2024 competition  
in Kolkata, West Bengal, on  
10 November, 2024



**Jeremy Joseph Mundiyan, IV A1**  
First Prize with A Grade in Category 1  
English Elocution competition at  
CBSE State Kalotsav at Palakkad,  
on 9 November 2024,



**Roshan Suresh, VI C**  
Second Prize in Tabla (UP) Competition at  
Ananthapuri Nritha Sangeetholsavam  
on 3 Nov 2024



**Pranav Nair, VII B**  
Second Prize in ARENA Quiz 2024 hosted  
by St Thomas Central School



**Jonathan Edwards N., IX A**  
3rd in IT Quiz at CNHSS Tech Challenge 3  
Also, member of the team that won St  
Thomas Cup Basketball Championship  
on 19 November 2024

# For the Attention of **ALL ACHIEVERS**

Photos and details of the achievers will be published in LENS and the School Magazine only if they submit the details of the prizes they have won. The details are to be given in the prescribed form, in the descending order of importance, beginning with the highest level (International) down to the school level. The filled-in form is to be sent as a Word document (not pdf) to [achievers@loyolatvm.com](mailto:achievers@loyolatvm.com) with a copy to [jtdevagiri@gmail.com](mailto:jtdevagiri@gmail.com)

In case any achiever has failed to send or update the details, he/she may do it immediately. The form is given on the next page. Make sure that the file name of the filled-in form is always the admission number of the achiever, as given on the school identity card.

Achievers who still have doubts about how to furnish the details may refer to the Principal's two message shared with the parents and students earlier. The second of these two messages is reproduced below:

## **Dear Students/Parents**

Winners in extramural competitions will be considered for mention in the Principal's Annual Report, the school magazine, and LENS only if they furnish the details in the attached proforma and send it to [achievers@loyolatvm.com](mailto:achievers@loyolatvm.com) with a copy to [jtdevagiri@gmail.com](mailto:jtdevagiri@gmail.com) and update the document every time they win a prize thereafter. It is very important that the file name of the document is always the Admission number of the winner as given on his/her school identity card. (Nothing more and nothing less.)

It is the responsibility of the winner to provide the details and update the information when required. Since the file name is ALWAYS the same, the updated file will overwrite the previous one, and only the latest one will be considered. No complaints of non-inclusion will be entertained if the winners don't send the required document on time or the document is incomplete or erroneous.

The period of consideration for inclusion in LENS is from the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous month to the 25<sup>th</sup> of the current month.

The period of consideration for inclusion in the school magazine is from April 2024 to 15 March 2025

**Principal**

## ACHIEVEMENTS



<b>Name:</b> ..... <b>Class &amp; Division:</b> ..... <b>Admission No:</b> .....		
Prize/Position/Rank	Name of Competition and organiser	Date and place of competition
<b>A. International level</b>		
<b>B. National level</b> [Only if two or more States are involved]		
<b>C. Zonal level</b>		
<b>D. State level</b> [Only if two or more Districts/Zones are involved]		
<b>E. Regional/ District level</b> [Only if two or more Districts are involved]		
<b>F. Sub-District/ Interschool level</b>		
<b>H. School level</b>		
<b>Date of submission:</b>		

For Office Purpose only:

Clarification/copy of certificate sought:

Verified by:

# ZEST '24

## *A Celebration of Community, Creativity, and Commitment*

Zest, our school's annual extravaganza, has once again brought the community together, creating unforgettable memories and celebrating our collective spirit. This year's event was an extraordinary success, bringing happiness, creativity, and unity to parents, teachers, and the entire

school community.

The entertainment line-up at Zest was quite spectacular, featuring 55 events that highlighted the incredible talents of our grandparents and parents. From mesmerizing dance performances and soulful musical renditions to captivating theme shows and awe-inspiring talent

displays, every performance was a testament to the passion and dedication of the participants.

Behind the scenes, Zest was a labour of love, with nearly two months of meticulous preparation going into every detail. From planning to execution, our dedicated team of hosts and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that every



aspect of the event exceeded expectations.

Zest was more than just entertainment—it was a platform for making a positive impact on society. With various social initiatives, we organised multiple medical camps, a blood donation drive, and a clothing collection for those in need.

Environmental consciousness also took centre stage, with green initiatives integrated throughout the event. Teachers and students led the way with stalls and game zones, while parents contributed with business stalls, food stalls creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere.

The experience of organizing Zest brought our team closer together. It was a journey of shared ideas, mutual learning, and strengthened friendships. This spirit of teamwork and camaraderie transformed Zest into more than just an event—it became a heartfelt family effort.

We owe our success to the unwavering support of our school leadership, especially our principal, Fr Salvin Augustine SJ. His guidance and encouragement were instrumental in making Zest a remarkable event.

Zest served as a bridge between parents and the school, strengthening the ties that bind our community. By inviting parents to participate and engage directly in the event, we created a collaborative atmosphere that enhances understanding and fosters stronger relationships between the school and our parent community.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the entire school community. From teachers to students, parents to staff, every single member played a role in making Zest a success. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and support have made this year's Zest unforgettable. We look forward to many more years of celebration, community, and collaboration.

**S. Rakesh Kumar**

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The writer, who coordinated Zest' 24, is the parent of Abhay Rakesh of IX B

# ZEST '24

## Parents' Carnival

We witnessed the third edition of Zest on 9 November 2024. There wouldn't be another school in the city or the state having such a unique carnival by parents and grandparents. It is indeed a great move from the school management for letting PTA organise yet another edition of this festival.



Zest, as we all know, initially was conceptualised as a simple celebration where parents and grandparents could showcase their talents in front of their little ones. It has slowly evolved from its initial baby steps to giant strides in creating social awareness along with the entertainment it brings.

This year we witnessed a bunch of back to back events lasting for about 8 hours. Along with the cultural programme there was blood donation camp where many donated blood and took part in the

social drive. *Pachathuruthu*, the green initiative, was so well received that we could see most of the guests walking away with the plants bought from there to make their homes greener. The medical camps by Credence Hospital, the breast cancer awareness camp by KIMS Health and ophthalmic check up by Ahalia Eye Hospital were utilised by a majority of the visitors.

There were a lot of food stalls arranged by the teachers and also commercial stalls which witnessed huge crowds. The food court was bustling from morning till evening too. We can indeed be proud that ZEST is getting better with each year witnessing an increase in the participation. It is indeed a programme which both parents and children look forward to. This year also the programme was a tremendous success due to the meticulous planning and the flawless execution by the organising team and the participants who toiled day in and day out to make this a grand success. All these working parents and grandparents put in hours of practice to create an excellent show. The teachers too came forward amidst their busy schedule to take part in this programme. The non-teaching staff too played their part in organising this event. We had with us many organisations too lending a helping hand. Loyola was always known for the strong bond the students have among themselves. The success of this event is a testimony to the everlasting friendship between the parents which was built over these years and also how it has bridged the gap between the school and PTA. This will surely help the parents and school in bringing the best out of our students.

**Dr Anju Deepak**

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The writer is the President of the PTA and parent of Amogh Deepak of XI B

## *Reflecting on the* **SUCCESS OF ZEST '24**

*As we reflect on the success of Zest '24, it is clear that this event was more than just a celebration of talent—it was a testament to the power of community, collaboration, and the shared joy of contributing to something greater than ourselves. Every performance, every initiative, every small gesture of support contributed to the overall spirit of togetherness that made Zest '24 so special.*



Zest 1.0, launched in 2022, was conceived as a platform to bring parents—often silent—into the spotlight, giving them the opportunity to showcase their talents that had long remained hidden. By 2024, in its third iteration, Zest had evolved into something far greater: an emotional journey, a highly anticipated event, and a true celebration of diverse talent. Zest'24 was truly *"Where Silent Heroes Shine for Their Little Stars."* While the Zest Host Team played a crucial role behind the scenes, the real heroes were the parents and grandparents who, despite their demanding schedules, found time to rehearse and perform with unwavering dedication. The steadfast support of the school management provided the strong foundation upon which Zest'24 was built.

The coordination of Zest 3.0 was led by our dedicated captain, Mr. S. Rakesh Kumar, whose mantra, *"Why be ordinary when you can be extraordinary,"* inspired the entire team to strive for excellence. His leadership continues to guide us on this extraordinary journey. Preparations for this grand event began in August 2024.



Announcements were made through various communication channels, and after consolidating all entries, the team finalized 55 events that could be included in a single day. The Host Team met frequently, both online and offline, to divide responsibilities, assign participants to specific groups, and provide mentorship. Numerous calls were made leading up to the event, offering guidance, clarifying doubts, and ensuring that every technical detail was meticulously planned. Under the captain's clear direction,

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roles were carefully allocated, and follow-ups ensured that both hosts and participants were well-prepared for their respective stages.

On November 9, 2024, the event began at 9.30 a.m. with a warm welcome address by Zest 2024 Coordinator, Mr S. Rakesh Kumar, followed by the presidential address by the PTA President, Dr Anju Deepak

and the inaugural speech by Principal, Fr. Salvin Augustin SJ. A beautifully designed logo for Zest 2024, created by Merlin George and her team, was unveiled by Fr. Jose Thaiparambil SJ, Bursar.

The event was further enriched by a heartfelt Lamp Lighting Ceremony, where the PTA honoured the unsung heroes of our school—the Uncles and Aunties—who care for our kids from the moment they are picked up by the school bus, throughout their time at school, and until they are safely dropped off. The ceremony also paid tribute to Mary Titus Mathew Ma'am, our beloved English teacher, who is retiring this year after 25 years of instilling a love for the language in her students. The lamp was lit by Mary Ma'am, Gopakumar (Manian Uncle, who also completed 25 years of taking care of the children), Syamala Auntie, and several grandparents present at the venue, making it an emotionally fulfilling moment, marked by deep gratitude.

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unity and talent. As the event drew to a close, the host team delivered a memorable performance of their own. A sense of accomplishment, pride, and gratitude filled the air, shared by participants, hosts, and the audience alike.

In addition to the cultural events, Zest'24 radiated positivity through multiple initiatives under the theme Cultivating Health, Hope, and Harmony. Threads of Hope, a clothing drive, collected garments for boys aged 5 to 16, as well as for grandmothers and grandfathers. These clothes, gathered by Zest volunteers, will be distributed to those in need by our students. Pachathuruthu, a sustainability initiative with the motto "Growing Together, Greener Tomorrow," offered plants for sale along with gardening resources, promoting healthy living and environmental consciousness. Under the banner Health Horizon, three medical camps were organized: Camp 1, led by Credence Hospital, offering general and gynecological consultations; Camp 2, focusing on breast cancer screening, organized by KIMS Health; and Camp 3, an ophthalmology camp by Ahalya Hospital. Additionally, a blood donation camp, organized by RCC, saw many parents volunteering to donate. A career guidance section was also set up, helping students explore future opportunities. Given the wide spectrum of professions

represented by Loyola parents, the event also facilitated on-the-job training opportunities for students during the summer break.

The event also featured a variety of business stalls run by parents and grandparents, with teachers contributing unique and handmade items. Children actively participated, contributing through play stations,

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face painting, and other fun activities. The food drive, offering a variety of mouthwatering delicacies, was yet another major attraction. Prominent news channels were present to cover the event, capturing the excitement and enthusiasm of the day.

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students are exposed to all the opportunities society has to offer. Through Zest, the school's vision of providing guidance and opportunities for growth was realized. Organizing a full-day event involving over 1,500 people was undoubtedly a challenge, but thanks to the foresight and bravery of the school management, it became a reality.

In his inaugural address, Rev. Fr. Salvin Augustin SJ, Principal, quoted the powerful lines: "Are you finding happiness in what you do? And are you helping others find happiness in that pursuit?" Zest '24 was living proof of this statement. Yes, we brought joy to many, and in doing so, helped others find happiness along the way.

As we reflect on the success of Zest '24, it is clear that this event was more than just a celebration of talent—it was a testament to the power of community, collaboration, and the shared joy of contributing to something greater than ourselves. Every performance, every initiative, every small gesture of support contributed to the overall spirit of togetherness that made Zest '24 so special. From the parents and teachers who brought their creativity to life on stage, to the volunteers and organizers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, each person played a vital role in creating an unforgettable experience. We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated,

supported, and believed in the vision of Zest. As we look forward to the next chapter, we carry with us the joy, the memories, and the hope that this event has inspired. Until we meet again, let's continue to support one another and spread the happiness we've created together.

**Sree Lekshmi S. L.**

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The writer is the parent of Madhav Aravind of UKG A

# Silent HEROES

*While the vibrant performances, bustling stalls, and joyous celebrations took centre stage, the true heartbeat of ZEST '24 was the unwavering commitment and tireless efforts of our volunteers—the silent heroes whose dedication often goes unnoticed but remains the foundation of the event's success.*



As the final moments of ZEST '24 concluded on 9 November 2024, there was a shared sense of triumph and gratitude among all those involved. Despite the challenges we faced, especially the unpredictable weather leading up to the event, the day turned out to be a resounding success. It reaffirmed a powerful belief: when intentions are pure, and efforts are wholehearted, the universe conspires to support us. Even the weather seemed to align with our aspirations.

ZEST '24 was more than just an event; it was a platform of empowerment, learning, and service. Initiatives like the *Pachathurathu* plant stall promoted environmental sustainability, while the clothing collection drive embodied community, care and kindness. The meticulously planned medical and blood donation camps left a lasting impact on participants and attendees alike. Each stall, each initiative was a testament to collective passion and purpose.

While the vibrant performances, bustling stalls, and joyous celebrations took centre stage, the true heartbeat of ZEST '24 was the unwavering commitment and tireless efforts of our volunteers—the silent heroes whose dedication often goes unnoticed but remains the foundation of the event's success.

This year, the stage was set early. With the date marked well in advance in our school diary, seasoned participants began their preparations, but this time brought something special—a wave of first-timers eager yet unaware of the magic ZEST holds. To ensure these new participants felt included, the planning team sprang into action a month before the event. Applications were sent out to invite everyone interested, and the parent representatives played a pivotal role by personally reaching out to their respective classes, igniting enthusiasm and encouraging participation. For newbies, ZEST wasn't just an event; it was an invitation to become part of a movement, the vibrant platform that brings generations together, celebrates the talents of parents and grandparents, and fosters a sense of community. To bridge this gap, our volunteers went above and beyond, reaching out, encouraging, and guiding these new participants. It wasn't just about coordination; it was about creating a warm, welcoming environment where everyone felt valued and supported.

From the very first step of sending out applications to engaging with each individual participant, our volunteers took on the monumental task of ensuring every person felt supported and prepared. They meticulously matched interests, created new groups, and integrated individuals into existing teams, fostering camaraderie and collaboration. This wasn't a one-time effort; volunteers stayed in constant touch, encouraging, and ensuring that every participant felt prepared and confident to shine on the day of ZEST.

For our beloved grandparents, the extra care went beyond simple coordination. Volunteers became companions and supporters, checking in regularly to address any concerns and keeping spirits high. Amid their own routines of work, home responsibilities, and parenting, our volunteers devoted their spare hours to ZEST. Rain or shine, they encouraged practice sessions, reassured nervous participants, and stood by to offer help with even the smallest details.



Even the relentless rains couldn't dampen their spirit. Practices continued under umbrellas, in makeshift spaces, and through sheer determination. The core committee, with the added responsibility of coordinating all volunteers and assigning tasks, worked tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring everything was in place. From setup to check-ins, from arranging seating to supporting each performance, the committee's thoughtful planning ensured that every corner of ZEST radiated with care and organization. Their leadership extended a reassuring presence, motivating the volunteers to give their all and truly embody the spirit of ZEST.

What sets these volunteers apart is not just their hard work but their unwavering passion. Their contributions may not have taken the spotlight, but their impact illuminated every corner of ZEST. Their efforts ensured that every participant, new or seasoned, felt valued and celebrated.

To the volunteers of ZEST '24, your dedication is a testament to the power of selfless service. Your tireless efforts created a space where joy, connection, and creativity thrived. While your work may not always be seen, it is deeply felt in the smiles of grandparents, the confidence of participants, and the applause of the audience.

You are the soul of ZEST, the unseen stars that make the event sparkle. Thank

you for your boundless compassion, energy, and commitment that made ZEST not just an event but an experience of a lifetime.

ZEST '24 was a celebration of connections, memories, and community spirit. It was the volunteers who brought this vision to life with their relentless efforts and big hearts. They turned challenges into opportunities, transformed hesitation into confidence, and made every participant feel like a star. To every volunteer who gave their time, energy, and heart to ZEST '24: Thank you. You are the soul of this celebration, the reason it continues to thrive, and the silent heroes who make it all possible. Your work may often go unnoticed, but the impact of your efforts will resonate for years to come.

ZEST '24 wasn't just about programmes or initiatives; it was a celebration of the power of teamwork and shared dreams. As we reflect on this beautiful journey, we are reminded that even the grandest achievements are built on countless small acts of care, and commitment. To every silent hero who stood tall without seeking applause—thank you for being the heartbeat of ZEST '24. Your efforts are deeply valued and cherished. Together, we not only overcame challenges but created memories and impact that will resonate for years to come.

**Sindhu Chendurpandian**

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The writer is the parent of Sobhan Indra Kumar of VIII C.

# ZEST '24

*Where grandparents  
truly shone for their little stars*



ZEST '24, the much-anticipated Parents' Carnival, was a celebration of love, talent, and togetherness that left everyone inspired and awestruck. The tagline, “*Where Silent Heroes Shine for Their Little Stars,*” resonated beautifully throughout the event as grandparents—the often-unsung heroes behind our children’s successes—graced the stage with their timeless talents and infectious enthusiasm.

These remarkable grandparents didn’t just cheer from the sidelines; they took centre stage with confidence and charm, proving that their artistry and dedication is as vibrant as ever. Their heartfelt performances were gifts of love, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.

The grandparents poured their hearts into every performance, showcasing their unique talents and reminding us all that age is no barrier to creativity or passion. The auditorium was filled with nostalgia and admiration as they sang, danced, and recited poetry with grace and emotion, creating moments that will be cherished forever.

Cherunnioor Jayachandran Sir led the way, setting an inspiring example as the first grandparent performer of the day. His punctuality and flawless preparation stood as a testament to the timeless values he embodies.

Aleyamma Jacob Ma’am captivated the audience with her soulful rendition of the lullaby *Unni Vaavaavo*, perfectly synced with karaoke, evoking nostalgia and warmth.

Rajeev Prabhakaran Sir followed with a remarkable performance with his soulful voice. Both Aleyamma Jacob Ma’am and Rajeev Prabhakaran Sir have participated in all three editions of ZEST, proudly noting how the event continues to raise its quality each year.

Adding a touch of humour to the event, K. Manikantan Nair Sir performed a lively comedy song that left everyone smiling and reminiscing about simpler times. Padmadevi Ma'am brought an emotional touch with her poetry recital, marking a poignant moment as she revisited a poem she performed and won a prize for during her school days, 58 years ago. Her grace and sincerity reminded us that passions never truly fade; they only deepen with time.

K. Vanamamalai Sir moved the entire audience with his soulful rendition of *Jaane Kahaan* from *Mera Naam Joker*, dedicating it to his late wife. His heartfelt performance was a deeply emotional moment that touched every heart in the auditorium.

One particularly inspiring performance came from Dr Mini Soman, who overcame all hesitation to perform a semi-classical dance for her grandson's school. Her graceful movements and heartfelt dedication reminded everyone that art transcends age and remains timeless. Watching her take the stage, many were left wondering how she managed it so effortlessly, even after retirement. It was a moment of inspiration for all.

Adding to the magic, Chandrasekhar Sir, a retired bank manager, volunteered to perform. His impromptu singing stunned everyone with its professional quality and emotional depth, proving that talent and passion can shine even in unexpected moments.

The performances of all these grandparents were more than just entertainment—they were profound expressions of love and dedication for their little stars. Through their participation, they taught us invaluable lessons about living fully, embracing passions, and celebrating the joys of life at every stage.

As the event concluded, the applause echoed not just for their performances but also for the unwavering support and silent sacrifices they make every day. They are the pillars of strength behind their grandchildren's success, quietly nurturing dreams and inspiring greatness.

ZEST '24 was a glowing tribute to these silent heroes, who truly shone on stage for their little stars. Their presence and performances added depth, warmth, and heart to the carnival, reminding us all of the enduring bonds between generations. With gratitude and admiration, we eagerly await future editions of ZEST, where we hope to see even more grandparents take the stage, proving once again that their love and passion are truly timeless.

**Dr Merlin George**

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The writer is the parent of Evan Philip Mathew of V B.





Zest '24 was more than just an event; it was a vibrant celebration of talent, cultural heritage, and the unifying spirit of community. As someone who has been a core member of Zest, I made the heartfelt decision this year to take some time to immerse myself fully in the performances—a luxury I missed in the last two years. This choice allowed me to witness the event's magic as an audience member, and I truly feel blessed to have experienced every moment of this extraordinary showcase.

The day's success was amplified by the charming and witty MCs whose seamless transitions and engaging interactions brought the programme to life. Special mentions go to Krishnakumar (KK) and Gayatri Mohan whose lively banter, entertaining movie song-based trivia questions, and crowd interactions kept the energy levels high throughout the event. Their spontaneous humour, engaging anecdotes, and ability to connect with the audience added a delightful layer of entertainment, ensuring there was never a dull moment.

The performances were thoughtfully designed to provide a seamless mix of genres. From traditional dances like Margamkali—a visually stunning round-dance rooted in Kerala's Christian heritage—to

experimental fusion acts like Kathak Fusion by Mystic Melange and Semiclassical Fusion by Dheemahi, the diversity of styles ensured there was something for everyone. The Retro Dance by XOPOC brought back the golden era of music and dance, blending nostalgia with electrifying energy. Meanwhile, the Bollywood Mashup by LOYO Moms delighted the audience with its colourful choreography and vibrant tunes. Happy Feet's fast-paced dance mashup brought back the whole stage on a high-energy mode.

Each performance told its own story. The Bharatanatyam solo by Sindhu Vijayan transported the audience into the mythological world of Lord Rama, while Navatarang depicted the vibrancy of India's festivals, radiating empowerment and joy. Kaliyattam by Tarang, a Theyyam-inspired dance, was another highlight that left the audience spellbound with its dramatic energy and cultural depth.

Music added a deeply emotional and nostalgic touch to Zest '24. The heartfelt renditions of evergreen classics like *Olathumbathu* Irunnu by Aleyamma Jacob and the fast-paced *Sharika Ninne Kanaan* by Remya M.L. brought smiles and tears alike. The stage became even more special with performances by the alumni who are now proud Loyola parents, reflecting on how meaningful it was to sing in front of their families. Parents who hadn't performed in

years rediscovered their passion, presenting heartwarming songs that resonated with everyone.

Devpal's stirring rendition of the timeless melody *Thumse Milne Ki Tamanna* from Saajan captivated the audience, while K. Vanamamalai delivered a profoundly emotional performance in memory of his late wife, singing for his children and grandchildren. Anuja Shajahan's soulful Hindi Ghazal brought a sense of serenity and elegance, enthralling listeners with her expressive voice. These moments of vulnerability and love underscored the depth of connections the event fostered and the speciality of performances displayed by our dear parents.

The event's emotional depth was further amplified by the heartfelt participation of grandparents and parents. Their involvement added a special charm, with the Retro Dance and Fusion Dance by Star Moms capturing hearts. A particularly touching moment occurred during a duet song performed by Rajesh S. and Dr Lekshmi Srinivas, whose chemistry and dedication struck a deep chord with the audience. The grandparents' Malayalam medleys were a testament to the power of music in connecting generations and drew a standing ovation as spectators witnessed the joy and pride on their faces.

Our teachers also made their mark, with a mesmerizing music medley by Deepu Sir and a beautifully

choreographed group dance. It was heartwarming to see the teachers take the stage with confidence and grace and receiving loud cheers from the students and parents alike.

Another show-stopper was the grand fashion-themed presentation "Humanity: A Journey Through Civilizations." This masterpiece combined colourful costumes, dramatic storytelling, and a powerful narrative to take the audience on a visual journey through the evolution of human culture and society.

The event concluded with a surprise that touched everyone's hearts—a group dance by the ZEST coordinators. In a remarkable display of camaraderie, the entire team joined hands with the performers for the iconic song *Yeh Dosti Hum Nahin Todenge*. This heartfelt act symbolized the bond of friendship and connection shared with the school, the management, and among the team members. It was a perfect finale, leaving the audience with a sense of joy, unity, and inspiration.

Amidst the vibrant performances, there was a thoughtful pause for a cancer awareness session conducted by the students. This meaningful segment highlighted the importance of early detection and prevention, leaving the audience not only informed but also inspired by the students' dedication to social causes.

Zest '24, the third edition, was undoubtedly a day to cherish and a tradition to eagerly look forward to in the coming years, setting the bar even higher for cultural celebrations.

**Sankar Aniyan**

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The writer is the Vice President of the PTA and the parent of Kesav Sankar, VII A and Mukund Sankar, III C

# ZEST '24 GALLERY

## Inaugural Function



School Anthem by Host Team



ZEST Logo Release by Fr Jose Thaiparambil, SJ



Lighting the Lamp





Inaugural Address: Fr Salvin Augustine, SJ

## Honouring the Silver Jubilarians



Mrs Mary Titus Mathew, Teacher of English



Shyamala Auntie



Manian Uncle (Mr Padmakumar)

# Performers on and off stage



## TEAM RHYTHM: Skirt Dance

Featuring Deepthi D. (M/o Sarinjay, VII D & Shriansh, IV B), Anu James (M/o Nathan, IV B), Arya V. S. (M/o Ethan, IV A1), Divya C. J. (M/o Ishan, VI B1), Rajana V. R. (M/o Sreeranj, VIII A1 & Sreerav, IV A1), Bismi Samad (M/o Aman Babu (VIII A1), Binsy Smiji (M/o Bobby, V A1), Sangeeta S. (M/o Prajit, IX A1), Aiswarya S. K. (M/o Alfin, XII F1 & Jofin, VIII A1)



## Solo Song by Cherunioor Jayachandran (Grandfather of Aarav A., VIII C)



## Solo Song by Aleyamma Jacob (Grandmother of Ryan Alexander Sanju, IV D)



## TEAM LOYO MOMS: Bollywood Mashup

Featuring Nisha Balaraman (M/o Dhananjay, V C), Sreeja (M/o Abhijeeth, V C & Achuth, XII A1), Sonia Varghese (M/o John Binesh, V C), Thanu Elizabeth Mathew (M/o Kevin, V D), Arathy Brinda Vijayan (M/o Ishan, V A1), Jenifa Jerome (M/o Lafin, V B), Merin Babu (M/o Roshan, V D & Kiran, I A), Shyni M. T. (M/o Devadath, V C)



**TEAM OCTAVES: Group Song**

Featuring Rose V. (M/o Sebastian, III 3A), Jithin V. (F/o Madhav, X A & Manav, IV D), Prasanth G. K. (F/o Sreehari, X B), Megha Anna Thomas (M/o Chris, X A), Ajitha Kumari S. R. (M/o Karan Suresh, X A), Dr. Madhavdas (F/o Abhinand M. Nair, X A), Sree Lekshmi (M/o Nandan J. S., X A), Sanoj V. (F/o Aagney S.S., VII A), Vimoon John (F/o Hanok, III A), Remya S. Nair (M/o Rithvik, X A & Parthiv, III D), Dr Zinia T. Nujum (M/o Mohammed Ibnu Anzar, X C)



**Semiclassical Dance by Dr Sreeranjini G.**  
(Mother of Hari Govind S. P., V D)



**Solo Song by Chandrasekhar**  
(Grandfather of Adheen S. Nair, IX A1)



**SWARATARANG: Blast into the past**

Featuring Abhilash V. C. ( F/o Siddharth, VIII B1 & Sachith, V A1), Vasanth Raj R . (F/o Aman, VIII A), Vinod Thampy (F/o Achut, VIII C & Keshav, UKG A), Devika K . (M/o Akshay, VIII A), Gayathri Suresh (M/o Srihari, VIII B), Anjana Krishnan (M/o Keshav, VIII A & Madhav, IV B), Lakshmi Nair (M/o Aditya, VI B)



**TEAM RHYTHM RIDERS: Group Song**

Featuring Anuraj & Rakhi (Parents of Reyhan A. R., LKG B), Sneha (M/o Sarovar Priyadarsan, LKG B), Tincy (M/o Mario Zane Figy, LKG E), Soumya & Vivek (Parents of Jayden Vivek Thomas, LKG E), Unnikrishnan (F/o Ayaan, LKG D), Beena (M/o Krithik Dev S. B., LKG E)



**Semiclassical Dance by Dr Mini Soman**  
(Grandmother of Dhruv Krishna, LKG A)



**Solo Song by Deepu Alex**  
(Father of James Alex Medayil, IV D)



**TEAM MYSTIC MELANGE: The Story of Heeramandi Courtesans**  
Featuring Gayathry V. S. (M/o Aaryan M. Nair, IV B), Shruthi Gopinath (M/o Megharoopan. V D), Emy Jacob Fernandez (M/o Johann, VIII A, Nelson, V B and Aaron (II C)





**Solo Song by Dhanya S. M.**  
(Mother of Madhav Raviraj, IV A1)



**Deepu M. (Music Teacher, Loyola School)**  
(Keyboard Accompaniment: Abhinand M. Nair, X A)



**TEAM DHEEMAHI: Semiclassical Fusion Dance**  
Featuring Dr Aathira (M/o Anirudh, UKG A), Divya (M/o Prithiv Deepak, UKG F) and Monisha (M/o Shreyas Sandeep, LKG B)



**Solo Song by Jacob Thomas**  
(F/o Ryan Thomas Jacob, V C)



**Solo Song by K. Manikantan Nair**  
(Grandfather of Sriram Vijayaraj, IV A1)



**Malayalam Recitation by K. Padmadevi**  
(Grandmother of Mahendra Joshi, VII B)



**Solo Song by Rajeev Prabhakaran**  
(Grandfather of Vineeth Arun, III D)



**Solo Song by Vijay Narayanan**  
(F/o Adikesh Narayan V., LKG A)



**Malayalam Recitation by Sarada Devi P. S.**  
(M/o Devanand M. S., XI B)



**Solo Song by Subha S.**  
(M/o Sabareesh Padmaraj S. R., VI D)



**Loyola Teacher-Dancers**

Front Row: Johna Rose, Ajitha Shibu, Swathisree Malavika Vijayan, Anjaly V. Das  
 Back Row: Aswathy S., Arathy B. Kumar, Anu G. S., Jeena Mohanan, Aarya Hareendran



**Solo Song by K. Vanamamalai**  
 (Grandfather of Pranav R. Mathevan, VIII A1 )



**Solo Song by R. J. Sangeetha**  
 (M/o Rishikesh Arun, IX B)



**Tamil Solo Song by Saranya S. S.**  
 (M/o Viswajith, IV A & Navneet V. S., LKG A)



**Duet by Dr Lekshmy Srinivas and Rajesh S.**  
 (Parents of Shreya Rajesh, XII A & Abhinav Rajesh, IX C)



**Fusion Dance by Lekshmi Gopikrishnan**  
 (M/o Abhinav Krishnan, IX B)



**DANCE TEAM NAVATARANG: Festivals of Incredible India**

Featuring Sreeja S. Kumar (M/o Gautham Abhilash, VIII C), Juby Jacob (M/o Rishith, VIII A & Nathan, LKG E), Swathi Shetty (M/o Aamay, VIII B), Rajshree Arun (M/o Abhimanyu, VI B), Twinkle John (M/o Jessae, XII B & Johann, VIII C), Rajasree Arun (M/o Aarav A., VIII C)



**Stand-up Comedy by Angelo Bevin Dacruz**  
(F/o Ethan Percival Angelo, 1 D)



**Solo Song by Devpal D.**  
(F/o Devarsh D., IX C)



**TEAM MALHAR: Fusion Dance**

Anzeena S. (M/o Devath, LKG B), Parvathy Nishanth (M/o Ishwar, LKG B), Dr Febin Elias (M/o Idris, LKG E), Aiswarya R. Nair (M/o Yashwin, LKG C), Arathy Francis (M/o Cian, LKG C), Reethu P. ( M/o Jovan, V D & Janosh, LKG E)



**Sindhu Vijayan: Solo Dance**  
(M/o Mahasvin M., X A)



**TEAM XOPOC: Retro Style**

Deepa Sudhir (M/o Diya, X1 D1), Ushas A. K. (M/o Goutham, VIII A1), Praveena C. (M/o Vedang II A), Sruthi V. J. (M/o Devika, XI D1), Reena Sebastian (M/o Reuben, XI A1) Vidhya R. (M/o Vihaan, II B), Binushma S. G. (M/o Shreyas, XI D1 & Sidharth, IX B), Aswathy Santhosh (M/o Akshat S. Nair, XI B), Lekshmi Jayan (M/o Aashish, XI C1), Deepa R. (M/o Gowri, XI A1), Meena Anil (M/o Niranjan, XI B & Sidharth, VII C), Rahi Rajan (M/o Bhagat, XI B1)



**TEAM TWINKING TOES: Fusion Dance**

Lakshmi S. Udayan & Hari Ramachandran (Parents of Advait, IV A & Aiden, I B), Vineetha P. & Sarun S. (Parents of Sacheth, IV A1), Parvathy A. & Jaiwish B. G. (Parents of Athiksh, IV C), Salini Unnikrishnan & Renjith R. V. (Parents of Advik, IV A1), Jayalekshmi B. R. & Vishnu G. (Parents of Devanandh, IV A)



**TEAM HAPPY FEET: Fast Numbers Mashup**

**Front Row:** Drishya Subramoni (M/o Ishaan, II A1), Aashly A. (M/o Lizzaro, (IV C), Reshma Beddyson (M/o Cyril, II A1),  
**Standing:** Aswathy Das (M/o Adithya Hari, IX C), Edza Davis (M/o Reuben, I A1), Devika (M/o Shahul Hameed, IV C), Rajalekshmy R. (M/o Niranj, X B1 & Nivedh, VI A1), Bhavya Fernandez (M/o David Culas, II A1), Arya Satheesh (M/o Vedhik, V B & Vairav, UKG C)



**TEAM VIBE TRIBE: Fusion Dance**

Anjana Krishnan (M/o Keshav Balachandran, VIII A & Madhav, IV B),  
 Sreelakshmi J. J. (M/o Abhinav Anildeep Nair, IV B), Sameera Alex  
 (M/o Ivaan, IV D & Nathal, I C), Sini Alex M/o Evan Alex Petta, IV C),  
 Suma Sudhakaran (M/o Ryaan Sobi, IV C), Athira Gopan  
 (M/o Adhav D. Nair, IV D), Aiswarya S. Kumar  
 (M/o Arnav A., IV C), Reshma Sooraj  
 (M/o Ishaan, IX B & Aryan, IV C)



**THEME SHOW: Humanity: A Journey Through Civilizations**

Featuring Arun & Rajshree (Parents of Abhimanyu, VI B), Priyadarsini S. S. (M/o Harinarayanan, VI D), Shaju L. Mony  
 (F/o Johaan, III A1 & Ryan, UKG E), Juby Jacob (M/o Rishith, VIII A & Nathan, LKG E), Nithya Aswin (M/of Yadharth, IX A1  
 & Yuvaan, II A), Jeskleen Justin (F/o Jovan, V D & Janosh, LKG E), Anju (M/o Juan, I A), Beena (M/o Netan, VI A),  
 Rani (M/o Agastya Narayan, II A1), Nasmin (M/o Farzan Haneez, VII C), Bineesh B. (F/o B. S. Abhinand, IV A),  
 Jinu Abraham (M/o Austin Alex, X A & David Alex, IV B), Molex Kumaranthara (M/o Alex Augustine Wales, VIII B),  
 Rose Mary (M/o John Bejoy Babu, VI A), Anita Daniel (M/o Adrinne, XI E1, Austin & Evan, VII B),  
 Binsy Smiji (M/o Bobby, V A1)



**TEAM ZEST: Spirit of Fun and Friendship**

**Front Row:** Sindhu C., Sangeeta Satheesan, Suja K. R., Rajshree Arun, Gayathri Mohan.

**Standing:** Jisha Sankar, Reshma Aravind, Sreeji C. S. Nair, Rajeswari V. N., Anuraj N. A., Jeskleen Justin, Arun S., Abhilash V. C., Gayathri Janardanan, Dr Sreelekshmi Nair, Rosemary



**THE COMPERING TEAM**

Dr Bharath Veerabadhran, Gayathri Mohan, Murali Krishnan B., Sreeji C. S. Nair, Tintu Sudeep Culas, Gayathri Janardanan



Medical Camps in progress



Principal Fr Salvin Augustine congratulating the organisers and the performers on the huge success of ZEST'24



Vote of thanks by Ms Johna Rose







**Team Tarang Offstage:**  
Devu Sukumar, Devi Rajan, Divya Sreejith,  
Milu M. S., Aswathy S. Kumar, Gayatri Rajan,  
Resmi Pius, Resmy A. R., Shvetab Rathod



**Loyola Teacher-Dancers**



**LOYO MOMS Offstage**

**TEAM ZES ANGELS: Margam Kali**

Featuring Priya C. Kurian (M/o Tom Alex, XI D1 & Jerom Alex, VI A) Vani G. (M/o Deyaan V. Deepak, I A1), Sree Parvathy (M/o Sidhaarth Sreejith, UKG D), Neema Therese (M/o Abel Alen & Abram Alen, I D), Sharanya Nair G. (M/o Bhagat A. S., III A), Dr Sreelekshmi (M/o Daksh R. Nair, VII D)



**Duet: Malayala Madhuram**

Lekshmi G. Nair (M/o Vinayak L Ajit, V C) and Dr Lavanya L. (M/o Niranjan Prashobh Nair, V B)



**TEAM TARANG**

Featuring: Devu Sukumar (M/o Vikhyath Nair, UKG A), Devi Rajan (M/o Saatvik Suresh, III A1), Divya Sreejith (M/o Adikesh S., II A1), Milu M. S. (M/o Pranav S. Nair, III D), Aswathy S. Kumar (M/o Aadhinath S. Nair, III C) Gayatri Rajan (M/o Laxman Sankar, III A), Resmi Pius (M/o Mario Pius Fernandez, III D), Resmy A. R. (M/o Rishikesh K.R., III A1), Shvetab Rathod (M/o Vedansh, III A), Arun S. (F/o Abhimanyu, VI B)



**STAR MOMS: Fusion Dance**

Featuring Sreekala J. R. (M/o Arush S. Raghesh, II A1), Renjini B. (M/o Nivin R. D., II D), Asha K. Nair (M/o Dhruv A. Nair, II C), Shridevi S. (M/o Karthik S. Sajeev, II D), Anupama Sugathan (M/o Arnav A. Sumesh, II D), Archana A. M. (M/o Asvil S. Rajasekharan, I A), Dr Lekshmi G. (M/o Keshav Unnikrishnan, II B)



**Solo Song by Arun G. C.**

(F/o Arjun A. L., IX B1 & Adwaith A. L., III A1)



**Solo Song by Ambily S.**

(M/o Nanda Kishore A.S., XII D1 & Niranjan A. S., V D)



**Hindi Gazzal by Anuja Shajahan**

(M/o Ayan Backer, V D)



**Solo Song by Sajith G.**  
(F/o Prithwil S., LKG E)



**Solo Song by Dipu**  
(F/o Vihaan Pillai, I D)



**Solo Song by Shine Kumar G.**  
(F/o Nanda Kishore, XII D1 &  
Niranjan A. S., V D)



**Solo Song by Deepika S.**  
(M/o Devarathan S., II C)



**Solo Song by Jacob Joseph**  
(F/o Joe Jacob, IV A1)



**Solo Song by Remya M. L.**  
(M/o Sriram Vijayaraj, IV A1)



**Semiclassical Dance by Anjali L. R.**  
(M/o Aron Reji, V D)



**Solo Dance by Lekshmi Thampi**  
(M/o Arjun A. L., IX B1 & Adwaita A. L., III A1)



**The exultant host team at the end of the impeccable extravaganza, Zest'24**



# Cancer Awareness Campaign



It was with immense pride and responsibility that we walked along the school campus on 9 November morning holding the banner and displaying cards on cancer awareness.

Cancer existed from the dawn of mankind. Studies say that approximately three people are diagnosed with cancer every minute and therefore it is vital to know about this silent killer. Cancer awareness is a critical part of public health awareness that aims to educate people about the causes, symptoms, prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer.

It was providential that I was a part of this awareness drive because I had seen my own grandfather succumbing to the catastrophic effects of cancer two years ago. I felt it my moral responsibility to contribute towards cancer awareness programme for the benefit of the society.

Loyolites, under the guidance of Fr Salvin Augustine SJ and Sreelakshmi Ma'am, were assigned the duty of designing posters, preparing PowerPoint presentation and printing out the posters as handouts on cancer awareness.

The programme was organized in association with KIMS Health, Thiruvananthapuram, and was kicked off with a procession around the school campus. We proudly wore a pink ribbon on our school uniform, as we were the ambassadors of the programme. Interaction sessions were organized with various dignitaries and parents who had assembled in school to be part of the ZEST'24 event.

ZEST'24, the acclaimed parents' carnival, was also being organized on this day. It brought together parents and grandparents to showcase their extraordinary talents. It event was organized in vibrant spirits with a plethora

of cultural ingredients coupled with programmes that aimed at social welfare. It featured stalls by parents and teachers, medical camps and a blood donation drive. It was not only an opportunity for the parents and to rekindle their memories of school and college days but also an event that underscores Loyola's commitment to the society.

The day was filled with joy, laughter and togetherness making this carnival an unforgettable experience.

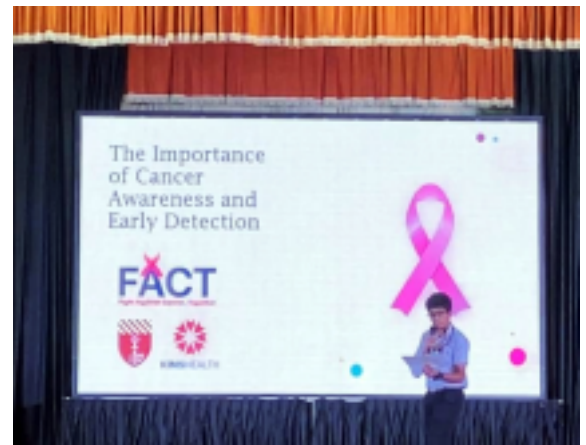
We, got an opportunity to present the slideshow on cancer awareness during the ZEST'24 event. Among other things, the slideshow reiterated the need for a healthy living style and regular checking.

We were humbled by the overwhelming appreciation and support from the Principal, teachers and parents that we received for our efforts for a noble cause.

The day concluded leaving behind a sense of accomplishment and joy.

**Sreehari A.J., VIII B1**







# Zest '24: Food Courts, Game Zone & Business Stalls



Zest'24 brought together parents, teachers, and students in a collaborative celebration of community and fun. The event was a vibrant mix of activities, performances, business stalls, food courts and game zone, ensuring that there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The teachers took charge of the food stalls, offering an array of culinary treats for diverse palates. Students of Class XI were the driving force behind the game zones that included Top Gear, Balloon Burst, Nerf BattleGrounds, PlayStation 5, Basketball, Board Games, Mini Games, and Guess Your Weight, sporty challenges that kept the crowd entertained. A special stall offered creative activities such as face painting, mehndi, nail art, and tattoos, adding a colourful and artistic dimension to the carnival.

Sponsors actively participated in the event by setting up stalls and supporting activities. KIMS Hospital, in particular, organized a medical camp offering services such as blood donation, reinforcing the charitable focus of the event.

The success of Zest'24 was the result of the collective efforts of everyone involved. Teachers, students, and parents worked tirelessly to make the event memorable and meaningful. The funds raised through the carnival will undoubtedly make a positive impact, exemplifying the values of generosity and collaboration. The event truly highlighted the unity of our school's extended family, leaving lasting memories for all who participated.

**Albie Philip Abraham, XI A**







# PRIZE WINNERS IN L-SPECTRA 2024 (Classes I, II, & III)

## WORKING MODEL

### CLASS I

#### First

Nahush P., I C

#### Second

Kavin Prabhu, I A

Aditya A. M., I D

#### Third

Joachim John Jojo, I A1

Prabhav Libith, I B

Arush Aravind, I A1

### CLASS II

#### First

Arnav Arun, II A1

Fizan Mohammed Ahyan, II A1

#### Second

Ishaan Pradeep, II C

Aarav S. Varun, II A1

#### Third

Aarush S. S., II A1

Hrishikesh G. S., II A1

### CLASS III

#### First

Adithya Anand, III D

#### Second

Badrinath K., III A1

Laxman Sankar, III A

#### Third

Neeraj Arun, III C

Alok R. S., III D

## STILL MODEL

### CLASS I

#### First

Dhruv A. S., I D

#### Second

Aarian Nair, I B

John Noby, I A

#### Third

Nathal S. Alex, I C

Ayan Abhishek, I D

Kiran Parambi Arun, I A

### CLASS II

#### First

Juluri Rajkumar Advait, II A

#### Second

Adikesh, II A1

Thejus Praveen J., II D

Joel A. John, II A

#### Third

Arnav R. Nambiar, II B

Akhilesh R. R., II D

Krishna Kiran, II A

### CLASS III

#### First

Devdath Lokesh, III B

#### Second

Nakul A., III A1

Vineeth Arun, III D

#### Third

Divit A. Pillai, III A

Pranav S. Nair, III D

Akshay Krishna, III A1

## CHARTS

### CLASS I

#### First

Aman V. Joseph, I C

#### Second

Muhammed Raif, I D

#### Third

Jonathan Devaraj Swamy, I C

Ayush S. R. I B

Jacob Johny, I B

### CLASS II

#### First

Sidharth A., II B

#### Second

Muhammad Imran Bin Firoz, II B

R. L. Devdarsh, II D

Adithya Alfred, II B

#### Third

Rex Lopez, II C

Gautham Krishna P., II A1

### CLASS III

#### First

Hedwaethan H. Dropson, III C

#### Second

Ryan Aneesh, III A1

Raj V. Mohan, III A1

#### Third

Niran Raj N. S., III C

Aayush S. Sunil, III A1

### SPECIAL CATEGORY

#### STAMPS AND COINS COLLECTION

**Winner:** Rayan Renjith, III C

# Non-Teaching Staff Day Celebration



St Alphonsus Rodriguez Feast was a heartfelt event dedicated to honour the invaluable contributions of our dear Non-Teaching staff day members of our school. It was held on October 30, 2024. The event was a tribute to the hardwork and dedication of our uncles and aunties.

The celebration began with a soulful prayer by the school choir that set the tone for the event. School Leader Master John Sabu Abraham delivered a warm welcome speech, acknowledging the vital role of the non-teaching staff. The presidential address was delivered by the Rector, Fr Sunny Kunnappallil S.J., who inspired the audience with his thoughtful words. The students of Class XI presented a melodious group song, showcasing their musical talents.

Latha Ma'am delivered an enlightening speech on the life and legacy of St Alphonsus Rodriguez. This was followed by a mesmerising dance performance by the Junior School teachers. Master Madhav Krishna of Class XI D1 captured the minds of the audience with his solo song. These performances not only entertained but also conveyed deep appreciation and respect for the hardwork and dedication of our beloved uncles and aunties. The students of Class XI followed it up with an engaging video presentation highlighting the yeoman service of the non-teaching staff. Bindu aunty expressed gratitude on behalf of her colleagues.

Principal Fr. Salvin Augustine SJ spoke in glowing terms about the incomparable contribution made by each member of the day's guests of honour. The formal function ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Master Thomas Joseph Binoy and the school anthem.

The celebration was not just a routine event to acknowledge the efforts of those individuals who support our educational journey behind the scenes, but a powerful reminder of the deep bond of love and appreciation that is the hallmark of the larger Loyola family. It was a day filled with gratitude, respect and unity, leaving a lasting impact on both the students and staff members.

**Kezia Gene Pereira, Class XI A**



**Members of the non-teaching staff lining up, to be ceremonially ushered into the indoor stadium**





Reception at the auditorium, with red roses and Thank You cards



Presidential Address:  
Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ



Ms Latha K, on life and legacy  
of St Alphonsus Rodriguez



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programme  
onstage

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youtube video of  
**DIWALI**  
celebrations  
onstage



# Report

## FLOOD RELIEF ACTIVITIES 2024

**Fr Jacob Kumminiyil, SJ**

(Director, TUDI, Eachme, Wayanad)

Wayanad faced a tragic situation this year. As part of flood relief campaign, we have been supported from our province administration and other provinces of the Society of Jesus and institutions.

### **Our benefactors**

Village Reconstruction Organization of Andhra Jesuit Province supported us with rice, school kit and tarpaulin sheets. St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, came forward with a full truck load of a variety of essential items. Sadhana Institute, Lonavala, Jamshedpur Jesuit province, Loyola College, Chennai (both in cash and in kind), Loyola Jesuit Residence, Chennai, Papal Seminary, Pune,

Loyola School Sreekaryam, Trivandrum and many individuals and, institutions from Kerala Jesuit province reached out to us. With their helping hand we could go to the villages with food kit, tarpaulin sheets, and school kit.

### **Our local strength**

For unloading, packing, and distributing the kits we had the support from local tribal settlement, Jesuit pre-novices, and our staff. Our staff identified the affected villages and individuals. After sorting the items and packing them, we started the kit distribution on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August and successfully completed it on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. As a result of two months' effort, the kit has been

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This report was sent to us by Fr Jacob Kumminiyil SJ who coordinated the flood relief activities when Nature's fury lashed out in Wayanad. It is published here in fulfilment of the promise to the Loyola family that had been generous in extending a helping hand to the hapless.

delivered to 59 villages in three panchayats. 1209 families were given food kit, 949 houses were provided with tarpaulin sheets and 459 children were given school kits.

### **Future Plan**

We have some more money with us. We plan to reach out to some houses which leak heavily during the rainy season, in order to repair them. Our plan is to provide them with light roofing sheets. We hope it will be a relief for them during the rainy season. Also, we too plan to provide two families with new houses. These families are living in a plastic-roofed hut. Given their situation, they will not be able to build one on their own. We

follow the panchayat specifications in the construction of the house so that they may continue to get all government support.

### **We are grateful to you**

We could confidently enter the hamlets listed below because of you. Your generosity enabled us go to the villages with a handful of items. The tarpaulin sheets were really the greatest need of the time and we are touched by your thoughtfulness. We acknowledge with gratitude the pain you took to collect those items from different corners and send them to our house. We have no words to express our gratefulness.

<b>Villages we helped:</b>	21) Vasthikunnu	41) Anaketty
1) Pariyarampoyil	22) Kolakkimottan-	42) Mukramoola
2) Pariyaramkunnu	kunnu	43) Nellikkal
3) Mathoorpoyil	23) Chembannur	44) Edathamkunnu
4) Cholayil	24) Karakunnu-	45) Munavurath
5) Thoongadi	Thachilottu	46) Varummal
6) Cherukunnu	25) Thotampaady	Kadavu
7) Mathothpoyil	26) Kumbakkal	47) Poothadikara
8) Pathiriyambam	Colony	48) Kallumottan-
9) Chandhanakolly	27) Chithramoola	kunnu
10) Parakunnu	28) Keeripata	49) Naduvil ooru
11) Manipoyil	29) Padinjare veedu	50) Peratakunnu
12) Pushpathoor	30) Othayoth	51) Chalakara
13) Choliyata	31) Kolathara	52) Nayadipoyyil
14) Athirathil	32) Veetikunnu	53) Paalapoyil
15) Malankara	33) Chembakakandy	54) Puliyathumkunnu
16) Cheloorkunnu	34) Panniyodi	55) Erikkalattu
17) Kurumbalakotta	35) Arikil Veedu	56) Neerattady
18) Kurumbalakotta	36) Idathil	57) Neerattady-
Thazhe	37) Chundakunnu	Kannikolly
19) Parakkal	38) Pulinchodu	58) Cheriamkolly
20) Kallampetty	39) Koonammal	59) Nellarattu
	40) -Parimangalam	







# VEER GATHA

## PROJECT 4.0



Veer Gatha Project 4.0 was successfully conducted at Loyola School for the second consecutive year. This project aims to educate students about the gallantry awards and the remarkable acts of bravery displayed by the recipients, fostering a sense of patriotism and national pride.

26 students actively participated in the project and four selected projects were selected submitted to the CBSE portal for further consideration. The results of the submissions are awaited.

As a part of the project, a seminar titled "Saluting Bravery" was organized on 23 October 2024. Mr Anil Kumar R., Chief Officer ANO, 1(Ker) Air Sqn N.C.C., delivered an inspiring talk, sharing powerful insights into the courage and sacrifices behind India's gallantry awards. His words deeply motivated and inspired all present.

This year's Veer Gatha Project has proven to be an enriching experience for our students, strengthening their awareness of national heroes and instilling values of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism. We look forward to continuing this impactful initiative in the years to come.

**Ans Benny**



**FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME**

**64<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNUAL DAY  
Celebrations**

**on**

**6 & 7 December 2024**