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### *From Principal's Desk*

## **August at Loyola: A Month of Celebration, Growth and Togetherness**

August was a vibrant and memorable month at Loyola, marked by moments of inspiration, reflection, celebration and joyful togetherness. The month brought together a rich blend of academic enrichment, spiritual renewal, student leadership, sports and cultural festivities, making it a truly eventful chapter in the life of the school.

The month began on an inspiring note with the visit of NASA astronaut Donald Thomas, whose presence and interaction with the students opened new horizons of curiosity, ambition and possibility. His journey and experiences encouraged our young minds to dream big and believe that dedication and perseverance can take them beyond boundaries.



The Life Renewal Programme offered students valuable opportunities for reflection, renewal and personal growth. Through retreat experiences and meaningful moments of silence, prayer and sharing, students were encouraged to look within, strengthen their relationship with God and grow in self-awareness and responsibility.

The month also witnessed the energy and enthusiasm of L-MUN, where students engaged in meaningful discussions, assumed leadership roles and explored global issues. The programme provided a platform for developing confidence, communication skills, critical thinking and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

The spirit of patriotism came alive through the Independence Day celebrations, with students across the school participating in colourful and meaningful programmes. The celebrations reminded everyone of the values of freedom, responsibility, unity and service to the nation.

Sports added another dimension of excitement to the month. The Annual Sports Day brought out the competitive spirit, teamwork, discipline and perseverance of our students. Beyond winning and losing, the events celebrated participation, courage, friendship and the joy of striving for excellence.

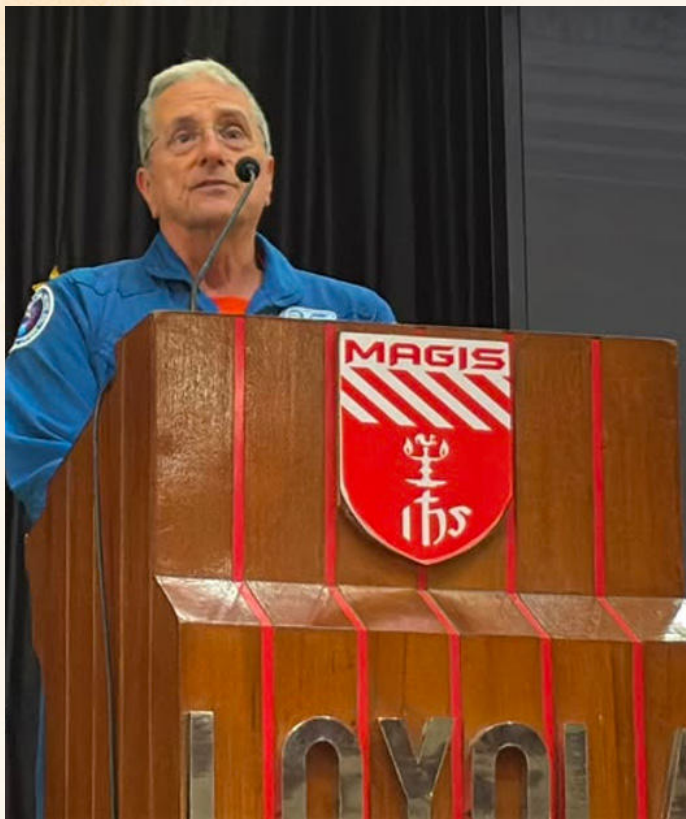
The month concluded with the warmth and vibrant colours of Onam. The celebrations brought the entire Loyola family together in the true spirit of unity, joy and togetherness. From colourful programmes and traditional celebrations to the enthusiasm of students and staff, Onam reflected the beauty of our shared culture and community spirit.

August, therefore, was much more than a month filled with events. It was a celebration of dreams, growth, leadership, patriotism, sporting excellence, faith and togetherness. Each programme contributed in its own way to the holistic formation of our students and reminded us that education is not confined to the classroom—it is about forming young people who are confident, compassionate, responsible and ready to make a difference.

**Principal**



# A Stellar Encounter: Former NASA Astronaut Dr. Donald Thomas Visits Loyola School



It is not every day that one gets to meet an individual who has left the confines of our planet. However, on 5th August 2026, the students of Classes IX and X were treated to a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our school had the distinct honour of hosting Dr. Donald Alan Thomas, a veteran NASA astronaut, for an interactive session. This extraordinary event was made possible through the efforts of Mr. Kayambo Ramalingam, the CEO of Go4guru. Originally from Tamil Nadu and now settled in the USA, Mr. Ramalingam's organisation – which caters to online education, international tours, and film production – was instrumental

in bringing such a distinguished guest to our campus. The programme commenced with a warm introductory welcome address by our Registrar Mr. Joy M Varghese, setting the stage for a morning of wonder and





Following the welcome, Dr. Thomas took the stage, immediately captivating the audience with the story of his life and his journey to the stars. He explained that achieving his lifelong ambition did not happen overnight; it was the result of relentless hard work. He shared his impressive educational background, having earned a bachelor's degree in Physics from Case Western Reserve University, followed by a master's degree and a doctorate in Materials Science from Cornell University. However, his path to space was paved with setbacks. He revealed that his application to NASA was rejected twice. Instead of giving up, he refurbished his resume, earning a pilot's licence and teaching a university course to make himself a stronger candidate. Even after making it to the second round of selection, he faced another rejection before finally being selected by NASA in January 1990 and becoming an astronaut in July 1991.

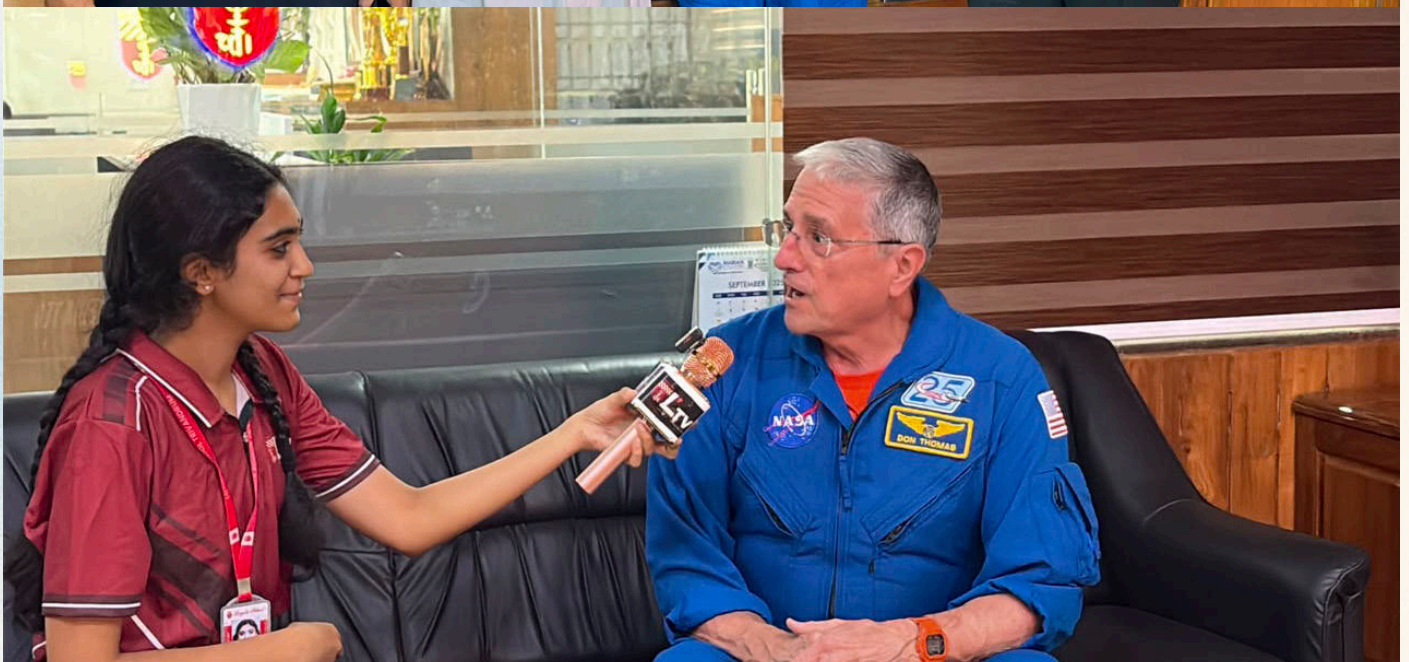
He then walked the students through the rigorous four-year training programme and his incredible career, which includes four space flights (STS-65, 70, 83, and 94) and over 1,040 hours logged in space. While describing the launch, Dr. Thomas's excitement was palpable. He recalled the rushing thrill of seeing his lifelong dream come to fruition, vividly remembering how his mind screamed a triumphant "Yahoo!" as the shuttle lifted off, reaching space in a staggering 8.5 minutes. He offered fascinating glimpses into his daily life in zero gravity, explaining how astronauts survive on freeze-dried food by pouring warm water into it. To the amusement of the students, he also shared a fun culinary milestone: he was the first person to bring a pepperoni pizza into space!

Sharing breathtaking pictures from orbit, Dr. Thomas spoke about witnessing some of the world's most spectacular sights from above, including Mount Everest, Mount Kilimanjaro, and the vast Amazon rainforest. In one of the most touching moments of his address, he shared a profound realization. While his favourite planet as a child was Saturn, looking down from space made him realize that Earth is undeniably the best planet, simply because it is the only place where you can live surrounded by the people you love. Looking toward the future, Dr. Thomas spoke about NASA's upcoming endeavours, including the Artemis missions. He delivered a powerful call to action, reminding the students that NASA and the scientific community are looking to the next generation of brilliant minds to make the future habitation of Mars a reality.

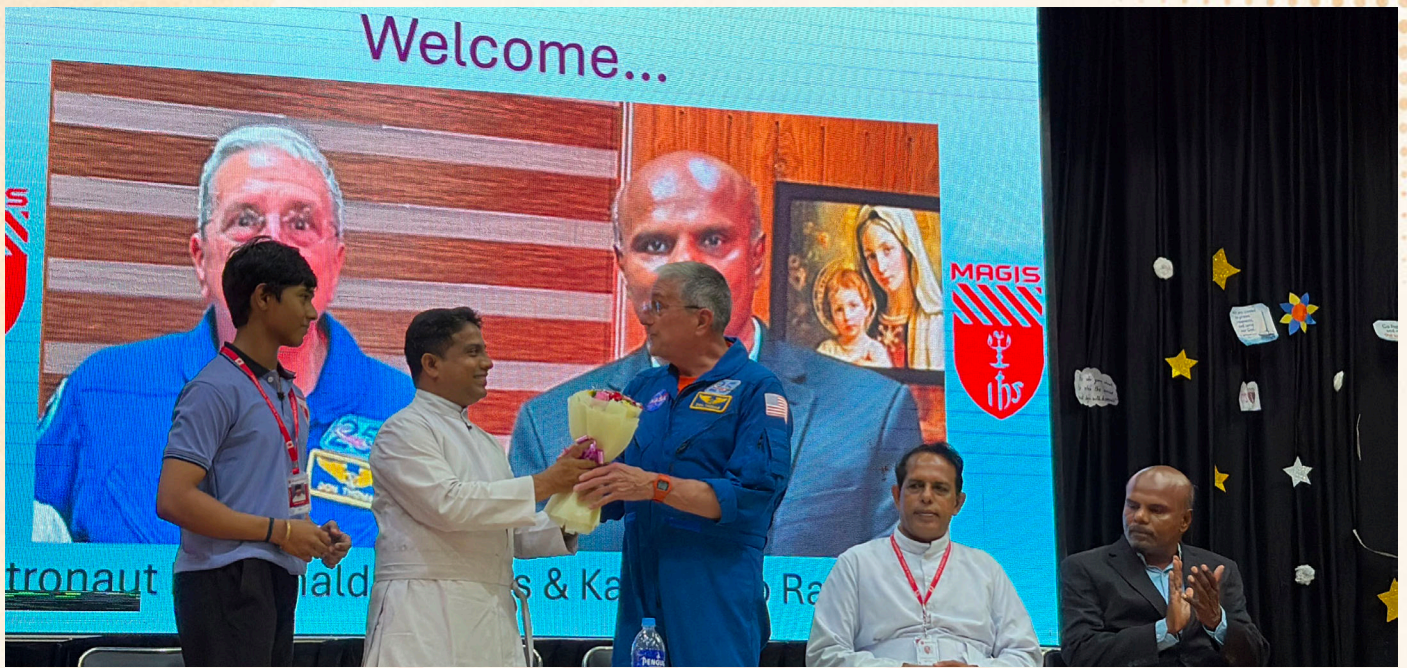


The address was followed by a highly engaging interactive session, where students enthusiastically posed their queries about space exploration. Dr. Thomas answered each question with patience and insight, bringing the vastness of the universe a little closer to home. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ. For the students and faculty alike, it was an incredibly unique and memorable event. Meeting a real-life hero who has travelled beyond our atmosphere was a surreal experience, leaving everyone inspired to aim higher and reach for the stars in their own lives.

Alan Jomin, X C









# 10 Crore Addiction - Free Pledge





# Life Renewal Programme: A Journey of Self-Discovery and Growth

The students of Grades IX and X participated in a Life Renewal Programme held on 10 and 11 August at the K. V. John Hall. The two-day programme offered the students a meaningful opportunity to reflect on themselves, understand their relationships, develop leadership qualities, and recognise their responsibilities towards society. The programme began with a prayer by Ms. Sindhu Sharma, followed by a welcome speech by Ms. Elsa Mohan. The session continued with an engaging activity led by the programme facilitators, Mr. Jeffin and Mr. Shivalal, who encouraged the students to respond appropriately to different forms of greeting. The facilitators then presented images of six different babies, each representing a distinct character, and invited the students to identify the baby who displayed curiosity and age-appropriate behaviour. The activity encouraged the students to observe, think and respond attentively. Next, the students were asked to leave their chairs and bags outside and assemble silently in the



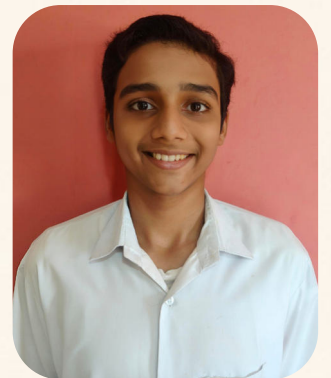
hall, where they were organised into groups. An interesting competition was conducted to test their attentiveness and ability to follow instructions through a clapping activity. The senior students emerged victorious, demonstrating commendable attentiveness and coordination.

Following the break, the students took part in a self-realisation exercise. With their eyes closed, they were guided to reflect on their ambitions, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. They recorded their thoughts on sheets of paper, giving them an opportunity to look within themselves and develop greater self-awareness. The facilitators also presented an image of underprivileged children, prompting students to recognise their own privileges and consider ways to support those less



fortunate. The programme continued with several interactive activities that combined learning with fun. Students who arrived late were given light-hearted consequences and invited to perform on stage. Another activity, based on the Thrissur Pooram bus, added excitement and teamwork. Students were then encouraged to reflect on leadership qualities and values, while the facilitators shared personal experiences and sensitised them to issues of social inequality and the injustices faced by Dalits, fostering empathy and social awareness. The facilitators also highlighted the importance of silence and helped the students understand the different kinds of relationships in their lives – intimate, personal, social, and public. Through a series of activities, the students learnt that life may present numerous difficulties, but maintaining a positive outlook can help them face challenges with courage and resilience. The facilitators further emphasised the importance of moral values and responsible choices in shaping one's character. The programme concluded with a closing ceremony conducted by the students, who expressed their gratitude to the facilitators and the volunteers from Loyola College for their guidance and support throughout the two days.

Overall, the Life Renewal Programme was an enriching and thought-provoking experience that encouraged students to look within themselves, understand others, develop leadership qualities, and become more aware of their responsibilities towards society.



**Vaibhav Singh, IX A1**





# A Journey of Faith: Three Days of Retreat at Loyola School

From Monday, August 10, to Wednesday, August 12, 2026, Loyola School was blessed with a spiritually enriching three-day retreat conducted by Fr. Prince SJ, Director of the Ignatian Retreat Centre, Kannur along with his team – Br. Biju, Br. Shajon, Br. Xavier, Br. John Paul, and Sr. Lipiya. Fr. Syriac SJ played an important role in organising the programme and bringing the team to our school. The retreat was conducted during regular school hours, for Christian students of grades VI-XII, and each day was filled with prayer, music, learning, worship and meaningful activities.

The first day began with morning prayer, followed by energetic action songs. The Brothers created a lively atmosphere and encouraged everyone to participate enthusiastically. One of the most memorable activities was an imaginative exercise: we were asked to close our eyes and imagine someone we deeply wished to be with us at that moment. We were then guided to picture ourselves standing before our parents. This activity helped us appreciate the importance of family relationships



After lunch, Fr. Prince SJ spoke about the importance of Baptism and its significance in Christian life, encouraging us to see it not merely as a ceremony but as an essential part of our Christian identity and journey of faith. The day concluded with Holy Mass, offering us time to reflect on the experiences of the day through prayer and worship.

The second day began with morning prayer and action songs, followed by preparation for a sincere confession. The retreat team guided us through



an examination of conscience, encouraging us to look honestly at our actions, choices, and relationship with God. This was followed by Holy Mass and confession. Later, Fr. Prince SJ introduced two key principles: the Pain Principle and the Pleasure Principle. The Pain Principle taught us meaningful achievements require effort, discipline, sacrifice, and perseverance. Jesus, Himself, followed this path, accepting sacrifice and suffering for a greater purpose. The Pleasure Principle, in contrast, represented our tendency to seek comfort, enjoyment, and worldly pleasures. Fr. Prince compared the human body to a vacuum – an empty space we constantly try to fill. This made us consider whether what we choose to fill our lives with truly has lasting value. Another important lesson was the difference between being a good person and being a holy person. Helping others, showing kindness and doing what is right can make us good people, but holiness requires a deeper commitment to God and a continuous effort to grow spiritually. One of the most thought-provoking statements of the retreat was: “We are spiritual beings in human form, rather than merely human beings in spiritual form.” This inspired us to look beyond our material lives and recognise the importance of nurturing our spiritual lives as well. It prompted us to reflect on our priorities and the kind of people we want to become.

The final day began with morning prayer and action songs, followed by Holy Mass. The atmosphere was filled with joy as we reflected on the experiences of the previous two days. In the afternoon, our parents joined us for an intense and meaningful worship. Their presence added a special dimension to the retreat and gave us an opportunity to worship and participate together as families. The session also reminded us of the important role our parents play in our lives and encouraged us to value our relationships with them.

The three-day retreat was far more than a break from routine. Through prayer, music, Holy Mass, confession, talks, and worship, we were given opportunities to strengthen our faith and reflect deeply on our lives. It taught us valuable lessons about faith, family, sacrifice, discipline, holiness, and the choices we make. For many of us, these three days were a reminder to pause amidst our busy lives, look within, and strengthen our relationship with God, our families, and one another. Truly, it was a blessing to have such an enriching experience at Loyola School, one we will cherish for a long time.

**Philip Mathew, XII G1**





# Life Renewal Programme: Building Character and Confidence

A Life Renewal Programme was held at Loyola School in the Pedro Arrupe Block for students of Grades VI to VIII. Led by Mr. Shal Soman, a counselling psychologist from Loyola Extension Services, and his team, the sessions took place on August 10 and 11, 2026. The programme included various team activities and events, focusing on goal-setting, propagating values, ethics, and teamwork.

The first day began with a prayer session led by Fr. Syriac, reminding us to be thankful for life's blessings and to practise kindness, humility, and thoughtfulness. It set a cheerful tone for the programme. After the prayer, Mr. Soman and his team led the sessions, explaining various topics related to moral values through fun and interactive classes, using examples that all the students could relate to. The topics were easy to understand and encouraged us to reflect on ourselves and recognise our strengths. We were also challenged to write down as many moral values as possible, making the first session both competitive and enjoyable.

After a short break, the second session began with a dance performance by the volunteers, and students from the audience were invited to join in. Many danced with great enthusiasm, and even some of the teachers were requested to participate. This activity created a joyful and friendly atmosphere, helping students feel more comfortable and confident. It also showed that learning can be enjoyable when we actively participate and give our best efforts. Following the lively dance session, we proceeded to the classrooms on the first floor of the Arrupe Block, where we learnt about kindness and its importance in life. We also wrote poems about ourselves, highlighting our hobbies, friendships, and personal interests. An engaging clapping activity, based on dictated numbers, effectively tested and enhanced our attentional capacity. As the first day drew to a close, another wonderfully organised dance session was held, leaving everyone cheerful and energised.







We began the second day with a prayer session led by Fr. Syriac, followed by a class on empathy. This session taught us to be kind, understanding, and to view situations from another person's perspective. After a short break, we attended a session on stress, where we learnt how it affects daily life and explored ways to overcome it. Towards the end of the programme, we played several teamwork games. The first involved passing a ball backwards to the person behind us. In another, we held hands with our classmates and passed a hula hoop along the chain. This activity required cooperation and patience, teaching us the value of teamwork. The final game saw two students competing to collect cones and place them inside a ring – a true test of speed and agility.

Overall, the programme was a wonderful learning experience for all the students. It was not about sitting in a classroom, but about learning values we can apply in everyday life. It taught us to appreciate ourselves, get along with others, work together, understand our strengths, and grow as individuals. It encouraged us to become better, more caring, and positive people. What we learnt will surely help us face challenges with confidence and maturity.



**Reyansh Rohan, VIII A**





# A Journey Towards Awareness and Renewal

The two-day Life Renewal Programme held at Loyola School on 10 and 11 August 2026 was an enriching experience that encouraged us to reflect on the challenges confronting humanity and our own responsibilities towards society. The programme was led by Ms. Sindura with assistance and support of the Loyola Extension Services (LES) and students from Loyola College. It combined awareness, creativity, performances, interaction, and learning to convey meaningful messages in an engaging manner.

The first day began with the students being divided into twenty groups, followed by the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India. We were educated on the importance of the Indian Constitution. We then watched a series of thought-provoking videos highlighting major problems faced by humanity, both globally and in India. Issues such as climate change and domestic violence were presented in a manner that encouraged us to think beyond our immediate surroundings. After this, each group was assigned a classroom and given a social issue on which to prepare and present a skit. My group worked on the topic of domestic violence. Preparing and performing the skit gave us an opportunity to understand the seriousness of the issue and communicate its consequences through a creative medium. All the groups presented their skits, making the first day both educational and participatory.

The second day began with a vibrant performance by a student dance troupe which included students from different parts of Kerala. They presented three skits interspersed with dances and songs. Their performances dealt with significant issues such as the destruction caused by deforestation and the consequences of war, combining artistic expression with powerful social messages. This was followed by a song by two students





of our school, and a dance presented by two other students. A particularly engaging session was conducted by a street theatre director, who interacted with us through actions and activities and explained the importance of theatre as a medium of communication. His session demonstrated how a play can make people think, question existing attitudes, and become more aware of social realities. After the lunch break, we returned for an insightful session by Fr Sanil Mathew, SJ. He spoke about the importance of adequate sleep and explained how the teenage brain is still undergoing development. In particular, he discussed the incomplete development of the prefrontal cortex, the region associated with functions such as decision-making, impulse control and planning. This helped us understand why adolescents can sometimes be more emotionally reactive or impulsive



and why healthy habits, especially sufficient sleep, are important during this stage of life. The programme then became more interactive with an exciting balloon-passing game. Ten members from each team were given balloons to inflate and tie. The first team to complete this task advanced to the next stage, where balloons were passed forward and backward along the line while opposing team members tried to block them. The team that successfully returned the maximum number of balloons to the front won the round. The activity demanded speed, coordination, teamwork, and determination, creating tremendous excitement among participants and spectators. The day concluded with various cultural activities, after which the programme was brought to a close.

The Life Renewal Programme was far more than a series of performances and activities. It was an opportunity to understand social and environmental concerns, appreciate different forms of expression, and reflect upon our role in creating a better society. The two days left us with not only memorable experiences but also with valuable lessons about awareness, empathy, responsibility, teamwork, and the need for positive change.



**Adithya R., XII C**



# A Tricolour Dream: Independence Day Celebration at Loyola

The spirit of patriotism came alive at Loyola Kindergarten on 14th August, as the campus blossomed into a vibrant sea of saffron, white, and green during the Independence Day celebration. The event beautifully combined learning, creativity, and national pride, giving our young learners an opportunity to celebrate the freedom and heritage of our nation.

The celebrations began with a colourful parade featuring children dressed as Bharat Mata, freedom fighters, the Tricolour, the Ashoka Chakra and various national symbols. The sight of children in the tricolour T-shirts, proudly waving the Indian flag filled the atmosphere with joy and patriotism.

The cultural programme showcased enthusiastic performances by children. The UKG students presented a spirited patriotic dance, while the Pre-KG students delighted everyone with a vibrant dance performance. A special highlight was the skit by the LKG students, which beautifully conveyed the importance of our freedom fighters and the national symbols of our beloved country, India.







The celebration was both enjoyable and educational, helping the children learn about the values and history that make our nation unique. It was a memorable occasion that inspired love and respect for the country in every young heart.

Jai Hind!



**Ms Tvarita Tripathi**

















# Loyola Junior School Independence Day Celebration 2026

The Junior School of Loyola School celebrated Independence Day with great patriotic spirit and enthusiasm on 14 August 2026. The special assembly brought together students, teachers, staff and dignitaries for a memorable celebration centred on the values of freedom, patriotism, sacrifice, and responsible citizenship. The programme commenced with a prayer, followed by the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India by Rehan Najeeb of class V. This was followed by a welcome address delivered by Siddharth Nanda of class V, who warmly welcomed the dignitaries, teachers and students. The presidential address was delivered by Fr Sunny Kunnappallil, SJ, Rector and Manager, Loyola Institutions, setting the tone for the celebrations.

The school was honoured by the presence of Wg. Cdr. R. M. Gopikrishnan, Commanding Officer, 1 Kerala Air Squadron NCC, Kochuveli, Thiruvananthapuram, as the Chief Guest. His address highlighted the significance of independence and reminded the young students of their responsibility towards the nation. A token of love was then presented to the Chief Guest as a mark of gratitude and appreciation.





The celebrations continued with “Echoes of Freedom – Highlights of the Legacy of India’s Iconic Freedom Fighters,” presented by students of grades IV and V. Through their performances, the students brought to life the courage, sacrifice, and determination of the freedom fighters who shaped India’s history. This was followed by a speech by our teacher, Ms. Reshma Raichal Mani. The musical segment, “Musical Tribute to the Nation – Patriotic Medley,” by students of grades IV and V added a vibrant and emotional dimension to the programme. This was followed by an energetic group dance by class V students, which filled the auditorium with enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Akshath R. Pillai of IV D, followed by the School Anthem by the school choir.

The celebrations extended beyond the auditorium. The Chief Guest and other dignitaries were welcomed by the school band, while students participated in a patriotic procession carrying the Tricolour. The dignitaries also paid homage at the Mahatma Gandhi memorial. The campus was filled with students dressed in patriotic and traditional attire, carrying flags and participating enthusiastically in the celebrations.

I felt immensely proud to witness the enthusiasm, discipline, and creativity displayed by our students throughout the celebrations. The programme was not merely a commemoration of Independence Day but also an opportunity for our young learners to understand the values of patriotism, unity, sacrifice, and responsibility. It was truly heartening to see the entire Junior School community come together to celebrate the spirit of India with such pride and joy.



**Pranav S Nair, V B1**















# Independence Day Celebration at Loyola

Loyola School celebrated Independence Day with great pride and enthusiasm on the morning of 14 August 2026. The special assembly was hosted by class VIII under the guidance of the programme coordinator Dr. Aswathy Raj. The function brought together teachers and students beneath the tricolour of India. The event was honoured by the presence of Lt. Col. Rishi Rajalakshmi as the Chief Guest. He showed extraordinary valour during a counter-terrorism operation in Tral, 2017. Despite being shot three times, he held his injured face and continued the operation, ensuring the success of the mission and the safety of his soldiers. This act of courage, selflessness, and bravery earned him the Sena Medal for gallantry. His journey was portrayed through a moving and motivating video presentation.

Following a warm welcome speech by Johan Paul George, Fr. Sunny Kunnappalil SJ, Rector and Manager of Loyola School, delivered the presidential address. He gave us an incredible and unique message about freedom. Our celebration was also graced by Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, Director and Principal, and Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ, Principal of the CBSE Section. Their presence was invaluable, as they have always been pillars of constant support and guidance to both students and teachers alike. Our esteemed chief guest delivered a thought-provoking and inspiring address

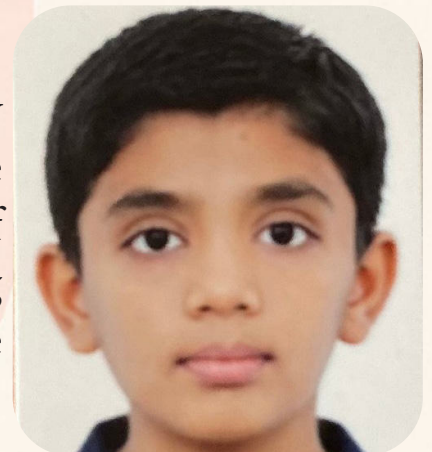




to the students. He talked about the importance of developing qualities such as self-discipline, determination, respect for others, and a strong sense of duty. He also taught us to find God in all things. Rather than viewing Independence Day merely as a celebration, he encouraged the students to see it as an opportunity to reflect on how they could contribute to the progress and unity of India. His words left a lasting impression on the students and added great significance to the celebration.

Once the dignitaries were seated among the audience, we commenced the cultural events of the day with a captivating solo song by N. P. Adidev, which added a melodious and patriotic atmosphere to the celebration. This was followed by “Pride of India,” a vibrant dance performance presented by the students of grades VIII and XI. The performance beautifully portrayed India’s rich heritage through its national symbols, showcasing the diversity, unity, and cultural richness of the country. Advait Krishnan proposed a wonderful vote of thanks to express gratitude to everyone who worked behind the success of the event.

The programme concluded with everyone proudly singing the school anthem. Even though the celebration faded, it left a lasting impression of patriotism and responsibility on all of us, along with the thought that the future of India lies in the hands of its young citizens.



**Jagan Warriar, VIII D**





















# L'MUN 2026

## Cultivating Dialogue and Diplomacy

L'MUN 2026, organised by L.E.A.D. (Loyola Engagement in Advocacy and Diplomacy), brought together students for an enriching experience in diplomacy, debate, journalism, and international affairs. Among its committees was the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which encouraged students to engage with global issues while developing their confidence and communication skills.

The conference began on 13th August with an inaugural ceremony graced by Fr Dr Salvin Augustine, SJ and Fr Ramlat Thomas, SJ during which Fr Salvin formally declared the event open, marking the beginning of a dynamic and thought-provoking gathering. The committee deliberated on the agenda: “Addressing the Escalation between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran with Special Emphasis on Regional Stability, Maritime Security, and Nuclear Non-Proliferation.” However, the committee placed equal emphasis on learning and participation. A significant highlight was the opportunity extended to first-time participants, particularly students from classes IX and X. Delegates were encouraged to participate actively, build confidence, and develop skills in public speaking, research, negotiation, critical thinking, and teamwork.





The committee was ably chaired by Soheth A. Robin and Aathira P, whose preparation, patience, and command of procedure ensured smooth and engaging proceedings while guiding newer delegates to find their footing. In addition, L'MUN 2026 featured an International Press and Photojournalism segment, allowing students to explore reporting, photography, media, and diplomacy beyond the traditional scope of delegation.

The conference was supported by the dedicated efforts of the core team and convenor, Ms. Raji V, whose planning and coordination were instrumental in its success. At the valedictory ceremony, awards were presented by Fr Salvin and Fr Ramlat. The Best Delegate award was conferred upon Gurusnand A.G. and Navaneeth Pothuval, while Best Journalist was awarded to Nidhin Felix, and Best Photojournalist to Aaron George Sunil. L'MUN 2026 concluded as a memorable and enriching experience, providing students with a platform to speak, collaborate, and discover their potential.



**SABA ZAINAB P M XII E1**









# Little Champions Shine at the Annual Junior School Athletic Meet

The 63rd Annual Athletic Meet (Junior School) 2026 was held on 18th August with great enthusiasm and sporting spirit. This marked the first time that the Junior School hosted a separate Sports Day. The programme began at 9.30 a.m. with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Commander Tittu Mathew Joseph. This was followed by the school anthem and the ceremonial march past, led by the School Leader, Pranav S. Nair, carrying the School Flag. The four houses were led by their respective captains: Sourabh S (Apollo Pioneers), Laxman Sankar (Gemini Giants), Hrishinath S. Pillai (Jupiter Jetsetters), and Dhanvin A. Aswin (Sputnik Spacemen).

The opening ceremony included the welcome speech by Pranav S. Nair, Torch Lighting by Alfie Leo Joemon, the 2025–26 Sports Champion and the address by the Chief Guest. The meet was formally inaugurated by Commander Tittu Mathew Joseph, who also hoisted the School Flag. The Sports Pledge was led by the Assistant Junior School Leader, Akshith S. Nair.



Students added colour and excitement to the programme with their vibrant performances. Grade I presented a lively Pom-Pom dance, grade II performed an Umbrella dance, grades III and IV presented an energetic Zumba dance, and the grade V boys showcased a well-coordinated Formation dance.



The athletic events included 50-metre races for grades I–V, 100-metre races for grades II–V, Lemon and Spoon race for grades I–III, Sack race for grades I and II, Shuttle run for grades I–V, and the Get Ready for School event for grades I and II. The young athletes participated with great energy, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. The winners received their prizes during the events, while the remaining prizes were given out at the end of the programme.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Divit A. Pillai, followed by the formal closing of the meet declared by Fr. Ramlat Thomas, SJ. The School Flag was lowered by Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine, SJ and the day ended with the National Anthem. The event marked a proud and memorable beginning to the Junior School's journey of hosting its own Annual Athletic Meet.

**ZANE THOMAS TOM, V C**





























# **The 63rd Annual Sports Day (Senior School)**

## **A Celebration of Excellence and Sportsmanship**

The 63rd Annual Sports Day (Senior School) was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> August with the participation of students, teachers and staff, marking a day of athletic competition and school spirit. The programme commenced with a grand opening ceremony and the March Past of the four school houses – Apollo Pioneers (AP), Gemini Giants (GG), Jupiter Jetsetters (JJ), and Sputnik Spacemen (SS). The contingents marched in formation and received the salute of the Chief Guest, Mr Shibu S., Chief Marshal of the Kerala Legislative Assembly (KLA). In his address, he emphasised the values of perseverance, discipline, integrity, and fair play. The Sports Torch was then lit and carried in succession by national-level athletes who are alumni of Loyola School, honouring the institution's rich sporting tradition. The Sports Oath was administered by the General Captain, Jonathan Edwards, with participants pledging to uphold fair play and sportsmanship.

The Principal and Director of Loyola School, Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine, SJ hoisted the school flag, formally inaugurating the athletic events. The track and field competitions included races of varying distances and relay events, testing the participants' speed, endurance, coordination, and teamwork. Students from all four houses participated with determination and maintained the spirit of fair competition. Display events, including mass drill, synchronised aerobics, and formation displays, were also presented by the students of each house, adding vibrancy and colour to the day.





The closing ceremony began with the final March Past. The school flag was lowered to the strains of Sare Jahan Se Achha, followed by the extinguishing of the Sports Torch. Fr. Salvin then formally declared the Sports Day concluded. JJ House emerged as the overall champion, securing the highest number of points, while SS House finished as runner-up. The day ended as a celebration of athletic achievement, participation, teamwork, and sportsmanship, values that continue to define Loyola's sporting spirit.



**WILLIAM SALIL GOMES, X A1**









































# Kindergarten Onam Celebration

On 20th August, the Kindergarten section welcomed Onam with a vibrant ‘Onam Ghoshayatra’ (Vilambaram), setting the festive spirit in motion. The celebration continued with a prayer by the KG Music Choir, a warm welcome address by Dyan Krishna UJ (UKG E), and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries.

The Onam message was delivered by Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine, SJ followed by colourful cultural performances by the Kindergarten children that showcased their joy and creativity. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Harinarayanan VG (UKG C), marking a joyful celebration of tradition, togetherness, and young talent.



**Ms. Ajitha Shibu**





















# Loyolonam 2026

Filled with the joy of Onam and the rich traditions of Kerala, Loyolonam 2026 was celebrated with great enthusiasm at our school on 21 August 2026. A beautiful pookkalam was prepared by the PTA representatives to heartily welcome the students. The celebrations began with the presence of Shri Shobi Thilakan, a renowned Malayalam actor and dubbing artist, as the chief guest. A colourful procession, in which many students participated, was followed by a special Onam assembly attended by students from Classes I to XII. The school Principal, Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine, SJ, CBSE Principal Fr. Ramlat Thomas, SJ., Fr Jose Thaiparabil, SJ, and PTA President Ms. Dhanya Krishnakumar were present at the function.

Shivanandana Nandan of XI A2 welcomed everyone to the programme. The chief guest then formally inaugurated the celebration by lighting the traditional lamp and delivered the Onam message. His inspiring words highlighted the importance of love, unity, and the spirit of Onam. The Principal presented a memento to Shri Shobi Thilakan, followed by a felicitation speech by Ms. Dhanya Krishnakumar. The cultural programmes that followed added vibrancy and excitement to the celebration. Students





and teachers enthusiastically participated in a skit, folk song, group dance, 'Thiruvathira', and various dance performances. The formal function concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Agney S.S. of IX D.

The celebrations continued with exciting activities such as tug-of-war, banner release, and a flash mob, making the event truly memorable. With its celebration of Kerala's culture, togetherness, and festive spirit, Loyolonam 2026 became a cherished and unforgettable experience for everyone.



AMRITHA J M, XI A1

































# Farewell Memories and the Spirit of Onam

The Loyola school community came together on 20th August for a heartfelt farewell to Mr. Binu N.B., Geography teacher, celebrating his invaluable presence and contributions to the institution. He was fondly remembered not only as a dedicated and wholehearted educator, but also as a warm friend and role model who left a lasting impression on his students and colleagues. The messages shared during the farewell reflected the affection, admiration, and gratitude he had earned through years of commitment and companionship. His enthusiasm, sincerity, and wholehearted participation in school life will be deeply missed. The gathering conveyed warm wishes for his future, with the hope that the journey ahead brings him happiness, fulfilment, and success.

Following the farewell, the atmosphere turned festive with the Staff Onam Celebrations, which brought together teaching and non-teaching staff in the true spirit of togetherness. The celebration was filled with music, laughter, and lively participation. Melodious songs and energetic dances added colour to the occasion, while a variety of fun games brought out the cheerful and playful spirit of the staff. The celebrations provided a wonderful opportunity for colleagues to step away from their daily routines, relax, and enjoy each other's company. The enthusiastic participation of everyone reflected the strong bonds of friendship and camaraderie that make the Loyola community special.

The day beautifully blended the emotions of a fond farewell with the joy of Onam, leaving everyone with cherished memories of gratitude, laughter, friendship, and togetherness.

**Ms. Ruby A John**



















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**OUR COLLECTIVE  
TRIUMPHS**





# CISCE KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP

★ *Proud Achievers!* ★



**DEVA NANDAN S. NAIR (X C)**

**Gold Medal**

selected to participate in the  
**CISCE REGIONAL KARATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP**



**MUHAMMAD SAMAR SAHADULLA (X B)**

**Gold Medal**

selected to participate in the  
**CISCE REGIONAL KARATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP**



**AARAV PRADIP PILLAI (VIII D)**

**Silver Medal**



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***Congratulations***

We are proud of your dedication,  
discipline and determination.  
**Keep shining and inspiring!**

## FR. GEORGE HESS SJ MEMORIAL LITERARY COMPETITIONS 2026

★ Organised by ASISC ★



**DEBATE JUNIORS**



Aagney S S (IX D)



Aditya Krishna PG (X C)

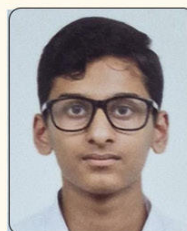
★ **FIRST POSITION** ★



**QUIZ JUNIORS**



Daksh R Nair (IX B)

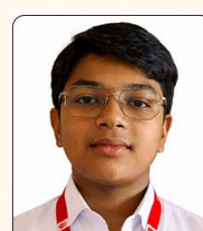


Vaishnav Sunita Renjith (X C)

★ **SECOND POSITION** ★



**PAINTING JUNIORS**



Muhammad Farzan Bin Firoz (IX C)

★ **SECOND POSITION** ★



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***Congratulations!***



# Congratulations!

## MERIT CERTIFICATES



★ (TOP NATIONAL 0.1%) ★  
IN ISC 2026 EXAMINATION



**KISHAN  
SIVADAS**



Mathematics &  
Chemistry



**THEERTHA  
UDAY**



Computer Science  
& Chemistry



**NIKETH JAN  
S H**



Computer Science  
& Mathematics



**ADITHYA  
B NAIR**



Chemistry



**ADWAITH  
MADHAV S**



Computer Science



**NIKET  
THOMAS JOHN**



Computer Science

Your hard work. Your dedication. Your excellence.  
*A remarkable achievement that makes us all proud!*



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# SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA ATHLETIC MEET 2026

★★ Proud Moments. Remarkable Achievements. ★★



**GOWRI KEERTHANA (XI E1)**



**GOLD MEDAL**  
in Long Jump



**SILVER MEDAL**  
in 100m Race



**DOREEN SARAH SAMPATH (XII D1)**



**BRONZE MEDAL**  
in 400m Race



**AISHA HAMEED (XII A1)**



**BRONZE MEDAL**  
in 200m Race



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**Congratulations!**

YOUR HARD WORK. OUR PRIDE. YOUR SUCCESS. OUR JOY.



**AADINATH VIJU (XI D)**

**Certificate of Appreciation**

**LCI MUN**

Conducted by L'cole Chembaka



**ABHIRAM S NITHIN (XII F1)**

**Gold Medal**

**WONDERLAND**

**ENGLISH BEES OLYMPIAD-2026**

Qualified to attend the global finals





**AYANSH NIYATHI L (III A)**

Third Runner up

**SIP ABACUS**  
**SOUTH KERALA PRODIGY**



**JONATHAN EDWARDS (XI C)**  
**GAURAV UNNIKRISHNAN (XI A2)**  
**MADHAV PRAVEEN (XI A)**

Members of the Trivandrum District Rollball Team that won Gold at the Kerala State Rollball Championship (Juniors), 2026.



**RYAN S N (IV D)**

First Runner up

**SIP ABACUS**  
**SOUTH KERALA PRODIGY**



**TARUN KRISHNA K (III B1)**

Gold Medal  
**Individual Kumite**

Bronze Medal  
**Karate- Sub-Junior, Individual Kumite,**  
**9 years age group**

**ALL INDIA SHITORYU**  
**KARATE-DO CHAMPIONSHIP 2026**



# HSE SUB DISTRICT HANDBALL COMPETITION 2026



— LOYOLA BOYS TEAM —



— LOYOLA GIRLS TEAM —



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*Congratulations!*





**ABHIRAM S NITHIN (12F1)**

Student of the year

**G2 PROFICIENCY- CPE LEVEL**

**CONDUCTED BY CAMBRIDGE AND ALLEN**



**ABHINAV KRISHNAN (XI A2)**

1st Prize

**SUB DISTRICT WEIGHT LIFTING  
UNDER 93 KG CATEGORY**



**JERVISH VARSHAN E (XI A2)**

3rd Prize

**SUB DISTRICT POWER LIFTING  
UNDER 66 KG CATEGORY**



**KAVIN PRABHU (III A)**

1st Prize

**KERALA STATE OPEN &  
JUNIOR AMATEUR CHESS  
TOURNAMENT**



# ALL KERALA CISCE REGIONAL TABLE TENNIS *Tournament*

HELD AT KANJIRAPPALLY



GOVIND P SUTHAN (IX B)

**GOLD MEDAL**

He became Semifinalist  
in the Under 17 category



ANAND S (IX B)

**BRONZE MEDAL**

Under 17



NIRANJANA M R (X B)

**BRONZE MEDAL**

Under 19



MADHAV ANOOP (VII B)

**BRONZE MEDAL**

Under 14



He will be representing  
the Kerala State Team at  
the upcoming CISCE  
Nationals.

***Congratulations!***



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## CISCE REGIONAL **SHOOTING** COMPETITIONS

**ANEESHA ANNA JOY (XI B)**

★ **GOLD MEDAL** ★

(10 M AIR RIFLE)



***Congratulations!***

Your focus, discipline and determination  
have brought you this well-deserved success.

★ *We are proud of you!* ★



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