

Coffee House 2019

Inaugural Session

The most awaited event of the academic year 2019-20 for the English Department (Shift 1) of Loyola College, a day of fun and frolic for students and staff alike, a day which exemplifies Loyola's congenial spirit, the Coffee House 2019 was held on 14 December 2019. This year's theme of Coffee house was "*Utopia and Dystopia*".

The inaugural session of the programme commenced at 9:00 AM and the function was presided over by the Head of the Department of English, Dr K.S Antonysamy. Thiru Antony, Tamil cine artist and *Merku Thodarchi Malai* fame was our chief guest for the session. Dr Annam Ragamalika, the President of the Literary Association welcomed the gathering and Dr Antonysamy, acquainted us with the historical significance of Coffee Houses in England and its associated culture. He also introduced the Chief Guest Thiru Antony to the audience. Thiru Antony, in his humble and simple style engaged the audience with lessons from his life that stressed the importance of pursuing one's passion relentlessly. Prof. Julia Pradeepa, the Vice President of the Literary Association proposed the vote of thanks for the function.

The function was adjourned at 9:30, which was followed by various competitions were Colleges in and around Chennai competed for the prestigious championship title of Coffee House 2019

Events

Students (from both Shift 1 and Shift 2) from Madras Christian College, Women's Christian College, Stella Maris, Ethiraj, DG Vaishnav, MOP and JBAS competed in the 8 events of the Coffee houses, which was conducted in the MCA hall.

The events were, Connections, Debate, Verse it, Quiz, Pot pourri, Face Painting, Shipwreck and Freeze it and they received a good amount of response from the participants as that ensured the quality of their performances. There was a tie for the Championship title, which was broken with another event (name of the event) through which Madras Christian College emerged the champions of Coffee House 2019, defending their title of 2018. Ethiraj College was declared the Runner's Up for the event.

Valedictory Function

All the events culminated at 3:30 and the Valedictory ceremony began at 3:45 PM. Thiru Vetrимaran the National award winning film director, a man who has created around him an aura of magnificence in the film industry and a former student of the Department, was the chief guest for the function. Dr Annam Ragamalika, the president literary association of English welcomed the robust gathering. Dr K.S Antonysamy, the Head of the Department, introduced the chief guest. Thiru Vetrимaran spoke about his experiences of his Loyola Days and how the support and opportunities provided from the Department of English helped him blaze his flair for film. He emphasized on the interconnectedness of literature and film. All the dignitaries on the dais were honoured with a token of love and appreciation. Thiru Vetrимaran gave away the individual as well as overall prizes and certificates for the winners. Mr Anish Jackson of 2nd MA, the literary association secretary proposed the vote of thanks and the function came to an end at 4:30 PM.

Coffee House 2019 was a success as the staff and students contributed to the best of their capabilities, resulting in a jovial bond of better understanding.



HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT ADDRESSING THE GATHERING



The department staff with the chief guest



Our department Association office bearers with the chief guest



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