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## **THE WORLD AS A STAGE- SHAKESPEAREAN TRANSFORMATIONS:**

### **REPORT ON THE BOOK RELEASE ON JULY 13, 2016**

The book entitled THE WORLD AS A STAGE- SHAKESPEAREAN TRANSFORMATIONS authored by the distinguished Prof. Dr. K.Chellappan was released by His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah, the Governor of Tamilnadu.

This book release event was jointly organized by the Department of English and English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELTAI) on July 13, 2016 at 11.30am in Lawrence Sundaram Auditorium, to commemorate the four hundredth death anniversary of the renowned Bard William Shakespeare. Dr. K. S. Antony Samy, Associate Professor of English, Loyola College and ELTAI Chapter Head welcomed the gathering. The presidential address was delivered by Rev. Fr. A. M. Francis Jayapathy, SJ Rector of Loyola College. His inspiring talk on Shakespeare highlighted the dramatist's universal appeal and his deep knowledge of the human mind even before Freud. Rev. Dr. Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ, Principal of Loyola College, stressed on the pro-human values like love, friendship, loyalty, respect for authority, etc. embedded in Shakespeare's plays. Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal, Loyola College also felicitated the gathering. Two of the II MA Eng. Lit. students Angela Teresa and Andrea Rozario rendered a powerful declamation from Shakespeare's Plays. Dr. K. Chellappan, an eminent Comparative Literature scholar, Former Professor and Head, Department of English, and Director (retd.) State Institute of English, Chennai delivered a scintillating speech on Shakespeare drawing a comparison between Hamlet and Arjuna, Cordelia and Kannagi and Cleopatra and Madhavi. He eulogized Shakespeare for his gripping portrayal of romance, moving pathos through a splendid galaxy of characters that include lovers, kings and fools.

The chief guest of the day His Excellency Dr. K Rosaiah, Governor of Tamilnadu in his address lauded Dr. K. Chellappan for his dedicated contributions to Literary studies and Shakespearean scholarship The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Joseph Chandra, the Head, Department of English, Loyola College. The event concluded at 1.00 pm with the national anthem.



His Excellency The Governor Dr. Rosaiah, lighting the lamp



The HOD honouring Rev. Fr. Principal with a bouquet and a section of the audience



Rev. Fr. A. M. Francis Jayapathy SJ, Rector, Loyola College  
receiving the first copy of the book from the Governor