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Loyola Research Day 2018 in Commemoration of National Science Day

The Loyola has celebrated its **First Research Day** on **27th February 2018**, at 4.00 pm in Lawrence Sundaram Hall of Loyola College, Chennai. **Prof. M. S. Swaminathan** a renowned scientist and the father of green revolution of our country was the chief guest on the occasion. The Principal of Loyola College **Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ** welcomed the gathering and said that this Loyola Research Day will be an Annual Celebration every year hereafter. **Rev. Fr. A.M. Jayapathy Francis SJ**, Rector of Loyola Institutions appreciated the faculty members who have contributed tremendously for the promotion of social relevant research which have paved the way for securing centum in the parameter of research in the NIRF Ranking 2017.



Prof. M.S. Swaminathan in his address stressed the importance of the role of Science & Technology in agriculture and farmers growth. He highlighted the strategy required for doubling income of farmers which will ensure food security in our country. He also emphasized the need of women entrepreneurs who can involve in farming practices. He opined that the involvement of women in farming practices will sustain the agriculture. Prof. Swaminathan applauded the Loyola Research centre that is driven by a scientific temper and social values.

Dr. S. Vincent, Dean of Research Loyola College, said that the college has achieved many milestones through research. He further said that the Loyola Research has secured a cumulative citation of 32,000 which is extraordinary in an Arts & Science college. The college has filed 31 Patents due to their research outcome. During the period of 2014-2017 the Researchers have published 1368 Research Articles in leading National and International Journals. Many Major & Minor Projects were secured by the faculty members from different government funding agencies.



During this occasion the Faculty and Research Scholars were honoured with Awards under different categories. There were seven professors who have secured more than 1000 citations under science stream and were honoured with cash prizes with a citation. The Departments who have produced more than 50 Ph.D., have received honour from Prof. Swaminathan. There are seven professors honoured during the occasion for their patents.

There were seven Research Scholars honoured with citations and cash prizes for having secured more than 10 Impact factor for their research publications.

During this occasion Loyola College signed an MOU with National Institute of Epidemiology, an ICMR Institute of Govt. of India. Dr. Manoj Murhekar, Director of NIE signed the agreement on behalf of National Institute of Epidemiology. While he was addressing the participants of the programme, he said "This agreement will help to build a joint project an epidemiology by the scientists of two institutions". He has also assured that this MOU will benefit the nation by the expertise of these two institutions.

Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal Loyola College felicitated the occasion. Prof. S. Pencier, Vice Principal proposed a vote of thanks.