

## **UGC awarded the “College of Excellence” status to Loyola College, Chennai**

Loyola College Chennai has been conferred with the coveted award of “College of Excellence” (CE) for the best practices in teaching and research. University Grants Commission (UGC), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), and Government of India as a sequel to the “College with potential for excellence (CPE)” status granted a decade ago, has given this prestigious recognition.

As of today, two hundred of the 30,000 colleges in India have been selected for CPE award. This is meant to offer generous funding for infrastructure and educational improvement.

Out of 48 colleges that were invited only a few colleges have been bestowed with the CE status. The newly acquired CE status will be another milestone achieved in the glorious history of Loyola College along with many, to name a few: Autonomous status by UGC (1978), 5 star status (1999) & A+ status by NAAC (2006), “A” grade with a score of 3.70 (the highest rank in Tamil Nadu, 2013), Scientific & Industrial Research Organization (SIRO) status by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology, New Delhi (2010-2016), Special income tax exemption of 175% by Ministry of Finance for any donation to the college for research in seven science disciplines (2012) and Fund for Improvement of

Science and Technology (FIST-2013) funded by Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Loyola College is awarded CE status with the entire grant of Rs.2 Crores, to be utilized during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. This funding is for the enhancement of quality teaching, research and extension activities in the campus.

The UGC evaluated and acknowledged the achievements and the potential of the college during phase-1 and phase-2 of “College with Potential for Excellence (CPE)”. The award is based on the patents secured (8), publishing more than 500 national and international research publications and 32 major and minor research projects in progress.

The activities proposed under the newly awarded CE status for the next five years include student-centric teaching and learning, virtual learning, industry institute consultancy centre, reach-out to the neighborhood and institutional quality enhancement activities. The recognition of the college with the College of Excellence status motivates Loyola College to march ahead with the most disadvantaged for the service of the nation through socially relevant programs and research.

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