Loyola celebrates 89th College Day

The 89th College Day of Loyola, Chennai was held on March 07, 2014 with lots of gusto. Participation of over five thousand students and five hundred staff members was the highlight of the event. For the first time in the annals of Loyola College, the annual report was digitalized with all the HODs and other officials of the college pronouncing the milestones of the respective departments. It kept the student community in rapture. They were highly enthusiastic and excited when the achievements of departments were showcased. Yet again Loyola College proves to be a trendsetter breaking the monotonous annual report reading in academia.

The Guest of Honour, Shri V. Nandakumar, IRS, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai addressed the staff and students providing examples from his personal life. He highlighted the importance of students harbouring motivation within. Going down the memory lane as a school dropout and subsequently as a successful IRS, he instilled the value of hard work and exhorted the students to rise to the top, even if they are made to feel that they down under.

The Chief Guest of the function, Shri Dr K. Sekhar, Vice-Chancellor, Vels University & former Chief Controller, Research & Development, DRDO, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi appealed to the students to persevere and succeed in academic struggle. He fondly recalled his experience with former President of India, Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam and cited the incidents of faulty launching of missiles that led to learning out of failures to launch successfully again. He said, “it is the determination and hard work on the part of Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam, the leader and other project members of which I was one, that made it possible”. He was nostalgic about how his team designed a bio toilet for Army Expedition that became a model to be used in other departments like Railways too. He hopes that his innovation will also reach rural areas.

As many as 115 students were awarded for excellence in academic achievements and extra and co-curricular activities. In addition, the retiring staff and silver jubilarians were given a rich tribute. Rev. Dr G. Joseph Antony Samy S.J., Principal organized the programme and made it lively and student-focused.

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