



LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI-600034

RESOURCE CENTRE FOR DIFFIDENTLY ABLED



Programme	:	Inaugural function of RCDA Association for 2025-2026
Date	:	17-07-2025
Time	:	12.00 pm - 02.00 pm
Venue	:	LIAC Conference Hall (Room No. CEL-17) Commerce and Economics Block Loyola College, Chennai-34

REPORT

Objective

To inaugurate the RCDA Association for the academic year 2025-2026.

Summary

The inaugural ceremony of the RCDA Association for the academic year 2025–2026 was conducted with due formality. Elections for various posts within the association were held on 4th July 2025 in the RCDA Room (CEG-14). The newly elected office bearers formally assumed their responsibilities during the event. All registered members of the RCDA were cordially invited to attend the function.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. S. Iruthaya Raj, Director of RCDA, who provided a brief overview of the history and activities of the Resource Centre for the Differently Abled. In his speech, he extended a warm welcome to Dr. R. Raja, Chief Guest of the function; Dr. D. Kavitha Mary, Guest of Honour; Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Secretary and Correspondent; Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Principal; Mr. L. Joseph Arockiasamy, Deputy Principal; other officials of the college; the newly elected office bearers of the RCDA Association; RCDA students and their parents; and all attendees of the programme.

In his felicitation address, the Secretary and Correspondent Dr. Thomas Alexander SJ, appreciated the centre for its outstanding performance over the years. He encouraged RCDA students to study diligently and make full use of the centre's resources for their personal growth and development. Emphasising the importance of education for persons with disabilities, he also fondly recalled the valuable contributions of the former Director, Dr. D. Kavitha Mary, and the former Coordinator, Dr. N. Maria Joseph.

Rev. Dr. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, the Principal of the college remarked that Loyola is among the few colleges that offer a wide range of facilities and opportunities for persons with disabilities to showcase and excel in their talents and abilities. He encouraged students to make the best use of RCDA for their holistic growth. Extending his wishes and greetings to the newly elected office bearers of the RCDA Association, he urged them to serve the organisation with dedication. He also stressed the vital importance of fostering inclusive education in society.

In his felicitation, the Deputy Principal, Mr. Joseph Arockiasamy, commended RCDA for its contributions and extended his greetings to the newly elected office bearers of the RCDA Association, encouraging them to lead the centre with commitment. He also reflected on the various activities and services carried out by RCDA for the welfare of differently abled students at Loyola.

The Chief Guest of the function, Dr. R. Raja—an alumnus of Loyola College, Lecturer at Government Arts College, Nandanam, Chennai, and President of Thaaai Karangal Charitable Trust, Choolaimedu, Chennai, which supports visually challenged women students—was introduced to the audience by Dr. M. Packia Raj, Coordinator of RCDA.

The Chief Guest fondly recalled his days at Loyola, sharing that he had been a member during the inception of RCDA at the college. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Loyola management and RCDA for inviting him to serve as the Chief Guest. As a visually challenged professor, he spoke about the challenges faced by persons with visual impairments and praised Loyola for creating an inclusive environment where differently abled students can enhance their knowledge, skills, and talents alongside their peers. He noted that Loyola is unique in fostering a campus culture free from discrimination between abled and differently abled students. He credited the opportunities and infrastructure provided by Loyola as instrumental in his academic achievements and professional success. Appreciating the college's commitment to inclusion, he commended the appointment of Ms. Akshaya, a visually challenged Loyola alumna nurtured under RCDA's care as an Assistant Professor in the Department of English. Dr. Raja further highlighted the remarkable accomplishments of differently abled individuals, particularly those who are visually impaired, and urged students to seize every opportunity available to them. He concluded by encouraging RCDA students to excel in academics, sports, and other skills, assuring them that such dedication could lead them to become successful individuals like himself. He also shared inspiring examples of achievers who had distinguished themselves in various fields.

The introduction about the guest of honour Dr. D. Kavitha Mary, the former Director of RCDA was given by Dr. S. Emaldarani, the coordinator of RCDA. She highlighted the leadership ability of Dr. Kavitha Mary in the past 3 years.

In her address, Dr. Kavitha Mary emphasised the wide range of opportunities provided by Loyola College to differently abled students. Through illustrative stories, she conveyed to RCDA students that with unity and a positive mindset, persons with disabilities can achieve greater heights and attain success. She recalled that during her tenure, an International Conference was organised at Loyola exclusively for differently abled academicians, benefiting around 300 participants. She also extended her congratulations to the newly elected office bearers of the RCDA Association for the academic year 2025–2026.

Following the address of the Guest of Honour, Dr. Kavitha Mary, badges were presented to the elected office bearers by the Chief Guest, Dr. R. Raja. The oath-taking ceremony was then administered by the Guest of Honour.

Finally, Mr. K. Shakthi Kumar, the General Secretary of the RCDA Association for the year 2025–2026, proposed the Vote of Thanks. He expressed his gratitude to the patrons of the college, the chief guest and the guest of honour, RCDA officials, office bearers, and all RCDA students for their support and participation.

A total of 65 students had registered with RCDA and were invited to the inaugural function, with some students accompanied by their parents. The event concluded with lunch served to all participants.

Staff members

1. Dr. S. Iruthaya Raj, Director
2. Dr. S. Emaldarani, Coordinator (Shift-I)
3. Dr. M. Packiaraj, Coordinator (Shift-II)
4. Mr. G. Arul Jegan, Computer Instructor and Organiser
5. Mr. D. Premanand, Music Teacher and Organiser

Special Secretary of Loyola Students Council

Mr. S. Musthafa Hussnain

Office bearers

1. Mr. K. Shakthi Kumar, General Secretary
2. Mr. R. Vanamamalai Magesh, Cultural Secretary
3. Mr. S. Kishore, Sports Secretary
4. Mr. S. Harish, Placement Secretary
5. Mr. K. Kaviyarasu, Logistics Secretary
6. Ms. L. Vanitha, PRO Secretary

Programme outcome

Various academic and general activities for RCDA students will be done through RCDA Association in the year 2025-2026.

Participants

The following 49 students participated in the guest lecture programme.

1. 25-UTL-027 Kewin S
2. 25-UEL-014 Mohamed Aflal
3. 25-UEL-035 Naveen D
4. 25-UEL-041 Deepan Kumar.S
5. 25-UEL-077 Sanjay Kumar
6. 25-UHT-015 Sai Avinash J
7. 25-UHT-017 Jayakanth CH VNS
8. 25-UCH-042 De Britto Ebinesh AJ
9. 24-UEL-012 Dhanush M
10. 24-UEL-029 K Sharan Deepak
11. 24-UEL-066 Kathirkaman.K
12. 24-UEL-086 Kishore.S
13. 24-UTL-028 Ajithmathew S
14. 24-UTL-029 Anbuselvam.V
15. 24-UHT-016 Kaviyarasu K
16. 24-UEC-066 Vishwanth S
17. 24-USO-071 Jerome M
18. 23-UTL-012 Ragul S
19. 23-UTL-002 Madhavan V
20. 23-UTL-079 Prem Kumar D
21. 23-UEL-001 Vanamamalai Magesh R
22. 23-UEL-064 Raymond Richard M
23. 23-UEL-073 Musthafa Hussnain S
24. 23-UEL-077 Sudharsan M
25. 23-UHT-068 Harish Srinivasan
26. 23-UCO-101 Joel Malvin J
27. 25-PCO-016 Murugesan G
28. 24-PEL-032 Yuvaneshwar G
29. 24-PEL-034 Shakthi Kumar K
30. 25-UCO-248 Varun Kumar K S
31. 25-UEC-233 Gokul G
32. 25-UEC-302 Jhaswanth B
33. 25-UEC-326 Mithinraj S
34. 25-UEL-101 Sam Alvin Kenneth M Y

35. 25-UEL-113 Sriram S
36. 25-UEL-123 Vijay Bharath S
37. 25-UFR-002 Angelin Kurian
38. 25-UMM-002 Hashvika Mohan
39. 25-UHT-244 Mohan Raaj
40. 24-UCO-518 Arul Joel T
41. 24-UCA-018 Jovit D
42. 24-UCS-021 Derwyn Leonard Gomes
43. 24-UMM-002 Susheel B
44. 23-UEC-379 Manoj Kumar V
45. 23-UHT-213 Dinesh Kumar B
46. 25-PHT-002 Ranga Varshini J
47. 25-PSO-004 Vanitha L
48. 24-PHT-026 Rabindas
49. 24-PSO-004 Balaa Neelakantan S K

Photo gallery



Dignitaries



RCDA Choir



Invocation led by Mr. D. Manish, Research Scholar



Lighting of the Lamp – Dignitaries



Welcome address – Dr. S. Iruthaya Raj, Director of RCDA



Honouring the chief guest Dr. R. Raja – Principal



Honouring the guest of honour - Deputy Principal



Honouring Dr. N. Maria Joseph – Secretary & Correspondent



Felicitation – Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Secretary & Correspondent



Felicitation – Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiananj SJ, Principal



Felicitation – Mr. L. Joseph Arockiasamy, Deputy Principal



Participants



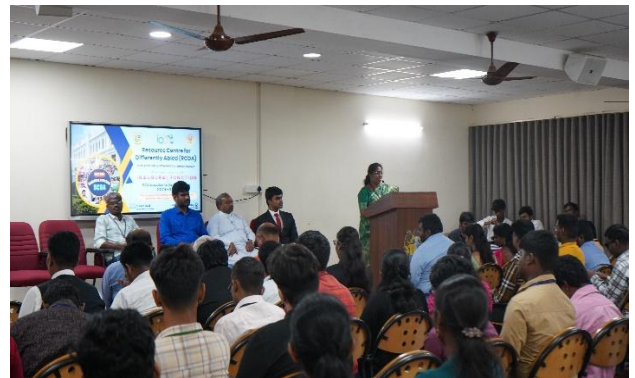
Chief guest introduction – Dr. M. Packia Raj, Coordinator, RCDA



Inaugural address – Dr. R. Raja, Chief guest



Guest of honour introduction – Dr. S. Emaldarani, Coordinator, RCDA



Special address – Dr. D. Kavitha Mary, Guest of honour



Badges distribution to the office bearers – Dr. R. Raja, Chief guest



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Oath taking by General Secretary – Administered by Dr. D. Kavitha Mary



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Vote of thanks – Mr. K. Shakthi Kumar, General Secretary, RCDA



Group photo – Officials, Staff members, Office bearers, RCDA



Participants



National Anthem



Reception in RCDA



Participants of RCDA Association inauguration during Lunch



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Welcomes you to the
INAUGURAL FUNCTION
of

RCDA Association for the Academic Year 2025-2026

on
Thursday, 17 July, 2025



Patrons

Rev. Dr. Antony Robinson SJ
Rector & Vice-President, Loyola Institutions

Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ
Secretary & Correspondent

Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ
Principal

Mr. L. Joseph Arockiasamy
Deputy Principal

Chief Guest

Dr. R. Raja
Lecturer
Govt. Arts College, Nandanam
President
Thaaikearantal Charitable Trust
Chennai -600094



Guest of Honor



Dr. D. Kavitha Mary
(Former Director - RCDA)
Assistant Professor
Department of Economics
Loyola College, Chennai-600034

Welcoming You All

12.00 pm - 02.00 pm

Room No: CEL 17

LIAC Conference Hall

School of Commerce and Economics Block

Dr. S. Iruthaya Raj Director - RCDA

Dr. M. Packiya Raj Coordinator - RCDA

Dr. S. Emaldarani Coordinator - RCDA

* Program Schedule

- Invocation – RCDA Choir
- Lighting of the lamp
- Welcome Address – Dr. S. Iruthaya Raj, Director-RCDA *
- Honoring the Chief Guest & the Guest of Honour
- Felicitation
 - Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ
 - Secretary & Correspondent
 - Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ – Principal
 - Mr. L. Joseph Arockiasamy – Deputy Principal
- * • Introducing the Chief Guest
 - Dr. M. Packiya Raj, Coordinator – RCDA *
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- Introducing the Guest of Honor
 - Dr. S. Emaldarani, Coordinator – RCDA
- Special Address – Dr. D. Kavithamary, Guest of Honor
- Introduction of the Office Bearers
 - Dr. S. Iruthaya Raj, Director – RCDA *
- Distribution of Badges & Oath taking Ceremony
- Vote of Thanks

Office Bearers

- * • Mr. K. Shakthi Kumar (24-PEL-034) – General Secretary
- Mr. R. Vanamamalail Magesh (23-UEL-001) – Cultural Secretary
- Mr. S. Kishore (24-UEL-086) – Sports Secretary
- Mr. S. Harish (23-UHT-068) – Placement Secretary *
- Mr. K. Kaviyarasu (24-UHT-016) – Logistics Secretary
- Ms. L. Vanitha (25-PSO-004) – PRO Secretary

*"True empowerment comes when every voice is heard
and every talent is given the space to shine"*

