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# Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology

## Alumni Day Report – August 4, 2024

### Loyola College, Chennai

The year 2024–2025 marks the historic Centenary of Loyola College, Chennai, a celebration of 100 glorious years of academic excellence, values-based education, and social commitment. As part of this landmark occasion, individual departments were encouraged to organise their own events to reflect on their unique contributions and legacy within the college.

In line with this, the Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology organised a memorable Alumni Day on August 4, 2024, at the department Smart Classroom JF-02. The event brought together former students, retired faculty, and present staff, creating a vibrant atmosphere of reunion, reflection, and gratitude.

The day commenced with a warm welcome by the Head of the Department, Dr. V. Pushpa Rani, who addressed the gathering with heartfelt words. She emphasized the rich legacy of the department and the immense contribution of alumni in shaping its reputation. She also expressed gratitude to the former faculty and pioneers who laid a strong academic and research foundation.

To ensure the smooth execution of the event, the faculty members took up specific responsibilities:

- ❖ **Master of Ceremonies:** Dr. Theresa Mathew, who elegantly anchored the event with warmth and grace.
- ❖ **Attendance Coordination & Vote of Thanks:** Dr. Anitha Sebastian, who ensured that all participants were acknowledged and formally appreciated.
- ❖ **Cultural Programme & Photography:** Dr. Renilda Sophie, who coordinated vibrant cultural activities and captured key moments of the day.
- ❖ **Snacks & Documentation:** Dr. M. Raja, who looked after the refreshments and prepared records for departmental archives.
- ❖ **Gift Distribution:** Dr. Nallamuthu, who oversaw the distribution of tokens of appreciation to guests and alumni.

The event featured a rich sequence of activities including experience sharing, felicitations, and cultural programmes. Alumni from various batches took the stage to share nostalgic memories of their student life, research journey, and professional achievements. Their words served as an inspiration to the younger generation and a tribute to the values instilled by the department.

A special segment of the programme was devoted to honouring retired faculty and non-teaching staff, whose dedication and service have been pivotal to the department's growth. This was followed by a moment of silent prayer and commemoration for alumni and staff who had passed away — a solemn and emotional tribute that unified everyone in shared remembrance.

The alumni expressed their deep appreciation for the department's academic guidance, research support, and mentoring, which had played a significant role in their personal and professional journeys. It was heartening to see the deep connection and pride they continue to hold for their alma mater.

The department proudly offers undergraduate (B.Sc.), postgraduate (M.Sc.), and doctoral (Ph.D.) programmes, and until 2022, also offered an M.Phil. Programme. Over the decades, **more than 250 scholars have been awarded Ph.D. degrees**, making it one of the most research-productive departments in the college. Many of our alumni hold prestigious positions in academia, research, government services, NGOs, and industry across India and abroad.

The 2024 Alumni Day was not just a reunion—it was a celebration of shared identity, collective memory, and a renewed commitment to carry forward the values and vision of Loyola College. It was a day that rekindled bonds, inspired hearts, and recharged spirits.

The department expresses its sincere gratitude to the Management, Principal, and Alumni Association of Loyola College for their support and encouragement in organizing this event.

# Photo Gallery



























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