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REPORT ON INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Details of the Programme:

Name of the Programmes:	INAUGURAL CEREMONY – 2026-2027
Date of the Programme:	12.08.2026
Time of the Programme:	09.30 am – 10.30 am
Target Audience of the Programme:	1st Year Student-teacher
No. of participants	118
Objectives of the Programme:	✓ To formally mark the commencement of the event and create a positive and welcoming atmosphere. ✓ To welcome the participants and provide them with an overview of the programme, its activities, and expectations. ✓ To communicate the purpose, objectives, and significance of the programme to the participants. ✓ To motivate and inspire participants to actively engage in the programme and make meaningful use of the learning opportunities provided. ✓ To recognize and acknowledge the contributions of guests, organizers, participants, and other stakeholders associated with the programme. ✓ To provide opportunities for interaction, networking, and community building among participants, faculty members, and other stakeholders.
Brief note about the Chief Guest:	Rev. Dr. J. Antony Robinson, SJ, <i>Rector & Vice-President, Loyola Institutions, Chennai – 34.</i>

Few insights given by the Chief Guest:	The Chief Guest, Rev. Dr. J. Antony Robinson SJ, highlighted the importance and responsibility of the teaching profession. He emphasized the need for strong content knowledge, communication skills, professional commitment, creativity, and competence among prospective teachers. He also stressed the importance of skill-based training and encouraged students to develop AI and technology skills to meet the changing needs of education. He motivated the prospective teachers to become innovative, competent, committed, and technology-enabled educators.
Learning Outcomes of the Programme:	The inaugural ceremony enabled the prospective teachers to: • Understand the importance, values, and responsibilities of the teaching profession. • Recognize the need for continuous learning, skill development, and professional commitment. • Gain awareness of the importance of communication skills, creativity, competence, and content knowledge. • Understand the relevance of technology and AI skills in contemporary education. • Develop motivation and confidence to begin the new academic year with enthusiasm, discipline, and a positive attitude. • Develop a sense of professional identity, responsibility, and commitment towards becoming competent and compassionate teachers.

Details of the Committee which organized the event:

Name of the Committee:	Academic Planning Committee
Organizing Secretary:	Dr. C. Beulah Jayarani, Assistant Professor, LCE

Signature of the Co-ordinator

Signature of the Principal

PHOTOS

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You're Invited to
INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027
First Year B.Ed

DATE: 12.08.2026 TIME: 09:30 AM VENUE: ARRUPPE AUDITORIUM


Chief Guest
Rev. Dr. J. Antony Robinson, S.J.
Rector & Vice-President
Loyola Institutions, Chennai

Rev. Dr. Alphonse Manickam, SJ
Secretary

Dr. A. Jasmine Christy
Principal

PROGRAMME
தமிழ்த்தாய் வாழ்த்து
LIGHTING OF THE LAMP
PRAYER SERVICE
WELCOME ADDRESS
INTRODUCING THE CHIEF GUEST
HONOURING THE CHIEF GUEST
INAUGURAL ADDRESS
INTRODUCING FATHER SECRETARY, PRINCIPAL & STAFF
PRESENTATION ON THE ACADEMIC JOURNEY
(DESIGNED FOR THE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS)
VOTE OF THANKS
NATIONAL ANTHEM







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INAUGURAL CEREMONY ACADEMIC YEAR (2026-2027)

Date: 12 August 2026 **Time :** 9.30 – 10.30 am **Venue :** Arrupe Auditorium

The Inauguration of the Academic Year 2026–2027 was organized at Loyola College of Education, Chennai, on 12 August 2026. The programme marked the formal commencement of the new academic year and brought together the management, faculty members, prospective teachers, parents, and other members of the LCE family. The event provided an inspiring beginning to the academic journey and emphasized the values of learning, service, compassion, and professional commitment.

The programme commenced with the rendering of Thamizhthai Vaazhththu, invoking the blessings of Mother Tamil. This was followed by a prayer service, which created a solemn and spiritual atmosphere and sought divine guidance and blessings for the academic year ahead. The traditional lighting of the kuthuvilakku was then performed by the dignitaries, symbolizing the removal of ignorance and the spreading of the light of knowledge and wisdom.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. Dr. C. Beulah Jayarani, Vice Principal, Loyola College of Education. She warmly welcomed the dignitaries, faculty members, parents, and prospective teachers and extended her best wishes for the successful commencement of the new academic year.

The gathering was then introduced to the Chief Guest, Rev. Dr. J. Antony Robinson SJ, Rector and Vice President, Loyola Institutions, Chennai. He emphasized the importance and nobility of the teaching profession and highlighted the significant responsibility of teachers in shaping the future of society. He stressed that prospective teachers should develop not only strong content knowledge but also the necessary professional and practical skills required for effective teaching. He particularly emphasized the importance of communication skills, as clear and effective

communication is essential for building meaningful relationships with students and facilitating successful learning. He encouraged the student-teachers to develop a strong sense of commitment, competence, creativity, and continuous self-improvement. He also highlighted the need for skill-based training and practical exposure to prepare teachers to respond effectively to diverse classroom situations. In the context of the changing educational landscape, he emphasized the importance of developing AI and technology-related skills and using emerging technologies responsibly to enhance teaching and learning. He encouraged the prospective teachers to become adaptable, innovative, and technology-enabled educators while maintaining the human values and professional commitment that are central to the teaching profession. His insights motivated the students to continuously update their knowledge, strengthen their skills, and prepare themselves to become competent, creative, committed, and compassionate teachers.

The Inaugural Address was delivered by Rev. Dr. J. Antony Robinson SJ. His address provided valuable insights and encouragement to the students as they embarked on a new academic year. He emphasized the importance of purposeful education, personal growth, commitment, and service in the teaching profession. His inspiring words encouraged the prospective teachers to develop themselves as responsible, compassionate, and competent educators.

The programme continued with the introduction of Rev. Dr. Alphonse Manickam SJ, Secretary, Loyola College of Education. His extensive academic and administrative experience and his significant contributions to various Jesuit educational institutions were acknowledged. His service and leadership have played an important role in strengthening the academic and institutional development of Loyola College of Education.

The Principal, Dr. A. Jasmine Christy, was also introduced to the gathering. Her academic qualifications, teaching experience, and contributions to the institution were highlighted. Her assumption of the responsibility as Principal of Loyola College of Education in August 2026 marked an important milestone, and the gathering extended its warm wishes for her leadership and service.

Following this, the teaching and non-teaching faculty members of Loyola College of Education were introduced by the Principal. The introduction provided an opportunity for the prospective teachers to become familiar with the members of the LCE fraternity who would guide and support them throughout the academic year.

The Secretary, Rev. Dr. Alphonse Manickam SJ, subsequently offered his felicitation and blessings to the gathering. His words of encouragement motivated the students and faculty members to approach the new academic year with renewed enthusiasm, dedication, and responsibility.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. T. Komalavalli, Assistant Professor, Perspectives in Education. She expressed sincere gratitude to the management, dignitaries, faculty members, parents, students, and everyone who contributed to the successful organization of the inaugural programme.

The event concluded with the National Anthem, marking the formal closure of the inauguration.

The inauguration of the academic year 2026–2027 thus provided a meaningful and inspiring beginning to the new academic session. The programme successfully created a sense of belonging among the members of the LCE community and motivated the prospective teachers to pursue their academic and professional journey with knowledge, discipline, compassion, continuous learning, and a commitment to service.