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LEAD Inauguration Report



The inauguration of the Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD) 2017-18 took place on 4th August, 2017 at Bertram Hall. Mr. S Davidson Devasirvatham, I.P.S, Inspector General of Police, welfare, Tamil Nadu, an alumnus of Loyola College, presided over the function as the honourable chief guest. The ceremony started at 11.15 am in Bertram Hall with an invocation to the Almighty, through a prayer song by the department choir. It was followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries which marked it as propitious start to the day.



The dignitaries and audience were welcomed warmly by the Head of the Department of Economics, Professor B. Bhagwan Das. He emphasized on some of

the issues that we as a team of budding economists need to focus on in this academic year and wished that the department would continue the good work that it has been consistently doing for the past few years.



The occasion was graced by Rev. Dr. A. G. Leonard S.J, who was the former Head of the Department of Economics, Loyola College and former Principal of St. Joseph College, Trichy. This prestigious association, LEAD, was a brainchild of his. Dr. Fathima Vasanth, Deputy Principal, Loyola College was also present. The two dignitaries addressed the gathering and conveyed their wishes to the office bearers of LEAD 2017-18.



The chief guest was then felicitated by Prof. Chithra Regis, Director, Training and Placement, Loyola College.

The President of LEAD 2017-18, Prof. P. Diana Josephine gave a brief description on the activities of LEAD and promised to strive to keep up the good work and to improve on the drawbacks from the activities of last year.



M. Dheeraj Prashant, the elected secretary of LEAD 2017-18 presented the plan of action for this academic year and gave a detailed description of all the events that LEAD has planned to conduct this year such as the National Symposium, Equilibrium and publication of the department journal, Oikonomikos.





Mr. S. Davidson Devasirvatham, the chief guest addressed the gathering and gave insights into his life as a Loyolite and about how it felt to serve the Indian Police Service. He also enlightened the audience on the struggle that all civil service aspirants have to go through in order to finally be able to serve the country. He gave invaluable tips on how one should gain and focus on his/her career goals and how it is important to always be disciplined and committed in order to succeed in life. He congratulated and honoured the newly elected office bearers with a badge.





The department choir then entertained the gathering with a light music performance. Followed by the vote of thanks by N. Ramnath, Associate Secretary, LEAD 2017-18, the ceremony concluded with the national anthem.