

Evening of Joy

A Night of Celebration, Legacy & Inspiration

📅 June 19th, 2026 📍 Bangalore, India



Mr. Mani Iyer, Operations Lead, Joy Thomas Foundation addresses guests at the Evening of Joy

On the evening of June 19th, the Joy Thomas Foundation gathered in Bangalore for the Evening of Joy. Surrounded by mentors, volunteers, donors, scholars and well-wishers, we came together to celebrate the legacy of Joy Thomas, present the 2025 Joy Thomas Prize, and welcome the next generation of young women in STEM into our community.

The Joy Thomas Prize

The Joy Thomas Prize was awarded to Devdutta Mahji, the top-ranked woman in the 2025 JEE examination. Though she couldn't be with us in Bangalore, the room was filled with celebration in her honor.



The Evening

The event was held at the Loyola Technology Center at St. Joseph's Boys High School, bringing together donors, scholars, mentors, volunteers, and partners to celebrate impact among JTF's programs.



Fr. Paul Anand, Mr. Brian McKertish, Fr. Norwin Pereira, Mr. Mani Iyer, Mr. Stephen Nobu



LTC student with his sister



Nishita Doshi SJBHS 2024 grad

Celebrating the Loyola Technology Center (LTC) STEM Lab

The evening was also an opportunity to celebrate the work of the Loyola Technology Center, led by Mr. Stephen Nebu, whose efforts make it possible for hundreds of students to discover a love of science, innovation and learning.

Highlighting our Partnership with the Foundation For Excellence (FFE)

The Evening of Joy was also a moment to celebrate the impact of our partnership with the Foundation for Excellence (FFE). Through this collaboration, JTF supports 20 scholars annually, providing four years of financial assistance, mentorship, and career support to students across India.

"Watching these students grow in confidence and pursue dreams that once seemed out of reach is a beautiful reminder that Joy's legacy lives on."

—Priya Pattathil · Founding Board Director, Joy Thomas Foundation

Thank you!

None of this would be possible without the incredible volunteer community that surrounds JTF. A special thank you to everyone who joined us in Bangalore, and to those who were with us in spirit from across the world.