

My Journey of Transformation

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Lady Doak College has always stood out to me as more than just an educational institution - it was a life-shaping ground. My years there were marked by holistic growth - intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. At a time when I had very little, LDC nurtured me, believed in my potential, and offered countless opportunities to express myself through theatre, street plays, puppetry, short films, and public speaking. It was not merely a place of academics, but a vibrant stage that built my confidence, unleashed my creativity, and transformed me from within.

One defining moment was when I was given the opportunity to play the role of the protagonist for three consecutive years in the annual college play. That experience completely removed my stage fear and instilled the confidence that today enables me to stand before global audiences. It was a true turning point that transformed a hesitant student into a bold and articulate public speaker.

My journey was only possible because of **Dr. Prema Michael Scholarship Fund** that supported my entire college education. Along with financial support, the mentorship from my professors, exposure to social work practices, creative opportunities in theatre and street plays, and continuous encouragement from my department provided the skill set and vision to pursue social change and leadership.

Roopa Ma'am called me an *excellent social worker* even before I chose the field. Her words gave me the confidence and direction to step boldly into social work. Similarly, **Betty Ma'am** worked patiently with me, moulding my raw accent and presentation skills, while **Caroline Ma'am, Synthia Ma'am, Vidhya Ma'am** and all my teachers enriched me with knowledge, mentorship, and opportunities that still echo in my professional and personal journey.

LDC transformed me in every dimension. It gave me academic excellence, exposure to leadership platforms, spiritual grounding, and the resilience to face challenges despite financial struggles. It taught me to think creatively and enabled me to direct, perform, and create awareness through innovative mediums. It didn't just educate me; it equipped me with the confidence to engage with business leaders, social workers, and students across the globe.

My childhood dream was to become a professor at Lady Doak College, and by God's grace, that dream came true. I studied here, later served as a professor, and even had the privilege of addressing students as a Resource Person and Chief Guest. These milestones would not have been possible without the strong foundation LDC built in me.

LDC means everything to me. It is the soil where the seed of my life was nurtured. Intellectually, it sharpened my thinking; emotionally, it strengthened my resilience; spiritually, it deepened my faith; and socially, it inspired a vision for change. Today, as I address students

and business leaders with global competence and confidence, I carry the indelible mark of LDC.

My story is a living proof that, when a seed in need is nurtured, it grows into a tree that gives life to many. LDC empowered me despite financial struggles, and today I create impact among children, underprivileged women, and communities. Every young woman deserves the same chance to be nurtured, mentored, and given the wings to fly beyond limitations - and LDC provides that unique opportunity.

I am ever grateful to God for using Lady Doak College as His medium to uplift my life. Every stage I stand on, every person I inspire, and every life I impact carries a part of what LDC sowed in me.
