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I am Dr. V. Janaki, currently serving as the Joint Commissioner of State Tax in Tamil Nadu Commercial Taxes Department. I belong to the 1990-93 Batch of B.Sc. Botany. After graduating from LDC, I studied M.Sc. Botany at P.S.G.R. Krishnammal College for Women (KCW) at Coimbatore and emerged as a University Topper. I have been recognised as the Best Alumnae and Brand Ambassador of KCW. I completed M.B.A. at Hyderabad, M.Phil. at MKU and Ph.D. in the area of **‘Women’s Empowerment in Tamil Nadu’** from Vels University, Chennai.

During my life at LDC, I was

- awarded with *Special Honour* for best performance in Academic and Co-curricular activities.
- appointed as the *General Mess Secretary* for the year 1992-93.
- elected as the *President of the World University Service Club* for the year 1991-92

Once you enter LDC, you become a Doakian, and you are a Doakian forever! My bond with LDC grew from strength to strength ever since I graduated. I entered LDC in *rettai jadai* and *dhavani*, after completing my schooling from Avvai Corporation Girls Hr Sec School. From the very first day, the support I got from my teachers honed my skills and shaped my attitude. I am glad that Dr. Rachel Reji Daniel was my Academic Advisor. From day one at LDC, she ensured that I took part in both academic and co-curricular activities. Rachel Ma’am and Manorama Dhanaseeli Ma’am referred my name for participation in a District level Essay writing competition conducted by Tamil Nadu Forest Department in the very first semester. When I won the first place, the whole Department rejoiced with pride.

Since then, I participated in all possible events organised within and outside the campus. My teachers confidently selected me to take part in inter-collegiate programmes. Our Head of the Department Mrs. Pamela Mohandas and other faculty members including Gunaseeli Ma’am, Mary Esther Rani Ma’am and Srisudha Ma’am were the real motivation behind my consistent involvement in every activity of the Botany Department. My oratory skills, artistic skills and creative writing were nurtured at LDC to a great extent. Additional courses such as Family Life Education, Home Economics, Integrated Course in Humanities, and Preparatory Course in Project have helped me imbibe critical thinking and these crucial skills are of use to me even today.

A platform was provided to develop the budding leadership qualities within me. In the second year, I served as the President of W.U.S. Club. My hostel life at LDC sculpted me into a good, confident leader. I was nominated for the post of General Mess Secretary in the final year by Ms. Shanti Manuel, the legendary former Principal, an iconoclastic measure, still unknown to many educational institutions. It was a wonderful experience to be a student leader, involved in decision-making. My service as General Mess Secretary provided me a prototype to get trained as a future Public Servant.

The personal bond between the teachers and students of LDC is unmatched. Former Principal, Dr. Mercy Pushpalatha has a cordial relationship with me even today, like many other Doakians. I can proudly say that the support continues. My teachers even supported me with the preparation of my UPSC exams. There are still many more teachers and friends whose names are not mentioned here, but I still keep them close to my heart.

I am deeply grateful to LDC for shaping my personality and instilling in me the confidence and knowledge that have guided me to my current position. I feel truly proud to be an alumna of LDC and will always cherish the memories of my alma mater.