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Stella Maris remembers former CM

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CHENNAI: On the Stella Maris College campus on Saturday, students and teachers came together to pay tributes to the former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa.

"Jayalalithaa Jayaram was enrolled as a student on May 19, 1964 and took her college leaving certificate on April 7, 1965 according to our college records," said Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras, Principal of Stella Maris College, addressing the meeting.

Principal Sr. Jacintha said that Jayalalithaa was a life-

changing political leader whose legacy was palpable as seen in the many welfare measures with her special flair for leadership and social transformation.

"Dr Jayalalithaa's strong character, her determination and courage will mean that she will continue to live in the hearts of the masses," she said.

A music video presentation as well as the poem *Do not stand at my grave and weep* by Mary Elizabeth Frye was read.

While the former Chief Minister was an alumini of

Church Park school, little is known about her time at Stella Maris College. In the book *Amma* by Vaasanthi, the author quotes Srimathi, a close friend of Jayalalithaa until she joined politics, about how she was very keen on joining a college.

Ms. Srimathi goes on to say how since Jayalalithaa was busy shooting for *Aayirathil Oruvan*, she had requested her to fill the admission form and pay fees on her behalf. While she came to college on the first day, she decided to discontinue her studies.