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## The Editorial

Bidding adieu to another magnificent year gone by with a deep sense of nostalgia and gratitude at having crossed the great milestone of 50 years, we feel privileged to unfold the Golden Jubilee Edition of the Xavier Times. The cherished dream of bringing out the 50<sup>th</sup> edition has finally come true due to the dedicated efforts of a team of dynamic achievers. This noble endeavour mirrors the dreams of generations of Xaverians.

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Over all these years, XT has proved to be instrumental in bringing out explosive talents and heart throbbing achievements of our budding Xaverians. Flipping through its pages has always been an inspiration and motivation towards working harder and taking the standard of the school to greater heights. XT is the creative voice of Xavier's. Thus without your cooperation it would not have been possible to bring out this issue. The Xavier Times humbly dedicates itself to the perpetual quest for Truth and Purity.

**Sanjana Arora (12D) Shivangi (12C)  
and Simran Bhatnagar (12A)  
(Chief Editors)**

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The Session 2014-15 began with the motto of "Zero Tolerance to inappropriate Language" and a "Cleanliness Drive" within the School campus and its vicinity.

St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School is like a vast ocean of talent in which many budding artists, musicians, dancers, actors, sportsmen and all-rounders plunge every year to come out as winners. This year, like every other, was full of activities and achievements. The year started off with teary goodbyes to the legends of Xavier's – Mr. Basil Miranda and Mr. Subroto Basu. On 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the two veterans bade farewell to Xavier's which was like a second home to them and will always remain so. This was followed by the farewell of Fr. Sherry, S.J. He joined Xavier's as the Vice-Principal for a short span of time and bade goodbye to pursue his Ph.D. in Mathematics. We all will miss Fr. Sherry's welcoming smile and diligent attitude.

The new session began in the Prep Department with the Orientation Day, in which Fr. P.T. Augustine, S.J., welcomed the parents and Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J., explained the essence of Jesuit education to them. Labour day was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 by the tiny tots who recited poems and gave short speeches. On 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Mother's Day was celebrated in order to felicitate mothers for their unconditional love and hardwork. The little ones celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with avidity in July. The Prep kids showcased their loyalty towards their country by celebrating the Independence Day with unmatched vigour. Father Pereira Memorial Annual Music Fest, 2014 was successfully organized and executed in order to encourage the tiny musicians. The Prep Department also held their Sports' Day to encourage the little ones to participate and excel in sports. This year was filled with many celebrations and programmes on various occasions.

The year 2014 was kickstarted in the Junior School with the Student Council Investiture Ceremony. The new student council was formed and Vansh Mehra and Shalini Jha of class 7 F were bestowed the titles of the Head Boy and the Head Girl respectively. This was followed by the Recognition Day which was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014, wherein the talented Xaverians were felicitated with the Xaverian Excellence Awards. Throughout the year, the Junior School buzzed with many interesting activities. The Inter House Music Fest was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The students participated with great enthusiasm that raised the Music Fest 2014, to a new height of excellence. In the field of Sports also, the Juniors excelled in Swimming, Chess, Badminton, Basketball, Langdi Tang, Football, Skating and Athletics.

The academic year in Senior School started with the Investiture Ceremony in which Anirbaan Das (12A) and Yukti Joshi (12F) were elected as the Head Boy and the Head Girl respectively. The Student Council also took pledge to sincerely carry out the duties they were entrusted with. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Richard Curry Memorial Music Fest was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 which was a huge success. During summer vacation, the students of the Senior School were given the opportunity to visit NASA and take a lifetime experience in the field of astronomical studies. The school also bade farewell to Santosh Sir and Yashwani Mam in July and welcomed Mr. K.J Devasia as the new Coordinator of Discipline and Activities in the Senior School. On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2014, the Recognition Day was held in which all the talented Xaverians were awarded with Excellence and Academic Awards in their respective field by Fr. P.T. Augustine, S.J., Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J., and our very own Yashi Ma'am. Fr. Mayer Memorial One-Act play Fest was held on 31<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2014. On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014, both the Senior and the Junior School held their Sports Day and Xavier Fair was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014, with lot of fun 'n' frolic. The year ended with the Christmas Celebration on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014 and the school bade farewell to class 12<sup>th</sup> on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

Mrs. Anukriti Khindria and Mrs. Himani Jain





**I**t gives me much happiness to learn that the Xavier Times is celebrating 50 years of its growth since its birth in 1965 and is to bring out a special Jubilee Issue on this occasion. Fifty years' service to the school community is something the magazine can justly be proud of. It has through the years fulfilled several functions. First, it has mirrored the multifarious activities of the school. Second, it has helped to discover and develop the artistic and literary talents of the students. Moreover, it has provided a training ground for the budding journalists. Thus the Xavier Times should be counted among the most creative and challenging activities of the students. We should bear in mind that the primary goal of Jesuit education is to improve the quality of life of the people. It does not rest content with turning out a selected few leaders of corporate business, some top ranking technocrats or high-salaried professionals. Jesuit education seeks to enable students, whatever be their backgrounds, to dream of great dreams and to assist them in realizing them. Quality education will then reach down to the lowest levels of society. That is why Jesuit education must improve the quality of life of the people at large. This is the vision of education held up to all partners in the Jesuit educational enterprise – teachers, students, parents and the alumni. The interest, many alumni take in the welfare of the disadvantaged show that they have imbibed the true spirit of Jesuit education. I hail the efforts of those who have helped to maintain high standards of the school magazine. I wish it every success as it strives to rise to greater heights consistent with the best traditions of Jesuit education. I extend my best wishes to all the readers of the Xavier Times.

**Fr. Varkey Perekatt, S.J.**  
**Provincial**  
**Delhi Province of the Society of Jesus**



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The Xavier Times is not just a magazine. It is a fruit which ripens by the end of the session containing sweet taste of memories of the year gone by. It is an eyewitness to the hard work and dedication of the Xaverians who strived to add another feather in their caps.

Fifty years ago, Fr. Richard Extross, S.J., planted a few magical beans which geared up in the course of 50 years into an enormous beanstalk with the nurture it received from the talent of the students and the support of the teachers, which has now penetrated into the unending world of clouds of fancy and creativity. And now the Xavier Times stands in golden color as a testimony to the endeavors of many generations of Xaverians. I would like to congratulate all the students and teachers on the Golden Jubilee of the Xavier Times, as without their contribution it wouldn't have been possible. I sincerely hope that the upcoming generations of students would adorn this publication with their creative talent and take it to another level of grandeur.

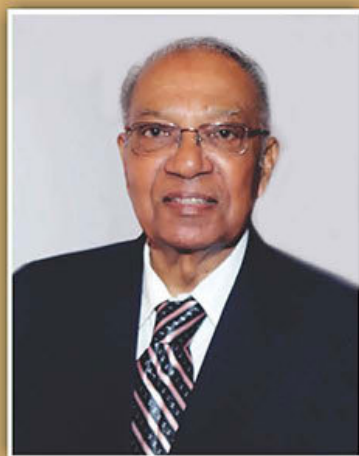
**Fr. P.T. Augustine, S.J.**  
**(Rector)**





Similar to what the advertisement says about Rolex watches, The Xavier Times has been more than a mere record of Xavier's over the past 54 years. It has been telling the many luminous points of its history. The multiplex activities and pursuits of the school have found literary and enthusiastic telling in the Xavier Times. Plenty of appreciations were expressed for high achievements, whether in academics, sports or other curricular activities. A tradition, initiated in yesteryears, has been well sustained and carried forward over these long years. For this a well-deserved credit and kudos go to all those involved, both teachers and students. My hearty congratulations to all.

**Fr. Thomas V. Kunnunkal, S. J.**  
(Education Consultant)



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## From the Principal's Desk



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A passion for excellence is the hallmark of every Xaverian. At Xavier's excellence is not restricted to academics alone; it extends to every arena of school life. We want each and every Xaverian to be a winner.

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The highlight of the 2014-15 session was the "Cleanliness Drive" which finds resonance with the vision of the Mahatma Gandhi and the dream of our Prime Minister. It is indeed heartening to see the support this cause has received from both the students and the staff alike. The "Swachh Bharat" campaign is a dream that we at Xaviers would love to translate into reality.

I would like to congratulate all the alumini, former staff members, students and present staff members who have contributed their valuable creations for the publication of the Xavier Times for the past 50 years. Heartiest congratulations to the editorial board, past and present on the auspicious occasion of completing 50 years of its glorious existence.

We thank the almighty for His abundant blessings on this institution and all associated with it. May we continue to bloom under the great teachings of the Jesuit pioneers, St. Francis Xavier and St. Ignatius of Loyola. God Bless us all!

**Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J.**  
(Principal)





I am extremely proud of being a part of 'The Xavier Times' on its completion of 50 Golden years. If a person starts to do something alone it may take days and years but when we come together for a purpose it is completed by the sunset. I congratulate each and everyone who really worked hard in bringing out the Xavier Times successfully for the last 50 years and have contributed a lot through their creative writings and sharing their valuable insights with others. We have every reason to celebrate and share our joys with everyone.

We know that this publication has a great educative value and it's a very good platform to express one's creative talents. We learn various things from books written by different authors but we ourselves become authors when we start writing. The school publication is one of the best means to start with. The young talent finds it's first exposure through this medium. It brings out what is hidden within us, increases our power of creative thinking and strengthens our imagination. It builds up our self confidence in the field of creative writing. All these things are possible when we have interest and determination to write. So, take chances, start writing and you will have satisfaction when you see that your thoughts are shared. Let us make the Xavier Times, the best in all ways. I wish you all the best and at the end I would like to say that life is not a reversal; each day is a new show, no repeat, no rewind; perform carefully, live the best, choose the best and do the best.

**Fr. Jugal Kindo, S.J.**  
(Headmaster, Junior School)



## From the Headmaster's Desk



We learn various things from books written by different authors but we ourselves become authors when we start writing. The school magazine is one of the best means to start with. The young talent finds it first exposure through this medium. It brings out what is hidden within us and increases our power of creative thinking and strengthens one's imagination.





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## Messages from the Coordinators

I am very happy that the Xavier Times is coming out with its 50th volume. It is indeed a rare achievement for any publication to stay relevant for its readers for half a century. What makes me even happier is the fact that I have been an integral part of the editorial/production department of the XT ever since I joined Xavier's, i.e. 4th April 1991, just one year after the Silver Jubilee issue. I feel very proud to have supervised the transformation of the XT from black and white to colourful pages. I am very grateful to all the former Rectors and Principals of our school for their unconditional support in getting this publication ready for the students. Special thanks to our Rector Fr. P.T. Augustine, S.J. and Principal Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J. for the freedom and encouragement they give in exploring new designs while we get ready the XT each year.

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I thank all the teachers and the students who have worked very hard in bringing out this Golden Jubilee issue in all its grandeur.

**Mr. K.J. Devasia**  
(Coordinator of Discipline and Activities of the Senior School)







The Xavier Times is an institution in itself. It has housed the literary talents, accomplishments, thoughts, feelings and vibrations of young authors at Xavier's, for the past 50 years. It is a treasure house of the rich culture of the school, creativity and

excellence of the founders of various clubs and competitions in the yesteryears. A thought crossed my mind thumbing down the black and white print in pages yellowed by time. We have advanced in terms of print, graphic and colour, courtesy technology but, is the leap proportionate of a half century? I sense a strong call to preserve our rich legacy and to take it to the next level of achievement. At this momentous juncture, I exhort every Xaverian to make reading one's character. "For writing comes out of a superior devotion to reading."

Literature is freedom!

**Wish gold dust sprinkles at the 50<sup>th</sup> edition!**

I quote Mrs. Naureen McLaren, the former H.O.D (English) of St. Xavier's, Delhi who stated in her speech in the Personality Contest 2014, "A Rolls Royce or a Bentley does not need an advertisement." We belong to a world class brand in education. Many a time the elephant doesn't realize its strength and majesty. Should it, it would overthrow the fragile master who controls this humongous beast. Children, it's high time you realize the sleeping elephant in you. Recognize your power and royalty. I exhort every Xaverian to wake up to the realization that you belong to no ordinary tribe. You have the power to overthrow the master, the ruler called complacency that sits on your back and holds you from delivering your 100 percent. Remember mediocrity is the enemy of excellence. Mediocrity loves company. Trying to get everyone to like you is a sign of mediocrity. You will remain a mediocre if you will seek company. Don't let the fear of failure, insecurity of being left alone and limiting beliefs of others limit you. St. Xavier's is synonymous with excellence. Once you have tasted excellence you will never again be contented with mediocrity.

**BE THE SPARK, HAVE A CLASS YOU ARE A ROLLS ROYCE, YOU ARE A BENTLEY.**

**Mrs. Mahendri Devi**

(Coordinator of Discipline and Activities,  
Junior School)



### **Walk that Extra Mile to Be a Blessing**

Encouragement has the effect of a gentle rain, it causes people to grow steadily. Confidence withers under fault-finding, as men and women, we are destined by God to sow seeds of encouragement in the lives that need us most. There are enough critics in the world,

what we need are more cheerleaders. Appreciate people for who they are, the truth is dramatically played out in the lives of children. More and more teenagers for instance are getting discouraged and falling prey to the evil desires of the world, as an escape from the demands of life. They feel they can measure up to the standards of performance expected by their teachers, parents and others. They feel they are appreciated only when they have done well, not because they are unique and priceless individuals. As a result many see life as a no-win situation. Let us as men and women of God look at others not as they are but as what they can be, to be able to do their best admiring them for their accomplishments. Thank them and praise them for what they have done. Congratulating the Xavier Times on their successful completion of Fifty Golden years as a source of encouragement, inspiration and a blessing to all, I would like to end with the following story. Bishop Able Mezore tells of a critical period in his life when he had been asked by his people to lead the African National Council. He knew that all the previous leaders of Rhodesia who had been critical of unjust government policies were either deported or killed. During the time he struggled with his decision he prayed as he had never prayed before, because his people were calling to lead them. It was at this time a friend handed him the following poem-

*"People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered – love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives – do good anyway.*

*If you are successful you will win, false friends and true enemies – succeed anyway!*

*The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow – do good anyway. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable – be honest anyway. The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds – think big anyway.*

*What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight – build anyway.*

*Give the world the best you've got and you'll get kicked in the teeth – give the world the best you've got anyway."* Wishing the Xavier Times and the team all God's blessings for the future.

**Mrs. M. James**

(Coordinator, Prep Department)





## Messages from the Teachers

I am very happy that the Xavier Times has completed fifty years. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Editorial Board and everyone who has been involved in bringing out the magazine. I hope the Xavier Times performs even better in future. Best wishes to XT as it continues to direct the students towards the right path in life.

**Mrs. Charu Sood**

Congratulations to the Xavier Times for completing 50 years. It is a wonderful medium for children to express their creative talents. All the best for upcoming years.

**Mr. Rajinder Khanna**

I would like to congratulate the Xavier Times for completing 50 years. I would like to share that prominent media personalities like Mr. Bhupendra Chaubey, Mr. Gautam Bose are today at their respective positions in their respective fields just because of the opportunities provided to them by XT.

**Mrs. Prabha George**

May this marvelous work which began with an intention to give a right tap on the innate talents and potentials of the budding novelists and creative minds prosper and flourish. Kudos! to the supporting pillars who work incessantly to give the right guidance and motivation to the young exuberant Xaverian. Congratulations and best wishes!

**Mr. Nidhin Joseph**

Life is what we make out of it. God never planned life to be easy for us. He wanted us 'HUMANS,' his most beautiful creation, to go through hardships and strive and emerge shining brightly like the sun that proclaims his glory to all. Thus, we should never seek the short and easy way out to achieve our goals because following these ways out are definitely not in the best of our interests and do not help us in the long run. From its humble beginnings in 1965 and becoming an inseparable part of every Xaverian, the Xavier Times stands testimony to the truth that perseverance and diligence is what it takes to be successful. The XT harmonizes the school's aim of all round development of the student in its care. It provides the Xaverians not only with a platform to express their creative potential but also inspires them to pursue the Xaverian goal of 'EXCELLENCE'. I congratulate the XT on entering the 50<sup>th</sup> year of its inception and feel privileged to be a part of the Editorial Board on this joyous occasion. May God's providence and benevolence continue to inspire the XT to bring out the best in the Xaverians. Good luck!

**Mrs. Neelima Sirohi**

The quality of education imparted by a school is judged upon by its school magazine. It is a reflection of the mindset of the students, their creative talents and, of course, of their language skills. XT has been a mirror of the Xaverian talent. It's not just a historical document but a reminder to all the readers that Xavier's is an institution with many a budding artists, many a budding thinkers and visionaries. I feel immense pleasure to be a part of this special Golden Jubilee issue of the Xavier Times. May it grow to become the most awaited school magazine ever published in the history of any school.

**Mrs. Himani Jain**

The Xavier Times you hold in your hand is very special and has many stories to tell, other than the printed ones inside. You can say that it has grown up and matured over the years, now it is fifty years old. I am proud and happy to pen down my thoughts in this Golden Jubilee edition. Since the release of its first edition, thousands of students and hundreds of teachers have found an excellent platform to share their thoughts and feelings and show forth their creativity and skills. The Xavier Times is an integral part of every Xaverian. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my sincere wishes to the Xavier Times and congratulate everyone who has been part and parcel of this great endeavor. Congratulations and All the Best!

**Mrs. Mona Rae**

आधुनिक शिक्षण सुविधाओं से परिपूर्ण हमारा विद्यालय ईश्वर की कृपा से आज अपने बहुमुखी विकास की दौरे में विश्व-स्तरीय विद्यालय बन चुका है। यह अपने आप में विशेष गौरव की बात है। यहाँ पर हर छात्र को एक विजेता माना जाता है और उनको उभरने का पूरा-पूरा अवसर प्रदान किया जाता है। जरूरतमंद छात्रों को ASEP Classes के अन्तर्गत नियमित रूप से विशेष शैक्षणिक सहायता दी जाती है, जो निः संदेह एक प्रगतिशील कदम है। आज हर छात्र अपनी महत्वाकांक्षी पंखों से जीवन की डगर पर प्रगति की ऊँची उड़ान भरने को तत्पर है। किन्तु महत्वाकांक्षियों के इस उड़ान में यह ध्यान रखना होगा कि कहीं उनका नैतिक मूल्य बिखर न जाए। छात्रों की हर उन्नति के साथ मन की स्थिरता व सहृदयता का बना रहना आवश्यक है। किसी भी काम को ईश्वर पर तथा खुद पर विश्वास रखकर साहस, दृढ़संकल्प और निष्ठा के साथ करना चाहिए। जीवन में कर्म और विश्वास दोनों महत्वपूर्ण होते हैं, जो मार्ग में आनेवाली बाधाओं को दूर करके पग-पग पर व्यक्तित्व को निखारते हैं। छात्रों को विद्यालय में बिताए गए हर क्षण का इसप्रकार सदुपयोग करना चाहिए कि वो भविष्य में धिस्मरणीय और अतुलनीय बन जाए। जलक्ष्य पाना आसान तो नहीं पर उसे हर हाल में पाना है ऐसा मन में दृढ़ विश्वास रखना चाहिए। अंततः XT के सम्पादन से जुड़े होने के नाते मैं पत्रिका की 'स्वर्ण-जयंती' के अवसर पर पूरे विद्यालय परिवार को हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ देती हूँ तथा छात्रों से कामना करती हूँ कि वो एक सच्चे ईसान बने, साथ ही अपनी निरंतर साधना व प्रयास से नित्य नई व प्रगतिशील रचनाओं का सृजन करते रहें और विद्यालय पत्रिका को नई बुलंदियों तक पहुँचाएँ।

**श्रीमती संगीता पाण्डेय**





# Messages

## From the Former Editorial Board Members

50 years hence.....

The Xavier Times is the jewel in the crown that is St. Xavier's. I have some of the most cherished memories of the days when I got the responsibility to be part of the Editorial Board of the Xavier Times. The campus used to be abuzz with activities. Music and play festivals, elocution contests, club activities, debates and, Oh! those power packed swimming meets, and matches on the field had everyone always filled with excitement and then there were XT reporters religiously and relentlessly keeping a record of the events and filing the precious information for the coveted Xavier Times. There was never a dull moment!!

There are many who discovered that they have a flare for writing, thanks to the XT, which has encouraged thousands of Xaverians to arrest their thoughts and give expression in the form of words. It was a great moment to belong to the batch that graduated in the Golden Jubilee Year of our school and now this is another moment of pride for me to be the part of Golden Jubilee of the XT.

I thank my teachers for all the encouragement and guidance I got from them, and to the XT best wishes and regards!

**Nivedita Verma**

**(Editor of XT, 2010 batch)**

**Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime, and, departing, leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time. – H G Longfellow**

During my tenure as the Chief Editor of the 'Xavier Times' I, along with the other members of the Editorial Board, would spend the summer compiling our annual in-depth survey of the various activities which had taken place in the school. We dug through countless entries from the students generally covering a wide variety of topics from academics, student life, sports and major school events and today it's time for me to send a message to my alma mater and I am filled with nostalgia.

Friends, remember that in the struggle of life will-power, patience, courage and confidence are the sterling qualities of the mind and they are indispensable. Lives of great men tell us that sooner or later the man who wins is the man who thinks he can. So have a positive attitude as by being an optimist you can turn scars into stars. Remember destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice, something not to be waited for but to be achieved. You become great by leading a life of moral and intellectual value. You make your life sublime by inspiring awe and admiration in others, from your deeds and words. I take this opportunity to pay my respects to Rev. Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J. Mr. K.J. Devasia, Mrs. Shobha Miranda and all the honorable teachers who helped me on the path of my life and I also wish all the students, life's very best.

**Ishita Khetarpal (2013 batch)**



The Xavier times happens to be one of the most endearing parts of the lives of each Xaverian. All of us, old and young alike, remember being enraptured by the beautiful poems, anecdotes and articles, which each fresh page had in store. A picture of oneself, would always manage to steal a smile from our faces. Such has been the magazine, reminiscent of the happy times we've spent in our school and a source of joy for the batches to come. I congratulate the school for having celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the magazine. It has been a delightful experience having had the opportunity to be a part of these wonderful endeavors. KUDOS!!

**Chitrangada (2011 batch)**

Working for the Xavier Times was a splendid experience. We believe the Editorial Board is the only group which works throughout the year-collecting information, recording numerous events, conducting surveys, discovering new talents—all for the single issue of the year.

On the Golden Jubilee of this prestigious publication, we wish the Editorial Board good luck. Looking forward to a memorable edition of the Xavier Times. All the best!

**Anmol John &  
Ruchi Bhardwaj,  
Chief Editors (2014 batch)**

## Messages From the Present Editorial Board Members

I feel privileged to be a part of the Golden Jubilee Xavier Times Editorial Board. Over the years, the Xavier Times has provided valuable information about our school and fed the minds of countless Xaverians with creative articles and loads of fun and humor. Its release is eagerly awaited by all the Xaverians each year. The beauty of this annual magazine is that it has a unique relevance to each student. When I was studying in first class, I was eager to catch hold of an XT copy and flip through the pages to see whether my photos were published in it. The paintings and drawings fascinated me and I tried to copy them at home. At that age, I didn't care much for the articles, information and interviews. But, as I grew up, I started reading them. Then, I realized that the Xavier Times meant so much more than what I had perceived before. It accounts the glorious past of our school. It tells us about all the events and activities that take place in the school. It carries the inspiring messages of our Reverend Fathers, Fr. Principal, Fr. Rector, Fr. Headmaster and so on. Many insightful articles by our teachers add further charm to it. In a nutshell, the Xavier Times reflects the essence of life at St. Xavier's. I wish and pray for an eternal life of this publication.

**Aahana Sharma (7F)**

**Happy Birthday Xavier Times !**

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to the XT for capturing every single smile and commemorating the success tasted by every Xaverian for the past 50 years .

**Shivangi(12 C)**



The Xavier Times is 50 glorious years old. Every year it has something or someone new. Every turn of page provides us with new ideas and inspirations. 50 years of success are complete but still it has to grow much more, like a tree, so that it can give us, the Xavierians, a new platform of life and ideas as it has given us for these 50 years. Through this, every child has been able to showcase his/her artistic talent. Now we are very proud to publish the Golden Jubilee edition this year and I hope it carries on like this for years and decades, growing like a strong tree, giving us our past school reminiscences.

**Kevin Alby (7A)**

The Xavier Times is one of the many good things the school provides, an annual that covers not only all the school events and competitions but also provides room for creative expression. The Xavier Times brings a spirit of inspiration among students to achieve the Xaverian goal of excellence. I Arijit Sen, congratulate the school on publishing its 50<sup>th</sup> edition and I take this opportunity to thank all my teachers for giving me the privilege to be a part of the Golden Jubilee Editorial Board. I wish the Xavier Times many fruitful years ahead.

**Arijit Sen (7E)**

The Xavier Times has completed its 50 glorious years and, no doubt, has excelled in every possible way. From black and white to coloured, from 'News And Views' to 'The Xavier Times' and from a newspaper to a bright and colourful annual, it has shown us the achievements of our school in just a glance. I feel privileged to be a part of this extremely enthusiastic adventure and honoured to contribute what I can towards the institution, through the Editorial Board. For me, it's been a pleasure to work as a member of this creative magazine and I wish that it only moves forward, tackling all the obstacles easily, in future.

**Muskan Pradhan (11F)**

"Education is that whole system of human training within and without the school house walls, which moulds and develops men." All I would like to say to the students is that be true to your school, your studies and most importantly to yourself. As you yourself are your biggest asset. Educate yourself not only in academics but also in life. ESTO VIR!

**Tanmay Mehra (11B)**

On the eve of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this creative idea's journey, that is the Xavier Times, I am really proud to leave my "tiny-tipsy" footprint amongst all those who pushed it to this level. Congratulating everyone, I pray that this magazine may go on for many more years to come."

**Megha Liz Varghese (11D)**

The Xavier Times, more than a book, is a key to the lock that opens the doors to a world of enthusiasm, creativity, innovation and above all, EXCELLENCE !! Celebrating its 50th edition, fills me with immense pride as well as gratitude towards the numerous hands that have taken the publication to its zenith. Kudos to all the XT members who have worked with utmost dedication over the past 50 years bringing out the brilliance of Xavierians and highlighting their talents. May XT celebrate many more jubilees forging towards a brighter and more promising future.

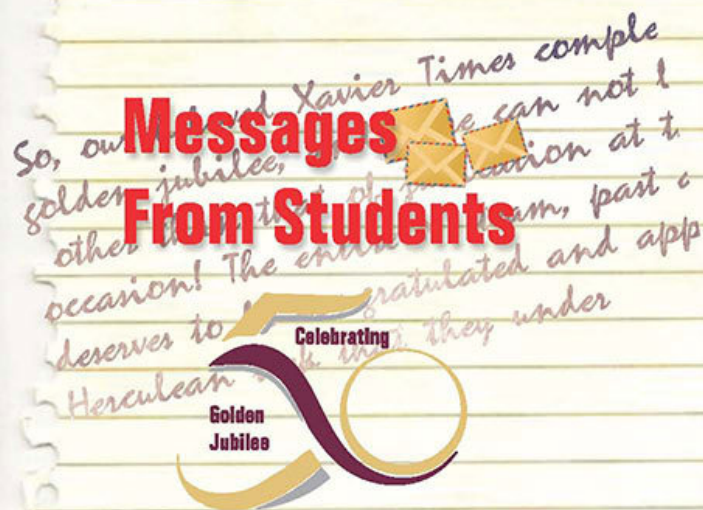
**Simran Bhatnagar (12A)**

The Xavier Times 2014-15 is the celebration of its golden jubilee and a tribute to the journey one takes as a part of this institution. I feel honored to become a member of the esteemed Editorial Board for this jubilee issue. We have tried to capture each and every feature of the versatile XAVERIAN passion for excellence.

Hoping you would find these pages good and interesting to read.

**Gabriya Merlin (11C)**





## A Famous Book

There's a famous publication in our own school  
 But its not hidden in the swimming pool  
 I wish to know where is it  
 So that my article will be published in it  
 I searched everywhere eating sweet corn  
 Still I didn't find it. I wanted to mourn  
 "Let's see what together we both can do"  
 I asked my friend to join me too  
 The plan seemed quite good to me.  
 We decided to find the annual for me  
 "So where is this annual ?" my friend questioned  
 "So we're told that it is well protected"  
 The annual is kept safe and sound  
 The annual does not cost a pound  
 Rush to the school's office  
 And get your copy and if you are lucky  
 You may get some toffees  
 And they are laid in a huge pile  
 Our old "Xavier Times"

Albeena E. Bibu(6B)

So, our beloved Xavier Times completes its golden jubilee, and there can not be a sentiment other than that of jubilation at this momentous occasion! The entire XT team, past and present alike deserves to be congratulated and applauded for the Herculean task that they undertake in publishing every edition of this magazine. This magazine not only ensures that every event, every activity and every detail, even those which can easily miss the naked eye finds recognition, but also provides an outstanding platform to young Xaverians who wish to hone their writing skills. We heartily congratulate the Editorial Board on this phenomenal feat and hope this is just another milestone in this long and beautiful journey and that they grow from strength to strength, every step of the way!

**Yukti Joshi (Head Girl) and  
 Anirbaan Das (Head Boy)**

The Xavier Times has been with us from the start of our schooling. The happiness of finding our articles, the excitement of looking for a photo and the delight of laying our hands down on one copy has made the magazine all the more precious. People would actually come and congratulate me if I happened to have a photo or an article printed in it! The Xavier Times has made me a VIP! Maybe that's why I'm so attached to it.  
 Hearty congratulations to the all-beloved annual for completing 50 golden years of glory and success.

**Shivi Gupta (9B)**

A moment of pride, a moment of cheer  
 let's spread the word far and near.  
 I am very excited, I am very glad.  
 The 50<sup>th</sup> edition of the Xavier Times now, who will want to miss that!!  
**Uday Sirohi (3D)**





# 50 जेवियर टाइम्स

‘जेवियर टाइम्स’— हमारी स्कूल ‘पत्रिका’ जिसका सभी बच्चों अध्यापकों और यहाँ तक कि ऑफिस स्टाफ को भी बड़ी बेसब्री से इंतजार रहता है, आज 50 वर्ष पूरे कर चुकी है। पहली जेवियर टाइम्स 1963 में प्रकाशित हुई थी तब से यह सबकी प्यारी बनी हुई है इसमें बच्चों के लेख, कविताएँ और चुटकुलों के साथ-साथ विद्यालय में होने वाली प्रतियोगिताओं में विजयी रहे बच्चों की तस्वीरें भी छपती हैं। इसमें हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी दोनों ही भाषाओं में लेख और कविताएँ छपती हैं, जो सबके दिलों को छू जाती हैं। कुछ हँसी-मज़ाक से भरे होते हैं, तो कुछ अच्छी सीख दे जाते हैं। इसमें विद्यालय में होने वाले सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों, प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लेने वाले बच्चों के साथ-साथ विद्यालय से सेवानिवृत्त हुए अध्यापकों की तस्वीरें भी छपती हैं। यह पत्रिका हमारे विद्यालय की शान है। इसके बारे में जितना कहा जाए उतना कम है। आशा करती हूँ कि अनेक वर्षों तक यह बच्चों का मनोरंजन व मार्गदर्शन करती रहेगी।

कृतिका, सातवीं—इ

## जेवियर टाइम्स के स्वर्णिम पचास वर्ष

जेवियर टाइम्स पत्रिका के प्रकाशन के पचास सुनहरे वर्ष पूरा होने पर मुझे अत्यधिक प्रसन्नता और गर्व है। यह पत्रिका जेवियर के सभी छात्रों और उनके परिवार को बहुत उपयोगी व रोचक जानकारी प्रदान करती है। इसका पचास वर्षों का सफ़र पूरा करने का श्रेय जेवियर के उन सभी छात्रों को जाता है जिन्होंने इस गौरवपूर्ण विद्यालय को इस बुलंदी तक पहुँचाया है। पत्रिका के पचासवें वर्ष के पड़ाव पर सभी पाठकों व लेखकों को हार्दिक अभिनंदन!

वंशिका, सातवीं—एफ

## स्वर्ण जयंती की बधाइयाँ

दोस्तों, अपनी पत्रिका की स्वर्ण-जयंती के शुभअवसर पर मैं सिर्फ इतना कहना चाहता हूँ कि यह एक अद्भुत पत्रिका है, जो छोटी-छोटी हास्य कविताओं से लेकर जीवन की गूढ़ बातों को अपने में सँजोकर आगे बढ़ती आई है। विद्यालय-प्रांगण में होने वाले सभी कार्यक्रमों, प्रतियोगिताओं तथा सफलताओं को दर्शाने वाला यह दर्पण अत्यंत उपयोगी तथा आनंददायी है। ईश्वर से यही प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि आनेवाले समय में अनेकों बच्चे, बड़े सभी इस पत्रिका का लाभ उठाते रहें। स्वर्ण जयंती की बधाइयों के साथ मैं,

यश चौधरी, छठवीं—एफ

## 50 जेवियर टाइम्स Golden Jubilee के पचास वर्ष

गर्व के साथ यह बताते हुए मुझे हर्ष हो रहा है कि हमारे विद्यालय की पत्रिका की स्वर्ण जयंती मनाने को हम तैयार हैं। पिछले पचास वर्षों से नन्हें कलाकारों की भावनाओं, रुची और कल्पनाओं को यह पत्रिका बहुत ही सफलता पूर्वक शाब्दिक रूप देकर सभी तक पहुँचा रही है। इस पत्रिका की छोटी-बड़ी सभी बातें रोचक, प्रेरणादायी तथा जीवन की यथार्थता को सदा से प्रतिबिम्बित करती आई है। आज मैं विद्यालय के सभी छात्र-छात्राओं अध्यापक-अध्यापिकाओं तथा अपने मुख्य अध्यापक व प्रधानाचार्य को धन्यवाद देती हूँ जिन्होंने अपने विचारों द्वारा पत्रिका के माध्यम से हमारा मार्ग-दर्शन करते रहने का सफल प्रयास किया है।

अलीनामोल जॉन, सातवीं—इ





## स्वर्ण जयंती की शुभकामनाएँ

हमारे विद्यालय की पत्रिका जेवियर टाइम्स की पचासवीं वर्षगांठ के अवसर पर मैं सभी विद्यार्थियों को बधाई देती हूँ। यह हम सभी विद्यार्थियों के लिए खुशी और उत्साह का मौका है। मैं पिछले कई वर्षों से इस पत्रिका को पढ़ती आ रही हूँ तथा हमेशा से मेरी यह कोशिश रहती है कि मेरी भी रचना इस पत्रिका में छपती रहे। एडिटोरियल बोर्ड की सदस्यता होने के नाते आज मैं बहुत उत्साहित हूँ कि मुझे इस पत्रिका की पचासवीं वर्षगांठ पर लिखने का अवसर मिला है। मैं संपादकीय विभाग को पचासवीं वर्षगांठ की हार्दिक बधाई देना चाहती हूँ और आशा करती हूँ कि यह पत्रिका आने वाले विद्यार्थियों के लिए प्रेरणा का स्रोत बने।

सानिया जावेद, सातवीं-सी



सर्वप्रथम मैं जेवियर टाइम्स से जुड़े सभी सदस्यों को इसके पचास साल पूरे होने पर बधाई देता हूँ। यह मेरा सौभाग्य है कि इस शुभ एवं ऐतिहासिक अवसर पर मैं संपादक मंडल का सदस्य हूँ। इसके माध्यम से हम अपने विचारों एवं रचनात्मकता को भली-भाँति एवं सशक्त रूप से अभिव्यक्त कर सकते हैं। इस पत्रिका का उद्देश्य तभी सफल होगा जब हम अपना बहुमूल्य योगदान देकर इससे जुड़ेंगे, इसकी प्रतिष्ठा को शिखर पर ले जाएँगे एवं अपनी रचनात्मक अभिव्यक्ति को समृद्ध करते रहेंगे।

— उमंग कार्तिकेय, कक्षा-सातवीं सी

उत्साह स्वर्ण जयंती का  
हमारी प्यारी पत्रिका 'जेवियर टाइम्स' की  
हम मनाने जा रहे, स्वर्ण जयंती इस बार  
कहानी, कविता लिखने को हम हैं तैयार  
इसके संपादन का हम कर रहे हैं इंतजार  
हमारी पत्रिका हमें जान से भी प्यारी है  
इसे उन्नति के शिखर पर पहुँचाना जिम्मेदारी हमारी है।  
हमें है पूरा विश्वास,  
आज तो हम मना रहें इसकी स्वर्ण जयंती,  
जल्द ही वो पल भी आएगा,  
जब हम पुनः अपना गीत सुनाएँगे  
और अपनी प्यारी पत्रिका की हीरक जयंती भी मनाएँगे।

अद्वितीय मारहजाज, सातवीं-सी



## जेवियर टाइम्स की स्वर्ण जयंती

हमारे विद्यालय की पत्रिका 'जेवियर टाइम्स' ने पिछले पचास वर्षों से अपनी अद्भुत और रोचक कहानियों, कविताओं, पहेलियों, विद्यालय की सभी गतिविधियों तथा अनेकों प्रेरणादायी संदेशों से निरंतर हमारा मार्गदर्शन किया है। आज अपनी इस प्यारी पत्रिका की स्वर्ण जयंती पर हम यही कामना करते हैं कि युगों-युगों तक यह पत्रिका सिर्फ विद्यालय परिवार का ही नहीं बल्कि सभी पाठकों के लिए प्रेरणा स्रोत बनी रहे।

सुवंश मानिक, सातवीं-सी



## 50<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The Xavier Times*

50<sup>th</sup> edition of the Xavier Times  
Has come out like a new sunshine  
Everyone is eager to read  
The thoughts and poems by creative minds  
Not just a publication but a walk through school's history  
Revealing to us all the mystery  
How it started, how it was named  
Fathers and educators who came together for the same.  
Different quotes are here to read  
Good values they try to breed  
Different stories are there to read  
That tell the ways of life and field  
The golden jubilee edition, a matter of pride  
With new hopes, and many more smiles  
50<sup>th</sup> edition of the Xavier Times  
Has come out like a new sunshine.  
**Lakshita Chandra Dubey (6B)**



## A Guest

A guest came to our school  
Which makes our minds cool  
The children are very eager to read the stories  
So that they will not get bored  
Not only stories but many more things  
It is an opportunity to spread your wings  
Children come rushing to the class  
All like bees buzzing into a room  
"Take as many copies as you wish," said  
Ma'am  
"Yes!," I said; as it is my duty to obey Ma'am  
I looked and searched for the copies  
Full of excitement, I went to the office  
But not in the office, then where is it?  
O! How excited I am to read it  
Running and running I went to the staffroom  
But not there. Were they in Mrs. M. Devi's room?  
Full of hope I rushed to her room  
And there it was, our dear XAVIER TIMES!  
I feel happy and proud to read it every time.  
**Grettal Maria (6B)**







## *The Xavier Times :*

# A golden journey and miles to go.....

50 years of eventful journey is a reason for celebration, as this golden journey of the XAVIER TIMES tells how magnificent Xavier's ethics, traditions are and have been. "Golden Jubilee", a rare moment for all of us, is a time to look back in thanksgiving and a time to look forward to what is yet to come.

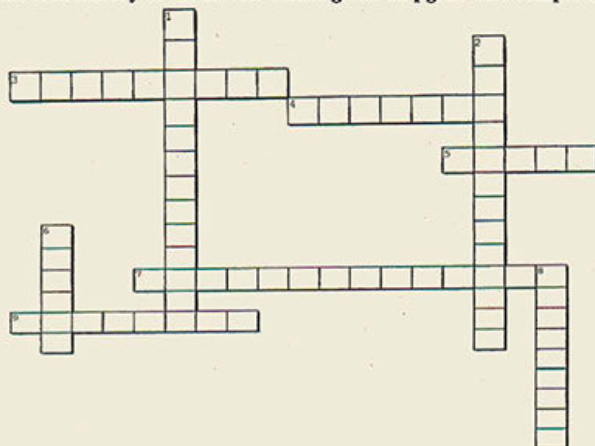
The XAVIER TIMES was introduced in 1965, by Fr. Richard Extross S.J., an eminent educationist who taught English in our school for many years. Although he passed away in 1999, but during his tenure he started this school publication with the vision to serve the motto "Everyone a Winner" and since then it has evolved as an important, integral and prestigious publication of St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School, Delhi.

During the past 50 years, the Xavier Times has received unconditional and committed service of highly qualified teachers and students who joined the editorial panel. Golden Jubilee celebration is certainly a wonderful occasion to remember them all for their devoted services. All of them contributed a lot to its development and with their dedication it has adapted itself to the changing needs of time. Though collecting and quantifying the academic co-curricular achievements and activities is a painstaking adventure but it has been immensely rewarding, as one could see and read their stories, printed on countless pages of the Xavier Times. Although some editions are often elusive, many are preserved in the library, for its undoubtedly fruitful and purposeful existence. As it is a landmark occasion, I am privileged and delighted to be a part of this **Golden Jubilee Issue** and take this opportunity to thankfully honour the management, Editorial Board of respected staff members and fellow students for their immensely successful endeavour. I also congratulate everyone in administrating their hard work put in for the publication of this souvenir and extend my heartfelt wishes for greater achievements in years to come.

Chaitanya Bubna (10 A)

### XT Mania

Read the rich history of the Xavier Times given on pg. 27 and complete the crossword below:



#### Across

3. After Fr. Mayer, Fr. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ took over as the new moderator of XT.
4. The founder of XT was Fr. \_\_\_\_\_ Extross.
5. XT became bilingual with the introduction to \_\_\_\_\_ language.
7. The magazine started under the banner of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The award started by XT was the \_\_\_\_\_ award.

#### Down

1. The 1998 issue of XT was dedicated to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The column which mentioned about the marriages of staff members was called the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Under the guidance of Fr. Mayer, XT was in its \_\_\_\_\_ period.
8. In the old editions, the column, \_\_\_\_\_ highlighted the life and achievements of some of the legendary teachers of XT.







## *Bidding Adieu to Fr. Sherry*

**'The quality of life is more important than the life itself'- Alexis Carrel.** So live life like a morning glory, This is what Fr. Sherry, S.J. believed in. He joined St. Xavier's, Delhi as the Vice Principal for a short span of time and bade farewell to the school to pursue his Ph.D in Mathematics. Fr. Sherry, a triple graduate in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics from St. Joseph's College, Bangalore is a great educationist and a strict disciplinarian, who pioneered many changes for the welfare of the students during his short span of time in the school. He started off with anti-littering campaign and grooming sessions for girls. He not only started these but also made sure that they are actively followed by the students. The school went under a complete makeover in the field of discipline as he made sure that discipline was followed strictly on the school campus. He raised the standard of the school from better to still better and yet he believed, "there is always a scope for better than the best". Although a strict disciplinarian, he successfully managed to win the hearts of students and teachers alike not only with his smiling face but also his humble and approachable nature. St. Xavier's, Delhi shall miss you Father and we wish you all the very best for your studies.

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## *We will miss you, Mr. B. Miranda and Mr. S. Basu!*

16<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 was the day when a legendary musician and a versatile painter, who touched the lives of many Xaverians, with their warm and creative disposition, our dear Sir Basil Miranda and Sir Subroto Basu said good bye to Xavier's. That day brought many fond memories because these teachers who were more than friends bade adieu to us, one who taught us music in every aspect of life and the other who taught us the magic of lines and colors. The privilege to conduct a special assembly was given to 6A. There was a beautiful bangle dance based on Rabindra Sangeet, performed by girls of class 6A. Thereafter students poured their hearts out by singing a farewell song. Then a few students of the class expressed their feelings for the veterans. Students will not only miss their presence in the classroom but also their simplicity, humility and love. Xavier's wishes both Sir Miranda and Sir Basu good luck, good health and God's abundant blessings!

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**"St. Xavier's School, Delhi",**

What exactly does this name bring to one's mind? If you ask me the words that come to my mind are:

History! Grandeur! Excellence!

When we look around the campus we all see the fantastic infrastructure and the magnanimity of it, we even see the brilliance of the students which form the core of it and it is also not possible to miss the passion for excellence that every one on this campus proudly exhibits, but what we often fail to see in the corridors or in the offices from where the school is actually run is the unflinching hard work of a few people who are born leaders, who are there to hold everyone and everything together, without them it is just not possible to imagine St. Xavier's in its current state and form and we have been blessed to have numerous such exemplary leaders and an integral name in that list is of Mr. Santosh Joseph. A living example of a true gentleman, right from his dressing, to the way he carries himself, to his impeccably soft nature. There is so much one can learn from the man and generation after generation of Xaverians benefitted from these qualities and learnt things that no book or curriculum can teach.

Sir began his journey from humble roots and did his schooling in his hometown, Kerala and the foundation laid there is visible in him till date, after that he completed his graduation and post graduation in Economics from Mangalore and Patiala. Sir completed his B.Ed and then joined St. Xavier's, Delhi in July 1983 as an Economics teacher and rest as they say is history. He retired from service in March 2009 completing 26 years of excellent service, but his stint with Xavier's

## **We only part to meet again.. Adieu Santosh Sir!**

was not done yet, he was re-instated in April 2010 as the Coordinator of Discipline and Activities of the Senior School and has now retired in May 2014.

In his two stints at Xavier's, Sir was pretty much at the centre of all the action, from the amazingly well planned events of the school to finding student friendly ways to instill discipline in Xaverians, you name it and sir was the mastermind behind all of this.

He maintained a beautiful balance between being stern when needed and sensitive when required and it was thanks to the way he handled himself and all the pressures that came with the post of Coordinator of Discipline and Activities of the Senior wing.

The day Sir bade adieu to the school, the last day before the Summer break, well it was a sight I never saw or experienced before in my 12 years on this campus. It was a plethora of emotions and every bit of it was heartfelt, it would be an understatement to just say the clichéd line "there were moist eyes" because it was far more than that. Students actually could not control their tears and frankly even we the senior ones found it hard to keep a check on our emotions, such has been the popularity and effect of Mr. Santosh Joseph on St. Xavier's.

Now that he has bade adieu to the school, he has earned his rightful place in the glory halls of this acclaimed institution, one from where he can never be displaced and what about the large boots he left to be filled? Well, that is nothing to be worried about, Santosh Sir and Xavier's always felt pride in developing leaders and our new Coordinator Mr. K.J. Devasia has taken over the office with the utmost ease and grace and there is no doubt he will take the bar a notch higher for his successor.

**Anirbaan Das (12A)**





## AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. SANTOSH JOSEPH

**Sir, Could you tell us something about your life before you joined Xavier's?**

Born on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1949 I am 2<sup>nd</sup> among the siblings. After class 10, I joined St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, for my graduation. I was under Jesuit training in Belgaum, Pune, Mysore and Mangalore before I came to Delhi. I completed my Post Graduation in Economics and also B.Ed. Before joining Xavier's I took up teaching in Mangalore, Bathinda and Patiala.

**When and how did you become a member of the Xaverian family?**

A Priest friend of mine introduced me to late Fr. Joseph Parekkatt, S.J., the then Principal, who appointed me as PGT (Eco.) to teach the +2 students in July 1983.

**What were your expectations and apprehensions when you joined Xavier's?**

I heard of Xavier's as one of the best schools in Delhi. Certainly there were doubts in my mind, how I would fare in academics and other extra-curricular activities of the school, the school environment and with my colleagues.

**How would you describe your journey in Xavier's?**

The support and appreciation of my co-teachers helped me to be what I am today. I fondly remember (late) Mr. Moses Demello and Mrs. P Nazareth and the veterans like Mr. Basil Miranda, Mr. P.K. Joseph, Mr. Jose Paul, Mrs. P

Martins and Mr. Raman Kant Chopra and the entire staff who were of a great support and inspiration. I soon got myself planted and got fully involved in a number of activities: The Choir, The Music Fest, The Play Fest etc. and in organising other school activities. Later Mrs. Neera Verma and Mrs. Marina Thomas were of a great support in organising Common Assemblies, Christmas programmes etc. The first Christmas Story we staged on the open air stage, where the Millennium Hall stands today, was highly appreciated by all and the Principal Fr. John Ari, S.J., commented greatly on the show.

All the Principals with whom I worked were highly appreciative and had given me total freedom in my functioning. They fully trusted and were confident of my abilities. Their appreciation always motivated me to do every programme better than the best. I still have a little note which Fr. P.T. Augustine, S.J., gave me in 1998, such notes can work wonders among staff as well as among students.

Finally my students' testimony- their fond remembrances of my regularity, punctuality and







*Excellent person, gentlemanly in behaviour, hardworking, innovative and creative in tasks entrusted to him, Loyal to the institution and persons he works for. Above all a dedicated teacher, deeply committed to the development and progress of the students, giving personal care and attention. Always searching for new and more adaptive ways to reach out to those students who need his help most.*



above all the class room teaching-learning where I could communicate in an understanding language that made learning Economics easy.

**What qualities would you see in a Xavierian?**

Simplicity, openness, devotion and above all a sense of belongingness, now in school and later when you take up a job and have a family, walk an extra mile to make life more comfortable for those with whom you interact at your work place and your home.

**Sir, under your able guidance, Xavier's has successfully conducted all inter-school and intra-school activities. What is the secret behind your meticulous planning and management skills?**

I was born and brought up during the early years of

our Independence. No gadgets as we see today (I am not against their creative uses), not even transistors were available in those days. As children our pass time was spent outdoors and never indoors. We engaged ourselves in swimming in the nearby river, fishing with the help of fishing rods, did rafting on improvised rafts using banana trunks, trekking into the forests and of course volleyball and badminton games when the field is free after the harvest. These helped us to be creative, foresee eventualities and consequences in every activity we undertook. Moreover in a rural set up the joy of seeing things growing, flowering and bearing fruits, all the more greater when one really puts his hands on it-planting, watering and nurturing.





Applying such experiences in an activity in real situation was the secret of meticulous planning and management skills. The best outcome of learning comes from learning by doing. Above all the support and co-operation that I received from the student officials and the Club Moderators made my task easier.

**What are your future plans for the second innings of your life?**

Presently I put a hold on my future plans and relaxed; spending time to get rid of the extra weight above my waist (my tummy), giving time for my church activities and improving my sense of music by learning to play the accordion. These are ways to spend time usefully.

**What message would you like to give to the Xaverians?**

Make the best of your schooling. Excel in academics. Our school provides activities that make you a complete person; emotionally and socially reflecting persons. The skills you acquire in school go a long way in your lives. So choose your activities along with your academics and have "A PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE" and "BE A WINNER".







## XAVIER'S BIDS FAREWELL TO YASHWANI MA'AM

On 28 July'14, Mrs. Yashwani Verma retired from St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School after completing her innings of twenty-five years, plus one year as a temporary teacher. Ma'am joined the School in July, 1988 under the guidance of Principal Br. Iltoop, S.J. She says, 'I got a new life, and love, affection and support as bonus from him.' Yashwani ma'am started her teaching career as a lecturer in September, 1977 at Hindu College. 'I was sleeping when the Head of the History Dept. called and told me I had been given an ad-hoc appointment.' She said it was a historic moment for her. Ma'am completed her B.A. (Hons.), M.A., M.Phil from Delhi University and then enrolled for a Ph.D. She was a student of the Education Minister, Prof. Nural Hasan, who was an honorary Professor at the History Dept. at Delhi University. She was awarded the Research Fellowship by UGC for her M.Phil. and Ph.D. and a Study Grant from the Indian Council of Historical Research. She did not complete her Ph.D. but did a Certificate and Diploma in Persian and completed her B.Ed. and M.Ed. At St. Xavier's, Yashi Ma'am taught English, History, Civics, Economics, Art Education, Community Singing and Handicrafts. She remained a Class Teacher for grade XI and XII under Fr. P.T. Augustine S.J. and taught them History. She was also appointed the Staff Representative under him. She taught students of National Open School and conducted Spoken English classes under the guidance of Fr. John Ari S.J. Ma'am made her classes alive not just by teaching the text, but also by reaching the hearts of the students through motivational talks to prepare students for life. 'St. Xavier's has been a home for me and my boys', she stated with a twinkle in her eye. She continued, 'It's been an amazing journey where I have just basked in the love that I received and felt secure and protected. God gave me a home and a loving family where I was loved and got space for my swinging mood.' Fr. Richard S.J. had told her - 'You are a born teacher' and Fr. P.T. Augustine, S.J. recently gave her the title of "Teacher for life". "I address him as 'A man of a few words'", she laughs with joy. Yashi Ma'am has chiseled out generations of students and molded them through the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola and our patron Saint, St. Francis Xavier. We wish her good health and happiness in life. Finally, the XT Editorial Board would like to congratulate Yashwani Ma'am for completing her Silver Jubilee at St. Xavier's School last year.

## FAREWELL TO MRS. BABLI ROY ACHERJEE

On 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2014, Mrs. Babli Roy Acherjee bade farewell to Xavier's after devoting more than three decades of her life to the school. Mrs. Acherjee joined Xavier's on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1983. She taught Mathematics to classes 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. A congenial personality who courageously faced all difficulties in life is truly an inspiration for many students as well as teachers. The XT Editorial Board wishes Mrs. Acherjee an equally enriching second innings of life.



## Congratulations to the Jubilerian

This year one of the most efficient teachers of Xavier's completed her 25 years of dedicated service to the school, the punctilious and a perfectionist Mrs Nazneen Chaudhary. She joined St. Xavier's, Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1989 as P.G.T, Biology. Since then she has been nurturing the lives of many generations of Xaverians like an adorable mother, who has been continuously admired and loved by all. XT, on behalf of the school management, would like to congratulate ma'am for completing 25 years and for working with best of her ability.



Mrs. Nazneen Chowdhry





# INTERVIEW

With the New Coordinator of Discipline and  
Activities of the Senior School

Mr. K.J. Devasia



Mr. K.J. Devasia joined Xavier's on 4th April, 1991 as P.G.T English. In July 2006 he was appointed as the Head of the Department of English. As the H.O.D (English) Mr. K.J. Devasia introduced many innovative activities which succeeded in enhancing the linguistic skills of the students. In July 2014, he succeeded Mr. S. Joseph in the office of the Coordinator of Discipline and Activities. As the new Coordinator, he encourages children to speak in English with his novel ideas, and was indeed successful in creating a craze among the students for the humble reward they received for speaking in English.

The Legacy-"From Cecil Hotel to Xavier's, Delhi"- the history of St. Xavier's was also compiled by him under the able guidance of Fr. P.T. Augustine, S.J.. Under the guidance of Principal Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J., he also facilitated the system of SMS alert for the parents, the staff members and the students in collaboration with Franciscan e-care team which has turned out to be a huge success. XT editors had a tete-a-tete with the new Coordinator.

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**XT :** First of all, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment. Sir, how do you feel being the new Coordinator of Discipline and Activities of the Senior School?

**Sir :** I feel much honored. The School has given me this golden opportunity to guide the students. I am very grateful to the School Management; especially Fr. Rector and Fr. Principal.

**XT :** Discipline is one of the most important aspects of the school life. Sir, how important do you think is discipline in the life of a student?

**Sir :** It definitely is the most important aspect in the life of any student. Without discipline he/she won't be able to focus on his/her studies as well as other school activities. Discipline is not just about behaving better, but it is about being regular and organized in one's work. Reaching school on time and being present in the class, completing one's work well in time etc are very important in the life of any student. These qualities, if practiced in school, will help you to achieve success later in life.

**XT :** What all changes do you plan to bring about in the Senior School?

**Sir :** Our school is like a well-oiled machinery that functions superbly. I don't think I need to bring in any major changes in it; but I need to see that it functions smoothly. Of course, some alterations here and there, as when required will be taken care of by me. As the Coordinator of the Senior School I will be insisting on everyone—teachers and students communicating in English while they are in the school and everyone chipping in their contribution in keeping our school campus

clean. Use of inappropriate language by the students will be totally discouraged.

**XT :** Sir, you have been entrusted with many responsibilities, that of a teacher, Chief Editor, the Xavier Times and now the Coordinator of Discipline and Activities, Senior School. Would you like to share with us your strategy behind successfully handling all of them simultaneously?

**Sir :** Yes, I know I have a tough task ahead. But in fulfilling these various responsibilities I am not alone. I have a very dedicated team of staff members and very loyal and committed students. As long as they support me, I don't think my work will be difficult. I feel very privileged to be a part of the Xavier Times when it is celebrating 50 years of its dedicated service to the Xaverian community. I don't think there is any other publication in Delhi that has achieved this milestone. My special congratulations to the entire team of the Editorial Board!

**XT :** In the end, would you like to enlighten the Xaverians with an inspiring message?

**Sir :** Our school is in the 55<sup>th</sup> year of its inception. Generations of Xaverians have passed through the portals of this great institution and today they live in the different parts of the globe, making their alma mater proud of them. I have one message for you all – in whatever you do, make your school and parents feel proud of you.

**XT :** Thank you Sir, for sparing your valuable time for us. We wish you all the very best for a new journey in Xavier's.

**Sir :** Thank you!





# The Golden History OF THE XAVIER TIMES



## THE XAVIER TIMES MEMORABILIA

The Xavier Times, the prestigious publication of St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School is a witness to the brimming creative talents of the Xavierians, meticulous working of the school management, a series of enriching activities and events, the chirpy school campus, the expressions of budding actors, the musical fantasia of young musicians, the ever soaring sportsman spirit and academic excellence of many generations of Xavierians. XT is not just a school publication; it's a magnum opus in itself which tells the success stories of thousands of Xavierians.

The trailblazer behind this exclusive document was Fr. Richard Extross, S.J., an eminent educationist who taught English at St. Xavier's, Delhi, for many years. He started this publication under the banner 'News and Views' in 1965. This school newspaper was primarily "the product of the enthusiasm and sincerity with which the first editors worked. Because of their modesty, they preferred to work without revealing their names." ('News and Views', Feb. 4th, 1996, Vol. 2, No. 1). In this special issue of XT, the editorial board would like to applaud the efforts of the first editorial board members. The following stalwarts were a part of the first editorial board under the able guidance of Fr. Extross:

Probir Chakravarti, Anil Chatterjee, and Mathew Paul (The Editors in Chief),

Lalit Bahri, Ashwani Parmar, Subhash Mathew and Ashok Jain (Assistant Editors)

Pramod Gupta, Navin Prakash, Surrender Pal Brar, Sarabjit Singh, Siddhant Bhattacharji and

Deepak Shukul (Staff Members)

The Xavier Times, the then 'News And Views' was made more lively with the introduction of cartoon strips and competitions in the year 1966. During those days, this school newspaper used to have four to eight small paged issues in a year. On the first anniversary, of 'News And Views', a "welcome addition" was made to the newspaper - The Hindi section, in order to give "all the Hindi Pundits an exclusive opportunity to use their gifts for a worthwhile cause", under the guidance of Mr. R. Bhaskar and Dr. T. Ujjagar. (News And Views, 22nd September 1966, Vol. 2, No. 8). Sections like 'Sahitya Rashmi' and 'Sher-o-Shayari' were added. XT turned into an eight-paged bilingual newspaper. Previously, many interesting columns were a part of the 'News And Views', like, *Spotlight*, which highlighted the life and achievements of any one of the staff members in each issue; *Xavier Times Capsules*, in which there used to be a mention of the retiring teachers and also those who got married under, *Wedding Bells*; *Letters To The Editor* in which the XT readers expressed their views on the magazine in a candid and light-hearted manner. Many interesting fun activities were a part of XT, like *Kwiz Kolumn*, *Photo Caption Contest*, *Crosswords*, *Word Jumbles*, *Colour-It-All*, to name a few. In short, the XT was like a *luscious burger* because it was full of mind boggling puzzles and quizzes, cartoons and stories etc., etc.

The time period from 1972-83 was considered to be the "Golden Period" for XT, since the "Mayer of Delhi" (as he was jokingly called), Fr.





Robert Mayer, S.J. was at the helm of it. It was in 1972, that the "News And Views" got a new name, "The Xavier Times". Fr. Mayer took over as the moderator of XT from Fr. John Beez, S.J. Fr. Mayer once said "For me, working for the editorial board was always very enjoyable. It helped me keep young." He brought about many changes during his time. Prominent was the price tag put on the issues. "Previously when it was free, the students would not put much value on it," Fr. Mayer explained. "So, the students themselves asked that some small price be attached to it. That's how it started. Then we decided to use the money for the prizes of the various contests." XT also started the "New Face Award", for the One Act Play Festival. It was later that it was incorporated among the Annual Festival prizes. Another major pillar, under whose support XT soared to great heights, was Fr. Paul Faulstich, S.J.. He joined Xavier's in 1983. He taught English and Moral Science to class 9<sup>th</sup>. He took over as the moderator of XT from Fr. Robert Mayer, S.J., and kept the tradition of this exclusive document, going in full swing. The sapling of the newspaper 'News And Views' grew into a well nurtured plant called 'The Xavier Times' with the hard work of many editors. XT editors were initially chosen through election method, then through a written questionnaire asking them as to why should they be a part of the editorial board and after that the principal carefully screened and selected them. Present XT editors and assistant editors are chosen through a task given to them, for instance, they are asked to interview the new staff members, prepare reports on events etc. XT was not only a product and display of the creative talents of the Xavierians, it was also a news document, which covered important happenings in and outside the school. For example : The August' 1972 issue, was dedicated to the 'Garibi Hatao Programme' organized by the school ; The 1998 issue was dedicated to

Mother Teresa due to her demise on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1997 ; The 2000 issue was dedicated to the completion of 40 years of the school and the 2010 issue marked the Golden Jubilee of Xavier's.

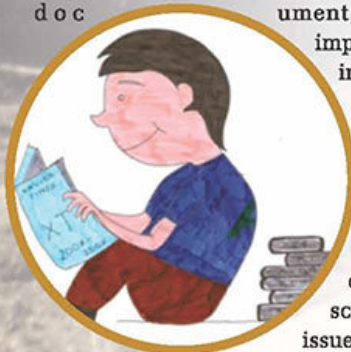
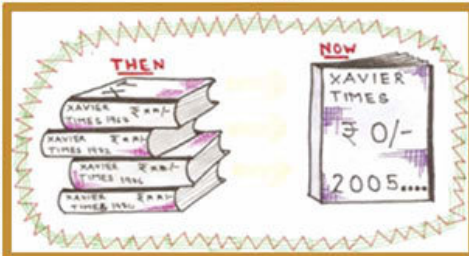
XT has been evolving ever since it was pioneered. In the early 90's, the number of issues was reduced from 4-6 to 2-3 in a year. And now we have a single long issue published in each academic year. The year 1995-96 marked a change in the XT with glossy colored cover page. In subsequent years, the number of colored pages was increased and in 2013-14, XT was an all-colored issue! During early 1990's the XT got nurtured by Mrs. Anjali Dere, the then Vice-Principal. After she left Xavier's the XT became the baby of the English Department of the School.

Fr. Glenn Menezes, S.J. (1997-2006) made an exemplary contribution to the XT and changed it into all together a new magazine. Mrs. N. Verma and Mr. K.J. Devasia made unforgettable contributions as it was then the publication began to change into colour printing. Initially, only the cover page was in multi-colour. From 2013-14, the school began having a fully coloured Xavier Times. Presently it is being taken care of by the language teachers Mrs. S. Miranda, Mrs. A. Khindria, Mrs. H. Jain, Mrs. S.Jain (English Department) and Mrs. A. Rosario, Mrs. M. Kapoor and Mrs. S. Pandey (Hindi Department) under the able guidance of Mr. K.J. Devasia.

Today as we gloat over the success of XT, while chronologically recording it's illustrious history, we must not forget to thank many staff members whose hard work has made it possible for us to celebrate its golden jubilee. XT salutes its stalwarts! Hats Off!

Finally, kudos to all the students without whose efforts, XT wouldn't have reached this pedestal!

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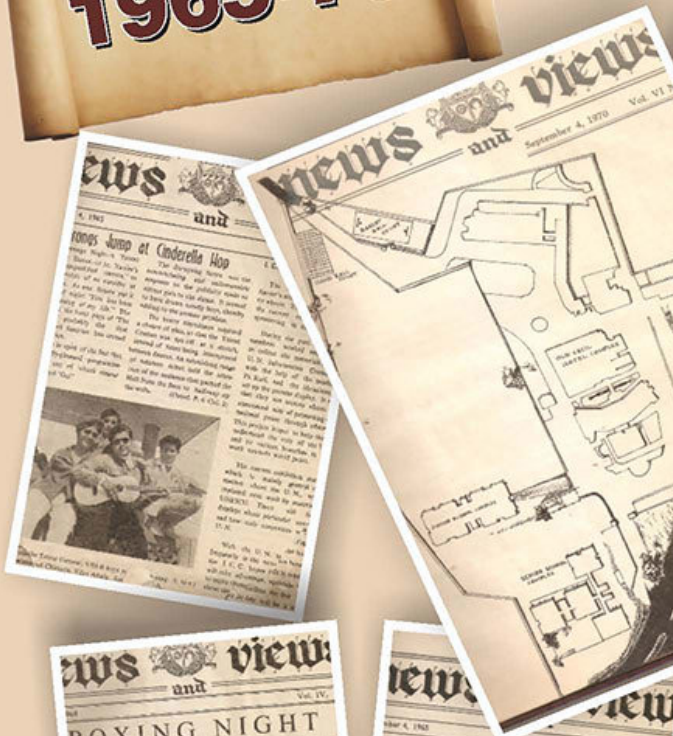
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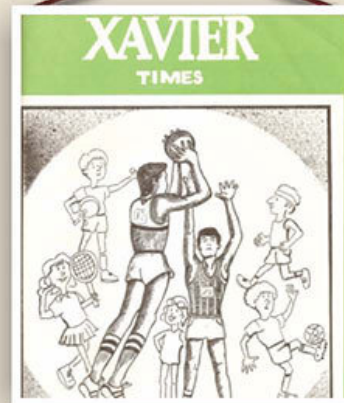
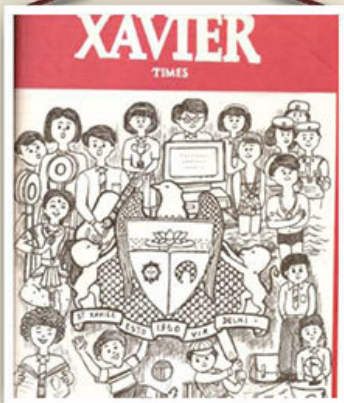


**HOSTEL HAPPENINGS**  
by Gaurav Bhalla











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On 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2000, Abacus organized a workshop in which 57 participants were exposed to the basic internet and related technologies. The workshop was organized in the school hall from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on the above dates. The participants were given a presentation on the various topics discussed on the workshop. The participants were given a presentation on the various topics discussed on the workshop. The participants were given a presentation on the various topics discussed on the workshop.

## A photograph of two men standing in front of a sign that reads "SUN 50 YEARS". The man on the left is wearing a dark suit and glasses. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored suit and a tie. They are both smiling at the camera. The sign is partially visible, showing "SUN" and "50 YEARS".

I had participated in the SLCC and won a silver medal for ecobution, I along with three other students from Delhi had to speak for the Prize Distribution ceremony for the international competition of painting which was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. For the painting there were eleven gold medal winners from different countries, and ambassadors from about 193 countries, who had come to receive the prizes on behalf of their respective countries. I had the honour of being the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. The prizes were distributed by

Year 2000, as we all know, has been dedicated to the promotion of peace all over the world. World Peace Day was celebrated by the entire world on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August and Xaverians certainly weren't left behind.

...No. Xavier's English  
Library Society of our school  
popularly known as XELS,  
organized a beautiful assembly  
on this occasion. We  
presented a musical item  
depicting the agony and  
suffering of the people of  
Hiroshima and Nagasaki.  
My presentation, was an  
appeal to the people, asking  
them to say no to violence  
and destruction. There are  
opportunities to solve every problem. We can make a  
difference with just a small commitment.



presented by the XELS members of 12 D and 10 E.  
The assembly was a success, which would not have  
been possible without the support and guidance of  
Mrs. N. Verma and  
Fr. Glenn.

The musical presentation was supported by models and charts, showing the nuclear holocaust, displayed in the assembly ground. Ms. Sourmya Nagpal and Mr. A. K Das guided the students of classes 8, 9 & 10 to create these wonderful illustrations. We would also like to thank our Vice Principal Mr. Miranda for bring out Xavierian

With profound sorrow we inform of the passing away of Fr. Richard Exross on the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> February 1999. He was admitted to St. Stephens Hospital with breathing problems and potential failure of kidneys. He would have been eighty-four years of age in August 99.

The funeral Mass, held in school hall on February 12<sup>th</sup> 1999, was presided over by Archbishop Alan de Lastic of Delhi. A large gathering

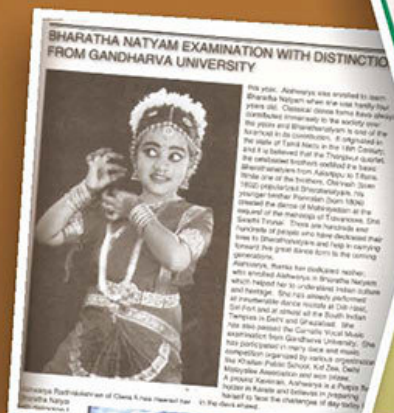
of friends, former students and teachers were present for the mass and the

was Vice-Principal, St Xavier's school from 1956-62 and again from 1968-70. He was Principal of St Xavier's school Delhi for many years. During his tenure he started the school magazine 'XOBAD' (Xavier's Old Boy's Association of Delhi) and was its moderator.

We at St. Xavier's school  
everent homage to the departed son



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## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CEREMONY

**Champions are made from a desire they have deep inside them: a desire, a dream, and a vision.**

From 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1960, St. Xavier's School has travelled a lot – from its infancy to teenage years and attaining maturity, and now being an institution in its very own right, guiding thousands of youngsters to discover their destiny, year after year. During the past fifty five years, our teachers have crafted the personalities of thousands of students. They have striven to chisel their minds, sharpen their wit and instill certain spiritual and deeply human values in their students so that when they step into the world of many uncertainties, problems and challenges, they are able to take balanced decisions. We are proud of our alumni who have been dynamic leaders and trail-blazing pioneers in their own chosen profession, contributing to the developmental process of our own country and the world at large and rendering service to humanity.

In order to recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments and achievements of our outstanding alumni who have lived up to the motto of our school 'ESTO VIR', in 2010, Fr. P. T. Augustine, our Rector as well as the Moderator of DOXA mooted the idea of presenting **Life Time Achievement Awards and Xavierian Excellence Awards** for the first time in Xavier's. These awards are presented to those Xavierians who have contributed immensely to the service of the society and whose achievements have been outstanding. In a function organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009, in connection with Golden Jubilee celebrations, the first batch of Xavierians were conferred with these awards, our school witnessed another historical moment – a special award for the great Xavierians who have climbed the ladder of success in their life. In a similar function conducted on Feb 28, 2014 a few more selected outstanding Xavierians from different fields were presented with the awards.





**The Lifetime Achievements Awardees were-**

1. Ambassador Pawan K. Verma
2. Air Marshal Ravi Kant Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Vice Chief of Air Staff.
3. Lt. Gen. Philip Campose, AVSM, VSM: GOC-in-C, Western Command
4. Lt. Gen. Rajan Bakshi, UYSM: GOC-in-C, Central Command
5. Dr. Ishwar K. Puri, Ph. D., FAAAS, FASME
6. Mr. Anil Rai Gupta, Jt. M.D., Havells India Ltd.
7. Prof. Dinesh Singh.
8. Dr. Ram

**Xaverian Excellence Awards were presented to-**

1. Mr. Saurabh Mittal, Vice Chairman and Co-founder, Indiabulls Group
2. Mr. Bhupendra Chaubey, National Affairs Editors, CNN-IBN
3. Mr. Jagdish Kaliraman, Insp. And Chief Coach, U.P. Police Wrestling team

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

*-Eleanor Roosevelt*

The awardees felicitated believed in their dreams and with great courage and determination, reached their goals. They have all set an example for the rest of us. Nothing is too difficult to achieve if we set our hearts on it.

Every Xaverian was, is and will always be a winner!

Sanjana Arora, (11D)

## Investiture ceremony Junior School



The Junior School Investiture Ceremony was held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. The assembly was hosted by class 7E. It started with a procession led by the Head Boy and the Head Girl, followed by the House Captains, House Moderators, Headmaster, Fr. Jugal Kindo, S.J., and the Coordinator of Discipline, Mrs. Mahendri Devi. The newly formed Student Council took pledge to perform their duties responsibly and sincerely.

Afterwards, the Head Boy and the Head Girl received badges from the Principal Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J., Mrs. M. Devi presented badges to the House Captains while the prefects received their badges from their respective House Moderators. The ceremony ended with the school song.

Vansh Mehra (7F)





## Senior School

### INVESTITURE CEREMONY '14

"IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS TO DREAM MORE, DO MORE AND BECOME MORE, THEN YOU ARE A LEADER."

- John Quincy Adams

On the fine morning of 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, the deserving young talents of the Senior School were bestowed with the responsibility of leading their school with commitment, confidence and competence.

On this day, the new Student Council for the Academic Session 2014-15 was formally introduced to the Senior School.

It was a red letter day for all those 'chosen' ones. They stood upright with their heads held high, their hearts in humility and with an aim in

mind to carry the Xaverian family to new and novel heights. Yukti Joshi of class 12F and Anirbaan Das of class 12A were elected as the Head Girl and the Head Boy respectively. Principal, Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J., addressed the assembly and inspired the Council with his motivating words. After this he administered the Oath of Office. They pledged to adhere to the values and traditions upheld by the school. Then the leaders were presented with their prestigious badges. At the end of the Ceremony, Rector, Fr. P.T. Augustine encouraged the Council members and urged them to stand as good examples to the fellow Xaverians.

The school is glad to have such exemplary leaders.

**Gabriya Merlin (11C)**





## MESSAGE from the Head Girl

As I look back into the past 11 years of my life on St. Xavier's campus, it looks as if it had been a journey of a lifetime. The journey which instilled, enriched, boosted and invigorated the real spirit of a Xaverian in me and the culmination and the real fruit of it, all made me capable of holding the office of the Head Girl. It was indeed the golden opportunity that I got to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to this prestigious institution.



A sense of complete belongingness and commitment with which I rendered my humble services brought back rather rewarded me with the utmost contentment and satisfaction. As I move out of this marvelous institution which molded me into a person for others, I feel so confident and moved to uphold the virtues and values that I imbibed from the Ignatian Pedagogy. It was indeed a privilege to be a part of the Xaverian family and I pray that all that was taught and learnt at Xavier's may help, guide, strengthen and sustain me through all the ups and downs in all the days of my life. Message for the juniors: There's no substitute to hard work. Just believe in yourself and do the hard work and you'll surely see the results. Cheers Xaverians. Lots of love!!

**Yukti Joshi, Head Girl (2014-15)**

## MESSAGE from the Head Boy

This message is for all my juniors, my fellow xaverians not as the Head Boy but as a companion. Xavier's is not any other school, it is more like a family, one large extended family and when we all start feeling that spirit of oneness, trust me, the day we as a whole can do that, we will be an unstoppable force. Just try and remember that every single one of us has some unique gift or the other, so do not be shy to express yourself but go ahead and explore your talents. Take a few chances and don't be afraid of rejection, rather take it as an opportunity to work harder. Improve yourself and come back stronger next time. Compete fiercely and push each other to give your best, but at the same time have the courage to applaud someone who outshines you on the day. After all any one doing well means every one doing well because we all have that same goal, same love and same ambition to keep the school flag flying high. Let us make these most enjoyable days of our lives, the most memorable ones and work so hard and do things so creatively that even the school remembers us long after we are gone. Stay blessed and always wear the emblem with pride.



**ESTO VIR.**

With lots of love

**Anirbaan Das, Head Boy (2014-15)**





## Recognition Day (Junior School)



26<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 turned out to be a memorable day for many Xaverians as they were recognized and felicitated by the school for the sincere hard work they had put in round the year. The day was full of splendor and hearts rejoiced, as the school awarded the students not only for their meritorious achievements in academics, but also for their excellent performance in curricular activities and display of good and moral behavior.



The event was held in the Millennium Hall of the school. Reverend Fr. Jose Mesa, S.J., was the honorable Chief Guest of the day. The program was a vibrant display of talent as students performed dances and sang melodious songs, much to the joy of the proud parents and teachers. The Chief Guest, congratulated the students, teachers and the parents for the excellent achievements of the children and urged many more to follow in the footsteps of the achievers. In his speech, he stressed upon the importance of good education and moral values. The program was a grand success and left everyone brimming with joy and pride.

Vansh Mehra (7F)



## Recognition Day (Senior School)



Success is the sum of small efforts, day in and day out and when rewarded they help a person strive for excellence. As per the traditions, Xaveir's have always considered that thought and for years has been awarding the best of its students every year by organising the Recognition Day. This year, this magnificent event was organized on 2nd of August, 2014 honoring about 250 students with Xavierian Excellence Award and 80 with top Academics. Around 20 students of Class 10 got the Topper's award for scoring a 10 CGPA, in CBSE Board. The 12th Class students were recognized for their marvellous result in their Board Examination. The Chief Guest of the ceremony was our beloved Mrs. Yashwani Verma. The programme ended with some inspirational words from our respected Father Principal. We hope the students live up to his expectations and become even more meritorious Xaverians.

Reeba Iqbal and Vaishali (11B)





# MUSIC FEST

## संगीत उत्सव (जूनियर स्कूल)

30 अगस्त 2014 की सुबह हमारे जूनियर (माध्यमिक) विद्यालय में संगीत का कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। हर वर्ष यह कार्यक्रम हमारे विद्यालय में बड़े ही उत्साह और धूमधाम से मनाया जाता है। बहुत से विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया। अध्यापक-अध्यापिकाओं ने इस अवसर को सफल बनाने में बहुत सहायता की। सभी दर्शक, जिनमें बच्चों के माता-पिता मुख्याध्यापक, प्रधानाचार्य आदि बहुत प्रसन्न थे। सभी बच्चों ने इतना अच्छा कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया कि निर्णायकगण को भी किसी एक को विजेता घोषित करते हुए परेशानी हुई। पहले भाग में ऋतुओं के विषय पर नृत्य हुआ था। इस भाग का विजेता नेहरु हाउस था। दूसरे स्थान पर गाँधी और भामा हाउस आए थे। सभी नृत्य कथक के माध्यम से करने का प्रयास किया गया। हर हाउस से तीन लड़कियाँ अंतर-विद्यालय प्रतियोगिता के लिए चुनी गई जिसकी निदेशिका श्रीमति सपना बेरी थी। दूसरा भाग 'हिन्दी समूह गान' था। जिसमें गाँधी के विद्यार्थियों ने बहुत अच्छे प्रदर्शन द्वारा पहला पद प्राप्त किया। तीसरा भाग लोकनृत्य था। जिसमें दूसरी, तीसरी तथा चौथी कक्षा के बच्चों ने भाग लिया था। इन छोटे बच्चों का जोश इतना अधिक था कि सभी दर्शक तालियाँ बजाने पर मजबूर हो गए। प्रथम स्थान पर भामा हाउस का पंजाबी लोकनृत्य था। दूसरे स्थान पर गाँधी हाउस का राजस्थानी नृत्य था। हरियाणवी नृत्य प्रस्तुत करने वाले टेगोर हाउस ने तीसरा स्थान प्राप्त किया। चौथा व आखिरी भाग अंग्रेजी समूह गान का था जिसमें प्रथम स्थान पर गाँधी हाउस था। जिनके गाने ने सभी को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया। भामा हाउस जिसने दूसरे स्थान को प्राप्त किया। इनकी प्रस्तुति में दो बच्चे आगे नृत्य भी कर रहे थे। आखिर में पूरे संगीत का विजेता घोषित करने का समय था। गाँधी हाउस ने अपने जोश, आत्मविश्वास, उत्साह तथा उत्तम प्रस्तुति के कारण प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया। भामा हाउस को द्वितीय स्थान और नेहरु तथा टेगोर हाउस दोनों ने ही तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया।

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भूतहरि नीति शतक' नामक पत्रिका में लिखित है:

"संगीत व साहित्य से विहीन मनुष्य पशु के समान है" फादर रिचर्ड की स्मृति में हमारा विद्यालय प्रतिवर्ष संगीतोत्सव का आयोजन करता है। इस वर्ष 10 मई को इस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन हुआ। संगीत एक ऐसी शक्ति है जिसने जेवियर के प्रत्येक छात्र को सम्मिलित किया है। संगीतोत्सव 2014 का आरंभ विद्यार्थी परिषद द्वारा हुआ। ज्ञान की ज्योति प्रज्वलित हुई। तत्पश्चात् फादर जोस जेकब ने संगीतोत्सव 2014 को अनावृत घोषित किया। एक-एक करकर चारों सदन - भामा, गाँधी, नेहरु, टेगोर मंच पर प्रस्तुति के लिए पधारें तथा अपना अपना कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया। अपने प्रदर्शन से उन्होंने न केवल छात्रों परंतु निर्णायकों को पूर्णतया: सम्मोहित कर दिया। प्रत्येक सदन की प्रस्तुति में एकल एवं युगल हिंदी व अंग्रेजी संगीत सम्मिलित थे। प्रत्येक सदन की प्रस्तुति के बीच में एक वाद्य यंत्र भी शामिल था। सभी सदनों ने पूर्ण मेहनत एवं लगन से कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया। सभी सदनों की उत्कृष्ट प्रस्तुतियों ने दर्शकों को स्तब्ध कर छोड़ दिया। संगीतोत्सव 2014 के मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में यशी वर्मा मैम को आमंत्रित किया गया। सभी प्रस्तुतियों का समापन होने के पश्चात् सभी दर्शकों को पूरी उत्सुकता से बस एक चीज़ का इंतज़ार था-परिणाम। अंततः 2014 का परिणाम घोषित हुआ। भामा सदन को संगीतोत्सव-2014 का विजेता घोषित किया गया।

संगीतोत्सव को सफल बनाने के लिए न केवल छात्र-छात्राएँ मेहनत करते हैं परंतु शिक्षकगणों का पूर्ण सहयोग होता है। संगीतोत्सव परिणाम के पश्चात् ही समाप्त नहीं हो जाता परंतु जेवियर के प्रत्येक छात्र के मन मस्तिष्क में संगीतोत्सव की मधुर यादें सदैव क्रियाशील रहती हैं।

सिद्धांत जैन, ग्यारहवीं-बी







# PLAY FEST

## Senior

Play Fest is an annual event celebrated in memory of Fr. Robert Mayer, an American Jesuit who joined Xavier's in 1970. Play fest, a platform that urges Xaverians to hone their creative skills, an event that encourages innovation and ingenuity in Xaverians was held on 31<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014. The jury for the English plays consisted of Mrs. N. McLaren, a highly experienced former English teacher at St. Xavier's, Mr. Ajay Dewan the President of DOXA, a proficient dramatist in Ruchika Theater Group during his college days, Mr. Rakesh Jha and Mr. Prakash Jha, extremely competent directors and playwrights who have worked with the Sahitya Kala Academy and National School of Drama. The procession led by the Student Council marked the beginning of this momentous event. On the first day Hindi plays were showcased by all houses. The presentation, dialogue delivery, creativity and pronunciations of our amateur, budding actors was indeed remarkable. The coordination among the crew members and the brilliant performances stands testimony to the untiring efforts put in by teachers and students

over past few months. The Hindi plays were judged by Mr. Rakesh Sharma who has rendered his valuable expertise in training students and has directed various plays in Sahitya Kala Parishad. The other eminent judge was Mr. Madan Dogra. Bhabha House presented the play 'कालकोठरी', Gandhi House 'इलहाम', Nehru House 'समस्यासुलझगयी' and Tagore

House 'अंतहाज़रिहो'. The English plays displayed the phenomenal dramatic and linguistic skills of students. The plays selected were 'Silence, the Court is in Session' by Bhabha House, 'Inspector Rousseau Strikes Again' by Gandhi House, 'The Accidental Death of an Anarchist' by Nehru House and 'Twelve Angry Men' by Tagore House. After the event was over every single spectator was waiting for the results. While the results were finalized there were a few singing and dancing interludes by students. Finally the results were declared. Gandhi House bagged the Winner's trophy after 11 years. Bhabha House stood 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nehru 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kudos to all the participants for the efforts put in.

Siddhant Jain (11B)







## CLUB REPORTS

### ARTHSHAstra CLUB



Among the many clubs of St. Xavier's, Arthshastra- the Commerce Club, has taken the charge of organizing activities for students in the commerce stream.

With the aim of helping students gather more information about the various career options in their chosen fields, the Club organized a Career Counseling Session on 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2014. The session was conducted by Mr. Zubin Malhotra, a professional career counselor. A visit to a Mother Dairy factory was organized for students of class 12. It gave an insight into all the work that is done to cater to the needs of the customers effectively. A presentation was also shown to the students explaining various processes of packaging and processing milk etc. The motive was to give practical exposure to the students, which would further help them understand the concepts and outline their curriculum more comprehensively.

### MUSIC CLUB



Without music to decorate it, time is just a bunch of boring production deadlines or dates by which chores must be done. This, in our prestigious school is done by the Music Club. The officials for the year 2014-2015 were:

Nitin Joseph (President), Tim Patras (Vice President), Christopher Nazareth (Secretary). Music gives flight to the wingless. It states the unstated. Our Music Club is responsible for our success in all the Inter-school activities that we participate in.

Introduced by Sir Santosh Joseph, the club organized a talent hunt for the students of the Senior School. They also successfully organize the morning school choir which leads the assembly in prayer daily. Our school is blessed to have such a club to motivate students.

This year, once again, St. Xavier's School demonstrated how talented its students are in the field of music by being awarded various positions in different competitions. In the **Bosco Fiesta** held in **Don Bosco School, Alaknanda**, Tim Patras of 12D won the third prize in solo singing. **Holy Child Auxillium**, Tagore Garden had organized a music competition "*Rhythm*" in which St. Xavier's school performed wonderfully and were awarded the first position in Western Group Singing, second position in Indian Group singing and Stutee Tiwari 11E, bagged, first position in the Indian Solo Singing. Further, in **Bro. Bergins Memorial** organized by Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantonment, St. Xavier's School won the second prize in solo Indian Music (Stutee Tiwari 11E), first position in Solo Western Music (Tim Patras 12D), and came first in Indian Group Singing and third in Indian Instrumental Music. Overall trophy was awarded to St. Xavier's. Congratulations to all the participants. We hope our school continues to perform in this excellent manner in the future as well.

### Graduation Day for Class 12

We entered this school clutching our parents' hands, hesitant to leave familiar surroundings and enter a new realm. As our school life ends we are once again hesitant, but this time for an entirely different reason. On 31<sup>st</sup> of January our school conducted a farewell program for the outgoing batch. In the morning we had a very heartwarming Graduation Day function followed by our scribbling day and farewell party in the evening. The day was an overwhelming recapitulation of the entire year. It was an amazing feeling making our parents proud of our achievements. Sports colors and music colors were awarded to students. We also received a token of love on behalf of the entire faculty and management of our school. It was also a day of expressing gratitude and thanksgiving for all that our school has done for us. Indeed a big thank you to our dear teachers, parents, friends and the entire management for giving us the experience of a lifetime.





## WHERE DID HOLY CHILD AUXILIUM'S TROPHY GO? BACK TO ITS HOME!

The participants from our school had an aim set in their mind. Alterations in that dream, were not even an option. They worked hard for weeks, putting their blood and sweat into it and indeed they did make sure that the breath they exhaled while performing brings goose bumps to those who inhaled while listening. This competition organized by Holy Child School was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August. On 22<sup>nd</sup> August, the competition was for Western Music category and with our fellow Xaverians exuding confidence, easily bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position in the Group Song, conquering the given challenge of performing self composed rap only, as the genre. The painting group's Tushar Joshi from 9 F bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. On 23<sup>rd</sup> August our group of singers went for Indian Music Category. They bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position in solo song and 2<sup>nd</sup> in group song. Also, in the Poetry Dramatization event our school won the 2<sup>nd</sup> position. There came the overall trophy back home, to where it belongs! Preparing for the unprepared, overcoming every obstacle coming towards them, accepting nothing but the best! The participants from our school fought for Xavier's and proved what the true Xaverian spirit is all about!

Megha Liz Varghese (11D)

## TECHNICA CLUB ▼

The Science Club Technica organised an Interclass Science Quiz for students of classes 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Each team consisted of a total of 6 students who went through 6 rounds of testing their knowledge. For class 11, first it was the prelims after which few selected students were shuffled into six teams. In class 10, 10 F bagged the first position followed by 10D. In the quiz for class 11, Jorquicians came first followed by Infinity Cube. Sciensophiles bagged the third position, thus closing the event.

### Explore - 2014

"Science is a way of thinking much more than is a body of knowledge" In August 2014, St. Xavier's organized the Interschool Event **Explore** to urge the students to think logically, analyze, imagine and create. The competition was judged by Dr. Simon Thomas and Mr S.P. Khanna, stalwarts in the field of Science. After a long stretch of presentations and interjections, the most awaited results were declared. The trophy for the Best Speaker went to Convent of Jesus and Mary whereas the trophy for the Best interjector was grabbed by St. Xavier's, Shahbad. The overall trophy was bagged by Convent of Jesus and Mary. Thus the event ended successfully with all teams participating with great enthusiasm.

### Science Exhibition

On July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, the Science Club Technica organised a large scale exhibition for the students of classes 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Millennium Hall. The initiative was taken in order to give a chance to

the students to exhibit their scientific aptitude and talent. As reported, it was the biggest exhibition with working and non-working models on display. The participants were judged on the basis of their creativity, efforts and presentation. After 2 days, the exhibition came to an end with distribution of prizes.

### The Technica Workshop

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014, the Technica Club organized an electronics workshop for the students of classes 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. Under the able guidance of Mr. P. Ramasubramanian and Mr. R. Khanna, they were taught the basics of electronics. They were taught how to solder and were given the task of preparing an emergency light. They were also given information regarding the various components of the lens of the printed circuit board. In the end, the best performers of the day were awarded.

Shivangi (12C)







## XAVIER'S ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY



XELS has always been a motivating force behind the all round personality development of a Xaverian. From organizing enriching events to the decoration of the hall, from interschool events to the interclass events, from refreshments to the technical help, on retrospection it all seems a crazy roller coaster ride.

It began the session this year by organizing "POETS ON STAGE" for class 8<sup>th</sup>, which was a great success and the joy and enthusiasm shown by our juniors was overwhelming. The results were a tie for the third position between class 8A and 8C, followed by class 8E and the winners of the event was class 8B

"SCENES FROM SHAKESPEARE" for class 9 saw many budding actors coming up on the stage and displaying their talent in the field of dramatics. The 3<sup>rd</sup> position went to class 9B, followed by a tie for the second position between classes 9D and 9F. The 1<sup>st</sup> position was bagged by class 9E.

"AUTHORS ON STAGE" for class 10, honored the most respected writers of English literature. The students expressed their love for literature in the most creative ways possible and enthralled one and all by their spell binding presentations. There was a tie for the third

position between classes 10A and 10F. The second position went to class 10C while 10E stood first.

The "LITERARY FEST" for class 11 was a fun filled contest wherein 18 pairs participated and displayed their literary skills. It was wonderful to see students so fluent and well versed in the English language. There was a tie for the title of third best pair. It went to Samar Khan and Galavi Sharma of 11B and Kevin Thomas and Khyati Bisht of 11B. The second best pair award went to Mohd. Moonis and Devhuti Parshar of class 11A.

And finally the title of the Best Literary pair went to Tanmay Mehra and Ria Sardana of class 11B.

Finally, "The Personality Contest" for class 12<sup>th</sup> was one entertaining show of talent and grit. The confidence and spontaneity showcased by our seniors was par excellence in every aspect. The Mr. Personality runner up was Kevin Thomas of class 12C. The Miss Personality Runner up was Rubina Rajan of class 12A. The title of Miss Personality went to Kareena Rai of class 12A and Mr. Personality went to Anirbaan Das of class 12A

The Interschool Personality Contest was an event, which went on, to become the talk of the town. We saw a number of top reputed schools participating in this grand affair, all for the prestigious titles of Mr. and Miss Personality. It was an unprecedented achievement and the most successful Inter-school Competition that our school organized in this year.

XELS also organized the Fr. Pedro Arrupe Memorial Interschool Speech Competition, for students of class 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> which also was a grand affair. The level of declamation was extremely high and prestigious schools of Delhi, NCR were in attendance. All the teachers of the English Department as well as the Student Council members deserve special thanks. The pride we felt when the students from other schools applauded our organizing prowess, is beyond words.



## ART CLUB



The Art Club was formed with the aim of harnessing and building upon the innate artistic talents present in many Xaverians. The Club has been successful in making many students aware of their talents and has provided them with an open forum where they have the means to test and develop their skill into something truly extraordinary. The club organized many art and craft activities over the course of the year for classes 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope that the club under the guidance of Mrs. Ritu Rebecca Sharma continues with its excellent work and keeps working on those future Picassos.

### The Art Competition

The Children's Day was once again celebrated enthusiastically, with the successful Art Competition that was held on this day, i.e. the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014. Different events were organized for each grade giving them a chance to step into the lime light. For class 8, a Cartoon Making competition on the theme 'Save Wildlife' was organized. For class 9 - Stamp Designing on the theme 'Clean India', for class 10 - Paper Plate modeling and for class 11- Rangoli competition was organized. Class 12 displayed their talent through newspaper modeling. The students participated with great spirits.

The event was successfully organized by the Art Club, coordinated by Mrs. Ritu Rebecca Sharma and indeed added glitter to the Children's Day.



## ECO CLUB

The Eco club of our school was initiated just two years ago. Its agenda is to progress towards a greener and cleaner campus. The club seeks to inspire students and to bring about a caring attitude towards the environment. The club officials for the year 2014-15 were: Kevin Thomas of (11B) as President, Aditya Kalra of (11B) as Vice-President, Tanmay Mehra of (11B) as Secretary, Stuti Kashyap of (11A) as Treasurer. The Club organized many activities for students of all classes. First and foremost, the club took the initiative of cleaning the campus with the help of volunteering students numerous times during the year. The path towards a greener and cleaner earth is to be tread by not one but all of us. The members of the Eco Club urge the students to never give up on this endeavor and continuously strive towards protecting and enriching our Mother Earth.

## THE PHOTO INFINITY CLUB



Photo Infinity Club (P.I.C) is the newly formed photography club in our school by the students of class 12<sup>th</sup>. The club's main motive is to develop the photographic skills and interest among the students. The club also seeks to capture all the memorable moments of a student's school life. The activities organized by this club were Photography Workshop (organized by CANON), and the Pictorial Competition. It was a great opportunity for the budding photographers to showcase their hidden talent. The club

moderator Mr. S. Sachdeva has been very helpful all through the year. The club officials were: President: Christopher C. Nazareth (12 E), Vice President: Samarth Garg (12D), Secretary: Prateek Paul (12D), Technical Assistant: Steven J. Tigga (12D), Treasurer: Rohan Malik (12F), Official: Nishant Choudhary (12B)





## LTS Club

### Visit to St. Mary's Home for the aged

On the 25th of July 2014, the LTS club organized a visit to St. Mary's Home for the Aged near our school. This quaint little place had an old world charm to it. The red brick building and the lush green canopy was an absolute escape from this concrete jungle but what made the visit truly special were the people we got to meet. It was indeed a privilege to be able to interact with these truly wise and affectionate ladies who took out time to meet us and made us feel right at home. They shared with us their life stories and jewels from their treasure of experience. The way they talked about how truly content they were with whatever they received by the grace of God was astonishing. All they wanted was love and affection. It was quite an overwhelming experience, with so much to take home we left that place richer with wisdom, kisses and blessings.

### Bal Mela

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2014, the LTS club organized The Bal Mela for a group of about 150 children who came from extremely poverty stricken families. Bal Mela is an amazing initiative taken by our school giving us a chance to do something for someone who can't give us anything in return. The day started with 150 overtly enthusiastic kids arriving by bus. They were taken to the assembly ground and after a quick introduction, they were treated with Bournvita and samosas. All charged up they were next taken to the Millennium Hall for the entertainment session where the kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Game stalls were step up by the students of class 11<sup>th</sup>, where winning wasn't the point, it was the smile on their faces that mattered more than anything else. Some fun races were also conducted for the kids. Lunch was served in the end. After all the tummies were full they went home with their goodie bags. It was a day well spent. Kudos to the LTS Club for painstakingly organizing this truly amazing experience.

### Labor Day

We often forget these unsung heroes who make our life easier at many levels. Every year we celebrate the international Labor Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. This year too the L.T.S club took initiative to acknowledge the amazing job our workers do all year round. They conducted a special felicitation program for our workers where each one was presented with a small token of appreciation. They work tirelessly and seamlessly towards the smooth functioning of our school. We don't even realize how much they contribute in order for us to have a clean and tidy campus. It's not only on labor day when we need to acknowledge their efforts but every day. A kind smile from our side can truly make their day.

**Rubina Rajan (12A)**





# ABACUS CLUB

## Interface 2014

**"When it comes to innovation, an ounce of execution is worth more than a ton of theory."**

Interface is one of the most awaited school events organized by ABACUS club for technoholic students to provide them a platform to showcase their outstanding skills. This year the event was held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2014. Renowned schools of Delhi participated in the event. The event was of multitasking containing five sub-events to judge techno skills and constructive mindsets. The sub events were inducted quiz competition having prelims out of which five top achievers qualified for the finals. The quiz was totally based on awareness about new techno outcomes. There was an event, 'Mind your code' in which the techno lovers were forced to strain their mind to get the desired output. Another event was 'Roborash' in which different schools presented their car models and had to run them on topsy-turvy tracks! "Web designing" was one event which required constructive minds to create webs. The fifth event was one which everyone eagerly wanted to see: The Game Drone. After the teams which qualified for finals played COD – Black Ops II, GRID-II, COD- Ghosts and FIFA 15. After the event was over there was utter curiosity among every participant for results.



The Interface was a grand success and this was possible due to the constant support and guidance of teachers, the club members and the volunteers.

## 14<sup>th</sup> BRO. ALOYSIUS INTER SCHOOL COMPUTER AND ECONOMICS SYMPOSIUM

Interschool competitions are all about unexpected challenges and complexities, but still what makes Xaverians shine is their hard work and their desire to succeed. That very fire of passion to achieve excellence no matter what they do filled the participants of the 14<sup>th</sup> Bro. Aloysius Interschool Ecomm. Symposium with joy, and helped them win so many positions. The competition was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August in Mount St. Mary's School.

There were various events, out of which, in 'Synchronus' our school won the 2<sup>nd</sup> position with participant Lakshay Arora (12C), in 'Brand Advertising' our school, again won the 2<sup>nd</sup> position, with the topic – 'Captain America Thali for Hungry Superheroes' and participants

were Vedant Sachdeva (12A), Nitish Choudhary (12F), Ramanpreet Kaur (12F), Megha Liz Varghese (11D), Srijani Dey (11F) and Daman Duggal (12 D). Also, Aleena Scaria (12C) won the 'Best Interjector' award.

There were 11 events, out of which, in the above events our school bagged these positions, not only with their desire to raise the school's name high but also with a wish that their juniors may continue to bring trophies to our school. As Fr. Principal says "Be proud Xaverians." These students have worked hard not just to make themselves but everyone around them proud! The Xavier Times salutes such Xaverians!

**Megha Liz Varghese (11D)**





## SCIENCE EXHIBITION (Junior School)

The science exhibition for classes 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in the Millennium Hall. The students transformed scientific concepts and facts into creative and interesting projects under the educative guidance of their science teachers. There were 300 marvelous exhibits and projects based on great concepts. Our scientific Xavierans created working projects on Rain Water Harvesting, Garbage Consumption, Pollution, Car Parking System

and many more. Some students explained their projects on many forms of energy like hydraulic, potato, lemon, wind and even a cycle. The enthusiasm shown by the participants and the efforts they had put in was commendable. Parents also came and enjoyed their wards' work in the Millennium Hall. It was a great learning opportunity for students, their parents and teachers as well.



A creative writing workshop was organized in our school on 11<sup>th</sup> November. It was conducted by Mr Jasper Chand, an ex-Xaverian of the 1987 batch. He is the author of the crime thriller -'And He Wanted Me Dead'. A Commerce student, sir passed out from school with Mr Santosh Joseph as his class teacher, and studied English Literature at Ramjas College, Delhi University. Today, he is a director with a premier executive search firm. A versatile personality, he has also won many awards in school competitions, ranging from the best western solo-singer to the best director. He enjoyed spending a little time with the budding authors of classes 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, some of whom have even got their respective books published. With the help of an interesting and thought provoking presentation, he gave us tips on writing and told us about his novel and blogs. The presentation ended with happy grins on every face. It was indeed an enriching experience for all the students.

**Shivi Gupta (9B)**

## How is "A Book" Published?

On 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 students of class 7<sup>th</sup> got a chance to know how a book is published. Mrs. Pritika from the Scholastic Book Association conducted this workshop in the Millennium Hall. She explained how first the writer gets an idea which he reveals by writing. He takes his writing to a publishing office. If the editor likes it, he will print it with the help of marketing manager, designer and the production manager. She also explained the Copyrights, ISBN and proof reading. She urged each one of us to read more books and speak in English if we wished to grow as young authors of our school. The workshop ended with an interesting short quiz based on information imparted during the workshop. It was truly a unique and delightful experience.

**Arijit Sen(7E)**





## Independence Day Celebration



The junior wing of St. Xavier's celebrated India's 67<sup>th</sup> Independence day on 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2014. The assembly was conducted by class 7C under the able guidance of Mrs. N. Shankar. The assembly started with a prayer song which was followed by a patriotic song. After that the students highlighted the social evils prevailing in the society. Following which a poem on freedom was recited. There was an energetic dance performance by the girls of 7C. Fr. Headmaster talked about the importance of responsibility in his speech. The assembly concluded with the National Anthem. It was really a memorable day for all the students of the Junior School.

**Lois Hanna Markose (7C)**

## श्रमिक दिवस

" कोई भी काम छोटा नहीं होता, तथा हर काम यदि पूरी निष्ठा के साथ किया जाए तो सदा सम्मान ही दिलाता है", फादर प्रिंसिपल की इसी सीख के साथ 1 मई 2014 को सीनियर स्कूल में सभी श्रमिकों के सम्मान में श्रमिक दिवस का आयोजन किया गया। विद्यालय के वातावरण को स्वच्छ बनाए रखने तथा प्रत्येक कार्य समय पर पूरा करने में सभी श्रमिकों का महत्वपूर्ण योगदान रहा है। उनके इसी सहयोग के प्रति आभार व्यक्त करते हुए कुछ विद्यार्थियों ने उन्हें उपहारों से सम्मानित किया तथा सभी छात्रों के समक्ष उनके इस दृढ़ निश्चय का उल्लेख भी किया। श्रमिक दिवस के इस अवसर पर इन कर्मठ श्रमिकों के जीवन से हमें मेहनत व लगन से हर कार्य को पूर्ण करने की सीख मिलती है तथा इस शुभ दिवस के माध्यम से हम सब यह प्रण लेते हैं कि जीवन में प्रत्येक व्यक्ति के प्रति, चाहे वह छोटा हो या बड़ा, सदा आभार का भाव जगाए रखेंगे।

**सिमरन भटनागर, बारहवीं—ए**



## Fr. Principal's Birthday Celebration

Our dear Principal, Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J., celebrated his birthday on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Students of my class 6B conducted a beautiful assembly. The girls of the class presented a special dance. The students also sang a birthday song which was written and composed by our Music teacher, Mrs. Mridma Sharma. Tanmay Bansal recited a short and meaningful prayer for Father. Every student of 6B participated in the special assembly. Preksha of our class made a beautiful birthday card for Father and presented it to him on behalf of the whole Junior School. Mantavya presented a bouquet on behalf of the students and Mrs. Prabha George presented a bouquet on behalf of the staff members. In the end, Father was invited on stage and he shared a small message with us.

**Mahima Rajpal (6B)**





## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Junior School celebrated Children's Day, the birth anniversary of Pandit JawaharLal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of free India on 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014. It was a celebration with a difference. Class 7E put up an assembly for the same, and much to the pride and joy of all, the students displayed true compassion and brotherhood by inviting Pracheta, a sweet girl of their age, with serious physical disability to witness the celebration. The students sang the song "I have a dream" and dedicated it to Pracheta, and touched each heart present there. A meaningful skit on the role of elders in instilling the right values in the children was presented. This was followed by a poem recitation on 'Child Abuse' by Kritika. Next was a delightful dance performance, "Celebration of Childhood" by a few girls of the class. Then the class teacher of (7E), Mrs. N. Sirohi came up on the stage to pray for all the students, on behalf of the school's teaching fraternity. The assembly ended with Fr. Headmaster's address followed by the National Anthem. The celebration continued over the day, as an Art Competition was held for students of classes 2 to 7 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> periods and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> periods were set aside for dance and fun. The day turned out to be a truly meaningful, fun filled celebration of childhood.

Arijit Sen (7E)



### संत इग्नेशियस ऑफ लोयोला

31 जुलाई की जूनियर स्कूल के छात्रों ने संत इग्नेशियस के जन्मदिन के अवसर पर एक सफल कार्यक्रम का प्रदर्शन किया। एक प्रेरणादायी नाटिका के माध्यम से हमारे कुछ मित्रों ने इस महान गुरु के प्रेरणादायी जीवन से हमें परिचित कराया। इस नाटिका ने हमें यह सीख दी कि संत इग्नेशियस की तरह हमें दृढ़ निश्चयी तथा लगनशील होकर श्रद्धा के साथ अपने लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के लिए आगे बढ़ना चाहिए तथा कठिनाइयों व आपदाओं का हिम्मत से सामना करना चाहिए।

देवांशी गुप्ता, सातवीं-ई





## Talk N Poll

**"There is no sincerer love than the love of food." – George Bernard Shaw**

Indeed we all are foodies in some way or the other. Our food choices define our behavior. With this indirect connection between food and behavior in mind, the XT Editorial Board members decided to conduct a survey on our most acclaimed school CANTEEN.

We asked approximately thousand Xaverians, a few questions and this is what we found –

1. **Variety of food** is the most common reason why the school canteen is so popular.
2. **Chilly Potatoes** won the first prize in the category of the most mouth watering delicacy of the canteen.
3. **The Company of Friends, and Huge open area** has won the hearts of the young purchasers.

## Opinions of the students

"I love my school canteen as it takes care of our flavours and hygiene."  
**Anshul Chaudhary**  
8C

"I love my school canteen because the quality of food changes everyone's mood. It is awesome dude!"  
**Huzaifa Kamal**  
8A

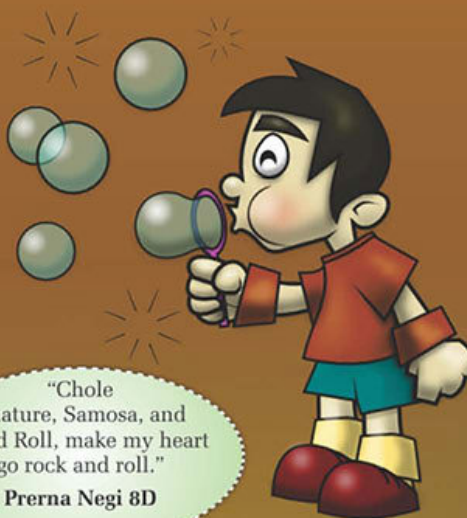
"I love my school canteen because here, eatery meets fun."  
**Manya Chaudhary**  
8C

"I love my school canteen because of the love and dedication with which the workers prepare the food."  
**Shashwat Negi** 8D

"Chole Bhature, Samosa, and Bread Roll, make my heart go rock and roll."  
**Prerna Negi** 8D

"Variety of food, company of friends, the mouth watering food is what I like the most."  
**Sakshi Aggarwal** 8C

"Too many friends are there to meet, And if you are lucky buddy, You can even get a treat. You will find the food here delicious. In simple words our canteen is so foodilicious."  
**Paritosh Mahal** 8C







Who says that it takes a green card to visit 'The Big Apple'.

Hey! I am Tapti Agarwal and I study in Class VII. Our journey across the United States was a unique experience as it compiled education and adventure in the perfect ratio. Ed-Terra Adventures, a well-known student travel company planned a trip to the US for our school. We travelled by the Lufthansa Airlines. We visited the hot spots of the country namely, Washington, D.C., New York and Orlando. Ed-Terra did not just make us visit these places but also made us learn about The United States and its traditions. It was a truly an unforgettable experience!

**Tapti Agarwal (7E)**

## **A VISIT TO PRESIDIUM MUN (Model United Nations)**

On 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2014, 5 students of class 11<sup>th</sup> namely Himanshi Jain, Kevin Thomas, Khyati Bisht, Prerna Garg and Tanmay Mehra participated in the Presidium Model United Nations Conference held at Presidium School, Ashok Vihar. The 3 days were full of zealous discussions and constructive deliberations. Himanshi, Khyati and Prerna were part of UNODC, Tanmay belonged to UNSC and Kevin was a part of OAS. The interschool event was one of high difficulty level and standards and definitely a little tougher than the rest. But all the 5 were able to cope up through all the endeavors and left Presidium School as successful. The event was hosted by Presidium school in collaboration with Alma College and the American Centre. The basic theme of the conference was development. The executive

board members were fantastic and the event on the whole was a huge hit. The food was fabulous. We also had a DJ night on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. It was really awesome. The experience certainly gave a boost to our confidence. The list of those to be acknowledged is huge. Special thanks to Father Principal because without him it would have been impossible for us to be a part of this event.

Kevin Thomas won the "High Commendation" and "Best Position Paper" awards, Khyati Bisht and Prerna Garg were recognized for their "Verbal Distinction", while Himanshi and Tanmay Mehra were recognized for their "Crisis Coping Skills".

**Kevin Thomas (11B)**





## PREP WITH PEP ORIENTATION DAY

A course or a program giving information to newcomers to an institution is known as the Orientation Programme. It is a period of time at the beginning of the academic year at an institution during which a variety of events are held to orient and welcome the new students. The orientation day for the new students and the parents of the Prep Department was held in the Millennium hall. Rev. Father P.T. Augustine, S.J., welcomed the parents and Rev. Father Jose, S.J., Jacob addressed the gathering and explained the rules and regulations of the school to the parents of newly admitted tiny tots.

Mrs. Shalini Rohil played the role of anchor between the parents and the staff members. She made the parents aware about the facilities and extra circular activities of the school which their wards can avail and participate during their 13 years of schooling.

Teachers were introduced to the parents. After the programme all the parents came to the Prep Dept where they met the respective class teachers and subject teachers of their wards. Teachers explained about the syllabus and notebooks and course books besides few other mandatory rules.

**Mrs. Sadhna Jain**

### *Labour Day*



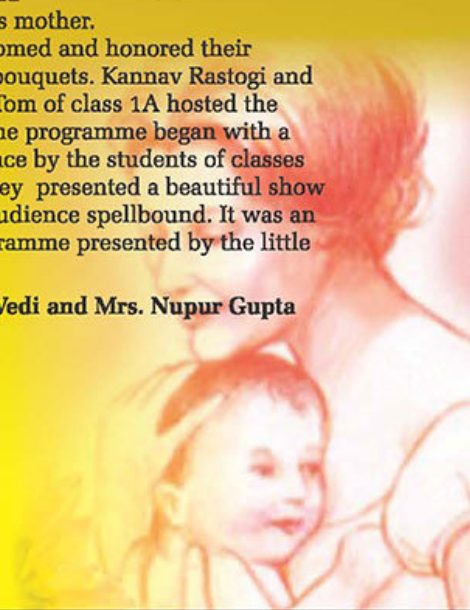
A special assembly was conducted on May 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate Labor's Day in the Prep Dept. This day was dedicated to all the support staff of our school who work very hard everyday throughout the year. Classes 1B and 1C began the programme with a prayer song. The little children recited a beautiful poem on the importance of "hard work". Children also spoke few lines about dignity of labour and thanked all the workers for their contribution to the institution in the form of love and care. The programme included a special dance performance by the tiny tots in colourful costumes. Rev. Father P.T. Augustine, S.J., addressed the gathering and distributed gifts as a token of love and appreciation.

**Mrs. Harsh Lata and Mrs. Kiran Mehta**

Mother's day is a day of great importance for all the mothers of the world. The Prep Dept celebrated Mother's day on May 16, 2014 in a grand way in the Millennium Hall. Rev. Father Principal Jose Jacob, S.J., shared the special moments he had shared with his mother.

Children welcomed and honored their mothers with bouquets. Kannav Rastogi and Marcia Maria Tom of class 1A hosted the programme. The programme began with a prayer and dance by the students of classes 1A and 1D. They presented a beautiful show that kept the audience spellbound. It was an exclusive programme presented by the little ones

**Mrs. Rajshree Vedi and Mrs. Nupur Gupta**







## Independence Day

Classes 1D and 1B presented the Independence Day Assembly. The assembly was full of colors of tricolor theme and patriotism in the form of various songs and dance performances. Principal Fr. Jose Jacob, S.J. delivered the Independence Day message to the tiny tots.

Mrs. Neha Verma and Ms. Shagun Trehan



## Father Pereira Memorial Annual Music Fest 2014

Music creates innumerable masterpieces. Music Fest is a much awaited annual event of the Prep Dept. This year it was named "THE SOUND OF MUSIC". Participants from each section of class 1 were grouped in popular genres of western classical music. (Acapella - Symphony - Choir - Opera - Harmony - Ballad) The seven notes Do, Re, Me, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do acquire mindboggling and spectacular connotations when used in various ways and techniques. 20 students and a solo singer from each class presented their renditions of some popular children's songs which they had mastered under the guidance of great music maker - Sir Basil Miranda. A music programme remains incomplete if it has not been put into action; so the exuberant little troupe of dancers danced on the song, "Free as a Bee". The programme came to an end with the prize distribution ceremony where everyone enjoyed their success. Rev Father P.T. Augustine, S.J., encouraged the students by his inspiring words and certificates.

Ms. Garima Khurana and Mrs. Shipra Rahul Singh







## Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

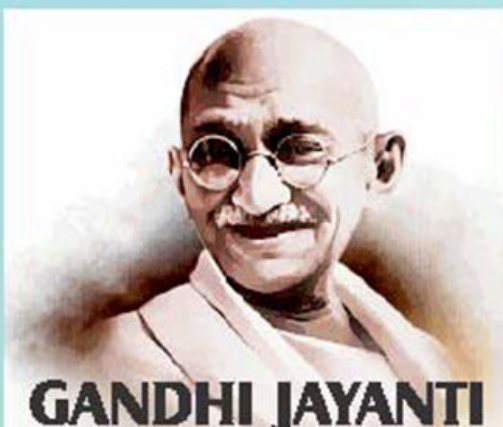
The students of class 1C and other classes organized a special programme, on the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It began with a prayer song followed by the life history of the Saint. There was a skit presentation depicting the qualities of the Saint. Rev. Father T.V. Kununnkal S.J., was the Chief Guest. He delivered an encouraging speech reminding us of the values possessed by the Saint. The programme concluded with a prayer dance. The zeal and enthusiasm of participants pleased the audience.

Mrs. Aditi Bhowan



Every year we celebrate Teachers' Day to honour the teachers who spend so much time teaching us so many things. The assembly began with seeking Lord's blessings followed by a dance performance by the tiny tots of Prep B and Prep E. The students appreciated the teachers in a special way by giving cards and speaking about their uniqueness. The trump card of the programme was a fashion show in which each child was dressed up as a different celebrity and they extended their sincere gratitude to all their loving and caring teachers. The programme ended with a dance and an encouraging speech by Rev. Father P.T. Augustine, S.J.

Mrs. Shalini Bahli and Mrs. Neelam Rakhyani



## GANDHI JAYANTI

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated in the Prep Dept by offering tributes to the great leader and Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi in the form of a prayer and a dance sequence by the students of classes 1D and 1E. They spoke a few verses on how Gandhiji looked like. They also spoke about the different names by which Gandhiji was known (Bapu, Satiji, Sabarmati ka Sant etc). Children were also dressed as three monkeys of Gandhiji, depicting the values for which Gandhiji fought and stood. The programme was concluded with a dance. Fr. P.T. Augustine, S.J., addressed the audience and stressed upon the teachings of Gandhiji.

Mrs. Sadhna Jain & Mrs. Nikita Samraal

## DEEPAWALI

The festival of lights Deepawali was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the Prep Dept. Students of class 1F and other classes reminisced the story of RAMAYANA in their own special and unique way. They were dressed up as different characters like Shri Ram, Hanuman, Sita, Lakshman and others. Children were advised to have a neat and clean Deepawali devoid of markers.

Mrs. Sadhna Jain







## SPORTS ROUND-UP Senior School

### Zonal Basketball Tournament 2014

The Zonal Basketball Tournament is a senior level rating tournament held annually. This year again about 12 schools participated in the Delhi Zone 7 league including our St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School, under 8 groups each in boys & girls section, seniors (under 19), juniors (under 17) & sub-juniors (under 14).

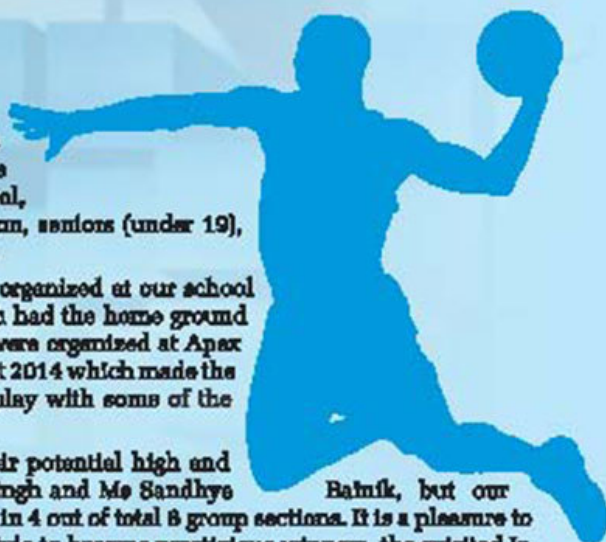
Although, the girls section matches were organized at our school courts from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014 which had the home ground advantage, but the boys section matches were organized at Apex Public School courts from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014 which made the league more challenging, competitive to play with some of the most tough and hard-nosed teams.

All the Xavier's team members raised their potential high and roared under the coaching of Mr Arjun Singh and Ms Sandhya. **Batnik**, but our power packed teams could reach the finals in 4 out of total 8 group sections. It is a pleasure to inform that, as Jr. Girls won the finals in style to become prestigious winners, the spirited Jr. Boys, Sr. Girls & Sub Jr. Girls grabbed the mighty 2<sup>nd</sup> position to become runners-up. However Sr. Boys and Sub Jr. Boys managed to secure a promising 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

So the girls section once again showed our deserving dominant power whereas the boys section strongly indicated that we will rule the future. It was indeed a feast for all eyes to see the changing scores on the board updating the see-saw results and the participants' encouraging applause!

Cheers to our coaches & fellow school team members, Hip-Hip-Hurray!!!

**Chaitanya Bhatia (10A)**







## KUSHAGRA RAWAT : THE BUDDING TALENT OF XAVIER'S

Kushagra Rawat, a student of 9E is an exemplary swimmer. He was adjudged as the best swimmer of his category in the swimming meet this year claiming the first position in all the events he participated in. He was also felicitated with an

individual championship in YMCA meet winning first position in medley and freestyle. In State Level Talent Search he won the first position in free strokes both 200m and 400m and was the winner in freestyle and butterfly stroke in CBSE north zone meet as well. He has participated in several interschool competitions and has left imprints of his talents, there as well. He won individual championship in Delhi State Open Swimming Meet bagging first in all five strokes he took part in. In the National Level meet held at Bhopal he managed to secure 4<sup>th</sup> position in free and butterfly strokes and won 3<sup>rd</sup> in freestyle stroke in the Nationals held at Vadodra. May he continue to carry this legacy forward and bring laurels to Xavier's.

Siddhant Jain (11B)



## Kaamakshi Kaushik: A shooter par excellence

Kamakshi Kaushik has made her Alma Mater proud with her brilliant display of talent in shooting in various competitions. She participated in Delhi State Championship, North Zone, Nationals and Pre-nationals (G.V. Mavelankar). In Delhi State Inter School Shooting Championship, she bagged the 4<sup>th</sup> position. Presently, Kaamakshi is an ISSF shooter, a member of Delhi State Shooting Team and a member of National Rifle Association of India. She scored 389/400 points in the last competition and needed just one more point to enter Indian Shooting Team! Kaamakshi, better luck next time. But you have definitely made us proud. Kudos to you!

Siddhant Jain (11B)


*Senior School*


## Sports Achievers

SPORTS	CATEGORIES	POSITION
FOOTBALL ZONALS (BOYS) 	Sub Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
BASKETBALL ZONALS (GIRLS) 	Sub Junior	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Junior	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Senior	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place





Badminton Zonals (boys) 	Sub Junior	Participation
	Junior	Participation
	Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

Badminton Zonals (girls) 	Sub Junior	Participation
	Junior	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Senior	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

Event	Position	Best Player & No. One In Delhi
Inter Zonals (Badminton) 	1 <sup>st</sup> Position	1) Naman Bhardwaj 12E
		2) Aditya Jhalani 12E
		3) Abhishek Tomar 11E

Event	Position
Cricket (Brother Folley Cricket Tournament)	Semi-Finalist
Football (St. Michaels Inter School)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position

## Athletics Zonals

### 32 medals and winner of the zone.

Individual Championship

- Pratishtha Upreti 9A
- Navneet Singh 11F
- Laxmi Devi 12D
- Kritika Bandooni 11D

Pratishtha Upreti (9A) - CBSE Meet - Bronze Medal

### Swimming

- Zonals - 310 Medals - Overall Championship (Boys & Girls)
- Inter Zonals - 29 Medals - Boys Championship

Best Swimmer - Kushagra Rawat 9E







### CBSE -

Kushagra Rawat 9E - 3 Medals  
Kajol Sarkar 10B - 2 Medals

### YMCA - 57 Medal

**Best Swimmer** - Kushagra Rawat 9E  
- Anubhooti Jain 12 C

### Delhi State - 35 Medals

**Girls** **Boys**  
Chitrakshi Rawat 12 A - Kushagra Rawat 9E  
Diksha Rawat 7A  
Ankita 6 B

**Nationals -**  
1) Diksha Rawat 7A  
2) Kushagra Rawat 9E  
3) Nihal 10B  
4) Buneet Bansal 10F  
5) Raghav Khandelwal 9E  
6) Kajol Sarkar 10B

**School Nationals** - Kushagra Rawat 9E  
- Kajol Sarkar 10B

**East Delhi - 66 Medals**

**Best Swimmer** - Kushagra Rawat 9E  
- Anubhooti Jain 12C

**- Open Aquatic Meet - 32 Medals**



## Yoga

Event	Medal	Student
Zonals	Gold	Niharika Verma 9F
Delhi State	Gold	Niharika Verma 9F
Inter Zone	Gold	Niharika Verma 9F



**CRICKETERS  
SELECTED FOR INTER ZONALS**

- 1) Sanskar Gaba 12D
- 2) Lovish Gilhotra 12D
- 3) Aman Paul 12D
- 4) Shubham Chauhan 12 E
- 5) Rohit Khullar 11 E
- 6) Chirag Sharma 11 D





# तैराकी प्रतियोगिता

हर वर्ष की तरह इस वर्ष भी हमारे विद्यालय में वार्षिक तैराकी प्रतियोगिता हुई। इस बार यह प्रतियोगिता 29 अक्टूबर को आयोजित की गई थी। प्रतियोगिता का आरंभ हमारे मुख्य अतिथि फादर जोस जैकब के तालियों द्वारा स्वागत किया गया। सब बच्चे बहुत उत्साहित थे। प्रतियोगिता से पूर्व सब बच्चों ने शपथ ग्रहण समारोह में वचन दिया कि वे बेईमानी नहीं करेंगे। तैराकी प्रतियोगिता में चार अलग-अलग प्रकार की तैराकी होती हैं—फ्री स्टाइल, बैक स्ट्रोक, ब्रेस्ट स्ट्रोक और बटर फ्लाय स्ट्रोक। सभी कक्षाओं के बच्चों की कई महीनों की मेहनत रंग लाई और उन्होंने स्वर्ण, रजत व कांस्य पदक जीते। प्रतियोगिता का अंतिम ईवेंट था टीले, जिसमें चारों हाऊसों से चार बच्चे आते हैं और एक-एक कर कर तैराकी करते हैं। टीले में टेगौर हाऊस अव्वल आया। फिर सभी हाऊसों के अंतिम स्कोर्स गीने जिसमें पता लगा कि टेगौर हाऊस प्रथम स्थान पर, मामा हाऊस दूसरे स्थान पर, गाँधी हाऊस तीसरे स्थान पर और नेहरु हाऊस चौथे स्थान पर आया। अंत में कार्यक्रम राष्ट्रीय गान के साथ समाप्त हुआ।

—जयदीप रस्तोगी, सातवीं—एफ







## SPORTS ROUND-UP (JUNIOR SCHOOL)

Tournament	Name of the Student	Class	Position
Swimming meet	Kustav Kedia	2 A	Best Swimmer
	Shridhar Mishra	2 F	Most Promising Swimmer
	Sahana Arun Kumar	2 C	Best Swimmer
	Gul Parmar	2 E	Most Promising Swimmer
	Ashwik Sharma	3 E	Best Swimmer
	Ishaan Vats	3 F	Most Promising Swimmer
	Sarisha Mehta	3 E	Best Swimmer
	Suhani R. Sharma	3 A	Most Promising Swimmers
	Kashvi Sharma	3 C	
	Utkarsh Sarkar	4 B	Best Swimmer
	Ayman Sharma	4 A	Most Promising Swimmer
	Utsav	4 C	Best Swimmer
	Yatharth Gupta	5 D	Best Swimmer
	Bhavya Gautam	5 E	Most Promising Swimmer
	Manasvi Vats	5 C	Best Swimmer
	Parika Gosvami	5 A	Most Promising Swimmer
	Suyash Negi	6 D	Best Swimmer
	Alvin Jomon	6 C	Most Promising Swimmer
	Ankita Halder	6 B	Best Swimmer
	Shivika Sharma	6 E	Most Promising Swimmer
	Sarthak Kharola	7 C	Best Swimmers
	Pratham Kedia	7 A	
	Sumit Singh Verma	7 A	Most Promising Swimmers
	Manogya Vats	7 A	
Badminton	Shaurya Katoch	4 A	Outstanding performance with 3 <sup>rd</sup> position in Zonal's Inter School Badminton & quarter final in Inter Zonal, 2014
Basketball Inter School Zonals (Boys)	Adhiraj Singh	7 E	3 <sup>rd</sup> position
	Shresh Yadav	7 E	
	Umang Kartikey	7 C	
	Akshat Angrish	7 C	
	Uday Kashyap	6 C	
Ramjas Inter School Basketball Tournament	Adhiraj Singh	7 E	Participation
Delhi State Langdi Tang Championship	Adhiraj Singh	7 E	Participation





Tournament	Name of the Student	Class	Position
Basketball Inter School Zonals (Girls)	Shalini Kashwini Anushka Divyanshi	7 E 7 E 7 D 7 C	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
Zonal Inter School Football Tournament	Samson Rosario Sarathak Kharola Aridip Chatterji Udeeshay Baliyan	7 E 7 C 7 A 6 C	1 <sup>st</sup> Position
Inter Zonal Skating Championship	Lakshita Bhatt Kartikay Bhatt Manvi Rana	7 C 4 D 4 F	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position Participation
CBSE Games (Skating)	Lakshita Bhatt Kartikay Bhatt	7 C 4 D	Participation
Inter School Skating Championship	Harshul Sethi Hanshika Sethi	7 D 7 D	Participation
Delhi State Langdi Tang Championship Sub. Junior Nationals in Langdi Tang	Richard Boby Joseph	7 E	Participation 2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
Sub Junior Nationals for Swimming	Diksha Rawat	7 A	Represented Delhi State
CBSE Swimming National Championship (Barodra)	Diksha Rawat	7 A	Participation in 50m Butterfly Stroke and 100m Breast Stroke
Interhouse Chess Tournament (Boys)	<b>Bhabha House</b> Yagesh Toshawad Phowlthahring K. Langhu Prabhat Mutreja <b>Gandhi House</b> Ritwij Jha Kunwar Sood Suyash Negi <b>Nehru House</b> Ayush Khattar Aryaman Singh Himnish Mehta <b>Tagore House</b> Aditya Singh Dhruv Singhal Adeem Haris	6 C 6 D 6 E 6 C 6 F 6 D 6 B 6 C 6 E 6 D 6 A 6 E	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Inter House Chess Tournament (Girls)	Mahima Rajpal (Tagore House) Stuti Jacob (Bhabha House) Sandra Alvin (Nehru House)	6 B 6 E 6 D	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>





## INTER HOUSE ATHLETIC MEET- 2014

Inculcating a passion for excellence in the students not only in academics, but also in all aspects of life is what education at Xavier's aims at. The Annual Athletic Meet 2014, brought out the athletic talents of the students on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. From 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m to 4x100m, the meet included various sports events for both boys and girls. But being "XAVERIAN'S" the show couldn't just stop there.

With the four houses marching with their flags held high, followed by the oath taking ceremony, Xaverians proved themselves to be perfectionists in no matter what they do. The Junior School, performed drills- Ball Aerobics Drill, Parachute Drill, Rhythmic Gymnastics Drill and Lazium Drill. Further drills were presented by the senior school- Aerobics and Rhythmic exercises. The show was a great success. The students won appreciation by the Chief Guest Mrs. Monika Bharadwaj-Additional D.C.P and the other dignitaries for the discipline and the sportsman spirit exhibited by them.

Not only the students but the teachers, staff and the parents also participated with great zeal and contributed to the success of the event. Kudos!!!







# DO YOU KNOW ?

## (1<sup>ST</sup>) FACTS ABOUT RUPEE AND COINS

- 1) In India coins were first issued around 6<sup>th</sup> century BC. Since then the monetary units have seen a fantastic history under different rulers in pre-independence as well as post independence era.
- 2) The origin of the word "rupee" is from Sanskrit word 'raupyak' which means silver and Sanskrit word 'rupya' which means "shape, impressed coins".
- 3) In 1861, paper money in the form of a 10 rupee note was first issued by the Bank of Hindustan (1770-1832), the General Bank of Bengal and Bihar (1773-75) and the Bengal Bank (1784-91). In 1864, came the 20- rupee note, in 1900-the 100 rupee note, in 1905, the 50 rupee note, in 1970, the 500 rupee note and in 1990, the 1000 rupee note.
- 4) The State Bank of India started producing notes in 1938.
- 5) The Indian Rupee symbol was adopted in 2010 which was created by D.Udaya Kumar. To create the symbol the Latin letter "R" and Devanagari letter "Ra" is used and given two parallel line representing the Indian National Flag.
- 6) The present series of bank notes is known as the Mahatma Gandhi series. It was introduced in 1996 on the 10-Rupee note. Now, all the notes have an image of Mahatma Gandhi.

### RESOURCE REFERRED:

<http://www.mapsofindia.com/myindia/india/interesting-facts-about-rupees-and-coins>

## (2<sup>ND</sup>) WHY DOES OUR STOMACH GROWL WHEN WE ARE HUNGRY ?

Growling sound from our stomach indicates the feeling of hunger. The fact is when we have not eaten for a long time, hormones are released and they trigger the hypothalamus in the brain to create a "desire to eat" as a result the body gets active and starts muscle contractions. This process releases acids and other digestive fluids and hence a growling sound is heard.

RESOURCE REFERRED: The Times of India , Student's Edition (22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014).



## (3<sup>RD</sup>) SMILING CAN HELP FIGHT MEMORY LOSS



The stress hormone damages the memory and learning ability in elderly. According to a research, there is a significant decrease in cortisol concentration if one watches funny videos and thus, shows greater improvement in all areas of the memory assessment. The study reveals that the act of laughter or simply enjoying some situations increases the release of endorphins and dopamine in the brain, which provides a sense of pleasure and reward. The positive and beneficial neuron chemical change, in turn, make the immune system function better.

RESOURCE REFERRED: HT, Student's Edition (6<sup>th</sup> May 2014).

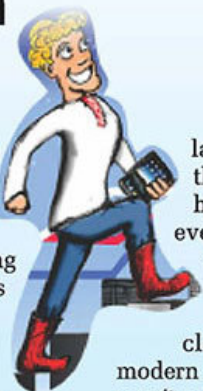




## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF THE YOUNG

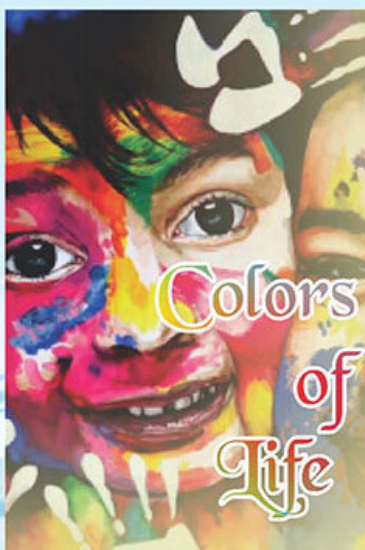
### Modernization and Dying Culture

It has become quite common to hear people talk about modernization these days. It has somewhat evolved into a style statement. A very non-detailed, common definition of being modern would be discarding all that's old, adopting everything that's new. Most of us would agree with this, but actually, there's something wrong, very wrong with this definition. It is sad to see how unattached people have become from their roots. And the truth be said, the culprit is the wrong image people have about being modern. Modernization in a true sense is not rejecting everything that is old, but an amalgamation of relevant practices of the past, and the modern theories. But the general mindset of people is very much the opposite of this. Interestingly, even some words of English



language have been defamed due to such thinking, such as word orthodox, which has become synonymous with everything traditional which is wrong while it's true meaning is being and following the traditional or generally accepted rules or beliefs, which clearly isn't wrong everytime! Being modern and being traditional at the same time aren't very conflicting, but complementary to each other. Both go hand-in-hand to make a complete person. But sadly most of us don't realise this fact, and hence all this fuss is made. The day we learn how to collaborate these two aspects in the right way, life would surely be a better experience.

**Sanchit Aggarwal (12B)**



This large world has different things  
Like poor beggars and rich kings,  
Women wearing steel bangles  
And diamond rings,  
Some people fighting  
And some celebrating things.  
All the people but have one belief,  
That God is one and always gives them relief.  
All problems are like old leaves,  
Some fall away, some fly away with great speed  
Some people always lose hope  
Like a mountaineer falls when his rope breaks.  
Happy are those who maintain courage like a grown rose,  
With thorns to protect  
And a stem for bearing the large world with different things.

**Ansh Tangri (8A)**





## Let there be life

Let there be light, God said, and the sun burst forth  
And soon the moon and the stars shone  
Let there be life God said, and a wonder spectacle was beheld  
As He breathed life into each and every field  
For six days he labored to perfect his magnificent creation  
Little did he know what would be the reward to his mighty station?  
It was his infinite love and majesty that proved to be his greatest fallacy  
For on sixth day He created us the human beings

Look at the flowers, how they bloom  
Those resplendent trees how they erase our gloom  
Look at the stars, how they twinkle, isn't this God's own Eden?  
But alas,  
What destruction we have wrought upon ourselves  
Even when we were literally defenseless  
Tis a question asked every day, to beseech us to correct our ways  
There was a tiny flutter of hope in my heart  
That YES, we XAVERIANS shall triumph over those primitive ways  
But this vain hope was quashed when I saw how you behaved on the past Recognition Day

Garbage was everywhere, no one cared  
The bins were empty no one cared  
Two noble souls tried, no one cared  
All your efforts were in vain, no one cared  
My hope is gone but I would like it to be rekindled  
But it is you who will have to be strong willed  
Prove that you do possess the guts you brag about,  
By making a stand on things you should care about

BE A TRUE XAVERIAN, have no doubt  
Clear from your head all that judgment and doubt  
BY TAKING A STAND AGAINST THE DESTRUCTION I TALKED ABOUT!  
Tanmay Mehra (11B)

## MAN IS PART OF NATURE

Stages in man's life are like stages in nature. When we are born we are like young trees with tender and shining leaves. As children and students look neat and lovely in their outfits so do the young trees. Man turns into a lover and family man. So do the trees when they start getting ready to bear fruits. The man becomes now quite responsible and protective as the trees also do the same. They benefit humanity and their various birds and animals by giving shade, shadow, fruits, fuel, timber, etc.

In fact they are the houses to many parts of forest and they reach their old age. When they become twisted like an old man, with wrinkles. Finally, they stop giving any kind of these benefits (fruits) like old man. At the end both die

Shivam Chaturvedi (9C)





It is  
always nostalgic to  
think of the past especially our  
school days. I still remember the first  
day of my school. With those little feet  
and tiny steps I hurried into my class where  
I was welcomed.

I still remember how our teachers used to pull us  
out from confusion how skillfully they used to  
handle situations. They inspired us, they enlightened  
us with knowledge, they provoked us to overcome our  
fear, our anxiety and above all they mended us to become  
good humans.

I still remember how friends used to enliven my days. How we  
used to make paper planes, and the recess chatting we used to have.  
These 13 years I have gained a new family, not bonded by blood relation but  
the bond based on trust and friendship. These glimpses of childhood memories  
filled our journey of past 13 years with a spectrum of colors.

I am a proud Xaverian and with this sense of pride I would like to conclude with a self written  
poem-

"The journey started from  
The first step to my second home  
The best memory that I can own  
A long way lay before me  
Oh! My God, how can it be,  
That the journey has come to an end?  
This marks the start of strife.  
But today I say-  
Those were the best days of my life."

**Kaushiki Pandey (12A)**







## KNOW THY SELF

Amidst the speed, stress and struggles of life, we often forget who we are. "WHO AM I?" Pondering upon this, you might think that this question is too philosophical and spiritual to talk about. But if we do not know about ourselves as an individual, how can we expect others to recognize us and how can we truly know others?

Yes it is true that this is one of the most introspective questions ever asked since time immemorial. While it may appear as a paradoxical statement, its answer varies from person to person, there is one single, strong thread that ties all of us to be not just 'human' beings but also 'humane' beings and that thread is our choices.

We are who WE CHOOSE TO BE. Here's how,

1. Where do I get my strength and energy from? Do I get it from analyzing myself or from interacting with other people?
2. How do I gather information? Do I like to be simply realistic and practical or do I possess the

ability to imagine the bigger picture?

3. How do I make decisions? Do I base my decisions on facts and principles or do I base my decisions on my emotions?

4. What about my lifestyle? Do I prefer a structured and decided lifestyle or do I prefer a flexible and adaptable lifestyle?

When you decide your preference in each of these criterion, you have in your hands the rough outline of your very personality. All types of personalities are at par with each other. The goal to knowing about personalities is to understand and appreciate the differences between people.

Here is a simple mantra:

"I am who I choose to be, aware and conscious of my thoughts and actions, dreaming, believing and achieving, knowing and appreciating differences, while being simply me."

**Shreya Arora (10D)**

## The Guitar

On the top of the cupboard I now lie  
Isolated, unused, uncared for,  
unloved  
yearning for someone to touch me,  
to caress me  
to feel me  
to make music out of me.  
My mother, who gave birth to me  
died in vain.  
My father, so lovingly gave me shape and  
meaning,  
wasted all his time.  
Because on the top of the cupboard I now lie,  
Isolated, unused, uncared for,  
unloved.  
I stare at the reality  
the naked truth

without human touch,  
I am a mass of dead bark,  
entangled in cold metal wire  
but only someone's fingers can unleash the  
music  
that is hidden in my heart.  
But wood and metal don't have feelings, do  
they?  
Then why do I feel so sad and gloomy,  
when on the top of the cupboard I now lie,  
Isolated, unused, uncared for,  
unloved?

**Chrisil Ouseph (10C)**





## I PRAY

Dear God , oh dear God,  
 You care for me, you play with me, you  
 love me.  
 Dear God, oh dear God,  
 I cannot see you but I can feel you,  
 I can feel you in the morning sunshine,  
 I can feel you in my lullaby.  
 Dear God, oh dear God,  
 You bless me with good health,  
 You protect me from harm,  
 Dear God , oh dear God ,  
 You care for me, you play with me , you  
 love me.

Sarisha Mehta (3E)



## How Good To ...

How good to have a pet,  
 The best friend I can bet.  
 How good to fly with the stars in the sky,  
 With the sun always in your eye.  
 How good to drink milk as white as moon,  
 But not in the noon.  
 How good to have rosy cheeks,  
 So eat an apple everyday of the week!

Sarisha Mehta (3E)



## Types Of Faces In A Classroom

**Talking Faces :** Their work is only to talk in the class and to disturb others while teacher's face is towards the blackboard.

**Sleeping Faces :** Generally they are found among the back benches in the class .They hope to remain unobserved while their eyes are shut.

**Semi-Sleeping Faces :** They are found among the side benches of class . They feel sleepy and keep constantly opening and closing their eyes but are afraid to do so.

**Idle Faces :** ' Do nothing and see nothing' is their motto .They come to the class blank and go out of the class blank.

**Attentive Faces :** They see, hear ,follow everything while the teacher speaks and writes on the blackboard. They can answer any question asked any time.

**Disturbing Faces :** They whisper by nudging each other with their elbows and communicate among themselves.

Nidhi Khattar (8A)



## ENJOY THE WEEK

Sunday is the first day of the week  
 That really is 'so cool' !  
 Monday I wake up early,  
 You see I love my school  
 Tuesday, I'm 'on the go ' with study and games,  
 Both in class and at home.  
 Wednesday , I visit the park,  
 Where with my pals I roam.  
 Thursday I help mom to shop,  
 And then dad plays chess with me  
 Friday I revise, That I've learnt  
 There's so much to do you see  
 Saturday I'm all free, so in my bed I lie  
 Promising myself to enjoy everyday  
 As I won't realize when the days will pass by.

Aditya Arora (8D)



## Account of MY LIFE

My parents are my opening stock,  
What I take, I debit  
What I give, I credit  
My birth is my loan account  
My ideas are my assets  
My problems are my liability  
Happiness is my profit  
Sorrow is my loss  
Soul is my goodwill  
Character is my capital  
Bad habits I depreciate  
Good things I appreciate  
Knowledge is my investment  
Patience is my interest  
My mind is my bank balance  
Behavior is my journal entry  
God is my creditor  
My death is my closing of stock.  
**Mani Bhushan Singh**



## *An Open Heart* **SESSION**

Recently all of us, the girls of class 10<sup>th</sup> participated in a grooming session in which we were explained the significance of wearing proper uniform to school and that we should carry it with dignity and pride. Uniforms should be maintained as one must follow the school rules. Also the teachers helped us to understand the way we should dress ourselves. Students usually prefer to look fashionable which affects their impression on people. Based on the topic, "Importance Of Wearing School Uniform" we were shown a Power Point Presentation. Later we were briefed about how uniform gives us a sense of belonging and a sense of pride which was further followed by a discussion on the topic "**why students should wear uniforms in schools**". All the girls were asked to express their views on the topic which gave us a chance to share our thoughts with each other. This session made us aware that a neat and tidy uniform enhances a student's personality. Therefore, we should take pride in wearing our uniform. The session ended with a very informal group discussion with our respective teachers. This grooming session was an eye opener for all of us. It was "AN OPEN HEART SESSION". The fact that the teachers are there for us everywhere and any moment of time indeed gives us a sense of the empowerment. I am looking forward to more such discussions in future! The open heart session indeed was loved by us all.

**Himani Verma (10A)**





## SCHOOL-A KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

School is where one learns,  
 Knowledge is what one earns.  
 Teachers, friends are a part of school  
 Without them, a school isn't a school.  
 A teacher's duty is to teach  
 And a student's duty is to breach.  
 When parents get the complaint.  
 The teacher's trust then, is hard to retain.  
 Recess is over and class has resumed,  
 Next exam, GOD! I am doomed,  
 I know I won't pass,  
 'Cause I know I am bass,  
 Walking back home in the evening,  
 It feels like my stress is lessening,  
 I am happy to be home,  
 'Cause there is every place to roam.  
 Back to school , early in the morning ,  
 I see it is snowing,  
 I am back to a place of learning,  
 Knowledge is what I am learning.  
 School is a source of knowledge,  
 The best part in my life is being at this stage,  
 It includes everything,  
 And it lacks nothing.  
 Teachers, friends are a part of school,  
 Without which, a school isn't a school.  
**Vanshika Chawla (9D)**



My journey began in the year 2006 when for the first time I entered into a Xavier's classroom PREP-D. I was little sad because I was about 4km away from my home. I saw my elder sister come back home at 2pm. How could I be 8 hours away from my mother! After that my father said, "the school will get over at 12 pm". But gradually my sadness turned into happiness when I met my first class teacher Mrs. Sadhna Jain.

She was not only a good teacher but a well-respected and punctual person too. I was blessed that I got such a teacher. She gave me confidence and support whenever I got stuck in a difficult condition. She showed me the path to achieve success. She was the only one who took out the real Aridip Chatterjee from a young 6 year old boy. She always preached to me that

**"एकबच्चातभीसफलताकीपूँजीप्राप्तकरसकताहैअगर  
 वोलगनीय,समयनिष्टऔरअनुशासितहो।"**

She was really an Angel to me.

Now I believe that a person can only be successful if he follows the 3 most effective principles of life. They are : Discipline, Punctuality and Determination.

I would like to thank my teacher Mrs. Sadhna, my mother Mrs. Kubeli Chatterjee , my father Mr. Pradip Chatterjee, my aunt Mrs. Andita Das, my uncle Mr. Amlan Das and my brother and sister Anirban Das and Shilpi Chatterjee, for helping me. The last line of this small story would be – PROUD TO BE A XAVERIAN.

**Aridip Chatterjee (7A)**







# 'माँ'

माँ है बड़ी निराली  
प्यार से देती खाने की थाली ।  
मानो आसमान की हो परी ।।  
माँ ने हमको जन्म दिया,  
हमारा जीवन पूर्ण किया ।  
बच्चों माँ का सम्मान करो,  
अपना जीवन सुखों से भरो ।।  
जो माँ का सम्मान करेगा,  
उसके पुण्य का घड़ा भरेगा ।  
गोद में हमें वह प्यार से सुलाती,  
तभी तो वह इस विश्व में 'माँ' के  
नाम से जानी जाती ।।

**नुपुर जोशी**  
कक्षा- आठवीं 'ए'



## समाज के संस्कार

यह न करो, यह न करो,  
यहाँ न जाओ, वहाँ न जाओ,  
सहने की आदत डालो,  
पढ़-लिख कर क्या हो जाएगा ?  
घर का भिन्न-भिन्न काम तुम सीखो ।  
लड़की हो,  
अपनी भावनाओं का बलिदान तुम करना सीखो ।  
शादी कर घर-बार संभालो,  
जीवन को परिवार पर न्योछावर कर डालो,  
जीने का अधिकार नहीं है तुम्हें,  
ना मरने की आज़ादी है तुम्हें ।  
अपने जीवन के अंतिम समय में,  
जब लाल, जिनके लिए कर दी थी अपनी आधी ज़िन्दगी न्योछावर,  
समझें अपनी ही माँ को बोझ,  
तब मन ही मन झुलाती है पुरानी मान्यताएँ कि-  
लड़की हो  
अपनी भावनाओं का बलिदान तुम करना सीखो ।

**ओजसी भारद्वाज**  
कक्षा 9वीं-बी

## समय का सदुपयोग

समय एक अमूल्य वस्तु है। विद्या, स्वास्थ्य और धन पुनः प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं, किन्तु बीता हुआ समय कभी वापस लौटकर नहीं आता। अतः व्यक्ति को अपने जीवन के हर पल को महत्वपूर्ण मानकर उसका सदुपयोग करना चाहिए।

समय का उचित उपयोग करके हम जीवन में सफलता हासिल कह सकते हैं। जो समय पर काम करके उसकी गति को पहचान लेते हैं वे जीवन में सफलता प्राप्त करते हैं परंतु जो समय की गति को नहीं पहचान पाते वे बाद में पछताते हैं।

आँधी और समय किसी की प्रतीक्षा नहीं करते। गया वक्त फिर आता नहीं, इसको ध्यान में रखते हुए उन्नति के लिए व्यक्ति को समय पर अपने काम में जुट जाना चाहिए।

सफलता पाने के लिए आज का काम कभी कल पर नहीं छोड़ना चाहिए जीवन में एक मिनट का भी बड़ा महत्व होता है। देर से उपचार होने पर तो रोगी भी मर जाता है।

जो छात्र वर्ष के आरम्भ से ही समय पर हर कार्य करते हैं, वे सफलता को आसानी से प्राप्त कर लेते हैं।

वास्तव में समय अमूल्य धन है। हमें सदा इसका सदुपयोग करना चाहिए।

**रिवा सिरौही (दसवीं ई)**





## Budding Artists



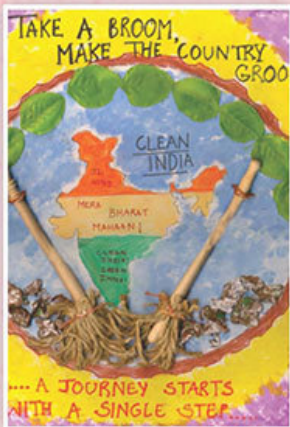
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Oshin Puri 9A



Nawed 11E



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Vanshika Chawla 9D



Yash Garg 8F



Saloni Verma 8A



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Bhavya 8E





# Budding Artists



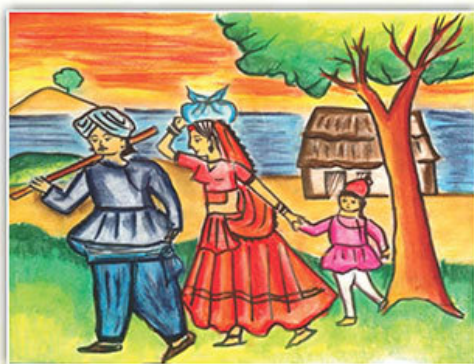
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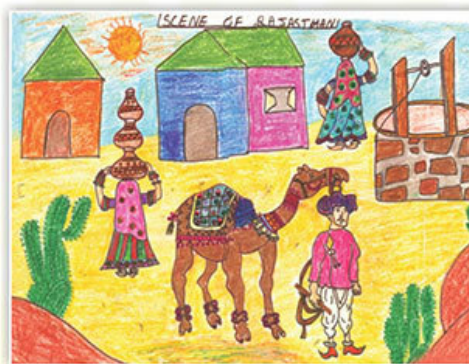
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Anushka 5A



Soumya Rajnagpal



Purvee 3E



Aryan Malhotra 7E



Ritish 6F



# Xavier Times



Dear Xaverians, your XT has turned 50 this year! On this special occasion the XT editorial board would like to get a feedback from the XT readers about the magazine. Your feedback is important to us and would help us in improving the quality of our prestigious school magazine. So kindly spare some time and provide your valuable feedback here:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class and section: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How would you rate your Xavier Times?

- a) Excellent
- b) Very good
- c) Good
- d) Can be better

2. In which format would you like to see your Xavier times?

- a) Newspaper format
- b) A small handbook
- c) A-4 size book

3. Which section out of the following would you like to be a part of XT?

- a) Quiz contests
- b) Letters to the editor
- c) Colour-it-up contest
- d) Graffiti

4. Suggestions or special comments on Xavier Times.

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Kindly submit your feedback to any of the Editorial board members as soon as possible. Help us in making our XT better.







## THE OUTGOING BATCH OF CLASS 12



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**Class Teacher Nazneen Chowdhry**



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**Class Teacher : Mrs. C. Sood**





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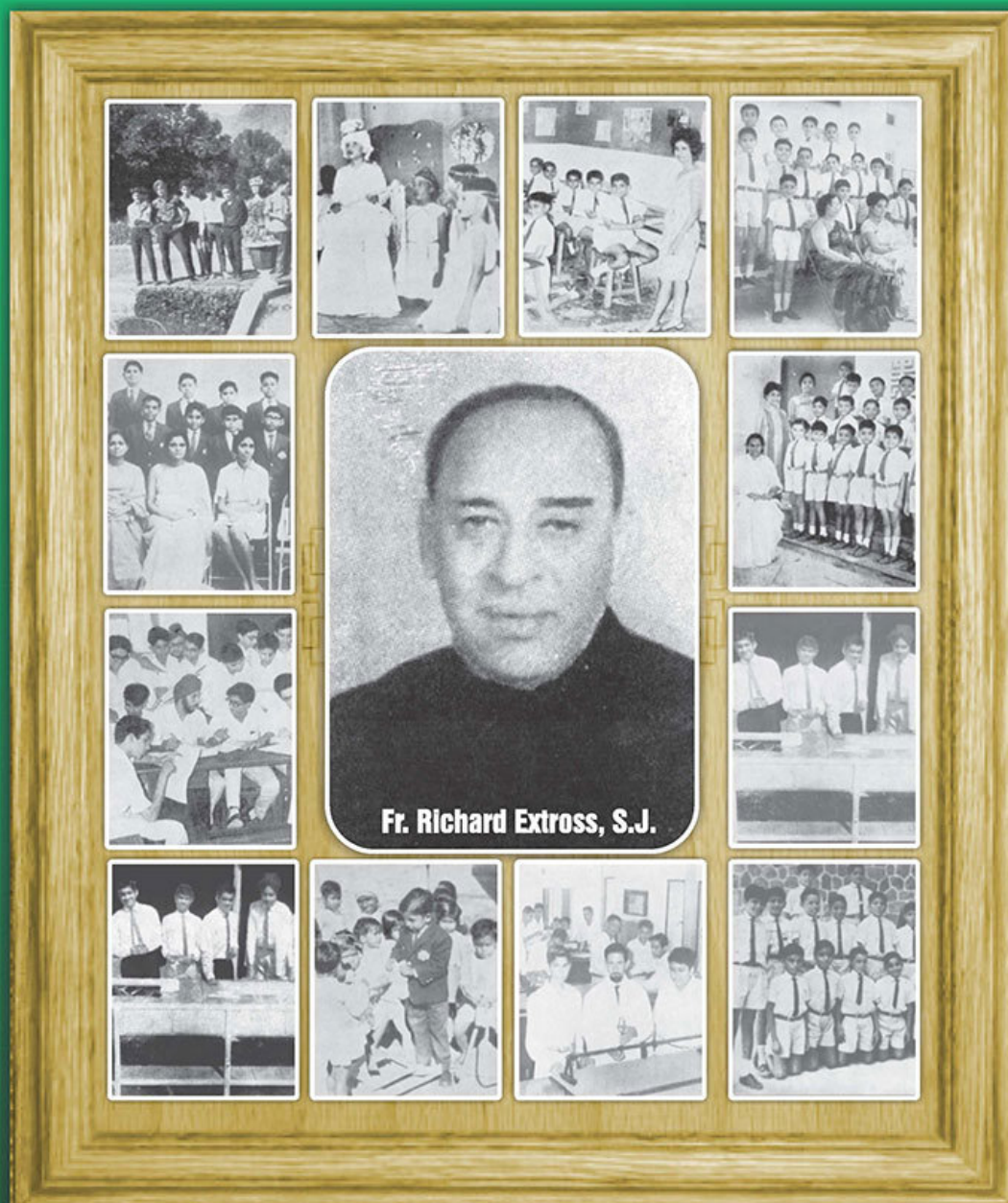
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