

"Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts."



FR. P. T. AUGUSTINE S. J.

"Those we love and lose are always connected by heartstrings into infinity."

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The session 2020-21 will go down in the history of Xavier's as a year which witnessed an unprecedented upheaval and turmoil. On one hand we took pride in the way we made online schooling so meaningful and enriching, ensuring that our children are intellectually and creatively engaged during this time. On the other hand we were deeply shocked and devastated by the demise of our dynamic, progressive and benevolent Vice Principal, Mr. K.J. Devasia. His presence pervaded the entire school campus, and it is hard to imagine life at Xavier's without him.

Principal's Address

- FR. DR. T. J. JOSE, S.J.

This year has also seen the demise of our former Principal and Rector, a Jesuit stalwart, Fr. P.T. Augustine.

This issue of Xavier Times was ready to be released in the month of April, but the tragic events of April and May forced us to delay it, and add within it, eulogies of our beloved Mr. Devasia and Fr. P.T. Augustine.

So within these pages of Xavier Times are included poignant tributes to our dear loved ones, and the endeavours of our children to keep alive the Xaverian spirit in the midst of all this turbulence.



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"The Beautiful Journey of a Life Well lived..."

MR. K. J. DEVASIA

In 1991, at the age of 31, Mr. K. J. Devasia joined the Xaverian family as P.G.T. English. In a career spanning 30 years, this quiet, reserved and reticent person, blossomed into a multifaceted, dynamic personality, embodying the Jesuit principle of 'Magis'. Let's take a peek into this beautiful journey of transformation and evolution.

Born in the little town of Koorachund, in Calicut, sir grew up amid the glorious green environs of God's own country, Kerala. He did his schooling from St. Mary's High School, Kallanode Calicut. Sir graduated from Deepti College (Missionary Society of St Thomas), Palai, Kottayam. Driven with a missionary zeal, he did a course in missionary orientation in Madhya Pradesh. Sir even joined the St. Thomas Seminary, Kottayam. But God had different plans for him. Missionary service was indeed in the pipeline, but it was meant to be fulfilled here at Xavier's.

Brilliant at academics, sir had to his credit a degree in Economics, in which he stood fourth in the university of Calicut, Kerala. But Economics wasn't where his heart lay, he was destined to be a language teacher. After pursuing his Masters in English, sir went on to do his B.Ed and M.Ed from Rohtak University. He worked as a lecturer in Christ College, Bangalore before coming to Delhi. Sir also spent a few years working in Modern Public School, Delhi.

Sir's happy married life with Soosy ma'am began on 18th April 1988. Incidentally we ought to be thankful to ma'am for sir's selection of Delhi as a place to pursue his career. Ma'am was already working in Delhi, living with her siblings way before they got married. When they tied the knot, sir was employed with Christ College, Bangalore. He decided to quit and come to Delhi...and the rest is a beautiful tale of happiness and togetherness. They were blessed with two lovely girls in the early 90s, Anush and Ashith. Brilliant, talented and sensitive like their father, they received their education at Xavier's and are undoubtedly proud Xaverians.

It was in 1991 that the gates of Xavier's opened up for sir. And from then on there was no looking back. The destiny of sir and that of Xavier's changed beautifully. A thorough gentleman, completely immersed in his work, he spent his initial years at Xavier's, as a teacher, analysing and understanding the system. Apart from other school activities, he was actively involved with the publication of the Xavier Times from 1992 onwards. He has seen the magazine evolve into a fully multi coloured school publication. Editing and proofreading was something he did impeccably. Thorough knowledge of English grammar was his forte. Devasia sir's expertise in the English language led to his appointment as the Head of the English Department in 2006. A post he held with utmost efficiency till July 2014. During his tenure as HOD, sir ensured that the XELS club reached new heights. He was brimming with ideas on how to enhance the spoken English skills of our children. He urged us to think out of the box. The Literary Fest was his brainchild, an attempt at keeping alive the rich literature of the yesteryears and urging children to take a foray into the world of literature. From 2014 to 2015 sir handled the post of the Coordinator of Discipline and Activities. After two years of exemplary work rendered in every area of school life, it was obvious that sir was the perfect choice for the post of the Vice Principal.

He became the Vice Principal of the school in July 2015. His calm demeanour coupled with the keen desire to learn and grow, saw him imbibe an incredible level of enthusiasm and passion. Here was a man who understood the importance of all round development of a child, and did everything he could to infuse this in the children too.

Under the guidance of Fr. Jose Phillip, he worked out the logistics of grading children not just for academics, but for activities as well. The Xavier Excellence Award came into being. An award that recognizes and celebrates the versatility of a child.

Mr. Devasia was indeed blessed with an eye for detail. He could work magic with facts and details, carefully transforming them into robust stories that were alive and real. This coupled with his passion for History, saw the the creation of the the Coffee Table Book titled 'From Cecil Hotel to Xavier's, Delhi'. An incredible narrative of a sophisticated five star hotel's conversion into a vibrant school. This book is a treasure trove for everyone associated with the school.

As Vice Principal, sir got involved with every aspect of school life. He worked tirelessly, ensuring that the children do well not just academically, but grow and blossom into good human beings.. The meditation sessions he organized for the children brought about phenomenal changes in their mindset and behaviour. During the lockdown too, he organized many webinars and activities to ensure that our children were creatively engaged. The impetus he gave to the LTS club was so overwhelming and it was heartening to see our children sensitized to the harsh realities of the world around. He was indeed a man of integrity, selflessness and sensitivity.

His was a life well lived, as expressed by these lines,

A life well lived is a precious gift Of hope and strength and grace For someone who has made our world A brighter, better place.



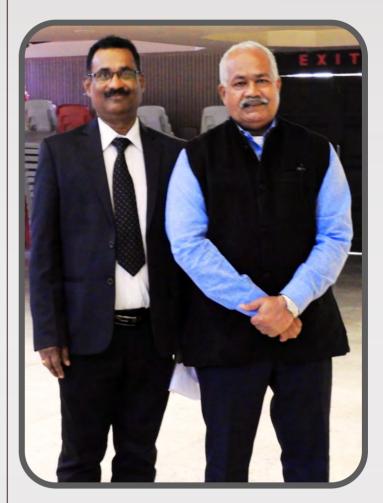
MRS. SHOBHA MIRANDA

Reminiscing Beautiful Moments

The news about KJ's sudden departure came as a bolt from the blue. I was away from Delhi. A few days prior to his demise, he had messaged me that he has become a grandfather. And he was all excited about meeting his granddaughter.

My association with KJ began in 1991 when he joined Xavier's. I was the headmaster in the junior school. Then, I was away for a while at Jaipur and when I came back in 2005 as principal, he was the Head of the English Department. Thereafter, began a closer association as we worked on some very innovative projects and the Golden Jubilee. Then again from 2015 onwards, during my tenure as the Rector, he took over as the Vice Principal. We shared an even closer relationship, when we would spend time informally talking about educational matters and about reaching out to the lost and the least.

Over the past few years, at every Jesuit forum I used to talk about the beautiful things happening in Xavier's Delhi... a new model for the Jesuit educational mission. And one of the reasons was the way KJ was able to own up the Jesuit Legacy and assume leadership with the changing times. I have seen him evolve to be a man with the Jesuit vision of education. He had dreams for the school... and he was passionate about it. He was such an asset to the school that even after superannuation the school management decided to have his benign presence in the portals of this great school. But God had other plans. He was taken away from our midst. But his legacy continues.



He has shown the way... and we have to carry on the dreams he had for the school and the good works he has initiated.

And this will be the fitting tribute we can pay to him. In gratitude to God for this gem to our school, we pray for strength to carry forward this Jesuit legacy which was his passion. He has moved on to a realm where we cannot see him, but he is with us in our memories and in our common vision. We miss you KJ, but you are closer to our hearts.

> FR. JOSE PHILLIP S.J. (RECTOR)





It is hard to pen down one's feelings at the demise of someone so close to one's heart. For the past three years, working with Mr. K.J. Devasia has given me some beautiful insights into what comprises a good human being.

His unparalleled dedication and sincerity, and the ability to bring out the best in others is something that I deeply admire. He gave generously of his time, always being one of the first to enter the campus and probably one of the last to leave.

His way of handling school matters was exemplary. Every morning we would meet to discuss the agenda for the day, which was meticulously planned by him and he always kept me informed of whatever matters were at hand. His presence made me feel confident that all is well. With his approachable, friendly nature, teachers and children could freely discuss any matter with him. Such was his simplicity and his humility. Without a trace of malice, he worked selflessly.

The plight of the underprivileged was a cause of deep concern for Mr. Devasia. He always encouraged the LTS club in all their ventures and was aware and concerned about all the children coming from economically weaker sections of society. His association with the MST brothers of Jahangirpuri and his ardent desire to help is indeed heartening. He wanted our children too to be sensitized to the reality of the world around them. He had a magnanimous spirit and a sensitive heart. His concern for the underprivileged and the work he has done in this field has earned him love and respect from many.

His demise has left a void in the Xaverian family. His warm, endearing and sensitive nature won him a place in the heart of every Xaverian.

We, the Xaverian family are indeed blessed to have had a person like Mr. Devasia in our midst. The school will never be the same without his physical presence, but we know he will always be with us in spirit.

I would like to conclude with a quote from William Wordsworth's Tintern Abbey:

'The best portion of a good man's life is his little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love.'

Mr. Devasia's life was indeed replete with numerous such acts.

FR. DR. T. J. JOSE S.J. (PRINCIPAL)



The news of the demise of Mr. Devasia was absolutely shocking for me. We were getting news of his recovery till the afternoon of his passing away.

The vacuum that has been created all of a sudden in school is difficult to fill. Mr. Devasia will be missed at every place in our campus due to his involvement in every aspect of school life. I have not seen a Vice principal with such innovative ideas. Mr. Devasia was an exemplary leader, sincere and committed and one who would lead all of us from front.

He had so many plans for the school.

I worked closely with him for several years. He was very confident and proud of our teamwork. We had immense confidence and trust on each other. We laughed, fought, hugged, and got disappointed together. We shared our concerns about every area of school life. Now the Devasia-Das team has broken forever. For me it is a huge personal loss. I shall miss him deeply

May his soul rest in peace.

May God give strength to his family members to bear the loss.

MR. A. K. DAS (COORDINATOR OF ACADEMICS) would like to start with a quote from Jean-Paul Sartre. He says "Commitment is an act, not a word." Yes it is true in the life of our beloved late Mr. K. J. Devasia. He was a man of commitment and dedication. For me he was a person who was very much disciplined, hard working and understanding. I observed in him the secret of success: meticulous planning and executing. He loved his job and gave his hundred percent to it. He was extremely compassionate towards the poor and needy. He went out of his way to help those who are in need irrespective of their socio-religious background. As Jesus says in the Bible

"Whatsoever you do to the least of your brothers and sisters, you do unto me." Yes, he did it by helping the poor and needy. According to me whatever he did, he did it cheerfully and generously for the wellbeing of the students. The motto of the Society of Jesus 'MAGIS'(doing more for Christ, and therefore doing more for others) was seen in his life.

The students and parents came to know the love of God through his selfless service. Therefore today I would say he was like a jasmine plant, spreading the fragrance of God's love and Ignatian legacy to many students and parents through his kind words and deeds. Finally, I would say he passed on to us certain core values: hard work, dedication, discipline, punctuality and helping the needy. He is very much present and alive in our memory.

> FR. BRITTO (HEADMASTER, JR. SCHOOL)



'The news of Mr. Devasia's sudden demise on 2nd May, left everyone at Xavier's stunned.

Hale and hearty, disciplined, thoroughly dedicated to the school, with an ever-smiling face, Devasia sir served this great institution with utmost passion and dedication in almost every area one can possibly serve.

His dedication to the school and assiduity with which he performed all the tasks have always been admired and now will be remembered for a long time to come.

He was the guiding light behind every event at Xavier's, the last major one being our school's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Behind the strict demeanour, he had a heart of gold, with genuine compassion and concern about the students' well-being. He will be remembered as someone who looked at every problem with a humane perspective.

His passing is a great loss to the Xaverian family.

MRS. MONA RAE (ASSISTANT HEADMISTRESS, JR. SCHOOL)



And the privilege of working with Mr. K. J. Devasia as the member of the administrative staff since April 2017. His amicable nature made him easily approachable. I got to learn a lot from him while coordinating on school related tasks. His guidance at every step proved invaluable. His dedication was imperative for the growth of the institution. His services exceeded all our expectations as he meticulously managed all school affairs.

MRS. RAJSHREE VEDI (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PREP. SCHOOL)





"Every person is a Blessing"

When I start to pen down my association with Devasia Sir,I may not be able to describe everything but still I can share the most cherished experiences in my life. The very person of Devasia Sir to whom I looked upon as a guide, a model of a good leader, a good teacher, an excellent educator, a good supporter and a good adviser. He was a blessing in my life. He always encouraged me saying- 'Never be afraid to face the challenges in life. Be sincere and transparent in everything you do, like a glass of clean water . You can be like a handkerchief crushed and thrown into the dustbin, but have courage to stand for truth.'

One day I went to the Vice Principal's office to discuss about the prep school. After listening to me, he took a little rose bud which was on his table and handed it over to me saying, ' Can you open the petal of this rose bud, as you open it do not destroy any one of the petals'. Essentially I thought to myself that it seems very easy. I tried to open out each petal but I could not do without damaging it. Sir looked at me and said. 'It is a tiny rose bud. A flower of God's design but I cannot unfold the petals with this palm of mine. The secret of unfolding flowers is not known to one such as I.' These flowers get opened gently in my hand: these are our students who are under our care. If I cannot unfold a rose bud this flower of God's design, how I can have God's wisdom to unfold this life of mine. So I trust Him for leading me each moment of everyday, I look at Him for guidance in each step of the pilgrim way, for the path way that lies before me. Have confidence in God's wisdom in his direction in his mercy and in his providence'.



This was the person of Devasia Sir who always encouraged me in all my work. On 27th April Sir messaged me saying "I have become grandfather on 26th April Monday." I congratulated him. The next message - "for few days I have been suffering from fever, keep me in your prayers." next day "How are you sir praying for you. The reply was, "better but dragging on". On 29th April when I messaged sir- The reply was "In Hospital'. This was the last conversation I had with him. I do believe that God had a plan for him where in he surrendered himself saying-

2nd Timothy 4:6-7 "The Time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will give me on that day." And On 2nd of May 2021, he left for his heavenly abode.

We miss you sir but we are convinced that we are surrounded by your blessings and love. May your soul rest in peace.

> SR. KIRAN BECK (DIRECTOR, PREP. SCHOOL)

When I joined the St. Xavier's School in 1997. Mr. K. J. Devasia was an English teacher and was given the additional responsibility of teaching "HERITAGE OF INDIA" to the students of Class X, and thus being in the Social Science Dept. we had the opportunity to interact with him as Social Science teachers. In my tenure in this school I found him to be a very nice and kind hearted person who was always ready to help the teachers and students fraternity. He took active participation in the Inter House Play Festivals, taking charge of English Plays.

After assuming the post of Vice Principal of this school he became the source of Inspiration for teachers and students, and led the school from front in organising the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the school, which received tremendous accolades from every quarter and was a grand success. His untimely demise due to Coronavirus in May 2021 has left a huge void which is difficult to be filled up. May his Soul Rest in Peace and May the Almighty give strength to his bereaved family to withstand the loss.

MRS. INDRANI BHATTACHARJEE



Mr. K.J. Devasia left us for his heavenly abode after a brief struggle with covid. The statement sounds implausible! It was a shocking news to hear about his demise. He was healthy and agile, actively organising things, planning ahead the new session with much ease and so much enthusiasm, just weeks before! He had developed a flair for sorting out any challenge with a smile and soothing words of assurance. His amicable and gentle disposition made him approachable and popular amongst both staff and students. He leaves behind a void that is hard to fill.

MRS. KUSUM VERMA

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 \mathbf{V} ery few people in your life leave such a mark on your heart that they become like a second family. No words can express my grief at the sudden loss of Sir Devasia, an amazing person with his unfaltering commitment to work and colleagues. For me, and all those who knew him, Devasia sir was an outstanding educator. It was his zeal, great intellect and love for school that created a successful and healthy teaching environment amongst us. He joined our school in the year 1991 as an English teacher and later went on to handle the roles of the Coordinator of Activities and lastly Vice Principal. I formed a close bond with him when his daughters were in my class. From that day, to getting them married, bond between the us grew enormously. All the moments spent planning the Xavier Fair, Play Fest, Music Fest and the unforgettable school trips now remain a beautiful memory.

My sorrow is now only lessened with the thought that I had the privilege to know him so closely. It was an honour to have shared our thoughts and wisdom in this lifetime.

Thank you for your friendship, guidance, and love as an elder brother.

Devasia sir you will be missed.

MR. SHARAD BHARDWAJ

An Inspiration

Usually with a person holding a post like Vice Principal, a staff member will have a hesitation to enter his office, or to refuse him for any assigned duty or to question him before saying 'yes' to the work, but my approach with Sir Devasia was different, he would smile and gently say, "ma'am aap kar sakte hei, tabhi meine aapko kaha."When any of our support staff were getting retired or celebrating their jubilee, sir would come to me just 2-3 days before the programme, he would mention the person's name and work and say, "Sorry ma'am, so many things to do I forgot to tell you, please say something about him." And then later on he never forgets to appreciate. That was Devasia sir. For the last two years I came more in contact with him in preparing for morning- Meditation and afternoon -'Atmajanch'. Though He used to say," I stayed in Delhi for many year's still I haven't learnt Hindi." he would listen carefully, appreciate the Hindi Meditations . His constant motivation made me think, research and write something everytime new for children.He felt that it's the Maditaion and Atmajanch that brought tremendous change in the students' behavior. There were like less fights. He wanted Hindi Manch Srijan to organize activities at the inter-school level, It was his vision for the Srijan club to organise a Personality Contest for 10th class students. This was successfully accomplished. Sir, you were, and still are an inspiration for your dedication, commitment and sincerity to your vocation as a teacher and to the institution. You will greatly be missed.

MRS. ALKA NIRMAL ROSARIO

A fter the Covid - 19 pandemic had hit us in 2020, everyone believed that 2021 will bring us some respite but our hopes were in vain. It proved to be black year for India and for the Xaverian family as well. In 2021 Xavier's had lost many of its gems and one of them was of our very own Vice Principal, Mr. K.J. Devasia.

Mr. Devasia was a perfectionist, he did justice to all the roles that were put on his table, whether it be of a father, a teacher, vice principal or a friend. He always wore a smile on his face though whatever the day would bring for us. The vast experience that Mr. Devasia had, helped us all to sail our ship safely to the harbor.

In my tumultuous situation when my father was tottering, he was a support for me due to which I was able to manage my home as well as the school. Our association lasted as long as 28 years. In these years, he had been a source of inspiration, guidance and motivation.

He was always there for each one of us, he gave a listening ear to all our problems and was a master at striking the balance. Sir was a down to earth person, apart from solving the various problems faced by the school he helped us in finding a solution to our personal difficulties also.

Even during the harsh times of pandemic, he tried to solve the problems of students as well as teachers to the best of his capacity. He was one go to person when we were in the middle of nowhere. I cannot forget greeting that happy man in the morning assembly. He was the pillar of our Xaverian family.

May the noble soul Rest In Peace. Amen.

MRS. SANGEETA GULATI



Quote from Holy Quran

Surah; 2 Al Baqarah.155 to 157 Indeed, to Allah we belong and to Allah we shall return

It is indeed difficult to express my feelings about the unexpected demise of my friend, colleague and my superior sir Devasia. None of us had ever thought of that, felt that he will leave us like this.

"CHITTHI NA KOI SANDESH, JANE VO KONSA DESH JAHAN TUM CHALE GAYE"

I had a long association of 26 years with sir Devasia. He was a quiet, calm, polite and very compassionate person. Simplicity was one of his qualities. He used to carry an ample amount of authority and responsibility, but with regard to power, he never showed, with regard to responsibility he tried to fulfill at his best. He always believed in appreciation, recognition and encouragement. I hardly found anger or discomfort on his face. Throughout the day he kept smiling. He was a spiritual man, involved in all activities of the school, churches and above all with a lot of social engagements. He was essentially a scholarly man, resourceful and affable with a descriptive relaxed approach to the tidal wave of educational reforms ie., the NEP. He was very confident and enthusiastic to overcome all the hurdles in the implementation of the NEP. He wanted to take the school to great heights. He was a fantastic person, full of managerial abilities and that's how he used to conduct instant meetings in the staffroom. Sir the way you left us, is truly sad. You will be missed a lot; you will remain alive in our hearts.

I pray to Almighty to grant a place in **Jannatul Firdaus.** (Ameen) **MR. KHALID KHAN**





How does one express the amazing essence and spirit of Sir. K. J. Devasia, a man of selfless generosity, uncompromising belief in all that is good and unwavering commitment to his work, family and friends? It is hard to imagine Xavier's Delhi without Mr. K. J. Devasia. He was the pillar of Xavier's Delhi and a true guide and mentor for many. I came to know him personally during the Diamond Jubilee year celebrations and was in awe of his meticulous planning and eye for perfection. A unique blend of accomplishment, compassion and discipline, he will always be remembered for his untiring diligence and passion for work.People will walk in and walk out of life, but Devasia sir has undoubtedly left an everlasting impression on all the lives he has touched upon.

> Your life was a blessing, your memory is a treasure... You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

> > MRS. REENA GOEL

We have been beyond blessed to have Mr. K. J. Devasia as Vice Principal of St. Xavier's School, Delhi. He lost his battle to Covid-19 on May 2, 2021. This news has devastated the Xavier Family. Mr. Devasia was a stalwart among the staff. Without him, Xavier's Delhi will never be the same.

Devasia Sir's mission was to get all the teachers and staff to work together as one family. I got the chance to work very closely with him during the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. He was a perfectionist to the core. His planning and organizational abilities were incredible and yet he was so compassionate and humble at heart.

Whenever people we love disappear from our lives, our only option is to seek comfort in the memories of our times together and to be grateful for all the good things that happened. We wish we could say this to Devasia Sir....

"Thank you for what you did for us every day....for selflessly loving kids... for investing in their present so that they may have amazing futures....for working tirelessly all the time....for helping and caring for everyone around you.." Thank you for everything...

A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together... again and again.

May God grant eternal rest to the soul!!!

MRS. SAPNA BERRY

 ${f E}$ ven today, I cannot believe the truth about Mr. Devasia's demise. I was really shocked and deeply saddened after having heard the tragic news. I had a long association of 27 years with him and I know him as an English Teacher. Co coordinator of Activities. Vice Principal and above all a good human being. I used to admire his administrative qualities during the promotion meetings, school functions etc. I can't forget his iconic planning and execution of Diamond Jubilee celebrations of our school. When I close my eyes and think alone, I see him everywhere in the school. The association with him will always remain in my green memories for ever. I pray to the Almighty God for his soul to Rest in Peace and to give strength and courage to his beloved family members.

MR. P. RAMASUBRAMANIAN







"Fr. Augustine's Footprints on the Sands of Time"

FR. P. T. AUGUSTINE, S.J.

Lives of great men all remind us That we can make our lives sublime And departing leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time.

These beautiful lines from H.W. Longfellow, were instrumental in kindling the fire in the heart and imagination of Fr. Augustine. Father's journey and the footprints he has left on the sands of time are indeed impossible to relegate to mere words.

Born into a middle class family in the picturesque little town of Kadanadu, Kottayam district, Kerala, father grew up with a strong faith and value system imbued in him by his parents. His school days were simple and uneventful, but father was a brilliant student and scored high grades right through his schooling. His religious formation began in The Good Shepherd Seminary. Father has a repertoire of degrees to his credit, Bachelor of Arts, two Masters, M.Phil, M.Ed. an erudite personality indeed.

He went on to join the Society of Jesus on 1st July 1961. From then on slowly but with an invincible spirit, father embarked on an incredible journey of observing, learning, exploring, discovering and turning dreams into reality.

A creative genius, infused with passion and tenacity, father was bound to leave an indelible impact wherever he went. St. Michael's School, St Xavier's College of Education, Patna, did phenomenally well under father's visionary leadership. The turmoil and the strife-ridden region of Kashmir did not deter father. During his short tenure at St. Joseph's School, Baramulla, he brought in several infrastructural changes, and more importantly he proved he was a people's person, healing old wounds and creating a happy work environment. Father's two stints in Jaipur brought out hitherto undiscovered sides of his personality. His involvement in pastoral work at Jaipur was indeed noteworthy. Father developed a close association with Saint Mother Teresa, and the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity and worked relentlessly for the setting up of a home for the aged. To be recognized and appreciated by Saint Mother Teresa is a blessing which father's labour of love brought for him.

Armed with rich experience and an undaunted spirit, Fr. Augustine came to Delhi in 1997 and Xavier's Delhi was to witness a sea change in every facet. Father's greatest gift to Xavier's Delhi was the Millennium Hall, replete with language labs. computer labs. multimedia lab, state of the art infrastructure to ensure the all round development of students- a core Jesuit value. Facing and overcoming seemingly insurmountable hurdles, father proved that with passion and perseverance one can achieve anything. Now over the past twenty years numerous Xaverians have polished their skills and gained incredible levels of confidence getting groomed in a school with such amazing infrastructure.

Father went on to take over as Principal of St. Xavier's College, Kathmandu, where he brought in several academic as well as infrastructural changes.

Father returned to Delhi in 2009 when Xavier's was celebrating its golden Jubilee and he ensured that this momentous milestone was celebrated with grandeur. He organized the Xavier Lifetime Achievement and Xaverian Excellence Awards given to our successful Alumni who rendered valuable service to humanity.



He once again got completely immersed in a new project on our very own school Campus, setting up of the Navjeevan Renewal Centre, a centre for spiritual renewal. He initiated the setting up of the Golden Jubilee Museum which houses some priceless possessions of the Cecil Hotel Era- antique furniture, ornate lampstands, cameras, gramophone record players and a stack of old records. This along with videos, and cassettes and even sacred vessels and sacred books used in the 60s and 70s are preserved in the Museum. We also have a spanking newly renovated, air conditioned library, beckoning students to inculcate the reading habit.

Father realized the need to modernize the school, and attempted to introduce technology in classroom teaching. The setting up of the Information Communication Technology (ICT) Lab with speakers, projector, touchscreen in the Prep. Department is one such venture, Thus, enabling children to learn using the smart board. The Hall of Honour was another unique venture initiated by father to immortalize the memory of all former staff who put in years of dedicated service to this institution. It is a venture that has been deeply appreciated by former staff as well as former students. Credit for revamping the sports infrastructure goes to father, the volley ball court, tennis court, the swimming pool, with renovations in the classrooms, canteen as well. The assembly ground too saw a make-over, it was widened, with beautiful gardens, even a rock garden adorning the campus.

All those associated with father are in awe of his personality. He was always considered a man of few words because he understood the value of being a good listener. His eloquent speeches always motivated people with the message "Duty plus little more". An extremely vibrant personality, father has been an inspiration, through his very own example. Numerous Xaverians, who are yet to enter the portals of Xavier's, will also be touched by the life and works of Fr. Augustine. That is a rare feat indeed!

The past, present and future generation of Xaverians owe a deep debt of gratitude to the visionary trailblazer, Fr. Augustine!







Reminiscing Beautiful Moments

Met Fr. Augustine in the Political Science class when I was an under graduate student in St. Xavier's College Ranchi in 1975. He was a young dynamic teacher and I was someone knocking at the doors of the Society of Jesus. Our relationship began as he generously accepted the role of a mentor for me and he was always an inspiration.

The association continued after I joined the Jesuits after my graduation. We met again, when he was the Principal of Xavier's Jaipur in 1995 when I was transferred there as his vice principal. He mentored me again and I was ready to take over from him as the principal, when he was transferred to Delhi in 1997. Those two years were a great learning time for me. I learned from him the art of managing a big institution.

It was a humbling experience to take over again from him the mantle, this time as the Rector of this great institution in 2015. He was a great innovator and path breaker. There was always something to learn from him, the way he carried himself and reached out to the staff, students, parents and old students. He looked for excellence in everything he laid hands on. And he expected this from the others too.

He was a visionary and always welcomed new ideas and innovations. He encouraged others to put in their best and that is what made the difference. I thank God for the many gifts that He bestowed upon Fr. Augustine. God enabled him to use those gifts to make all the places he has been to, better in every sense. I salute this great legendary Jesuit as he led from the front in taking this institution to greater heights. I thank the Almighty for giving me the opportunity to be with him along the way!!!

> FR. JOSE PHILLIP, S.J. (RECTOR)



Fr. Augustine was a visionary, a Jesuit whose legacy will go down in history, never to be forgotten. I have known him to be a man with extraordinary foresight and a strong conviction to go with it. His contributions to the Jesuit institutions in Delhi, Jaipur, Patna, Baramulla have been inspirational. Truly he was, and always will be one of the brightest stars in the educational firmament of North India.

Father's positive, action oriented and proactive approach have left a mark in the hearts of all who have been associated with him. He will fondly be remembered as man of action, a man of few words. His philosophy of boldly facing criticism and opposition, and learning from these experiences certainly helped him to accomplish all that he envisioned. An embodiment of Magis, he always strove for excellence.

Generations of Xaverians owe him a deep debt of gratitude for the state of the art infrastructure which has contributed immensely to enriching their school life. His legacy stands proud and tall everywhere one turns.

Father's close association with Saint Mother Teresa and the work he did with her for the sisters and the poor of Jaipur stands testimony to the compassionate, sensitive person that he was. As Saint Mother Teresa wrote to father in the early 80s:

'My prayer for you is that you give Jesus a free hand to use you, without consulting you.'

Her beautiful prayer was indeed answered.

FR. DR. T. J. JOSE, S.J. (PRINCIPAL) was extremely grieved to learn about the demise of Fr. P. T. Augustine SJ.

Father's booming voice still resounds in my ears. His affectionate smile can never be forgotten. He was a man of few words, but all meaningful. Blessed with a discerning mind, father never jumped to conclusions. He responded only after listening very carefully. I remember him as a person who believed in action. Father was also a keen observer, with a perceptiveness that is rare and he knew very well who among his staff members, is suitable for which additional work.

He will be remembered as an architect of all renovations of our school infrastructure. His gift of the magnificent Millennium complex, was possible only because of his presence, his perseverance, and his untiring efforts, inspite of health issues. These unique facilities will be used by generations of students and staff members of our school.

His key words DUTY PLUS LITTLE MORE still motivates me personally.

May his soul rest in peace

MR. A. K. DAS (COORDINATOR OF ACADEMICS) came across late Fr. P.T. Augustine. S.J. as a man of vision and dedication. For me, he always focused on the wellbeing of students as well as development of institutions. He was a kind, soft spoken person but full of innovative ideas. I see him as a person who dedicated his life for mission. Wherever he went, he imparted quality education as well as value based education to students and brought positive changes in all educational institutions. The fruit of his hard work is very much seen at St. Xavier's Schools in Delhi, Jaipur and Kathmandu. During his tenure, he was not satisfied with what he did but he always made every effort for good and better. He went out of his way to help the needy students in whatever way it was possible.

I would say he gave his level best and did justice to the mission which was given to him by the Society of Jesus. What I observed in him was that he had vision for mission. In this context, I would like to quote from APJ Abdul Kalam. He says "Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in action." Yes it is true. Our beloved late Fr. Augustine. S.J, had lots of dreams or visions for schools and he actualised those dreams into actions during his tenure in schools and colleges.

> FR. BRITTO (HEADMASTER, JR. SCHOOL)



They say, "The road to progress is always under construction. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better." Fr. P.T. Augustine will always be remembered as one such leader who left no stone unturned to provide the best infrastructure for Xaverians- students as well as staff, for generations to come.

A great architect and visionary, Fr. Augustine took upon himself the colossal task of constructing the Millennium Hall complex, when he took up the reins of this great institution as the Principal. The building houses not just the Millennium Hall but also Computer labs, English Language Labs and Multi-media room with state-of-the art facilities. Personally, I would be forever grateful to him for placing his trust in me and giving me the charge of Junior English Language Lab. I am glad that he was satisfied with the way Language Lab classes were being conducted and on more than one occasion he also told me how proud he was of me. That one statement gave me a great boost to work harder as a teacher and give my best.

Although a man of few words, Fr. Augustine was great at giving valuable advice and guidance. He never missed an opportunity to share his knowledge and experience. He often spoke about 'Magis', a value central to Ignatian spirituality which inspires us at Xavier's to maximize every opportunity and experience, never be complacent, never settle and always aim for more.

Father will always be remembered as an innovative, resourceful, compassionate and warm-hearted person.

Father

You will always be loved and never forgotten On the sands of time you have Left your footprints with glory Everyone will know your name And shall recall your story.

MRS. MONA RAE (ASSISTANT HEADMISTRESS, JR. SCHOOL)



'I' here have been many people who have left an indelible mark in our lives and have influenced us in many ways.

I consider myself fortunate to have worked under a Jesuit visionary like Fr. P. T. Augustine whose contribution in the field of education has been magnanimous.

I had been closely associated with him since 1997 when he was the Principal of St. Xavier's Raj Niwas Marg, Delhi. After the completion of my education, he gave me a precious opportunity to become a member of the Xavier family and join as a teacher in the Junior School.

His words of appreciation always motivated me to strive for betterment. His prayerful support and guidance have made me a competent teacher today.

He will be fondly remembered as an exemplary Jesuit by the Xaverian family.

MRS. RAJSHREE VEDI (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PREP. SCHOOL)

Father P.T. Augustine was the first Principal under whose guidance I started my beautiful journey in St. Xavier's, in 1997. A loving Principal and a father figure, I had always remained in awe of his overflowing enthusiasm for new projects, new goals and new style of functioning. To sum up his qualities, I would say;

"Reverend Father, a noble soul. Always strived to fulfill new goals. A man of deep knowledge and intellect, I saw him as a self-made architect. Creating lasting friendships with all, Students, teachers, Jesuits et all. With complete faith in his ideas, He finished tasks with touch of Midas. This great organizer, with God's grace, And a persuasive smile on his charming face. Inspired us to go the extra mile, And finish projects with a smile. Father left us for his heavenly abode, Yet guiding us on our duty's road. Bless him, O Lord with all your grace, In Your Kingdom may he find solace."

MRS. INDRANI BHATTACHARJEE





Father P.T. Augustine left for his heavenly abode after a brief struggle with illness. He had bravely fought and won the battle with ailing heart problems in the recent past. He may have become fragile in body but he led an exemplary life with so much wit, charm and grace. would always remember his inspirational speeches in the morning assemblies, spoken in his impressive baritone and impeccable English. On one occasion he said, "Be the best in what you choose to be, rise above mediocrity and aim for excellence". He indeed led by example and will always be fondly remembered as one who had a simple wish, which was that everyone should simply "Excel". He may not be amongst us anymore but his heritage remains and lives on.

MRS. KUSUM VERMA

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The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it. Fr. P T Augustine is no more with us now but these lines most certainly hold true for him. We fondly called him the "showman of St Xavier's". He was a visionary who contributed to the betterment of the school in more ways than one. He joined as Principal from 1997 till 2001 and in this short span of time, he transformed the school in not just academics, sports and extra curricular activities, but also towards beautification of school premises. He initiated the construction of our Millennium Hall which is a landmark for the school. Along with this he also worked to ensure the restoration of school grounds, courts etc. Truly a Showman whose great works can be seen in each and every corner of the school. He leaves behind a legacy of his extraordinary vision and great commitment to work. Father you live on in our hearts and in each corner of St. Xavier's school.

MR. SHARAD BHARDWAJ

"All beautiful things come to an end" this saying was proved when our Father P.T. Augustine, S.J. left for his heavenly abode. Although, Father Augustine has left us mortally but he will always be present in our memories and nonetheless his imprints are present all around us in the premises of Xavier's.

He was regarded as a "Man of Few Words" and believed in "One cannot please everyone". I learnt to say "NO" to additional work in an already overworked state of mine. He had the hidden talent of building and designing and using the space to its utmost capacity. He often used to say 'Space is in the Mind'. I will forever cherish his memories as he made me realize my potential as a teacher.

May his Soul Rest in Peace. Amen.

MRS. SANGEETA GULATI

Quote From Sacred Book (Bukhaari)...

"Our eyes are filled with tears, our hearts with grief, but we say nothing with our lips except that which pleases 'Allah'....verily, to Allah we belong ,and to him we return"

Fr. P.T Augustine was a visionary, a leader, an architect, who always believed in innovation and exploration of new ideas, ways and means to materialize the resources. Millennium hall is an example of it.

I feel fortunate to have worked under him, he always used to say 'people' s actions should show their real attitude, rather than what they say'

Father sacrificed his entire life for the betterment, upliftment and education of the underprivileged sections of the society.

l pray to Almighty to grant Him a Place In **"Jannatul-Firdaus"** (Amin)

MR. KHALID KHAN







was deeply shocked to hear the message of the demise of Fr. P. T Augustine. It is a big loss for the Jesuit community and all of us. I know Fr. P.T. Augustine as the Principal, Rector of our school and beyond all an excellent Architect. During his tenure as a Principal and Rector, I always used to spot him at one or other place in the school campus. I went to his office one or two times to discuss about some issues, father listened to the issues thoroughly and the solution used to come in few words. He was indeed a man of few words. worked continuously for the He always improvement of the infrastructure of our school. The new library, Millennium Hall, English language lab and School Museum all remind me of him. I pray to the Lord for his soul to rest in peace.

MR. P. RAMASUBRAMANIAM





Father Augustine has a special place in our hearts. He always made the people who worked with him feel valued. I remember the time when my dad was very sick and wasn't showing any signs of improvement, I was feeling very stressed. Father Augustine sensed something was wrong he called me in his office and asked how he could help, he spoke comforting words. I looked up to him as a brother and a mentor. He was truly a follower of Christ who cared for others. We will always miss him.

MRS. NISHA SAMUEL

A Visionary.....

I was appointed by Rev. Fr. P.T. Augustine in 1998 April as a TGT Hindi in senior department. When he sent me to attend a seminar related to the Hindi subject, I was inspired to start a Hindi Club named,"Srijan", Fr. Augustine approved it and even attended our activities being conducted in the Millennium Hall. He was a firm and a pleasant personality. His seminars used to be full of experience and wisdom. He was a visionary who had innovative ideas, and was also fond of technology. When he was transferred from the post of principal, I got the opportunity to give a farewell speech for him, here are the few lines of the poem that I penned down at that time...

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हमारी तो बस यही दुआ है कि Xavier Family रूपी Hardware के आप हमेशा-हमेशा Software बने रहें।...

Thank you Dear Father Augustine, for making me a part of this esteemed institution and for inspiring all of us for so many years. You will continue to inspire us always.

MRS. ALKA NIRMAL ROSARIO

G ood leaders have vision and inspire others to turn them into reality; great leaders have vision and they inspire others to create their own.

This is so true about Fr. P.T. Augustine, a great visionary, phenomenal educator and architect of many lives. He is undoubtedly a man who left his footprints wherever he worked. Fr. Augustine, a creative genius, inspired all with his humility, his untiring zeal to work and his excellent sense of humour. All past and present Xaverians and the coming generations of Xavier's will forever be indebted to him for providing the school with the best of infrastructure. He taught us to have an abundance mentality and his positive outlook towards life will keep guiding us for years to come.

Father, you'll be with us, like a handprint on our hearts...... always.

MRS. REENA GOEL

..... miss you Father Augustine

 ${f F}$ r. P. T. Augustine was an able administrator, a self-motivated institution builder and a great visionary. His efficiency and effectiveness as Principal at various Jesuit schools and colleges is undeniable. Xavier's Delhi will always be grateful to Father Augustine for laying the foundation stone of the Millennium Hall in 2000 and bringing the huge-gigantic structure to fruition, for the benefit of generations of students. His inspiring words and charismatic personality made a distinctive place in the hearts of everyone associated with him. Serving humanity was an integral part of Fr. Augustine's life philosophy. As aptly expressed by the title of his book "My Footprints on the Sands of Time", Father has left his footprints, which will guide and inspire us to the path to "MAGIS" for vears to come.

MRS. SAPNA BERRY





Teach us, good Lord, To serve Thee as Thou deservest; To give and not to count the cost; To fight and not to heed the wounds; To toil and not to seek for rest; To labour and not to ask for any reward Save that of knowing that we do Thy will.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola



7rom the Principal's Desk

"Whenever you see darkness, there is extraordinary opportunity for the light to burn brighter."

The Xavier Times has always been a platform for the budding Xaverians to express their thoughts and colour their dreams. 2020-21 has been an academic session riddled with lot of uncertainty and no school. For the past three months we have been struggling hard with the deadly monster COVID-19 which has already claimed millions of lives across the world. We also mourn the loss of some our dear and near ones. But one great thing that happened in our Xaverian family is that our Xavier Times, which had been an annual publication, turned into a monthly one from the academic session 2020-21 and numerous number of students got an opportunity to express themselves through their various write-ups and art works. This has been a splendid opportunity for our otherwise solitary confinement at home. During this sojourn in the dark pandemic, we realize how splendid those days of the sun shine were! But this time of darkness will also end. Have faith; we shall see the sun again.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the editorial team consisting of the staff and the students and salute their hard work!

FR. DR. T. J. JOSE, S.J. Principal



From the Vice-Principal's Desk

Yaakov Katz, the editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Post in an interview given in 2016 stated: "When you have no alternative, you have to improvise," he said, "When your back is up against the wall, you have no choice and you just want to survive, you have to come up with new ways of doing that". A friend once told me ... 'The shadow of the guillotine sharpens the mind'.

What he means to say is that when humans are challenged with the most adverse situations in life and their very existence is at stake, the best in them comes out. When other birds scare away from storms, eagles plunge into it to convert the storm into an opportunity to soar high in the sky. The pandemic has brought out some of the best part of our Xaverian family. Thirteen months ago, just before the lockdown, we could never have thought that our teachers would convert this challenge into an opportunity to learn technology and continue the education of our students. One year before we could never have thought we would convert our XT to a monthly e-magazine, with two editions – one for the Senior School and the other for the Junior School. How did this happen? Like the Israeli society we did not stop the younger generation from venturing into creativity. We encouraged the students to think, to splash their thoughts all over the pages, converting each page into rainbow colours. We allowed them to design and innovate. The XT, as it was originally conceived by the pioneers, has now become a product in the hands of the students. The result has been amazing!

I appreciate and admire the great works done by the teachers and the students in the production of our first ever e-annual Xavier Times.

My message to all young Xaverians is the same as that was given by Yaakov Katz at the end of his interview: "Don't hesitate to question, to ask, to try to learn and to educate yourselves". ESTO VIR!

LATE MR. K. J. DEVASIA

Vice Principal



From the

Coordinator of Academics

Education is not learning facts but strengthening conceptual understanding, to cope with the challenges of life confidently.

'The year 2020, brought a new normal especially in the field of education system in India. From physical to virtual, from black board to white board is the new normal gifted by the pandemic year 2020. Optimism is the key to overcoming any challenge and this is what the teachers and the students at Xavier's with the never ending support by the parents and the school management adopted during the tough times of COVID 19. The teachers resolved the challenges by making themselves techno-savvy, learnt and overcame all the technical glitches. The virtual classroom created by them through various social platforms made it easier for the students to study throughout, without any hassle. The educators at Xavier's have very competitively shouldered the responsibility of being a constant guide for the blooming Xaverians by inventing new methods and ways to stay connected with the students all through. They have taught them, counseled them and been with them as always. For the first time, our teachers have tried a successful hand at online teaching- which no doubt is going to be an important part of the future education system in India. They have not only learnt but also polished themselves in the field of online teaching with enthusiasm and prepared themselves successfully for the upcoming education system proving; 'learning is a continuous and an ongoing process'. My best wishes to the team of Xavier Times for doing such a wonderful job and best of luck and wishes for future endeavors.

Hope the almighty showers his choicest blessings on the entire Xaverian family for the future endeavors and may the spirit of 'all be the winners' always instill in all. Esto Vir!

MR. ARPAN KUMAR DAS

Coordinator of Academics

From the Coordinator of Activities



Continuity gives us roots; Change gives us branches, Letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights...

St. Xavier's is a perfect amalgam of continuity and change. The present time we are in gives new meaning to the metaphor expressed in the above quote. We at Xavier's, in the academic session 2020-21, have explored a whole new dimension of education and school life. With the positive attitude and missionary zeal infused in us by our Jesuit legacy, we Xaverians have forged ahead, keeping the fire of education alive and thriving. We have clung on to our traditions and yet changed in incredible ways. We are convinced that the Lord Almighty will not only steer us through this difficult time, but will also be a lodestar in helping us discover, grow and reach new heights during this difficult, yet enriching journey.

MRS. SHOBHA MIRANDA

Coordinator of Activities



From the

Assistant Headmistress-Junior School

'Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world and all there ever will be to know and understand.'- Albert Einstein

Our school has always endeavoured to provide the right platforms to its students for their allround development. Xavier Times is one such endeavour that provides a platform to foster the students' creativity and imagination and help them grow into productive individuals.

I take this opportunity to convey my sincere felicitations to team XT for its efforts in shaping the young minds and developing them to blossom as responsible citizens of the world, ready to make their own contribution to mankind.

MRS. MONA RAE

Assistant Headmistress Junior School





"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:10

God has immensely bestowed his abundant blessings upon each one of us which has no measure. In spite of all the highs and lows during this pandemic time, he has always been kind to his children. His guidance through different people and through different events during this challenging time has shown his immense love for us. Let us thank him for a wonderful year. With all the ups and downs we faced together in the past year, all of those experiences were very fruitful. Let his name be praised all above heaven and the earth. Let me congratulate each one of you for being so supportive and for being strong pillars of this reputed institution.

Education is an ongoing process of life which must continue despite all the crises and challenges. The pandemic has changed the education system drastically and despite all difficulties, we have completed the academic session of 2020-21 with so much ease as the Almighty guided us throughout with his wisdom and knowledge. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for putting your heart and soul to make each task successful. The true "Xaverian" spirit in each one of us has proved that distance is temporary but our love for education and for our students is forever.

"With warm wishes and God's blessing."

SR. KIRAN BECK S.M.I. Director-Prep. School



From the

Assistant Headmistress-Prep. School

"To dream the impossible dream , to reach the unreachable star is the quest of every individual, and hope and expectation of all those who care ".

St. Xavier's is a perfect synthesis of ancient and modern, Indian and international, traditional and creative-moving in the direction of holistic education. It is a special place where a child finds friends- the best ones, teachers - the most inspiring ones and opportunities- the most gracious ones.

Programmes and activities organised here encourage the students to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners.

At Xavier's, we create an effective partnership by providing an open and communicative environment with it's diverse community and develop each child into a unique and a beautiful person which will take him to his destination with Excellence, the Hallmark of a true Xavierian.

No work is complete without God's blessings. Let us thank the Almighty for blessing us to face the pandemic with high spirit. I would like to express gratitude towards the parents for their cooperation and support, with which we were able to conduct the online classes smoothly and effectively.

Wishing everyone the best in life.

MRS. RAJSHREE VEDI

Assistant Headmistress, Prep. School

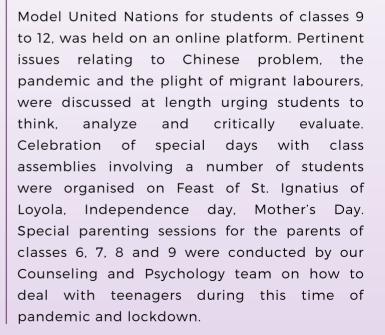
JESUIT RESIDENCE (pictured left)

> HERITAGE BUILDING (pictured below)

The Year that was...

The year 2020 has been a special year, not because of the Covid Pandemic but because it turned out to be a year of new opportunities, learning of new skills, exploration of hidden talents and above all a year of self assessment and upgradation. The pall of Corona virus could not deter the spirits of young Xaverians and they continued to run their horses of creativity and won laurels in every field.

To start with, Synergy: Xavier's Kala Manchan array of online competitions was conducted during the summer vacations in Music, Theatre, Art and Dance to help the young minds harness their creativity in the right direction. Elocutions were successfully conducted through the online platform. After a set of preliminary rounds, we had our final round of English, Hindi and Sanskrit Elocution for classes 8 to 10.



The Tarumitra Club took up a sapling plantation drive. A session on Waste Management was conducted for students of class 8 by Mrs. Roma Vinayak, from the NGO Garbage Free India. Chess tournaments for the students of class 8, 9 10 and 11 were conducted under the supervision of Mrs. Rashmi Dorothy Sharma. Our students participated in many Interschool competitions and won in several categories. A plethora of Career Counselling sessions were conducted by former Xaverians who have done well in their field of expertise.

We hosted a number of club activities as well. XELS activities (Classes 8 to 12) consisted of an array of very exciting activities from vocabulary, poetry recitation, picture reading, literary fests, even personality contest was conducted online and Hindi Club Srijan conducted a noncompetitive event with presentations from each class, comprising of stories from mythology, poetry, dances etc. On 7th, 8th and 9th December, the Science Club, organized Symposium competitions for classes 8, 9 and 10 on very pertinent and thought-provoking topics. Former teachers Mrs. Nishi Arora and Mrs. Nazneen Choudhury were invited to judge the event. On 10th Oct. World Mental Health Day, the Psychology students prepared a beautiful programme named ANTARMANN, apprising students about the importance of mental health and the need for adopting a sensitive approach to mental health issues. On 10th December, the XESS (Economics and Social Science Society) conducted an E Symposium for students of class 11 on some very interesting topics. The Ramanujam club hosted an online maths quiz for the students of class 8. Fr. Pedro Arrupe Inter School Declamation contest was organized in which 9 prestigious schools participated and 18 brilliant young minds



deliberated on the topic : The proper use of Science is not to Conquer Nature but to live in it.

Special assemblies on Gandhi Jayanti and Feast Day were organised. The highlight of the Feast Day assembly was a beautiful tour of the school campus with an edifying feast day message by Rev. Fr. Kunnunkal, S.J.. On Teacher's Day the Student Council prepared an extremely beautiful programme wherein melodious songs, instrumentals and poems were presented by the children. It was heartwarming to see such a touching gesture from children.

On Children's Day the teachers of all 3 departments came together in school to prepare a beautiful song for the students. Message from father principal coupled with beautiful renditions from our talented teachers certainly struck a chord with our children.

Special assemblies on Disaster Management and Constitution Day were organized and presented by the students with guidance from the teachers. Teachers of all three departments once again came together at Christmas time to ensure that our Children feel the joy and love of the festive season. Carols were sung and a beautiful Christmas message was shared by Rector Fr. Jose Philip, S.J. On Republic Day, students prepared a beautiful song in 11 languages highlighting the need for harmony, peace and togetherness. The School Counselor Mrs. Prabhjeet Kaur conducted informal sessions with each section of class 10, 11 and 12 separately without the presence of any teacher. It was an interactive session wherein students shared their anxieties, fears and thoughts during this time.

On 24th and 25th February, Tarumitra Virtual Eco Fest was held by AADI Eco Reserve, Tarumitra, Attappady, Kerala. Our students participated in elocution, solo, poetry writing and essay writing competitions.

Webinars on the NEP, 2020 were organized by the school for the parents of classes 5 and 6, 7 and 8.

On 26th February, Twin Pairing Program, an initiative of the CBSE was held. Students from class 8 of Xavier's as well as Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya engaged in an interactive online session.

The session 2020-21 was packed with numerous activities and events which helped in overall personality development of the students. Even in such testing times we managed to leave no stone unturned and brought this special year to a fruitful conclusion. May our patron saints, St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier continue to shower their blessings on us and keep guiding us on the path of learning and education.

MRS. HIMANI CHUGH AND MRS. ANUKRITI KHINDRIA





JR. SCHOOL BUILDING (pictured right)

SCHOOL EMBLEM (pictured below)



Looking Back at 2020-21 Junior School Round up

Where there is a will, there is a way.

When the pandemic brought the world to a standstill, Junior School teachers rose to the occasion to ensure that learning was an interesting and interactive experience for the students. Keeping up with this resolve, throughout the summer break, teachers attended various webinars and faculty development programmes to make their online classes more effective.

Preliminary rounds for G.K. quiz- classes II,III and IV were conducted in the month of June 2020. The final round was conducted in July,2020.On 23rd June 2020, the Junior school bid adieu to Sr. Naveena CMC through an online farewell programme. Even though she was in the Junior School for a short span of time, she made an everlasting impression on her students and colleagues alike. Junior School came up with two new initiatives: 'Effulgence' – an array of online competitions and 'Spectrum' – the e-magazine in the month of July.

In the month of August, first ever online Chess Tournament for classes VI & VII and G.K.quiz for classes V &VI came to fruition. Team Effulgence conducted Hindi Poem Recitation Competition for classes II -VII. On 8th August 2020, a parenting session by the school counsellors was conducted for the parents of class VII students. On 14th August 2020, all class teachers conducted an online special assembly in their respective classes on account of Independence Day.



Some Junior School students also participated in inter-school competitions -'ECO FIESTA' conducted on 25th August 2020 by Presentation Convent School and BYTE IT-2020 organised by Bal Bharti School, Pitampura.

Sessions on 'Pre-Teen Changes' for the girls and boys of standards V, VI and VII were conducted by the school counsellors between the 1st and 11th of September 2020. On 7th September 2020, VII standard witnessed the final round of the online G.K. Quiz 2020-21. On 11th September 2020, all class teachers conducted a special assembly, organised by students of classes II-V, on account of Hindi Diwas.

On 1st October 2020, a special assembly, prepared by the students of VII A, B and C, was conducted on account of Gandhi Jayanti reminding all of the need for truth and nonviolence in the current times too. Wize Computing Academy, based in Texas, organised a webinar for all teachers on 3rd October 2020 and on 19th November 2020, for the parents of students of classes V, VI and VII.

As part of Disaster Management Plan, an Art Competition was organised for the students of classes II-IV while the students of classes V-VII conducted special assemblies in their respective classes to educate each other about Covid-19 pandemic. English Recitation was conducted for all classes, as part of Effulgence activities in October.

The English Department conducted Online Inter-class Spell Bee and the Hindi Department conducted the Online Hindi Quiz for classes 2-7 in October and November 2020. A few students took part in Bro. Aloysius Inter School English Recitation Competition organised by Mount Saint Mary's School, Dhaula Kuan. Online Chess Tournament was conducted for class V in October 2020. On 10th November 2020, all Junior school classes held special assemblies to celebrate a virtual Diwali. On 11th November 2020, a special assembly, prepared by the teachers, was conducted to mark Children's Day.

On 2nd December 2020, a special assembly was conducted by the students of Gandhi House on account of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. Students actively participated in the Effulgence Activities of Nov-Dec - 'Fancy Dress Competition' for classes II to IV and 'Conducting a Science Experiment' for classes V-VII. Students of classes I to V also participated in an online Carol Singing Competition organized by Montfort School. On 21st December 2020, a special assembly was conducted to celebrate Christmas.

January 2021 saw Junior school conducting the online Maths Quiz for classes II and III. Webinars on National Education Policy 2020 were conducted for the parents of students of classes V & VI on 25 Feb'21 and for the parents of class VII students on March 1 2021. An online farewell programme for class VII students, prepared by class VI students, was held on 5 March 2021.

To conclude, these have been activity and creativity packed months. We, at Xavier's, are committed to make the most of each day, each moment and aspire to continue with the same spirit in the coming months too.

MRS. NEELIMA SIROHI

PREP. SCHOOL BUILDING (pictured



Prep. School Roundup Prep. with pep

The year 2020 has been a year full of challenges for all of us. But the pandemic could not deter a teacher from imparting knowledge to her students. We at St. Xavier's adopted the new means of education with ease and comfort in our mission towards education.

Apart from regular studies, we made sure that the students understand the importance of different festivals and occasions celebrated in India. Starting from Labour's Day on the 1st of May, 2020 to Graduation-Grandparents' Day on the 19th of March, 2021, the Prep School students and teachers used the virtual platform proficiently to celebrate all these occasions with the same determination and organized them with the same approach and enthusiasm as we would have done on the campus. Each class presented graceful dances, melodious songs, skillful acts, and confident speeches.

Teachers took an extra effort to prepare the children even after the online classes had finished for the day. Occasions like Christmas and Graduation Day were celebrated as a collective effort of the whole Prep School and the video was uploaded on Youtube for all to see.

Even in these trying times of sickness and workfrom-home, the students and teachers of St. Xavier's Prep School were able to showcase our cultural diversity using ingenious ways through these events.

MRS. SONALI AGARWAL



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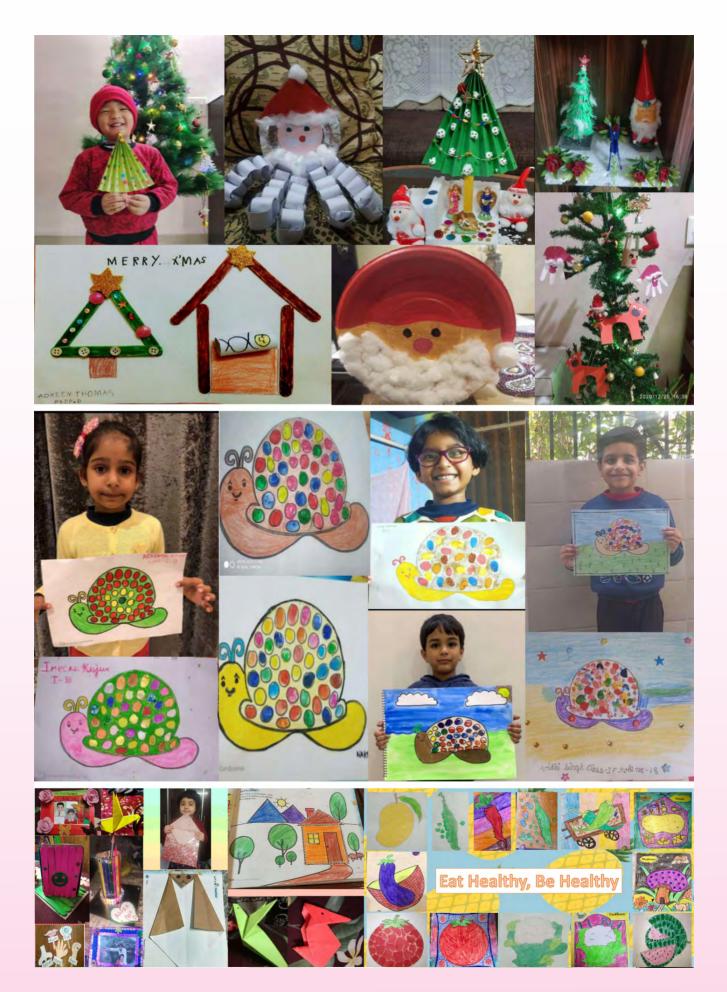
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Fr. Britto Joins Xavier's In conversation with the new Headmaster

1. Father, on behalf of the Xavier Times, we would like to welcome you to St. Xavier's, Raj Niwas Marg. Could you give us an opportunity to know about your background and education?

Fr. Britto: First of all I would like to share my family background. I am from Mysore, Karnataka and my parents are basically farmers. We are ten siblings at home and I am the last child in the family. I have a good number of nieces and nephews at home. Regarding my education, I have done my higher secondary education from my hometown and then B.A at Loyola College in Chennai, B.Ed at Christ University in Bangalore and M.A at IGNOU.

2. Father, could you tell us something about your life as a Jesuit?

Fr. Britto: I see life is like a river which towards tirelessly runs its ultimate destination. Before it reaches its destination it comes across obstacles, sustains thousands of lives and purifies itself as it flows. My Jesuit life is something like this: facing ups and downs, failures and success, joys and sorrows. But ultimately it is a very challenging, interesting, satisfying and happy one. The ultimate reason behind this is that Society of Jesus gives me a lot of opportunity and freedom to learn and grow. As a Jesuit I have experienced freedom and responsibility which is very unique in every Jesuit's life. I was like clay in the hands of a potter when I joined. But today I see my life is being moulded day-by-day.



3. What are your apprehensions and expectations from this new environment?

Fr. Britto: My small apprehension is about how I am going to work efficiently with those experienced teachers and others in this new environment. My expectations are focused on teamwork, cooperation and hard work to bring better results.

4. Would you like to share with us your mission and vision for the school?

Fr. Britto: One main mission and vision of a Jesuit is to uplift the poor and the needy. My mission in this school would be to identify those students who are academically weak and support them in whatever way is possible. Secondly support and encourage teachers to become catalysts for students.

5. Father in your opinion what are the qualities a Xaverian should inculcate and imbibe?

Fr. Britto: All over the world, Jesuit education is value based education. A child cannot grasp or learn values from books and the internet. It has to be learnt from home from society. and school and The outstanding qualities of a Xaverian are leadership, loyalty, discipline, punctuality, responsibility, hard work, sincerity, respect for elders and so on. In today's corporate world, values play an important role in our life. They are like the strong foundation of a building. So in my opinion, as long as a Xaverian is in our school he or she should inculcate and imbibe values for life along with knowledge.

6. Father we would be delighted if you could give a message to motivate our readers.

Fr. Britto: You might have seen a potter making a beautiful vessel out of clay. I would like to take this image to give my message. A child or student is like clay in the hands of parents and teachers. It is the primary duty and responsibility of parents and teachers to mould this child and bring the best out of him/her as he/she moves from one class to the next. As the potter gently shapes the clay into a beautiful vessel, so should the child or student be gently moulded with love and understanding. Child needs human love more than human made gadgets or material. Therefore, we are called to form or generate healthy and responsible citizens who will make significant contributions to our country.







FR. THOMAS V. KUNNUNKAL, S.J. Celebrating 75 years in the Society of Joses (1945-2020)

FR. JOHN ARIAPILLY, S.J. Selebrating 50 years in the Society of Jesus (1970-2020)

On the Crest of a Wave for 75 Years!

Celebrating Father Thomas V. Kunnunkal's 75 Glorious Years of Service to the Society of Jesus

Thomas V. Kunnunkal was born on 3rd July 1926 in Allepy, known for its backwaters. He discerned his vocation very early in his life. After completing his college education from Tamil Nadu, he decided to join the Society of Jesus. His journey in the Society began officially on 12th December 1945, the year when the second world war ended. He had heard about the poor living conditions of the people in North India; hence he joined the Patna province of the Society, to spend the rest of his life serving the people there. After his studies in India, the Society sent him to the US for higher studies and he picked up his interest in education at that time. He had a pretty good childhood time and used to play plenty of games. He was very good at sports like Tennis and Hockey.

It was because of his interest in sports, he emphasized sports and games as an essential part of education later when he reached Xavier's as the Principal in December 1961.

Fr. Tom returned to India after his higher studies in the US and took over the mantle of the Principal of the school. In the early decades, Xavier's was a very selective school. The selection process was very tough and not anyone could walk into the school. Since most of the students were part of the school's boarding, they had plenty of time to be involved in various extra curricular activities. Father Tom being an athlete himself, decided to give more focus on sports and games because he believed that those who get involved in sports while in school get a distinct advantage when they deal with life's problems in later years.



Looking back, Fr. Tom believes that his best contribution to Xavier's has been developing a well-knit, highly motivated and enthusiastic teaching community, which was passionately dedicated to the holistic upbringing of the students in their care. Before getting affiliated with the CBSE, the school followed the Cambridge Curriculum which was very challenging.

Most Delhi schools in those days were academic-oriented, but Fr. Tom thought differently. Along with academics, he began to give importance to life skills and soft skills, like the ability to do critical and creative thinking, problem-solving ability, interpersonal skills, ability to communicate, self-confidence, ability to handle stress and tension. He believed that mere book answers and even high marks would not carry anyone very far in life. As an educator, he encouraged the students not only to answer the questions but also to question the answers and even question the questions. Developing the kind of competencies and attitudes to deal with fast-changing patterns of life is the real challenge in education.

As an educational philosopher, it was his aim to ignite a fire in the belly of every student which would ignite other fires; in other words, he thought that education should be an effective agent for transformation of the self and through that transformed self, one would contribute towards a societal transformation.

The school also had an excellent boxing team in those days and Father has a vivid recollection of how some of our young Xaverians literally grew up through that boxing ring experience, as alone they stood in the ring to fight and win. It was his lesson to everyone: "He does not give up till the last ball is bowled or till the final whistle is blown". As the longest-serving Principal of our school, he followed the difficult goal of making "everyone a winner". Most schools, even today, drop out students who they are not confident would clear the board examination so that they could boast of 100% results; but Fr. Tom thought differently. He would allow every student to appear for the Board examination and took it as a challenge to ensure that they cleared the exams.



Even when some failed to do so, he was not worried because for him it was a sign of the right policy. He was also confident that after having gone through the education in Xavier's, no student would at least fail in life. He thought that making butter out of butter didn't deserve much appreciation. As the Principal he never encouraged competition where only one emerges as the final winner. He discouraged 'dog-eat-dog' type competition which is not only immoral but also harmful to the world.

As the Principal, Fr. Tom laid the foundation for the right kind of academic award system which is followed in Xavier's even today. We don't follow top academic awards where only the top three students are recognized but he introduced a system where a good number of students reach a standard which is not very easy and were given merit certificates. In this way, several students got such certificates. According to him expanding the appreciation and giving credit is the best way to develop the potential of every student. In those early years, it was necessary to set up systems, to establish high standards, and maintain compassionate discipline in order to provide quality assurance to the school.

Other than being an eminent educationist Fr. Tom has remained steadfast as the champion of the marginalized and the underprivileged. Shedding its elitist image, he opened the gates of St. Xavier's, for the voiceless and the powerless towards the latter part of his Principalship. Spearheading Mrs. Indira Gandhi's slogan 'Garibi Hattao' on the campus, he ignited the young Xaverians to grow up as compassionate and socially responsible citizens.





The government of India recognized the true potential of Fr. Tom and invited him to take up the Chairmanship of the CBSE from 1980 to 1987. He also served as a member of several National Commissions like the National Commission for Teachers (1983) and the National Commission for Review of National Education Policy (1987). He was appointed consultant to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to design and prepare a turn-key project to set up the National Open School from 1987 to '89 and was appointed Chairman of NOS from 1989 to '92.



As its founding chairman Fr. Tom reframed most rules of the formal system to meet the needs of the learners of the Open Schooling most of whom were adults who lost their first chance and dropped out. NOS gave them a second chance for education and through it for life. While keeping up the academic standards of the course, open schooling provides a lot of flexibility.

Fr. Thomas Kunnunkal was given the national award of 'Padma Shri' in 1974 by the President of India and in 2006 he was given the title of 'Honorary Fellow' by the Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada. Presently he is an Educational Consultant, Writer and an Animator.

As an educationalist Fr. Kunnunkal was a man of great vision who not only mentored the school during its infancy and childhood days but also initiated progressive changes in it. The future of every individual depends on the kind of guidance he receives as a child and a teenager; in the same way, St. Xavier's owes to Fr. Kunnunkal for the upbringing he gave to it during the early days of its existence.

LATE MR. K. J. DEVASIA



Completing Half Innings in the Society of Jesus: Fr. John Ariapilly, S.J.

50 Years, a Jesuit...

Fr. John Ariapilly, S.J., joined the Patna Province of Society of Jesus on 27th December, 1970. He was ordained a priest on 25th April, 1984. He was the Vice- Principal of St. Xavier's School, Delhi from April 1985 to August 1989. Later he was appointed the Headmaster of the Junior School in January 1991 and remained in the same post till December 1992. He was appointed the Principal in December 1992 and remained in the same post till July 1997. He was the JEA Coordinator, Delhi Province- first time for a few years and later from 2000 to July 2004. In May 2004 he became the Regional Superior, Delhi Region. In 2005 December when Delhi Jesuit region became a province, he was appointed its first Provincial. As the Principal of St. Xavier's , Delhi, he was very keen about the development of all the departments.



He initiated the process of computerizing the school office as well as expanding the Computer Department in the school. He enjoyed a good rapport with all the students as well as the staff. The tradition of each class organising the morning assembly was started during his time. It was aimed at providing opportunities to gain confidence to the maximum number of students.

In 2020, Fr. Ari completed 50 years of his association with the Society of Jesus. We would like to congratulate Father for his dedicated service and contribution to the society.



EULOGIES

Mr. Ravi

Mr. Ravi left for his heavenly abode on 30th October 2020. Mr. Ravi started his journey as a twelve year old boy, who left his native place Kozhikode, Kerala, with a heart full of passion to work. He spent a few years working in Meerut, and thereafter he joined Xavier's in 1974. He was incharge of the school canteen. One of the most pleasant and approachable men on the school campus, he never failed to satisfy students' and teacher's cravings with his mouth-watering and hygienically prepared delicacies. Generations of Xaverians have grown up relishing the taste of his unrivalled bread rolls. Stories of his dedication towards Xavier's canteen still resonate in every corner of Xavier's campus. He has left all of us with a void which cannot be filled again.





"Life after loss a new normal"

- Ted Bowman

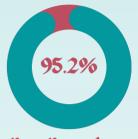
Since last year, the entire world is going through the toughest times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately the second wave in the country has left all of us in a state of isolation that we all feel due to the separation from our family and friends forever. The vacuum caused due to the unexpected and the painful separation from the people we love is both distressing and unbearable.

Many students of the Xavier family lost their parents and close family members. Even the staff members have lost their family members. Mrs. K. C. Maya, Mrs. Preeti Madan, Mrs. Himani Chugh and Mrs. Supriya Abrahim lost their fathers Mr. K. C. C. Raja, Mr. Kanwar Bhan Mendiratta, Mr. Raj Kumar Jain and Mr. Abraham Jacob Daniel respectively to this pandemic. Mrs. Simmi Paul lost her husband Mr. Lijo Jacob while Mrs. Seema Chauhan too lost her husband Mr. Narendra Singh Chauhan. Mr. Arunesh Chaudhary, husband of Mrs. Richa Bharati went to his heavenly abode during the pandemic. Mr. Pradeep lost his mother Mrs. Rekha. Mrs. K. C. Michael and Mrs. Prabhjeet lost their mothers-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Michael and Sdn. Paramjit Kaur respectively. Mrs. Sangeeta Pandey lost her brother-in-law Mr. D. N. Pandey.

The entire Xavierian family stands with you all during these tough times and pray to the almighty to grant you and your family the courage to bear the irreplaceable loss.

C.B.S.E. SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATION-2020 CLASS-10 RESULT HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. No. of Students Registered: 310
- 2. No. of Students Appeared: 310
- 3. No. of Students Declared Pass: 295
- 4. No. of Students in Compartment: 15
- 5. Pass Percentage: 95.2 %
- 6. No. of Students with aggregate 90% and above is 34
- 7. No. of Students with aggregate between 80% and 90% is 65



Pass Percentage:

SCHOOL TOPPERS



SUBJECT TOPPERS

ENGLISH

1. BRINDA ISSAR 10-A 99%

HINDI

1. VEDANT BHATOTIA 10-F 98%

SOCIAL SCIENCE

1. ANSH JAIN 10-A 99 % 2. NIKITA BANSAL 10-A 99 % 3. YAJUR GUPTA 10-B 99 % 4. JIYA AGGARWAL 10-E 99 %

MATHEMATICS

- 1. ANSH JAIN 10-A 100 %
- 2. TANISHQ NEGI 10-A 100 %
- 3. YAJUR GUPTA 10-B 100 %
- 4. KHUSHI GUPTA 10-B 100 %
- 5. MEHVAISH QADRI 10-C 100 %
- 6. KSHITIJ JOSHI 10-C 100 %
- 7. ARYAN BHATI 10-D 100 %

SCIENCE

1. PARNAVI SINGH 10-F 100 %

C.B.S.E. ALL INDIA SR. SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION - 2020 CLASS-12 RESULT HIGHLIGHTS

1. No. of Students Registered: 285 Science: 127 Commerce: 102 Humanities 056 2. No. of Students Appeared: 285 Science: 127 Commerce: 102 Humanities 056 3 No. of Students Passed: 278 Science: 126 Commerce: 096 Humanities 056 4. Pass Percentage: 97.5 % Science: 99.2 % Commerce: 94.3 % Humanities: 100.0 % 5. No. of Students in Compartment: 4 Science: 1 Commerce: 3 Humanities 0 6. No. of Essential Repeat: 3 Science: 0 Commerce: 3 Humanities 0 7. Topper's Percentage: Science: 97.2 % Commerce: 97.2 % Humanities 95.2 % 8. No. of Students securing 90 % & above : 42 Science: 27 Commerce: 11 Humanities 04



Pass Percentage:

SCHOOL TOPPERS



"IT IS NOT THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL EXERTION THAT COUNTS TOWARDS ONE'S PROGRESS, NOR THE NATURE OF THE TASK, BUT BY THE SPIRIT OF FAITH WITH WHICH IT IS UNDERTAKEN."

- ST. FRANCIS XAVIER -



CLUB ACTIVITIES

XELS ACTIVITIES

XELS ACTIVITIES FOR CLASSES 8-12

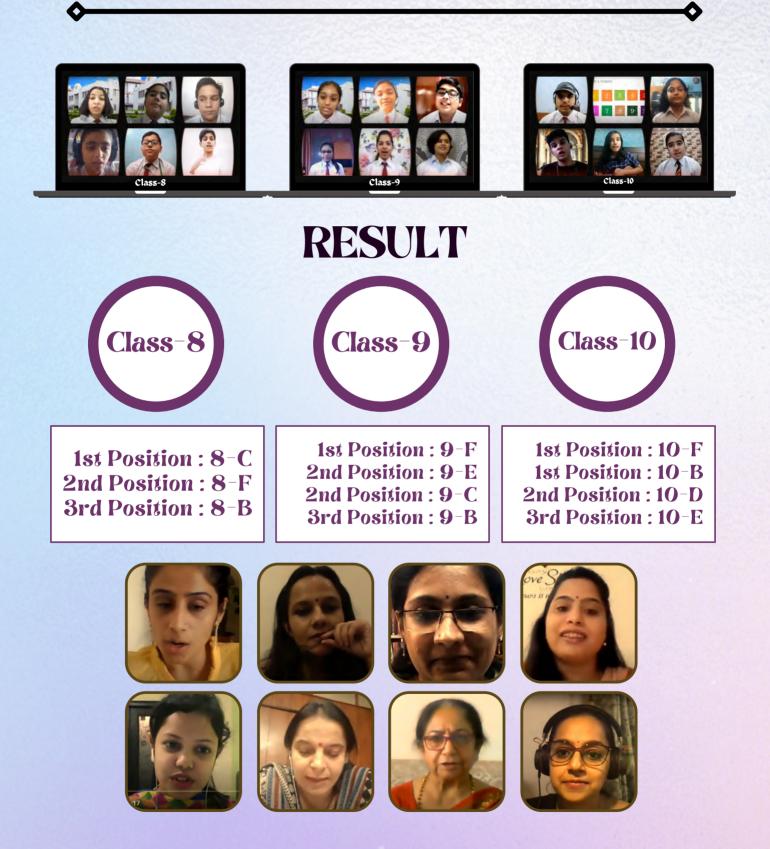
" Knowledge of Languages is the doorway to wisdom." (Roger Bacon)

Xavier's English Literary Society, popularly known as XELS, every year conducts many activities to enhance the linguistic skills of the students. This year we all turned on the online mode for teaching and learning, the XELS came up with online activities for the students. For classes 8-11, Literary Fest was organized wherein 8-10 students from each section participated. There were 3-4 rounds for each grade which included, speaking extempore on a given topic, situation round, vocabulary round, picture description, poetic introduction, and talent round. The Personality Contest was organized for the students of class 12 wherein they were judged on the basis of various aspects of their personality- interpersonal skills, talent, confidence, overall presentation and attitude. The students showcased their literary skills and enthralled the audience and the judges alike.

The honorable judges for the events were:

Class 8 and 9 : Mrs. Akansha Nanda and Mrs. Kanika Kumar Class 10 and 11: Mrs. Shalini Rohil and Mrs. Vandana Mathur Class 12: Mrs. Shubhra S. Khurana and Mr. Joby Joseph

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PEDRO ARRUPE INTER SCHOOL DECLAMATION CONTEST

On 13 October,2020 the XELS of St. Xavier's Sr. Sec School organized it's first ever online Inter school event 'Pedro Arrupe Declamation Contest' for the students of classes 9 and 10 on the topic "The Proper use of Science is not to Conquer Nature but to Live in it". 9 prestigious schools of Delhi including the host school with 18 participants participated in the event. The esteemed judges of the event were Mrs. Mona Rae(Headmistress, Junior School) and Dr. Deepti Bhardwaj (Lecturer, Delhi University). The program started with the PowerPoint presentation on Pedro Arrupe's life by Shivangi and Alice of class 10. The MC'S for the event were Kevin Antony and Vedant Vaish of class 10. The contestants from the school were Christa Tomy and Pranya Chadha of class 10. The school contestants did not compete for any of the positions. The first position was bagged by Ananya Kaushik of St Xavier's, Shahbad followed by Hajra Rizwan of St. Thomas Girls Sr. Sec. School and Mayank Goel of DPS, Rohini respectively. The Best Team trophy was won by Presentation Convent School. Overall the event was a great success.

ANTARMANN World Mental Health Day

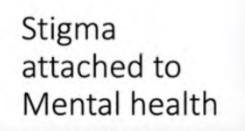


October 10, 2020

World Mental Health Day is an international day for global mental health education, awareness, and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries.

Antarmann is an initiative taken by the Psychology students of class 11 to highlight the importance of mental health. Nikita Bansal of 11A and Samanvita Kumar of 11F were the presenters for the program. Kenesha S. Thomas of 11A shared the myths and realities of mental health through a PowerPoint presentation. Hepzibah Rajender of 11C, recited a poem, 'Alone in the crowd' composed by Sambhavi Singh of 11C. Students shared a solution-oriented approach to help individuals deal and manage with psychological stressors.

Students of the Psychology Department planned to start a prosocial peer moderator program-'Saathi'. Saathi would be an initiative to build awareness of mental health on the school campus. Students made posters on various topics of significance to mental health and these posters were shown during the program to the viewers. Amritha Raj of 11A shared some interesting insights from the field of Positive Psychology & highlighted some key life skills that can foster mental health and well-being. The program culminated with a song presentation by Tanishka Sharma of 11C.



Status of Mental Health in India

ENCOURAGE

 Become a Mental Health Activist yourself.

 A simple effort from your side may change lives.

Some interesting research findings from positive psychology

- <u>Gratitude</u> is a big contributor to happiness in life, suggesting that the more we cultivate gratitude, the happier we will be (Seligman, Steen, Park, &Ppeterson, 2005);
- Spending money on experiences provides a bigger boost to happiness than spending money on material possessions.
- People overestimate the impact of money on their happiness by quite a lot. It does have some influence, but not nearly as much as we might think, so focusing less on attaining wealth will likely make you happier (Aknin, Norton, & Dunn, 2009);







TECHNICA CLUB ACTIVITIES TATA Power -DDL Activity



TATA Power-DDL organized an engagement program of iElectrix for the students of classes IX and X, in the month of October, to make and train them as Energy Warriors. Students were asked to prepare videos and posters highlighting the importance of energy saving, combat climate change, tree plantation, etc. The students enthusiastically participated in all these activities and were awarded with certificates for participation along with attractive prizes for top ranking participants.

CATEGORY 1: VIDEO MAKING COMPETITION ON ENERGY CONSERVATION

- **1. MIRNALINI SINGH 10 E**
- 2. MANASVI PURI 10 B
- 3. PRIYA AGRASEN 10 F

CATEGORY 2: POSTER MAKING COMPETITION ON ENERGY CONSERVATION

- 1. KANISHKA VATS 10 F
- 2. AVNI YADAV 9 D
- **3. PRANIJIL SINGH 9 A**

The best video messages and posters would be showcased on iElectrix social media handle under #Energy Warrior Campaign along with TP-DDL social media handle.

SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM 2020



Symposiums can play a vital role in the dissemination of knowledge and build-up of skills. They facilitate intense deliberations through participation and interaction in an organized manner. One such golden opportunity was provided to the students of classes VIII to X to present their ideas and showcase their technical talents by means of a virtual Science Symposium 2020. It was a great success. As per the comment of one of our esteemed judges, the event allowed the students to fly their imaginations to a new horizon and understand concepts at the same time.

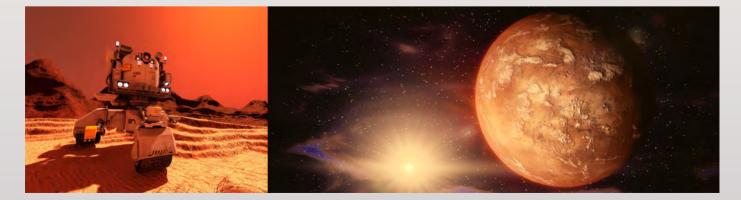
FINAL RESULTS CLASS VIII 09 DECEMBER 2020 OUR FUTURE PLANET MARS

PRESENTERS:

1st Position :	Snigdha Bhatt	8-E
2nd position :	Varda Jindal	8-D
3rd Position :	Aditya Mittal	8-C

INTERJECTORS:

1st Position :	Aakanksha Singh	8-B
2nd position :	Tanishka Arora	8-B
2nd position :	Prasan Gupta	8-C
3rd Position :	Manya Bhatia	8-D



SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM 2020



FINAL RESULTS CLASS IX 08 DECEMBER 2020 A LEAP FROM TRADITIONAL TO MODERN AGRICULTURE IN INDIA

PRESENTERS:

1st Position :	Akshat Kumar	9D
2nd position :	Bhavya Jha	9C
3rd Position :	Mokshda	9B

INTERJECTORS:

1st Position :	Kreeti Khanna	9F
2nd position :	Shimal Wahi	9C
2nd position :	Darsh Jain	9B
3rd Position :	Arshika Mahajan	9D
3rd Position :	Garvita Sati	9D



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SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM 2020



FINAL RESULTS CLASS X 07 DECEMBER 2020 FROM PRITHVI TO RAFALE: INDIA'S DEFENCE MILESTONES

PRESENTERS:

1st Position :	Shivangi	10 F
2nd position :	Aanjaneya	10 B
	Bhattacarjee	
3rd Position :	Mrinalini Singh	10 E

INTERJECTORS:

1st Position :	Vaibhav	10 A
2nd position :	Aashi	10 A
2nd position :	Saksham Bhatt	10 B
3rd Position :	Caren Tressa	10 D
	George	

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JESUIT RESIDENCE (pictured left)

JESUIT RESIDENCE (pictured below)

Tarumitra Club Activities

WEBINAR ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

"The Earth is what we all have in common."

-Wendell Berry

Waste is something which we all need to take care of. Senior school conducted a Webinar on Waste Management for the students of class 8 to enlighten them about the need to take care of waste. The webinar was conducted by Mrs. Roma Vinayak, the founder of EcoWarden, an organization that works for socio environmental causes. cultural promoting and environmental consciousness. The first and the most shocking thing ma'am told was about the Bhalswa Landfill. It is a landfill which was declared exhausted in 2006 and how 2100 tons of waste is still dumped daily in the Bhalswa Landfill. After this ma'am also told the students how one can manage waste. Xavier Times | 63

The main and the best way to do so is by using Eco-Bricks. These bricks are very easy to make, we just have to take a plastic bottle and we have to start filling it up with all the "plastic" waste we have in our homes. When the whole plastic bottle is filled with waste. we can use it in place of normal bricks. These bricks are eco-friendly and if even half of the Indian population will use these kinds of methods then there will surely be some or the other change in the level of pollution and waste in India. After that ma'am told the students about the Ganga river which is getting polluted and about leachate, a liquid which is formed when a lot of waste is dumped together. She insisted on managing the household waste. The session was an extremely informative and enriching one.



सूजन मंच हिंदी दिवस 2020

हिंदी दिवस २०२० इस वर्ष २०२० में हिंदी मंच सुजन ने हिंदी दिवस का आयोजन ऑनलाईन किया। परीक्षाओं के कारण ये गतिविधियाँ १४ सितंबर को आयोजित नहीं की जा सकी थीं, अतः छात्रों की सुविधानुसार इसे 1 अक्टूबर 2020 को आयोजित किया गया। हिंदी दिवस के इस कार्यक्रम में कक्षा ८, ९ व १० के छात्रों ने भाग लिया। इस वर्ष कक्षा ८ के लिए 'अंदाज़ अपना अपना' शीर्षक से एक हास्य कवि सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया गया था, जिसमें कक्षा ८ के इन बाल कवियों ने काका हाथरसी से लेकर श्री अशोक चक्रधर, श्री महेंद्र अजनबी, श्री सुनील जोगी आदि प्रसिद्ध कवियों की रचनाओं का वाचन कर मुख्य अतिथियों, अध्यापकों व दर्शकों का मन मोह लिया। कक्षा ९वीं के छात्रों द्वारा 'कलम के शिल्पी' शीर्षक से पौराणिक पात्रों पर रचित कविताओं की दृश्य-श्रव्य माध्यम से रचनात्मक प्रस्तुति की गई। इसमें छात्रों ने देवी दुर्गा, दानी कर्ण, महाबली रावण, देवी सरस्वती, श्रीकृष्ण व मुनि परशुराम पर आधारित अत्यंत ही रोचक कविताएँ प्रस्तुत की । इन पौराणिक पात्रों के प्रेरणादायी जीवन पर प्रकाश भी डाला गया ताकि छात्रों को इनके अमूल्य जीवन से कुछ सीख व ज्ञान मिल सके। कक्षा १० वीं के छात्रों ने हिंदी के प्रसिद्ध साहित्यकारों पर आधारित कार्यक्रम 'प्रासंगिक कल भी आज भी' शीर्षक से एक रोचक व रचनात्मक कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत

किया। इसमें श्री जयशंकर प्रसाद, श्री हरिओम पँवार, श्री सूर्यकांत त्रिपाठी निराला, श्री गोपाल प्रसाद व्यास, श्री रामधारी सिंह दिनकर तथा श्री हरिवंशराय बच्चन जी के जीवन पर प्रकाश डाला गया।

इसके लिए संवाद, साक्षात्कार, अंताक्षरी आदि विधाओं का भी सहारा लिया गया। ततपश्चात् इन प्रसिद्ध कवियों की एक-एक काव्य रचना को दृश्य-श्रव्य माध्यम का सहारा लेकर बहुत ही कलात्मक रूप से प्रस्तुत किया गया। ततपश्चात् इन प्रसिद्ध कवियों की एक-एक काव्य रचना को दृश्य-श्रव्य माध्यम का सहारा लेकर बहुत ही कलात्मक ढंग से प्रस्तुतीकरण किया गया। गतिविधियों का स्वरूप प्रतियोगिता का न होने के बावजूद छात्रों का उत्साह व तैयारी अतुलनीय रही। इस वर्ष सृजन मंच की गतिविधियों को प्रतियोगिता के रूप में नहीं बल्कि सहयोगात्मक रूप प्रस्तुत किया गया। इस अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में सेंट जेवियर्स स्कूल, दिल्ली की भूतपूर्व सम्मानित हिंदी अध्यापिकाएँ श्रीमती वंदना माथुर, श्रीमती शुकल शर्मा, श्रीमती साधना जैन व श्रीमती प्रोमिला मित्तल उपस्थित थीं, जिन्होंने छात्रों के उत्साह, आत्मविश्वास व तकनीकि ज्ञान के साहित्यिक गतिविधियों में उपयोग की ज़ोरदार प्रशंसा की।



संस्कृत श्लोक वाचन

कक्षा आठवीं के विद्यार्थियों के लिए ऑनलाईन संस्कृत श्लोक वाचन प्रतियोगिता 'स्वरांजलि' का आयोजन किया गया। यह प्रतियोगिता दिनांक २४ अगस्त को संपन्न हुई। इस प्रतियोगिता में सभी अनुभागों के प्रतियोगियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया। छात्र-छात्राओं ने अनेक सुंदर स्तुतियों/ईश्वर वंदना, श्लोकों और अन्य संस्कृत कविताओं का बहुत ही प्रभावशाली तरीके से प्रस्तुतिकरण किया। प्रतियोगिता के अंतिम चरण तक पहुँचने के लिए उन्हें चयन प्रक्रिया से गुज़रना था। इसमें भी उनका उत्साह प्रशंसनीय था। प्रतियोगिता के दिन वे पूर्ण आत्मविश्वास से भरे थे। उनका यह उत्साह निर्णायकों को भी लुभा गया। इस प्रतियोगिता के निर्णायक थे- श्रीमती वंदना माथुर और श्रीमती शुकल शर्मा। निर्णायकों ने भी बच्चों के उत्साह, तैयारी व आत्मविश्वास की बहुत प्रशंसा की।



XESS Club Activities

E-SYMPOSIUM

FOR THE COMMERCE AND HUMANITIES STUDENTS OF CLASSES 11TH AND 12TH

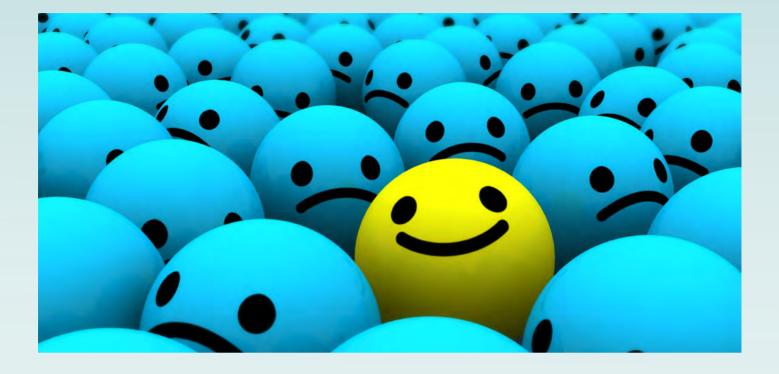
"For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate." ----Margaret Heffernan

As the human race continues to be engulfed in the pandemic and the humdrumness of life seems to be never-ending, Xavier's Economics and Social Sciences Society decided to break through the walls of listlessness and continue the saga of venturing on the unknown paths and discovering new ideas. On 10th December 2020, the XESS society organized the first edition of the E-symposium for the Commerce and Humanities students of classes 11 and 12. The school was indeed privileged to have Mr. Joby Joseph as the judge for the event. There were 6 teams of two students each, one acting as a presenter and the other as an interjector.

The teams were provided with four topics which are as follows:-

- 1. The Fate of Agriculture in India
- 2. Importance of Financial Education
- 3.Effect of the US elections' results on the world economy
- 4. Gross Happiness Index v/s GDP

The presenter of each team was provided with 6 minutes to dive into a detailed explanation of the topic chosen along with a PowerPoint presentation that had to supplement the presenter's explanation.



Next, the presenter of the team was exposed to some thought provoking questions asked by the interjectors of the other teams to test her/his in-depth knowledge about the subject. The air was bubbling with ebullience and ardor. In between the performances, everybody was greeted with pleasant surprises in the form of some matchless musical treats.

And at last, the moment came for which everyone was waiting with bated breath. In the presenter category, Nikita Bansal (11C) bagged the first position followed by Vani Jindal (12D) grabbing the second position. Tanmay Bansal (12D) secured the third position. In the interjector category, Tanmay Verma (12E) bagged the first position followed by Advika Atmana (11C) grabbing the second position. The third position was shared by Sarthak Didwania (12D) and Jatin Kumar Goel (11D). Overall, Team 1 consisting of Nikita Bansal (11C) as presenter and Advika Atmana(11C) as interjector, was declared the best team. Through the event, each participant was able to explore a new dimension of the gold mine of knowledge. All six teams were truly remarkable in the presentation. Thus, it can be easily concluded that the event was a grand success and the first of its kind.

-BRINDA (11D)



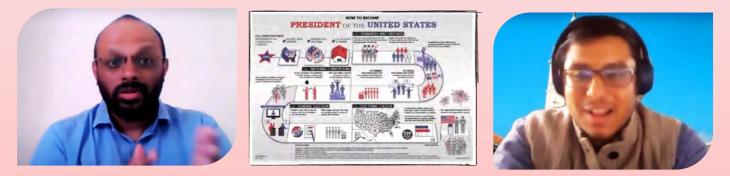
The US Presidential System Explained....

The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness.

On 9th November 2020, a webinar was conducted on **'The US Presidential system'** for classes 11C, 11E, and 12E. The speaker and the resource person was **Mr. Pranav Gupta**, a Ph.D. candidate in political science from the University of California, Berkeley.

The day started with him sharing with the participants certain fond memories of him working in the civil lines post his Ph.D. He provided us a detailed overview on various important topics consisting of the American political system- Presidential system, Electoral processes in the US, and the US elections, 2020. At the end of the session, he clarified certain doubts and questions raised by the students, followed by the vote of thanks.

The session proved to be very insightful and fruitful for the students due to the efforts of Fr. Principal, Fr. Rector, our teachers, Mr..K. J. Devasia, Mr. A. K. Das, Mrs. Shobha Miranda, Mr. Jithin S. George, and all the others who worked for the success of the event.





RAMANUJAN CLUB Maths Quiz 2020-21

Mathematics is the basis of everyday life. We need to calculate not only how much we spend in day-to-day living but also how much we could preserve. The modern era is the era of the quiz, Mathematics helps in developing heuristic and problem-solving attitudes among the students. During Covid pandemic, Xavier's remained passionate about Mathematics and came up with activities like proving theorems/ identities by cutting and pasting and an online Maths Quiz for class 8. The students performed remarkably well and proved that nothing can stop the zeal of learning. The quiz had four rounds namely, General round, Hand raised round, Visual and Rapid fire round. The efforts behind the preparation of the event were well appreciated.

The winners of the competition are as follows:

1ST POSITION: 8B 2ND POSITION: 8D 3RD POSITION: 8E





Veerta Puruskar - 2021

Although, the covid year could not bring much to the NCC cadets, the few opportunities were very special and could not be forgotten easily. One such opportunity was that the NCC cadets of Xavier's won the Veerta Puruskar 2021. The cadets of our school were invited for a cultural performance in the Veerta Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, 9th March' 2021 at the Indian Islamic Cultural Centre. The event was organised by VEERTA - THE YOUTH POWER OF INDIA. 3 cadets :- Mokshda (9-B), Jessna (12-A) and Jensa (8-B) were there to represent the school. Many NCC cadets from different colleges were there on duty and for other performances. The guests for the event were prominent people from Members of Parliament to journalists and media people. It was an honor for us that the very courageous Chairman of the All India Terrorist Front, fondly called as the 'Zinda Shaheed', Sir M. S. Bitta was also present there. The event started with the 'Ganesh Vandana' performance in Kathak by Cadet Mokshda. After that, we had speeches from the great personalities present there. The speech of Sir M. S. Bitta was like echoing thunder that was so inspiring that none of us can forget it. Soon after, the awards were conferred on those people who had done great service to humanity. The award ceremony was followed by cultural performances by different cadets. Cadets Jessna and Jensa



performed a Duo Classical Fusion dance which gathered a huge applause. All the performers were presented medals and certificates. Ms. Jayanti Dewan, also got a Memento of appreciation.

-MOKSHDA (9-B)



Best Cadet Award

Manasvi Vats was presented with the second best Cadet award. Manasvi Vats is a part of the NCC Unit 1DGBn, Kashmere Gate which is one of the army units of the Delhi directorate. Two cadets of each school associated with the unit were present for selection which was to happen to select two cadets for the next level. The next level was to be held between several units of the Delhi directorate for which Manasvi was selected. The second level was held at National Cadet Corps Group Headquarters, Kirti Nagar where one cadet from each army, naval, and air unit of Delhi directorate was present. It was a tough competition between the cadets which started with a written test. After that, the NCC drill test happened and the competition ended with a short interview. Manasvi won the second Best Cadet Award in the Delhi Directorate. The cadets received cheques of 3500/- from the CO of the units they were representing. She received it from CO of 1DGBn, Col. Pankaj Kumar. This whole journey of Best Cadet was filled with a lot of hard work. As the motto of NCC says, "Unity and Discipline", the best cadet needs to be the most disciplined and the most hardworking because best cadets are not born, they are made.





On Being a part of Pre-Republic Day Camp

It was a wonderful feeling, when I got to know that I got selected for the Republic day camp (RDC). I only did 4cardars of pre-RDC, couldn't qualify in the mains but still had a really great experience there, got a lot to learn. I Stuti Manchanda was a part of the NCC unit 1DGBN, Kashmere Gate . It feels really great when you were the only JW(junior wing) cadet from your battalion that was doing a national camp, selected over hundreds of cadets. The Republic day camp was held in Safdarjung enclave 'C' group headquarters. The first camp was IGC(inter-group competition), then cardar-1,2,3,4. As it was not that easy to remain in your position in every camp, there were practices and competitions that decided who is going to leave or stay and in every camp we have to get ready for those competitions, which decides our destiny of RDC. Besides competitions there were even very familiar bond between all the cadets there, the routine there was also very strict, like waking up at 5:00am, exercising then drill, then cultural practices then after doing all then hard work during the whole day, we got released from our practices almost at 2:00am then having almost 3 hours of sleep, our routine again began. A great experience as I said. A cadet with confidence, discipline and talent can achieve anything she wants to.





STUTI MANCHANDA (10-B)



WEBINARS

A WEBINAR ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

A Webinar was conducted for the staff members of Xaviers on Artificial Intelligence. The speaker was Mr. Vishal Bhasin from the USA who runs a private firm for training students and teachers in Artificial Intelligence at different levels. The teachers were shown how students can be trained in AI and can work on different projects for the same. AI includes programming the machines to think according to the preferences of the user. Some examples for the same include Google voice assistant, search engines, etc.

With the release of the New Education Policy, AI has become an important part of the CBSE curriculum. This webinar introduced the teachers to this new area of study and hence was very useful.





WEBINAR ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY-2020

A webinar on National Education Policy, 2020 was conducted on 25th February, 2021 and 1st March, 2021 for the parents of the students of classes 5-8. These sessions were conducted by Mr. Jithin S. George, Mrs. K.C. Maya and Mrs. Prabhjeet Kaur. The webinar served as an introduction to the recently adopted National Education Policy - 2020.

Changes in learning methodologies, learning outcomes and their impact on physical and mental health and well-being of the children was explained.



NEP proposes a lot of changes in teaching-learning methods, assessment and examination structures. Some major accommodations and modifications are suggested in the NEP to ensure continued education for Children With Special Needs (CWSN), Socio Economic Disadvantaged Groups (SEDG) and Gifted students. Emphasis on Vocational training, importance of regional language and art is a major highlight of NEP. Implementation of the NEP will be a slow and gradual process and in phases. It was emphasized that the NEP 2020 aims to bring out the positive best in a student and the focus will be on overall development and skill nurturing of the child. At the end, the queries of the parents were answered by the respective teachers. Parents were delighted to enhance their knowledge about NEP 2020 through this webinar.

WEBINAR ON CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY by Dr. Roma Kumar

Dr. Roma Kumar, a Clinical Psychologist, with over 30 years of experience, is a Senior Consultant at the Institute of Child Health at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi since 1991 and at Max Super Specialty Hospital Gurgaon since April 2012. She has been recognized by various communities and associations for her influence and growth in the field of Psychology in India.

Dr. Roma Kumar conducted a session with the students of classes 10 and 11 highlighting the changing landscape of careers in Psychology. She shared her personal account of breaking the stigma and opting for Psychology around 30 years back.



Dr. Roma Kumar addressed the queries of the students about Psychology and building a career around it. She clarified that students need to pursue M. Phil. in Clinical Psychology, accredited with the Rehabilitation Council of India that can give a student the license to work as a Clinical Psychologist. She encouraged the students to work hard and be passionate about the field they choose.

-SHUBHRA S. KHURANA

CAREER COUNSELLING SESSIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

• Online Career Fair

On 21.10.2020, IDP conducted an online career fair, and an invite was sent to our school. The students of class 11 and 12 participated in it in large numbers and benefited from the same.

- From November 24, 2020, to December 18, 2020, all the sections of classes 10, 11, and 12 were invited for a **'Let's Connect'** session with the school counselor. Each session lasted from 30 to 50 minutes where the students shared about their lockdown experiences.
- Mr. A. Vij from the 'Pratham " Group interacted with the students of class 10 about stream selection just a few days before the school requested them to fill up their stream choice form. This webinar was organized so that the students could make an informed decision about their preferred stream for class 11.



• **"Career in Psychology"**, a webinar was organized keeping in mind our recently introduced subject for class 11, Psychology. Dr. Roma Kumar, an experienced and renowned Psychologist interacted and guided the students on various streams and career options available to them after studying Psychology.

CAROL SINGING COMPETITION FOR CLASS 8



'Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.'



To celebrate this great occasion of Christmas the Senior school of St. Xavier's organized it's first ever **online Carol Singing Competition** for the students of class 8. The competition started with a prayer song followed by a beautiful video on gratefulness. 'Gratefulness makes sense of the past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow', was the inspirational message given by Mrs. Alka Rosario. Under the able guidance of Subin sir, one student from each section of class 8 sang a beautiful carol and each carol sung was about the life of Jesus. The judges for the competition were Mr. Elvis Julius and Miss Priscilla Joane Waters. The competition ended with a motivational message by the Vice Principal Mr. K.J. Devasia.

The winners of the competition were

1st Position :	Jerome Jaymon	8-A
2nd position :	Arit Singh	8-E
3rd Position :	Sriyansh Jain	8-B
3rd Position :	Sana Mohan	8-C



A Promise of Glad Tidings

The first ever online Christmas staff program was held on 22nd December 2020. This program was attended by Principal Father T. J. Jose S.J., Rector Father Jose Philip S.J., the most revered Jesuit Fathers, Fr Thomas V Kunnankal, Fr. K T Thomas and many other distinguished guests. Mrs. Rino Rachel Joy hosted the event. The program began by invoking and praising the lord for his countless blessings during this unprecedented crisis of Covid-19. The praver song "When a child is born' was a prayer asking the Lord for a ray of hope, for a brand new morning and for the misery and suffering to be forgotten forever, was sung. Rector Father Jose Philip S.J. gave the message of Christmas and highlighted the significance of the Urdu poem "Hum Dekhenge" by Begum Iqbal Bano amidst the unrest and chaos in the world. Mr Chacko Joseph also shared the Christmas message wherein he emphasized on the good news that Christ brought to the people in the world. The program also witnessed some mesmerizing instrumental renditions of

carols as well as a medley of Christmas carols by our beloved teachers.

Father Thomas V Kunnankal completed his 75 years of ministry with the society of Jesus. An audio visual presentation on the inspirational journey of this multifaceted and dynamic personality was shown through a video presentation brought to us by Mr Ashish Chawla from the 1992 batch. As a part of the Christmas program, every year the jubilarians are felicitated during the Christmas program. Mr K.J. Devasia felicitated and appreciated the hard work of our teachers who completed their 25 years of teaching in the year 2020, shouldering the Jesuit legacy and pedagogy with utmost dedication and sincerity. The program culminated with the address of Principal Fr. T.J. Jose S.J. who shared his views on godliness and also asked all his beloved teachers to explore the godliness within them. This program concluded with a word of gratitude to our most venerable Jesuits and program convenors. The host concluded the program with a prayer for hope, happiness and normalcy for the year 2021.

-MRS. RINO RACHEL JOY





TWIN PAIRING PROGRAM

On 26th February 2021,

CBSE conducted its first ever online Twin Pairing Program Inter School (an Interactive Session). The class 8 students of the twinned schools, Rajkiya Pratibha Vidyalaya, Ludlow Castle and St. Xavier's Sr. Sec School participated in the program. The event was hosted by Mrs. Sunita Sharma from St. Xavier's and Mrs. Manju from Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidhyalaya. The aim of the competition was to encourage the spirit of participation, make students of the two schools meet and interact with each other and share their views regarding various pertinent issues. The program started with introduction of twinned schools respectively, through a PPT presentation by both the schools. The students of both the schools were put into 6 groups with equal numbers of students from each school. There were two break out room sessions. In the first break out room session. students were to interact with each other and introduce themselves. Then, the group leader of each group was to

summarize the discussion which took place in their respective groups during the break out room session 1 in the main meeting. Again the students were sent to the second break out room Session where they expressed their respective views on the two topics 'Gender equality' and

'Responsible use of the Internet', through speeches or PPT's. The group leader of each group was to summarize the discussion made in their respective groups in the main meeting.

A drawing competition on the topic 'Gender equality' was also conducted in which **Snigdha Bhatt (8 E)** of St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School won first prize of Rs.700. In the poetry competition the topic was 'Responsible use of the internet'. **Yash Gupta (8 B)** of St. Xaviers won the first prize of Rs.700. The entries for the respective categories were mailed a week before and were judged online only. Overall it was an enriching program for students of both the twinned schools where they learnt to interact with new students and learnt about each other.



Jubilarians, 2020-21



Mrs. Charu Sood joined St. Xavier's Senior school as PGT Computer on 2nd January 1995. She has always been a meticulous planner as she organised and successfully conducted various inter school and intra school competitions. Ma'am is presently the HOD of the Computer Department. She is popular among the students and the staff for her jovial nature and pleasant persona. The XT congratulates ma'am for completing 25 years of dedicated service to Xavier's.

Mrs. Meena Kapoor joined St. Xavier's as TGT Hindi on 1st September 1995. She has always actively contributed in the major events of the school like the Play Fest, Srijan Club activities and the Music Fest. Approachability among students and accuracy in work are some of the sterling qualities of ma'am. We at Xavier's congratulate her on completing 25 glorious years in the school and wish her good luck, good health and God's grace in abundance for the years to come.





Hearty congratulations to dear **Mrs. Mona Rae** on completing 25 great years of fruitful service to school. Mrs. Rae is a good human being, a committed worker and an inspiration for many. All the colleagues adore, admire and respect her for her simplicity and down to earth demeanor. She is deeply admired for the effortless grace, unlimited patience and the immeasurable faith in the Lord, with which she has overcome all the challenges. XT wishes her many more years of success and innovation. May the students, staff and the school benefit from her dedicated labour for many more years to come.

Mrs. Sapna Berry is an enterprising, progressive, generous, responsible and highly respected teacher. She has always stood by her colleagues and the students whenever they faced any challenge, and has always lent her helping hand. With her plethora of experience and knowledge and her commitment to work, she has been a blessing for all at the school. On behalf of everyone at the school, XT congratulates ma'am for completing 25 glorious years in the school and also wishes her good luck and prays that she may continue to build a great future for students for many more years.







Mr. Arjun Singh, a basketball national referee and NIS coach, has been giving his wise insights and untiring coaching to many of our students and has added many laurels to the Xaverian Physical Education Department. Mr. Arjun Singh is a meticulous planner, a firm disciplinarian, a sincere employee and a man of immense ability. XT congratulates him on completing 25 glorious years in the school and prays that he may be fit as a fiddle and have thriving and joyful days ahead.

Mrs. Nisha Samuel joined the Prep wing of St.Xavier's, Delhi in 1995 and has been teaching Hindi, Mathematics , EVS and Craft to the little ones for 25 long years. She is an eminent member of the Xaverian family. Her joyful smile inspires people around her to be happy all the time. Her motherly approach to tackle the tiny ones in every possible way is always admired by everyone. We applaud and congratulate her on the completion of 25 years of dedicated service. We wish her all the best for the years to come and may the Almighty bless her abundantly.





To start with, XT congratulates **Mr. Deepak Kumar** for completing 25 years of dedicated service in this prestigious institution. He is the 3rd generation of his family to serve Xavier's. He is extremely hard working, sincere and enthusiastic when it comes to performing his duties. He loves talking to people and is admired by all for his sociable nature. He is a good human being who is always ready to go out of the way to help others. XT wishes him all the very best for all his future endeavours.



Goodbye! Until we meet again... Superannuating members of the Xaverian Family



Mrs. Rashmi Sethi joined St. Xavier's School on 15th July 1988. She served this prestigious institution for 32 years. She joined Xavier's as a Chemistry teacher. She has witnessed many administrative as well as infrastructural transformations right from being only Boys' School to Co-ed, foundation of huge Millennium Complex, spacious Computer labs, Multimedia room, ELL etc. and the most recent change of switching over to digital classes (virtual classes) due to pandemic constraint. She has always taught her students that there are no shortcuts in life. Hard work is the key to success. Always understand the value of time and efforts. The time they will invest now and the efforts they will make today will surely turn into desired fruits. She has also inspired them not to ignore the advice given by their teachers, parents and elders. Always respect them. She encourages them to believe in themselves and be passionate about what they do. Ma'am has always inspired all the students and the colleagues by her approachable and generous nature. XT wishes ma'am all the very best for her future endeavors. May the lord bless her with good health and luck for the future.

Mrs. Tuhina Bose joined St. Xavier's, Raj Niwas Marg in April 1994. She comes from a family that has a long association with the school and thus, felt at home when she came here to teach Social Science and English in the Junior school. Ma'am has always inspired awe from students and teachers alike with her willingness to learn and her progressive attitude. She always undertook each of her assigned tasks with great enthusiasm and delighted everyone with her innovative mind. Ma'am has been an integral part of the Golden and Diamond jubilee celebrations of the school. Her eloquence brought many swimming meets and sports day celebrations to life and she is also credited for preparing students zealously for many play fests and music fests. The XT expresses gratitude to her for her valuable contribution to the school and wishes her good luck, good health and God's grace in abundance.





Mrs. Mukta Bhatnagar, joined St. Xavier's, Delhi in 1986. Ma'am taught Mathematics and Science in the Junior school and has rendered more than 33 years of fruitful service to the school. With her integrity, commitment and expertise at her subjects, ma'am has immensely contributed towards a sound foundation of life for her students. With her humility and unassuming, jovial disposition, she won the admiration of all of her colleagues. Many interclass quizzes, music fests, play fests, swimming meets and sports day events could be brought to fruition due to Ma'am's dexterity at tabulating scores flawlessly. An equally deft chef, Ma'am is all set to allure the world with her culinary skills in the next innings of her life.

We at Xavier's pray to God that she may continue to influence many more lives through her example and enjoy God's abundant blessings for years to come.

Mrs. Sangeeta Maini joined the Junior wing of St. Xavier's, Raj Niwas Marg in April 1994. Ma'am taught Mathematics and Science to students of Classes IV, V and VI. Ma'am has an eye for detail and executed each of her tasks, be it classroom teaching, organising some school event or preparing students for some occasion, to perfection. Besides being an expert in her subjects, Ma'am is a melodious singer too and has not only prepared students for beautiful renditions at school programmes but has also lent her voice to many staff get-togethers. Mrs. Maini has been a firm disciplinarian but also one of the first persons to shower motherly affection and care onto students and colleagues, in times of distress. The Xaverian family wishes her good luck, good health, happiness and contentment for life.





Mrs. Sarojini Nautiyal joined St. Xavier's School, Delhi on 1st July 1998 to teach Hindi and E.V.S to classes II and III. Ma'am is affectionate, soft spoken and understanding. Students bloomed like flowers under her motherly guidance. Ma'am not only made difficult concepts easy but also inculcated a lifelong love for learning in her students and inspired them, through her example, to be compassionate and forgiving. She is admired by all for her graceful disposition, dignity and calmness. Ma'am practised discipline in personal life too and encouraged everyone to adopt a healthy lifestyle. We at Xavier's hope and pray that her years ahead be filled with the same happiness and positivity that she has brought to all the lives that she has touched.

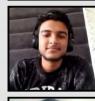


CHESS COMPETITION

Little Chess Masters at work

The Sports Department under the able guidance of Mrs. Rashmi Dorthy Sharma organized an online Chess competition for classes 9th, 10th and 11th. For class 9 it was from 9th October to 15th October,2020, for class 10 from 2nd November to 19th November, 2020 and for class 11 from 7th December to 12th December, 2020. Students of all the classes participated in large numbers with great enthusiasm. Several rounds were played under the boys and girls categories for all the classes respectively. Total number of girls and boys who participated in class 9 were 11 and 22 respectively, 9 and 56 respectively for class 10 and for class 11 were 13 and 41 respectively. Overall, the online Chess competition was a great success. Akshat Malhotra (9C) bagged the first position followed by Hardik(9E) and Anirudh (9B) respectively in boys category for class 9. Chitrakshi(9F) won the first position, Venus Maria Toms(9F) won the second position and Anushree (9F) won the third position in the girls category for class 9. Parv Gupta(10E), Ameen Mohahhed(10A) and Sarthak Adlakha(10C) won the first, second and third position respectively in the boys category for class 10. Soumya Mishra(10B), Prakariti(10C) and Anushka Gupta(10A) bagged the first, second and third position respectively in the girls category for class 10. In class 11, Keshav Vyas(11E), Ksitij Joshi(11A) and Rajat Singh(11B) bagged the first, second and third position respectively in boys category and Parnavi Singh(11A), Saanvi Sharma(11B) and Raajnandiinee(11A) won the first, second and third position respectively in girls category.























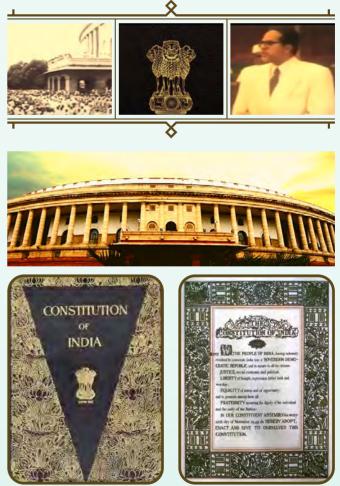




SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES Celebrations on Special Days in Special Ways

CONSTITUTION DAY

This year on 26th November, on the occasion of Constitution Day, and keeping in mind the virtual scenario of education, a special video presentation was made to enlighten the students about the making and significant features of the Indian Constitution. The video was not only visually appealing but also appealingly acquainted the students with some pointers about our Constitution. Being the longest constitution in the world consisting of 395 articles and 12 schedules, the country marked 71 years of its adoption on 26th November 2020. Coming into existence on 26th January 1950, the Indian Constitution has withstood the passage of time. It lays down the basic structure of government functioning, law and order as well as procedures required for tackling different political. social. and economic circumstances. Happy Constitution Day!



-NIKITA BANSAL, 11C



REPUBLIC DAY

71 years ago on 26 January, after a tireless struggle of more than 2 years, we the people of India were gifted with a masterpiece document to guide and govern us. We adopted and enacted a remarkable Constitution and thus gave ourselves a reason to celebrate 'Republic Day' every year.

То commemorate our loyalty to the constitution and to acknowledge the hard work and sacrifices of its architects, our school celebrated the 72nd Republic Day on its eve; 25th of January 2021, in an online platform considering the current pandemic situation. Meenakshi Jain from 12-E hosted the assembly and started off with an invocation of the Almighty's blessings by reciting a beautiful prayer written by Rabindranath Tagore dedicated to our country. Following this was a brief description of the history of the Republic Day, the MC invited our rector Rev. Fr. Jose Philip S.J. to share his insights. Fr. Jose shared a simple yet powerful poem by James Patrick Kinney about the consequences of letting our prejudices control our decisions. He encouraged us to contribute our best for nation building.





Our talented Xaverians then took us through a musical journey by rendering a beautiful cover of a song in 12 different languages. Originally sung by Aarsha Mukherjee, the song reminded us of our complex yet colourful diversity and the relevance of unity in spite of our differences.

Followed by this, Ishaan Jha, our Headboy and Punya Aggarwal, our Head girl gave rousing speeches inspiring us to stay motivated and strive for excellence and thus help our nation to reach the bar of excellence. After the vote of thanks to all the teachers and students, the MC concluded the program by sharing a unique view on 'silence' as an unpopular yet powerful language. The programme ended with a video of a heart rending musical rendition of our national anthem by autistic children and thus reviving the spirit of patriotism in us.

-FEMI GRACE, 11C











CHILDREN'S DAY

"Child is the father of man",

so said one of the greatest poets the world has ever seen, William Wordsworth. It is indeed true as children teach us what it means to be happy. They charm us with their own definition of enjoyment. Their giggling faces fill the whole world with bright sunshine. We teachers are blessed indeed to be endowed with this jocund company of little budding flowers of variegated colors and fragrances.

Children's Day as all know is celebrated on 14th November, in memory of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who advocated for children to have fulfilled education. On this special day, the teachers of Xavier's decided to make this day special for their beloved students through a short video program. The moderator of the programme was Mrs. Himani Chugh.The program began with a prayer song by Subin sir invoking the almighty to shower his blessings upon us.



















This was followed by a story narration by Alka ma'am. To touch upon your vocal chords and add music to the celebration, a musical rendition by two of our melodious teachers Das sir and Maya ma'am was then presented. This was followed by a soulful recitation of a self-composed poem by Indrani ma'am. As they say, there are two gifts we should give to our children, one is roots and the other is wings. With this thought in mind, our Principal Fr. T.J. Jose S.J. enlightened the students with a message. The celebration ended with a surprise presentation. A bunch of talented teachers who with an aim to make this day special for all the students came together and prepared a melodious rendition. It was a memorable presentation.









DISASTER MANAGEMENT ASSEMBLY





Any disaster can shake up the innermost core of human beings. People can lose their loved ones, they can become homeless, handicapped.., all this due to natural or manmade calamities. To make students sensitive to the issue of disaster and how to manage it we at the Senior school conducted a special assembly on Disaster Management. On 6 November,2020.

The assembly started with a prayer song for global peace and well-being of all. It was well anchored by Vividha Rashi of 9F. Students of class 8B Tanishka, Navya and Khushi spoke in detail about natural and man-made disasters including Biological disaster like COVID 19.The icing on the cake was a beautiful ballet presented by the students of classes 8th and 9th, where they showcased COVID 19, it's causes, precautions and remedies... all through the medium of dance. With this assembly we stressed that precautions and preparedness can ward off any Disaster.

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EVERY MOMENT is a FRESH BEGINNING

- T.S ELIOT

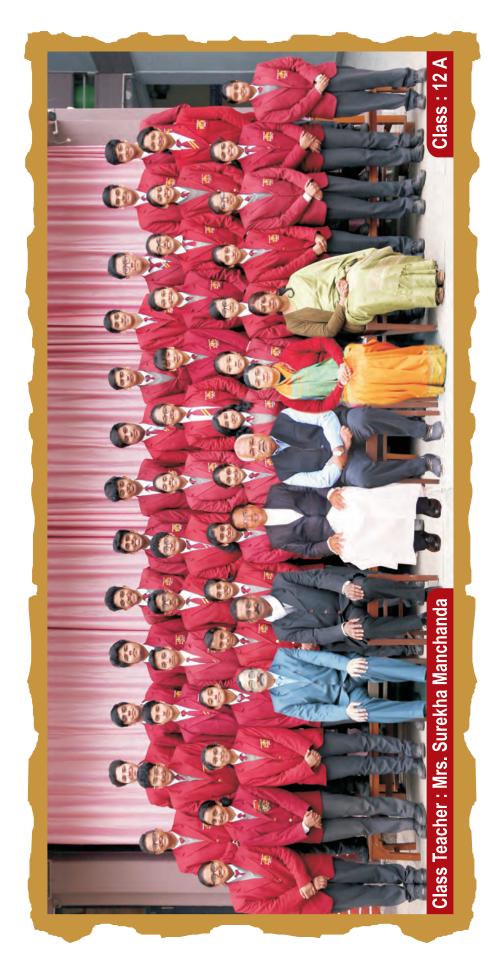


This is not the end, but a new beginning... Goodbye Seniors!

On 25th June, 2021, the batch of class 12 was given an emotional farewell, this time through an online event. The programme started with a welcome speech and introduction by the MCs-Nandini Gautam and Albin Antony of 11E followed by a prayer song. The Principal, Fr. Dr. T.J.Jose, S.J., addressed the students of the outgoing batch with an inspirational message. Avni Shyam of 11E expressed gratitude towards her seniors for being a constant source of support, through a heartwarming speech.

This was indeed one of those occassions when we felt the vacuum our dear Devasia sir has left behind. We at Xavier's believe that the prayers and blessings of our dear Devasia sir are with us always. Grettal Maria of 12 A paid a beautiful tribute to Devasia sir through a speech. We also fondly remembered our former Principal and Rector, Fr. P.T. Augustine who left for his heavenly abode on 24th April. Students also paid homage to our dear Mr. Ravi.

To touch upon the musical side of the seniors, an instrumental piece was presented by Parth Sharma 12 D, Roshan Raju 12 D and Ishan Jha 12 B. Mrs. K.C Maya, a senior faculty member expressed her feelings on bidding farewell to a batch of wonderful students. The Headboy Ishaan Jha and the Headgirl Punya Aggarwal addressed the virtual gathering with their speeches thanking the teachers for their unconditional support and guidance all through their school life. On behalf of the teachers, Mrs. K.C. Maya and Mr. A.K. Das accompanied by our Principal, Fr. T.J. Jose on the guitar, Subin Sir on the keyboard and Elvis Sir on the electric guitar and expressed their love towards the students of the outgoing batch through a melodious vocal rendition. This was followed by an emotional speech by Mrs. Tripta Mehra, parent of Arpita Mehra 12 D. Furthermore a video was presented for the batch of 2020-21 taking them down the memory lane of life at Xavier's. Rector, Fr. Jose Philip, S.J. gave a motivational message to the students. A group song beautifully rendered by the outgoing batch of 2020-21 was also presented. The farewell programme ended with the school song. The school fraternity, bade farewell to this batch of 2021 in an online mode, but the good wishes, prayers and blessings for the students flowed in abundance.



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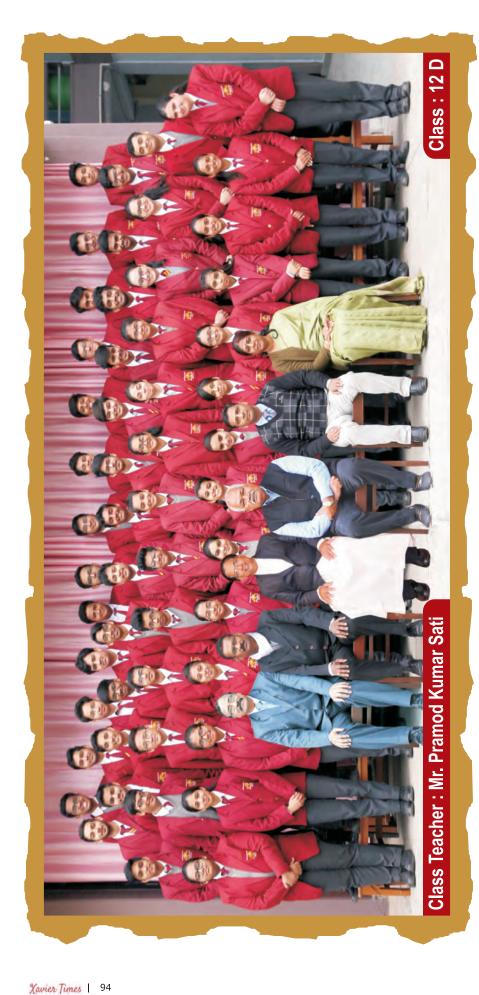


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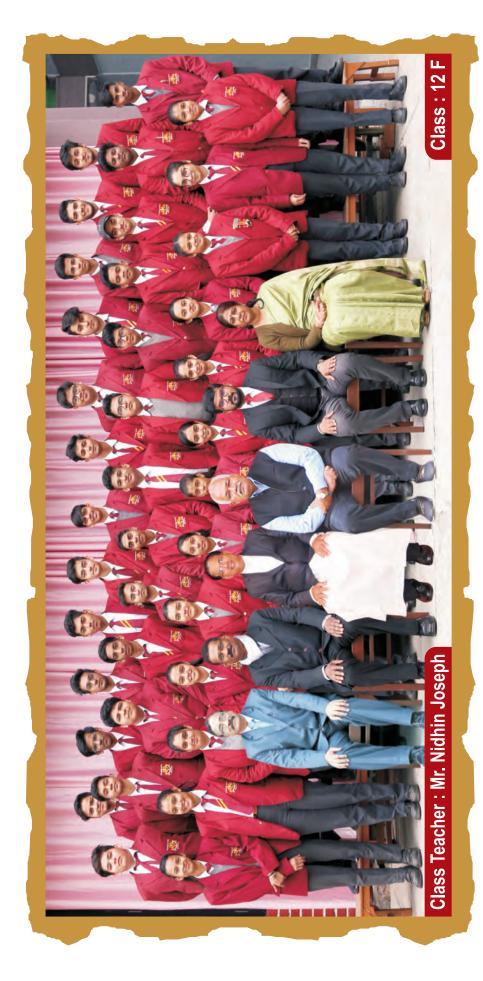


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– Ignatius of Loyola

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"A tree has roots in the soil yet reaches to the sky. It tells us that in order to aspire we need to be grounded and that no matter how high we go it is from our roots that we draw sustenance." -Wangari Maathai











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