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## The Editorial

#### "Go forth and set the world on fire."

These words of St. Ignatius of Loyola resonate in all corners of St. Xavier's Senior Secondary School. We are celebrating this year as the Ignatian year. The Ignatian Year commenced on May 20th, the 500th anniversary of the injury and subsequent transformation of Ignatius, the soldier into Ignatius, the saint and the trailblazer. The year will conclude on July 31, 2022, the feast day of St. Ignatius. The year also marks the 400th anniversary of the canonization of St. Ignatius and St. Francis Xavier.

In Ignatius's words, "Love is shown more in deeds than in words."

The year has seen some phenomenal changes in the journey of our school. We lost some of our precious gems due to the Covid pandemic. To immortalize the memory of these stalwarts, we planted saplings in the loving memory of Mr. K. J. Devasia, Fr. P. T. Augustine, SJ, Mr. Ravi, and Dr. Shekhar Agarwal. The Senior School Infirmary was dedicated to the memory of the renowned orthopaedic surgeon and alumnus Dr. Shekhar Aggarwal. The school successfully hosted the global webinar organized by the JEA as part of the Ignatian year series, on December 1st, 2021 along with the other activities pertaining to the same theme.

The TATA Power lelectrix project launched in our school creates history at Xavier's. With climate change and global warming being pertinent issues for the world at large and for the youth of today, it is extremely edifying that our school, is the place where this mega project is launched. Ours is a vibrant campus where the future generation energy warriors are being groomed. Xaverians will make this world a better place to live in.

With yet another issue of The Xavier Times, we would like to encourage everyone to believe in themselves and to internalize these words of St. Ignatius:

"Act as if everything depends on you; trust as if everything depended on God."

Team XT







# Blessings from the Provincial

You are witnesses to our world that was swayed and choked by a pandemic difficult to comprehend and conquer. You were, for almost two years, confined to your homes yet connected through the web, sharing your stories, learning your lessons and expressing yourselves through online activities. In the midst of such cocooned life, we breathed fresh air, captivated by the clear sky, heard chirping birds, squeaking squirrels, admired the stroll of a leopard and galloping Sambar deer in our streets. We have experienced a period of frozen life and also a resilience to care for one another. We, the intelligent species, have figured out ways; vaccines, immunity boosters and preventive activities to restore life. You are part of the Xaverian family that celebrates 2021-22 as Ignatian Year. In this special year, the Jesuit fathers remember the battle of Pamplona (May 20, 1521), where St. Ignatius was wounded. During his convalescence, he read through the life of Jesus and saints and he decided to serve God alone. Five hundred years have passed by and still he inspires and draws people to God. May our education and learning empower us to serve God and His creation. May we all become bridges that unite people in love and friendship.

God bless you

Fr. Soosai Mani, SJ Provincial

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# From the Rector's Office

The year 2021-2022 is a milestone for the entire Jesuit fraternity. It is the Ignatian Year, which marks the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It is also the 400th anniversary of the canonization of St. Francis Xavier, our patron saint and of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus.

It is surely a time for introspection. Ignatius was struck by a cannonball at the battle of Pampeluna. This was a life-changing moment not just for Ignatius, but also for the world, which was to witness in the centuries to come the incredible impact of the Jesuits.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a cannonball moment for the Jesuit fraternity, setting in motion some radical changes. The Society of Jesus, in this Ignatian Year, has set before the Jesuit fraternity a vision, which is summarily called the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP). The Preferences give a horizon, a point of reference to the whole Jesuit fraternity. They are four areas vital for our world today. The Society of Jesus hopes to pay special attention to them and work towards fulfilling them during the ten years starting from 2019. The Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP) have now become part of the vision and mission of the school community. We want our future generations to be moulded by this vision.

If we are successful in keeping our youth drawn to the path that leads to the Lord, we can be assured that they will begin to manifest the divine nature in them by their attempt to make the world a better place to live in. Additionally, it is our earnest desire to make our schools institutions that welcome diversity and celebrate pluralism. We also yearn to make our children sensitive to the plight of the underprivileged and the marginalized so that they feel inspired to uplift them. Finally, we want out children to be convinced that the earth, our home, needs to be nurtured with love. If we are able to instill in our youth these concerns, we will be able to make our own the words of poet Robert Browning, "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world."

With the blessings of the Almighty, let us infuse our children with this vision.

Fr. Augustine Perumalil, SJ Rector "

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# From the Principal's Desk

As curtains fall on the session 2021-22 and we look forward to the new session. gratitude is our overriding emotion. We have been through two years of grief and emotional turmoil but we have emerged as stronger, resilient and are now ready to forge ahead. The Ignatian year has come at a providential time urging each one of us to transform ourselves into enlightened and evolved human beings. The year gone by has taught us more lessons than ever before. It has been a new kind of learning. We have learnt to value the little joys of life, to appreciate the blessings of good health and the thrill of being surrounded by loved ones. We have learnt of the magnificence of technology, which has brought us together, even though we were each within the confines of our home. The most valuable lesson we have learnt is that life goes on and our children are our biggest assets. With online teaching being the order of the day for over two years, our teaching fraternity has shown that nothing is more important than the well being of our children. Our teachers have proved that education will continue, come what may. They have kept our children academically and creatively engaged for a period of two years, and we are hopeful that our children will be back in school as youngsters with a clearly defined set of values and with a passion to make this earth a better place to live in.

I am ever grateful to the Almighty that we have successfully achieved as much as we could for the welfare of our children during these trying times.

May the Lord continue to bless our institution with His grace.

Fr. T.J. Jose, SJ Principal



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### From the Headmaster's Desk

It is my immense pleasure to pen down my message on 'Check and Balance' to The Xavier Times. The Xavier Times is a platform where many of our students get golden opportunity to express their talents, dreams and aspirations. It is the mirror of St. Xavier's School.

The past two years have been both a blessing as well as a curse for many of us. Blessing in the sense; students and teachers got the chance in the academic field to adapt to a new way of teaching and learning. A lot of self learning took place among them. It was also a good chance for many students to grow by practising values like honesty and sincerity during online classes. It is a curse in the sense; students have lost the chance to learn from each other by working as a team. They missed the life enriching values which are taught in the classroom set up and school premises.

Effectively managing time and using energy to the right proportion is very important to achieve our goal. Students became so addicted to electronic gadgets during pandemic. As a result they have almost lost the value of time and energy. In other words, time and energy are used disproportionately. The attitude of spending more time and energy with electronic devices eventually separates them from fellow human beings. It is not a healthy growth. The Dutch Proverb says, "Too much of one thing is good for nothing." Anything too much beyond certain limit definitely brings bad consequences instead of bringing profitable outcome. So it is high time to check and bring balance in daily life. At the end of the day it is good to look back and see where and how we have used our valuable time and energy. How much have we gained by spending our time and energy with electronic devices?

The French political thinker Charles Montesquieu talks about "Checks and Balances" which means to limit the powers of other areas in order to maintain perfect balance between them. It is an essential component which can help us not to misuse our time and energy but rather to utilise them to the maximum. St. Ignatius also talks about this in the similar line called "The Daily Examen". It is a prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern His direction for us.

In short, keeping a check on our daily use of time and energy and making amendments in that will help us to lead a happy and satisfied life. My prayerful wishes to all Xaverians.

Fr. Madalaimuthu A., SJ

Headmaster

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# From the Prep. Director's Desk

"Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part in our hearts."

"I came that you may have life, life in abundance!" says the Holy Bible. Life is beautiful, dynamic and exciting! Today's world runs fast with high tech digitalization. The socio-economic scenario is changing rapidly. Everything is instant, quick and attainable at finger tips. Technology has the credit, inspite of the pros and cons. All of us consciously and unconsciously wish to be part of this race. While running fast, we forget the neighbour next door, the needy on the street and the weak in the society. Thus, humanity loses its essence and life becomes lifeless.

The phrase 'new normal' has become a part of our vocabulary after months of lockdown, social distancing, and work from home and pandemic angst. In this new normal era, parents have even come inside the classrooms as their homes have now been transformed into classrooms. They have been witnessing and observing how their children are learning. We are humbled to have won their appreciation regarding our teaching strategies throughout. Parents have become our quintessential partners in continuing the successful educational journey of our children. We are forever grateful to all parents of the Xaverian family! From the beginning, our teachers have been receiving continuous professional development through several workshops and weblnars.

In this scenario, education plays a vital role in inculcating virtues and enlightening the minds, thereby helping us grow into better human beings to care, to listen, to help, to love and to celebrate life, life to the fullest. The school as a beacon of education promotes planning, setting and reaching concrete and achievable goals, working harder and smarter and taking our school and student achievement to the next level of "GREATNESS". Greatness without love and concern is useless. We continue to strive for excellence, side by side channeling our students to flow through the path of love, understanding, and compassion, Justice with care, mercy and forgiveness.

As parents and teachers we not only make students productive citizens but also pro-life citizens, promoting life. We train our children to become our future leaders of peace and harmony and confidently trusting the Divine always.

The school of life never stops teaching no matter how hard life becomes. And this is precisely my message to all of you. Let us use our voice to speak justice, keep our ears open for sincere knowledge; use our hands to act for charity, broaden our minds for truth and our hearts for love and compassion.

Stay Blessed!

Sr. Kiran Beck, SMI Director, Prep. School

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# From the Vice Principal's Desk

The year 2021-22 has been a roller coaster ride for all of us. We have been through agonizing experiences of loss, grief and anger, but we have also been through redemptive moments and have imbibed some beautiful lessons that life has taught us.

As rightly quoted by Socrates, 'The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not in fighting the old but on building the new.'

This is just what we propose to do in the new session. We are all new people today, changed in our perspective, our experiences and in our vision.

We look back at the academic session gone by with wonderment. The quantum of teaching and learning that has taken place in the given circumstances is incredible. Parents too have been witness to the teaching learning process. Our teachers have utilized technology to the best possible extent to ensure that optimum learning is taking place. Now we look forward to our school campus resonating with the rambunctious laughter of our children.

We also celebrate the Ignatian year 2021-2022. Ignatius of Loyola experienced a moment of great transformation after he was injured by a cannonball. The pandemic has been a transformative moment for us too. So let's all learn from our experiences, and purified by the testing fire of our suffering, now be ready to move ahead with renewed vigour.

Mrs. Shobha Miranda Vice Principal "

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#### From the Coordinators



'Education is the most powerful tool which one can use to change the world.'

At St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School, untiring and never ending efforts are made to inculcate the academic.

co-scholistic and human values in the budding Xaverians. Unfortunately, COVID 19 pandemic has turned the physical classrooms into virtual ones and disrupted the work and the daily activities of school. At Xavier's teachers have already found their ways to interact with their respective students.

We all know, students have boundless energy which needs a proper channel to flow. But due to the pandemic, they are shut down within the boundaries of their houses in front of their digital gadgets. The role of teachers and the parents, both have increased tremendously to make the students sit with concentration in their virtual classes. The increasing restlessness and impatience among the students has become a challenge for all.

With the pandemic coming to a closure we are hopeful for a brighter tomorrow wherein, there is enough social interaction between teachers and students which would in turn lead to a better learning experience.

As we are expecting normal schooling from April, the biggest challenge in front of the teachers is to reduce the 'learning gap' of the students. For two years, these students were out of the schooling system.

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Mr. A. K. Das
Coordinator of Academics



I consider myself very fortunate to have been given this responsibility of being instrumental in endeavouring to mould the lives of our dear students so as to help them attain their maximum potential.

I for one, am a staunch believer of the positive impact that co-curricular activities can have on the over-all development and well-being of an individual. So, what better a time can we have to create opportunities for the all round development of our children than when they are at such an impressionable age of school days. I believe it is the responsibility of every parent and the school staff to make all possible collaborative efforts to achieve this common objective. The synergic efforts of the school and family can certainly prove to be a definite path to reach this desired end.

This is an area of work that requires constant support and ever evolving ideas to make our endeavours successful. I take this opportunity to call for the support of our school staff as well as our parent body in our joint efforts to make the lives of our dear students as fruitful and fulfilling as possible.

I hope and pray that in all our endeavours to shape the learning experiences of our students, we be guided by the paradigms of the 'Ignatian' pedagogy- context, experience, reflection, action, and evaluation.

Mrs. K. C. Maya

Coordinator of Activities

## Messages





'Life doesn't become easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient.' Steve Maraboli

It's been two years since the pandemic changed the course of everyone's

life. With schools suddenly closing down, it was the most uncertain period of time not only for parents and students but for teachers as well.

Kudos to our teaching community, who, without wasting any time, quickly geared up for conducting classes in the online mode. Changing from offline mode of teaching to online was not an easy task. But our teachers showed a lot of resilience and underwent rigorous training and practice sessions to make sure that the education process does not get disrupted.

During this period of time, not only curricular but also extra-curricular activities like chess competition, quizzes, song and dance competition, poetry recitation, art competition etc. continued relentlessly all because of the tremendous efforts put in by our teachers. We are indeed proud of them for maintaining high standards of excellence in education even during these hard times.

Someone has rightly said, 'Ultimately, the greatest lesson that COVID 19 has taught humanity is that we are all in this together.'

We hope and pray that this pandemic will end soon and we will be able to physically impart quality education to the students.

Mrs. Mona Rae Assistant Headmistress Junior School



'Success Is where preparation and opportunity meet.'

I strongly believe that when we do something wholeheartedly, there is no way that our mission cannot be accomplished. The new generation is facing a much faster

changing world than we did decades ago. Globalization, the advent of information technology and the development of knowledge based on the economy are leading to changes at an unprecedented rate and scale.

Children are the future of every country and by investing in children's basic education we are indirectly contributing towards the country's development and creating a literate and selfsufficient society. St. Xavier's is an institution with a rich heritage and I am fortunate to be a part of it. This prestigious institution has progressed leaps and bounds for the last 60 years. Since its inception in 1960, a lot of patience, hard work and devotion have gone into bringing the school to magnificent heights. St. Xavier's imparts an excellent form of education to the students and provides them a solid foundation to explore and exhibit their talents. We can see the untiring, dedicated commitment of our Jesuit fathers who believe and assist in the total formation of each and every individual within the community.

At Xavier's, our teachers give due respect to the fact that each child is unique and is not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding. Families too play an equally important role in the overall development of the children. The partnership which our school has forged with parents has contributed significantly to make learning more interesting and effective for the students. In pursuit of EXCELLENCE, we at Xavier's commit to inspire and arouse curious, innovative and creative thoughts among our students which has always helped them to become outstanding performers in every field of life.

Wishing lots of success and happiness to each and every member of the XAVIER family.

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Mrs. Rajshree Vedl Asst. Director, Prep. School

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## Messages



It takes a minute to say hello and forever to say goodbye.

It has been 11 years since I joined this institution and not a day goes by when I am not amazed of being a part of the big Xaverian

family making us what we are today. Xavier's has nurtured us with compassion, optimism and strength. Being the Head Girl of the batch of 2021-2022, I feel immense happiness and pride to be given this opportunity. Xavier's has helped me to recognise my caliber and made me step out of my comfort zone. I cherished my time here as a student in the most simple and inordinate experiences for it symbolizes the friendship and love that surrounds us while being there. The ideals of the Xaverian spirit will always be present in our heart. Even though the last two years of our schooling was through an online mechanism, we feel lucky to have spent our time both sitting in the classrooms as well as in front of screens. Leaving Xavier's isn't easy but I am not afraid because it has been a glorious ride of learnings, experiences and memories making us more than ready to embrace our journey ahead. I wish all the juniors a very happy time at Xavier's where you will also find yourselves. Just be yourself, try new things, make friends, work hard and in the end you will see it was all worth it.

Thankyou

Nikita Bansal, 12C Head Girl, Senior School



The 13 years of purposeful studying as a Xaverian has been a fruitful journey with many ups and downs. I feel blessed to be a part of it. I was just another toddler when I entered the gates

of this institution, now Xavier's has become a second home for me. The bonds and experiences shared have made this journey more delightful. I feel proud and am filled with gratitude for the opportunity I was given to serve as the Head Boy of Academic year 2021-2022. Part of my experience as Head Boy was deeply affected by the Covid pandemic. The shift to online mode of education two years back presented a lot of challenges for us students as well as for the teachers. Still, a cooperative and proactive effort from both ends made this experience enjoyable in many ways. For the longest time, Xavier's has stood for the ideals of brotherhood, compassion and excellence. These ideals remain deeply embedded in my heart and I look forward to a bright and wonderful journey ahead! As the time comes for farewell, I encourage my talented and brilliant juniors to keep on pushing forward in taking Xavier's to soaring heights and keeping our golden and crimson flag high and mighty.

Esto Vir!

**Kartik,** 12D Head Boy, Senior School



### The Year That Was

The session 2021-22 has come to a close with a hope of a new beginning. With the parting of clouds of the pandemic, the sun is ready to shine brightly. We are zealously preparing for the new session to be conducted in the offline mode.

The session began with administrative changes. After giving an emotional farewell to Rector Fr. Jose Philip, SJ, the new Rector Fr. Augustine Perumalil, SJ, was welcomed with love and encouragement. After the sudden and untimely demise of our dear Mr. KJ Devasia, the responsibilities of the Vice Principal were taken over officially by Mrs. Shobha Miranda. The Junior School welcomed Fr. Madalaimuthu A.,SJ as the new Headmaster. The Senior School welcomed Mrs. KC Maya as the new Coordinator of Activities and bade farewell to Mr. SK Sharma, the Head of the Sports Department.

During the last session, all the celebrations and activities were conducted online. The Prep. School celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on 30th July through the virtual platform. This was followed by the Independence Day assembly in August and Gandhi Jayanti celebration in the month of October. Children's Day and Diwali were celebrated with great enthusiasm followed by elaborate Christmas celebrations including a fancy dress competition, poem recitation and dance performances. The Junior School kick-started their virtual session after summer vacation with the English and Hindi Calligraphy Contest which was held in June 2021. On 18th June 2021, an informative session was conducted on the topic 'Self-Care during Covid'. On the occasion of International Yoga Day, a Poster Making Competition was conducted for standards VI and VII. A special assembly was conducted on the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola stressing upon the 500th year anniversary of St. Ignatius' conversion. Throughout the year special assemblies on the occasion of Teacher's Day, Hindi Diwas, Yoga Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Children's Day, Christmas and Republic Day were conducted with lots of zeal. The session in the Junior School ended with the giving of Farewell to the students of class VII on 25th February 2022 on a virtual platform.

In continuation with the tradition of activity based learning, the Senior School conducted various subject club activities to enhance the understanding of various aspects of different subjects among the students. The Ignatian Year was celebrated through a plethora of activities and performances by the students of the Senior School, the highlight of which was the mime presentation of the love of the great Saint. Special assemblies on various occasions like Independence Day, Feasts, Children's Day, Teacher's Day, Christmas, Republic Day, Disaster Management Day were celebrated with utmost creativity and energy. To add another feather in our cap, the Senior School successfully conducted the first ever Term 1 Board exam for classes 10 and 12 in MCQ format.

We hope to master the challenges offered by the new academic session with the blessings of our patron saints. Esto Vir!

Mrs. Anukriti Khindria and Mrs. Himani Chugh



# A Rendezvous with the new Rector Fr. Augustine Perumalil, SJ



The Xavier Times Editorial Board is delighted to get this opportunity to get to know Fr. Augustine better as he embarks upon a new journey as the Rector of St. Xavier's Senior Secondary School.

XT: Congratulations Father on being bestowed upon the role of the Rector! Would you

like to share your feelings and apprehensions?

Fr.: The manager's role in a Jesuit school is closely correlated to that of the principal in such a way that while the latter shoulders direct administrative responsibility in ensuring the well being of the school, the former assumes an indirect responsibility. This arrangement releases the manager from much of the strains associated with administration and makes him free to play the role of an animator, taking upon himself the responsibility to see that the school embodies the characteristics of Jesuit education incorporating the priorities set by the Society from time to time. The former is an executive role that involves achieving goals while the latter is concerned with the vision and mission that defines the goals. There is greater clarity about the former, while the latter is more amorphous. So, on the one hand, I feel relieved that I am not directly accountable for maintaining discipline and the smooth administration of the academic and co-curricular activities while, on the other, I feel uncertain about the procedures of animating the administration and the entire school community to embody the characteristics of Jesuit education.

XT: We would love to know about your family background and your spiritual journey.

Fr.: I was born as the 11th child of a family of 12 siblings, 8 sisters and 4 brothers. Farmers by

occupation, we were diligent about our religious practices. When I was five years old, my eldest brother joined the seminary to become a priest. My desire to become a priest had its origin from that time. However, in the course of time, it faded somewhat and I had no clear vision for my life during my high school days. After finishing high school, the question "what next?" became important. My brother, who was already ordained a priest and working in a mission in Bihar, remembering that I had a desire to become a priest, asked whether I would like to join him. After some deliberation, I answered him in the affirmative. He then directed me to Mission Home, Palai, Kottavam, for the initial training. After a year of learning English and Hindi along with an introduction to prayer life, in 1972, I was sent to Patna for further training which included both academic studies as well as psycho-spiritual formation. This lasted till 1989 April when I was ordained a priest. The formation continued for four more years as I had to complete my theology studies as well as my PhD. After having completed the long formation, in 1993, I took up my first assignment in Sacred Heart College, Chennai, to teach philosophy to young Jesuits aspiring to be priests, a task that I continued till 2012 when I was transferred to St Xavier's College, Jaipur where I worked for the next 9 years.

XT: What are your areas of interest and hobbies?

Fr.: In my younger days, I used to be interested in various games along with my formation programs.

For some time, I was interested in drawing and



painting, though I was not very good at it. As a college student, I used to read many novels in Hindi and in English. I keep myself informed on politics, scientific discoveries, technology and the latest in cosmology. I don't miss an opportunity to travel, see new places, be informed of the culture of the people. Working in many places, I have developed familiarity with languages such as Tamil, Nepali, Bhojpuri, Punjabi, etc. From 1998, freed from administrative responsibilities, I started writing scholarly books and articles. Until I put my pen down to take up administrative responsibilities, I have published 8 books and over 25 scholarly articles.

**XT**: What values, in your opinion, are prerequisites for a student?

Fr.: I am reminded of one of the dohas of Kabir which can be roughly translated thus:

Reading books everyone died, none became any wise

One who reads the word of Love, only becomes wise

Along with knowledge and competence, a student must cultivate his/her heart to root out selfishness and antisocial tendencies and fill it with love and compassion. To have love in the heart means, as St. Augustine put it, to have the hands to help others, the feet to hasten to the poor and the needy, the eyes to see misery and want of people around, the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. In other words, students should never exploit the weak or bend their knees before the antisocial oppressors, but stand in defence of the frail.

XT: As the Rector of this great institution, what changes or transformations would you like to see here?

Fr. : The Society has entrusted some priority areas for all Xaverians:

- · To show the way to God;
- To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world,
- To bring about reconciliation and justice;
- To create a hope-filled future for the young people;
- To look after the well-being of nature on which our life depends.

In addition, the Delhi Province is in the process of defining its own priorities. I would like to see these priorities take root in the consciousness of the Xaverians, prompting them to work for the creation of a just, humane and prosperous world.

**XT**: Would you like to share a motivational message for the students?

Fr.: The Chinese built a mighty wall (21,196.18 km long) hoping that the enemies will not be able to breach it. Ironically, it was breached thrice. The marauders did not resort to breaking the wall or scaling it. They just bribed the guards who abandoned their posts when the conquerors arrived. What was lacking was not warpreparedness nor protective walls nor weapons nor training but men with character and loyalty. This experience tells us that if our education is confined to acquiring knowledge and competence, but not character, it is incomplete; we can only be a disgrace to society, to the nation.

XT: Thank You Father for sparing your valuable time for us. We are grateful for your prompt responses. Wishing you best of luck for your journey.



# In Conversation with the new Vice Principal Mrs. Shobha Miranda



XT: Congratulations on taking up a new role at Xavier's! Would you like to share your feelings and apprehensions?

Ma'am: The role of Vice Principal has come to me at a tragic time and I accepted it with mixed feelings. The loss

of our dear Devasia sir has left a deep void. It would not be wrong to say that sir was my mentor and guide and I have learnt all that I need for handling this position from sir. His simple, affectionate, endearing personality and his words of advice and wisdom still resound in my ears. He has been my inspiration and still is even today. My father too had served the school as vice principal over two decades ago and hence I took on the role with a twinge of apprehension. Stepping into the shoes of such stalwarts can be quite overwhelming.

I have taught at Xavier's for nearly 18 years and I have seen the school grow in size, stature and infrastructure. With the strong support of a highly motivated staff, our school is sure to touch new horizons.

XT: We would be delighted to know about your educational and professional background.

Ma'am: I was born and brought up in Delhi. In fact I can say that I spent my childhood here within the confines of this beautiful campus. My father joined Xavier's in the early sixties and stayed in this campus with other teachers who joined the school in its nascent stage. So I have grown up in this campus among the stalwarts of the school.

I did my schooling from Presentation Convent School, but my indoctrination in Jesuit culture and philosophy continued all through my growing years. After my schooling I went on to do my graduation from Miranda House, Delhi University. I completed my post graduation in English from Delhi University. I did my Bachelor's in Education from the Central Institute of Education, Delhi University. I worked for over a decade in my Alma Mater and then joined Xavier's in 2004. It's been nearly two decades since I joined Xavier's and I feel happy and proud to be a part of this magnificent institution.

XT: Ma'am, would you like to share with us your interests and hobbies?

Ma'am: I am an avid reader and I would describe a blissful moment as one in a serene place with a book in hand. My tastes in reading have also evolved over the years, from fiction to biographies and autobiographies and now to self help books and books on spirituality. I also like listening to music. The lockdown also helped me discover a new interest, calligraphy. Another interest that I have is baking. I love trying out different cakes and cookies.

XT: What is your work ideology?

Ma'am: I have a simple yet firm belief that when it comes to work, one has to love what one does. Sometimes the stress and the workload can be quite overwhelming, but the joy and satisfaction of doing one's job well can be exhilarating. Here at Xavier's it is evident that the faculty love their work, and that feeling permeates to the students too.

XT: What is your approach to discipline and motivation for the students?

Ma'am: Being naughty and indisciplined is all part and parcel of growing up. We as educators need to



understand that having a school full of disciplined children is an illusion. Children who are placed within our care need to be groomed and corrected with love. I believe that with love and understanding even the most indisciplined child can be moulded into a well-behaved, confident and responsible child. The children are with us for over 5 hours in a day and grooming, disciplining and motivating them is an important part of education. However it is also important to strictly adhere to rules so that students understand that they cannot take rules for granted. School rules are to be strictly followed by each and every child for their own wellbeing and betterment. This message has to be understood and internalized by every Xaverian.

XT : As the new vice principal, what do you prioritize?

Ma'am: I must confess, being an English teacher

and former HOD English my dream is to watch our children speak confidently in English and to leave the portals of the school as good human beings, confident, competent and compassionate, blessed with the gift of discernment.

XT: What message would you like to give the students?

Ma'am: My message to the students:

Fill your hearts with gratitude that you have had the opportunity to receive your education at Xavier's. At Xavier's you are given the opportunity to find your true calling, so plunge yourself into activities and discover your passion. I urge every child to follow his/her heart. Marks do not define who you are. However academics grooms you into a knowledgeable, well-informed adult. So do not neglect your academics. Balancing both academics and activities is of utmost importance.





# A Tete-a-tete with the new Coordinator of Activities Mrs. K.C. Maya



XT: Congratulations on taking up a new role at Xavier's! Would you like to share your feelings and apprehensions? Ma'am: Thank you. As I embark upon this

embark upon this journey, I look forward to the continuous support, guidance and

suggestions from our parent body as well as from the staff members.

XT: We would be delighted to know about your educational and professional background.

Ma'am: I am a graduate in Economics from Miranda House, Delhi University. I completed my postgraduate studies in Economics from Delhi School of Economics. D.U. and my Bachelors of Education from Central Institute of Education, D.U. I joined Xavier's in the year 2001 as a PGT - Economics.

XT : Ma'am, would you like to share with us your areas of interest and hobbies?

Ma'am: My areas of interest include debating, painting, dancing and singing. I love to indulge myself with Indian classical music both vocal and instrumental.

XT: What is your work ideology?

Ma'am: One of the common threads that has repeatedly interwoven my life experiences so far is the notion-'Work is Worship'. I have always tried to make this as the base of all that I do in my professional as well as my personal life. I consider myself extremely lucky to be able to make my passion my profession.

XT: Would you like to throw some light on the importance of extra curricular activities in the life of a student?

Ma'am: I am where I am due to, amongst other things, the kind of exposure and encouragement provided by my parents and my teachers in co-curricular activities. Thus I can say with utter conviction that co-curricular activities form an integral part of the formative years of a child. It is the responsibility of the school as well as the parents to cater to this developmental aspect of our dear children.

XT: What plans and strategies are in the pipeline for promotion of creativity among Xaverians?

Ma'am: First and foremost our task would be to help our students get back on track as the precovid times with respect to rekindling their interests in co-curricular as well as curricular domains. The lock-downs, social distancing and the trauma that the pandemic has inflicted upon the human race at large has undoubtedly created deep rooted scars on the minds and lives of our dear children, staff members and their families. Thus getting us all back on track would be the greatest challenge as of now.

Like every other year, this year too there are several House and Club activities lined up to explore and develop the myriad talents of our students.

XT: What message would you like to give to the students on how to develop a creative bent of mind?

Ma'am: Our school has always presented numerous opportunities for the all-round development of our students in the form of various inter-house, inter-class and inter-school events. Students on their part should grab every possible opportunity to hone their hidden talents and make the best use of the opportunities and platforms presented to them by their school and family. We should always bear in mind these words of our school song- "Our school is a place of learning, it gives us as we put in."





#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JUBILARIANS

Travelling on the journey of life, we meet thousands of co-travellers at new junctions or stops. However, some of the co-travellers win everyone's heart with their empathetic and compassionate nature. This academic session three of our staff members completed 25 years of dedicated service at Xavier's.



Mrs. Shalini Rohil: Ma'am joined St Xavier's school, Delhi in July 1996 and since then pursued her passion to be a guide and a mentor to her students. She teaches English and Hindi in both Prep. and 1st.

Shalini ma'am is one such person who spreads light of knowledge, love and divinity all around her. She has been shaping and influencing students' lives for the past 25 years. Her goodness, helpfulness, resourcefulness and multi-tasking abilities are unique and unmatched. Her untiring quest for serving in various capacities is quite amazing. Team XT would like to congratulate ma'am on achieving this milestone.

Mrs. Kusum Verma: Ma'am joined Xavier's on 3rd July 1996 as TGT English. Extreme calmness and composure defines her personality. Presently, she is the Head of Department of English in the Senior school and is admired by all for her meticulous work style and her leadership qualities. A poet at heart, ma'am is a rare combination of great intellect and creativity. She is loved by all her students for her approachability and unique teaching style. We congratulate ma'am on her silver jubilee at Xavier's.





पृथ्वी पाल सिंह जी ने संत ज़ेवियर में अपने कार्यकाल की शुरुआत 1 अगस्त, 1996 से की। अपने कार्यकाल के प्रारंभिक दिनों में आपने 3 साल साधु सिंह जी व आरथल जॉन जी के साथ स्कूल किचन में काम किया। उसके बाद लगभग 15 साल आपने जूनियर स्कूल कार्यालय में कार्य किया और वर्तमान समय में आप सीनियर स्कूल में अपनी सेवाएँ दे रहे हैं। आपके 3 बच्चों ने इसी विद्यालय से शिक्षा ग्रहण की। आप अपने सभी कार्यों में बेहद कुशल हैं। दिए गए प्रत्येक कार्य को आप पूरी विनम्रता से स्वीकार करते हैं तथा संपूर्ण निष्ठा से पूरा करते हैं। आपके मित्रगण बताते हैं कि आप पार्टियों व खाने पीने के बहुत शौकीन हैं। ईश्वर आपके सभी शौक पूरे करें।





### **The I-electrix Initiative**

lelectrix H2020 Project- Shakti Demonstration was held at St. Xavier's Raj Niwas Marg, Delhi on 24/03/2022. It was the result of a cooperation agreement signed by Enedis and TATA POWER Delhi Distribution Limited. The demonstration aimed at showing how innovative solutions allow the implementation of Local Energy Communities (LEC) using local PV units and the self-consumption approach. The formal event witnessed an august gathering of eminent personalities like Mr. Jean – Baptiste Djebbari, Hon'ble French Minister of Transport and Representative of the French Presidency of the European Union, H.E. Mr. Ugo Astuto, EU Ambassador to India, Antonio Jourdain, CTO &International VP, Enedis, Mr. Emmanuel Lenain, the French Ambassador to India and Shri Krishan Pal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Power, and Mr. Ganesh Srinivasan, CEO Tata Power and so on. All the distinguished guests, emphasized and reiterated the need and necessity of the hour to focus on alternative energy resources and a development plan that is feasible and sustainable for the planet and it's wellbeing. This venture gives specific attention to the resilience of the local energy system to the distribution network disruption, which will trigger another set of arguments to deploy such energy communities around the emerging PV deployment program in India. The current Indian government has revised the PV capacity targets from 20 gigawatts today to 175 gigawatts by 2022. Currently in our country, over 70% of the total power resources, comes from conventional sources (thermal and hydro). The Project, as envisaged by the European Commission, is the integrated local energy system that addresses the challenge of a single and smart European electricity grid in integrating renewable energy sources. It's aimed at promoting the distribution system operators to connect Local Energy Communities to the network.







## FAREWELL TO FR. JOSE PHILIP, SJ



On June 29, 2021, the management and staff of St. Xavier's Sr. Secondary School bid adieu to Rector Fr. Jose Philip, SJ through a special online program.

St. Xavier's Delhi has been fortunate to have Father as the Headmaster, Principal, Rector and above all an educationist, guiding and counselling teachers and students alike.

This special assembly under the able guidance of Mrs. Shobha Miranda, Vice

Principal, not only bid farewell to Fr. Jose Philip, SJ but also took an opportunity to welcome the new Rector Fr. Augustine Perumalil, SJ.

The program began with the welcoming of the esteemed guests and staff by Mrs. Indrani Bhattacharjee, the MC of the event. The prayer song was followed by the heartwarming address by the Principal, Fr. T.J. Jose, SJ. Mrs. Aditi Biswas recounted Fr. Jose Philip's association with the Prep. School as it's Director and his special bonding with the tiny tots. A compassionate leader who helped and guided the teachers of the Junior School was how Mrs. Neetu Shankar recalled Father during his tenure as the Headmaster of the Junior School.

Aguide, a mentor who was like an approachable friend was how Mrs. Sunita Sharma recalled Father as the Principal of the school. An educationist who expertly moulded the minds of adolescent children, who gained the love and the trust of the teachers was facilitated with a beautiful video presentation of his days at Xavier's, Delhi. The farewell program was concluded by a melodious song by Mr. Subin, Mr. Elvis, Ms. Priscilla and Ms. Kareen Gomes. Fr. Augustine Perumalil, SJ was given a warm welcome by Mrs. Kusum Verma.

"Thank you Father, for just being there,
Thank you for showing concern and care.
We wish you the best, we know you will be fine,
Your well-being will always be cared for by the divine."

THANK YOU FATHER! GOD BLESS YOU!



## **FAREWELL TO MR. S.K. SHARMA**







महफ़िले अलविदा

दिनाँक 29 सितंबर 2021 को प्रातः 11:30 बजे खेलकूद विभागाध्यक्ष श्री सुकेश कुमार शर्मा को उनका कार्यकाल पूरा होने के उपलक्ष्य में भावभीनी विदाई दी गई। ज़िंदादिल शर्मा सर सबके चहेते रहे हैं। उन्होंने सेंट ज़ेवियर स्कूल में 40 वर्षों की लंबी सेवाएँ दी हैं। इस अवसर पर उनकी सहयोगी रिश्म शर्मा मैम ने सर द्वारा सबको हमेशा प्रोत्साहित करने, सब की सहायता के लिए तत्पर रहने व मधुर व्यवहार की प्रशंसा की। रेक्टर फादर अगस्टिन ने उन्हें उनके सेवानिवृत्त जीवन काल के लिए शुभकामनाएँ दीं। इस अवसर पर प्रधानाचार्य फादर टी. जे. जोस ने उनके कार्यों की प्रशंसा करते हुए बताया कि खेलकूद के अलावा शर्मा सर ने अन्य कई गतिविधियों में अपनी उपस्थिति दर्ज कराई है। उनका यह योगदान अनेक वर्षों तक याद किया जाएगा कि वे न सिर्फ खेलकूद विभाग बल्कि अन्य सभी विभागों के लिए भी एक आदर्श हैं। इस अवसर को यादगार बनाने के लिए साथी अध्यापकों ने विदाई के बहुत सुंदर गीत प्रस्तुत किए। इतना ही नहीं साथी अध्यापकों जिनमें मैम अमिता तनेजा, राजीव सिन्हा सर, शरद भारद्वाज सर व सुनीता शर्मा मैम ने उनके साथ बिताए गए क्षणों के कीमती अनुमव भी बाँटे। कुल मिलाकर विदाई का यह कार्यक्रम अत्यंत ही स्मरणीय रहा।

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## Central Board of Secondary Education Secondary School

Examination - 2021 (Class - 10)



Aashi Class - 10 A 97.6%



Aditya Sharma Class - 10 C 97.4%



Vaibhav Class - 10 A 97.0%





Aanjaneya Bhattacharjee



Aditya Verma



**Badal Chaudhary** 



Christa Tressa Tomy



Shivangi



Shrish Kumar Sinha



Siddharth Kumar Maurya



**Vansh Mittal** 



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| SUBJECT    | NAME  | SECTION                      | MARKS (%) |
|------------|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| ENGLISH    | Aanjaneya Bhattacharjee<br>Christa Tressa Tomy<br>Badal Chaudhary   | 10-B<br>10-B<br>10-C         | 99 %      |
| HINDI      | Yashika   | 10-A                         | 97 %      |
| MATHS      | Aditya Verma<br>Aditya Sharma<br>Shrish Kumar Sinha<br>Vansh Mittal | 10-B<br>10-C<br>10-E<br>10-F | 100 %     |
| SCIENCE    | Aashi<br>Siddharth Kumar Maurya<br>Shivangi                         | 10-A<br>10-C<br>10-F         | 100 %     |
| S. SCIENCE | Aanjaneya Bhattacharjee<br>Badal Chaudhary                          | 10-B<br>10-C                 | 100 %     |

### **Central Board of Secondary Education**



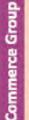
## Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination - 2021 (Class - 12)

## SCHOOL **TOPPERS**





Prisha Sawhney Class - 12 B 97.8%



























Anirudh Mehta Ankita Haldar Anushka Rajora Daniel James Divyam Pahuja Harshit Rastogi

Manya Rastogi

Nithin Noble



















Rehan Bareja

| Thomas Agrawal        |                       |         | 1         |
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| SUBJECT               | NAME                  | SECTION | MARKS (%) |
| ENGLISH               | Prisha Sawhney        | 12-B    | 97 %      |
|                       | Harshit Rastogi       | 12-A    |           |
|                       | Divyam Pahuja         | 12-B    |           |
|                       | Ishan Jha             | 12-B    |           |
| MATHEMATICS           | Vinayak Kapoor        | 12-C    | 99 %      |
|                       | Anirudh Mehta         | 12-C    |           |
|                       | Rishik Aggarwai       | 12-D    |           |
|                       | Vani Jindal           | 12-D    |           |
|                       | Punya Aggarwal        | 12-E    |           |
| PHYSICS               | Prisha Sawhney        | 12-B    | 99 %      |
| CHEMISTRY             | Harshit Rastogi       | 12-A    | 100 %     |
| BIOLOGY               | Harshit Rastogi       | 12-A    | 99 %      |
| COMPUTER SC.          | Prisha Sawhney        | 12-B    | 100 %     |
| ECONOMICS             | Nithin Noble          | 12-D    | 100 %     |
| B. STUDIES            | Prakhar Kumar Agrawal | 12-D    | 97 %      |
| ACCOUNTANCY           | Rishik Aggarwal       | 12-D    | 97 %      |
| HISTORY               | Punya Aggarwal        | 12-E    | 99 %      |
| HISTORY               | Navya Treesa Thomas   | 12-E    | 3,000     |
| POLITICAL SCIENCE     | Punya Aggarwal        | 12-E    | 98 %      |
| FOLITIOAL SCIENCE     | Daniel James          | 12-E    | 275.77    |
| And the second second | Vansh Bhatia          | 12-F    |           |
| ENTREPRENEURSHIP      | Rehan Bareja          | 12-F    | 95 %      |
|                       | Tanmay                | 12-F    |           |
| INFO. PRACTICES       | Sahil Gupta           | 12-F    | 98 %      |
|                       | Manya Rastogi         | 12-D    |           |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION    | Ankita Haldar         | 12-D    | 94 %      |
|                       | Anushka Rajora        | 12-E    |           |





## **IGNATIAN YEAR**

500 years ago, on 20 May 1521, a cannonball fired by the French force storming a fortress in Pamplona ricocheted off a nearby wall and shattered the right leg of Ignatius of Loyola. While recuperating, Ignatius experienced a conversion. This event changed the course of his life and led to the foundation of the Society of Jesus.

#### **Global Webinar on**

## "Ignatian Wisdom towards Caring for Creation"

On 1st December 2021, the Jesuit Education Association (JEA) organized a global webinar on the theme "Ignatian Wisdom towards Caring for Creation" as part of our Ignatian year celebration, for Jesuit institutions all over the globe. Our school was the host. The event commenced with a welcome address by our Principal, Fr. T.J. Jose, SJ and Fr. John Ravi, SJ, Secretary (JEA), under whose aegis the event was conducted. A troupe of over 20 dancers from the Junior wing of the school performed a graceful invocation to the Almighty. A mime 'Go Set the World on Fire' based on the life of St. Ignatius was enacted by a group of 16 students from the Senior School. Through narration and enactment the entire life of Ignatius was brought before our eyes in the most aesthetic and poignant manner. The highlight of the event was a session conducted by our resource person, Fr. Louis Leivel on 'Caring for Creation'. The session was an eye-opener on how we as Jesuit collaborators can do our bit in caring for our earth. A thought provoking and engrossing question and answer session followed. The program concluded with a beautiful song titled 'St. Ignatius our Inspiration'. The entire event was indeed an enriching and meaningful experience and was much appreciated by all who attended.

# Quiz on St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier

To celebrate this very event and the Ignatian year, our school organized an interclass quiz for class 9 on the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier, his trusted companion and the cofounder of the Society of Jesus, to create awareness among students about their life and beliefs and the lesson learned from them. The quiz was divided into four rounds, which were, 'Know the Saints', 'Words of Wisdom', 'Guess the Year' and 'Guess the authenticity'.

The results are as follows:

1st position - 9B

2nd position - 9A, 9C, 9D

3rd position - 9E













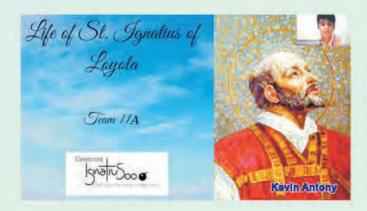


#### **Interclass Powerpoint Presentation Competition**

On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius, an online Interclass Powerpoint Presentation competition was organised for Class 11 on 30th October 2021. The topic for the competition was "The Life of St. Ignatius of Loyola". A total of six teams from each class participated in this competition.

The program began by invoking and praising the Lord for his countless blessings during this unprecedented crisis of Covid-19. The competition was judged by an illustrious panel of judges which included Fr. Madalaimuthu A., SJ and Mr. Yogesh Kumar. The teams were judged on the basis of their content, graphics, designing and the overall presentations. The students presented the life of St. Ignatius in a creative and informative way upholding the legacy, vision and mission of the great Saint.

The programme concluded by declaring of 11A as the winner followed by 11C and 11F as runners-up and a vote of thanks to all the participants, judges and programme coordinators.





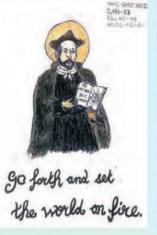




## **Art Competition**

As this year is dedicated to the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, we celebrated this year as the Ignatian Year. We conducted an online Poster making competition for the students of class 8.





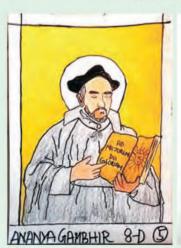




















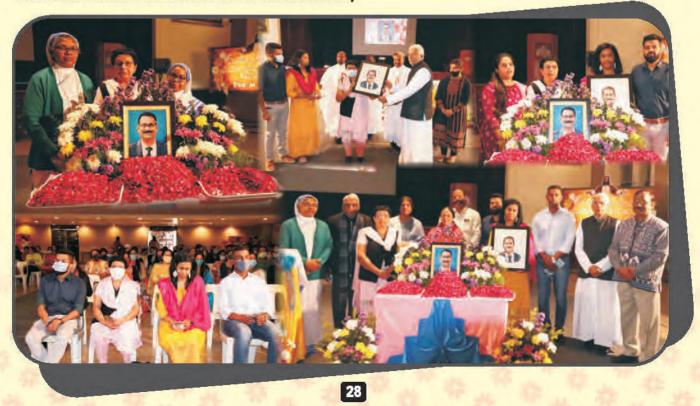
## Memorial Service of our Beloved Devasia Sir



Losing a loved one can be one of the hardest things to go through in life. It is only natural that you would want to give a proper send-off through a heartfelt, beautiful funeral with the family and friends of the deceased. St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School organized a Memorial Mass for Mr. Devasia (former Vice Principal). The service began with everyone offering floral tribute to the late Mr. K.J. Devasia. The Mass is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community. The entire Xaverian community came together on 23rd November 2021 for the Memorial service of our beloved Devasia sir. A gem of a person he was, a wonderful human, who lived a life pleasing to God and serving God's will all through his life. His motto was love and service for all. The mass

was graced by Rev Fr. Augustine Perumalil, SJ, Fr. Madalaimuthu A., SJ and Fr. Manoj, SJ. Mrs. Soosy Devasia, her younger daughter Ashith Devasia and her husband Cyril came together for the service. Their elder daughter Anush and her husband Donil with their dear daughter Amara were remembered during the prayer. The family presented the offertory for the mass.

The school presented a portrait of Mr. Devasia that was made by Mrs. Preeti Madan. After the mass everyone gathered for community lunch. Mr. Devasia was an amazing man and lived an extraordinary life. He will be remembered as the most devoted torch bearer of Xavier's. His warmth, kindness, and wonderful personality will be missed forever. While we know nothing can alleviate his loss, we do know that we remember him often and he is missed dearly.





## Prep. with Pep





Children's Day is celebrated as a tribute to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.

The day emphasizes the importance of giving love, attention, and affection to children. Every child is a miracle with each having their own ways to make this world a beautiful place for us. Your children need more of your time than gifts you buy for them. Let them know how special they are to you.

This year again Children's Day was celebrated virtually. We at Prep. School had a variety of programs and competitions for our little ones.

For the Prep., there were 4 categories of programs to select from, namely Show n Tell, Fancy Dress, Poem



Recitation and Dance. It was wonderful to see the little ones talking about dinosaurs, reciting beautiful poems, dancing to songs and participating in fancy dress competition.

Class 1 had another 4 categories to choose from namely, Character Portrayal, where they had to choose from any of the animated characters, folk dances based on any state or region, elocution and fancy dress.

It was wonderful to see the little ones performing regional dances and becoming a book or a teacher or a doctor.

The teachers of Prep. School, Junior and Senior School had recorded a medley of songs for the little ones. It was indeed a beautiful celebration.



#### Independence Day celebrations by our Young Warriors

After many years of hard work, determination and the love for their motherland, India tasted freedom on August 15, 1947; thanks to our freedom fighters who fought day and night, bravely and peacefully against the British rule.

To commemorate this day, Xavier's Prep. School celebrates Independence Day with fondness, devotion and enthusiasm, every year. This year also the celebrations were virtual, but students' talent shone bright through the computer screens! The assembly started by seeking blessings from our dear God, with the Lord's Prayer, followed by prayer songs. Students donned in colourful dresses and expressed love for their nation by singing and dancing on patriotic numbers. They had decorated their rooms with flags, balloons and kites in tri-colour, keeping up with the festive spirit. Few students dressed up as freedom fighters and quoted some of their famous sayings. While some spoke a few lines, highlighting the

significance of this day; others recited beautiful poems on the love for their nation. At the end, all students stood in attention to sing the National Anthem, Jana Gana Mana, paying respect to their motherland.

All the students of classes Prep. and 1 took part in this grand celebration in their respective class assemblies, conducted by their class teachers and subject teachers. After the assembly, the young learners coloured worksheets and made the Indian Flag using origami sheets and paper folding. We also had the activity of making the national flag, Rakhi with different decorative materials. Children enjoyed all these activities together with their parents who always assist them. These online celebrations are proof that we at Xavier's always stand united and leave no stone unturned to express our patriotic spirit and our zeal to always perform to the best of our abilities! Jai Hind!







Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated every year on October 2 to mark the birth of one of the most famous freedom fighters of India, Mahatma Gandhi. He not only devoted his life to free India from the clutches of Britishers but also inspired a lot of people around him. Mahatma Gandhi's consistent efforts to make India Independent earned him the title of 'Father of the Nation'.

This time Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated virtually with the same excitement which included amazing performances by the tiny tots of Prep School.

A special assembly was conducted by the students on

Friday 1st October 2021. The programme began with the prayer dance. The students threw light on the life and principles of Gandhiji by quoting lines, reciting poems and enacting role plays. Children were also dressed up as Gandhiji and also three monkeys of Gandhiji, depicting the values for which Gandhiji fought and stood. Later, the tiny tots danced to the beats of, 'Raghu Pati Raghav Raja Ram' and 'Bande Mein Tha Dam, Vande Matram'. The programme was followed with a message and ended with the National Anthem and after that a colouring worksheet and a craft activity was done.

#### The Greatest Story Ever Told

"Christmas is the festival of joy, love, hope and celebrations. The magic of Christmas never ends and its greatest of gifts are family and friends."

Every year in Prep. School we celebrate Christmas with a lot of enthusiasm and vigour. Under the guidance of our Prep. School Director and Assistant Director, Sr. Kiran Beck, SMI and Mrs. Rajshree Vedi respectively, we conducted an online Christmas Programme with the same eagerness and zeal.

Students from all the sections of classes Prep. and 1 participated in this gala celebration. They sang melodious Christmas Carols and danced beautifully with energetic performances. Children also took part in the Christmas Play- Greatest Story Ever Told. The play reminisced that the true meaning of Christmas is beyond only the celebrations but thanking and loving our saviour, Lord Jesus.

The celebration started with a beautiful prayer dance, thanking our dear Lord. Students then sang Christmas carols very beautifully. The students then set the stage alight with the opening dance. It was followed by the

Christmas play where children enacted many scenes about the birth of baby Jesus. The students were dressed up magnificently in their colourful costumes and they danced to the tunes of Joy, Santa, Angel, Shepherd and Kings dances. They left no stone unturned and decorated their backdrops beautifully with the Christmas theme.

After the programme, our Principal, Fr. T.J. Jose, SJ and Director, Prep. School, Sr. Kiran Beck, SMI gave beautiful Christmas messages, encouraging and motivating our students. It was followed by words of appreciation for the beautiful performances of the students and the hard work put in by the parents in preparing their child so well. Finally, students concluded the programme with an energetic finale dance, concluding our grand Christmas programme.

The children enjoyed themselves to the fullest and even had a Christmas party in their classes. They coloured in Christmas worksheets and made many decorative items in craft. These online celebrations are proof that even in dark and difficult times, we at Xavier's always come out shining bright!







#### Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated on 30th July 2021 on the virtual platform. Classes Prep. and 1 conducted the morning assembly with full enthusiasm and thrill. The students participated in various cultural programmes conducted by the respective class teachers. They presented beautiful dances, melodious songs and also confidently spoke few lines to highlight the life of St. Ignatius. The MCs of the program did a great job in presenting the items for the assembly. Teachers took special efforts to prepare the children with the dances and songs despite the pandemic limitations. The children were asked to send the videos of their performances which were compiled in beautiful video presentations. In class 1-B the teacher had prepared the children with a prayer dance, a joy dance for the feast, few lines on the life of St. Ignatius and a song sung by 2 children. They were also shown a video depicting the life of St. Ignatius and his achievements on the path of humanity and service towards society. In the end we had a special message for the children and parents by Fr. Rector followed by the school song.



#### **Diwali Assembly**







Diwali is celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm by people throughout the world.

People light earthen oil lamps and decorate their house with lights which glitter at their entrances and fences and make for a mesmerizing view. On Nov 2, 2021 Prep. School organized a special assembly to celebrate the event online.

The entire assembly was conducted by various students from both classes Prep. and I. The virtual assembly started with a Ganesh Vandana followed by explanation on the significance of the festival. A special skit was also presented by the little ones which highlighted the importance of celebrating eco friendly Diwali. An animated video was also played to make the kids aware of the real story and reason for celebrating Diwali. To keep the festive spirit alive, children sang and danced gracefully on some foot tapping songs.

The assembly concluded with Sr. Kiran Beck (Director of Prep School) giving away the message of bright, peaceful and a prosperous Diwali. To acknowledge the talent of our tiny performers, Mrs. Rajshree Vedi (Asst. Director of Prep. School) proposed the vote of thanks.

All the children participated in the art and craft event which was conducted by their respective class teacher. They made bright and colorful diyas with paper and decorated it beautifully.



#### Creative Tiny Hands at Work

Each child has a fragmentary knowledge of discipline and it's the teachers who explore the interests, capabilities and the hidden talents of the students.

Online teaching learning process has been truly enriching not only for the students but for teachers and parents as well. Weekly activities held on Fridays helped the students to exhibit their creativity and skills under the process of ACTIVITY BASED LEARNING.

Cotton dabbing, thumb printing, tea leaves pasting, ear bud printing were some of the activities where children used their imaginative skills to present their creativity in making different objects with vibrant colours.

Students enjoyed paper folding activities also a lot and it helped them to develop their fine motor skills. These tiny tots made beautiful birds, book marks, Santa's cap, flowers, National flag, candles etc. with the help of the parents and the guidance of the teachers. Little ones of Prep. School made lemonade, fruit chaat and salad during these interactive sessions on Fridays.

Students were encouraged to make beautiful cards, wall hangings and other decorative things using sequins, glitters, stars and colourful cutouts. Their work of art left an indelible imprint on all those who witnessed the activities. Students tastefully decorated their homes with all the beautiful objects they had made.

Cheers to all the students, parents and teachers for their countless efforts throughout the year.

















#### Feast of St. Francis Xavier



The Feast of St. Francis Xavier is an important occasion for all Xaverians. Xavier's believes in his beautiful words "Give me the child until he is seven and I'll give you the man." As our Prep. School tiny tots are in the seedbed age for every learning, we have made this event a memorable one.

A special assembly was conducted by the students of Prep. School on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021. Students did beautiful art work in craft and drawing on the theme: St. Francis Xavier. Each class conducted a colourful



performance. God's blessings were invoked through prayer

dances. Students were given the lines on St. Francis Xavier, songs, poems and a beautiful role-play was also presented by the kids. The life story of St. Francis Xavier, his values, works and his contribution to the society was briefly explained by the Class teachers to the respective classes.

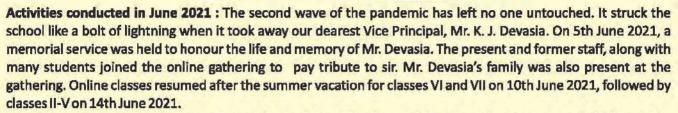






# Junior School

#### A Sneak Peek at 2021-22



In order to encourage students to enhance their writing skills, the English Calligraphy Contest was held from 14th-18th June 2021. The Hindi Department also conducted the Hindi Calligraphy Contest from 21st - 25th June 2021. The pandemic has affected everyone. On 18th June 2021, an informative session was conducted on the topic 'Self-Care during Covid'. Dr. Deepak Gupta, an ex-Xaverian who conducted the session, shared his ideas on how to deal with grief and stress as all of us tried to overcome the pandemic. On the occasion of International Yoga Day, a Poster Making Competition was conducted for standards VI and VII on 19th June 2021. Also, to encourage students to adopt yoga as part of their lifestyle, a special assembly on Yoga Day was held on 21st June 2021.

Activities conducted in July 2021: The Society of Jesus is celebrating the Ignatian Year from 20th of May 2021 to July 31st, 2022. To mark the beginning of the Ignatian Year, as well as to inspire students to meditate on and learn from the life of St. Ignatius, a special assembly was conducted on 21st June 2021. Technology undeniably has become an unavoidable part of our lives. An informative IT session was conducted by Mr. Jithin for the Junior School teachers on 3rd July 2021. It is extremely important to keep up with what is happening around the world. In order to encourage students to do so, G.K. Quiz was organized for classes V, VI and VII on 10th July, 14th July, and 28th July respectively. Jaspal Kaur Public School organized an interschool competition named 'Jaspalian Arcade' on 19th July 2021 in which thirteen students from the Junior School participated in various events with the guidance of their teachers. The First Periodic Test series was conducted from 19 July to 26 July and regular classes resumed the next day. On 22nd July 2021, a Zoom training session was conducted for the Junior School teachers by Mr. Jithin. It was an interactive session where Mr. Jithin explained how to use Zoom effectively. On 30th July 2021, the Feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated. A special assembly was conducted in all the classes to mark the occasion.

Activities conducted in August 2021: G. K. Quiz was conducted for standard IV on 4th August 2021, standard III on 10th August 2021 and standard III on 17th August 2021. Slogan Writing Competition was also conducted on 9th August 2021 for standards V, VI and VII. Results were declared soon after that. On the 75th anniversary of our wonderful nation's independence, a special assembly was held in all classes on August 13, 2021. On the same day, an awareness session on 'Electrical Safety During Monsoon; Safety Tips on Kite Flying' was held for students of classes VI and VII. A Tree Plantation Ceremony was held on the school grounds on August 18, 2021. The event was organised by 'My Tree' in collaboration with the Tarumitra Club. Saplings were planted in remembrance of Fr. P.T. Augustine, SJ, Mr. K. J. Devasia, Mr. Ravi, and Dr. Shekhar Aggarwal, four remarkable people who had a long affiliation with Xavier's. Some pupils of classes I-V, actively participated in the Monfort School, Ashok Vihar's Interschool Poetry Competition in August.

Activities conducted in September - October 2021: On September 3rd, 2021, Junior School pupils held a special assembly in their classes to mark the occasion of Teacher's Day. On 4th September, 2021, the Senior School Student Council Body hosted an online Teacher's Day event for all teachers. As part of the Hindi Diwas celebrations, the Hindi Department conducted the Hindi Creative Writing Contest on September 11th, 2021. On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, the students of grades II-V conducted a special assembly on 14th September 2021, under the guidance of Mrs. Gauri Sharma and Ms. Jayanti Dewan. Gandhiji's life is one of those flames, which has not been extinguished. The Junior school students made a small effort to keep this flame alive by organising a special assembly on 1st October 2021, in lieu of Gandhi Jayanti. The English Creative Writing Contest was conducted on 23rd October 2021.

Activities conducted in November 2021: The month of November started with the celebration of Diwali in the first week. A special assembly was conducted in all classes on 2nd November 2021. On the occasion of Children's Day, a painting competition was organised for the students of class VI. On 15th November 2021, a special



assembly was conducted to celebrate Children's Day. Many teachers participated in this assembly and put on a spectacular show which was enjoyed and appreciated by all students. A quiz was conducted on the life of St. Ignatius on 27th November 2021 for the students of classes IV and V. Preliminary rounds were held earlier in the same month. Activities conducted in December 2021: On 1st December 2021, a webinar was held for all staff members on the topic 'Ignatian Wisdom Towards Caring for Creation'. This webinar was a part of the Ignatian Year celebrations. A special assembly was conducted on account of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, our patron Saint on 2nd December 2021. A virtual staff programme was held on 3rd December to celebrate Feast Day. On 18th December 2021, a PowerPoint Presentation Competition was held for the students of classes VI and VII. Results were announced soon afterwards. On 22nd December 2021, the Junior School students conducted online special assemblies in their respective classes to celebrate Christmas. The annual Christmas staff get-together took place on 23rd December 2021.

Activities conducted in the new year January - March 2022: The first month of 2022 saw the Junior School staff members bid farewell to Mr. Sandeep K.M. in an online farewell programme on January 17th, 2022. Sir has relocated to the United States. With the able guidance of teachers, some Junior School students took part in Mount Saint Mary's School's Annual Literary Fest, which included a wide range of events. On the occasion of India's Republic Day, all Junior school classes held online special assemblies on January 25th, 2022 to celebrate the unified diversity of our great nation. Students of class VII were given an online farewell on February 25th 2022 by the students of class VI, who wished their seniors all the best for the years ahead. Online Periodic Test 4 for the students of Junior school commenced on 25 Feb '22 with Sanskrit exam for class 6 students. As we come to the end of yet another academic session, we look forward to creating more opportunities to learn and grow for our students in the days ahead.

## "CHESS" - A Perfect Exercise for Brain

Chess gives exercise to both sides of the brain, a game which requires a lot of "if this, then that" scenarios, requiring players to imagine all the potential moves, alternatives and outcomes of each possibility. A board game which has 64 squares, kings, queens, bishops, knights, and rooks pawns. According to various studies done worldwide, chess significantly improves logical, critical thinking, visual memory, attention span, spatial reasoning ability, concentration, develops problem solving skills, strategic thinking and foresight. The Junior school sports department organised the 2nd Online Chess tournament for class 7th in the month of June in which 57 boys and 18 girls participated and for class 6th, in the month of September where 50 boys and 10 girls participated. All students showed exemplary skills, sportsman spirit and helped each other, if anyone needed, which proved their team spirit also. On behalf of Fr. Principal, Fr. Headmaster, Mona Rae ma'am and all the faculty members, we would like to congratulate our budding winners and wish them good luck for pursuing their passion.

List of the winners of 6th std. (Boys and Girls)

| Position | Name                | Class | House  |
|----------|---------------------|-------|--------|
|          | Adityaveer S. Alang | 6F    | Tagore |
| 1st      | Fabina Bansal       | 6C    | Tagore |
| 3.25     | Ketan Gautam        | 6C    | Tagore |
| 2nd      | Divyanshi Nayal     | 6 C   | Bhabha |
|          | Ujjwal Sharma       | 6 A   | Nehru  |
|          | Shipra Dey          | 6A    | Gandhi |
|          | Lavesh Kapoor       | 6A    | Nehru  |
|          | Ananya Yadav        | 6 A   | Nehru  |
|          | Piyush Jindal       | 6C    | Tagore |
| 3rd      | Ansh Aggarwal       | 6 C   | Bhabha |
| 100      | Yash Khanna         | 6E    | Tagore |
|          | Maanav Khanna       | 6 E   | Bhabha |

List of the winners of 7th std. (Boys and Girls)

| Position | Name              | Class | House  |
|----------|-------------------|-------|--------|
| d'al.    | Triyesh Jain      | 7 C   | Tagore |
| 1st      | Ahaana Sharma     | 7 B   | Gandhi |
|          | Ruhaan Chadha     | 7 D   | Bhabha |
|          | Mansi Joshi       | 7 D   | Gandhi |
| 2nd      | Krishna Chaudhary | 7 A   | Gandhi |
|          | Paras Makkar      | 7 F   | Gandhi |
| 3rd      | Aishani Jain      | 7 E   | Tagore |
|          | Inayah Shadman    | 7 D   | Gandhi |
|          | Vansh Aggarwal    | 7 E   | Tagore |





## Senior School

## **Club Activities**

## XELS Activities For Classes 8-12

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

The Xavier's English Literary Society, popularly known as XELS, every year conducts many activities to enhance the linguistic skills of the students. This year too 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 where 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, visual interpretation, pronunciation round and soliloguy presentation. The Personality Contest was organized for the students of class 12 wherein they were judged on the basis of various aspects of their personalityinterpersonal 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 : Mrs. Sonali Aggarwal and Mrs. Neelam Rakhyani

Class 9 : Ms. Eblin and Mrs. Neelima Sirohi

Class 10: Mrs. Neetu Shankar and Mrs. Jyothis Thomas Class 11: Mrs. Dipti Bhatnagar and Mrs. Linda Cyril Class 12: Mr. Joby Joseph and Mrs. Mona Rae

#### The winners are as follows:

|           | 1st Position | 8D                 |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|
| Class 8   | 2nd Position | 8A                 |
| Total And | 3rd Position | 8B                 |
|           | 1st Position | 9A, 9C             |
| Class 9   | 2nd Position | 9E                 |
|           | 3rd Position | 9B                 |
|           | 1st Position | 10C                |
| Class 10  | 2nd Position | 10E                |
|           | 3rd Position | 10B                |
|           | 1st Position | Manya Gupta, 11E   |
| Class 11  | 2nd Position | Khushi Nagru, 11F  |
|           | 3rd Position | Shivangi, 11A      |
|           | Winner       | Avni Shyam, 12E    |
| n1 - n    | Winner       | Nikita Bansa, 12C  |
| Class 12  | Runner-up    | Advika Atmana, 12C |
|           | Runner-up    | Raajnadinee, 12A   |











## **ELOCUTION for Class 8-12**

"Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Elocution plays a vital role in personal development of every child as it not only enables them to improvise on their communicative skills but also helps them to voice themselves with good sentence structure, a defined thought process, correct pronunciation and diction. This year also consecutively, the XELS at Xavier's conducted its second virtual interclass Elocutions successfully. The budding orators of Xaviers's after successfully crossing the preliminary and the semi-final rounds reached the finals of the competition. They all were judged based on their pronunciation, content, voice modulation, expressions and overall presentation, by a panel of esteemed judges for each class.

#### Results are as follows:

| Class | Name              | Position |
|-------|-------------------|----------|
| 8A    | Marcia Maria Toms | 1st      |
| 8A    | Suryansh Pandit   | 2nd      |
| 8A    | Garishma Kataria  | 3rd      |
| 9B    | Khushi Gupta      | 1st      |
| 9A    | Khayati           | 2nd      |
| 9B    | Navya             | 2nd      |
| 9B    | Tanishka Arora    | 3rd      |
| 10A   | Sarisha Mehta     | 1st      |
| 10F   | Chitrakshee       | 2nd      |
| 10B   | Vaishnavi Naik    | 3rd      |
| 11B   | Pranaya Chaddha   | 1st      |
| 11B   | Sakshi Bisht      | 2nd      |
| 11C   | Kanishka Vats     | 3rd      |
| 12C   | Mehvaish Quadri   | 1st      |
| 12C   | Nikita Bansal     | 2nd      |
| 12C   | Niharika          | 3rd      |

## Fr Pedro Arrupe Inter-school Event

The Senior School organised the 14th Father Pedro Arrupe Memorial Interschool Declamation Contest on 5th August 2021 for the students of classes 9 and 10. 22 students from 11 prestigious schools all over Delhi participated in the event. The topic assigned to the participants was "WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD BUT LOSES HIS OWN SOUL". (Mark chapter 8,verse 36). It was to highlight the special occasion on account of the Ignatian year. Mrs. Saira John and Mrs. Dipti Bhardwaj graced the event with their presence as the judges. The MCs for the day were Tarana Jain and Vividha Rashi of class 10. Many of our talented students performed interludes and the event ended with the vote of thanks by Bhavya Jha. Overall the event was a great success.

### Results are as follows:

| Name of the school                | Name of the student              | Position |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Carmel Convent<br>School          | Sana Bhatia<br>Maleeha           | 1st      |
| St Xavier's School,<br>Shahbad    | Shawn Mathew<br>Aysel Maria Raju | 2nd      |
| Bluebells<br>International School | Ruhi Ahuja<br>Dishi Garg         | 3rd      |







अभिव्यक्ति : एक अवसर

प्रतिवर्ष हमारा विद्यालय विद्यार्थियों के सर्वांगीण विकास हेतु अनेक गतिविधियाँ आयोजित करता है। विद्यालय द्वारा सीनियर विभाग में हमारी राष्ट्र भाषा हिंदी के सम्मान, उन्नति एवं विकास के लिए अनगिनत प्रतियोगिताएँ आयोजित की जाती हैं।

हिंदी भाषा के प्रति विद्यार्थियों के हृदय में प्रेम और आदर विकसित हो, इस माव से काव्य, भाषण, नाट्य मंचन आदि प्रतियोगिताएँ आयोजित होती हैं, जिनमें प्रत्येक विद्यार्थी पूर्ण उत्साह के साथ अपनी सहभागिता देता है। इससे छात्रों में आत्मविश्वास, स्वावलंबन के साथ — साथ विचारों और भावों की मौखिक अभिव्यक्ति से उच्चारण क्षमता, मंच दक्षता, एवं आत्मबल का तीवता से विकास होता है।

सीनियर विभाग में सर्वप्रथम आठवीं से दसवीं कक्षा के प्रत्येक विद्यार्थी को इस काव्य अथवा भाषण प्रतियोगिता में माग लेना अनिवार्य होता है। विद्यार्थी को 2 से 3 मिनट की समयावधि में, अपने समग्र विचार अमिव्यक्त करने होते हैं। प्रत्येक कक्षा से चुने हुए दक्ष विद्यार्थी सेमीफाइनल ततपश्चात् फाइनल में भाग लेते हैं। कक्षा 'ग्यारहवीं' तथा 'बारहवीं' के विद्यार्थियों को भी भाषण प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने का सुअवसर दिया जाता है।

इस वर्ष आठवीं कक्षा के लिए 'काव्य वाचन प्रतियोगिता' आयोजित की गई जिसमें हर छात्र को एक से डेढ़ मिनट की कविता बोलनी थी।

आठवीं 'अ' की नंदिता पराशर तथा आठवीं 'ड' की तिनषा ने मंच संचालन का कार्य श्रेष्ठता से निभाया। हमारी निर्णायिका मंडली में श्रीमती बेला शर्मा जी तथा श्रीमती सीमा चौहान जी ने अपने बहुमूल्य विचारों से विद्यार्थियों का प्रोत्साहन बढ़ाते हुए, श्रेष्ठ निर्णय दिया।

कक्षा आठवीं से इस वर्ष :

प्रथम स्थान : आदित्य पंत आठवीं 'स' को प्राप्त हुआ।

द्वितीय स्थान : आठवीं 'ब' की श्रेया रमेश तथा आठवीं 'ब' की घानवी जैन को प्राप्त हुआ। तृतीय स्थान : आठवीं 'अ' के अभिनव मल्होत्रा तथा आठवीं 'ई' के दक्ष चौघरी ने प्राप्त किया।

नवीं कक्षा के लिए कविता अथवा भाषण प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई। मंच संचालन का कार्य नवीं 'ब' की प्रेरणा अग्रवाल तथा नवीं 'ई' के सचिन गुप्ता ने पूर्ण निष्ठा से पूरा किया। श्रीमती बेला शर्मा जी तथा श्रीमती सीमा चौहान जी की निर्णायिका मंडली ने प्रतिमागियों का उत्साहवर्धन करते हुए, प्रतियोगियों की प्रशंसा की एवं सुधार हेतु अमूल्य सुझाव दिए। विजयी प्रतिभागियों की सूची में:

प्रथम स्थान : समृद्धि नवीं 'ई' ने प्राप्त किया ।

द्वितीय स्थान : नवीं 'ई' के अरित सिंह को प्राप्त हुआ। तृतीय स्थान : नवीं कक्षा के तीन विद्यार्थियों ने प्राप्त किया

यश गुप्ता नवीं 'ब'
 शाश्वत गुप्ता नवीं 'ब'
 अवनी गुप्ता नवीं 'अ'

निस्संदेह विद्यार्थियों का प्रयास सराहनीय रहा।

कक्षा दसवीं के विद्यार्थियों के लिए किसी विशिष्ट व्यक्ति के द्वारा दिए गए भाषण को प्रस्तुत करने की प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई। मंच संचालन का कार्य भाविक दसवीं 'स' और कृष्णा सोलंकी दसवीं 'अ' ने दक्षता पूर्वक पूर्ण किया। हमारे निर्णायक मंडल में श्रीमती वंदना माथुर जी तथा श्री रमेश तिवारी जी ने उत्तम निर्णय देकर निम्न विद्यार्थियों को विजेता घोषित किया:

प्रथम स्थान : मोक्षदा दसवीं 'ब' तथा विविधा राशि दसवीं 'फ' ने प्राप्त किया।

द्वितीय स्थान : सुहानी रेचल शर्मा दसवीं 'फ' ने प्राप्त किया। तृतीय स्थान : कशिश बिष्ट दसवीं 'ढ' ने प्राप्त किया।





कक्षा ग्यारहवीं के विद्यार्थियों को चुने गए विषय पर स्वरचित माषण 2 से 3 मिनट की समयाविध में प्रस्तुत करना होता है। मंच संचालन का कार्यमार ग्यारहवीं 'अ' की मानवी और ग्यारहवीं 'स' के नकूल प्रकाश ने सफलतापूर्वक निभाया। इस वर्ष भाषण हेत् निम्नलिखित विषय दिए गए:

1. मैं अगर अध्यापक होता तो ऑनलाइन कक्षा में परेशान करने वाले विद्यार्थियों से कैसे निबटता / निबटती?

2. संक्रमण काल में छात्रों का मविष्य किस दिशा की ओर जा रहा है?

3. 'खुद पर विजय प्राप्त करना ही संसार की सबसे बडी विजय है'- लोगोला के संत इग्नेशियस हमारे आदरणीय निर्णायक मंडल में श्रीमती वंदना माथुर जी तथा श्री रमेश तिवारी जी ने विद्यार्थियों को प्रोत्साहित करते हुए निम्न प्रतिभागियों को विजयी घोषित किया।

: विद्षी जोशी ग्यारहवीं 'ई' ने प्राप्त किया। प्रथम स्थान

ः ग्यारहवीं 'ई' की मान्या गुप्ता तथा ग्यारहवीं 'ई' की अदिती को प्राप्त हुआ। द्वितीय स्थान

ः ग्यारहवीं 'ई' के विद्यांश ने प्राप्त किया। ततीय स्थान

कक्षा बारहवीं के लिए स्वरचित भाषण प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन हुआ, जिसमें हर प्रतियोगी को 2 से 3 मिनट की समयावधि में, अपने विचार, दिए गए विषय पर प्रस्तुत करने होते हैं। इस वर्ष के विषय थे:

1. 'अगर कभी पराजय मिले तो निराश मत होना क्योंकि हार भी कई बार हमारे कल्याण में सहायक होती है'- लोयोला के संत इंग्नेशियस।

2. वर्तमान परिस्थितियों में ओलम्पिक की जीत. एक नए भविष्य की नींव का संकेत देती है।

3. मैंने बीते वर्ष से क्या कुछ सीखा जो मेरे भविष्य के लिए बहुत बढ़ी सीख बन गए हैं।

श्रीमती शुक्ल शर्मा जी तथा श्रीमती संगीता पांडे जी की प्रिय एवम् माननीय निर्णायक मंडली ने सभी प्रतिभागियों का उत्साहवर्धन करते हुए, जीवन पथ पर इसी प्रकार आगे बढते रहने की शुभकामनाएँ देते हुए विजेताओं के नामों की घोषणा की:

: बारहवीं 'अ' की प्राणवी सिंह ने प्राप्त किया। प्रथम स्थान

द्वितीय स्थान : बारहवीं 'अ' की राजनंदनी तथा बारहवीं 'अ' की तान्या राजपूत को प्राप्त हुआ।

त्तीय स्थान : बारहवीं 'अ' के पुलक पाण्डे तथा

बारहवीं 'अ' के गुणवर्धन ने प्राप्त किया।

मंच संचालन का संपूर्ण कार्यमार बारहवीं 'अ' के अर्नव शर्मा ने पूर्ण दक्षता के साथ निमाया। अर्नव शर्मा द्वारा किया संचालन सभी उपस्थित अध्यापकों और निर्णायकों द्वारा बहुत सराहा गया।

इस प्रकार काव्य - माषण प्रतियोगिता का सफलता पूर्वक समापन हुआ। विद्यार्थियों के विकास में सभी अध्यापकों एवम् अध्यापिकाओं का मरसक प्रयास, सहयोग एवम योगदान प्रशंसनीय है।

श्रीमती मीना कपूर हिंदी विभाग















## सुजन मंच-एक मारत श्रेष्ठ मारत

विद्यार्थियों में किताबी ज्ञान के साथ-साथ हिंदी भाषा के सम्मान, दैनिक जीवन में प्रयोग, उन्नति एवं विकास के लिए हमारे विद्यालय के हिंदी विभाग ने "सुजन मंच" का गठन किया। सुजन मंच प्रतिवर्ष विद्यार्थियों के सर्वांगीण विकास हेतु अनेक गतिविधियाँ आयोजित करता रहा है जिससे अधिक से अधिक विद्यार्थियों को अपनी-अपनी प्रतिभा दिखाने का अवसर प्राप्त हो सके। छात्र भारत की विविधता से परिचित हो सकें. उसका सम्मान करें और उसके संरक्षण के प्रयास करें। इसी उद्देश्य को ध्यान में रखते हुए विद्यार्थियों के मध्य सांस्कृतिक तथा भावनात्मक एकता को प्रगाढ करने हेत् सी.बी.एस.ई. ने इस वर्ष "एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत" का विषय दिया है।

इस संदर्भ में कक्षा 'आठवीं' के लिए हिंदी में अनुवादित विभिन्न भाषाओं में लिखी कविताओं पर "कवि सम्मेलन" आयोजित किया गया जिसमें कक्षा आठ के सभी अनुभाग से चार-चार विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया। कक्षा दसवीं 'अ' की सरिशा मेहता व दसवीं 'ब' की मोक्षदा ने बड़ी ही कुशलता से इस कार्यक्रम के मंच का संचालन किया।

कक्षा 'नवीं' के लिए 'एक मारत श्रेष्ठ मारत' विषय के तहत 'मारत के विभिन्न क्रांतिकारी व्यक्तित्वों का प्रदर्शन' गतिविधि का आयोजन किया गया। जिसमें कक्षा 'नवीं' से 10 से 12 विद्यार्थियों ने मागीदारी की। कक्षा दसवीं 'स' की मव्या झा तथा दसवीं 'ढ' की कशिश बिष्ट ने बड़ी ही कुशलता से मंच का संचालन किया।

कक्षा 'दसवीं' के लिए 'मारत एक रंग अनेक' विषय के माध्यम से मारत की विविधता को प्रदर्शित करने का अवसर प्रदान किया गया। जिसमें कक्षा 'दसवीं' के प्रत्येक अनुमाग से 10 से 12 विद्यार्थियों ने अपनी मागीदारी दर्ज की। इस कार्यक्रम में मंच का संचालन बड़े खुबसूरत ढंग से दसवीं 'ई' की मव्या तथा दसवीं 'फ' की विविधा राशि द्वारा किया गया।

फादर मनोज एस.जे. हमारे सभी कार्यक्रमों के मुख्य अतिथि रहे। उन्होंने हमारे विद्यार्थियों का उत्साह वर्धन किया तथा भविष्य में भी ऐसी प्रतियोगिताएँ 'सूजन मंच' आयोजित करता रहे इसके लिए अनेक शूभकामनाएँ दीं। योगेश सर ने इन सभी गतिविधियों के लिए बहुत ही सुंदर व आकर्षक विज्ञापन (पोस्टर) तैयार कर तथा निलोत्पाल सर ने सभी तकनीकी गतिविधियों के लिए हमारी सहायता की।

उप प्रधानाचार्या श्रीमती शोभा मिरांडा तथा गतिविधि समन्वयक श्रीमती के. सी. माया मैम ने इस कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाने के लिए सभी आवश्यक प्रोत्साहन व सहायता समय-समय पर प्रदान की तथा आगे भी ऐसी गतिविधियाँ आयोजित की जा सकें इसके लिए अनेक शुभकामनाएँ दी।

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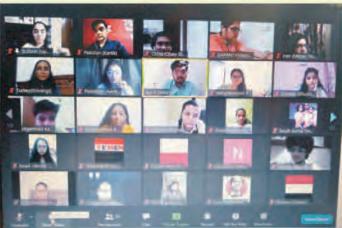




## XESS Club

(Xavier's Economics and Social Science Club)







### XMUN 2021 (Xavier's Model United Nations)

The MUN is a platform where students not only polish their speaking skills but also put forth ideas and solutions for issues that are prevalent in the world. It is a debating platform where budding debaters negotiate, ponder and recapitulate world issues and bring about a new and reformed solution to not only solve but also change the world for the better. The MUN has always facilitated a person's social, oratory and consensual skills. Not only that, it also helps you make friends and find answers to questions bothering you. The MUN is for every person who believes in questioning.

For the last six years the MUN has only been expanding in Xavier's, each year surpassed by its successor. The sixth edition of the XMUN was no different. Taking inspiration from last year, we organized a virtual XMUN for the students of class 9-12 this year too. The organizing team of XMUN worked over a span of two weeks for the success of this conference. Hosted on 6th and 7th August, the conference had about 90 delegates. The three committees were United Nations General Assembly discussing the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan, chaired by Mehvaish Qadri (12C), the second committee was United Nations Human Rights Council chaired by Jagrit Sahni (Batch of 2019) deliberating the Israel Palestine conflict and we tried our hands on a new committee, The Press Council Of India reiterating the concerns of surveillance and privacy presided by Anushka Rajora (Batch of 2020). All the three

committees with their agendas were laborious but our budding debaters left no stone unturned and redefined the arenas of constructive discussion. The sheer spirit of how all committees escalated to become a nail-biting moderated caucus to chaotic lobbying sessions followed by an intense draft making procedure was what surprised everyone. Be it the journalist or a country ambassador, it was a treat to watch them accentuate their stance. Needless to say, the XMUN 2021 was a success and we hope to achieve a new goal next year.



Nikita Bansal

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## Technica (Science Club)

### Science SYMPOSIUM

The earliest roots of science can be traced to Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia around 3000 to 1200 BCE. Science provides solutions to everyday problems, as well as helps us to learn more about the mysteries of our universe. This makes science an important pathway for knowledge. Science has a specific role, as well as a variety of functions for the benefit of our society which includes creating new knowledge, improving education, improving the quality of our lives, and exploring the endless universe.

In the words of Carl Sagan, "We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology."

The Science Symposium is a great platform for exploring the world through a scientific lens. Science is a systematic enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the world.

The Science department witnessed the work of our budding scientists who have completed individual research projects, each the product of hours of hard work and determination.

### **RESULTS OF SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM, 2021**

DATE: 18th to 23rd October, 2021

Class 8 :
Topic : CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPACT ON HUMANITY

|             | Name                           | Class | Marks<br>Scored | Position |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------|----------|
|             | Atharva Mittal                 | 8 E   | 78              | First    |
|             | Urgen Dorjee                   | 8 D   | 77              | Second   |
| PRESENTER   | Jayati Joshi                   | 8 F   | 71              | Third    |
|             | Suryansh Pandit                | 8 A   | 71              | Third    |
|             | Veronica Kainth                | 8 B   | 31.5            | First    |
| INTERJECTOR | Angelina Caroline<br>Batchelor | 8 D   | 30              | Second   |
|             | Aditya                         | 8 F   | 30              | Second   |
|             | Arnav Atreya                   | 8 B   | 27              | Third    |

Class 10 :
Topic : ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: FRIEND OR FOE

|             | Name             | Class | Marks<br>Scored | Position |
|-------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|----------|
|             | Sarisha Mehta    | 10 A  | 73              | First    |
| PRESENTER   | Anirudh Aggarwal | 10 B  | 72              | Second   |
|             | Garvita Sati     | 10 D  | 71              | Third    |
|             | Chitrakshee      | 10 F  | 36              | First    |
| INTERJECTOR | Pranjil singh    | 10 A  | 35              | Second   |
|             | Anmol Aggarwal   | 10 D  | 34              | Third    |
|             | Kreeti Khanna    | 10 F  | 34              | Third    |

Class 9 : Topic :
HYDROGEN FUEL : AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF ENERGY

|                       | Name           | Class | Marks<br>Scored | Position |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|----------|
|                       | Sanidhya Singh | 9C    | 77              | First    |
| DOCCENTED             | Navya          | 9B    | 71              | Second   |
| PRESENTER             | Snigdha Bhatt  | 9 E   | 67              | Third    |
|                       | Sommya Yadav   | 9 F   | 67              | Third    |
|                       | Atharva Pandey | 9F    | 34              | First    |
| INTERJECTOR           | Anmol Sharma   | 9C    | 33              | Second   |
| an and other received | Khyati         | 9 A   | 32              | Third    |
| 1                     | Khushi Gupta   | 9 B   | 32              | Third    |

Class 11 :
Topic : BIOLOGICAL WARFARE: AN EMERGING THREAT

|             | Name               | Class | Marks<br>Scored | Position |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|-----------------|----------|
|             | Manshi Nayal       | 11 B  | 78              | First    |
| ODCCC4 FFC  | Saksham Bhatt      | 11 B  | 77              | Second   |
| PRESENTER   | Yashika            | 11 A  | 74              | Second   |
|             | Devansh Tiwari     | 11 A  | 72              | Third    |
|             | Mohd. Mohsin       | 11 A  | 33              | First    |
| INTERJECTOR | Gaurav Kapoor      | 11 A  | 32              | Second   |
|             | Valbhav            | 11 A  | 30              | Third    |
|             | Kritika Khandelwal | 11 B  | 30              | Third    |



### Promoting Science as a Career in Schools: An Interactive Session

Mr. Manoj Varghese is a Media and Communications expert. He is a prolific writer who has written several articles on pertinent issues. He is in the process of developing a research paper on popularization of Science in schools. In this connection he conducted an interactive session with few of our Science students and teachers.

The meeting was conducted to discuss the facilities and opportunities provided to the learners for promoting Science as a career in schools. Mr. Manoj Varghese patiently noted the opinion and work culture of our school, the well equipped science labs, the user friendly infrastructure of the school, and the motivation provided by the school management for promotion of Science. He discussed in detail about the offline science related activities that were



conducted in school before the lockdown and the online activities that were conducted during lockdown. He was very happy to know about the efforts of the teachers of the Science department, the Academic Head, Vice Principal ma'am and Father Principal for the promotion of Science in school. He emphasised on popularity of Science in schools. According to him teaching learning process should make students passionate about taking Science as a career option. Motivation plays an important role, encouragement from teachers and parents help the children to pursue their dreams.

### TATA Power Webinar

It is that time of the year when we merrily step into the festive season, this time cautiously. The coronavirus spread has not only emotionally and physically torn us apart, it has also made us realise what tortures we have been inflicting on our mother earth. It's Diwali time, one of the biggest festivals of India and you'll witness the most lit up night of the year. According to a survey the electrical energy used on a Diwali



night is approximately 25 times more than a normal night. And here comes the catch, Diwali night is also the night of accidents, especially due to fires and electrical short circuits. TATA Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. took an initiative to guide our students as to how one can include in the festive spirits by keeping our near and dear ones safe and also how we can go green this Diwali to conserve electricity and resources.

TATA Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. is a joint venture of TATA Power and Delhi government. The organisation is focussed on finding and implementing ways to conserve and effectively use electricity. Ours is the first school to be a part of their Pilot project wherein the extra electrical energy that is produced in the school premises is stored in a nearby grid from where it can be transmitted to near-by areas when required. Their efforts have been remarkable in shifting our needs towards renewable resources like solar panels as compared to non-renewable ones like coal. Another appreciable effort is training and spreading awareness amongst the future consumers.

The webinar is one such step towards drawing the attention of the young minds towards the urgent need of energy conservation. The resource person for the webinar was Mr. Deepak Kumar. Mr. Kumar is working as Assistant General Manager with TATA Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. An electrical engineer by profession, he has over 30 years of enriched experience in the areas of strategic planning and consulting, operations and maintenance, project management, business excellence and vendor management. He is an achievement oriented professional with excellent people management skills to manage change with ease.

The webinar was an eye opener and has indeed made our students to think about the ways to make our lives simple and safe.

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## LTS (Leadership Training For Service)

### Bal Mela 2021

"To me there is no picture so beautiful as smiling, bright-eyed, happy children; no music so sweet as their clear and ringing laughter." - P.T. Barnum.

Every year Xavier's hosts the Bal Mela - a fun filled event especially for children from the lesser privileged sections of society and makes them enjoy themselves in all ways possible.

This year, the pandemic gave rise to unprecedented challenges. In this scenario, conducting such an event seemed close to impossible. But despite all the hurdles, the undying Xaverian spirit prevailed and our school decided to conduct Ball mela on a smaller scale.

The morning of October 9th was abuzz with excitement at Xavier's as the teachers and students prepared to welcome our special guests for the day.

The group of 25 girls aged between 7-17 yrs, accompanied by sisters and other staff from Holy Family Asha Niwas Social Welfare Center Najafargh were welcomed in the Millennium Hall following covid protocols.

We had our very own team of girl volunteers along with our teachers of the LTS club and the Sports Department, who mingled with our little guests all through the day.

After the prayer song, we were all treated with a surprise from the guests. The kids presented some spectacular dance performances and the boundaries and the hesitancy melted away as everyone cheered and clapped for the dancers, who stole the show with their energy.

Our guests played Bollywood and Cartoon Trivia, which was enjoyed by kids and teens alike. Shouting out the names of cartoons and celebrities in the fun quiz segment, the kids were ever-ready to sing and act out their favourite songs and dialogues. The energetic kids were then treated to a breakfast of samosas and soft drinks.

Next was the walk around the campus where children were guided by volunteers. They had their fill of swings in the Prep. School, races on the Junior School entrance, fun on the jumping chairs and walks to the basketball courts in this hour-long tour. The kids and volunteers returned to the main ground where the Sports Department, under the leadership of Rashmi Ma'am, organised a variety of games for the children. Their enthusiastic participation and team spirit made this segment a huge success. Special prizes were also awarded to the winners in each category. After the fun but tiring session of sports, the guests were treated to a sumptuous meal. Needless to say, everyone had their fill in no time and were content with the delicacies. As they settled back in the Millenium Hall, a team from the Jazba theatre group took over the event and held the kids spellbound with their performances. They conducted some fun activities and the team became an instant favourite with the kids. Next, it was our volunteers who enthralled our guests with their soulful singing. The cherry on top was a performance by our very own Das Sir who sang a cheerful song for the kids. Our guests also sang together on the stage which then broke into a fun and lively DJ session where

almost everyone shook a leg. The day ended with our little guests getting surprise goodies and bidding us farewell in the hopes of meeting again.

The event was a huge success, not only due to the constant support and guidance of our teachers but also due to the heartfelt energy and excitement that flowed through the guests and the team alike. We wish every child a bright future and hope they made memories for a lifetime like we did. In the hope of spreading more smiles again next year, Bal Mela 2021 came to a close.

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## Ramanujan Club

"Mathematics is like going to the gym, but for your brain. It sharpens your mind". This pandemic gave birth to a wide range of possibilities happening online, not to mention, learning.

Similar to last year, the Ramanujan club organized a Mathematics Quiz online for class 8 on 18 August 2021 and for class 10 on 26 August 2021. Two students from each section were selected on the basis of a Mathematics test for the quiz. The quiz had a total of 4 rounds starting with the General Round, followed by the Visual Round in which students were asked to answer graphic-based questions. This was followed by a Hand-raise Round, where students grabbed the opportunity to answer the question by writing the asked alphabet in the chat box. The quiz finally ended with Rapid Fire Round, where a stream of questions were fired upon the participants. The session was brought to an end with the announcement of the results and the vote of thanks, followed by the school song. The quiz was indeed a great learning experience for all the students.

### **WINNERS CLASS 8:**

8 A:1st | 8 C:2nd | 8B:3rd

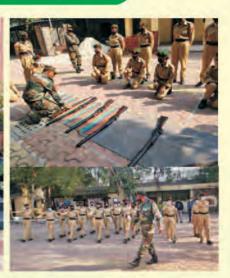
### **WINNERS CLASS 10:**

10 D:1st | 10 A:2nd | 10 C:3rd

## NCC (National Cadets Corp)







### NCC Physical Assessment Day

Since March 2020, it was one long journey before I physically reached my school for the first time on 28 October 2021 not only as a student this time but as an NCC Cadet which is the beginning of my journey to see myself in the Armed Forces Uniform one day.

After having sent my introduction, video clip through mail, I was very excited to be a part of the NCC physical assessment which consisted of the following steps:-

- 1. Introduction by my teacher and instructors from the Army.
- 2. A running test to assess my swift reaction.
- 3. A shuttle race to finally check my physical stamina.

  During the initial introduction process, I interacted with the

teaching and the instructional staff about my personal self and my future goals. The conversation was also extended to have a good conversation with my friends whom I had not met for over a year and a half.

The physical assessment was true to its name wherein I ran

to the best of my potential duly being supported by my father from the spectators' avenue. After successfully completing the running test and the shuttle race, we were called for the closing briefing by the teacher.

NCC

Shriya Ramesh, 8B

### Physical Assessment Day





NCC is the model of a youth organisation and it will lead the best way of life. NCC training helps one gain what society fears to find in young girls - Discipline and Leadership. On 28th October 2021 NCC cadets were summoned to school for physical assessment. It was my first year and I was very thrilled about it. There were



25 students from the 1st year and 25 students from the 2nd year. Two army

officers came to our school and interacted with us. It was an amazing conservation. In the 1st and 2nd years we were

divided into 4 groups. They made us do 2 physical assessments. After that NCC cadets from two more schools joined us. I was filled with excitement seeing so many girls take NCC. NCC builds discipline, leadership and sportsmanship in you. Without Jayanti Ma'am it would not have been possible. She single handedly took care of everything. It was a great learning experience for everyone who was a part of it and we look forward to more of such experiences. JAI HINDI



Garishma Kataria, 8A

### My Experience in NCC

I am here to share my personal experience. My personal motivation to join the National Cadet Corps (NCC) was my father and my grandfather. I enquired about the role played by a NCC cadet in the society when I was promoted to the 8th standard. We had enrollment for NCC in our school. The pandemic has changed so many things in our life. A short interview for selection was held online and I was selected as a NCC cadet. The discipline I learn at NCC is still being implemented in my daily life. We learnt a lot of things online from the respected ANO Jayanti mam. She conducted a session which was very informative and useful to us, if we were to join the army in the future. On 14th August 2021, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav competition was held virtually which was conducted By KMC NCC and I was privileged to participate in the competition. In this competition I secured second position in dance solo. Then on October 2nd 2021 the cadets of 1DGBN visited Rajghat and we were privileged to pay homage to Gandhiji. Life as a cadet is one of the best experiences one can ever have. It teaches us life as it is and shows how it is to be an officer in the Indian Armed Forces. This was my wonderful experience in NCC.

Shreya Singh, 9B

Regimental No.: DL20JWA107346





## Special Assemblies

## Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated by the nation to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The special assembly was conducted on 01.10.21 on a virtual platform to pay homage to this noble soul.

The assembly began with a prayer song on Gandhiji's favourite devotional song, 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram'. Following this, the children shared few important incidents from his life such as the work done by him for Indians in South Africa, the Swadeshi and Quit India Movements, etc. The young audience was also told about the Dandi March, about the drive to motivate people to only wear homespun cotton clothes, and about Bapu's belief that one must lead a simple but noble life.

The highlights of the assembly were anecdotes from Gandhi's life shown through speeches, poems, songs and video presentations. The assembly depicted the freedom struggle and the role Gandhiji played to help us achieve our prized freedom. This was particularly useful for our young audience who are only slowly becoming aware of the acute hardships our forefathers faced as they struggled to free our motherland. The exercise gave the children an insight into the life and times of Gandhiji and encouraged them to think about the values of sacrifice and freedom.



## Independence Day

The students of the Senior School of St. Xavier's celebrated the 75th Independence day on the 14th of August 2021 on the virtual platform for the second consecutive year in their respective classes. The students showcased their patriotic feelings through live patriotic songs, self composed speeches, poems and mesmerizing dance performances. The beautifully edited videos of short scripts and dance performances was a proof that the budding Xaverians have created opportunities out of the adversities and have become techno savy. Overall, all the students celebrated this national festival with great zeal and enthusiasm.

## Republic Day

Entering the 73rd year of being a republic, India completes yet another year of being the largest democracy in the world. While the world is still seeing the pandemic and its various waves, we celebrated Republic Day by virtual means on Zoom.

A special video made by Mr. Jithin S. George included a patriotic and motivational speech by a student of class 11 F, Badal Chaudhary who very eloquently put up the significance of the celebration and the need of the hour in his Hindi speech. This was followed by an animated representation wherein some frequently asked questions regarding the Republic day were answered. This video was recorded by Paridhi Gaur (12 C) and Vaibhav (11 F). Head boy, Kartik (12D) and Head girl, Nikita Bansal (12 C) also shared their wishes and thoughts upon the day and a beautiful clipping of an advertisement was also shared to remind the students that even though they are at home, the spirit of nationalism should always be high and blazing.

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## Teacher's Day 2021

The parents are the first teachers and teachers are the second parents who shape the future of students. Albert Einstein famously said, "It is the supreme art of a teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge". Indeed, a good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others. It is granted that technology has opened the door of new learning and has also changed the course of education. But a good teacher has the power to change our life, ignite us in the most perfect way. So as to show gratitude towards the teachers efforts and guidance as mentors, this year too, the students celebrated Teacher's Day virtually through Zoom. The virtual event was visualized by our honourable Principal Fr. Dr. T.J. Jose, SJ, our Vice Principal Mrs. Shobha Miranda, Rev. Fathers, Mr. A.K. Das, Mrs. K.C. Maya and all the faculty members. And like always, the absence of our beloved Sir Devasia was greatly felt. We were reminded of his humble nature, his dedication towards his work and his quiet, genuine manner. He was a mentor admired by many and will be remembered by all fortunate enough to know him. On the yow that his legacy would be ever preserved, the programme began with a prayer song invoking the blessings of the Almighty. The headboy and the head girl, showed gratitude to the teachers, they described how the teachers helped them excel not just in academics but in each endeavour of their lives and how the values taught at Xavier's have greatly contributed to their character development. Some of our students have created beautiful cards to visually portray how much teachers mean to us and to honour the teachers mentioning their hard work, especially during online classes. Along with that, was a heartfelt poem, penned by another student, Parnavi Singh, of class 12-A.That was followed by a group song by some of the most talented students of 12th Grade and a short film curated by some of the best theatre artists of our school and directed by Advika Atmana. Not only that, there was a melodious instrumental performance by Blaze John and Parth Sharma. And yes, the highlight of the event, a collection of photographs of our teachers. It made everyone nostalgic and brought back memories. The programme then, came to an end with Father Principal's message and vote of thanks. In spite of challenges, the students coordinated well and programme was a great success. It was a novel experience that taught us how a program can be successfully compiled and completed in the situation of constant instability due to the prevailing pandemic.







## Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola 30th July 2021



From May 2021 until July 2022, the Society of Jesus celebrates the Ignatian Year. The Jesuits are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It was a different kind of conversion. He went from being a nobleman focused on worldly success and fame to being the founder of the largest Catholic religious order. It was on that fateful day, when Ignatius the soldier, struck by a cannonball, began his transformation into Ignatius the pilgrim.

There are several sacred souls in the church who were born in different circumstances and lived a life pleasing to God and St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus

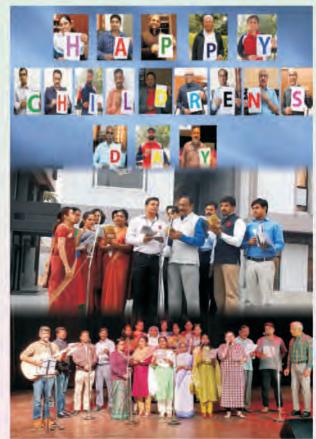
was one of them. He left his imprints of thoughts and teachings on many. He was a soldier turned contemplative. A sickbed conversion changed his life but difficulties lay ahead. It was only through perseverance in prayer and total trust in God that pulled him out of the darkness.

On the 30th of July 2021, St. Xavier's school organized special assemblies for the students and the staff for the Feast Day. In this special assembly, a few of our teachers enlightened us on the glorious life of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Mrs. Supriya Abraham was the Master of the Ceremony, Fr. Madalaimuthu A., SJ gave us a glimpse into the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Mrs. Tripta Mehra enlightened us further on the transformative life of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This was followed by a short and insightful video presentation. Father Rector also shared with us the message of hope and gave us an insight into the life of St. Ignatius. This was followed by a short prayer by Sister Kiran, SMI. The special assembly concluded with the Feast song.

God gave the world and the Church a precious gift through Ignatius: a spirituality that helps to follow the Spirit in all circumstances of life. God continues to invite each of us into a deepening relationship, to ongoing conversion. We believe that by embracing this invitation, we embrace our God who calls us to act in new, bold ways that reconcile our world, bringing about justice, peace and compassion. For this Ignatian Year, amid this pandemic, we ask for the grace to see all things new in Christ.

## Children's Day

Children's Day was celebrated virtually in our school on 15th November 2021 as 14th November was a Sunday. On that day a specially prepared video was played during the first period in all classes in the Senior School. The teachers of Xavier's put their heads together to prepare a program for the children to make them feel special on their special day. The program was moderated by Mrs. Sunita Sharma. There was a prayer song by the talented Senior School teachers. Mrs. Himani Chugh recited an endearing selfcomposed poem. This was followed by yet another group performance by the teachers in which they melodiously sang some beautiful songs dedicated to the children. Following this was a touching poetry recitation by Mrs. Mohini Vimal with which all the children could relate. The teachers of Xavier's presented melodious songs with Mrs. K.C. Maya and Mr. A.K. Das as lead singers. This was just an attempt to make our children feel special on their special day.



## Disaster Management

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### "Prepare rather than perish."

Disaster management is the art to deal with human, material, economic or environmental effects of a disaster. Our main motive is to make students aware of how to prepare for, respond to, learn from the effects and reduce the chances of possible mis-happenings. Disaster management is important because it aims to ensure an effective and coordinated response to disasters. Through work to save lives and reduce the impact of crises on affected communities, disaster management is fundamental to timely and effective assistance to disaster-hit people.

The Disaster management assembly 2021-22 educated students of various natural and man-made disasters by presentation of various skits, speeches and dances performed by students of classes 8th-10th. Ranging from the historic Bhopal Gas tragedy to the recent Vaishno Devi stampede, we tried to generate an understanding of the gravity of the situation, the causes and effects, the hardships faced at the time and the aftermath. The assembly was moderated by Mokshda and Anirudh of 10B. The assembly included a prayer song by Sarisha followed by a skit presented by various students of class 10. A beautiful dance performance was also presented by the students of class 10. Thought provoking views were shared by Suhani Rachel and Marvin Mathew followed by a poem recitation by Chitrakshi of class 10. The assembly ended with a vote of thanks by Vedika.









The assembly concluded with the thought that life is a rollercoaster of unexpected ups and downs but we must always fasten our seatbelt. One must always have hope through times of darkness and share the same with those who are struggling.

Disasters can't be completely eradicated so let us work together to reduce them and let us prepare rather than perish!





### Christmas Celebrations











## **Christmas Carol Competition**

Every year during the special season of Christmas, the students of class 8 present Carols before us. The carol competition is a much-awaited event of the year. Carols traditionally convey the beautiful message of Christmas through music. The music captures the essence of the Christmas season. This year as well the students presented an array of interesting and engrossing performances that echoed the spirit of Christmas.

The competition was held on the school's zoom platform on 22nd December 2021. The competition was judged by Mr. Elvis Julius and Miss Kareen Gomes. The program was hosted by Mrs. Divya Mathew. Our respected Principal Fr. T.J. Jose, SJ gave the Christmas message. This event would not have been possible without the help of Mr. Subin Joy who trained the students and encouraged them to bring out their best.

| Result of the Carol Competition is as follows: |                        |    | Consolation | orizes : |
|--|------------------------|----|-------------|----------|
| 1st position                                   | Angel Maria Joji       | 8B | Amos        | 8A       |
| 2nd position                                   | Carolin Joseph         | 8E | Pranay      | 8C       |
| 3rd position                                   | <b>Denzil Victoria</b> | 8D | Diya Roy    | 8F       |

## Sapling Plantation Ceremony



Grief can make us feel powerless. Honoring the life of a loved one we've lost, can begin to ease the agony of their death by focusing on the gifts they shared with us and the broader world. When we wish to reminisce about the lives of those we loved and lost, creative memorials can be a constructive way to reckon with our grief and preserve the unique essence of the beautiful lives they lived. Xavier's, in association with Mytree (Maitree) and Tarumitra Club, hosted such a remarkable ceremony - A Sapling Plantation Ceremony to immortalize the memories and blessings the institution has received in and through the lives of four of its comrades- Mr. K.J. Devasia (Former Vice-Principal), Fr. P.T. Augustine, SJ (Former Principal, Manager & Rector), Mr. Ravi (Former Proprietor- School Canteen) and Dr. Shekhar Aggarwal (Ex-Xaverian, Former Executive Director of Sant Paramanand Hospital). The saplings - Sita Ashok, Chaunsa Mango, Gooseberry and Alstonia were sponsored by the N.G.O- Mytree (Maitree), headed by Mr. Devangshu Dutta (an alumnus of 1985 batch) and Mrs. Devana Dutta. The benign presence of the representatives of DOXA, School Administration, Jesuit Priests, staff and family members of Sir K.J. Devasia, Mr. Ravi Kumar and Dr. Shekhar Aggarwal made the ceremony all the more meaningful and memorable. The pious and noble gesture of acknowledging and appreciating the remarkable lives of the four stalwarts of Xavier's, was highly applauded by one and all present. On the whole, the ceremony reverberated the very words of Herman Hesse, "In their highest boughs the world rustles, their roots rest in infinity; but they do not lose themselves there, they struggle with all the force of their lives, for one thing only: to fulfill themselves according to their own laws, to build up their own form, to represent themselves... Nothing is more exemplary than a beautiful, strong tree."





## Dedication of the Sr. School Infirmary to the Memory of Dr. Shekhar Agarwal

The acts of remembrance are an expression of our gratitude, respect, admiration- and can come in many forms. Living the values that were important to the ones we have loved and lost, keeps their legacy alive. Honoring a noble soul publicly can bolster our connection and help us maintain that closeness despite the loss. It's an opportunity for us to remember that unique person and celebrate the love we will always have for them. It fosters and reinstates the love and affinity we shared with those who are no more with us by keeping the memory alive thereby helping us acknowledge how our life was enriched by knowing them. Xavier's, in association with the Doxa Health Care Foundation (DHF), dedicated the Senior School Infirmary to the loving memory of Dr. Shekhar Agarwal, an alumnus of 1969 batch. Dr. Shekhar Agarwal had always been a caring, benevolent and a genuine human being.

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He, indeed, was a true Xaverian who exemplified the values and virtues his Alma Mater had once sowed, nurtured and fostered in him. One could say that the spark of love for humanity that Xavier's had placed in his heart, ignited his passion to serve others. The Ceremony witnessed an august gathering of the representatives of the management, administration, Jesuit fathers, staff, batch mates and his beloved wife Dr. Nirmala Agarwal and sons. The sharing of those who addressed the gathering brought back vivid memories of the life and legacy of Dr. Shekhar Agarwal. The formal dedication ceremony was held on 13th Feb 2022 and the plaque outside the infirmary was unveiled by Dr. Nirmala Agarwal.



Dr. Shekhar Agarwal (December 31, 1952 - May 10, 2021)

The 'Xavier Boy' from the illustrious batch of 1969, for all-round excellence in academics and extra-curricular, Dr. Shekhar Agarwal, was an internationally renowned Orthopaedic Surgeon.

Dr. Agarwal, an alumnus of Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) Delhi, completed his MBBS and Masters in Orthopaedic Surgery in 1975. He secured a Diploma in Anaesthesia as a Gold Medalist from MAMC, followed by an MCh. in Orthopaedics from the University of Liverpool, England in 1985, and was conferred with a special award for his outstanding thesis (the Proxima Accessit Award - 1985).

He was instrumental in raising funds and creating a top-rated institute for Joint Replacement, Trauma and Orthopaedics in the capital at the Sant Parmanand Hospital, where he served with selflessness, sacrifice and utmost dedication. As Vice President and Executive Director of the hospital, Dr. Agarwal earned extraordinary achievements.

Dr. Agarwal followed the Hippocratic Oath to uphold ethical standards, most diligently. His philosophy was "no patient should be denied treatment due to a lack of funds."

Dr. Agarwal has to his credit, over 43 articles in peer-reviewed national and international journals. Going beyond his own specialisation, he organized various free camps to eradicate polio, and collaborated with a U.S. NGO 'Smile Train' for treatment of cleft palate and cataract surgerles.

Dr. Agarwal was always eager to help the staff at St Xavier's School. The DOXA Healthcare Foundation (DHF) founded under his guidance, is committed to assist Jesuits, teachers and staff to meet their healthcare exigencies.

Dr. Shekhar Agarwal was awarded the highest honour in medicine in India – the Dr. B.C. Roy Memorial Award in 2018, by the President of India, for his selfless service to mankind and his devotion to Medical Science.

Dr. Agarwal showed immense grit and courage in pursuit of his profession. Unfortunately, he contracted Corona and as per his last wish, was taken back to his 'karmabhoomi' – Sant Parmanand Hospital, where he passed away in harness – serving humanity to his very last day. He will be a source of inspiration for generations to come, to emulate and provide deeper meaning to their lives.

The legacy of Dr. Shekhar Agarwal, a life dedicated to medicine and personal sacrifice for his fellow humans, will live on forever.









## **Interschool Events**

The students of Xavier's participated in large numbers in various Interschool activities.

The highlights are give below:

### MONT FORT INTERSCHOOL- ENVISAGE 2021

EVENT:
Game Voyage

Harsh Tripathi 12-B Harsh Dangwal 12-B Arnav Sharma 12-A

Keshav Vyas 12-E

**EVENT:** Web Warriors

Anatt Sibi 12-B Manav Pandey 12-A

EVENT: Blue Hour
Abhishek Jain 12 A

EVENT: Talk the Talk Kanishka Jain 11-C

EVENT: Abhimanch Vanshika Kaushik 12-A **EVENT: Symphony** 

Western (Solo): Ashwin Thomas 12-C

**EVENT: Indian Classical Solo** 

Christy Peter 12-A

**EVENT: Western Instrumental** 

Parth Sharma 12-C

**EVENT:** One Dance

Western (Solo): Ishika Kasera 12-D Classical (Solo): Jensa Jinesh 9-B

**EVENT:** Fusion of Western &

Classical (Duet)

Stuti Manchanda 11-E Aditi Gautam 10-B

**EVENT: Rework Render** 

Madhav Krishan Goswami 12-B

RESULT

One Dance

Duet - 3rd position
Aditi Gautam 10-B

Classical - 2nd position

Jensa Jinesh 9-B

Blue hour

Abhishek Jain - 2nd position

Web warriors

Anatt & Manay - 1st position

Western Instrumental

Parth Sharma - 1st position

Western Solo

Ashwin Thomas - 3rd position

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Vanshika Kaushik - 3rd position

### ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOL- COLUMBAN FEST 2021

| EVENT: Glitch          |         | Columban Polaroi | d Photography | Ehsaas: Film Making-story |      |
|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------|
| Kevin Miranda          | 12-B    | Lakshya Agarwal  | 12-D          | Telemarketing             |      |
| Shashwat Tiwari        | 12 B    |                  |               | Kenesha Sarah Thomas      | 12-A |
|                        |         | Event: Cadence   |               | Nikita Bansal             | 12-C |
| Anatt Sibi             | 12-B    | Ashwin Thomas    | 12-C          | Tanmay Sethi              | 12-D |
| Manay Panday           | 12-A    |                  |               | Vaibhav Bhardwaj          | 12-C |
|                        |         | Business Plan    |               | TEAM B                    |      |
| Concordium: De         | bates   | Deeveja Wadhwa   | 12-D          | Albin Antony              | 12-E |
| Parika Goswami         | 12-A    | Neharika Banga   | 12-E          | Alvin Joby                | 12-E |
| Avani Shyam            | 12-E    | Columbian Mock S | tock          | Jatin Goel                | 12-D |
| <b>EVENT:</b> Business | s Plan/ | Kartik           | 12-D          | Madhav Krishan Goswami    | 12-B |
| Pitch Perfect          |         |                  |               | and the second second     |      |
| Deeveja Wadhwa         | 12-D    | Columban Mock S  | tock          | Footloose Fiesta: Solo Da |      |
| Neharika Banga         | 12-E    | Dhruv Gupta      | 12-D          | Ishika Kasera             | 12-D |

**RESULT - COLUMBAN FEST** 

Film Making EHSAAS - 1st Position Music Solo

Ashwin Thomas (Runner-up)

### SUPERNOVA- VISHWA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL Greater Noida



**Event: Superheroes Around Us** 

Participant: Rion Sikri 3-C

Event: When Oliver Says, "I Want Some More"

Participant: Yashita Khandelwal 5-F

Event: Brand India

Participant: Aishani Jain 7-E

Event: Mirror Image

Participant: Daraksha Saifi 7-D

Event: Good Morning India Participant: Ayesha Ahuja 7-F

Event: Curls And Curves
Participant: Nandika 7-D

Event: Try My App

Participant: Jap Malhotra 6-F and Johan B. Mathew 7-E

**Event:** Mathemagic

Participant: Yatharth Singh 7-C

**Event: Young Zakirs** 

Pranshu Bansal 10-D (3rd position)

Event: Break It Down

Participant: Purahan Khattar 10-B

Event: Revival

Mokshda 10-B (3rd position)

Event: Voice The Voiceless
Nikita Bansal 12-C (3rd position)

Event: Web-o-Mania

Participant: Raj Aryan Biswas

Event: If I Were Puss in Boots
Participant: Gurbaani Rai Prep.-B

Event: Superheroes around me Participant: Saanvi Sharma 1-E

Femi Grace Leo 12-C (1st position)
Albin Antony 12-E (1st position)

Khvati 9-A

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, Mayur Vihar

Event: Sanskriti Event: Dohawali Event: Water the Exilir of life

Mokshda 10-B (2nd position) Participants: 2nd position:
Sarisha Mehta 10-A (1st position) Suryansh Pandit 8-A Tanishka Arora 9-B

Event: The Imaginarium Yashvi Kawatra 8-A Varda Jindal 9-D

Participants : Pranjil 10-A Bhoomika 9-E

Angelin Liz George 6-B Event: Music to Life

Aagna Maria Joseph 6-C Participants:

Event: Lippan Art Ashwin Thomas 12-C (3rd position)

Participant : Daraksha Saifi 7-D Blaze John 12-C

### MOUNT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, Delhi Cantt.

Event: Indian Music Solo Singing Event: Pitch Perfect

Sriyansh Jain 9-B (2nd position) Siddhant Nagpal 11-D (2nd position)

Event: Western Music Solo Singing Saamya Nagpal 11-D (2nd position)

Ashwin Thomas 12-C (3rd position)

Overall School (1st position)

**Event: Western Music Instrumental Solo** 

Parth Sharma 12-C (1st position)



## DELHI STATE LEVEL SWIMMING COMPETITION

The 55th Delhi State Open, Junior, Sub-Junior Swimming Championship 2021-22 was held from 22nd September to 24th September 2021. The following students made the school proud at the event:

Final Result:

Suhani Rachel Sharma (10th Class)
4 Gold | 2 silver

Utkarsh Sarkar (11th Class)
2 Gold | 1 Silver | 1 Bronze

Utsav (11th Class)
1 Gold | 2 Silver

Akshat Kumar (10th Class)

Garishma Kataria (8th Class)

4 Silver

2 Bronze

Suhani Rachel Sharma of class 10-F qualified for Jr. and Sr. Nationals
Utkarsh Sarkar and Utsav of class 11 qualified for Jr. Nationals which are going to be held
from 19th - 23rd October 2021 at Bengaluru

### Inter School Aquatic Swimming Meet, 2021-2022

With great pride we would like to mention the stupendous performance of our children in the Inter School Aquatic Swimming Meet, 2021-2022. Congratulations to the winners and to Rashmi ma'am for her guidance and motivation. The results are as follows:

### Inter School Aquatic Meet 2021-22 Result

### Garishma Kataria (8th)

200 mt. Breaststroke - 3rd

### Suhani Rachel Sharma (10th)

100 mt. Backstroke - 2nd 50 mt. Breaststroke - 2nd 100 mt. Breaststroke - 2nd

#### Akshat Kumar (10th)

200 mt. Backstroke - 2nd 50 mt. Breaststroke - 3rd 100 mt. Breaststroke - 3rd

### Utsav (11th)

100 mt. Backstroke - 1st 50 mt. Breaststroke - 1st 100 mt. Breaststroke - 1st 400 mt. IM - 2nd

### Utkarsh Sarkar (11th)

200 mt. Backstroke - 1st 50 mt. Breaststroke - 2nd 100 mt. Breaststroke - 2nd 200 mt. IM - 3rd

### Harsh Bandooni (11th)

100 mt. Butterfly - 2nd

### Shivansh Bandooni (12th)

50 mt. Butterfly - 1st 100 mt. Butterfly - 2nd 200 mt. IM - 1st 100 mt. Freestyle - 1st



Shivansh Bandooni got Individual Trophy





**Delhi State Level Swimming Competition** 



## **BUDDING SPORTS STARS 2021**



| NAME & CLASS      | SPORTS EVENT  |   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Ahaana Sharma, 7B | All India Khel Gaurav Puruskar 2021(Boxing)  Winner of National Raw Powerlifting Championship 2021  Winner of District Aboxx Fight Night 2021 |   |
| Lavesh Kapoor, 6A | Delhi State Swimming Championsip 2021   |   |
| Veyaan Bhatia, 6A | Delhi Football Cup 2021<br>Sonarika Football Cup 2021   |   |
| Arsh Baliyan, 5F  | Delhi State Badminton Championship 2021   | Wind State of the |
| Jasman Singh, 5F  | All India Taekwon-Do Championship 2021  32 <sup>nd</sup> Delhi State Junior Taekwon-Do Championship 2021                                      |   |
| Rudra Gupta, 5F   | All India Chess Tournament 2021   |   |

Congratulations to all the Winners!!

Mrs. Sandhya Banik (Sports Department)





"The journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path, one that we all must take." JRR Tolkien
We lost two of our eminent mentors who can never be forgotten. Their names are ingrained in the hearts of all Xaverians.

### FR. K.T. Thomas, SJ

(Rector 22nd April 1984 to 20th March 1991) Fr. K. T. Thomas, SJ, was born on 29th September, 1934 in Ponkunnam, Kottayam (dt) Kerala. He joined the Society of Jesus on 8th June, 1955. He did his Jesuit studies in Rome for four years and was ordained a priest on 29th June, 1968. He completed his B.Sc. from Ranchi University and M.Ed. from Baroda University. He was a teacher and Headmaster of Khrist Raja High School, Bettiah, Bihar. During this time, he was a member of the Bihar Board of Secondary Education. He was also a teacher at St. Michael's High School, Patna from



1982 to 1984. He was the Rector of St. Xavier's, Delhi from 1984 to 1991. Fr. K. T. Thomas, SJ was a very lively figure on Xavier's campus and was responsible for the various new changes initiated in the school including the change of medium as well as co-education. It was under his supervision that we built a swimming pool for small children. He was primarily responsible for setting up the present Prep. School. He was the Principal of St. Xavier's School, Rohini, Sector-36, Delhi from 1991 to 1997. He was appointed the Manager of St. Xavier's School, Behror, Rajasthan in 1997 and remained in the post until 2000. From 2000 to 2009 he was involved in the training of the young Jesuits in Mysore. As a person, he was very friendly, social and approachable. He was a people-oriented missionary. He was also involved in the educational work of St. Xavier's School, Delhi-54. He left for his heavenly abode on 10th September, 2021. We pray that he finds a place in the company of the Almighty.

### Mrs. Anjali Dere

On 4th March, 2022 the former Vice Principal Mrs. Anjali Dere left for her heavenly abode, leaving behind a trail of fond memories. Mrs. Dere joined Xavier's as PGT English after which she went abroad for higher studies and thereafter rejoined Xavier's as the Vice Principal in 1989 and retired in 1994. She was the first lady and second non-Jesuit to join the administration of Xavier's. She was well versed in Xavier's tradition as well as the Jesuit approach to education. The Xaverian family prays for the departed soul and extends condolences to the bereaved family.









### REFLECTIONS

My years of rest and relaxation. It was summer. It felt like summer and home. The warm sun coming through the big red khadi curtains seemed even more warm and yellow, in the balcony some plants getting more beam than the others, you could hear the construction workers of the city turning your neighborhood park into another dull grey building, houses were so close you could visualize the neighbour's kitchen arguments or the fights over parking spots. An older woman with sulking eyes, dark lipstick on darker lips, wearing her floral nightgown, gossiping about whatever with the cleaning lady, and if you listen close enough you could hear the highway traffic at 4 in the morning, which sounded even more morbid and horrifying from the distance. You would find children playing in the tiny corners of the stairway lobby, gleaming in laughter. Out of the hundreds of windows some would be open, each telling a different story. I've always had a love-hate relationship with the city. It's liberating, it's fun but its flow is so contagious that everyone becomes more or less the same, people of smoggy mornings, afternoons of rat-race and nights of intoxication. Being born and raised in this lifestyle of ambition, productivity and chaos, has always made me dream of becoming that zen person who moves to the hills and lives a simple blissful life of artistry with multiple farm animals and a lover and maybe learn to talk to elements like water and trees like pocahontas or Moana or something. We always want what we don't have, isn't it? Snap I The world was facing turmoils and disasters. People losing lives by a deadly plague, an economic crisis of millions losing their livelihoods, multiple political, environmental and existential stressors. The pandemic threw us into a completely different world. We as a family of four average sized humans and a dog decided to live with my grandfather in the beginning of the pandemic, after him facing some serious medical issues. Since the death of his wife, my grandmother in 2018, he has been living alone, a little away from the city in a fairly big house with an equally sized kitchen garden of seasonal vegetables. Our house was away from other houses and surrounded by wild weeds and flowers, no dwelling within a 2 kilometre radius. We'd hear of our distant families catching the virus and having a number of deaths within. I never realised it then but it was such a blessing being unaffected therefore unbothered by the pandemic. It was a vacation here, a runaway, just as I imagined. Sometimes days or even weeks would go by that we hadn't seen a face other than our family. We'd go for walks in the fields to explore, in some time it became second nature to my parents to know that if I'm not home, I'd be cycling or climbing trees or sitting by the pond, just like back home it was known to them that if not home, I'd be at the terrace with my building friends. My early days of summer here were peaceful and tanning. Online classes were secondary, planning my leisures of the day was a much primary need; some craft, practicing my instruments, yoga with frequency subliminals in the background, occasional cooking, talking to myself in the mirror, tea talks with my parents, fruit breaks, night reads of Oscar Wilde, Youtube scrolls, moon gazing, everything set for a time and a mood. In the coming two years things did change, everything that is worth a while belongs to continuity, the beauty of life is divine because it flows like water, in waves, it is stationary but changing. In little actions, little unsettling feelings whole new dimensions of life rejuvenate. The enjoyable solitude becomes despairing, the routine life keeps you in bed, faces grow sick of each other. But nevertheless, I got to know a way of life I once dreamed of and I've started to call this place home now. Whenever I go back to Delhi for school or otherwise, I'd miss home. Here, I became a grandmother by feeding three generations of stray dogs, started and quitted smoking, became spiritually mindful, experienced the most picturesque sunsets, fed myself with music, literature, water, with hope. I Learnt a lot, I learnt that friends become strangers, that my daydreams are maladaptive, that sitting in shower is a symptom of depression, that I don't paint anymore because of assault, that my fear of snakes is hereditary, that my mother is an optimistic failure, that there are not many good comedy movies, that I like women and only fear men, that growing old is saddening, that extended family is not really family, that everything is temporary. I learnt that chocolate can fix almost anything, that love is about giving that only my mother truly understands me, that my best friend is an angel, that I can't spell but I can write wonders, that I can't wait for motherhood, that slow living is a bliss, that I'll have to do it all myself, that things come in two- sour and sweet, joy and pain, life and death, me and you and that hope is a beautiful thing.



### Reflections

Mirror mirror on the wall
They desire, they yearn, they cry, they call,
For what they don't and want to know

They ask of you And you tell them all.

Mirror mirror on the wall Do you tell what's not asked? Do you know what's not told? Are you victim too Of the Spell of Curiosity?

Mirror mirror on the wall What is true and what is not? No young, no old, no teacher taught. Then how by a reflecting glass Is man's unknown caught?

Sarisha Mehta, 10A

### **Every Child is Unique**

Every child is unique Children are like flowers, Different in shapes and sizes, Different in marks and powers.

Some are good in Maths, While some, good in art. Some are quiet in class, And some delicate like glass.

It doesn't matter if they are the smartest, What matters more is that they have tried their hardest.

So, why do we bash them, Those who scored a little less. Rather than comparing them, We should encourage them for success.

Just like how every popcorn, Pops at a different time, Every child will rise and pop, When it is their time to shine.

Tlya Glnu, 10F

## Biodiversity: Patrimony To Posterity

Hear the wood thrush sing ee-oh-lay,
The falcons rip their meat.
Peruse the amoeba engulf their prey,
While the sheep and lambs bleat.

Plunge into a Viking war
Click -a-tap with Flamenco.
Shop at the Egyptian Bazaar
Or sing a high pitched crescendo!

Plough and toil in the red soil Or dive in the deep for pearls, Dig, dig and dig for oil As the turbine whirls.

Plant and grow with the Mangrove Man, Support Robert Watson's green buildings. Help Uncle Kev with the indigenous clans, Increase the Chipko movement's yieldings.

Efforts accumulate over time unknown Passed on from generations.
It is revolution's boon,
Treasure this urban creation.

Let species mingle and mix Like mosaics of hued colours. Culture's, nature's, economy's fix, Diversity as we discover!

Talk of more the merrier
Enhance this global mystique
Conserve to be more healthier
Biodiversity is of what we speak.

Sarisha Mehta, 10A



## Falling in Love



Ifall in love everyday.

With people, places, things, moments, epiphanies..... just about everything loveable in this world.

I fall in love with the dark white light that illuminates my room on a cold rainy winter morning and the murakami book I read, curled up in my blanket.

I fall in love with the blood red overhead lamp that my ma got when I was seven and how it makes my room look like a Chinese diner.

I fall in love with books, authors and poets...and the people they loved.

I fall in love with the joys and sorrows of people I've never met.....I wouldn't say they're fictional because they're all very real to me..

They're the first ever real friends I ever had, the first ever real story I ever read, the first ever heartbreak I ever experienced, the first ever loss of a loved one...

Ifall in love with language.

How a native speaker speaks it because it reminds them of home.

I fall in love with my own desire to understand what they're saying, to learn their words and be a part of their homes.

I fall in love with parents and how they love their children in ways they wanted to be loved.

I fall in love with the absolute delight on a child's face when it is held close

I fall in love with those silent pauses which roar when lovers kiss..

And god! I am a hopeless romantic for an intimate look, a glance... your fingers brushing against mine.

I fall in love with the way people say my name and how it means both poetry and music, to think that my mother saw me and thought to herself that her daughter will be both of the two most beautiful things in the world.

I....I fall in love, god....I fall so hard that I bump my head against your chin

With the sharp twinkle in an adult's eye when they spot a childhood belonging or reminisce about their "youth" I fall in love with how people try to heal their physical, emotional and mental scars.

How they will literally not give up without a fight, how they always keep hope by their side

I absolutely tumble and roll down a grassy hill covered with daisies with that euphoric feeling one gets when someone you absolutely adore, compliments you.

I fall in love with the way people love back, how it's not always about the big grand gestures or expensive gifts but mostly about the genuine look of concern when you're not eating well, the look of admiration when you succeed, a big warm hug when you feel like a stranger in your own body...

And well...
I fall in love...
With love.

Tarana Jain, 10B



### **BODY SHAMING**

Mournful glance at the mirror was taken, Burdened emotions behind his bloodshot eyes, Capable of his sanity termination His demolished dignity was symbolized.

"I would have loved you my dear hadn't your wretched looks intertwined"
Words afflicted his center,
Physiognomy became his mentor

Questions rose from his heart, Who said the countenance belonged to us? Wasn't it donated by the Almighty? Is this how someone brags his acquisition?

What if his puberty didn't hit early, Will you ridicule his raggedy?

You won't ever know how it feels When the shuttered agony is dissolved in darkness.

They say be curvy but only in the right places. They say be more mature and outrageous Aren't my affection and care enough? Why can't I just be me?

Purahan Khattar, 10B



### **Words Left Unsaid**

A fairytale it is, that they won't tell you
About how girls can be dangerous and still win.
They won't tell you the truth about Rapunzel,
Who struggled along as an unwed mother of twins.
They won't tell you how Snow White killed the queen,
They keep saying that pleasing is something
A girl needs to be.

That is to say.

Maybe we are just mere actors

Staged in romance scripted by the sky

Lurking in the shadows of a man

Who doesn't give her, her own rights.

The fate of these women that the future relies on, These young women that the whole world has their eyes on,

Some filled with hope, and others broken
What it is like to be, the one with a million things unspoken.

As I sit on the sofa with my family, pick up the remote, and turn on the tv,

Go to channel 305 to seek the current affairs on the daily news,

And all I see on the screen is yet again, another report of women abuse.

From unsung war heroes to brave suffragettes, Men betting on women, on their roulettes. From Rosa Parks to Princess Diana, Juliette Gordon Low, of the Savannah. A woman is a temple of the future and history, A woman is like an unsolved case of mystery.

Suhani Rachel Sharma, 10F

### क्या वह शच था?

मेरा पूरा देश खुशहाल है। गरीबी का नहीं कोई निशान है। भ्रष्टाचार का नाश हुआ, माईचारे का संचार हुआ।

फिर लोगों की नफ़रत ने मुझे झुका दिया, क्या वह सच था?

सभी धर्म भारत के दिल में एक—समान धड़कते हैं। हर मनुष्य के मन में समानता के फूल खिलते हैं। बहुमत एक धर्म के लोगों का नहीं, बहुमत सच्चे मारतीयों का है।

फिर दंगों की आग ने मुझे डरा दिया, क्या वह सच था?

अब सभी स्त्रियाँ खुद को महफ़ूज पाती हैं। रात को भी बाहर जाने से नहीं कतराती हैं। उनकी जीवन शैली उन्हें ठेस नहीं पहुँचाती है, मर्दों की जात उन्हें नहीं झुकाती हैं।

फिर अखबार पढ़कर मैं काँप गई, क्या वह सच था?

आज लोगों को रूप पर घमंड नहीं। जिसने जैसा जन्म लिया वैसा ही सही। सब जानते हैं खूबसूरती मन की है, स्वास्थ्य, ज़रूरत तन की है।

फिर सोशल मीडिया की रोशनी ने सब कुछ छिपा दिया, क्या वह सच था?

हरियाली चारों दिशाओं में फैली है। शुद्ध हवा मेरी श्वासों में ठहरी है। आसपास का वातावरण सबको प्रसन्न करता है, सबके जीवन को परिपूर्ण करता है।

फिर ट्रैफिक के शोर और धुएँ ने मुझे जगा दिया, क्या वह सच था?

वह सच था या नहीं, यह सोचना व्यर्थ है। पर यह सोचा जा सकता है कि क्या वह सच हो सकता है!

सिर्फ मन में 'हाँ' सोच लेना, व्यर्थ है। पर कुछ प्रयत्न किया जा सकता है। जिससे अपनी इस कल्पना को, जो हज़ारों युवाओं के मन को जला रही है सच्चा बनाया जा सकता है।

## Flavoured Pastry

# SNATUS OF ICHATUS

#### Base

(Origami)

A piece of paper could be so much more.
Cut it maybe a little, fold it a few times more folding and it's a swan or a tulip so much more than just a plain square sheet
You fold me into something beautiful.

**Filling** 

(Lunar icing)
The moon isn't sorry for its phases,
Neither should you be.

2nd layer

(Kintsugi)
You picked up the broken ceramic pieces,
stuck them together into shape with gold.
Covered the cracks in glitter,

painted art all over what once was a useless vase.
Shiny lines resembling veins,
blood vessels through which lava flows.
I am not deeply aware of Japanese culture
or this "golden joinery" itself
but you make me better
with my golden cracks.

**Frosting** 

(Lunaricing)
The moon isn't apologetic for its strength to lift up the ocean, Neither should you be.

Cherry on top Hove you.

Christa, 11E



### सफलता का आरंभ

आज से, अभी से, मैं सफलता की बात करती हूँ, चलो आज मैं खुद से ही खुद की शुरूआत करती हूँ, कब तक रोक सके अधियारा सूरज को, इसलिए मैं सूरज के ही पास चलती हूँ, आज क्यों न मैं सबको छोड़कर, खुद से खुद की बात करती हूँ।

उसे ना जलाओ जो खुद ही आग है, भले ही जुदा है वो सूर्य से, वो तो स्वयं ही सूर्य का माग है।

जो लिया मैंने काम तो पूरा मैं उसे कर जाऊँगी, कृष्ण तो मुझे मिल ही जाएँगे, मैं केवल अर्जुन बन जाऊँगी।

अर्जुन के तीर—सा साधो, मरुस्थल से भी जल निकलेगा, मेहनत करो पौघों को पानी दो, बंजर जमीन से भी फल निकलेगा।

मेरी सफलता तभी है संमव, जब सभी की सफलता का हो गुणगान। मेरी कोशिशों से ही संभवतः, हो जाए सबका ही कल्याण।।

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## मुझे ऐसी धारा बनना है

विघ्नों को चीर कर आए जो घरा पर, मुझे ऐसी घारा बनना है मुझे ऐसी घारा बनना है।

प्रवाह में तेज हो, चीते जैसा वेग हो पुलकित करे जो उपवन को, महकाये जो चमन को कली – कली जो खिला सके, मुझे ऐसी धारा बनना है।

समाज की कुरीतियों को, पाप को, पुण्य को, माया के जाल को, बेरागों की ताल को, जो अपना सुर दे सके, मुझे ऐसी घारा बनना है।

नेताओं की चाल को, घोखाघड़ी के जंजाल को, लड़कियों की बेचारगी को, लड़कों की आवारगी को नया मोड़ दे सके, मुझे ऐसी घारा बनना है।

देश की आवाज़ को, नयेपन के ताज को विश्व में पहचान को, विश्वास को, सम्मान को, जो नया रूप दे सके, मुझे ऐसी घारा बनना है।

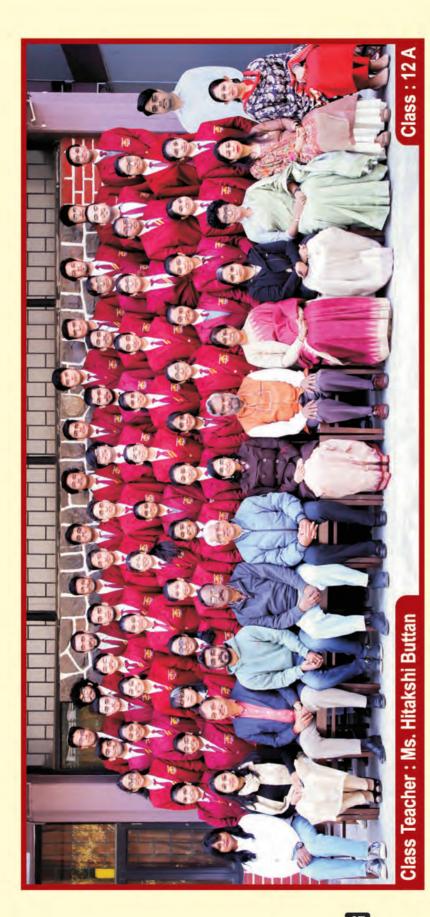
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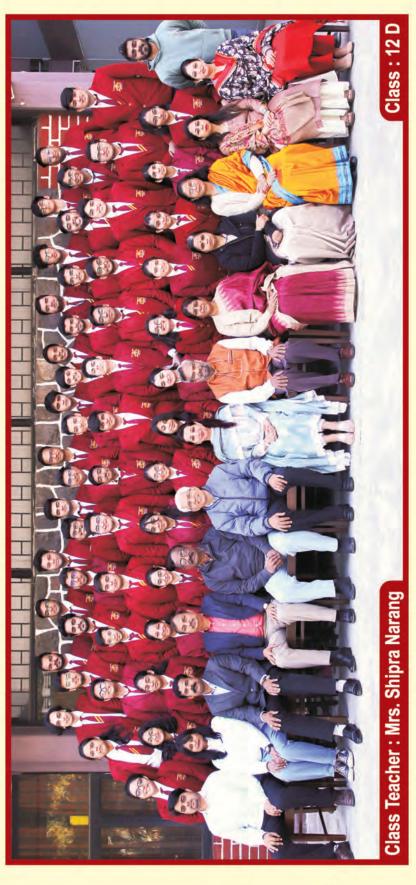
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