

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY 2019

1. Science Association

‘BUILDING PRODUCTS WITH AI’

St. Xavier's College Science Association in collaboration with the U.S. Consulate General, Kolkata, Banglanatak Dot Com, Catch Them Young , Theorex and Data Sutram organised a workshop entitled “Build Your Product With AI” on 6th February 2019. Open to participants from B.Com and B.Sc departments, the workshop was led by two eminent speakers, Mr. Gaurav Kapoor (Social Entrepreneurship Head, IIM Calcutta Innovation Park; Executive Director, Innokul; Mentor) and Mr. Suman Mukhopadhyay (Director, Banglanatak Dot Com, IIM Calcutta Innovation Park Mentor). The workshop covered entrepreneurship, incubation programs and success stories, and the importance of AI in the modern world. The concluding hands-on session explained the synopsis of the working of an AI - Data Science model.



SEMINAR ON EDUCATION ABROAD

On 7th February 2019, St. Xavier's College Science Association organised a Seminar on “Education Abroad” conducted by Jamboree Education. Mr. Deshik Banerjee, Senior faculty member, Maths, Jamboree, discussed Vedic Mathematics for Competitive Exams while Ms. Sangeeta Roy, Senior faculty Verbal, Jamboree, covered speech and presentation skills.



2. Entrepreneurship Development Cell

Biztatva '19

The Entrepreneurship Development Cell organized *Biztatva '19: E-POCALYPSE*, a national-level undergraduate management festival, from 6th to 8th February 2019. With over 60 participants from colleges all over the country, *Biztatva '19* comprised of 6 corporate simulation events designed to give participants an insight into the real world of management. The session on 6th February was conducted by Mr. Ajay Chaturvedi, Mr. Tej Pawan Gandhok and Mr. Ashish Garg. The panel discussion on 7th February featured speakers included in the prestigious Forbes 30 Under 30 list: Ms. Shraddha Bhansali, Mr. Pawan Gupta and Mr. Frederick Devaramapanti.

Outreach '19

On 8th February 2019, as an extension of *Biztatva '19*, the Entrepreneurship Development Cell in association with Enactus, organised its annual event, *Outreach*. Driven by the vision to inspire young minds and in keeping with the theme, the “Groundwork of Thought”, renowned personalities were invited to share their experiences and knowledge with students. The speakers at the event were Mr. Ravi Mantha, the talented actor, Mr. Riddhi Sen, and the entrepreneur, Mr. Sujay Santra.



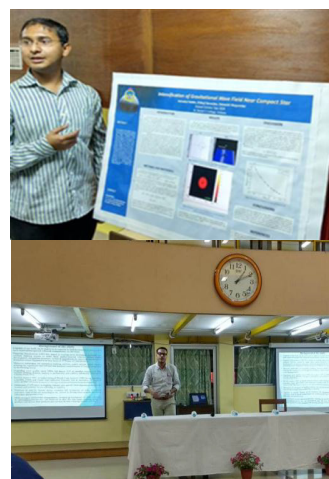
3. PG Department of Commerce Workshop on 9th February 2019

The Post-graduate Department of Commerce organized a one-day Workshop (Phase-II) on “Crafting and Conducting Research and How to Publish” on 9th February 2019. The workshop aimed to provide research scholars of various Universities and Institutes, post-graduate students of Commerce and Management and newly joined Commerce/Management faculty with the opportunity to learn aspects of crafting and conducting high quality research. The sessions were conducted by Dr. Amalendu Bhunia, Professor, Department of Commerce, University of Kalyani, and Dr. Sumanta Dutta, St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata. The workshop covered a number of topics including developing strong research proposals, research paper/dissertation writing guidelines, sample selection techniques, plagiarism policy, publishing and citation.



4. Scholars’ Day 2019

Scholars’ Day 2019 was held on Saturday, 9th February 2019 in the R.K. Hall. This annual event, which entered its second anniversary this year, is traditionally an open-house event arranged entirely by the Ph.D. scholars themselves. All Ph.D. scholars registered with the faculty of St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata, are required to participate in the event, either through an oral or a poster presentation covering their research work over the past year. A total of 12 oral presentations was spread over 3 sessions. There were 15 poster presentations made during the poster session. The event culminated in a cultural session with performances by both scholars and mentors.



5. Science Association

Sigma

The annual science fest of St. Xavier's College Science Association, *Sigma*, took place on 11th and 12th February 2019. The theme this year was "A Myriad of Minds," commemorating the contributions of scientists through the ages. The Chief Guest was Sabyasachi Mukhopadhyay, Chief Research officer, Twellit Medtech Pvt. Ltd, Lead Developer's Circle, Kolkata. Some of the key events at the two-day fest included a biztech quiz conducted by the reputed quizmaster, Mr. Kingshuk Biswas, the "Code along Python" workshop, held in association with Girlsript Kolkata and Girlsript Hooghly, led by resource persons from Google Developers Group, Kolkata, and "Eureka", a premier model exhibition. TEDx speaker, Mr. Avelo Roy, MD of Kolkata Ventures, delivered an inspiring talk on science and entrepreneurship.



6. Department of Political Science

Father Huart Memorial Lecture

The Department of Political Science organized the first *Father Albert Huart Memorial Lecture* on 13th February 2019 at the Rohinton Kapadia Hall as a tribute to the life and achievements of the legendary Father Albert Huart. Prof. Geraldine Forbes, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita in the Department of History at the State University of New York Oswego, acclaimed author and recipient of numerous awards and grants, spoke on “Camels, Cars and Curiosities: Photographs as Documents for Women’s History.” The lecture was followed by a lively interactive session.



7. Xavier’s Management Society

Xavier’s Management Convention, 2019

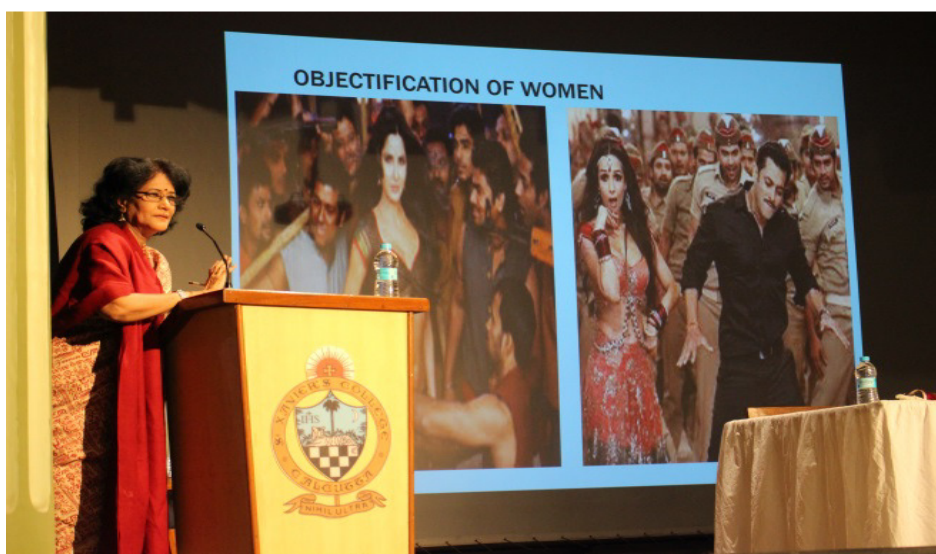
On 14th and 15th February 2019, the Xavier's Management Society organised the 14th edition of the *Xavier’s Management Convention*, a national level management event which brings together students from different parts of the country to participate in unique and challenging events that provide an experience of the management sphere. The theme chosen for this year was ‘Divulgence – Explore into the Untraversed’. The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Ms. Jhulan Goswami, former Captain of the Indian Women's Cricket team. The events included Best Manager, Marketing, International Relations, Finance, Entrepreneurship, Sports Management, Statecraft and Strategic Management. The convention concluded with a keynote speaker session by the motivational speaker and author, Gurujii Gaur Gopal Das.



8. B.A. GENERAL

Visions'19

The Department of B.A General hosted its annual event, *Visions'19*, on 16th February 2019. As a part of the programme, a panel discussion was organised on the theme “Media and Popular Culture in India”. The resource persons, Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta, Professor (Retd.), University of Calcutta, currently Visiting professor, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, and Prof. Dipankar Sinha, Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Calcutta, explored conceptual premises and expanded on the interrelationship between media and popular culture in India. The afternoon session witnessed a career development session by the British Council at which the speakers were Mr. Leslie D’Gama and Mr Azhar Ali. The programme also showcased the talents of the students through music and regional dance performances.



9. Department of Social Work and NSS

Shishu Mela

Held on 17th February 2019, *Shishu Mela*, the flagship event of the Department of Social Work & NSS of the College, drew together almost a thousand children from the villages and NGOs with whom the NSS works in partnership. The new entries this year were World Vision, ABSK, Pratiyasa and SICW. Special children from IICP, Bodhana, Calcutta Blind School and OSCD were also part of this event. The Chief Guest for the day, Fr. Aloysius Carvalho, S.J., released *Kadam*, the annual magazine of the NSS, and felicitated the four representatives of the villages, Uma Majhi, Nilima Doloi, Mou Nath and Hemento Lobo, for their support of the NSS work in the villages. This year there were 18 game stalls and art corners. The children participated in sports, won prizes, painted pots and had a wonderful time on the various rides at the fair.



10. Bengali Literary Society

Sanjog 2019 & Xavullash 2019

The Bengali Literary Society celebrated its annual flagship events, *Sanyog 2019* and *Xavullash 2019*, in collaboration with St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association. *Sanyog 2019* organized an international tour for International Mother Language Day from 6th-21st February 2019. The tour culminated in a torch rally to pay homage to the martyrs of "Bhasha Andolan." The Mayor of Kolkata, Firhad Hakim, and eminent film director, Arindam Sil, were the Chief Guests at the closing programme.

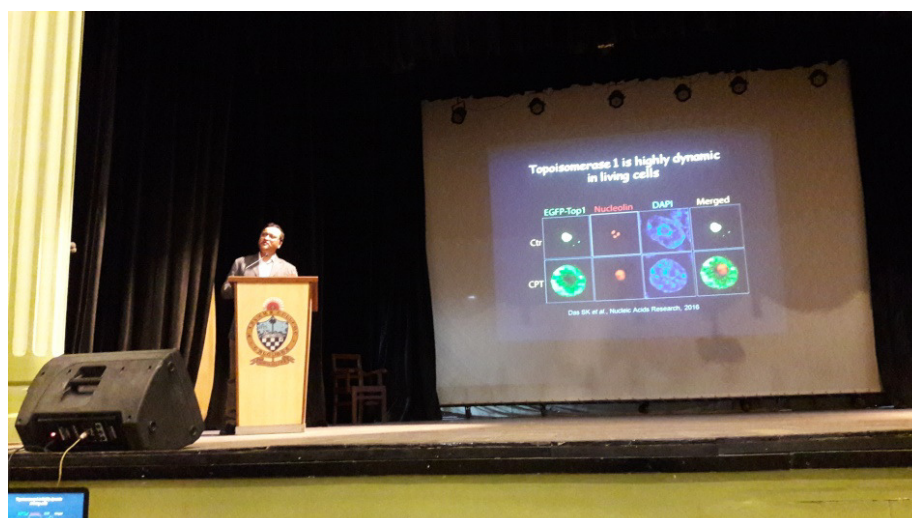
At *Xavullash 2019*, an inter-college literary and cultural fest, students from colleges over Bengal showcased their talents. A celebrity panel discussion featured young artists from the Bengali Film industry like Pavel, Riddhi Sen, Surangana Bandyopadhyay, Ujaan Ganguly and Meghla Dasgupta. There was also a guest performance by the popular singer, Debdeep Mukherjee. At the culminating event, "Doshovuja Bangalee," renowned personalities from both parts of Bengal including Soumitra Chatterjee, Joy Goswami and Bratya Basu were felicitated by Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio S.J., Rector and Principal of St. Xavier's College.



11. Department of Chemistry,

International Seminar on “Chemistry in Modern Day Cancer Research”

The Department of Chemistry organized an International Seminar on “Chemistry in Modern Day Cancer Research” on 8th January 2019. The Chief Guest was the renowned oncologist and robotic surgeon, Dr. Sujoy Gupta, Senior Consultant Urologist, Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata. Distinguished speakers at the seminar included Prof. Ashish Basu, Connecticut State University, USA, Dr. Surajit Ghosh, Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata, and Dr. Benu Brata Das, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata. In addition, there was an interactive session with Prof Ashish Basu on the progress made in contemporary cancer research and future prospects in the field.



National Seminar on “Modern Research Trends in Chemistry M.R.T.C – 2019”

A two-day National Seminar on “Modern Research Trends in Chemistry M.R.T.C – 2019,” was organized by the Department of Chemistry in association with the Royal Society of Chemistry (Eastern India Section) on 22nd and 23rd February 2019. The Chief Guest was Dr. Swadhin Mandal, IISER, Kolkata, recipient of the prestigious *Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar* award in Chemistry (2018). Eminent and award-winning Indian scientists delivered lectures over four Scientific Sessions: Dr. Swadhin Mandal, Dr. Saumyajit Roy, IISER, Kolkata, FRSC, Prof. Samaresh Bhattacharya, Jadavpur University, Prof. Debasis Das, Calcutta University, Prof. Anunay Samanta, School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad, Prof G. K. Lahiri, IIT Bombay, Dr. Debabrata Maity, IIT Bombay and Dr. Rahul Banerjee, IISER Kolkata. Over other sessions there were presentations by college teachers pursuing research, a Scientific Poster Presentation and a Poster Competition for students.



12. Fine Arts Society

Western Music Concert

The Fine Arts Society of St. Xavier's College hosted its annual *Western Music Concert* on 25th February 2019. The event was inaugurated by the renowned music producer and guitarist, Amyt Datta. This year, seven bands from campuses across the city participated in a music competition, experimenting with medleys, remixes and beats. Following the competition, the eclectic Indie Folk band, "Whale in The Pond", entertained the audience with their original dream folk music. The highlight of the Concert was a brief and entertaining performance by Usha Uthup.



13. Xavier's Commerce Society

Insignia 2019

On the 26th and 27th of February 2019, the Xavier's Commerce Society organised its annual management festival, *Insignia*. In its eleventh episode, *Insignia 2019: Re scripting Realities* explored the complex cinematic world of Hollywood. Participants from some of the best undergraduate colleges of the country and abroad engaged in a series of challenging simulations in events like Marketing, Finance, Public and International Relations, Human Resource Management, Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship. The Business Quiz Competition was hosted by Mr. Sandip Sen, Director, TCC Management Systems. Celebrity performances included the motivational speaker, Mr. Raj Shamani, actor and stage director, Mr. Jatin Sarna, and actor-musician, Mr. Piyush Mishra, and an interview with actor Radhika Apte.



14. Xaverian Film Academy (XFA)

Cinémathèque 2019

Cinémathèque, held on 28th February 2019, marked the completion of a decade by the Xaverian Film Academy (XFA). The Guests of Honour were former Deputy Presidents of the XFA, Mrs. Ananya Chakrabarti and Prof. Gopalan Mullick, and among the dignitaries was Fr. Gaston Roberge, one of the founders of the Academy. The events included One-shot Fiction, judged by Prof. Mullick, a Documentary film category judged by National Award winning filmmaker, Indrani Chakraborty, a Film Quiz conducted by Arijit Sen, a Short Fiction category judged by filmmaker Tathagata Ghosh, an Ad Film category and the Edit Junk category. Mr. Ramesh Tekwani, Vice-President of the Film Federation of India (FFI), delivered a scholarly lecture on the dynamics of filmmaking.



15. Xavierian Research Colloquium – *Anusandhan*

On 12th February 2019, Dr. Soheli Ghosh, Department of Commerce, delivered a talk on “The Impact of Mutual Funds in India in the Last Decade.”

Dr. Moitrayee Sanyal, Department of Sociology, presented a paper entitled “Reading life-stories of women in the context of marriage and intimate partner violence: A study of choice and agency among homicidal women in a Correctional Home in Kolkata” on 26th February 2019.

16. COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

eXabyte 2019

eXabyte, organized by the Department of Computer Science, is a Technological Festival which presents developments in the field of Computer Science and Technology. *eXabyte 2019*, held on 19th and 20th February 2019, was driven by the theme, “Envisage the Future.” Swami Suparnanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Prof. Subhangshu Bandopadhyay, Former Vice-Chancellor, Brainware University, was the Guest of Honour.

eXabyte 2019 featured events which drew participants from colleges all over the country. Professor Subhansu Bandyopadhyay was the Keynote Speaker at “Conclave” and “Understanding the Buzz word – Blockchain” was conducted by Mr. Sanket Sarkar, Chief Executive Officer, Teamcognito Tech LLP. The speakers at “Tech Talks” included Mrs. Sujata Chatterjee, Mr. Sandipan Chattopadhyay and Mr. Hindol Goswami.



17. The Department of Business Mathematics and Statistics

The Department of Business Mathematics and Statistics organized an invited talk, “Financial Mathematics using MS Excel,” on 1st February 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Prof. Dr. Madhu Agnihotri, Head, Department of Information Technology, St. Xavier’s College, delivered the lecture.

18. International Studies and Programmes

St Xavier's College, with its commitment towards the MOU with Santa Clara University, USA, organized the course on Science and Religion for students/faculty for the sixth consecutive year. Prof. Alexander Zecevic, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, presented lectures at St. Xavier’s College from 18th – 20th February 2019.

19. Statistics Department

The Department of Statistics organized a talk, “Oh Captain ! My Captain!”, by Prof. Bikas Kumar Sinha, Professor (Retd.), ISI, Kolkata, on 22nd February 2019.

20. Department of Microbiology

At a department seminar held on 19th February 2019, Dr. Kaustav Dasgupta from Australia delivered a talk on Immunology.

21. Cofradia 2019

On the 24th of February 2019, the twin hostels of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, the Fr. Leeming Boys' Hostel and the Mother Teresa Hostel for Girls organised *Cofradia 2019*, a celebration of the bond of fraternity which has bound hostellers together for years. The Chief Guest for the evening, Mr. Sanjeev Koner, Hony. Secretary of the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, graced the occasion along with the Guest of Honour, Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio S.J., Principal and Rector of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. The programme for the day included a variety of cultural events.



22. DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

SPORTS DAY

The Annual Sports was held on Saturday, 2nd February 2019. Shri Manoj K. Tiwary, Captain of the Bengal Cricket team, was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The hoisting of the College Flag by Shri Tiwari was followed by the colourful Inter-Department Parade. Attractive and uniquely themed department contingents competed for the ten awards presented at the end. The Championship races for Men and Women were keenly contested with many ending in a photo finish. The Staff races, Special Events for students and the exciting relays saw an overwhelming response. This year, the Staff v/s Students Tug-O-War was won by the students. The Best Athlete (Men) trophy was lifted by Aneequel Abedin (III B.Com (M)) and the Best Athlete (Women) was won by Aishwarya Krishnan (III B.Com (E)).

