

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES IN 2020 IN COLLABORATION WITH ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (KOLKATA) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Lockdown period of 2020 saw major outreach activities by the College in collaboration with the College Alumni Association. With all COVID 19 protocols and SOP in place the College reached out to the needy and the vulnerable both within the city and in the villages. Food and other essential provisions were distributed at regular intervals.

In April 2020, with the help of Kolkata Police, St. Xavier's distributed essentials to about 350 families. They also made financial contributions to Central and State Government Relief Funds amounting to more than Rs. 50 Lacs.

In May, post Cyclone Amphan, St. Xavier's rural campus situated in South 24 Parghanas, provided shelter and food to the students of the rural campus and the families of the nearby villages for 3 days. With help of College staff and NSS, a list of 100 most affected families was prepared and Rs. 5000/- each was given to them.

In June, a series of relief and rehabilitation material distribution exercises post cyclone Amphan, was taken up, the prominent ones being the announcement of adopting a Village and back-to-back relief distributions at the villages under Kakdwip Police Station in the jurisdiction of Sundarbans Police district namely Bamanagar, Khorimutha, Mollarchowk, Pukurberia, Narayanpur and Namkhana area of Sundarbans.

In October, dry rations, ready-to-eat food items, sanitation items and tarpaulins were distributed to almost 2000 homeless families of the Sundarbans stretch - the last consignment of relief materials was despatched under 'Festival of Giving' initiative.

St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, in collaboration with its Alumni Association, in a new effort, brought special significance in the celebration of Diwali and Children's Day in November. At a solemn function held on the eve of the festival on Thursday 12.11.2020 at the College campus, the Principal, also the President of the Alumni Association, Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, inaugurated a special initiative entitled "**Share To Care**" to stand by children with special needs and underprivileged children to bring joy in their lives during the festive season. Under "Share To Care" initiative, on the occasions of Diwali and Children's Day, dress materials and essentials were given to the boarders of Bodhona and Asha Niketan, both NGOs catering to the needs of Special children and also to the students of Navajiban as well as Paikhala primary school run by the St. Xavier's College in south 24 Parghanas.

It was very encouraging to see that during the time of crisis, the entire Xaverian Family led by the College Principal, Vice Principals, and supported by a number of well wishers, came together as one strong force to combat this very unprecedented twin challenges – COVID 19 & Cyclone Amphan. We hope to continue in the same spirit!

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