



St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association

Amphan Relief and Rehabilitation Services



Message from Father Principal

While COVID-19 disaster remains the focus area across the world for last 4-5 months, on May 20, 2020, we have witnessed probably the worst affected Cyclone in our lifetime which devastated most parts of South Bengal districts. The Severe cyclone Amphan literally shattered vast areas of West Bengal namely Kolkata, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, Pashchim Medinipur, Howrah, Hooghly, Nadia and Murshidabad. The magnitude of the loss of property and the financial implications are immense. In order to strengthen the efforts of Government, St. Xavier's College and the Community as a whole came forward with a financial aid of Rs.10 Lacs (Rupees Ten Lacs Only) as contribution to West Bengal State Emergency Relief Fund of Government of West Bengal on account of post-Amphan Rehabilitation support. St. Xavier's College Teaching and Support staffs have come forward to donate their One-Day Salary of the Month of May 2020 to towards the said Amphan relief fund – along with contributions from members of St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association.

Just a day after Amphan rattled South 24 Parganas, the teachers at the St. Xavier's College Raghobpur Campus along with some student volunteers came forward with a survey about the wellbeing of the students, most of who come from the neighbouring localities of the campus. Looking at the damages at the houses of these students, St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association came forward with "Gift A Roof" – Amphan Cyclone Victims Relief Initiative and provided financial support support to each of the students and their family members in distress on 29.05.2020.

In a series of relief and rehabilitation material distribution exercises after landfall of severe cyclone Amphan at West Bengal taken up by St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, the prominent ones being the Announcement of adopting a Village and back-to-back relief distributions at the Villages of under Kakdwip Police Station in the jurisdiction of Sundarbans Police district namely Bamanagar; Khorimutha, Mollarchowk, Pukurberia and Narayanpur 4no. Ghery at Namkhana area of Sundarbans.



St. Xavier's College, Community Fathers and St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association extended its support to the needy villagers of Kakdwip – Namkhana stretch of Sundarbans namely Bamanagar, Khorimutha, Mollarchowk, Pukurberia and also at the who required hand holding at this hour of crisis of double debacle. Dry Rations, Ready-to-Eat Food Materials, Sanitation, Sanitization items and tarpaulins were distributed to almost 2000 hungry and homeless families of the Sundarbans stretch.

After our repeated visit to this Kakdwip – Namkhana stretch, on behalf of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata, we have decided to adopt a village in this stretch – which are getting located by Kakdwip Police Station and Sundarban Police District Administration. After completing the formalities, Our students, teachers, staff members, Community Fathers and alumni members will keep visiting with various rehabilitation and development projects, social upliftment of that zone.

I also feel happy to inform that Honorable Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee, in her Letter of Appreciation to our College as well as Alumni Association dated 24.06.2020 greeted the contributions of St. Xavier's College fraternity of Fathers, Staff Members and Alumni for these great humanitarian initiatives & contributions for both COVID 19 prevention and Amphan relief in the state.

Fathers at St. Xavier's are commiserating with the people across the affected areas of South Bengal, especially Kolkata & South 24 Parganas – Praying for the wellbeing of the unfortunate, hungry and shelterless people and humankind at large.

May God Bless us all.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ
Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and
President, St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association



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Financial Contributions from Teachers and Non-Teaching staffs of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata, Donations accumulated by Fathers of St. Xavier's Community along with Donations from St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association helped St. Xavier's to donate Rs. 10 Lacs (Rupees Ten Lacs Only) to West Bengal State Emergency Relief Fund just couple of days after the Landfall of and Devastation caused by Cyclone Amphan.

St. Xavier's provided shelter to the students of the Rural Campus of our College, their family members as well as the Villagers in the vicinity of Raghobpur Campus of our College during the Amphan landfall at South 24 Parganas district. Raghobpur Campus hosted hundreds of villagers with basic amenities like water, electricity and food for next 3 days after the Amphan devastations. On **29th May 2020**, under "Gift a Roof" initiative, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata along with St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association handed over the cheques amounting Rs. 5000 (Rupees Five Thousand Only) each to the 100 Amphan affected families whose homes had been ruined by severe cyclone Amphan based in and around Bishnupur – Raghobpur area. Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ, Principal St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association blessed the students and Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara Vice Principal, St. Xavier's College Raghobpur Campus handed over the donation amount cheques to affected poor villagers.

Notably St. Joseph's College and St. Joseph's College Alumni/ae Association, Bangalore came forward with a helping hand and Contributed of Rs. 2,50,000 (Rupees Two Lacs Fifty Thousand)

A Thanksgiving Letter is sent by Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association to them for this unique gesture and inter – alumni association collaboration towards carrying out philanthropic work



St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association released a music video namely JAI HO MAA, an initiative by St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association to present a tribute to Mother Earth, to celebrate the World Environment Day on **5th June 2020** and the spirit of unity of mankind. The video was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ himself with his Prayers. The video has been conceptualized by Xaverian Firdausul Hasan, composed by Xaverian Music Maestro Pandit Subhen Chatterjee – also used as Donation appeal to accommodate relief donations for the Amphan affected population.

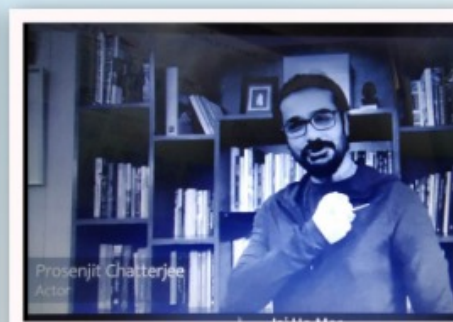
JAI HO MAA << https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIudK_ThrS8&t=8s >> featured Celebrity Xaverians and Reputed Personalities from Music and Film fraternity, Industry and Showbiz from all over India and the reach of the video in the social media attracted millions of viewers – who also came forward to support SXCCA for Amphan Relief and Rehabilitation at a later stage.



Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Dominic Savio, SJ
Principal
St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata



Anupam Roy
Singer



Prosenjit Chatterjee
Actor



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Father President of SXCCAA Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ along with Fathers of St. Xavier's Community, staff members of the College and a team of SXCCAA members personally distributed ration and basic essentials to the Amphan survivors coming from around 10 villages in the Sundarban area – getting aggregated at the 5 Distribution points namely Bamanagar on 16.06.2020; Khorimutha, Mollarchowk, Pukurberia on 24.06.2020 and Narayanpur 4no. Ghery at Namkhana area of Sundarbans on 07.07.2020.



The Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata has always maintained that the Institution will be giving all possible support towards upliftment of standard of living of these cyclone affected areas not only through such series of relief distributions but also initiating an array of social welfare activities, career development of students, skill enhancement programs. **Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio** has also added that **St. Xavier's College will Adopt a village in this Sundarban stretch of South 24 Parganas soon after the local Police Administration completes the process of identifying the same.** Soon after the official handover, the College will be sending the students for educational trips, organize excursion camps during festivals, open charitable schools and host an array of other development activities including the Teachers and other staff members as well as St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, which is well known for conducting philanthropy activities all over the world.

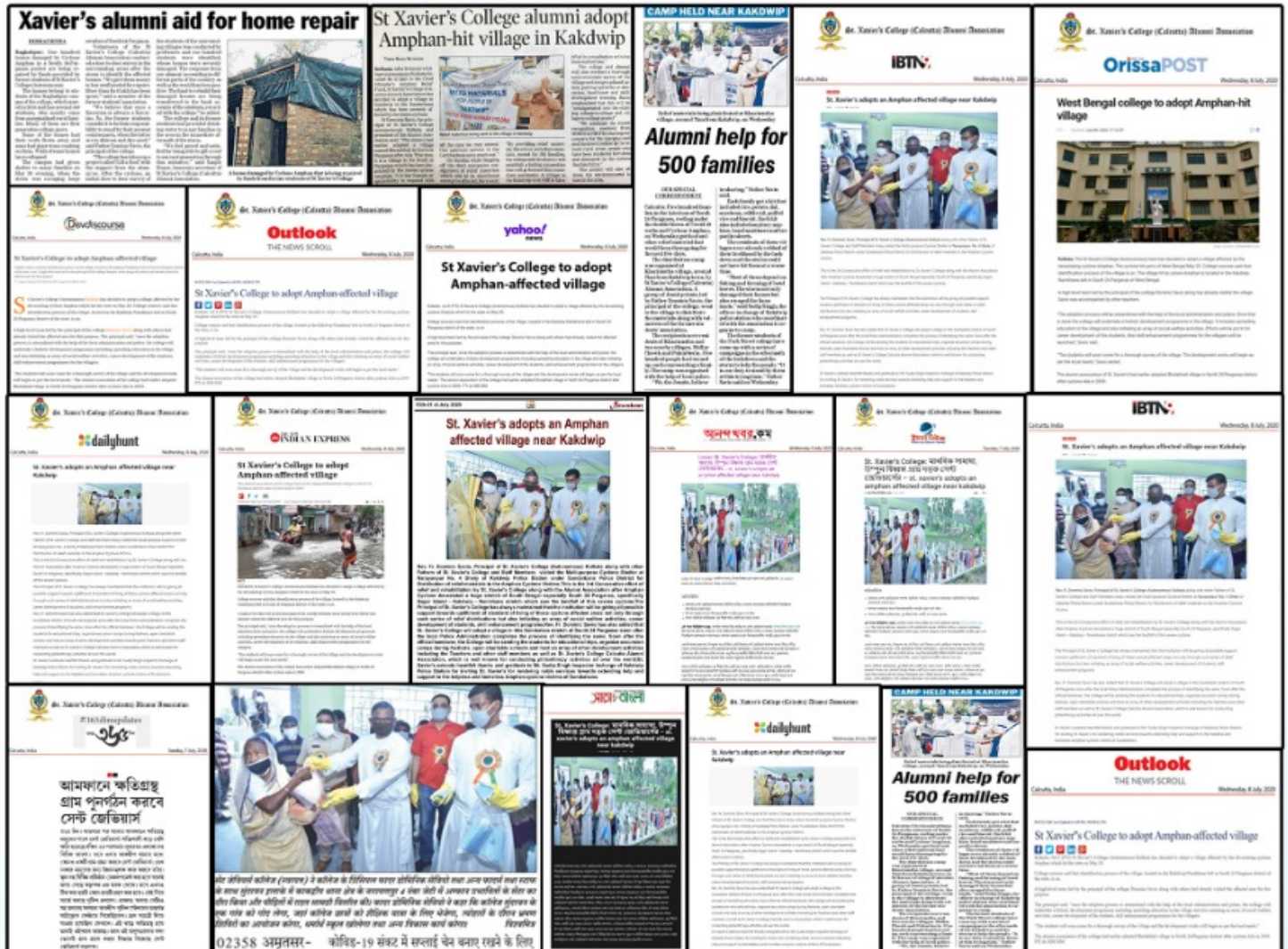




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Thanksgiving Message by Sanjib Koner, Honorary Secretary of St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association

Let me thank our President Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio and all the Fathers of St. Xavier's Community, Teachers and Non Teaching Staffs of our College, All the members of our association for their excellent support and co-operation – without their selfless services, we would not have achieved this extraordinary accomplishment & magnificence as Amphan Warriors. My gratitude goes to all the donors & benefactors who have continued to support our various activities in this testing time, especially St. Joseph's College and St. Joseph's College Alumni/ae Association, Bangalore for the timely support.

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