

## **Department Of Journalism**

Media is considered as the fourth estate and one of the most important pillars of democracy. It is often said, to understand a nation's development, it is important to understand its media. The department of Journalism, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata thus not only imparts theoretical knowledge to the students but tries to inculcate a sense of journalistic responsibility in them, preparing them for being an integral part in the nation's development in near future.

The course of Journalism is sought by students from a number of departments in the college from the faculty of Arts and Science. It has been found that students' involvement and participation is high and increasing too. Journalism is offered as a generic elective paper, where students from other disciplines viz. the department of Mass Communication and Videography, English, Sociology, Political Science and Bengali opt for as their preferred Generic Elective.

The course offers knowledge on Print, Radio, TV journalism and New Media as well as theoretical approaches to Journalism and Mass Communication studies. The course is designed in such a way that students are not only equipped with professional knowledge but are also inspired to pursue higher studies.

With the migration into the online platform due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the course is being treated with a whole new holistic approach. Students are being engaged into academic discussions oriented on theoretical and practical aspects. The projects that they are undertaking are being highly research oriented. As for the practical section of the syllabus, students are being engaged in developing their news writing skills more than before. They are also getting trained on hosting webpages.

Ex-students are working in a number of regional and national media houses. The interest of the students towards journalism is ever increasing. They are also getting placed in newspaper and television channels as well as in many digital platforms which cover news, entertainment, sports etc from across the world. Many students are pursuing higher studies in the same field in various Universities and Institutes in India as well as abroad.