

ANNUAL REPORT

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The COVID-19 pandemic has transmogrified the teaching-learning process to a great extent. The Department of Education of St. Xavier's college (autonomous) Kolkata, has realized the need of the hour and upgraded itself quickly. In these challenging times, the department not only hosted a myriad of events to exhibit their technological prowess and undeterred attitude but also successfully embarked on a new journey with the introduction of MA in Education regular course.

In February 2021 five teams from the department participated in the Hult Prize Competition and two teams bagged the first and second runner-up positions. A two-day Online Fitness Workshop was held on 22nd and 23rd February 2021 for the benefit of the students to help them work efficiently and effectively.

The department inculcates tolerance, communal harmony, and inclusivity among the students and staff by celebrating national and international commemorative days and festivals. Events like Yoga Monday(2nd March 2021) and Women's Day (8th March 2021) testify to the ethics which the department endorses.

On 26th and 27th March, 2021 the Foundation Course Programme was organised for the batch of 2020-2022. Under the mentorship of the respected Vice Principal, Dr. Charlotte Simpson Veigas, eight notable speakers from various departments delivered lectures on varied topics to enrich and broaden the horizon of the students.

The department tried best to keep spirits high amidst the ongoing pandemic with programmes like TEDx event (27th March 2021), Holi Celebration (28th March 2021), a special web talk with Swami Sarvapriyananda entitled 'Science of Happiness' (30th March 2021), Easter Day celebration (4th April 2021), Earth Day (22nd April 2021), an event named 'Reminiscing of the Past and Looking Forward to the Future', for the outgoing batch of 2019-2021, Rabindra Jayanti (8th May 2021) and Environmental Day (5th June 2021).

On 24th July 2021, the department arranged an event to honour the Birthday of Father Principal, Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio S.J. who has been a beacon of light for the organisation by constantly striving to improve and add feathers to the cap of the stellar college

Programmes like Independence Day (15th August 2021), Teacher's Day (5th September 2021), Durga Puja program by second year students (6th October 2021) & Durga Puja program by first year students (11th October 2021), Diwali program (4th November 2021), were extremely aesthetic and enriching. The students of the department gave their best efforts and presented a programme on the occasion of Education Day (11th November 2021).

The Department of Education corroborates the Jesuit spirit by celebrating Feast Day on 3rd December 2021 with exemplary commitment, dedication, and enthusiasm.

The different clubs like the Literary Club, Nature Club, Science Club, Music Club, Performing Arts Club, Photography and Fine Arts Club, CCDM Club, Hobby Club and Innovative Technology Club, across all four semesters of the department, presented a plethora of programmes throughout the year.

The Department of Education through its dedication has ensured that this year is not a lost year and has been the most successful in addressing students' needs. Even during these trying times, it shifted its mindset from looking at this new mode of virtual classes, not as a compromise instead as an opportunity.