



Principal's Report 2021

Respected Professor Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Hon'ble Chancellor, Ashoka University, Haryana, our Chief Guest for the programme today, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University of Calcutta, Dr. (Prof.) Sonali Chakravarti Banerjee, Respected Dr. Kunal Sarkar, our Nihil Ultra Awardee 2021-22, Respected Provincial, Rev. Fr. Raphael Joseph Hyde SJ, Respected Rector, Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy SJ, Vice Principals, Deans, Member Secretary, Academic Council, members of the staff, teaching and support, alumni/ae, benefactors, parents, well-wishers, friends, and my dear students, I extend a warm welcome to all of you to this 15th Convocation & Valedictory Function of the College. May the Almighty bless us all abundantly!

I place before you the Annual Report for the year 2021, I would like to remember the long journey that has brought this college to the present moment.

St. Xavier's College is 162 years old. We have a history and a heritage which we endeavour to preserve and which are an inspiration and guide for our future. It has been the intent of successive Principals, including the present, to realize and make real the fundamental vision of Nihil Ultra which signifies to us the fact that nothing is indeed beyond our imagination, grasp or achievement.

This vision of limitless possibilities began to fructify in 2006 when the College was granted autonomy. Autonomy came with acknowledged responsibilities which we have continued to shoulder into the present. That we have done so

reasonably well, is I think evidenced by the constant curve of upward growth that we have been able to maintain over the 16 years of our autonomy.

Beginning with the award of College with Potential for Excellence, we have been honoured with numerous acknowledgements of our academic endeavours and achievements. These include being conferred the status of College of Excellence in 2014, and College with a special Heritage status in 2015.

Beginning in 2003, we have been through 3 cycles of NAAC assessment. From an A grade in the first assessment, we have improved our rating to an A++ grade in the last assessment which was conducted in 2017.

Our NIRF ratings have further validated our attempts to maintain the highest possible academic values and standards. Our ranking has steadily climbed to 4th position out of 1,802 participating colleges in 2021.

To keep a vigilant eye on the quality of our academic standards from independent auditors who can assess and suggest areas of further improvement, we enlisted for ISO 9001: 2015 certification which was granted in 2019. 2 further surveillance audits were recently concluded for the years 2020 and 2021.

We also undertake regular academic audits to help us identify areas of improvement so that we can continue on our path of quality expansion.



Initiated in 2015, the Ph.D. program is now offered by the Commerce, Physics, Biotechnology, Microbiology and Computer Science departments. We hope to extend this to the PG Arts departments. It is our personal dream to ensure that all the undergraduate departments become post-graduate departments by 2025 and 2 years later be readied to offer doctoral degrees to provide students with a seamless academic transition with varying points of exit according to the students' needs.

Since we envision St Xavier's to be a research-oriented institution, we have begun to lay greater emphasis on research. Significant and increasing volume of research is being undertaken by many science departments as witnessed by the increasing amounts of research project grants the college has obtained.

We also intend to increase our applications for patents based on research projects with significant practical applications.

We also recognise that if the College has to stay abreast of the times, we have to strike out in new directions. We begin our foray into new territory by introducing an M.Sc. course in Data Science from the academic session 2022-23.

Such cutting-edge courses will give the College a vibrant contemporary feel and this will certainly attract a new kind of student profile which, I am sure, will add a new demographic and talent base that can only further vitalise the College and add to its multi-disciplinary character.

Further to this, learning from opportunities thrown up by the pandemic, the college is planning to offer various online courses of varying durations. Discussions and planning have resulted in a blueprint that will soon be ready to implement.

Such growth and expansion have been calibrated carefully as it requires constant upgradation of infrastructure. As a Heritage College, we cannot alter existing structures; yet the continuing expansion drive requires additional space for classrooms, laboratories, canteens, and other conveniences. So far, with dexterous and judicious planning and management we have successfully managed.

To accommodate this ambitious expansion and to fulfil the physical demands of further growth, the College has begun the process of building another campus at E.M. Bypass as part of its Vision 2025. Presently home to the Educational Multimedia Research Centre, this property is envisaged as a Media Hub for the Mass Communication and Multimedia Departments. Research-based science departments and

some PG departments will be shifted to another wing at this campus to free up space on the Park Street campus.

In the midst of expansion, we remain a College with a conscience whose mission is to reach the benefits of quality education to the underprivileged, the marginalized and to students from the rural hinterland. I am happy and proud to announce that our Ragabhpur campus has successfully bridged the rural-urban divide and has brought about significant changes in the rural areas it serves. With generous investment and endowment, the campus has been undergoing extensive expansion and upgradation, has opened postgraduate departments, and is looking to offer vocational courses designed to meet and fulfil the needs of the local populace. A Centre of Skill Development is also being planned at the Raghabpur campus to impart technical skills to local rural residents. The Ragabhpur campus is, I believe, one of our most significant achievements and is affirmation of the Jesuit ideals which give force and structure to the overall vision for the future.

We aim to take this commitment and service to society in further directions. So, we have begun to ideate and plan the setting up of a School of Gender Studies, and a School of Social Sciences.

The School for Gender Studies is scheduled to begin in the month of March 2022 at the Raghabpur Campus. It hopes to empower girl students/women with knowledge and self-confidence and to facilitate awareness amongst their family members, neighbours and others with regard to gender equality. While organizing regular conferences, seminars, and workshops, the School for Gender Studies will take up research projects emphasizing gender-related issues. It plans to publish two-yearly peer-reviewed journals both in English and Bengali with ISSN numbers.

The School for Gender Studies has many plans on the anvil including wall magazine, short-term certificate courses on gender or women studies, and even B.A. and M.A. Programs in Gender or Women Studies.

These are our achievements and our plans. And so, I stand now before you, as pilot to a College rooted in tradition even while it is driven by a vision of its future and the service to humanity that is its privilege to provide.

As a record of this, I ask your permission to provide the Annual Report, 2021.

I congratulate all the 2989 under-graduates, post-graduates and B.Ed. students who will receive their degrees on this



solemn Convocation Day. May you be men and women for others!

Congratulations to all the students with outstanding results and who have acquired ranks. These students will be rewarded with gold medals today.

This year, the College has five Ph.D. Awardees from among our Professors and eight student Ph.D. Awardees from the College under the supervision of our Professors.

- 1) Dr. Romit Sanker Beed from the Department of Computer Science
- 2) Dr. Dona Das Sengupta from the Department of Education
- 3) Dr. Shaunak Roy from the Department of Commerce under the supervision of Dr. Shivaji Banerjee.
- 4) Dr. Debarati Ganguly from the Department of History, Raghobpur Campus.
- 5) Dr. Shenjuti Dutta from the Department of Film Studies.

STUDENT Ph.D. AWARDEES FROM THE COLLEGE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF OUR PROFESSORS:

- 1) Dr. Fr. Milton Costa under the supervision of Dr. Samrat Roy and co-supervision of Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri of the Commerce department.
- 2) Dr. Zeba Farheen under the supervision of Dr. Sanjib Kumar Basu, Department of Commerce.
- 3) Dr. Senjuti Banerjee under the supervision of Dr. Chandana Barat, Department of Biotechnology.
- 4) Dr. Shreeparna Ganguly under the supervision of Dr. Dipankar Chakraborti, Department of Biotechnology.
- 5) Dr. Debanjana Sengupta under the supervision of Dr. Arup Kumar Mitra, Department of Microbiology.
- 6) Dr. Ami Jain under the supervision of Dr. Sanjib Kumar Basu and co-supervision of Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri, Department of Commerce.

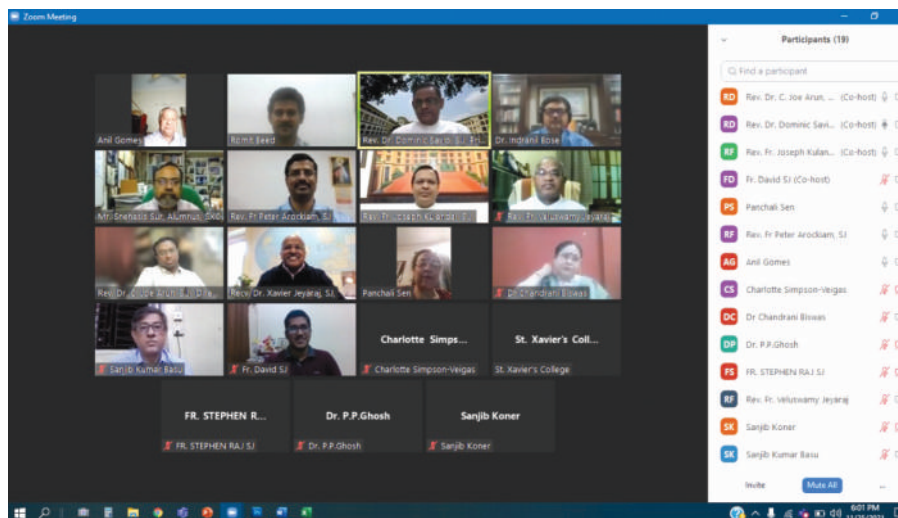
- 7) Dr. Sehnaz Ferdosh under the supervision of Dr. Chandana Barat, Department of Biotechnology.
- 8) Dr. Pritam Biswas under the supervision of Dr. Sudeshna Shyam Chowdhury, Department of Microbiology, and Dr. Samir Kumar Pal, S N Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences.

Congratulations to all of them!

During this year:

- 13 faculty members received national and international awards.
- 8 books and book chapters of our faculty members have been published.
- 23 faculty members have published research articles in different national and international journals and many of our faculty member including some of our students have presented papers in different national and international seminars and conferences.
- 16 of our faculty members were invited as Resource Persons to different national and international programmes and 10 faculty members have attended national & international conferences, faculty development programmes and refresher courses, etc.
- As many as 129 national and international webinars and workshops were organized and conducted by the College.

Congratulations to all involved!



On behalf of the Xaverian Family, I would like to congratulate four of our teaching staff members and one support staff member for having completed 25 years of service in the College as on 31/12/2021.

Sl	Name of Faculty	Department	Length of Service
1.	Dr. Partha Pratim Ghosh	B.Com. Morning	25 years 11 months
2.	Dr. Saunak Palit	Physics	25 years 6 months
3.	Dr. Surabhi Dasgupta	Statistics	25 years 3 months
4.	Prof. Sirin Ray	Education	25 years 11 months

• Support Staff:

Sl	Name of the Support Staff	Length of Service
1.	Mr. Jayanta Middey	25 years 4 months

Our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to the following staff members, who have retired from service during 2021 for their dedicated and committed service to St. Xavier's College.

- Prof. Subir Srimani, Assistant Professor, B.Com.- Morning Department (26 years 2 months).
- Mr. Surendra Prasad Chaubey, Support Staff (38 years 9 months).
- Mr. Bablu Das, Support Staff (29 years 3 months).
- Mr. Jagat Bahadur Chhetri, Support Staff (21 years 2 months).

NEW APPOINTMENTS

- Dr. Partha Pratim Ghosh as Assistant Controller of Examinations with effect from 1st August, 2021.
- As Heads of Departments with effect from 1st August, 2021:
 - 1) Dr. Zaid Al Baset as HOD of the Sociology Department.
 - 2) Dr. Ipsita Barat as HOD of the Department of Mass Communication & Videography.
 - 3) Prof. Shenjuti Dutta as HOD of the Film Studies Department.
 - 4) Dr. Tapalina Bhattasali as HOD of Information Technology, Department of Commerce (Morning).

- 5) Prof. Subir Srimani as HOD of Accounting & Finance, Department of Commerce (Morning).
- 6) Dr. Sourav Tarafder as HOD of Business Mathematics & Statistics, Department of Commerce (Morning)
- 7) Dr. Aryadeep Roy Choudhury as Professor in Charge of Biotechnology Laboratory.
- 8) Prof. Basuli Dasgupta as Professor in Charge of Accounting & Finance, BMS Department.
- 9) Ruby Mary Notts as Programme Officer, Career Oriented Programmes with effect from 15th November, 2021.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- On 21st February, 2021, the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industry felicitated Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio for his immense contribution in the Education Sector.



- On 25th July, 2021, he received the 'Education Eminence Award 2021', conferred by 'News 18 Bangla.'





- For fulfilling the Kanyashree project of the Government of West Bengal in 2020-2021, the College was felicitated on 14th August, 2021, by the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Development.
- On 5th September 2021, on the occasion of Teachers' Day, Fr. Dominic, was honoured with the 'Shiksha Ratna



Award 2021' conferred by the Government of West Bengal in recognition of his outstanding service and contribution in the field of education. Fr Dominic dedicated this award to the entire fraternity of St. Xavier's College.

- On 11th November, 2021, Fr. Dominic Savio was conferred the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Award - 2021 in the field of Education by Maulana Azad Foundation for Education and Culture, Kolkata.



- On 13th November, 2021, he was conferred the "Jewel of Bengal - Education Leadership Award" for his outstanding contribution in Education by the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM).
- Dr. Arup Mitra and Dr Sharadia Dey have been appointed as the co-Investigators in a joint India-Poland project coordinated by Dr. Sagnik Dey, of the Centre for Atmospheric Sciences, IIT Delhi and Dr. Anita Lewandowska, from the University of Gdansk, Poland.
- Three Indian Patents have been published on hand sanitizers, new drug molecule, tea quality by our UG students and a research scholar from the Department of Microbiology under the guidance of Dr. Arup Kumar Mitra and Dr. Sudeshna Shyam Chowdhury.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- On 15th August 2021, Ms. Celina Tirkey, from the Department of Commerce, Raghbapur campus, won the first prize for the UBA (Unnat Bharat Abhiyan) poster competition and received a cash prize of Rs. 4000/- and a certificate from UBA.
- On 8th September, 2021, Ms. Tavishi Rupani and Ms. Shyani Mukherjee, from the Department of Economics presented a paper entitled "Globalization, Income Distribution and Unemployment: A General Equilibrium Analysis." at a seminar organized by Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose College, Kolkata in association with Bangiya Arthaniti Parishad [Bengal Economic Association(BEA)].
- The third year students of the Department of Statistics performed exceptionally well in the Joint Admission Test for Masters (JAM 2021), and secured the first three positions. This year five students from the Department of Statistics are in the top 10 ranks.

MAJOR PROGRAMMES HELD IN THE COLLEGE

• 14th Convocation and Valedictory Function of the College

The 14th Convocation and Valedictory Function of the College was held on 13th March, 2021 in a blended mode.



The programme was presided over by Rev. Fr. Raphael Joseph Hyde, SJ, Provincial of the Calcutta Jesuit Province. Swami Atmapriyananda Maharaj, Pro-Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and addressed the audience.

On behalf of the University of Calcutta, Prof. Sonali Chakravarti Banerjee, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta, delivered the Convocation Address and conferred the degrees on the 2250 outgoing undergraduates, post-graduates and B.Ed. students and also to one Ph.D. student.



Rev. Fr. Raphael Joseph Hyde, SJ, Provincial, delivered the welcome address and Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, presented the Annual Report 2020. The vote of thanks was delivered by Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy, SJ, Rector of the Institute.

27 Instituted Gold Medals were also awarded to the students on that day.

• 500th Anniversary of the Cannonball Moment of St. Ignatius of Loyola:

The Society of Jesus is celebrating the Ignatian Year 2021-22, to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Cannonball Moment of St. Ignatius of Loyola (Founder of the Jesuits). The College inaugurated the Ignatian Year by organizing a webinar on the Cannonball Moment: Moving from Profession to Purpose on 9th July, 2021. Other webinars followed as part of the continuing celebrations of the Cannonball Moment.

• Faculty Orientations:

The College hosted Rev. Dr. Francis P. Xavier SJ, Rector and Vice President, Loyola Campus, Chennai as the resource person for the annual Faculty Orientation Programme on Jesuit Education for Leadership Formation on Saturday, 7th August, 2021.

Rev. Fr. Norbert Menezes, SJ, Rector & Secretary, St. Michael's B.Ed. College, Patna was invited as the resource person for the second Faculty Orientation Programme held on 19th September, 2021 for all junior faculty members.

• Soft Skill Development Programmes:

A ten-week Soft Skill Development Programme focusing on English proficiency

and Computer usage, was organized for Support Staff Members. The Programme was inaugurated by Fr. Principal on 4th December, 2021.

• **Independence Day Celebration:**



St. Xavier's College celebrated the 75th National Independence Day on 15th August, 2021. The Chief Guest, Brigadier H.K. Singh Bath, SM, Officiating ADG, NCC, West Bengal & Sikkim, Kolkata hoisted the National Flag in the College Quadrangle.

• **Teachers' Day Celebration:**

Teachers' Day, on 5th September, 2021, was celebrated online keeping in mind the pandemic situation.

programme in Computer Science from the academic session 2021-22, an M.A. in Education and a Political Science Honours Course in its Raghbapur Campus

- The College has also applied for Ph.D. Programmes in English and Bengali. Inspection by the affiliating University has been completed and the final approval is awaited.

ONLINE CLASSES

Since institutions were unable to physically re-open for the 21-22 academic session, we resumed in the online mode which is now running with almost 100% efficiency on a full and regular routine.

Many professors have expressed their appreciation of our platform, MS Teams, since it offers them numerous digital teaching advantages that were not available on campus.

DBT BUILDER FACILITY IN BIO SCIENCES SCHEME

Funded by a sanctioned amount of 2.67 crores under the DBT Builder Facility in Bio Sciences Scheme the College has set up a Central Instrumentation Facility to house sophisticated instruments worth 1.15 crores. This will encourage cutting edge research in the Bio Sciences.

ADMISSIONS 2021-22 & 1ST YEAR INAUGURATIONS (UG & PG):

The online mode of application and admissions 2021-22 to the various UG and PG courses were conducted successfully.

The total number of applicants admitted to the various UG courses was 2794 and to the PG courses was 702.

COMMENCEMENT OF NEW COURSES FROM THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-22:

- I am proud to announce that as part of our academic expansion plan, we introduced a Ph.D.





DBT SKILL VIGYAN GRANT 2021

The DBT Skill Vigyan Grant 2021 was sanctioned 28 lakhs by the Central Government to carry out training programs for 100 laboratory attendants for private and public sector organizations in the field of Life Sciences.

efficiency and management, and enquire into Biodiversity and Green Zone issues, will be an important step to understand and measure our contribution to our environment as part of our mission of helping to mitigate global warming.

GREEN & ENVIRONMENT AUDIT

The College is organizing a Green and Environment Audit in both the Mother Teresa Sarani Campus and the Raghabpur Campus. The audit which will cover water and energy

WELLNESS CENTRE IN THE COLLEGE

Keeping in mind what the year 2020 compelled us to realize about the importance of good health, a strong mind and the need for a stable workout, the College set up a 'Wellness Centre' in February, 2021. Set up with funds received from the



Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), the 1200 square feet facility houses a gym and a yoga centre. The centre plans programmes on mental health and will also provide counseling to students regarding stress management.

PLACEMENT CELL OF THE COLLEGE

During the session 2019-20, 53 Companies visited our College to for on-campus recruitment process. The College also conducted 23 off-campus recruitments. 598 students received placements. The maximum package offered was Rs. 21.5 lakhs by D.E. Shaw, Hyderabad. Major recruiters included D.E. Shaw, Deloitte US-India, PWC, Ernst Young GDS, Deloitte India, Accenture, Futures First, J.P. Morgan, ICICI Bank, and many more.

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata has been placed Third in the All India Rankings (out of 1,123 participating colleges across India) and First in the Zonal Rankings (out of 126 participating colleges across East Zone) in the Internshala Annual Rankings, 2021. The total internship selections for the year was 2,342.

I take this opportunity to thank our students and the Placement Cell of the College for this splendid performance.

EMRC (Educational Multimedia Research Centre)

In its attempt to reach education to pupil's homes, particularly during the pandemic, EMRC-Kolkata created a special digital learning corner along with the regular MOOC courses that are run through SWAYAM platform. The EMRC also launched an e-learning corner called 'Wisdom Online' to help students find suitable courses on Google Classroom

This year the Centre has developed and disseminated MOOC courses with new or repurposed content. Further approved MOOC courses are in production mode.

The Centre has been allotted translation of 45 UG courses from English into regional language.

COVID VACCINATION DRIVES, PHILANTHROPIC & OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DURING 2021

• Covid Vaccination Drives:

A series of free-of-cost Covid Vaccination Camps were organized at the Park Street and Raghobpur Campus of





the College with the help of Department of Health & Family Affairs, Government of West Bengal, KMC authorities, private hospitals and health centres, St. Xavier's College and its alumni association celebrated 10,000 in-campus, free-of-cost Covid vaccination landmark. Father President conveyed his heartfelt thanks to the Jesuit Fathers, all the service providers and benefactors comprising, college staff and medical workers for making this possible.

• Philanthropic Activities

Through the Covid 1st and 2nd waves, the alumni association of the College has been continuing its philanthropic activities and has even provided financial support to some of our members.

In April 2021, the Alumni Association supported by its alma mater introduced "SXCCAA Help" – a dedicated team of volunteers working a 24x7 helpline for Covid patients and their family members. More than 500 Covid

patients were benefited.

In May 2021, the Lions Club of Burdwan Children Hospital were provided with PPE kits, face shields, hand sanitizers, disposable hand gloves for distribution to frontline health workers.

- On 13th May 2021, the Alumni Association along with the College provided a range of food items and essential commodities to an NGO named, 'Save the Orphans and Old Age' situated in Rania, in South 24 Parganas.



Around 100 support staff members of the College were personally provided with dry ration packets by Fr. Principal and other Jesuit Fathers.

- On 26th May 2021, after the Yaas cyclone, the College and the Alumni Association came forward with a comprehensive relief and rehabilitation drive.

Many other initiatives followed. From 1st June 2021 onwards, two food vans were deployed to serve cooked hot meals to 1500 people per day in the affected areas. Food materials, essential commodities and dress materials were also sent to 4 worst affected blocks of Purba Medinipur. A second consignment of relief and rehabilitation materials were sent to other cyclone affected villages in other blocks of Purba Medinipur District.

From 4th June 2021, continuous Medical Camps in association with the block and district administration in Purba Medinipur District as well as various private medical service providers were facilitated. Medicines, pulse oximeters, face masks and sanitizers were sent to these medical camps.

On 9th June, 2021, a large consignment of relief materials was also sent to the nearby villages of Paikhala in South 24 Parganas. More than 7000 homeless villagers benefited from this initiative.

- On 24th July 2021, the annual Philanthropy Day 2021 was celebrated by the Alumni Association, on the occasion of the birthday of the President of the Association, Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio. Gifts and useful necessities were handed over to the inmates of various NGOs.

The College and Alumni Association were gifted 2 Covent Ventilators from Banglaworldwide.com, an online forum to unite culturally conscious Bengali population scattered across the globe. Those Covent Ventilators were given to College Infirmary for any emergency situation.

- In an effort to bring smiles to the underprivileged and needy people on the occasion of Durga Puja, St. Xavier's College along with its Alumni Association organised a programme titled, "Festival of Giving" on 5th October 2021.





- On 2nd November 2021, the members of the Governing Council of the Alumni Association, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, distributed food, essential items and gifts, as part of the continuing philanthropic activities. The relief materials were distributed to more than 250 beneficiaries as the initiative, namely "Spread the Light", was a befitting way to mark the Diwali celebrations!

Activities by National Chapters

- In anticipation of a probable 3rd wave which could affect women and children, the North Bengal Chapter of our Alumni Association on 21st June 2021 made a significant contribution in the fight against the Covid pandemic by becoming facilitators and benefactors at the inauguration of Jesu Ashram Covid Safe Home for women and children with the help of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal.
- On behalf of the Alumni Association, the South Zone Chapter led the philanthropic initiative at Karnataka by providing selfless support during this humanitarian crisis. A considerable contribution was raised to set up free-of-cost 100 bed Covid Care Center in Bangalore for the underprivileged Covid victims which also included ambulance services.
- On 26th July 2021, the North Bengal Chapter of the Association organized a free-of-cost Covid Vaccination Centre with the Darjeeling Jesuits of North Bengal at St. Vincent School, Hatighisha.

Other National Chapters of SXCCAA and Xaverians associated there also actively worked as Covid warriors in their own capacities.

Activities of International Chapters:

The members of our International Chapters have been very supportive in providing financial support for relief and rehabilitation activities to the victims of Covid and Yaas cyclone. Members of various international chapters have also been involved welfare activities in their respective local communities to combat Covid pandemic.

Special Mention:

On 5th July 2021, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, received a patient transport ambulance, donated by Smt. Shakuntala Lakhota in memory of Late Shyam Sunder Lakhota. The ambulance was physically handed over by Smt. Shakuntala Lakhota to Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of

the College. The ambulance will serve the students of both St. Xavier's College and Collegiate School, alumni, staff as well as Jesuit Community of St. Xavier's and other similar communities under Calcutta Province.

Our heartfelt thanks to the entire Lakhota family for this noble gesture.

- On 18th May 2021, St. Xavier's College (Kolkata) Alumni Association received a donation of Rs. 2 Lacs for boosting the philanthropic initiatives to the Covid victims.
- On 7th December 2021, the Silver Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ, was celebrated by SXCCAA in a simple yet memorable way. The main event was organized at Fr. Depelchin Auditorium of the College following Covid protocols and restrictions. In his thanksgiving address, Father reminisced about his early days of Priesthood and his growing up as a human being with values and ethos.

The highlight of the celebration was the unveiling of the coffee table book especially designed and printed for this auspicious occasion.

Rev. Fr. Francis Jimmy Keepuram SJ and Rev. Fr. Arul SJ were also felicitated on completing 25 years of priesthood.

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Knowledge and Ideas Xchange series (KIXs) has been the flagship event of SXCCAA. Around four interactive virtual sessions with renowned speakers and doctors were organized, two of which were on the myths and facts of Covid.

ACTIVITIES IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE COLLEGE

- Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, other Jesuit Fathers and alumni members paid their humble tribute to the immortal souls of martyrs who fought for the autonomy of their mother language, on the auspicious day of Bhasha Dibas at the College quadrangle on 21st February 2021.
- On 28th July 2021, on the occasion of National Justice Day 2021, St. Xavier's College and St. Xavier's Collegiate School jointly organized a special prayer service and candle light tribute to Late Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ.
- On 12th November 2021, the pre-Christmas celebration

commenced with a mega philanthropic engagement program namely, 'Let's Care & Share' at Paikhala Prathamik Vidyalay - a school for children of the poor and marginalized sections adopted by our College.

At the inauguration, Fr Dominic Savio mentioned that the initiative of plantation drive was organized as part of our obligation to Mother Nature, to give back something in return to the abundance that we enjoy.



Later on the same day, gift bags and food packets were distributed to around 300 children from other villages adopted by the College. Additionally, the College and its Alumni Association have taken care of education and hostel facilities of numerous students residing at Raghampur and its neighbouring villages for the last few years.

- The Annual Re-Union Dinner 2021 was organised on 26th December 2021 by the Alumni Association of the College. Fr. Principal thanked and congratulated the Governing Council and the members of SXCAA for turning it into such a grand evening.
- The 35th Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association was organized on 25th September, 2021.

From 8th to 15th August 2021, a week-long Tree Plantation and Sapling Distribution Initiative was taken by our College and the Alumni Association at the Raghampur Campus of the College. Some 100 saplings were planted in the grounds of the Raghampur Campus and 500 more saplings were distributed.

We now fondly remember and pray for the repose of the souls of:

- 1) Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, Jesuit Priest and the first Bishop of Baruiipur Catholic Diocese, who passed away on 27th February, 2021.
- 2) Neelangshu Saha, 3rd year Physics Honours student, who passed away on 15th February, 2021.
- 3) Mr. Pankaj Benani, a dedicated alumnus of our College, who passed away on 11th February, 2021.
- 4) Prof. Ram Chandra Mishra, Retired Professor of Hindi, who passed away on 5th February, 2021.
- 5) Mr. Arabinda Bar, retired support staff member of our College, who passed away on 18th March, 2021.
- 6) Prof. M.M. Rahman, former Vice Principal, Dean and Professor of Commerce, who passed away on 24th April 2021.
- 7) Prof. Albert Cardinal Gomes, former Professor of Physics and Controller of Examinations of the College, who passed away on 25th April 2021.

- 8) Mr. Lawrence Biswas, Support Staff in the Central Library, who passed away on 4th May, 2021.
- 9) Mr. Peter Singh, Support Staff in the Controller's Office, who passed away on 15th May, 2021.
- 10) Rev. Fr. Jean Englebert SJ, who passed away on 7th September, 2021. He was a Jesuit Priest, whose contributions for Bengali Apostolate and Liturgical life will remain memorable. He was 91 years old.
- 11) Saurav Ghosh, support staff in the B.Com. (Morning) Department Office of the College, passed away on 23rd October, 2021.
- 12) Totan Karmakar, Office cum Technical Assistant in the Computer Centre of the College, passed away on 21st November, 2021.

May their souls rest in peace! We express our deepest condolences to their family members.

And finally, it is my special privilege to express my deep and sincere thanks to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. (Prof.) Sonali Chakravarti Banerjee, for your support and good wishes which we value and confidently rely on. As an Autonomous College, affiliated to the University of Calcutta, St. Xavier's is proud of its close association with the University which has been and continues to be generous and supportive in all possible ways. We thank you Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for this association which inspires and motivates us in our quest for excellence.

Nihil Ultra. There is indeed Nothing Beyond that we will not aspire to and attain.



Father with the Ambassador of Costa Rica