

## **The Department of Education (2022-2023)**

The Department of Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata, has a long and successful history of providing excellent teaching-learning experiences to the students and also to the teachers. The department conducts a Two-Year Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) and Two-Year Master of Arts (M.A.-Education) programs, in which the total number of students are 194 and 38 respectively. The department gives equal importance to academic and non-academic exposure. The department celebrated festivals and events with utmost sincerity and enthusiasm with the approval of our Vice Principal Dr. Charlotte Simpson Veigas. Under her guidance, the department has executed umpteen programs. The programs are the results of the collaboration of the teachers and the students of the department. The students participate tirelessly and enthusiastically all through the course to contribute to the success of this illustrious institution. This builds the management and administrative skills of the students of the department, who would eventually become teachers and guide the youth of this nation.

The academic year of 2022-23 started with the International Day of Yoga, which was held in collaboration with XADAM (the Xaverian Academy of Dance and Music), the performing arts Society of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. It was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022. On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the department welcomed the new batch, and in a couple of weeks, the department celebrated the birthday of our Father Principal, Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, S.J. The students participated in the St. Ignatius Inter-religious prayer service on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Apart from participating in the Annual Sports Day and winning prizes, the department also participated in a Football Tournament and XPL. The department also supports individual students in their pursuit of dreams and one such example is Shweta Brahmachari, a student of B.Ed Semester II who has won many National Rowing competitions this year. The department has notable participation in events like the AICUF orientation program, EX-HULT, TEDx, Corpus Christi, AICUF DAY, FEAST OF FRANCIS XAVIER, Convocation 2023, Xavotsav, AICUF-National Advisory Meet, HULT- Session with the US Consul General etc.

Almost all the festivals are celebrated with equal enthusiasm in the Department of Education. Sometimes the creativity of the students is nurtured with the creation of videos showcasing the festive spirits. These videos are prepared by the students of

the department who work in advance to design them and have them ready early in the morning of the designated day. Muharram, Janmashtami, Independence Day, Republic Day, Onam, Gandhi Jayanti, Diwali/KaliPuja, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Christmas, New Year, Saraswati Puja, Netaji Jayanti, Pongal, National Girl Child Day, Cancer Day, Holi, Women's' Day, Bengali New Year, Earth Day, Eid, Rabindra Jayanti and many more festivals were celebrated in this way.

The department has also organized national and International seminars and speeches by eminent speakers, such as Dr. Knut Aukland from the Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway, and distinguished professors of our college such as Dr. Partha Pratim Ghosh, Head of Department of Accounting and Finance, among others. There were seminars on E-Waste Management in February and Health and Wellness (The Philosophy of Veganism) in March 2023. The department also conducted a Faculty Development Program in February 2023. Two International Seminars are scheduled in the coming weeks in this academic session. The students also participate and present papers in various seminars outside the department.

The department not only creates videos but also celebrates different events in the Seminar Hall of the department. The department has different clubs for the students such as Literary Club, Science Club, Nature Club, Music Club, Hobby Club, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Club, Performing Arts Club, Innovative Technology Club and Photography and Arts Club. Each club presents their program every semester. The foundation courses are also organized for the students. Staff picnics are held each year, as well as educational excursions with the students of both years. This year the students went to Ramakrishna Mission, Narendrapur on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 with the Vice Principal and other faculty members for the excursion.

To sum up, the Department of Education has organized over 80 events this academic year, with the hard work of all the members of the department, students and faculty alike, and is attended and appreciated by all present, and is a matter of great pride and honour for all of us.