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FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

It is with immense pleasure that we present to you the inaugural issue of our College Service Organization Magazine "XAVERIAN VOLUNTEER". At the heart of our institution lies a steadfast commitment to service, and through this publication, we are delighted to showcase the impactful initiatives, volunteer experiences, and community outreach efforts undertaken by our students and faculty and define our collective dedication to making a difference in the world.

This magazine is a testament to the tireless dedication and unwavering passion of all those involved in our service organizations. It is a celebration of their selflessness, generosity, and commitment to creating a more just and compassionate society. Through service, we cultivate empathy, bridge divides, and effect positive change in the world around us, enriching not only the lives of those we serve but also our own. These initiatives contribute to the development of our students' personalities by offering practical, real-world experiences beyond the confines of the classroom.

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NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)



CAPT. DR. S. KANTHAN
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Cycle rally on "Be Indian Buy Indian" Selfless action in Flood relief service, March past on SXC Sports day

The cadet SUO.G. Joachim Bharathi participated in pre -youth exchange program (Training) camp in Delhi, 2023 and YEP in Moscow, Russia, 2023. The cadet CUO.T. Gopi Kumar participated in All India Thal Sainik camp (AITSC) in New Delhi, 2023. The cadet CPL.C. Bharath participated in Republic day camp held in New Delhi on 26.01.2024. The cadet CUO. K. Sasmitha participated in IGC- RDC held in Idayapatti, Madurai 2023. The cadets CQMS. Sorna vel, SGT. Dhyanesh, CDT. Manikandan, CDT. Narayanan participated in RDC IUC Training 2 in Madurai. The cadets SUO.G. Joachim Bharathi, CUO.T. Gopi Kumar and CSM.S. Mukesh participated in All India boys trek in Kerala 2024.

The cadet Lokesh Participated in SSB Camp 2024. The college SD cadets participated in the Independence Day and Republic day parade held at VOC ground, palayamkottai. Capt. Dr. S. kanthan and our cadets Organized a cycle rally on "BE INDIAN BUY INDIAN". This rally has started from courtrallam and reached palayamkottai by cycle. NCC cadets played a vital role by their selfless action in Flood relief service held in St. Xavier's College (Autonomous). Department of NCC Contingent had participated in the march past on SXC Sports day. The cadets participated in activities and played a vital role in the college sports day.



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NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME(NSS)



UNIT 31 - DR. J. MARGARET SANGEETHA, UNIT 32 - DR. R. SANTHA KUMARI,
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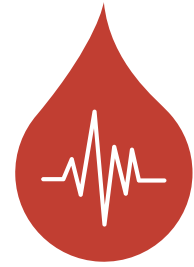
Drug Abuse Awareness Campaign Rally, 75 saplings Plantation, One Crore Palm Seeds Plantation Programme, Digital Poster Competition, Swachh Bharat – Campus Cleaning

The International Day Against Drug Abuse Awareness Campaign Rally was organized by NSS units and the Anti-Drug club. The event highlighted the collective determination to address the challenges posed by drug abuse and foster a safer and healthier environment for all. The NSS units selected the villages of Tharuvai Panchayat and planted 75 saplings each in 5 villages. Five NSS PO organized SWACHH BHARAT – CAMPUS CLEANING and around 60 volunteers took part in cleaning activity. On the commemoration of International Youth Day, a Digital Poster Competition was organized by five units of NSS and around 20 volunteers participated. Tirunelveli Government Medical College Hospital and the NSS units and YRC of St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous) organized a

Blood donation camp and 208 students donated a unit of blood totaling 208 units. Along with ‘Idinthakaraivalarchi Sangam’ organized the One Crore Palm Seeds Plantation programme at Idinthakarai Beach. Nearly four thousand seeds were planted by sixty NSS volunteer students. The units orchestrated a transformative 7-day live-in camp in five different villages of Tirunelveli District. During the special camp various camps and activities like eye camp, siddha medical camp, cleaning activities, tree plantation, cultural a program, competition, awareness programs and rally, were conducted. Many NSS volunteers participated in various State and District level Competitions and won prizes.



YRC, RRC AND BLOOD DONORS' CLUB



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. K. S. AROCKIASAMY

Blood Donation Camp, Awareness drama on "Save the nation", Guest lecture on the topic "Holistic Siddha life style"

A blood donation camp was organized by the Youth Red Cross and Red Ribbon club student volunteers of our college in association with the NSS units of our college. Dr. J. Ravishankar MD and his team of health workers conduct the camp, 200 students of our college donated blood. Youth Red Cross and Red Ribbon club student volunteers of our college conducted the Human Rights Day programme in association with all the NSS units, Student council, AICUF, Democracy Forum and other service organizations. A social awareness drama on the title "Save the nation" was staged by AICUF student volunteers.

YRC and RRC volunteers in association with STAND camp Programme of Shift-II Commerce students conducted a medical camp in Unankullam village near Nanguneri. This medical camp was useful to the villagers and students. YRC & RRC student volunteers organized a one-day medical camp for the First year UG students. During this medical camp 467 students of Shift - I and 850 students of Shift - II were benefited. YRC & RRC student volunteers organized a guest lecture on the topic "Holistic Siddha life style" in association with Consumer Forum of our college.



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ALL INDIA CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY FEDERATION(AICUF)

ADVISOR : REV. FR. DR. M. ANTHONY SAMY. S.J.

Bike Rally on Human Rights Awareness, Helped flood affected areas, Street Play on Manipur issue, Awareness Programme on Prohibition of Plastics.

AICUF is a movement of University students with vision towards a new and just society. AICUF students participated in the state election held in Karumathur and elected as State Vice - President. 13 AICUF students participated in a state level camp at Madurai. President of AICUF, SXC Palayamkottai attended the National meet at Loyola college, Chennai. AICUF students also participated in the Inauguration and orientation of AICUF in St, Alphonsa College of Arts and Science, Karungal, Kanyakumari district.

A Bike Rally in support of HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS was organized by AICUF and 30 students actively participated. AICUF staff members and students lent their hands to those affected in the Unprecedented heavy rainfall in multiple places of Tirunelveli followed by the devastating flood. They visited the flood affected areas in and around Tirunelveli for the distribution of food packages and clothes. In addition to the above AICUF of our college has conducted the following awareness Programmes: Street Play on Manipur issue, Awareness programme on Prohibition of Plastics.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. Y. JAYA VINSE RUBAN

The 43rd annual day and annual general meeting of St. Vincent De-Paul society, central unit, Palayamkottai was held in the month of September 2023. More than 260 members from various units of Palayamkottai diocese were participated. The Bishop of Palayamkottai diocese, Most Rev. Antonisamy and the Rector of St. Xavier's Institutions Rev. Fr. Henry Jerome. S. J. participated in the function. Our college Vincentians participated in the function and served as volunteers throughout the programme. The student members of SVP of our college met different people and collected money and dispersed towards the payment of fees for poor students.

During this academic year (23- 24) SVP dispersed Rs 16, 000/- towards the payment of semester fees and semester examination fees for 6 students from both shift I and Shift II. SVP of our college has also worked for identifying economically poor students to get financial assistance from the central SVP. Palayamkottai. We supported five students with the total amount of Rs. 9482/- in the first phase and supported four students with the total amount of Rs 9000/- in the second phase. Altogether SVP dispersed a total sum of Rs 34.482/- as the educational assistance for 15 students during the academic year 2023-2024.



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UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. JOHNSON GRITTO

The Regional Coordinating Institute, UBA, GRI, Gandhigram and UBA, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai jointly organized a District level Orientation Workshop on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Localization of Sustainable Development Goals for the Coordinators of Tirunelveli and Tenkasi Districts. The UBA Gram Panchayats in Tirunelveli and Tenkasi Districts have selected themes under LSDGs viz., Healthy Village, Water Sufficient Village, Clean and Green Village, and Self-sufficient infrastructure in the village. The resource person explained the role of MSME in promoting self-employment among youth and women, regarding procedures for promoting area-based micro, small, and medium enterprises. At the end of this workshop, the following decisions were made- All the UBA Coordinators in Tirunelveli and Tenkasi should plan for the achievement of Goals and Targets set for LSDGs, Based on the schemes and programs of India and State Government ideas, UBA Coordinators need to plan to promote self-employment programs for youth and women, All the Coordinators should ensure the UBA programs provide definite takeaways for Students, Faculty Members, Colleges, and Gram Panchayats. The importance of the involvement of all the stakeholders in advancing LSDGs were explained by the resource person. He pointed out that ensuring decent work through

Financial Inclusion of all the families is the need of the hour. Another resource person explained the schemes of the KVIC in the promotion of rural enterprises and the procedures involved in availing assistance under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme. About eighty-six youth and women who were interested in engaging in self-employment. A meeting of Stakeholders for advancing LSDGs pointed out that ensuring decent work through Financial Inclusion of all the families is the need of the hour. Hence the participation of officials from MSME, DFO Tirunelveli and KVIC Divisional Office, Madurai have become important in this meeting. Assistant Director, KVIC, interacted with the participants to explore the present level of employment and income at Tharuvai Gram Panchayat. Especially he explained the procedures involved in availing assistance under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme. STAND & UBA, in collaboration with Divisional Office Khadi & Village Industries Commission (Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India), organized "An Awareness Campaign on Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme" (PMEGP) for STAND villages. More than 100 members participated in the programme. Various plans to be implemented in the adopted villages were discussed in the Gram Sabha meeting.



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ENVIRO CLUB



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. N. MARIA FRANCIS JEFFREY BOSS

Orientation on causes, effects and preventive measures of Dengue, Talk on Conservation of Biodiversity in Western Ghats, Demo on Census and Mapping of Fallen Trees

ENVIRO CLUB functions with an aim of “Protection of Environment”. An awareness Programme on the prevention and management of Dengue fever was organized at Thamaraiselvi, a STAND adopted village, Tirunelveli District. This was organized by Enviro Club in association with STAND programme of our college.

Students of II PG from the department of Botany created an awareness programme among the villagers with the posters related to Dengue. Students also identified many of the potential breeding sites of mosquito and urged the public to remove unused items in their surroundings to stop rainwater stagnation.

The villagers were given a brief orientation about the causes, effects and preventive measures of Dengue on the same day. A special talk on Conservation of Biodiversity in Western Ghats was organized by Enviro Club and a total of 4 staff members & 113 students from Enviro Club participated in the event. A demo on census and mapping of fallen trees was conducted by ATREE ACCC in our college. It was attended by 12 students and 3 staff members from Enviro Club. About 59 student volunteers from Enviro Club actively participated in the annual synchronized bird census conducted by Tamil Nadu Forest Department in Tirunelveli district.



CONSUMER FORUM



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. C. MAHIMAI ARUL IGNATIUS

Awareness programme on “Food Safety” and “Plastic Free Environment”, Distribution of “Yellow Cloth Bags”, Awareness Programme on “Holistic Siddha Life Style”

The Consumer Forum created awareness about Consumer Rights among the people of Arockianathapuram, a STAND adopted village. This event was organized by the consumer forum in associated with STAND programme of the college. Students of II B. Com created an awareness programme on consumer rights by holding posters & slogans related to consumer rights. The consumer forum organized an awareness programme on ‘Food Safety’ in the college campus. .

The consumer forum of St. Xavier’s College has organized an awareness campaign on “Plastic Free Environment” in our college premises. On account of creating plastic free environment, “Yellow Cloth Bags” were distributed to the students and staff members at the end of the programme. The Consumer Forum of St. Xavier’s College in association with Youth Red Cross, Red Ribbon Club and Blood Donation Club organized an Awareness Programme on “Holistic Siddha Life Style” at St. Xavier's College ,Palayamkottai



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DEMOCRACY FORUM & ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. C. CHRISTOPHER

An awareness programme on Democracy and Social Justice, Writing competition on "Importance of voting", Placards on Human rights, Fundamental rights.

An Awareness programme on Democracy and Social Justice was held for students of both Shift I and Shift II to create awareness on Social injustice, and the problems faced by the Indian society and were advised to be the frontline workers in preventing the inequity and discrimination. World Democratic Day was observed by both the members Shift I and Shift II of Democracy Forum in our college premises. The student members of the Democracy club held Placards on Human rights, Fundamental rights, Holding free and fair elections, Adult Franchise. and voiced out Slogans. As per the direction of the Electoral Office, Tirunelveli district the forum conducted a letter writing competition on "Importance of voting". Students from various departments eagerly took part in this event. National Voters Day was observed by both the members Shift I and Shift II of Democracy Forum in our college premises. Initially, the student members of the club held charts. The written captions and slogans were displayed for the whole day and

various competitions were also held. On behalf of the Democracy Forum, Electoral Literacy Club and Student Council, an awareness programme on Democracy and Social Justice was held on 13.09.2023 in Pope Francis Auditorium at 11.45 am and at 4.30 pm for Shift I and Shift II respectively. The event started with a prayer song by the college choir. Rev Fr Dr.S.Mariadoss SJ, the Principal presided over the programme. Mr.A.Kathir, the Executive Director of Evidence Organization, Madurai graced the event as the chief guest. Mr.Kathir delivered a speech on Social injustices, various social issues and the problems faced by the Indian society. He insisted that the student community should voice out and be the frontline workers in preventing the inequity and discrimination. Dr.Aloysius Albert and Dr.Shamila Joster, the Deans of students arranged the events and Dr.Christopher, the coordinator of the Democracy Forum and the team members organized the events. The programme came to an end with the National Anthem.



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ANTI DRUG CLUB



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. S. MARY JELASTIN KALA

Awareness programme on the Anti-drug laws, their importance, Skit on Harmful and Hazardous drug usage, Awareness programme in Transgenders' Colony,

The Anti- Drug Club organized an awareness programme on the Anti-drug laws, their importance and impacts of drug use on health. An Awareness programme was conducted in Unnankulam village where an awareness rally was conducted shouting slogans and holding placards. After the rally, the Anti- Drug awareness skit was presented by our college M.S.W and Chemistry department students. Anti-Drug Club and NSS jointly organized "International Day against drug abuse" awareness campaign where more than 200 students participated in the awareness rally with slogans and placards. During the rally, Anti-Drug club members played a skit with the title of harmful and hazardous drug usage and Anti-drug pledge was taken by all the college students. An Anti-Drug oath programme was also organized. Anti -Drug Programme was held in our college for the students of both Shift 1 and 2 ,

organized by the Anti-Drug Club and Students Council in collaboration with Jesuit Ministry of Alcohol and Drug Dependents. The Anti-Drug Club organized an awareness programme in Transgenders' Colony, Narasinganallur. Dr. C. Rachel, from Thoothukudi Medical College, Thoothukudi interacted with the transgenders and explained the side effects caused by the drug usage and she promised that she will help them to come out of the drug addiction. A special address was given by J. Sundarakani, Project Manager, PACHE TRUST, Tirunelveli about anti-drug issues in society and sharing her experience as well. At the end of the programme, students performed a skit on the the impact of drug usage and how it affects their family. The colony people and the local youth attended the same.



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STANDARD CLUB



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. JOHNSON GRITTO

“Quiz competition”, “Standard writing competition”

Our College Standard Club’s inauguration programme was conducted on June 27, 2023. Dr. N. N. Krishnaveni, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Holy Cross Home Science College, Thoothukudi, was the resource person and conducted a quiz competition. 75 students participated in the programme. Our College Standard Club organized a standard writing competition in which 17 students participated in the competition, and three members secured first, second, and third prizes.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY & MAGIS CLUB



DIRECTOR : REV. FR. LEOLIN AROCKIADOSS, S.J.

The Campus Ministry together with the Centenary Liturgy Committee organized the Centenary Thanksgiving Mass marking the completion of 100 years. The Jesuit community and Priests and Religious who are the Alumni of St. Xavier's College were invited for the Mass. About 40 Jesuits and 10 clergy from Palaymkottai Diocese concelebrated the Mass. Approximately about 2000 Students and 150 staff of our college participated in the mass. A one-day Ignatian Retreat was organized on 2nd Sept, 2023, which served to spiritually animate about 550 catholic students drawn from various departments. The Blessing and Opening of the Centenary Buildings named after Fr. Bonhore and Fr. A. Gnanapragasam, S.J were held. Rt. Rev. S. Antonysamy, Bishop of Palayamkottai, lead the

Prayer of Blessing and he Blessed open the South Block. Fr Thomas Amirtham, S J Provincial of Jesuit Madurai Province, blessed and opened the NORTH BLOCK. The Centenary Valedictory Thanksgiving Mass was held at the POPE FRANCIS AUDITORIUM. Most. Rev. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of Madurai solemnized the mass. Fr. Thomas Amirtham, Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province and about 50 Jesuits who worked in St. Xavier's Institutions concelebrated the Mass. A congregation of about 1500 which included current students and Well-wishers joined the mass. During the offertory procession, offerings for the new buildings in the form of FANS numbering 150 and Tube light fittings numbering 195, poured in from students of all faiths.



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FINE ARTS

CO-ORDINATOR : DR. S. ALOYSIUS ALBERT

“Inter Departmental Competition (INDECO)”, “Fine Arts team Performed Cultural for Diocesan Jubilee”, Donation of 100 books - worth of Rs. 33,800

On 12th January 2024, after one month of delay due to floods in Tirunelveli, Student Council and Fine Arts Association organized the grand finale of Inter Departmental Competition (INDECO) at Pope Francis Auditorium with a grand inauguration at 09.00 a.m. INDECO teaser and INDECO logo were released by Rev. Fr. Rector and Rev. Fr. Secretary. Rev. Fr. Principal declared the INDECO Finale open. The program began stage events Solo Singing followed by Group Singing, MIME, Folk Dance and Fusion Dance. Mr. Arun Pandian, Actor and Film maker and his daughter Mrs. Keerthi Pandian, Actress and his father Rt. Col. D.P. Chellaiah were the chief guests of the programme. The chief guest for valedictory function of INDECO, held at 04 pm, was Mr. Irwin Victoria, Musician & Vijay TV Airtel Super Singer. The highlight of the program was the

live performance of Mr. Irwin Victoria. He sang more than 6 songs along with students. More than 30 off stage and on stage competitions were conducted and prizes were distributed to the winners by the dignitaries. The overall winner trophy was won by the Department of English (Shift-I), first runner up was the Department of Commerce (Shift I) and second runner up was the Department of Commerce (Shift II). Our Fine Arts team performed Cultural for Diocesan Jubilee held at St. Xavier’s School on 10th September 2023. Student Council and Fine Arts Association donated 100 books worth of Rs. 33,800 to our college library – Fr. J. SANTIAGO LIBRARY. Our Fine Arts students participated in various inter-collegiate competitions and won prizes and certificates.



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QUIZ CLUB



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. J. ANTONY SAHAYA SOPHIA

10 Online Quiz Series,

“Quiz club members participated in 6 Intercollegiate Competitions”

The Quiz club of our college has conducted 10 Online Quiz Series in the academic year 23-24. 2430 students participated in the Online Quiz Series. The Quiz club members participated in 6 Intercollegiate Competitions: 1. CROSSINGS-2023, conducted by Holy cross college, 2. தமிழ் இலக்கிய வரலாறு, conducted by Pioneer Kumaraswamy college, 3. BIZGLIM'24 conducted by St. Mary's college, Thoothukudi, 4. Rose Com Fiesta 2k'24 conducted by Rosemary College of Arts and Science. 5. Our Quiz Club members A. Fathima Aashmi (21UCO513) and M. Nivetha(21UCO506) won runner up in Biz Ninja (Business Quiz) on XIBATE'24 conducted by Xavier Institute of Business Administration on 28 February 2024. 6. Our Quiz Club members A. Fathima Aashmi (21UCO513) and M. Nivetha(21UCO506) won First prize in (Business Quiz) on EMIEX conducted by JP College of Arts and Science, Tenkasi on 5th March

2024. State level Quiz competition INCOQU'24 for students was initiated by St. Xavier's College in Palayamkottai on 16th February 2024 started at 9.30 a.m. in the morning. Principal Rev. Fr.Dr.S.Mariadoss, S.J inaugurated the event with their opening remarks. The Quiz competition was organized by Quizmaster Mr. S.Muthukumaran. We are so grateful for the presence of Dr.F.X. Robert Bellarmine, Dean of service organizations and Dr.S.David Appathurai, Head of the Department of Commerce. Students from 12 colleges participated in the quiz competitions. The first prize was awarded to Pondicherry Sri Manakula Vinayagar College and second prize is backed by Madurai Arul Anandar College and third prize to Holycross College in Nagercoil. Winners are awarded with the cash prizes. For the first prize Rs.5000, for the second prize Rs. 3000, and third prize Rs.2000 and certificates were awarded. Consolation prizes were given to 4th, 5th and 6th places.



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CENTRE FOR RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. A. AROCKIADASS

Orientation programme on “Rural Entrepreneurship Opportunities”, Hands-on experience to the students in Rural Business, Workshop on “Cake Making”.

To promote Rural Entrepreneurship culture among the students Rural Entrepreneurship cell has organized a one-day orientation programme on “Rural Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Tirunelveli District. In order to provide Hands-on experience to the students in Rural Business, the center has organized a workshop for 37 students on “Cake Making”. The response from the student participants was encouraging and it was further decided to organize the second phase of the workshop on the same title.



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CELL FOR PERSONS WITH DIFFERENTLY ABLED SKILLS



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. S. ALPHONSA

Workshop on “Transforming Challenges into Opportunities: Abiling the Differently Abled Students”, A Guide for various welfare schemes available for differently abled students

The center for differently abled students and Department of library have jointly organized a one-day state level workshop on “Transforming Challenges into Opportunities: Abiling the Differently Abled Students”. 108 differently abled participants have participated in the workshop. Out of them 52 students are visually challenged and 56 are physically challenged. Various competitions were held such as singing, speech and poetry narration and prizes were distributed for the same. A book titled ‘மாற்றுத்திறனாளி மாணவர்களுக்கான அரசு நலத்திட்டங்கள் குறித்த கையேடு’ (A Guide for various welfare schemes available for differently abled students) was released in the workshop.



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CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES



DIRECTOR : DR. J. JEYA ANI

'Basic tailoring', 'Basic Auri work', Special talk on the topic 'health and hygiene', Awareness programme on the topic "Financial Assistance to Women Entrepreneurs", Inspirational speech on women startups

The Centre for women studies introduced two certificate courses with 35 hours each on 1) 'Basic tailoring' 2) 'Basic Auri work' for the women students of the college. Nearly 60 students were trained by a certified trainer and benefitted. The Centre organized a motivational talk on Women Startups in the college premises. The Centre in collaboration with Student's Council organized a special talk on the topic 'health and hygiene' which was conducted for the students of both Shift 1 and Shift 2. The Centre with other service organizations organized the International Human Rights Day programme for

the college students. The Centre along with Women Care Group commerce shift II conducted Poetry writing, Pencil Sketching and Mehendi competitions for girl students. Girl students participated and got prizes. The Centre along with Women Care Group commerce shift II organized an awareness programme on the topic "Financial Assistance to Women Entrepreneurs", in which around 170 participants were benefitted by clarifying their doubts in availing business loan.



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ARRUPE ACADEMY FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (AAVE)

CO-ORDINATOR : REV. FR. V. LAWRENCE BENADICT, S.J.

Certificate course on “Mushroom Cultivation”, “Tally”, “Communicative English”

A certificate course on “Mushroom Cultivation” was conducted by AAVE. A Total of 32 students (Shift 1) joined from various departments. A certificate course on “Tally” was conducted by AAVE - twice a week. A total of 53 students of various departments from both the shifts joined. A certificate course on “Communicative English” was conducted by AAVE .

A total of 33 students (Shift 1) from various departments joined. The course would be completed with a final evaluation through an offline examination and the distribution of the certificates. Students actively participated in all these courses, attended the offline examination and received their certificates.



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CENTRE FOR AMBEDKAR STUDIES



DIRECTOR : REV. FR. DR. S. ARUL RAVI, S.J.

Ambedkar study centre organized a seminar on 29 – 01 – 2024. The theme of the seminar was Ambedkar’s need in today’s context. Rev. Fr. V. Henry Jerome, Rector, St. Xavier’s Institutions, gave felicitation by underscoring the issues of infiltration of caste attitudes among students and how youth are going without future dreams. Mr. K. Kavipadiyan, then Announcer, All India Radio, Tirunelveli was chief guest and delivered lecture on Ambedkar’s need in today’s context. He pointed out how Ambedkar involved himself in learning, thinking, and writing and in speeches with social concern. The aims and objectives of seminar were described by Rev. Fr. S. Arul Ravi, Director, Ambedkar Study Centre, St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai.



MAX FORUM



DIRECTOR : REV. FR. DR. S. ARUL RAVI, S.J.

Career Guidance Program 2023, "MAX FEST 2024" with the theme of Fostering courage and a competitive spirit among the youth.

Under the leadership of Rev. Fr. S. Arul Ravi S.J., Max Forum, the forum conducted CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM 2023 dedicated to the supporting marginalized and disadvantaged individuals, had arranged a career guidance session for its student members. The primary audience for this event comprised of the final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students. Ambedkar study center organized a seminar. The theme of the seminar was Ambedkar’s need in today’s context.

The aims and objectives of the seminar were described by Rev. Fr. S. Arul Ravi, Director , Ambedkar Study Centre, St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai. He emphasized the importance of education as a fundamental right. He quoted historical event of Dalit atrocity happened in Melavalavu, Madurai district. Max Forum hosted its inaugural mega event, named "MAX FEST 2024" with the theme of Fostering courage and a competitive spirit among the youth. This cultural event garnered registration from over seven hundred students.



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வீரமாமுனிவர் தமிழ் மன்றம்



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"அகவிருள் அகற்றும் அறிவுச் சுடர்கள்"- கவிதைப் போட்டி,
இணைய வழி வினாடி வினா போட்டி,
"தமிழர் திருநாளும் தனித்துவமும்" - கட்டுரை போட்டி,
"வையத் தலைமை கொள் பெண்ணே!"- கவிதை போட்டி

வீரமாமுனிவர் தமிழ் மன்றம் 2023-2024 ஆம் கல்வி ஆண்டிற்கான மன்ற செயல்பாடுகள் மாணவர்களின் திறமையை வெளிப்படுத்துதல் நோக்கில் நடைபெற்றது. 31.08.2023 அன்று ஆசிரியர் தினத்தை சிறப்பிக்கும் வகையில் "அகவிருள் அகற்றும் அறிவுச் சுடர்கள்" என்னும் தலைப்பில் கவிதைப் போட்டி நடைபெற்றது. 17.11.2023 அன்று மேனாள் பாரத பிரதமர் நேரு பிறந்த நாளை சிறப்பிக்கும் விதமாக வினாடி வினா போட்டி இணைய வழியில் நடைபெற்றது.

7.1.2024 அன்று விவேகானந்தர் குறித்த வினாடி வினாப் போட்டி இணைய வழியில் நடைபெற்றது. 11.1.2024. அன்று தமிழர் திருநாளை சிறப்பிக்கும் வகையில் "தமிழர் திருநாளும் தனித்துவமும்" என்னும் தலைப்பில் கட்டுரை போட்டி நடைபெற்றது. 29.2.2024. அன்று சர்வதேச மகளிர் தினத்தை சிறப்பிக்கும் வகையில் "வையத் தலைமை கொள் பெண்ணே!" என்னும் தலைப்பில் கவிதை போட்டி நடைபெற்றது.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TYPEWRITING INSTITUTE



DR. J. JEYA ANI, MRS. E. SUMATHI, MRS. E. MUTHUSELVI

Summer Training Program, Centre to appear for Govt. Typewriting Examination, Helping Poor students financially, Economically poor students were given new dress materials on occasion of Christmas

The St. Vincent De Paul Typewriting Institute provides typewriting training to the shift I and shift II students to appear for the Government examination in the typewriting lower and higher grade both in English and Tamil. The students are given ample opportunity for acquiring the typing skill through regular practice. During the academic year 23-24, summer training program was organized, in which 94 students participated in the training programme, 284 students got benefitted and 150 students got benefitted by getting typewriting training. Out of which, 142 students appeared on for

the typewriting examination conducted by the Dept. of Technical Education, Government of Tamil Nadu. Concessions are being offered to the economically weaker students to undergo typewriting training. Some deserving students are given full fee concession too. Apart from the typewriting training the center is helping the poor students financially to pay the college fees, examination fees and for the purchase of books. In order to celebrate the Christmas meaningfully 45 under privileged and economically poor students were identified from all the departments of shift I and II and were given new dress materials.



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STAND



DIRECTOR : REV. FR. DR. S. ARUL RAVI, S.J.

Tree plantation, Free Eye camp, Dental camp, Siddha medical camp, Homeopathy medical camp, E-service camp, Women development programs, Awareness Rallies

The STAND unit of St. Xavier's College for this academic year 2023-24, was entrusted to sensitize the students in the campus to social issues and train them to act in the neighboring villages with a commitment of promoting education and skill among the rural poor. During this academic year, 23 UG classes with student strength of 1203, and 15 PG classes with student strength of 303 were involved in STAND outreach programs. 34 villages were adopted to carry out social work. Over 38 one-day camps were held in the 34 STAND-adopted villages covering 443 village beneficiaries. Among the various activities of the camps, outstanding programs to be highlighted include: tree plantation in 18 villages, free eye camp in 13 villages, dental camp in 3 villages, Siddha medical camp in 9 villages, Homeopathy medical camp in 3 villages and general medical camp in 7 villages. Additionally, e-service camp was arranged in 3 villages, 11 women development programs were conducted to motivate and empower women in the villages. 14 awareness rallies were organized in the villages emphasizing crucial issues like drug abuse, cybercrime, women

and child exploitation, and promoting women and child education, health and hygiene, road safety, cleanliness of the environment, etc. Guest speakers and experts were invited in 17 villages to educate the villagers on women protection, welfare schemes of the Government, significance of traditional and ethnic food, environment health and fire safety, higher education opportunities, dengue and mosquito-borne diseases, communicable disease prevention and control, fish farming and organic manuring. 27 trainings on basic computer skills, preparation of herbal products, establishment of herbal garden, manufacturing of soaps, detergents and disinfectants, and trainings on craft work and embroidery were also conducted in the villages. To develop productive culture and generate social connections among the kids, games and sports were conducted in 18 villages during the camps. The management in association with STAND unit offered relief materials worth Rs. 2000 per family to 100 families selected from STAND village and terribly affected by the Tirunelveli flood.



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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



DIRECTOR : REV. FR. DR. PUSHPARAJ, S.J.

Alumni Valedictory Function, Donation of 24 ALMD 600mm 24 Electric Fans and 10 LED Luker Lights to Pope Francis Auditorium, 97th Convocation Ceremony of St. Xavier’s College

The Alumni Valedictory Function was held in Pope Francis Auditorium, one among final ceremonies of the Centenary Celebrations. The Former Jesuit Provincials, Rectors, Principals, Secretaries, Teaching and Non – teaching staff and Executive Members of Alumni Association were honored in the Alumni Valedictory Function. Everyone was presented with mementos. Various cultural events were staged. Numerous student alumni from Sri Lanka, Singapore, Germany, The United States of America and different states of India graced the occasion. Students of 1960s batches and former

students who were in their 90s shared their fond memories. The Alumni from various departments contributed Rs 6,59,436/-towards Breakfast fund. The interest accrued from this fund will be used to give Breakfast to the deserving students. On behalf of the Alumni Association 24 ALMD 600mm 24 Electric Fans and 10 LED Luker Lights were donated to Pope Francis Auditorium. On 10.02.2024, students who graduated from the 97th Convocation Ceremony of St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), were presented with a Thirukkural book by the Alumni Association.



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PARENTS ASSOCIATION



CO-ORDINATOR : DR. S. ALOYSIUS ALBERT

On 09.09.2023, at Lebeau Auditorium, Parents Meeting was held for Shift-I students. Rev. Fr. Principal emphasized the following ideas in his address: discipline, punctuality, use of mobile phones and studies. Rev. Fr. Secretary and Rev. Fr. Rector blessed the parents with their enthusiastic words of wisdom. Open feedback was taken during the meeting. Parents expressed their longingness to be part of Xaverian family and all were very happy about their wards and education. Parents were all happy about the discipline in the college. All the parents were asked to meet the teachers in the department along with their wards with their concerns and receive the mark statement.



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