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### From the Editor's Desk

It gives us great pleasure to share this edition of the IQAC Newsletter, showcasing the vibrancy and milestones of the academic year 2023–2024. The theme for the year, "Protection of the disadvantaged" reminds us of the vision of St. Ignatius of Loyola, who in the Constitution of the society of Jesus urged that special care be given to those most in need, and in the Spiritual Exercises invited us to embrace the way of Christ in serving the poor and marginalized. It gives us immense joy to present the IQAC Newsletter for the academic year 2023–2024, capturing the vibrant journey of St. Xavier's College in its pursuit of excellence. The institution proudly secured the 55th rank in NIRF 2023, competing with 2746 institutions across the country, reflecting our consistent commitment to quality and holistic growth. Our faculty members actively engaged in capacity-building programmes, international and national conferences, and contributed extensively to publications in reputed journals and books. The academic year witnessed the successful introduction of new programmes such as B.Com. Honours, BBA Maritime Logistics, B.Sc. Criminology & Forensic Science, and M.Sc. Data Science, further expanding the academic horizons of our college. The Placement Cell played a pivotal role in shaping the future of our students, with 806 students placed through the

Mega Job Fair and campus drives. Our vibrant research culture was further strengthened through seminars, workshops, and faculty enrichment programmes. Fr. J. Santiago Library enriched its resources with new books, journals, and digital platforms, while our STAND initiatives extended social outreach, empowering rural communities through education, skill development, and health awareness programmes. The 101st College Day and Sports Day celebrations stood as testimonies to our rich tradition, where achievements in academics, sports, and cultural arenas were celebrated with great pride. With state-of-the-art infrastructure, enhanced e-resources, and value-added courses, our college continues to nurture excellence in education while fostering compassion and social responsibility. We thank the Management, Faculty, Students, Alumni, and Parents for their constant support and collaboration in this journey of growth. As we move forward, IQAC remains committed to upholding the values of quality, innovation, and inclusivity in every endeavour. This newsletter offers a broad overview of the initiatives and accomplishments of the academic year 2024–2025, highlighting how the staff and students of St. Xavier's College steadily advance in learning, wisdom, and a spirit of service.

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### 101<sup>st</sup> College Day

The 101<sup>st</sup> Day Celebration was held on 16.03.2024. The Chief Guest of the day was Thiru R. G. Chandramogan, our illustrious alumnus and Chairman and MD of Hatsun Agro Product, The Guest of Honour, Dr. Pa. Moorthy, Commissioner of Police, Tirunelveli City, enthused the students to act toward their desired goal that gives purpose and direction to behaviour for nation building.

Rev. Fr. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, S.J., Rector of St. Xavier's Institutions, and Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj, S.J., Secretary, offered felicitations. Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J., presented the Annual Report, highlighting the quality enhancement measures implemented during the academic year 2023–2024. A total of 250 academic prizes, 43 special awards, and 206 endowment prizes were distributed to the students. The active participation of the Jesuit Management, Teaching and Administrative Staff, Parents, Alumni, Guests, and Students added vibrant colors to the 101<sup>st</sup> College Day Celebration.





## Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Activities

IQAC is an integral part of the system of the institution and works towards the realization of the goals of quality enhancement. The prime task of the IQAC is to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the overall performance of the institution. The vision of IQAC is to ensure a quality culture as the prime concern through institutionalizing and internalizing all initiatives taken with internal and external support. Every year IQAC carries out quality sustenance and quality enhancement activities.

Each year, IQAC engages in quality maintenance and improvement tasks.

### Orientation Programme for Teachers:



IQAC conducted a One - day Workshop on "Aspects of Higher Education" on 15.06.2023 for the staff members recruited after 2018. The total number of participants was 111. Rev. Dr. V. Joseph Xavier S.J. Former Principal, Loyola College, Chennai & Former Director, JIM, St. Joseph's College, Trichy was the resource person for that day talked about the Vision of Jesuit Education, Qualities of Teacher & Professionalism for the faculty members. The IQAC conducted an Orientation Programme titled "Interdisciplinary and Research Ethics" on 16.06.2023 and 17.06.2023 for the staff members.

A total of 224 beneficiaries participated in the programme. Prof. Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj, Professor of English, School of English



& Foreign Languages, Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed to be University, Gandhigram, delivered lectures on "Interdisciplinarity" in Session I and "Research Ethics" in Session II. In Session III,

Dr. Mary Magdalene Abraham, Associate Professor (Rtd.), Fatima College, Madurai, served as the resource person.

As per UGC guidelines 2018, 29 faculty members who joined in the Academic year 2023-2024 in Shift I (03) and Shift II (26) from 22.07.2023 to 20.08.2023 completed the online



Induction / Orientation Programme (28 days) & a total of 86 faculty members from Shift-I (19) and Shift II (67) completed 2 weeks Refresher course conducted by the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, New Delhi.

### Faculty Empowerment Programme - (FEP - 01)

entitled "Teacher - Student Relationship and Mentoring System" for staff was conducted on 22.07.2023 in Fr. Causannel Hall. Dr. A. John Balaiah, Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling Psychology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy, was the resource person for the programme.



**A Five-day Faculty Empowerment Workshop (FEW - 02)** on "E-content Preparation and ICT Tools" was conducted on 19th & 26th September 2023 and 3rd, 10th & 17th October 2023. Dr. A. Vimal Jerald, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy, was the resource person for the programme. The total number of Participants was 173.



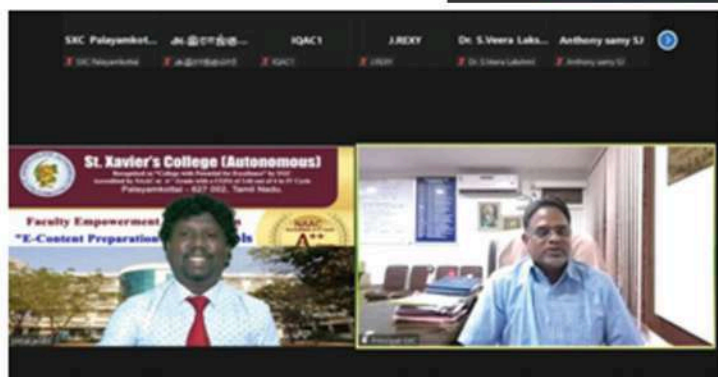


**Faculty Empowerment Programme (FEP - 03)** on "Teacher - Student Relationship and Mentoring system" was conducted on 04.12.2023 for the teaching staff who joined the institution since 2019. Dr. A. John Balaiah, Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling Psychology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy, was the resource person for the programme. The total number of Participants was 81.



**The Faculty Empowerment Programme - FEP 04**, titled "AI Tools for Teaching and Learning", was conducted in collaboration with the Xavier Board of Higher Education, Tamil Nadu Chapter, on 06.04.2024. Dr. A. Vimal Jerald, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy, served as the resource person for the programme.

A total of 607 members registered for the programme, and 314 participants attended it.



## IQAC Meetings

The first IQAC meeting was held on 12.09.2023 at 12:00 PM in the IQAC office, chaired by Dr. R. Azhagu Raj, IQAC Director. The agenda focused on discussing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the AQAR audit. Dr. Raj outlined the procedures to be followed, and members actively participated by seeking clarifications.

The second IQAC meeting was held on December 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference hall. During the meeting, the team deliberated on issues related to the external audit.



The third IQAC meeting was held on January 18, 2024, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J., Principal and Chairman of the IQAC. The agenda centered on the NIRF Ranking 2024. Dr. R. Azhagu Raj, IQAC Director, presented the External Peer Team report for AQAR 2022-2023 and shared the data prepared for the NIRF 2024 Ranking.

The fourth IQAC meeting was held on March 27, 2024, chaired by Dr. B. Xavier Innocent, Deputy Principal. Dr. R. Azhagu Raj, IQAC Director, presented reports on AISHE, Gender Audit, Exit Poll Feedback Analysis, and Alumni Feedback.

## NIRF Ranking 2023

Our college secured 55th Rank in the college level category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework 2023. Totally, 2746 colleges from India took part in the NIRF Ranking - 2023. The Participation in the National Institutional Ranking Framework ranking- 2024 (NIRF) was preregistered by our institution for the India Ranking 2024 under the College level category on 23.09.2023.



## All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)

The report for the All - India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), conducted by the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, for the academic year 2022-2023, was uploaded to the portal on March 13, 2024.



## Academic and Administrative Audits (AQAR)

### Internal Academic and Administrative Audit

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An Internal Audit for Service Organizations for the academic year 2022-2023 was conducted on 26.09.2023. The Audit was presided over by Rev. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J., Principal and Chairman of IQAC. The Directors / Coordinators/Programme Officers of various Service Organizations presented the AQAR report for the years 2022 - 2023.



### External Academic and Administrative Audit

An External Academic Audit (AAA) for Departments and Service Organizations for the academic year 2022-2023 was conducted on 01.12.2023. The External members were Dr. K. Senthamarai Kannan, Senior Professor, Head of the Department, Department of Statistics, MS University, Rev. Fr. Dr. Joseph Varghese, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Christ University, Bangalore, Prof. A. Amora, Dean of UGC Affairs, Department of Commerce St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi Dr. S. Sujitha, Assistant IQAC Director, Holy Cross College, Nagercoil. The audit was presided over by Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J., Principal and Chairman of IQAC. The Head of the Departments, Coordinators, Directors and Programme Officers presented the AQAR report for the year 2022 - 2023. The External Audit peer team members gave suggestions to all the departments and service organizations.

### AQAR Submission

The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) was uploaded to the NAAC portal for the academic year 2021 - 2022 on 28.07.2023, and it was accepted on 17.08.2023.

The Annual Quality Assurance Report+ (AQAR) for the academic year 2022-2023 was uploaded in the NAAC portal on March 26, 2024.

### Gender Audit

An Internal Gender Audit for the academic year 2022-2023 was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The meeting was presided over by Dr. B. Xavier Innocent, Deputy Principal. Dr. R. Azhagu Raj, IQAC Director, presented the Internal Gender Audit Report, providing a comprehensive overview of various aspects, including student admissions, examination results and the roles of teaching staff and administrative officials. The report highlighted the percentage of female students and staff offering valuable insights into gender representation within the institution.



### Feedback on Curriculum (Exit Poll)

Feedback on curriculum (Exit Poll) from final year UG and PG students was conducted in the internet centre regarding the relevance of the curriculum and learning values for the courses of Languages, Core, Allied, Elective, NME/SBE, EVS, Project and Internship. The Exit Poll report was sent to the respective of Board of Studies of the department for corrections, or modifications, or inclusion in the curriculum.

### Feedback on Teachers

Student Feedback on teachers for the odd semester of the academic year 2023 - 2024, was conducted in the Internet Centre, MCA Lab, UG Computer Lab, Commerce Computer Lab and Language Lab on 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The feedback report was submitted to the SXC-Management.





Feedback from students on teachers for the Even Semester of the year 2023-2024 was collected from April 01, 2024, to April 04, 2024, through the SXC - ERP Portal.

The Student Feedback on Curricular Aspects (Exit Poll) for the academic year 2023-2024 was conducted from March 21st to March 23rd, 2024, through the ERP Portal.

### Feedback from Alumni

Feedback on Curricular Aspects from Alumni and Parents was collected through departments on January 20, 2024, and April 2, 2024.

### MoU'S Established



During the academic year 2023-2024, St. Xavier's College Palayamkottai has signed 7 MoU's with different institution & organization.

### Research Centres

The Research Centres in our college facilitate interaction among faculty, scholars, students and industry to enhance research opportunities, academic excellence, knowledge creation and dissemination of information through publication of books and journal articles, organizing seminars and conferences and extension activities. There are 18 Research Centres in our college under various departments. At present there are 86 Research Guides. 32 candidates defended their PhD theses in the academic year 2023-2024 and 25 candidates have registered for their Ph.D. 252 candidates are pursu-

ing doctoral research at present. Three scholars are receiving Ph.D. stipend from Department of Collegiate Education. 18 scholars are receiving Tamilnadu Government Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department Scholarship. Five research scholars have got UGC NET/JRF scholarship and two scholars have got CSIR NET under the scheme National Fellowship for SC and OBC students.

### Projects

Xavier Research Foundation (XRF) is an initiative by the management of St. Xavier's College to promote interdisciplinary research, publication and extension activities. Four Scientists, two Emeritus Scientists, four project fellows and research scholars and a technician are working full time at XRF. Currently XRF is running six major projects to the tune of Rs.4,06,93,470/-. Our sincere appreciations to Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu SJ, and XRF team for keeping the flag of St. Xavier's college high in research.

### Placement Cell



The Placement Cell organized nine on-campus and virtual interviews during the Odd semester of 2023-24. A Job Fair was conducted from 05.07.2023 to 13.07.2023. 50 companies conducted the campus recruitment drive in our campus and 810 students are placed in various companies so far.

Programmes. 6489 students attended these programmes. Through the membership with Internshala, Internships and In-plant Trainings were offered to students. Based on the MoUs signed with Veranda Race, Chennai, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Thoothukudi, Redhat Academy and Finmark Trainers, Chennai both the faculty and students gained knowledge, Certifications and underwent trainings.



## International / National Conferences / Seminars / Workshops



The Department of Chemistry organized an International Conference on “Recent Advances in Chemical Science” on 26.09.2023.



The Department of Folklore organized an International Conference on “Tamil Christian Art Worlds - 2024” from 29.01.2024 to 31.01.2024.



The Department of Data Science and Mathematics organized an International Conference on “Applications of Mathematics in Data Science” from 27.02.2024 to 28.02.2024.

The Department of Tamil organized a National Conferences on “அனுபவமண்டபமும் கலகச் சொல் லாடலும்” on 09.07.2023 and “கல்வெட்டியல் - தொல் லியல்” from 16.08.2023 to 17.08.2023. The Department



of Tamil organized a National Conference on “தமிழ்ச் சித்தர்மரபு” on 27.09.2023. The Department of Tamil organized a National Conference on “பண்முக நோக்கில் தமிழ் இலக்கியங்கள்” on 26.02.2024.



Department of Commerce organized an International Conference on “The Space Commerce: The New Frontier” from 20.02.2024 to 21.02.2024. 450 participants participated in the Conference. The Department of Commerce organized a National Conferences on “Digital marketing: A Paradigm shift in Brand Management” on 29.09.2023 and on “Financial Market” from 15.02.2024 to 16.02.2024.



The Department of Data Science organized an International Conference on “Recent Trends in Data Science” from 21.02.2024 to 22.02.2024.





The Department of Zoology organized a National Conference on “Biodiversity Restoration: Current Trends and Emerging Opportunities” on 21.02.2024.



The Department of Botany & Zoology organized a National Conference on “Cell imaging and Cytological Techniques using Bright Field, Fluorescence and Phase Contrast Microscopy” from 28.11.2023 to 29.11.2023. The Department of Botany organized a National Conference on “Advances in Medicinal Plant Research (NAMPR 2024)” on 29.02.2024.



The Department of Computer Science organized a National Conference on “Generative AI Tools and its Application for Industry 4.0” on 27.02.2024.

The Department of BBA Maritime Logistics organized an International Conference on Two day “International Webinar on Empowering National Economy through Maritime Logistics” from 30.01.2024 to 31.01.2024.



The Department of BBA Maritime Logistics B.Com Honours, B.Sc Criminology and Forensic Science organized a National Conference on National Interdisciplinary Seminar on “Trade Routes and Crime Circuits: An Interdisciplinary Examination of Criminology, Maritime Logistics and Commerce Dynamics” on 20.02.2024.



The Department of B. Com. Corporate Secretaryship and The Department of B. Com. Honours organized a National Conference on “Entrepreneurship in the Digital Era - Navigating Challenges and Seizing Opportunities” on 12.02.2024.



The Department of Social Work organized a National Conference titled “Equitable Solutions for Sustainable Pasture” on 04.12.2023.

Dept. of Economics organized the Prof. Michael Pro Endowment Lecture on the “Budget Analysis 2024” on 13.02.2024. Prof. Dr. P. Arunachalam Emeritus Professor





Department of Applied Economics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, Kerala, delivered the lecture on “Budget 2023-24”.



The Department of XIBA - MBA organized an International Conference on “Business Sustainability in Digitalisation - Industry 5.0” from 06.12.2023 to 07.12.2023.



Department of English organized a National conference titled “The Confluence of Literature, History and Culture: Negotiating Differences through Intercultural Dialogue and Third Space” on 23.01.2024 & 24.01.2024.

On 14.02.2023, the Dept. of BBA organized a Career Guidance Programme on TANCET and Government Examinations. 3 illustrious alumni of the department who cleared their TANCET examinations and Government Exams with high percentile were the speakers



Dept. of Physics organized a State Level Hands – on Workshop for PG students, Research Scholars and Faculty members on 08.12.2023 on “Gaussian16w- Potential Tool for Materials Scientist”.



Department of Computer Application two day Workshop on “Personal Computer Technician” was held on 15.02.2024 and 16.02.2024.



Dept. of VISCOM organized Workshop on Film Making



Making and Interaction & Screening the movie - Three Sisters in a Boat was done by director Aravind Appa Durai, France on 22.09.2023.



Dept. of Criminology & Forensic Science special lecture on “Indian Prison Administration”, held on 14.09.2023, featured Mr. Vasantha Kannan (ADSP Prison) as the guest speaker. Topics covered included the floating population in prison and recidivism.

## Physical Education



The 101<sup>st</sup> Sports Day was held on 11.08.2023. Mr. E. Raja, MLA, Sankarankovil Constituency & President of Tamil Nadu Powerlifting Association was the Chief Guest and Dr. A. Laurence Selvaraj, Former Director of Physical Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Palayamkottai was the Guest of Honour. Overall Championship (Men) was won by the Department of Physics (Shift-II) and the Runner-up Trophy was won by the Department of Tamil. Overall Championship (Women) was won by the Department of Economics (Shift-I) and the Department of English (Shift -I) was won the runners. In the 101st Sports Day March –Past First, Second and Third places were secured by the Department of Commerce (Shift -I), the Department of

English Literature (Shift -I) and the Department of Tamil respectively.

## Achievements In Sports



- Men's Table Tennis Team emerged as winners in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Inter Collegiate Table Tennis Tournament held at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai on 10.10.2023.
- Women's Tennis Team was the Runners in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Inter Collegiate Tennis Tournament held at Sadakathullah Appa College, Palayamkottai on 29.09.2023.
- Men's Tennis Team secured Third Place in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Inter Collegiate Tennis Tournament held at Sadakathullah Appa College, Palayamkottai on 30.09.2023.
- Men's Swimming team secured First place in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Aquatic Championship held at SDAT Swimming Pool, Anna Stadium on 27.12. 2023.
- Women's Swimming team secured Third Place in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Aquatic Championship held at Anna Stadium, Palayamkottai on 27th December 2023. R. Madhu Shalini (23UPE538) won Three Silver medals and one Bronze medal in this event.

## University Blues

The following students represented Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in various sports events:

- ❖ A. Bruno Antonyraj (23PDS508) I -year Data Science (Shift-II), S. Aswin (22UPH127) II-Year Physics (Shift-I) and B. Subikshan (23UBC512) represented



MSU Men Table Tennis team in the South Zone Inter University Men's Table Tennis Tournament held at Tamilnadu Physical Education and Sports University from 01.02.2024 to 03.02.2024. V. Selva Ragavan (22UPE507) II-year Physical Education (Shift-II) and M. Ragul (22UPE532) II-year Physical Education represented MSU Men Tennis team in the South Zone Inter University Men's Tennis Tournament held at Krishna University, Rudravaram, Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh from 27.12.2023 to 30.12. 2023.

❖ E. Manoranjith (21UEN139) III-year English (Shift-I) represented MSU Men's Hockey team in the South Zone Inter University Men's Tennis Tournament held at Bharathidasan University, Thiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu from 24.12.2023 to 30.12.2023 and the team won the Winner Trophy. He also represented MSU Men's Hockey team in the All India Inter-university Hockey Men's Championship held at Lovely Professional University, Punjab from 28.01.2024 to 03.02.2024. Further, he represented MSU Men Hockey team in the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of Khelo India Inter-University Games held in Guwahati, Assam from 19.02.2024 to 25.02.2024 and his team secured Fourth Place.

❖ V. Leonard (22UCC530) II-year Corporate Secretaryship (Shift –II), K. Tharun Vishal (23UCF528) I - year Criminology and Forensic Science (Shift –II) and V. Ebi Richard (23UBO114) I-Year Botany (Shift – I) represented South Zone Inter University Men held at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, from 02.01.2024 to 24.01.2024. V. Leonard also represented MSU Men's Swimming Team in the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of Khelo India Inter-University Games held in Guwahati, Assam from 19.02.2024 to 25.02.2024. He won Two Bronze medals in 100m & 200m Free Style swimming event.

❖ Ariskumar (23PFO104) I-year Folklore, P. Harish Kumar (22UEN504) II-year English (Shift-II) and A. Karthik Raja (22UCH109) II-year Chemistry participated in the South Zone Inter University Men Football Tournament held at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai from 25.12.2023 to 30.12.2023.

❖ T. Sameswari (22UPE510) II-year Physical Education (Shift-II) represented South Zone Inter University

Tennis (Women) Championship Tournament held at Jain University, Bangaluru, Karnataka State between 08.11.2023 and 10.11.2023. She also represented South Zone Inter University Football (Women) team and participated in the Championship Tournament held at Calicut University, Kerala from 30.12.2023 to 04.01.2024.

## Library

The Fr. J. Santiago Library has significantly expanded its collection to 1,30,977 volumes, inclusive of the FRRC department library and 3,915 back volumes. Additionally, the college has integrated 110 journals and magazines spanning various disciplines into the library's stack. It also maintains memberships with DELNET, INFLIBNET, and N-List, facilitating access to 164,309 e-books and 6,500 e-journals for the current academic year.

To sensitize the first-year students of the 2023 batch with the library's services and resources, a Library Introduction Program was conducted from 26.06.2023 to 07.07.2023. Additionally, WEB-OPAC, a groundbreaking enhancement has been introduced in library services. This service revolutionizes access to the library's extensive collection and resources by providing users with web-based interface.



A state-level workshop titled "Transforming Challenges into Opportunities: Abiling Differently Abled Students" was conducted on 09.01.2024. 175 students from various colleges participated in the programme. To promote originality and academic integrity, an Online Orientation session titled "Navigating Originality: Drillbit Plagiarism Software Online Orientation" was organized on 31.01.2024 in which 30 staff members participated.



To enhance research capabilities, Drillbit Plagiarism Software has been acquired and J-Gate Online Database has been given access. In this academic year, 571 text and reference books have been added to the library's collection. This academic year's Best Library User Awards are bagged by S. Rithick (22PCH517) and M.S. Suthakar (23UPH529).

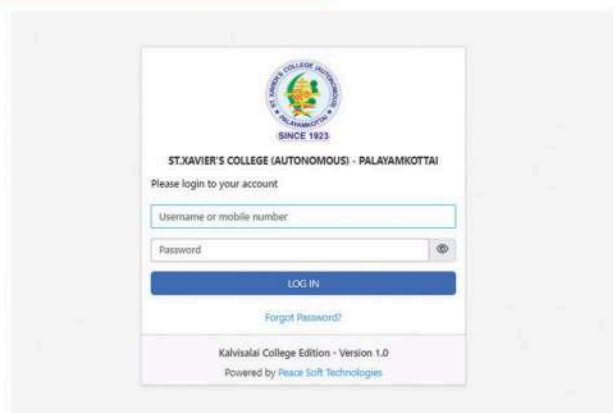
## New Programmes

St. Xavier's College is conscious of its social responsibility, empowering the people by giving quality education and character formation. Considering the technological advancements and growing needs of the job market and entrepreneurial requirement, the college has been modifying its syllabus and introduces new Programmes based on the industry - academia need. In the academic year 2023- 2024, B. Sc. Criminology and Forensic Science, B. Com. Honours, M.Sc. Data Science, M. A. English (Additional Section) and B.B.A. Maritime Logistics were started.

The following new Programmes are proposed to be started in 2024-2025:

1. B. A. Archeology,
2. B. Sc. Geology
3. B. Sc. Artificial Intelligence

## Introduction of ERP



St. Xavier's College has taken a significant step towards enhancing its academic and administrative capabilities through the introduction of a comprehensive system known as St. Xavier's College-ERP. The objective of this upgradation is to offer a secure and dependable ERP service to all individuals involved in the activities of the college.

## Student Training and Action For Neighbourhood Development (STAND)



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. This academic year, 23 UG classes with a student strength of 1203, and 15 PG classes with a student strength of 303 were involved in STAND outreach programmes. 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.

Tree plantation in 18 villages, eye check-up 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 were conducted. Additionally, e-service camp was arranged in 3 villages, 11 women development programs were conducted to motivate and empower women. 14 awareness rallies were organized emphasizing crucial issues like drug abuse, cybercrime, women and child exploitation, 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 about 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 training courses on basic computer skills, preparation of herbal products, establishment of herbal garden, manufacturing of soaps, detergents and



disinfectants, and 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 to people who were badly affected by the recent floods in Tirunelveli.

## Books/ Book Chapters Published

- Rev. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J., Principal. Title of the books: (1). Digital Marketing for E - Commerce, REST Publication, ISBN: 978.81.864810.6.3, Oct 2023. (2). Paradigm Shift towards Sustainable Business and Management Practices (chapter), VHN College, Virudhnagar Pp:105.112, ISBN 978.81.95 1746.9.0, Nov 2023. (3). Pragmatic Research, Shree Siddhivinayak Global Publication, Pp:21.28, ISBN: 978.93.9 1773.43.4, Sep 2023. (4). ANORA: Aeon of New Organised Research and Academics, 7th Edition. National Education Policy (NEP2020) A Roadmap to New Education Era, Taran Publication, New Delhi 7th Edition Pp: 99.103. ISBN 978. 811929.56.3.0, Sep 2023. (5). Business Growth & Sustainability .Vol: 1 Pp: 20.25, ISBN: 978.81.961547.1.4. (6). Leading with Grace: Women Entrepreneurs Making Waves, Ink of Knowledge, Sindhupur, Gujarat, ISBN: 978.93.5826. 858.4, Feb 2024. (7). Technology, Innovation, Social Media: Changing the way of Teaching, Learning, Research in Education, Taran Publication, Pp: 15.18, March 2024
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- T.C.Rajakumar, Dept. of Computer Science. Title of the book: Cyber security and Mathematical Modeling Periar University, pg1-6, ISBN: 978.93.6013.652.9, July, 2023
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On 21.06.2023, Student Council and Department of Physical Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) organised a Yoga Event in collaboration with Ministry of Youth Welfare and Sports, Tirunelveli District Yoga Sana Sangam, Viveka Youth Forum to promote the holistic benefits of yoga for physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

## Parent- Teacher Meeting



We believe that parents should be involved in the education of their sons and daughters at all stages. Parent-Teacher meetings were held for both Shifts separately on 09.09.2023 and 20.01.2024. During the meeting, the parents gave positive feedback about the college and the courses offered. The college is thankful to the parents of all the students for their continuous trust and moral support. 1254 parents participated in these meetings.

## Student Council and Fine Arts Association



The Student Council Election was held on 20.06.2023. The following are the elected members of the Student Council for the academic year 2023-2024: **Chairman:** S. Antony Renith (21UPH110), **Vice Chairman:** S. Manikandan (21UCO616), **Secretary (Shift-I):** K. Supriya (21UCO118), **Secretary (Shift-II):** S. Arumuga Vadivoo (21UCO644), **Joint Secretary (Shift-I):** J.S. Jowin (22UEN119) and **Joint Secretary (Shift-II):** M. Chandran (22UCO529).

Fine Arts Association provides a suitable platform for the students so that they can discover their talents. The following four students served as the **Secretaries for Fine Arts Association:** M. Guru Shunmuganantham (21UEN122), V. Nabesha Antony (21UPH105), S. Regina Roslin (21UBC557) and K. Rama Chandru (21UVC513). Student council and Fine Arts Association together organized 68 programmes in the academic year 2023-2024. The following are some of the important events:

- Academic Orientation Programmes for I UG Students was organized on 21.06.2023 for both Shifts separately.
- Academic Inauguration for I PG Students (Shift-1) was organized on 28.06.2023 for both Shifts separately.
- Organized a "Leadership Training Program" at Thozhamai Illam (Sacred Heart Brothers House) for all the Class Representatives on 12.07.2023.
- Inauguration of 27 Service Organizations, Empowerment Centres & Extension Activities were held on 14.07.2023. The Chief Guest of the day was Padma Shri Palam Kalyanasundaram, Man of the Millennium.





overall winner trophy was won by the Department of English (Shift-I), first runner up by the Department of Commerce (Shift I) and second runner up by the Department of Commerce (Shift II).



### Pongal Celebrations



On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Pongal celebration was conducted by Student Council and Fine Arts Association. The chief guest of the programme was சொற்சிலம்பர் Dr. M. Chidambaram, Debater, Assistant Professor of Tamil, Tamil Research Centre, Azhagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi. “Pattimandram” was organized under the topic இளைஞர்களின் வளர்ச்சியில் பெரிதும் பங்காற்றுவது வீடா? சமுதாயமா? and SXC students were the speakers.

### Valediction of all Associations



Valedictory function of all the associations was held on 07.03.2023. The Chief Guest of the day was

► On 05.09.2023 Teachers' Day for Shift-I staff was celebrated. The chief guest of the day was Sri. Ponneelan, Writer and Teacher, Sahitya Academy Awardee (1994), National President, All India Progressive Writer's Association.



► On 05.09.2023 Teacher's Day for Shift-II Staff was celebrated. The chief guest of the day was Thiru. R. Narumpu Nathan, Writer and Story Teller.

### Inter Departmental Competitions (Indeco)



The grand finale of Inter Departmental Competition (INDECO) was held on 12.01.2024. Mr. Arun Pandian, Actor and Film maker, Mrs. Keerthi Pandian, Actress and Rt. Col. D.P. Chellaiah were the chief guests of the programme. The chief guest for valedictory function of INDECO was Mr. Irwin Victoria, Musician & participant of Vijay TV Airtel Super Singer. More than 30 off stage and on stage competitions were conducted and prizes were distributed to the winners by the dignitaries. The



Dr S. Prabahar, Dean, Faculty of Indian and Other Languages, Chair, School of Languages, Professor and Head, Department of English M.S. University, Tirunelveli. The student magazine 'Excella' was also released on this occasion.

## CENTENARY VALEDICTION

### Centenary Building Inaugural Ceremony



The construction of the Centenary Building is an important milestone in the history of St. Xavier's College. The new building, with necessary furniture, was constructed at a cost of Rs.17 crore in about 65,000 sq. ft. The Inaugural Ceremony began at 9.15 a.m. on 06.10.2023. Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of Madurai, Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Antonysamy, Bishop of Palayamkottai, Rt. Rev. Dr. Nazarene Soosai, Bishop of Kottar, Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Antony, Bishop of Tuticorin, Rt. Rev. Dr. Jude Paulraj, Bishop Emeritus, Palayamkottai, Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham S.J., Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, Staff Members, Students and Alumni were present on the auspicious occasion.



### Celebrations with Parents

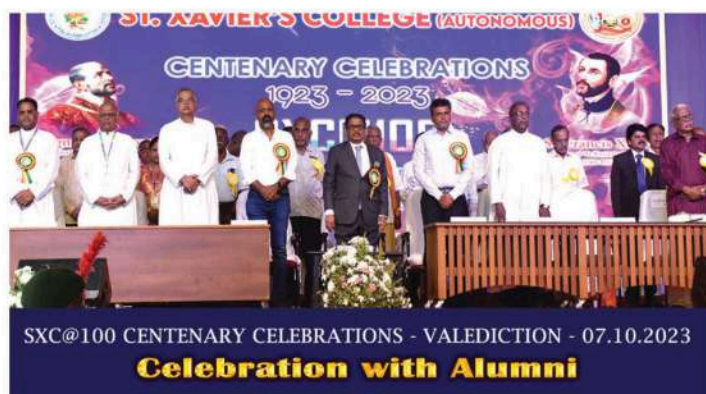
The celebrations with parents began at 4.30 p.m. on 06.10.2023. Mr. S. Rama Subramanian, our alumnus & Headmaster, Hameem Middle School, Melapalayam, Tirunelveli, and Mrs. V. Santha, Physical Education Teacher, Sri A.K.S. Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School, Srivaiku-



ntam, were the Chief Guests. Mr. S. Sankaralingam, our alumnus & Asst. Commissioner of Police, Intelligence Section, Chennai, and Dr. D. Uma Devi, our alumnus & Asst. Professor of Tamil, Delhi University, were the Guests of Honour.



### Celebrations with Alumni/ae



The celebrations with alumni/ae began at 10.30 a.m. on 06.10.2023. Mr. M. Malik Feroze Khan IAS, our alumnus & Tamil Nadu Local Bodies Ombudsman, was the Chief Guest. Mr. R. Ayerajothi, Managing Partner, Stradegi, Singapore, and Mr. A. Antony Thomas, Managing Director, Nova Carbons were the Guests of Honour.



## Valediction

Valediction of centenary celebrations was held at 4.30 p.m. on 07.10.2023. The Chief Guest Padmashri Mylswamy Annadurai, Former Director of ISRO Satellite Centre, stressed the importance of perseverance and commitment in his address. He also released the Centenary Souvenir and the first copy was received by Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham S. J., Provincial. Dr. V. S. Joseph Albert explained the salient aspects of the souvenir. The greetings of Mr. M. K. Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, were presented online. Mr. K.P.H. Paul Mohamed, our alumnus & Former Deputy Commissioner of Customs & Central Excise, and Mr. V. Subramanian, our alumnus & Managing Director, News7 Channel, shared their experiences at St. Xavier's College.



## Graduation Day



The 97<sup>th</sup> graduation day was held on 10.02.2024. 917 UG and 336 PG students received their degrees. Prof. Dr. N. Chandrasekar, Vice – Chancellor, Manonmaiam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli was the Chief Guest on this occasion.



The 98<sup>th</sup> graduation day was held on 27.04.2024. 796 UG and 296 PG students received their degrees. Dr. Pa. Moorthy, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Tirunelveli City, was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

## Plans of the College for 2024-2025

- To conduct an Internal Academic Audit for AQAR
- To conduct an External Academic Audit for AQAR
- IQAC will conduct a National Conference.
- To conduct an Internal and External Gender Audit
- To Data submission for NIRF India Ranking – 2025
- To submit a report for the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)
- To conduct the Faculty Empowerment Programme
- To conduct a one-day Awareness Programme on ORCID and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities
- To collect Students' feedback on teachers for the odd and even semesters
- To collect feedback on Curricular Aspects from final year UG and PG students
- To collect Student Feedback on Curricular Aspects (Exit Poll)
- To conduct the National Conference

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