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Editorial

Dear Reader,

I am delighted to introduce this first edition of the NJAAI - the JAAI North Zone newsletter. We intend to make it a regular publication and to use it to keep you in touch with news and developments which relate to the Alumni Associations of Delhi, Darjeeling, Kolkata, Kohima and Patna Provinces i.e. Northern Zonal Council of Federation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India (JAAI). I am very excited to launch this newsletter which will inform and inspire you on a regular basis with all the activities of Jesuit Alumni/ae of JAAI North Zone. The newsletter is one of the main channels of communications with you and we hope you will embrace it. You will find this newsletter both interesting and informative.

There are many vibrant and active alumni associations under JAAI North Zone and are involved in numerous activities throughout the year. This newsletter showcases the activities of different alumni associations of the entire north zone on a single platform. We are confident that this newsletter will help in providing a forum for networking, interaction and exchange of ideas and thoughts between different Alumni/ae Associations of North Zone. As this newsletter is being released during the NJAAI Milan 2019 – the JAAI North Zone Alumni/ae Congress at Patna, it will definitely motivate a lot of alumni/ae to live up to Ignatian legacy and contribute as a true Jesuit Alumni.

We want this newsletter to be valuable for you, so please share your feedback / suggestions and also contribute news / updates which will help us in bringing out the improved version of newsletter periodically.



Happy reading!!

Neel Mani Rangesh
Secretary
JAAI Northern Zonal Council

Message



It is of immense joy to me to know that the St. Xavier's Alumni Association of Patna is organising the North Zone JAAI Congress in the school. JAAI is a vibrant organisation of Jesuit Alumni in India. It is heartening to see the dynamic activities of the JAAI in building a better nation and a progressive society in India.

The North Zone JAAI deserve our appreciation for organising a series of programme in tune with the JAAI priorities. Blood donation camps, ecological and communal harmony initiatives, mentoring and guiding students, relief work and reaching out to the needy, scholarships for the poor and deserving students etc. are praise worthy.

However, ultimate success of Jesuit educational endeavour cannot be measured when one is in the school as a student. Instead, the gift of Jesuit schooling is best measured by how one engages life in the decades after passing out. Did the partly answered questions that were sparked in the classroom continue to be asked and re-asked throughout one's life? Did the possibilities fostered by networking and authentic encounter bear fruit in future decisions in business, personal life, and the religious quest?

Yes, JAAI is an expression of that quest, eagerness and continuous churning out of what is best in a person. I wish the North Zone JAAI Congress all the best! May you continue to serve the humanity by giving your best, without counting the cost.

God Bless!

Fr. Sunny Jacob S.J.

Secretary, Jesuit Educational Association of South Asia (JEASA)
National Advisor, Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India (JAAI)

Message



Very respected and esteemed Jesuit Alumni/ae of our "Vibrant North Frontier", Greetings to all of you from the JAAI National Council and from me in particular.

Hearty Congratulations to the Patna Jesuit Province for hosting the much awaited JAAI North Zonal Congress at Patna and releasing the first edition of NJAAI - the JAAI North Zone Newsletter, and for setting even higher standards of professionalism, hospitality and purposefulness.

I treat it as my my huge personal loss for not being able to make it to Patna on 14-15 September 2019, owing to my travel to the Scandinavian nations.

In this term 2017-20, JAAI has seen a notable and lasting change in terms of visibility, involvement, two-way communication, indulgence of our Jesuit mentors, hand-in glove approach of alumni-institution relationship, inter-province cohesion, intra-zone networking and action, and progressive, responsible, answerable and futuristic framework of purposeful action plans.

I wish you all of you as individuals, and the NZ Congress in particular a huge success in your personal and social agenda, and also invite you to Tiruchirapalli for the National Congress to be held in January 2020, where we shall meet our new leaders for 2020-23 and rededicate ourselves to be "Men and Women for others, with others !"

With you, "To give and count no cost".

Dr. Devendra Singh

President (2017-20), Federation of JAAI

GLIMPSES OF 2ND NZC MEET HELD AT ST. XAVIER'S, KOLKATA



Patna Jesuit Province

2nd Shyama Prasad Memorial Inter-School Sit & Draw Painting Competition 2019

St. Xavier's Alumni Association (SXAA), Patna organized the "2nd Shyama Prasad Memorial Inter-School Sit & Draw Painting Competition 2019" at St. Xavier's High School, Patna. The competition was held on 30 August 2019 09:00 AM in the school campus in which more than 500 students from 26 premier of Patna participated and exhibited their creativity, art and drawing skills.



पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता में शहर के 26 स्कूलों ने लिया हिस्सा

प्रधानाचार्य, स.जे. विश्वविद्यालय, पटना के अध्यक्ष श्री पवन कुमार शर्मा ने शिवाजी महाराज स्मृति अंतर-स्कूल पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने वाले 500 से अधिक छात्रों को प्रशंसा की। उन्होंने कहा कि यह प्रतियोगिता छात्रों की रचनात्मकता और कलात्मक कौशल को बढ़ावा देने के लिए आयोजित की गई थी।

Eminent Cartoonist Shri Pawan was the Chief Guest. Ms. Anumeha Anand of Carmel High School, Patna won the Prof. Ram Narain Pandey Memorial Judges Choice Award for overall best performance in the event. Ms. Sangeeta Pahan of Sister Nivedita Balika Vidyalaya, Patna and Ms. Rakshita Singh of Notre Dam Academy, Patna won the First Prize in Category 'A' and Category 'B' respectively.



इंटर स्कूल पेंटिंग में अनुमेहा बनी बेस्ट आर्टिस्ट

श्री पवन कुमार शर्मा ने शिवाजी महाराज स्मृति अंतर-स्कूल पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने वाले 500 से अधिक छात्रों को प्रशंसा की। उन्होंने कहा कि यह प्रतियोगिता छात्रों की रचनात्मकता और कलात्मक कौशल को बढ़ावा देने के लिए आयोजित की गई थी।

COLOURFUL DAY

Students participate in inter school painting competition at St. Xavier school in Patna on Friday.

SXAA, Patna also organized the Intra-School Competition for all the students (Class I to Class X) of St. Xavier's High School, Patna on 29 August 2019. Around 2500 students participated in the event. In each category, first, second and third positions were selected. Besides that, the judges also selected around three/four nos. of promising awards in each category.



Fr. Jacob Memorial Inter-School Elocution Contest

St. Xavier's College of Education Alumni Association (SXCEAA), Patna organized the Fr. Dr. Jacob M.A., S.J Memorial Inter-School Elocution Contest on 10 August 2019 in which 12 schools participated. The elocution contest was held in four groups. Master Arv Deep of St. Michael's High School, Ms Srijita Sen Gupta of Loyola High School, Ms Samli of Notre Dam Academy NTPC Barh and Ms Kalyan Bharti of Notre Dam Academy NTPC Barh won the First Prize in Group A, B, C & D respectively. Renowned Educationist Dr. Bhawna Shekhar was the Chief Guest on the occasion.



Colourful Christmas programme for Divyang Children

St. Xavier's College of Education Alumni Association, Patna organized a colorful Christmas programme for the children of Asha Deep Divyang Punarwas Kendra at Fair Field Colony, Digha. Asha Deep Divyang Punarwas Kendra is run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross Society. Sister Lissil Pallipadan, the Principal Asha Deep Divyang Punarwas Kendra welcomed the executive members and the prospective teachers of the college and thanked them for their particular concern celebrating Christmas with the hearing-impaired, mentally challenged and blind children.



International Yoga Day Celebration by SXAA, Patna

SXAA, Patna in collaboration with Bhartiya Yog Sansthan organized a Yoga Session for the teachers of St. Xavier's High School, Patna on the occasion of International Yoga Day – 21st June 2019.



Patna Jesuit Province

9TH AGM OF SXCEAA, PATNA

Around 120 old students from different batches since 1988 to 2017 of St Xavier's College of Education (SXCE), Patna, walked down the memory lane, at the 9th Annual General Meeting of the SXCE Alumni Association (SXCEAA), Patna, held on the college campus on 4th May 2019.



Dr. Marie D'Cruze, President, SXCEAA welcomed the dignitaries and the members of the Alumni Association. An input session on "Understanding Individual Differences and Parenting" by Dr. Geeti Sinha, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, J. D. Women's College, Patna was the highlight of the event. SXCEAA membership card released and distributed among the members. Fr. Jacob M.A., the former President of the association, who passed away on 22nd August 2017 was remembered during the AGM.



Pool Side Party - SMAA, Patna

St. Michael's Alumni Association (SMAA), Patna organized a Swimming Pool side party for alumni and their family members on 16 June 2019.



Career Counselling Session

SXAA, Patna organized a Career Counselling Session for Class XI & XII students of St. Xavier's High School, Patna on 5th August 2019. The Guest Speakers/Counsellors (all alumnus of St. Xavier's, Patna) for the session were 1) Col. Prem Prakash – An eminent educationist, an expert mountaineer and currently the Principal, Radiant International School, Patna, 2) Shri Vijay Sinha – Commandant, No. 9 Bn, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Bihta, Patna, 3) Shri Vishnu Choudhary – a famous Senior Architect of the town and the Director, Choudhary Kumar Consultants Pvt. Ltd., and 4) Shri Amitabh Pandey – A renowned graphics designer and senior communication consultant, UNICEF, Bihar.



Fr. Murphy Memorial Inter-School Quiz

SMAA, Patna organized the "Fr. Murphy Memorial Inter-School Quiz Competition" in the memory of legendary Principal and a great Educationist of his time - Fr. Gordon Murphy, SJ and showcased the event as "BATTLE OF BRAINS" involving 25 schools of Patna. A book-let containing the life-sketch of Fr. Gordon Murphy (excerpts, taken from the writing of Jim Cox) was also released on the occasion. The team from Army Public School comprising of Master Vishnu Upadhaya and Master Prateek Kumar won the quiz contest. The Chief Guest of the event Mr. Vivek Kumar Singh, IAS – an alumnus of St. Michael's, Patna.



Darjeeling Jesuit Province

Outreach Programme / Winter Camp 2019 for the Underprivileged

This has been an event the School organizes every winter for the Society and the Darjeeling North Point School Alumni Association (DNPSAA) is actively involved. The first day of the camp witnessed a registration of 357 students from classes III to X which goes up to more than 700 in next 2 days. Everyday the program started at 8:30 in the morning. A routine is set for activities as well as academics everyday which ended at noon after which lunch was provided to all the Winter Camp students by the School.



The Camp was full of activities like Yoga, Art, Eastern Classical Music, Western Music, Zumba, Classical Dancing, Contemporary Dancing, Origami, Philately, Educational Tours, Motivational Talks, Sports, Painting, Value Education, Awareness Talks, Medical Camps and many more arranged by the DNPSAA for the underprivileged.

Fr. Van Clinic on Wheels

Darjeeling North Point School Alumni Association (DNPSAA) in association with some NGOs had organized an event to celebrate the Fifa World Cup. The goal was to raise funds and donate an ambulance fitted with equipment that could conduct 42 tests like ECG among others. It was also the students' tribute to their teacher, Fr Gerard Van Wallenghem. Funds generated from the programme was utilised for a project "Fr. Van Clinic on Wheels" to provide medical facilities to people living in remote areas.



Annual Reunion 2019

North Point Alumni Association Calcutta Chapter organized its Annual Reunion on 10 May 2019 at The Saturday Club, Calcutta. A cheque of Rs. 1,50,000 was presented on behalf of Rectors Table Fund which is a joint initiative of alumni to Mrs. Lekha Venkat

Calcutta Jesuit Province

Expression 2019



St. Lawrence High School, Kolkata in association with St. Lawrence Old Boys' Association are organising 'Expression' - an educative art competition on Olympic Values and Peace among school children across the globe since 2017 around the Olympic Day every year. This year it was very special. A few SLHS students went to Mentaid, Kolkata, with the idea to participate with kids who are physically or intellectually challenged.

SLOBA Inter Alumni Football League



Calcutta Jesuit Province

Beyond Barriers - Chapter Nineteen



St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association (SXCCAA) organized its annual musical extravaganza - Beyond Barriers with power packed performance from Armaan Malik and Neha Kakkar on 26 January 2019. This is a major fundraiser programme of SXCCAA and money raised from the concert are used for various philanthropic projects.

11th All India ALSOC Open Quiz

The 11th All India Alsoc Open Quiz was held at Xavier Hall on 17 August 2019. 33 Institutions participated. The Quiz Master was Mr. Abhijit Banerjee (Alsoc Member). Approx. 300 people attended the successful event.



ALSOC Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

CCA CRICKET: 15th Invitational Inter School T20 Cricket Tournament was organized by Alsoc in which 15 school boys participated. St. Xavier's Collegiate School won the championship.

CCA KARATE: The 5th Alsoc West Bengal Inter School Karate Championship was held on Sunday 27th January, 2019 in association with All India Seishinkai Shito - Ryu Karate Do Federation. Japanese Consul General in Calcutta, Mr. Masayuki Taga & wife were the Chief Guest. The event featured 120 contests with 2500 plus participating entries from 200 plus invited schools.

CCA FOOTBALL CARNIVAL: The 4th CCA Football Carnival was held on Tuesday, 23rd January. The East Bengal Captain Mr. Gurwinder Singh was the Chief Guest.

CCA TABLE TENNIS: CCA Table Tennis Tournament was held at school's games room.

CCA SPEECH, DRAMA AND MUSIC: The 2nd CCA Speech & Drama and Musical Program (CON BRIO 2019) was held on 5th Feb., 2019.

ALSOCCER and ALSOC Cricket

The 24th Alsoccer was held on 8th September, 2019. 16 teams of 8 players each, including one Teachers team, and for the first-time a Parents team, participated in this 5-a-side tournament.

The 28th Alsoc Cricket Tournament was held on 17th March, 2019 at the St. Xavier's Collegiate School grounds. A total of 15 teams participated including one teacher's team and a CCA Cricket team. Mr. Yash Vardhan Agarwal's team won the tournament and the teacher's team led by Mr. Farino Torcato was runners up. The 7th Alsoc Inter Alumni Cricket Tournament was held on 10th March, 2019 at St. Xavier's Collegiate School.

Raghabpur Medical Camp

SXCCAA organized a FULL DAY - MEDICAL CAMP at St. Xavier's College, Raghabpur Campus - South 24 Parganas, on 20 Jan. 2019. This camp provided Medical Consultation which includes - Free Blood Test, Eye Checkup, etc, to the local rural resident.



Dashovuja Bangalee 2019 - Chapter IX



SXCCAA together with Bengali Literary Society of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, organized - 'Dashovuja Bangalee 2019 - Chapter IX' where ten eminent Personalities from different fields were felicitated on the occasion of 'International Vernacular Day' on 22 February 2019.

12th Fr. Joe D'Souza Memorial Cricket Match'19

SXCCAA organized the 12th Fr. Joe D'Souza Memorial Cricket Match on 16 March 2019.



BAGI School Project



Alsoc supports financially to Bagi Pouribala Bar Pravabati Mondal Balika Vidyalaya (Bagi School). As the name suggests, this is an all girls' school in a remote village in South 24 Parganas for SC/ST.

St. Xavier's Evening School - Titli

Since 1995 St. Xavier's Evening School (earlier named Titli) has provided free education to poor students. Free Tiffin for students is provided daily. Apart from remuneration, Alsoc reimburses Titli teachers transport and Tiffin allowance.

Heritage Walk - ALSOC Family Series

The Alsoc Family Series (4th Heritage Walk) is held on 1st week of Jan.'19. The heritage walk is led by specialist Iftekhar Ahsan of Calcutta Walks. 70 Alsoc Members with family met up in the chilly wintery morning at 7 am in front of Girish Park Metro station in North Kolkata. The occasion was a heritage walk down the alleys of Sovabazar area by specialist Iftekhar Ahsan of Calcutta Walks team.

Calcutta Jesuit Province

SXCCAA - North Bengal Chapter



Inaugural Ceremony of SXCCAA's North Bengal Chapter was organized at Montansa Vista Club, Silliguri on 06 April 2019. The Chapter was inaugurated by Shri Goutam Deb, Minister of Tourism, Govt. of West Bengal.

Talk on Digital Marketing

St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association organised a Talk On Digital Marketing on 06 September 2019 where Debarshi Chakravorti delivered a talk on how to ace the digital marketing game.



13th SLOBA Inter-School Debate



St. Lawrence Old Boys Association (SLOBA), Kolkata organized the 13th SLOBA Annual Inter-School Debate on 22 August 2019.

The Philanthropy Day

SXCCAA's celebrated the Birthday of Rev. Fr. Domini Savio, SJ - Rector & Principal of St. Xavier's College and President, SXCCAA as the Philanthropy Day on 23 July 2019.



Teacher's Day



On the eve of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary, SXCCAA organized a Teachers' Day Celebration at the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, the Governor of West Bengal graced the occasion.

Medical Consultation Camp

Xavier's College Alumni Association of Burdwan organized a free Medical Consultation Camp "SPINE - Know how to care it" on 09 February 2019.



Delhi Jesuit Province

3rd DOXA Soccer League

Delhi Old Xaverians Association (DOXA) organized 3rd edition of DOXA Soccer League "SOCCERAZZY" in the month of January 2019 in which six teams participated.



Stress Management Workshop



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M A N A G E M E N T
W O R K S H O P for entire staff of St. Xavier's School, New Delhi was organized by Shri Vineet Agrawal, DOXA.

Condolence Meeting



DOXA remembered one of its famous alumnus of 1969 batch - Former Finance Minister and a senior leader of BJP, Shri Arun Jaitley jee who passed away at the age of 66 on 24 August 2019. A condolence meeting was organized by DOXA on 25 August 2019.

DOXA Badminton Championship 2019

DOXA Badminton Championship 2019 was organized in the month of July 2019. The match was played in four categories - Mens Singles, Womens Singles, Mens Doubles and Womens Doubles. In the Mens Singles, alumni were divided into two groups - (i) Seniors - Batch 1999 or before and (ii) Batch 2000.



Delhi Jesuit Province

5th FBXC and XHVC (2019)



Xavier's Alumni Association, Jaipur organized the 5th season of Father Batson Xavier's Cup (Football) FBXC and Xavier's Heroes Volleyball Cup (XHVC) -an Inter-School Championship between 19 August 2019 to 22 August 2019. 16 school teams participated in Football and Volleyball. Xavier's Girls Volleyball team lifted the trophy beating Bright land School by 3-2. The winners of FBXC for the year 2019 is Jayshree Periwal International School.

Salutation to Martyrs

Xaviers Alumni, Jaipur with their Family & Friends gathered at Amar Jawan Jyoti on 22nd Feb to pay homage to our brave 44 CRPF jawans who were martyred in Pulwama in horrific terrorist attack. Eminent Alumni Admiral Madhvender Singh ji (Rtd Chief Naval Staff), Lt Col Vijay Pratap Singh Ji and others paid homage to martyrs.



Naresh Pardal Memorial Quiz

Naresh Pardal Memorial Quiz was conducted by Xavier's Alumni Jaipur on 12th July 2019. This interhouse quiz is organized annually in the memory of Mr. Naresh Pardal. The Pardal family generously sponsored this event.



Advanced Robotics Workshop



Xavier's Robotics Club, NxGen Science Club in association with XAJ conducted the Advanced Robotics Workshop from 20 May '19 to 04 Jun '19 in which participants went through designing, building and programming of robots using Lego EV3 kits.

Abhimanyu Singh Chauhan Memorial Football

The friendly match to celebrate the Birthday of Flying Officer Abhimanyu Singh Chauhan was played on 15 July 2019 between Xavier's Alumni team & School team.



DOXA Basketball League 2019

DOXA organized the first edition of DOXA Basketball League in January 2019 in which 4 teams participated and 12 matches were played.



XAJ Pool Side Party on 29 Jun '19



Xaviers Inter Alumni Handball

Xaviers Inter Alumni Handball Tournament, sponsored by Sh. MP Sharma (84 batch) was conducted from 7-15 Jul '19. The winner in Singles Category was Brian Charlesworth



XAJ-DOXA Sports Cup 2019



XAJ Cricket and Basketball team visited DOXA, New Delhi in January 2019. The XAJ Basketball team beat DOXA team in a very tough match and took back the trophy this year. However, the DOXA Cricket team beat XAJ by 9 wickets..

JAAI National Congress

National Congress of the Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) will be hosted by JAAI South Zone at Tiruchirappalli on **17, 18 and 19 January 2020**. The venue shall be **St Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli 620002, Tamil Nadu**.

The Theme of the Congress shall be : **"Jesuit Alumni Networking for a harmonious world."**

Registration Fees for the Congress is **Rs. 2,000/-** which will include all meals and a Registration Gift.