



## The Patna Congress – My Views

Fr Robert Slattery SJ/Hazirabaug

This was my 6th National Congress, starting from Chennai when the first steps to form the National Federation were taken, on to Kolkata, Mumbai, Jamshedpur, Trivandrum and now to Patna. And every congress was great and yet different as it should be bringing with it the flavour of the venue. The Patna Congress was special because of its international flavour with members of the committee of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni present, including the President, Mr. Tom Bausch and Fr. Bill Currie s.j. from Japan, the Jesuit advisor appointed by Fr. Superior General.

Looking back, I ask what I have gained from the Congress. First of all the dedication of the Patna alumni who worked so hard for the Congress's success, and did it in such a friendly and yet efficient way. Then of course the new friends I made and the old friends I met again. The topic "Public Private Partnership in Education" was well presented by competent speakers. However maybe the main thing I took away was the challenge which our new secretary Shapath keeps on reminding us of. What will be the follow up? Or will this congress, great to build connections, surely an important product of the congress, finally end in papers on the topic and that is all.

In fact the topic is not so easy to follow up. Our alumni associations can certainly help schools for the poor, are already doing so, and this will be a contribution to public private partnership. But the topic seems to be looking at the bigger screen, how government and private agencies can finance and guide government educational institutions. One of the presenters said plainly that the government alone cannot produce quality education.

Where is our expertise? I think our expertise is in our organizational ability and our knowledge of what quality education is. And what is the possible

difficulty? Will state education departments be ready to allow us to organize and run government schools in a block, a sub division? To show that by private public partnership, a model educational block, model educational sub division is possible. In the 1970's in Mahadmar block of undivided Bihar, the government gave the Jesuits the running of a school complex for the whole block. That meant regular meetings with all the teachers, government and private, of the block. It meant setting of examinations, evaluation of the annual examinations of all the schools of the block. It went well for some time but the culture of many government teachers was not in tune with the Jesuit culture of commitment to the students and sometimes the government schools did not have sufficient teachers.

Maybe we also had not planned carefully enough how the Jesuit school of the place and the government should work together. Can this be tried again? Will the education department be ready for real partnership, not in giving additional finance to the education department but in providing expertise?

We as a National and State organization can approach the education department and find out what help they are looking for, find out if they are serious. Especially we want to find out if they are simply asking for finance or are looking for educational expertise. If they are ready, and it may happen in some states, that is wonderful. We commit ourselves. If the particular education department is not ready, then the national or state alumni organization should put forward a project for the state alumni associations, even though, it may not directly follow on the national congress. We have immense potential. It must be tapped, not only on the local level, but also on the national and state levels.

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## “TO GIVE AND NOT TO COUNT THE COST” Sum's up the guiding spirit at JAAI

Anil Chug / Editor

Many Alumni from across the country contributed in various forms to make the VI National Congress of JAAI at Patna a grand success. St. Xavier's Alumni association, under the able guidance of Fr. George Nedumattam SJ, Principal St. Xavier School Patna put up a show worth remembering for a lifetime.

associations across the country. It shall be our effort to give you useful information about good fellowship practices of Gujarat associations and very thoughtful social service initiatives of associations from south. The collaboration between Alumni association and the institutions in the east shall also be highlighted in future issues.

Valuable contributions in terms of ideas and thoughts from Alumni from across the country went into the making of Congress statement on Public Private Partnership for better education. The new team headed by Mr. Naresh Gupta of Kolkata and Mr. Shapath Shah as secretary took charge of JAAI at the Patna Congress. I have been given task of bringing out the newsletter for you.

We request you for regular information sharing of your association activities at editorjaaai@gmail.com to be covered in future issues. You can also send in request for more copies newsletters for distribution to ex-students. This would inculcate the spirit of fellowship, brotherhood and contributing to society in the Jesuit way. To give back to the society what we have got at a Jesuit institution is the guiding spirit at JAAI and the newsletter will play a role in propagating this very feeling.

This first issue of JAAI newsletter comes to you from Bhopal under total guidance and contribution from Colin Savio. My sincere thanks to him for all the support.

Bhopal is gearing up to host the next JAAI Governing Council meeting on August 7 and we are looking forward to that.

In future issues we shall try to collate more information about various activities being carried out by very active

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## GOOD TIMES AHEAD

**Naresh Kumar Gupta / President**



Respected Fathers and dear alumni/ae friends,

The VI<sup>th</sup> National Congress (JAAI-Milan), held at St. Xavier's High School, Gandhi Maidan, Patna on 4-6<sup>th</sup> February 2011 was very successful. It was attended by about 300 delegates comprising Jesuit fathers and alumni/ae members from all over the world. The World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) had co-incided their governing council meeting along with this Congress and hence, there were 12 foreign delegates at the Congress. Jaai is thankful to the host association – SXAA, Patna and a very special thanks to Rev. Fr. George Nedumattam, s.j., for its smooth organization.

This is my 1<sup>st</sup> circular as the President, and I would like to give you brief details about the zonal structure of our country. India is divided into four Jesuit Zones. They are –  
1. North Zone comprising Calcutta, Darjeeling, Delhi, Kohima & Patna.  
2. Central Zone comprising Dumka-Raiganj, Hazaribagh, Jamshedpur, M.P. & Ranchi.  
3. West Zone comprising Bombay, Goa, Pune and Surat.  
4. South Zone comprising Andhra, Karnataka, Kerala and Madurai.

It is my feeling that the success of Jaai depends on the success of Zones. These four Zones are your link with Jaai. All Zones have their respective active governing councils. So I request all alumni associations to take active part in the zonal activities and programmes.

Last month, I had the opportunity of attending the international convention of St. Xavier's College Alumni Association, Calcutta at Dubai. It was a wonderful event, all the more so because SXCAA is organizing its foreign conventions every year in a country having their chapters. This is appreciable since through these conventions, Xaverians settled abroad are able to be in touch with their Alma Mater and able to extend their helping hand too.

I request you to be in touch with Jaai by sending details of your respective Associations' activities and photos to [jaaindia@gmail.com](mailto:jaaindia@gmail.com). The new issue of Jaai news magazine is going to the press so please send the contents urgently, thus ensuring better contact with your parent body.

There are two important events coming up and I request you to take active part in both –  
7<sup>th</sup> August 2011 - Jaai G.C. meeting at Campion School, Bhopal. Rev. Fr. Edward Mudavassery, s.j., - Provincial of South Asia, has very kindly consented to grace the meeting. Please book your diary in advance. I hope to see you there!

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 - Requesting all alumni associations to organise a blood donation camp at their institution on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

With warm regards and prayers for everyone's well being.

Naresh Kumar Gupta  
31<sup>st</sup> May 2011



Rev. Fathers and fellow Jesuit Alumni/ae members,

On the eve of my handing over of the Secretaryship of JAAI, I feel I should communicate with you on a few issues of common interest.

The past three years have been both eventful and exciting. All of us in the Governing Council have put in their best efforts to ensure an all round development of the zones as well as of the parent body.

### Governing Council Meetings:

During the last three years the G.C. members were in touch with each other by email on a daily basis through group mail. In all, five G.C. Meetings were held as per following details – On 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2007 at Loyola, Trivandrum, then on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2008 at St. Vincent's, Pune, then on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2009 at St. Xavier's, Kolkata, followed by another 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at St. Xavier's, Patna, further on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2010 at St. Xavier's, Delhi, and finally on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2011 at St. Xavier's, Patna.

### Networking & Communications:

Since the last Congress, ten Secretary's circulars have been sent to all registered members. The Secretary started a periodical SMS service to inform everyone about events through texts on registered mobile numbers. The JAAI website: [www.jaaindia.com](http://www.jaaindia.com) is regularly updated with news, pics, videos and links.

### New Superior General and Provincial of South Asia:

Rev. Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, s.j. was appointed as the new Superior General in Jan, 2008. Fr. Adolfo is from Spain and was previously in Japan for 40 years. He is very well read and erudite, quite like Fr. Anippe. The Jaai GC Members had an audience with him on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2009, at 4.15 pm at St. Xavier's, Delhi. In India, Rev. Fr. Edward Mudavassery, s.j., was appointed as the new Provincial of South Asia in 2009. Fr. Edward is from the Hazaribagh province. He is nurturing Jaai as a friend, philosopher and guide.

### Audited Accounts & Subscription:

It was voiced during the last Congress at Trivandrum, that the financial affairs of the Federation should be shared on an annual basis. Accordingly, I have circulated copy of the audited accounts for all the years. I would like to place on record my deep appreciation for the untiring efforts of Sri Santosh Agarwal for keeping the accounts updated. My sincere thanks also to our Auditors - M/s. Ajay Tekrwal & Co. During these three years Jaai has registered six new members taking the tally of registered members to 100 and we have on our mailing list names of 29 unregistered members. We have collected Rs. 1,10,000/- as subscription from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2007 till 31 Dec, 2010 and have paid U.S \$ 10,000 as the World Union dues.

### Rejuvenation of the Alumni/ae Associations:

Since the last Congress many dormant/inactive alumni/ae associations have become active. This was possible due to better communication and net working of Associations with Jaai Zones. I request zonal representatives to reach out to all the Jesuit institutions/associations in your region and try to inform associations about the zonal/national/international structure of Jesuit Alumni movement.

### Voice of JAAI and ETC – World Union newsletter

Since the last congress two issues of Jaai news letter – Voice of Jaai have been printed and circulated to all and similarly two issues of ETC - World Union news letter were copied and circulated.

### Seventh World Congress

The seventh World Congress of Jesuit Alumni/ae was held between 22-27 July 2009 at Bijnanbura, Burundi: the land of 1001 hills, in the heart of Africa. It was the first ever Congress in the African continent and was attended by over 170 people from across the globe. In the Indian delegation comprised 20 members including 11 Alumni/ae (2 woman) & 9 Jesuit Fathers. St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association represented by

6 members was the largest. North Zone had 9 delegates, followed by 5 from South and 3 each from Central & West. The Indian delegation was the largest national delegation. The 35<sup>th</sup> General Congregation of the Society of Jesus had focussed on Africa and hence the Congress was christened as "Hope" and the theme was "For a better Africa: What have we done? What are we doing? What should we do?". The Indian Federation was given a special slot to show case its projects & progress. JAAI Secretary, Naresh Gupta along with Rev. Fr. Felix Raj, Conrad Goswales & Ronald D'Costa, exhibited a power point presentation to highlight our achievements. Since there are no Universities in the Great Lakes region, hence, the Indian delegates invited Africans to come to India for higher studies. They were also assured of scholarships. Mr. Ronald D'Costa is treasurer of WUJA and Mr. Naresh Gupta and Mr. Shaphath Shah are governing body members.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae will be held from 14 – 18 August 2013 at the Medellín - Colombia. The theme of the Congress is Ignatian Leadership with Social Responsibility. "We were educated, let's educate".

**World Congress Follow Up:** A 17 year old Colombian student - Master Santiago, arrived to study English at Loyola, Jamshedpur. The WUJA vice president Mr. Alain Deneuf came to Calcutta to do research on the contribution of Belgian Fathers in India. Two alumnus from Congo attended the 150 years celebrations of St. Xavier's, Calcutta in January 2010. Three girls arrived from Bujumbura, Burundi for advanced studies at St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling.

### Zonal Congress

All the four zones have organized their Congresses since the last National Congress.

**Grant of Rs. 15000:** The motto of our federation is - "To Give and not to count the cost" and to be "Men and Women for Others". Hence, associations were encouraged to undertake some project of public utility/social benefit with a minimum budget of Rs. 30000/-, where in Jaai would have contributed upto Rs. 15000/-. Four associations were given grants namely - Loyola - Jamshedpur, Masi Marsal - Hazaribagh, St. Xavier's - Kolkata & Loyola - Hyderabad.

**AEP - Spain:** A first ever in the history of JAAI. A five member JAAI team went to Spain on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008 under the Alumni Exchange Programme for 8 days. The 2<sup>nd</sup> group of Spanish Alumni members comprising seven girls and two boys came to Jamshedpur/Kolkata in 2010 and worked with NGO's for a week.

**St. Xavier's, Calcutta:** At the closing ceremony of the sesquicentennial celebrations of St. Xavier's, Kolkata, on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010, the chief guest was the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh. It is a matter of pride that the St. Xavier's Collegiate School students of the batch of 1986 have raised Rs. 2 Crores to be utilised by their ex teachers. Kudos to them!

### Obituary:

Fr. Vincent Duminico - past Jesuit Counsellor to WUJA, Fr. Herman Castellino - past national advisor to Jaai and Fr. Chandy moodiyil - Patna province co-ordinator and a few other Jesuits did not pass away. We condole their death. May God give peace to the departed souls.

### Visitation:

In the past three years I visited/attended the events of World Congress at Bijnanbura, Alsco-Kolkata, Sxcca-Kolkata, Slobs-Kolkata, Raighabpur, St. Xavier's-Durgapur, North Point, St. Vincent's-Pune, St. Xavier's-Jajpur, St. Xavier's-Delhi, Loyola-Jamshedpur-Central Zone, North Zone etc.

The end of a Secretarial term also beckons the beginning of another. Therefore, as I prepare to take leave of you as Secretary, I would like to take this opportunity to place on record my deep and personal gratitude for the unstinted support, which all of you including the Jesuit Fathers, the President, all past presidents and my colleagues on the Governing Council have extended. It goes without saying that without such strength, I would have found it difficult to discharge my onerous responsibilities as the Secretary.





PPP Is No Panacea

Public-Private Participation (PPP) is a must to attain education goals and yet PPP is no panacea. The Vith National Congress of the Jesuit Alumni/ae Association of India (JAAI) commenced on the evening of 4th February 2011 to debate Public-Private Partnership for Better Education. At the inaugural ceremony the Chief Guest Rev. William D'Souza, SJ, Archbishop of Patna, expressed the hope that the deliberations would result in positive solutions while being mindful of the core concerns of education. His Grace blessed the occasion in a speech that indicated purpose and aim.

The Bihar HRD Minister, Mr. P.K. Sahi, the guest of honour at the inaugural ceremony, made an impassioned appeal to Jesuits and sought collaborative partnership with Corporate and Private Entrepreneurs to share the government's efforts to meet the huge deficit in education. The President of JAAI, Dr. Santosh Rolland drew an interesting parallel between the credo of JAAI namely, Excellence, Innovation and Honor which any PPP initiative in education should transcribe into its model to blend its excellence and emancipation. President of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni, Dr. Thomas Bausch commended the excellent work of the Jesuits. PPP should focus on the concerns of the disadvantaged, he maintained. Mr. J.K. Sinha, President of the SXAA, Patna and former Joint Director RAW spoke of corporate social responsibility that ought to urge the private players to engage with the country's education program.

Fr. Joy Kamayapuram, SJ Provincial and Fr. Ignatius Arun Abraham, SJ, Moderator of SXAA and Rector St. Xavier's Patna, expressed the hope that the deliberations on Public-Private Partnership would harmonize excellence and worth on one hand and ethics on the other. The program was ably anchored by the Secretary of SXAA, Dr. Anurag Singh. Dr. Sandeep Sen, Vice President of SXAA and Treasurer of JAAI thanked all the guests and delegates for their purposeful contributions and participation.

Over 400 Jesuit alumni and 40 Jesuit priests from India and countries such as USA, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi and France attended the Congress. Mr. Pablo Diaz, Ambassador of Chile to Australia was among the many dignitaries to grace the occasion and participate with avid camaraderie on the deliberations that took place on the constructive role of the Alumni/ae in the context of PPP.

On day-2 at the plenary session, Mr. N.K. Singh, well known bureaucrat and Rajya Sabha member enumerated the various challenges and worries that the education faces today as we switch from a static socialistic economy to one that offers a wider global choices increasing competition and catapulting economic growth. The challenge of PPP was to reconcile the irreconcilable.

The contradictions that one has to engage with are the effort to harmonize access with quality, the need to pay for the quality and the commercialization of education. He called for a flexible approach to tide over the crisis of resources.

Professor Jitu, Singh, Professor of XLIJI, Jamshedpur, questioned the usefulness of the RTE if inadequate and non-quality education was to be provided. He called for the Public and Private sectors to merge their resources in order to tackle the dual problem of creating educational infrastructure and a good teacher. The resources, he said, should be pooled in for purposes with focused priorities.



Back to JAAI Business

Shapath Shah / Secretary

It has been a while since we are back from the Patna National now, and I am sure we have all settled back in our respective fields back home in different parts of the country. Most of us would have avidly followed the cricket world cup, and IPL that happened soon after. After India tasted success and are new World Champions, we must have relaxed and basked in the glory of the victory.

But now it is time once again to get down to our JAAI business end. Next on should be the confirmation of the proposed Blood Donation Drive on October 2. This should be a simultaneously carried out by all Jesuit Alumni/ae Association around India as well of our G.C. members and province Coordinators have supported this cause and date. Please dwell on this and let us finalise this noble activity.

Also the JAAI newsletter, with a report on Patna Nationals and other events from Associations around the country is what you are reading now. We also will strive to keep the JAAI website updated and active with the same news and



activities and more information furnished on the site.

I feel that along with these issues, the topic of the Patna National also should be high on our list, at the Zonal and local levels too, and by the year end we can have a paper on this, how to move ahead on this topic and issue and not just allow this to fizzle out.

In the meantime, keeping ourselves updated with the WUJA happening and activities around India, we could encounter some memorable, inspiring and learning experience.

Lastly, let us all try to get the JAAI membership dues list settled, the Province Coordinators would be a huge help in achieving this, along with the Zonal Secretaries and Council Members.

We are now encouraged to know that many Associations across the country have decided to organize the Blood Donation Drive on October 2. I wish them all success in this venture that will represent a United JAAI contributing for the good of society at large.

**ATTENTION**  
**JAAI MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

**IT IS NOW TIME TO PAY**  
**THE JAAI DUES**  
**CONTACT**  
**TREASURER - BOBBY JACOB**  
**09422004069**

ANNUAL BILL FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.2011 TO 31.03.2012

Annual Fee	1,000.00
Total	1,000.00

(Rupees One Thousand only)

Note:  
 1. Associations which are not yet registered will have to pay an additional one time fee of Rs. 2000/-  
 2. The amount of Cheques/Demand Drafts payable at the time of payment should be in favour of "FEDERATION OF JESUIT ALUMNIAE ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA". Cheques/ Demand Drafts are to be payable to the account number mentioned above.  
 3. This bill is for the period from 01-04-2011 to 31-03-2012 only and previous Dues should be added separately.  
 4. For any queries or for more information at the undersigned on 9422004069 or email me at bobbyjacob@yahoo.com

For FEDERATION OF JESUIT ALUMNIAE ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA  
 B.L. Jacob  
 Treasurer  
 D.T. 01.04.2011



PPP Is No Panacea

Prof. Shankar Dutt, Professor of English at Patna University spoke of the three phases of education in India: the colonial, the post-independent and the post WTO when education has become a service to be consumed and disseminated in the international market place. There is a need to address the dichotomy of quality and quantity as also regional imbalances, academic freedom and the disparities between central and state Universities. He also raised the people's concerns with good teaching while discouraging their own children from becoming teachers.

Mr. J.K. Sinha presided over the session while the Vice President, Mr. Mohit Ahluwalia conducted the session. Mr. Sanjay Mishra, President of St. Michael's Alumni Association, Patna gave the vote of thanks. The panel discussions that followed on the conference theme debated this contentious issue and adopted the following resolutions:

1. That the Public Private Partnership for Better Education is the immediate need of the hour.
2. That the Public Private Partnership should be modelled on the needs of respective areas.
3. To impart quality education and to ensure appropriate vocational opportunities.
4. That the Jesuit alumni/ae should act as catalyst in policy making, infrastructural development and effective implementation of PPP with special focus on under developed areas.

Hon'ble Justice (Retd) Abhijit Sinha, former President SXAA, former judge of the Patna High Court and presently the Chairman of the Law Commission of Bihar, coordinated the panel discussions and presented the conference report in the second plenary session.

Mr. Fabio Tobon, Past President WUJA invited all delegates to the next World Congress of WUJA to be held at Madeline, Columbia in 2013. Later in the day, power point presentations were made by a number of member associations. The JAAI National Congress combined profit and pleasure. The cultural program presented by the school children and teachers of St. Xavier's School, Patna brilliantly showcased the cultural pluralism of India, of its richness and infinite variety of words, rhythms and colours. The audience was completely mesmerized by the quality of the performance, its meaning and purpose.

On the concluding day there was a meeting of the accredited delegates and also the Governing Council meeting of JAAI in which new office bearers were elected unanimously. Mr. Naresh Gupta was elected as President, Mr. Shapath Shah as Secretary, and Mr Bobby Jacob as Treasurer of JAAI Governing Council. LESA Member Colin Savio Coello, who represents Goa Province on the Governing Council, was elected Vice-President (West Zone) in the new Governing Council.

It was also decided that the next National Congress of JAAI will be held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat in 2014. The outgoing members of the Governing Council were felicitated with mementos by Fr William Currie, the delegate of Fr Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Mr. Vikramaditya Sinha anchored the concluding session.

The concluding address was given by Fr. George Nedumattam, SJ -Principle, St. Xavier's, Patna and Province Coordinator of Alumni of Patna Province.





Activities: Bombay Province

Gerry Mascarenhas / JAAI News, Mumbai

Holy Family Ex-Students Association, Mumbai

- 1. Vocational Guidance Program and Career Counseling: Organized a Vocational guidance program in August 2010
2. Inter School Value Education Skit competition: Teams from 10 schools from the Andheri & Vile Parle participated in the competition. The Rolling Shield was won by Holy Family High School
3. Adopt a child and Nutrition program: The nutrition program now provides breakfast to 35 students. The program is running successfully for the last few years.
4. Retirement of School Staff: Mrs. Elizabeth John and Mrs. Nelly Rego retired in the year 2010 after 26 years and 34 years of glorious service respectively. A token amount by cheque was presented to them as a souvenir for their service to wards the school and their students.
5. Holy Family Ex-Students Website: A basic website www.holyfamilyexstudents.org has been running since December 2006. Have an official presence on Facebook under the name http://www.facebook.com/pages/Holy-Family-High-School/1079859254770
6. Alumni Football Tournament: First football tournament was held on the 27th of Jan 2011 from 8.30 onwards at the Holy Family High School lower grounds. Eight teams participated. 100 alumni attended and wanted this event to be made an annual feature.

St. Xavier's School Alumni Association, Nasik

- 1. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the School an alumni Reunion was organized on 8 January 2011
2. Participated in the Teachers Day celebrations on 5 September 2010
3. Get-together for old teachers on 15 August 2010 in the School Hall.

St. Stanislaus Ex-Students Association, Mumbai

- 1. Gnanmata English School, Ulpat: is a rural Jesuit School catering to Warli Tribals who are first generation learners in English. We have been financially supporting the school with donations from alumni and friends. In the past we have helped install a solar electric (approx. cost Rs 3.5 lakhs) system for the computer lab in Talasari. Last year besides financing some of the running costs of the school we have helped install a 5KVA inverter system with battery backup for 30 computers of the computer lab at the Ulpat complex (approx. cost Rs2 lakhs).
2. School & Alumni website: The school website http://stanislansbandra.in is maintained by the Ex-students Association. We help connect alumni with their school through the alumni portal http://stanislans.org an interactive portal where alumni share their experiences past and present.
3. Staff Healthcare Scheme: This project has been fully funded for the last four years by our alumni from across the world. 126 teaching and non-teaching school staff (current and retired) are provided with Health insurance of Rs 1 lakh each.
4. Independence Day Alumni Football: Alumni from St. Mary's ISC, Holy Family, Andheri and St. Stanislaus played against each other reliving the exultant competitive spirit between Jesuit institutions.
5. Bond of Boys 2011: Alumni reunion was held on 8th and 9th January 2011 and included walk around the school, inter-house box cricket and reunion night.
6. Jesuit Certificate Program: Our alumni have been actively

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participate in the Feast of St. Ignatius. TEXAS is a very active Alumni Association in the Gujarat Province and the Chairman is Rev. Fr. Charles and the President is Sunat Relia, who is also the Vice president of JAAG. All the Jesuit Alumni Associations in the Gujarat province come under the JAAG umbrella. The ex-officio Chairman is Fr. Durai, who is also the Province Coordinator of Gujarat.

Darjeeling on the Move Again

Fr Gerard Ian Wallingham SJ / JAAI News, Darjeeling

After somewhat of a forced lull in our St. Joseph's School Alumni Association during all the strikes, shut-downs of the past two years, when it was impossible to organize anything, let alone have meetings, peace has come back to this Himalayan outpost. We have held an AGM, have held elections to the executive. Sunjay Singh became the President, Deven Gurnung the Secretary. We have held about four meetings for planning. On July 23 we had a Friendship evening for which there has been a lot of publicity. On August 27 we will be holding an inter-school quiz with perhaps 30 schools participating, something we had been doing for for many, many years, before the agitation. Committee it is a wonderful feeling to be able to be active once more. We will certainly be sharing in the JAAI all India blood camp on October 2. Committees have been formed to organize other activities to tackle such things as Children Labour problems. One of our men had formed an NGO a few years back to make it possible for Village children in parts of the district to start attending schools, a thing that had been impossible in the hinterland. They have also helped to have a human trafficking ring to be arrested by the police, and several girls returned to their homes in Darjeeling and Sikkim, who had been promised jobs in Bangalore, but it was for other purposes. Parents are becoming aware of how easily their daughters can be tricked.

JAAI GC Meeting

Shagpathi Shah / Secretary

The JAAI Governing Council will meet at Patna on August 7. The agenda is will include activity to be undertaken by JAAI GC and various Associations and other matters.

The Council will also discuss the appointment of two members to the World Council.

FLASH

Fr General has appointed Fr Jeayaraj Veluswamy, SJ (50) as Provincial of Calcutta Province (CCU). We offer Fr Jeayaraj our heartiest congratulations and assure him of our best wishes and prayers. - JAAI GC

- 1. St. Xavier's College Alumni Association, Mumbai July 2010: The traditional 'At Home' was held to welcome the fresh graduates from the Arts, Science and Commerce streams into the Association. The evening was full of fun and frolic - with games and eats.
2. September 2010: Annual General Body meeting was held. At the meet, a documentary titled "We Care" produced by the Rotary Club was screened for the members.
3. March 2011: The Association organized the Annual dinner in the college quadrangle for the ex-students and invited the ex-P

Keeping Busy in Gujarat

Shagpathi Shah / JAAI News, Ahmedabad

We are happy to inform all that the alumni associations in Gujarat are keeping busy despite the heat and holidays

The APX ( Association of Past Xavierites, St.Xaviers High School, Ahmedabad) participated in the GPL ( Gurukul Premier League cricket tournament. This is a prestigious tournament and many well-known teams from across Gujarat took part, adequate press coverage is also given. The APX team gained in terms of experience and popularity. The APX is proud that several of the alumni members are current Rajji Trophy players. This school and St.Xaviers Sunat held their annual summer coaching camps. Almost 1000 young boys and girls participate in this camps in various disciplines such as basketball, football, swimming, table-tennis, tennis, cricket, skating, chess, and gym. Trained coaches guided the camp. Alumni members were also present to support these camps undertaken by the school. The Alumni offer their time as coaches and also provide financial assistance as well as logistics support where required. The camps are held for around 35-40 day and are conducted during early morning and evening hours

The schools in Gujarat re-opened in mid June and various Alumni Associations have conducted their AGM's as they go by the school academic year, June to April. Generally May in a slow month because of the vacations and the heat.

The APX AGM was held on June 25. It was a very well attended meeting, the audited accounts were passed and the activities undertaken during the past one year were discussed, a new committee came into place for the next one year, and plans were made to have yet another active year. Zonal and National as well as WUIA events are discussed and members are well aware of happenings at every level, Province, Zone, National and World.

TEXAS ( The Ex-Xavierites Alumni Association of Surat, Gujarat) recently had its AGM on July 26. It was a well attended meeting, and the new office bearers for the next tenure were elected, discussions and plans for the coming months were made.

On July 31, TEXAS group attended a Prayer meeting at the school campus to

involved in planning and implementing the JCP. The Jesuit Certificate Program is a formal program tailored to the Jesuit needs of transformational education as outlined in the seminal document on 21st century Jesuit education. The JCP supplements the board-mandated curriculum with a holistic framework that enables a transformation based on the SPIES Framework - Social, Intellectual, Personal and Spiritual education. The ambition is to grow resourceful, thinking citizens for the 21st century committed to the service of others. http://goo.gl/XKZzh

Old Camptonians Association, Mumbai

- 1. WEBSITE: The OCA also has its very own website www.oldcamptonians.com which lists all students who have walked through the gates of Campton School.
2. NOTICE BOARD: The OCA's maintains a NOTICE BOARD within the school premises to get more visual acceptance. The OCA notice board is very active and news about various Ex-students and happenings in the education field are displayed on the same.
3. VOCALIZER: The VOCALIZER is an annual magazine which features the activities of the OCA, information on ex-students, staff and their achievements/activities, information on education, student related national and international news and coverage on the activities in Campton School.
4. TALKS TO STUDENTS: The OCA invites Ex-students to revisit the school and speak to the students of Class X on various topics such as their experiences in life / success stories / vocation guidance etc. This is done over 4 sessions.
5. ANNUAL REUNION: The OCA holds an annual dinner for the ex-students and also invited to this dinner by tradition are the ex and present teaching staff and principals who have helped mould students into what they are today.
6. GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION: 20th July 1960 was the Red Letter Day in the history of Campton School. It was not only the 53rd birthday of our then Principal the Late Rev. Fr. E F More, but also the day the Campton School Old Boys Association was declared open. On 20th July 2010 we completed 50 years, and marked the occasion in style, with a grand and lavish dinner. The 50th Anniversary Annual OCA Reunion Dinner was held on 17th July 2010.
7. OCA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE: The OCA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE has been instituted in recognition and to honour Ex - Camptonites who have achieved a widely recognized level of excellence and made a substantial contribution to society.
8. GOLDEN JUBILEE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE: Last year the OCA presented Mr. Ratan Tata, Chairman Tata Sons & an Ex-Camptonite himself with the 'Golden Jubilee Award for Excellence' in recognition of his many contributions in social and economic spheres, and especially his role as an exemplar of principled and sustainable business practices and his contribution to social causes.

St. Mary's (SSCO) High School, Mumbai

- 1. The Alumni Association continues to maintain the water cooler for the common water tap area.
2. It also continued to sponsor the web hosting for the school.
3. Organized a career guidance session for the students of std. IX & X.
4. In February 2011, a get together was held for the alumni members. Projects for the school which the alumni can assist on were identified and plans worked on to action these.

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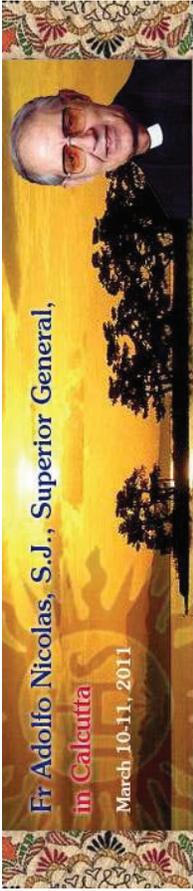
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### TIME TO TIGHTEN

One of the best sessions, where Fr General showed keen interest was during his interaction with the Santal collaborators. As the powerpoint presentation went on, Fr General was seen to take copious points on his pad, and later referred to the rich tradition the tribals behold.

After the traditional 'aten deram' with 'lola dak' and 'bata mala', Fr General and his two Assistants were presented with the Santal tribal head gear 'panchi'. Fr General looked quite 'cute' with the head-gear.

When the powerpoint about the Santal ministry was to begin, the 'panchi' was almost falling, and so Fr General requested it to be tightened, which was promptly done for him. This time it remained intact till the end of the program. Was it an indirect call from Fr General to 'tighten' our ministry to the Santals in the Province?



### FR GENERAL INSPIRES YOUNG JESUITS

**Kolkata, 11 March 2011** : The pilot car provided by Kolkata Police to escort him to Dhyana Ashram changed at the Mint, as the South 24 Parganas police steered the way. The Scholastics, novices and Juniors, together with the staff had gathered at the gates of Dhyana Ashram to welcome Fr General and his team. After the traditional 'welcome with arati', our men led Fr General with 'khol and kortal'.

Fr General addressed the formees at the hall for about an hour, where he stressed on four points : depth, creativity, life in the spirit, free from distractions. He had given the young men points for their personal reflection.

After coffee, Fr General and the formees gathered at the cemetery to pay homage to our Fathers and Brothers buried there. It was followed by Eucharistic celebration at our new chapel. In the afternoon, Fr General, Fr Provincial and Fr Socius called on the state Governor, Mr M K Narayanan. They had a lively conversation over tea for about 40 minutes.

After interacting with the Prabhu Jisur Girja community, Fr General spent an hour interacting with the Santal representatives from our missions. He then moved to Leadership Training Service to interact with the young men and women.

The last item on Fr General's agenda was dinner at Xavier Sadan with the community and the Consultants. Minister Fr Raphael Hyde spread a sumptuous dinner for the team.

Fr General took the Emirates flight for Rome, via Dubai on March 12, at 8.55 am from Kolkata airport. We are sure Fr General was carrying with him 'sweet memories' of his two precious days in Kolkata. It was indeed two grace-filled days for the Province.

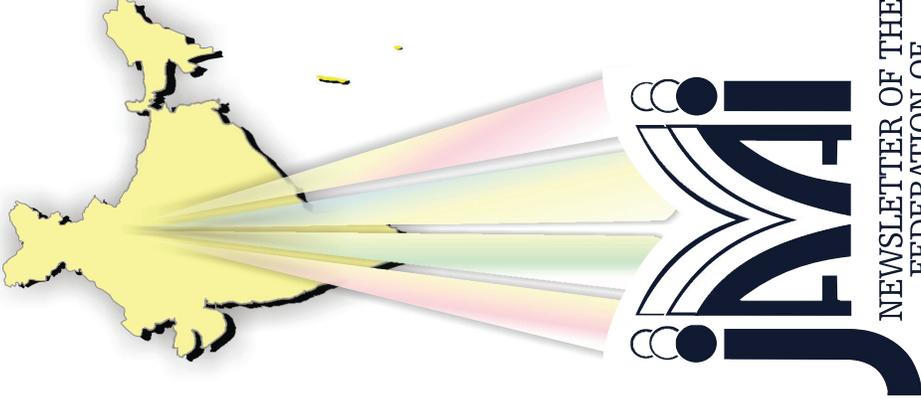
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