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## From Principal's Desk

I am very pleased to write these few lines for our first Newsletter *Xavier Vista*. As we started yet another academic year (2010-11), hopefully an year of achievement, let me thank the Almighty for the innumerable blessings He has showered upon this institution. My heartfelt thanks to the staff and students of the college for the excellent work they have done in bringing out this very first Newsletter which gives us a glimpse of the various activities of the college.



St. Xavier's College of Education (SXCE) Patna from its very inception has marched ahead with a clear vision and objectives for quality assurance and enhancement in its pre-service training, in-service training, research and documentation. It has emphasized and continues to emphasize competence, moral uprightness, social commitment, and spiritual inspiration in our clientele. Obviously the products of our training amply testify to the fact that our efforts have been truly worthwhile. We want our trainees to become men and women for others according to our Charism.

Let me take this opportunity to inform the readers that our college has been Re-accredited with a CGPA grade of 'A' by National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore. Our competent, committed and loyal staff, students, management, alumni, parents, friends and well-wishers deserve my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all they have been and are to St. Xavier's College of Education.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Magadh University and his team of Officials for their support and timely assistance. Obviously we remain indebted to the Patna Jesuit Society for its concern and generous assistance to make our efforts possible and meaningful.

Finally, I appreciate the editor, Mr. Deep Kumar, our lecturer, for bringing out the first edition of *Xavier Vista* in the present form.

Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J.  
PRINCIPAL

## Orientation Day

An orientation programme for the student-teachers of B.Ed for the academic year 2010-2011 was organized on 1st July 2010. In his address the Principal of the college Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J. said, "We aim at developing a person fully human, fully Indian and truly modern".

After Principal's address all the faculty members introduced themselves. Also a brief introduction of the various activities was given which are to be held during this academic year.

Thus every beginning has its end too and so this orientation programme came to its close with a word of thanks and promise to meet next day in classes to start the teaching-learning process.





## ▶▶ Seminar on 'Microteaching'

A Microteaching seminar was organized for the B.Ed. student-teachers from 12th to 14th July. Microteaching is a technique of recent origin. It trains a teacher to be effective in his teaching using the different skills that microteaching speaks about. The teaching skills would differ according to the age group, subject, physical conditions and teaching aids available. The present seminar was directed to help effective teaching.



## ▶▶ Interface 2010

It was **Interface 2010** where the 23rd batch of B.Ed. trainees got a chance to organize a colorful cultural festival to welcome each other.

The day began with Deep Prajwalan by respected Rector Fr. Joseph Maripuram S.J., Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J. the college Principal and few faculty members. It was followed by a meaningful prayer dance.

Welcome song, skit, Bangla Dance, Ekta Geet, Nagpuri dance were the main highlights of the programme. In the time of corruption, violence, hatred and selfishness a meaningful presentation of Heal the World gave the atmosphere a sense of love, care and belongingness.

Speaking on the occasion the Principal welcomed the teacher-trainees giving them the message to continue with the aspiration to become competent, efficient and talented teachers to fulfill the demands of the present day. He told the trainees to become agents of social change by following the motto of the college *For God and Country*.



## ▶▶ Video Recording of Micro-teaching

A lot of excitement and nervousness was seen in every student-teacher on 26th July as all of them got ready with a lesson plan to teach for which video recording was done. Later speaking of their experience many student-teacher's said it was a unique experience and this practice brought confidence in them.





## ▶ UGC Sponsored Programme for Equal Opportunity

A short programme on Positive discrimination, sponsored by UGC was organized on 27-29 July 2010. Fr. Tomy Nishant, S.J. was the resource person of this programme. On the first day he explained what is discrimination. According to the present scenario Indian Society is divided among upper caste, middle caste and lower caste. The gap between the rich and the poor is widening. The main concern is roti and beti (food and daughter).

In general most of the Social reformers have been from the high castes for example Dayanand Saraswati, Jyoti Basu, EMS Nambudiripad, Vinod Mishra and Dr. Vinayan and the list goes on. It is also interesting to know that people of low caste oppress their own people. It's very common that people are known by label' eg: chammaar, govaala, musahar.

Later student-teachers were given different questions and send out in groups for discussion. The students came out with attractive and innovative answers to the questions and showed a strong determination to change the society.

The Principal, Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J. thanked and appreciated the active participation of each student-teacher of the college having strong determination to bring change in the society. Light food packets were the attraction after each day's session.



## Talk on St. Ignatius of Loyola

Fr. Donald Miranda, S.J. was invited for a talk on 30th July, 2010 on St. Ignatius of Loyola who is the Patron of the Jesuit society. This talk was aimed at acquainting the student-teachers with the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola and his charism. The next day it was the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. On this day most of the students gathered around the Jesuits greeting and sharing their love and care. A meaningful prayer service was attended by the students and staff of the college.

## ▶ Seminar on HIV / AIDS

A seminar on HIV / AIDS (Learning for Life) was organised on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2010. The resource persons were Dr. Ajay Krishna, PMCH, National Resource Person, School AIDS programme, UNICEF/NACO, Sr. Francina, HC and Fr. Andrew James, S.J. They successfully made the participants aware of the causes, remedies and precaution available. They emphasized the role of pre-counseling and post counseling for each of the individuals of the society. The teachers, in the society, can play a vital role for mass awareness through, street play, seminars and health education programmes. The adolescents in the schools and colleges need regular awareness programmes to fight the dreaded disease. The teachers and their students, can very easily reach to the illiterate and semi-literate masses through for awareness programmes as they are the most vulnerable target groups. Principal, Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J. thanked the resource persons.





## ▶ Independence Day, 2010

Patriotism and love for the nation was well seen in every one present while hoisting the national flag on the Independence Day. It was a day to pay our floral tribute to all the great leaders and to remember the freedom fighters. Melodious national songs were sung by all the groups to show how good they could sing and to the surprise of all the three groups were declared first as there was a tie in the result.



## Blood Donation Camp Organised by SXCEAA

A blood donation camp was successfully organized on 15th August by members of St. Xavier's College of Education Alumni Association (SXCEAA). The entire process was taken care by the expert group of nurses and a doctor of Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna. A good number of the alumni came forward to donate their blood. Thanks to the Team.



## ▶ NAAC Team Visit

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an autonomous Institution established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 1994 at Bangalore. St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna was assessed and accredited with B++ grade in 2004.

NAAC Peer Team headed by Dr. Rameshchandra G. Kothari, Former Vice Chancellor, Professor of Education, M.S. University of Baroda, as the Chairperson along with Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane, Professor, Dept. of Education and Extension, Dr. Ambedkar Bhawan, University of Pune, as member Co-ordinator and Dr. Renu Gupta, Principal, MIER College of Education, B.C. Road, Jammu, as member, visited St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.

The Peer Team, comprising of experts from the field of education, assessed the strengths and weaknesses of the institution with reference to quality assurance. The visit was neither an inspection nor an attempt to solve any grievances. The whole process was to validate the Self-Study Report and help the institution in quality assurance.





## NAAC Re-Accredited St. Xavier's College of Education with Grade 'A'

The Peer Team from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was very much impressed to see the infrastructure, computerized library, its various departments and the laboratories of each of the department. The team was also very much pleased to interact with the Principal of the College, Principals of practice teaching schools, Governing Body, student- teachers, parents and alumni. It had a meaningful interaction with the undergraduate and post graduate faculty on Internal Quality Assurance and Quality Enhancement strategies. It encouraged the faculty for increased involvement in research activities and collaborative outreach programmes. It applauded the dedication and commitment of the faculty and support staff.

It has put forth its recommendations for doubling the intake capacity at the B.Ed. level and has suggested going for Autonomy of the college. The team was full of praises for documentation and continuous comprehensive evaluation of the undergraduate and post graduate students.

Based on the report of the NAAC Peer Team, the NAAC was pleased to re-accredit St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna with CGPA Grade 'A'.

### ▶ Teacher's Day Celebration

Teachers' day function was organized on 4th of September 2010 in order to honor the faculty for their efforts and their work. The programme started at 10:30 am. The teachers were welcomed into the auditorium with an adivasi dance. Rector, Fr. Joe Manipurum, S.J. and Principal Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J. garlanded the photo of Mother Teresa and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. Fr. Principal and the other teaching and non-teaching staff then lighted the lamp and placed it before the photo of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. A short prayer service was organised along with a prayer dance. The cultural programme began with the welcome song. Next item on the agenda was a speech on the life of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. This was followed by a skit 'Guru Dakshina' and a group dance. There was another skit presented on the life of Mother Teresa. She is a source of inspiration to all of us and inspired us to live for others. She loved every individual irrespective of his /her caste, creed or religion. She taught us to be selfless and work for the upliftment of the poor.

The next programme was a kawali and was followed by another lively and enjoyable dance performance. Vote of thanks was given and the national anthem was sung at the end to conclude the programme.





## ▶▶ SXCEAA visits Padri ki Haveli

St. Xavier's College of Education Alumni Association (SXCEAA) members visited Nirmala Shishu Bhavan, Patna City on 2nd October, 2010 at 10.00 a.m. to felicitate the inmates, nearly 200 children and disabled, on the occasion of the Birth centenary of Blessed Mother Teresa, founder of the institute. Mother Teresa started her journey from Patna and so this birth centenary has its importance. The lunch of the day was sponsored by the College Alumni Association. The team was comprised of the college Principal Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J., Fr. M.A. Jacob (President), Mr. Ramesh Narayan (Vice-President), Mrs. Marie D'Cruz (Secretary), Mr. Ranjit Osta (Joint Secretary), Mr. Mukesh, Mrs. Fabiola, Mrs. Angela, Mr. Eric and Mr. Deep. SXCEAA concentrates its efforts for the educational and social welfare of the poor and the marginalized in the society.



## M.Ed. Orientation Day

On the 21st of October 2010 at 10.00 am St. Xavier's College of Education organized an orientation programme for the M.Ed. students of the academic session 2010 - 2011. In his address the Principal of the college Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J. stressed the importance of research in education which would become a catalyst in changing the scenario of education in Bihar.

After the Principal's address all the faculty members introduced themselves. Also a brief introduction to the various activities to be held during this academic year, was given.



## M.Ed. Admission for 2010-2011

The M.Ed. forms were issued from 13th of September till 25th of September 2010. The written entrance test was conducted on the 30th September and the selected candidates were interviewed. Admission procedure was completed on 19th and 20th October 2010.

## PRACTICE TEACHING AND INTERNSHIP

After due preparation the student-teachers set out for the most important part of their training, that is practice teaching. Students were divided into groups and sent to schools which are associated with the college for practice teaching and internship. This intensive teaching lasted for a month and a half according to the requirements of the course of study framed by the university and NCTE.

## HINDI DIWAS

Hindi diwas was observed at St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna on 14th September, 2010 to mark the occasion an essay competition was organized for the student-teachers. The topic of this essay was "Right to Education". Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rao organized the programme and conducted the essay competition.



## University M.Ed. Examination

The very first batch of M.Ed. students of our college wrote their university examination from 23rd October to 3rd November. It was very kind of the Magadh University Vice Chancellor to conduct these examinations even during the Bihar Elections. We thank the university staff and the Principal of College of Commerce for their cooperation in conducting the examinations as scheduled.

## B.Ed. Results 2009 - 2010

The Magadh University declared the B.Ed. results for the academic year 2009-2010 on 25th October, 2010. Congratulations to all the successful students. We wish you all the best for your future. Our faculty and staff played a great role in teaching and guiding the students for their success. Our college have secured 96% first divisions and 2 distinctions.

## Classes Resume after Practice Teaching

After a month and a half long intensive teaching and internship in various schools our teacher-trainees have returned to the college. They resumed their classes from 8th November 2010. It was like a home-coming for them after the busy practice teaching in the school.

We are grateful to the Principals and staff of the co-operating schools for their help and cooperation which helped our trainees to complete their practice teaching successfully.

*"Teachers are expected to reach unattainable goals with inadequate tools. The miracle is that at times they accomplish this impossible task."—Haim G. Ginot*

*"Teachers have been, are and will be the essential pillars of education and therefore of our future."—Federico Mayor*

## Communal Harmony Campaign Week

St. Xavier's College of Education got united with the society dedicating the week 19-25 November for Communal Harmony Campaign. The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) was set up as an autonomous organisation with the Ministry of Home Affairs. The main objective of providing assistance for the physical and psychological rehabilitation of child victims of communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence, with special reference to their care, education and training, besides promoting communal harmony, fraternity and national intergration. The Union Home Minister is the chairman of the Governing Council of the Foundation, which decides the broad policies, suggests measures for achieving its objectives and exercises overall supervision over the Foundation.

We the family of St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna do believe in taking steps for helping and serving the society and the nation. We believe in "We all are Indians, We all are one." Following this dictum we try to live our college motto "For God and Country".



## Editor Speaks



National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) speaks about quality assurance and enhancement of higher educational institutions. I am sure this small effort of ours will be a step towards enhancement of quality in the institution. I am grateful to the Principal Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J who gave me his full support and encouragement which has helped me to shape "Xaviervista" in this form. Let me acknowledge my appreciation for Mr. Vijay Khalkho, our technical staff, who has designed it and to all those who have been our source of inspiration to make this dream come true. We hope to update you all with the activities of St. Xavier's College of Education from time to time.

*"Teachers have an enormous role to play in the education of not only the students but the education of the nation. They are surrogate mothers. They're social workers, lawyers, doctors. They're practically everything in the community."—Ruth Limerick*



# College Activities at a Glance



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