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ACADEMIC ADMISSION

For this academic year 2011-2012 B.Ed forms were issued from 1st of April to 17th of April 2011. The written entrance test was conducted on 15th June followed by interview and group discussion. The List of the selected candidates was put up on the college notice board and published on the college website on 23rd June. Admission procedure was completed by 30th June 2011. The regular classes began from 5th July.

The M.Ed. forms for the session 2011-2012 were issued from 22nd July till 1st of August 2011. The written qualifying test was conducted on the 4th August and the selected candidates were interviewed. Admission procedure was completed on 16th August. The regular classes began on 18th August 2011.

Orientation of 2011-12 B.Ed. Students

The college began its academic year 2011-2012 for the B.Ed. prospective teachers on 4th July 2011 with their orientation.

The orientation programme began with a meaningful prayer service. In his introductory speech Prof. (Fr.) Thomas Perumalil, S.J., welcomed all the trainees and congratulated them on their selection. The Principal called upon the trainees to spend more time in reading books and shape themselves as competent teacher-leaders.

After the Principal's address the faculty members introduced themselves. A brief introduction of the various activities was given which are to be held during this academic year. The programme ended with the college anthem with a word of thanks.



Principal welcoming the new B.Ed. students



Some of the newly inducted B.Ed. Students

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EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

Greetings from SXCE, Patna

Buddha in his teachings emphasized four human virtues, which were referred to as Brahmaviharas in Pali language. These virtues could uplift an individual and help acquire divinity in this life itself. These qualities are:

Melita - Loving kindness to all

Mudita - Appreciative joyous state of mind in complete contrast to jealousy

Karuna - Compassion

Upekka - Equanimity

Of course, Buddha was a great and wonderful teacher, but even a small measure of these virtues can make a good teacher out of every person. The same teaching of Buddha and his aim for education is carried forward in the prospective teachers of St. Xavier's College of Education. The first three months are very important when the future teachers undergo various seminars that update them and prepare them for the practice teaching. Seminar on Micro-teaching and Video Recording, workshop on IPP, seminar on Visual Aids bring out the creativity and hidden talents of the student- teachers.

EDITORIAL TEAM

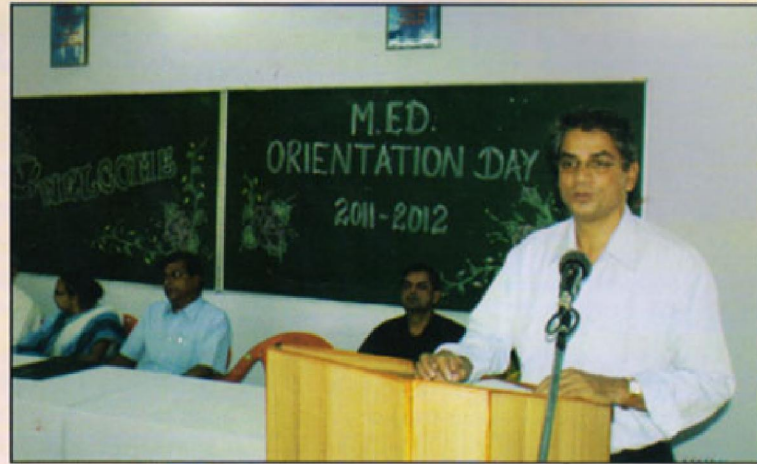
ORIENTATION OF 2011-12 M.ED. STUDENTS

The college organised an orientation programme for incoming M.Ed. students (third Batch) on Wednesday 17th August, 2011. Thirty-five students attended the programme.

Fr. Rector, Joseph Maripuram, S.J., along with the Principal, Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J., teachers—S.N. Sharma and Shashi Rao—inaugurated the orientation function. Addressing the students, Fr. Joseph Maripuram, S.J., gave a brief introduction of the Society of Jesuits', history and traditions of the college and familiarised the students with its

rules and regulations.

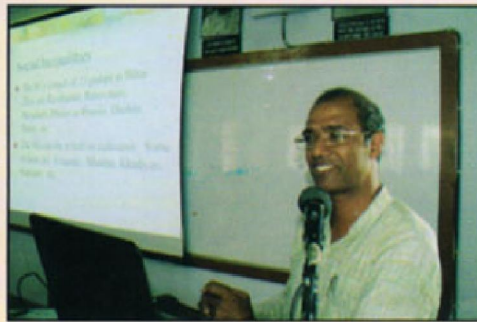
The Principal Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J. told the students about the challenges they would be facing during their training programme. "Teaching is very a challenging and difficult profession, especially in Bihar." he said in his address. He also outlined various activities that would be organised as part of their curriculum. The faculty members were also introduced on the occasion. Classes began from 18th August, 2011.



Glimpses of the Orientation Programme for Incoming M.Ed. Students

UGC Sponsored Programme for Equal Opportunity

An Important programme on Positive Discrimination sponsored by UGC was organised for three days from 11th to 13th July, 2011. Dr. (Fr.) Tomy Nishant, S.J., Vice Principal of St. Xavier's College, Patna, was the resource person. On the first day, using the power-point presentation he explained the term discrimination giving examples of how he personally found people discriminated in the name of caste and religion. He also explained how our society is divided among the so called upper caste, middle caste and



lower caste. He spoke of the wide gap between the rich and the poor. As Fr. Nishant had done his Ph.D on Musahar community he was able to bring out their problems and state of life.

Later, the student-teachers were handed some questions and sent into groups for discussion. They came out with very good answers and suggestions. Final feedback was given by Fr. Tomy

Nishant. The Programme ended with vote of thanks. Refreshment was served on all three days.

Seminar on 'Micro-Teaching'

A two-day Micro-teaching seminar was organised for the B.Ed. Students from 14th to 16th July. Micro-teaching is a technique of developing teaching skills. It trains a student-teacher to be effective in his/her teaching using the different skills. These skills would differ according to the age group, subject, physical conditions and teaching aids available. The present seminar was directed to help effective teaching. Faculty members of the college conducted the various sessions. Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J., proposed the vote of thanks.

Talk on St. Ignatius and his Contribution

Fr. Raymond Cherubin, S.J. was invited for a talk on 30th July 2011 on St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit Society. This talk was aimed at acquainting the student-teachers with the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola and his charism.

Fr. Raymond described the saint's life and talked about his hardships and achievements. 'Born in Spain, the saint joined the army at a young age and served his country for years.

He underwent a transformation when he was recuperating at home after being wounded in a battle against France." said Fr. Raymond. "He wrote books like 'Spiritual Exercises' and 'The Constitution of the Society of Jesus'. He founded the Society of Jesus, which has been spreading his message through social work and running schools," he added.

The next day it was the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. On this day most of the students came to wish the Jesuits. A meaningful prayer service was attended by the trainees and staff of the college.

INTERFACE 2011

The 24th batch of B.Ed. Students hosted 'INTERFACE-2011' on Saturday 23rd July 2011. The programme was meant to welcome newcomers and was organised by the freshers themselves.

The batch for the first time since the start of the session, came together as a team and showcased their management and artistic skills. Fr. Rector, Joseph Maripuram and Principal, Fr. Thomas Perumalil inaugurated the event. Fr. Joseph Maripuram, S.J., recounted the history of the Society of Jesus (SJ) while enumerating the events that led to its founding. "Events like these will help you overcome stage fright and help you to deliver the best," he added. The Principal lauded the trainees for their efforts and advised them to keep improving." As teachers, you will be looked upon to bring out the best in students. But, before that, you should bring out the best in yourself."

The trainees were delighted to be part of the event. Few

entertaining items were presented to regale the audience. It was an evening of fun and fellowship. The programme ended with a light refreshment served to all.



A group song representing the cultural homogeneity of the country



A group dance with lights being performed



A folk dance in progress

Seminar on Dissertation

The college organised a seminar on 'Writing of Dissertation' for M.Ed. students, from 22nd to 24th August to acquaint them with writing of dissertation. The students were told the ways to use library and IT laboratory for finding Journals, reports, books and periodicals which would help them in their research work and in writing a proper dissertation. The resource person of this seminar was Prof. Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J., the College Principal.

Video Recording of Micro-Teaching

The micro-teaching seminar was a great help for our B.Ed. students for writing lesson plans properly. After the seminar on micro-teaching, the trainees had to write a short lesson plan for 5

minutes of teaching. This was video-graphed and played back to them for feedback and evaluation. This exercise helped them to correct shortcomings in their teaching. Though nervous and excited they were eager to see themselves on the screen for the first time in their life. Many of them expressed their satisfaction and mentioned that this experience brought confidence in them.

English Speaking Classes

All our B.Ed. students went through English speaking classes, dealing with basic grammar, communicative skills and basic elements of English. They were divided into small groups. The faculty members were assigned to guide and instruct them. This was an effort by the faculty members to help the would-be teachers to speak English and make use of it in their work.



A workshop on AIDS 'Learning for Life'



Speech Drill in progress

Teachers' Day 2011

In order to honour the teaching faculty a colourful Teachers' Day was celebrated on 3rd September 2011 in our college's premises. The programme started with a tribal dance to welcome the faculty members. The Rector of the College, Fr. Joe Maripuram, SJ and Principal Fr. Thomas Perumalil, SJ inaugurated the programme by garlanding the photo of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, whose birthday we celebrate as Teachers' Day. The students of the college presented a dance depicting the tradition of Kerala. Mehengai Dayan and a song from 'Peepi Live', raised special concern on the rising inflation and price hike. Plays in Hindi and English, which dealt with the importance of behaviour of a teacher and failing educational standards in the state, were thought provoking and much appreciated. The Principal lauded the students for organising the colourful events. He said that preservation and transmission of cultures is essential for an egalitarian society. The celebration rounded off with a Chotanagpuri dance and the national anthem. Lunch was served for all.



Glimpses of the colourful and entertaining programme presented by students on occasion of Teachers' Day

Independence Day Celebrations

A day to show love and patriotism towards our Motherland. All the would be teachers gathered for the hoisting of the national flag on the Independence Day to remember the freedom fighters and pay respect and floral tribute to the great leaders of our nation. The day was marked with melodious patriotic songs sung by the various groups. Speaking on the occasion the Principal said, "Let's remember the sacrifice of all the those great leaders who have made this day possible for us."

