

Xavier Vista

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Editorial

Xavier Vista ushers in the year 2012 with great joy and expectations. In this age of rapid change and uncertainty teachers will need to adapt to change if they are to survive and keep pace with new methods and technologies. The area of most rapid change is that of information and technology. Hence we lost no time to put things in order for the UGC sponsored National Seminar on *APPLICATION OF ICT FOR QUALITY ENHANCEMENT IN TEACHER EDUCATION* on 10th & 11th February 2012. There is no dull moment in the college, various activities keep us active. Quiz Competition, Seminar on Human Rights, Republic Day Celebration and finally the Sports Day were all exciting events that kept all of us busy. We are delighted to come to you with a short account of all these recent events.

Editorial Team

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ICT



The ceremonial lamp being lit to inaugurate the Seminar

A red carpet welcome to all the distinguished guests was given in our College where the two days' UGC Sponsored Seminar took off on 10th February. Seminar began by imploring God's blessings. A meaningful prayer-service and a prayer dance were presented. Principal, Prof. Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J., welcomed the invited guests, Prof. H.K. Senapati, Head of Dept. of Education, RIE, NCERT, Bhubaneswar, Prof. Janak Pandey, V.C. Central University Bihar, Patna, Prof. R.P. Singh, Emeritus Prof. of Education Patna University, Prof. C.B. Sharma, Co-ordinator, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi. Delegates came from far and wide to take part and present their papers at the Seminar.

In his keynote address Prof. H.K. Senapati said that the Information and communication technologies are to be used step by step in different stages. As

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Distinguished participants include Prof. H.K. Senapati, Prof. Janak Pandey, Prof. R.P. Singh, Prof. C.B. Sharma and Principal Fr. Thomas Perumalil, SJ

Fr. Francis Parmer S.J., Principal, St. Xavier's College, Patna at the Valedictory Ceremony

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The M.Ed and B.Ed trainees gathered for the hoisting of the national flag on the Republic Day. Fr. Scaria Mammootil S.J. hoisted the national flag. The day was marked with melodious patriotic songs rendered by various student groups. Kriti and Geeta Shukla from the B.Ed. department and Vikas Chandra from M.Ed. department shared their views on Republic Day. Principal Prof. Thomas Perumalil S.J. also addressed the gathering and stressed the importance of the Day.

Gandhi House was declared first, Tagore House second and Arobindo with Zakir group were declared third in the singing competition. Prizes were given by Fr. Scaria Mammootil S.J.



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teacher educators we have to learn to use ICT and also be ready to adapt it in our training system. It is the duty of every teacher training institution to provide an atmosphere where the future teachers are able to acquaint themselves with the technologies. Most of the schools today are adopting the latest methods of learning, yet we have a long way to go.

Chief Guest, Prof. Janak Pandey in his enlightening address said that training part is very important and therefore labs are to be provided where a trainee gets his firsthand experience. Teacher's role is very important. No ICT can replace it. ICT is supplementary and complementary to teaching learning process. He suggested that each institution should have seminar rooms with ICT gadgets.

Prof. C.B. Sharma said that technology was not in its infancy stage. Technology can do so many things that a human mind can't think of and that is a miracle. Knowing computer is not important but bringing it to use in daily life is more important. He strongly advised the student-teachers saying that the future is in their hands. The 21st century Hero is a teacher who will make the society vibrant and effective.

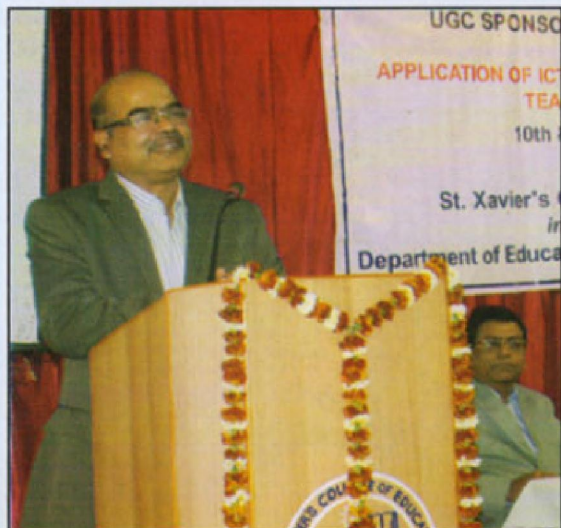
Prof. R.P. Singh, in his address, said that teachers are precious and nothing in this world can be placed above the teacher. Teacher is a unique person. ICT can bring changes bridging the gap between C grade knowledge and the A

grade knowledge.

Day two of the seminar began with a meaningful prayer service. Dr. Upasana Singh, HOD, Department of Education, PWC, Patna was the main speaker of the day. She said that quality enhancement is to make the teachers committed and fully equipped. Teacher is the facilitator of children's knowledge. Certainly ICT consumes much time. To have good approach towards ICT we should have mastery in the content. Teacher is the centre of the learning process. Teacher's professional development is a process, not an event. ICT helps the teacher for bringing variety.

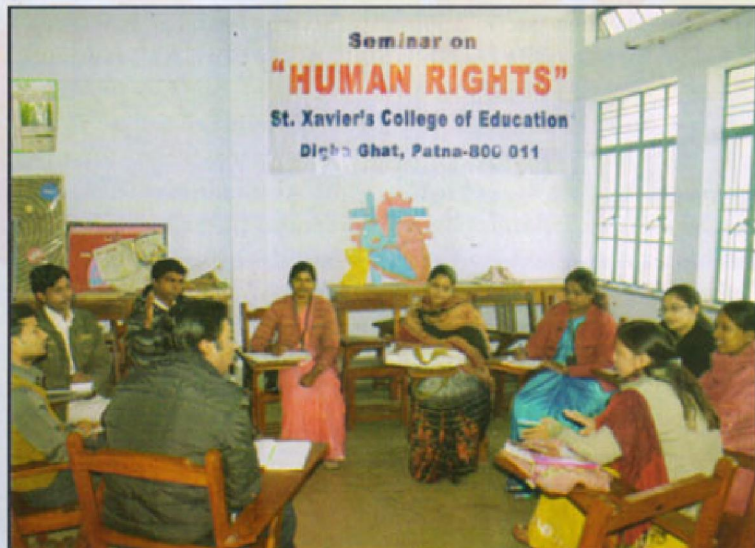
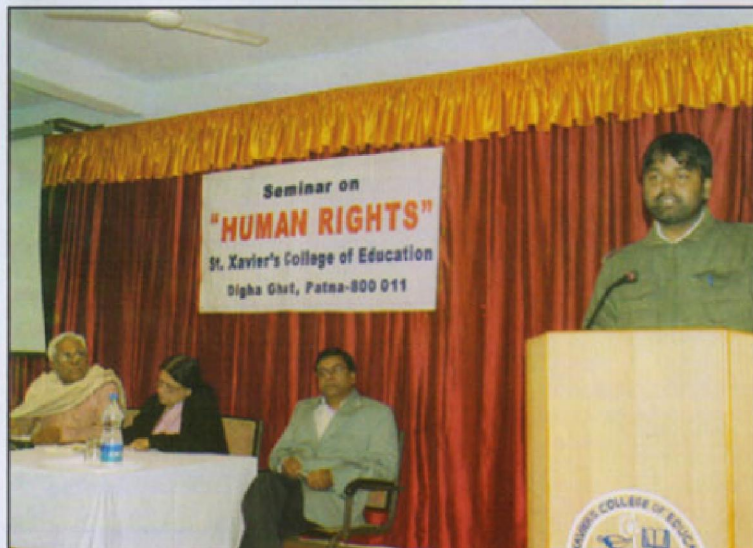
54 delegates presented their papers on ICT in different groups. In the valedictory function Fr. Francis Parmer S.J., Principal, St. Xavier's College, Patna, was the chief guest. In his speech he said, "Every teacher should have a deep sense to learn the changes in technology and urge to apply his knowledge in the classroom situation taking care of the children's need. He said, "Information is to share and communication is to impart".

Prof. S.N. Sharma presented the concluding remarks based on the topic and the lectures delivered by the different speakers during the two days' seminar. Vote of thanks was proposed by Sushil Kumar Singh and a recap of the two days in video was presented by Deep Kumar. With the National Anthem the seminar concluded.



Learned speakers (i) Prof. H.K. Senapati, (ii) Prof. C.B. Sharma, (iii) Dr. Upasana Singh.

SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS



A UGC sponsored seminar on HUMAN RIGHTS was organized in our College for the M.Ed. and B.Ed. trainees on 3rd February. The seminar opened with the screening of the song "Lahoo ka rang kaya hai, laahoo ka jath kaya hai" edited by Deep Kumar. In his welcome address the college, Principal, Prof. Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J., welcomed the guest speakers Fr. Philip Manthara S.J., President, PUCL, Bihar, Dr. Daisy Narayan, President State Child Rights Board, Bihar and Mr. Jitendra Choubey member of PUCL, Bihar. The Principal said in his address "Seminar on Human Rights is one of the yearly features of the college and it is very important to make you future teachers aware of human rights and you have to inculcate the same knowledge in your students when you play the role of a teacher".

Fr. Philip Manthara S.J. appreciated the song presented on human rights and in his speech he said, "As humans we have rights, and as nobody gives us these rights, no one has the right to take them away from us." Teachers have a great role to play to bring awareness among students. Fr. Philip presented examples saying that in the name of development many Musahar community members have lost their natural habitation and nobody is ready to take the responsibility of

providing them shelter and they are forced to spend their winter nights under the open sky. He also gave an example of the new park in front of the D.M. residence in city which years back was used by all sections of children but now that is only for those who can pay the entrance fee and a large number of children from poorer community are deprived of the right to use the park. Mr. Jitendra Choubey gave examples based on legal matters to show how the innocent people were trapped without any grave reason and put behind bars. One example was Dr. Binayak Sen, the social activist. The next spokesperson was Dr. Vinay Kanth, who shared his experiences and spoke on the importance of education for building a better society.

Dr. Daisy Narayan, President, State Child Rights Board, Bihar, spoke on child rights and women harassment and violence. She said every child has a right to get free and compulsory education till the age of 14 and nobody can deprive them of this right which is also in our Constitution.

Future teachers were called to join PUCL and help to raise the voice supporting human rights and checking violation of human rights. Our College faculty members also took part in the seminar.

Quiz Competition

A quiz contest was organized for the student-teachers (B.Ed) of the present batch on January 27, 2012. This was to update the students with the current affairs and also to give them training on how to conduct GK competition in schools. The areas covered were History, Geography, Current Affairs, Science, Sports, Literature, Culture, Entertainment, IT and information about the College. There were questions for the audience also who took active part and answered many questions. Teams from all the four houses took part in the Quiz. Mr. Deep Kumar, was the Quiz master of the day and Prof. Dr. Preeti Sinha was the jury of appeal.

Tagore House stood first, Gandhi House second and Aurobindo House came third. Mr. Deep Kumar, the quiz master, congratulated the participants for taking interest and preparing well for the competition. He wished the student-teachers all the best in their future career.



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY, 2012

The Twenty Second Annual Sports Festival was organized on Sunday, the 26th February, 2012. Shri. Abhayanand, Director General of Police, Bihar, was the Chief Guest, Rahul Singh Commissioner of Transport, Government of Bihar, was the Guest of Honour and Mrs. Ratna Singh was the Special Guest on the occasion. Shri. Abhayanand, IPS, took the salute of the march past and declared the meet open. The march past was led by College Captain Minakshi Sharma. Gandhi House was led by Sunil Kumar and Suman Lakra, Aurobindo House by Peter Bastian and Shanti Kishori, Tagore House by Shiwanand Kumar and Sharmila Mondal, and Zakir House by Sanjay Pathak and Ruchi Eugene.

Prof. Father Thomas Perumalil, S.J., Principal of the college welcomed the Chief Guest and the guest of honour,



Special Guest, Principals of various schools, invited guests, well wishers and parents. The teacher-trainees, ladies and gents, put in a spirited effort and showed great enthusiasm in all the track and field events that followed. They thoroughly enjoyed the games items.

Joseph Kisku and Rashmi Xalxo were declared overall individual champions. Aurobindo House walked away with the champion's shield.

The winners of the day received their prizes and certificates. The Guest of Honour congratulated the participants and applauded their unity, enthusiasm, cooperation and youthfulness. He was extremely pleased to observe the discipline shown on the field and outside by the trainees and mentioned that physical training is an important element of

teacher training, which is neglected elsewhere, but a lot is being done at St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna. He said it was a spectacular show. He requested the trainees to give importance to sports in future as they begin their teaching career. He also said that we need a healthy body for a healthy mind. The body becomes alert and mind sensitive with physical exercises. Perfect discipline caught the attention of one and all, who visited the campus, he said. He laid great emphasis on the importance of overall personality development - physical, mental and psychological, as seen in the students of this institution. According to him participation is more important and healthy sportsmanship is the need of the hour. He congratulated the management, faculty and students of this institution for the performance put up by the students.



B.Ed. Admission, 2012-13

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 1. Application Forms Given Out | : 2 - 17 April, 2012 (8.00 A.M. - 12.00 Noon) |
| 2. Entrance Test (Written) | : 13 June, 2012 (8.00 A.M. - 10.00 A.M.) |
| 3. Interviews & Group Discussions | : 14 - 16 June, 2012 |
| 4. List of Candidates Selected for Admission | : 22 June, 2012 (9.00 A.M.) |
| 5. Date of Admission | : 28-29 June, 2012 (8.00 A.M. - 11.00 A.M.) |
| 6. Commencement of Classes | : 4 July, 2012 (10.00 A.M.) |

"If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job."

~Donald D. Quinn