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National Seminar on 'Building Socio-Academic Environment in Schools/Colleges for Excellence'

A Red carpet welcome to all the distinguished guests was given at St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna where the two days National Seminar on Building Socio-Academic Environment in Schools/Colleges for Excellence was organized on 10th and 11th February, 2013. The seminar began by imploring God's blessings through a meaningful prayer service and a prayer dance. A welcome song by the B.Ed group was also presented. Welcome song was followed by lighting the lamp by the Chief Guest Mr. Amarjeet Sinha, Principal Secretary, Department of Education, Bihar; Fr. Norbert Menezes, SJ, Secretary, JEASA, New Delhi; Chairperson of the session Prof. R.P. Singh, Emeritus Prof. of Education Patna University, Patna; Prof Thomas Perumalil SJ, and Dr. Scaria Mamootil SJ, Co-ordinator of SXCE study center, IGNOU. Later the Principal, Prof. Thomas Perumalil S.J. welcomed the guests. The delegates came from different parts of the country to take part and present their research papers. Dr. Scaria Mamootil SJ, gave a brief introduction of the college. Prof. Preeti Sinha was the master of ceremony for the entire session.

Chief Guest Mr. Amarjeet Sinha in his address said, "Training part is very important and therefore labs are to be provided where a trainer gets the first hand experience. Best of the facility should be given in schools. In Bihar we need more than 10 Lacs of teachers and to achieve this we have to have more than 10 thousand teacher training institutions for which the Bihar Government is working on. Teacher's role is very important and no one can deny that. Dr. Madhu Singh, Assistant Professor proposed the vote of thanks at the end of the first session.



Inauguration of the Seminar : Lighting the ceremonial lamp

The Keynote address of Dr. S.P. Anand was read out by Prof. Thomas Perumalil SJ. Due to some unavoidable circumstances Dr. Anand was not present. Mr. R.N. Roy Majumdar, Assistant Professor proposed the vote of thanks at the end of the second session. Prof. R.P. Singh said, "Soft skills play an important role in a teacher's life. Emotional intelligence is either positive or distractive. Distractive emotional intelligence does no harm to others but it can harm the person." Teachers are precious and nothing in this world can be placed above the teacher.

Research papers were presented in four different groups in the post lunch session. Seventy five research papers were



Prof. (Sr.) Marion Mathew, HOD, Dept. of Education, SHIATS, Allahabad



Mr. Amarjeet Sinha, Principal Secretary, Department of Education, Bihar

received by the college to be presented in this two days seminar and 55 of them were presented on the first day.

The second day began by imploring God's blessings. A meaningful prayer service was conducted by the B.Ed. students. Guest Speaker Prof. (Sr.) Marion Mathew, HOD, Dept. of Education, SHIATS, Allahabad in her address said, "Today's students are the first generation to grow up with digital technology and this technology has changed the way we view knowledge, access to information and the way we relate to our world. The whole globe is passing through turmoil while technology has touched the sky. Hearts are falling apart and chaos is increasing." She discussed human capital development through soft skill elements which comprises communication skills, critical thinking, problem solving skills, team work, professional ethics and integrity, interpersonal skills, self awareness, emotional intelligence and leadership skills. Mr. Deep Kumar, Assistant Professor proposed the vote of thanks in the first session.

Prof. Jessy Modi, in her address said, "IQ is not the only

criterion to judge the intelligence of a student, rather the all round development is to be taken into consideration. It's important in the fast growing world of technology that teachers are able to use the latest gadgets in teaching."

Fr. Norbert Menezes, in his Valedictory speech said, "Normal schools/colleges focus on factors that promote higher academic grades. This social and emotional issues are not adequately addressed. However, modern research shows a close link between emotion and cognition. While promoting and demanding high academic performance, mandatory demands on emotional and social development will go a long way in promoting excellence not only in academic tests but in the examination of life."

A video presentation of the two days seminar prepared by Mr. Deep Kumar was shown. In all 75 research papers were presented. Dr. Ignatius Topno SJ, presented the concluding remarks. Sushil Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor proposed the vote of thanks along with the National Anthem the seminar came to a close. Distribution of certificates took place after the closure.

शैक्षणिक परिभ्रमण

संत जेवियर्स शिक्षा महाविद्यालय परिवार अपने इस सत्र के वार्षिक शैक्षणिक परिभ्रमण के लिए कोलकाता गये। इसमें कुल 120 सदस्य, जिनमें शिक्षक व विद्यार्थी दोनों शामिल थे। दिनांक 15 मार्च 2013 शुक्रवार की रात सफर की शुरुआत दानापुर-हावड़ा एक्सप्रेस की रेलयात्रा से हुई। 16 मार्च 2013 शनिवार की सुबह वर्द्धमान स्टेशन से बस के माध्यम से बोलपुर पहुँचे। बोलपुर में गुरुदेव रवीन्द्रनाथ टैगोर के साकार स्वप्न शांतिनिकेतन का भ्रमण किया। शांतिनिकेतन से यात्रादल कोलकाता गया, जहाँ हमने रात्रि विश्राम साल्टलेक स्टेडियम में किया। अगले दिन 17 मार्च 2013 रविवार की सुबह विज्ञान नगरी के अद्भुत चमत्कारों को देखने में बीती। फिर मदर टेरेसा आवास गये जहाँ पर सबने प्रार्थना सभा में भाग लिया। वहाँ से विक्टोरिया मेमोरियल घूमते- फिरते और खरीदारी का आनंद उठाते हावड़ा-दानापुर एक्सप्रेस से 18 मार्च 2013 की सुबह पटना वापस पहुँचे। यह प्रथम अनुभव था जो महाविद्यालय के शिक्षकगण व छात्र बिहार से बाहर शैक्षणिक भ्रमण के लिये गये। यात्रा न केवल आनंदपूर्ण रही, बल्कि ज्ञानवर्द्धक भी।



"We have to remember that the great teachers of the world have affirmed that all men are brothers, and that their differences are not to be obliterated but are to be fostered and sustained by mutual understanding. We must learn from other peoples' beliefs and experiences."

—Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Community Service at Asha Deep



On 22nd April 2013, B.Ed trainees were taken to Asha Deep Rehabilitation Centre for the differently-abled at fairfield colony, Digha. Asha Deep Rehabilitation Centre is run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross Society. Around 175 students come for regular schooling in Asha Deep. Our Principal, Prof. Thomas Perumalil SJ, said, "Every year our trainees are taken to Asha Deep to have an experience of working with the gifted children who are mentally or physically challenged. It is our moral duty to take care of these children and try to bring them up in such an atmosphere where they are able to stand on their own in the society". Sister Catherine Colaco, the Principal of Asha Deep school welcomed the prospective teachers. The trainees were divided into groups and sent to different classes where they guided the students, conducted a survey of their background, taught them singing, dancing and conducted some co-curricular activities. One group of trainees was sent to the mentally challenged group. The programme was conducted under the able guidance of the college faculty members. A project on the experience of each trainee was prepared and submitted to the college.

Gender Sensitization Need of the Hour

102nd International Women's Day was celebrated at the College for the M.Ed. and B.Ed. trainees on 7th March. The seminar opened with an interreligious prayer service. The Chief Guest of the day, Sr. Mary Alka SND, social worker in Bihar, was introduced by the college Principal Fr. Thomas Perumalil SJ. The principal in his speech welcomed the chief guest and presented a brief sketch of women's role in building the society. He also added, "Be a change you want to see, make a difference, think globally and act locally". Shiny Philip of the B.Ed. department gave a short speech on women at a glance. She said that the United Nations' theme for the International Women's Day 2013 is "A promise is a promise: Time for action to end violence against women." Nirbhaya the Delhi gang rape victim was paid tribute through a video presentation edited by Deep Kumar, Assistant Professor of the college on the song, "Komal hai kamjoor nahi, Tu shakti ka naam hi naari hai". The message given through this video presentation was that today women in every field are working hand in hand with the men in developing the society.

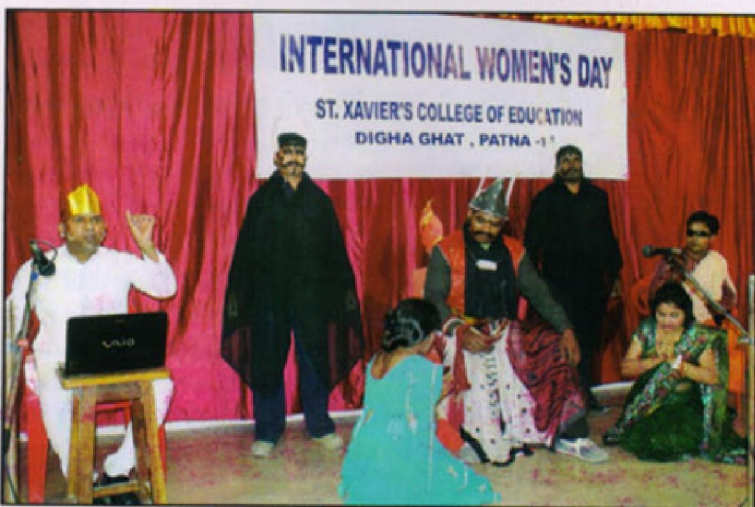
In her speech the chief guest said, "It's a right time to pay our homage to Nirbhaya and also stand firm to get united and see that justice is given to her and her family." She continued saying that



Oath for building a just & honest society free from violence against women

today in every field women are contributing their talents and energy. She said educational status of women is now in a fast growing stage and girls are shining in all competitive examinations. Today a girl has to know her ability, come forward and grab the opportunity whenever it is given. No work is big or small; it all depends on our thinking and how we take it. Once a goal is fixed we have to try our best to achieve it let what may come. Today women have a greater role to play in the society as she is out of the four walls of her house and free in the open sky. This freedom has to be felt and experienced."

Student-teachers from Aurobindo House, Tagore House, Gandhi House and Zakhir House presented role plays on the situation of women in the society. Zakir House bagged the First prize whereas Aurobindo and Gandhi House took the second prize and Tagore House was declared third. Sushma Kumari of the B.Ed. group administered the oath towards building a better, just, honest society free of corruption, dowry, infanticide and violence against women. A song 'Hum honge kamyab eak din' was sung by all and that brought to end the celebration of the day. College faculty were also present during the programme.



Presentation of a role-play on women's status in society

Donate Blood, Save Life

Keeping the college Motto "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY" a blood donation camp was organized at the College for the B.Ed. students. This blood donation camp was organized in collaboration with HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL, Kurji. Holy Family Hospital team was headed by Dr. Reena Ranjan, Blood Bank Incharge. Niraj, Shivani, Sunil, Sujita, Shravan, Sargeeta and Komal assisted in checking the blood group, finding out the hemoglobin level necessary and taking the blood. Earlier Dr. Madhu Singh gave an orientation to the future teachers explaining the advantages of donating blood and also how it's a means to help the society especially the needy.

The blood sample was first taken, and then BP, Hemoglobin and Blood Group were checked. All those found fit were allowed to donate blood. 20 units of blood were collected and donated to the Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna that day.



Sports Meet, 2013 : Zakir House Champion

The Twenty Third Annual Sports Festival of the College was celebrated on Sunday, the 3rd March, 2013. Fr. T. Nishaant SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College, Patna, was the Chief Guest and Fr. Rector, XTTI, Patna was the Guest of Honour. The Chief Guest took the salute of the march past and declared the meet open. The March Past was led by College Captain Sunil Indwar, College Jubilee flag was carried by Farheen followed by the 4 house Captains - Gandhi House led by Veronica Stanley and Shree Prakash, Aurobindo House by Subhalaxmi and Anil Kumar, Tagore House by Pritika Charolette and Anil Bhengra, and Zakir House by Jyoti and Kevin Charles. Sunil Indwar led the Athletic oath.

The Principal of the College Prof. (Fr.) Thomas Perumalil, SJ welcomed the Chief Guest and the guest of honour, all the Principals of various schools of Patna, invited guests and parents of the college students. The teacher- trainees, ladies and gents, put in a spirited effort and showed great enthusiasm in all the track and field events that followed. The invited guests thoroughly enjoyed the game items too. Amar Kerketta and Divya Roshini were declared overall individual champions. Zakir House walked away with the champion's trophy.

The winners of the day received their prizes and certificates from the Guest of Honour Fr. Joe Thadavanal, SJ, Fr. Peter, Principal, St. Michael's High School, Patna, Fr. Joe Maripuram SJ, Rector SXCE and St. Michael's and Sr. Nirmal, SND, Principal, Hartmann School. The Chief Guest congratulated the participants and applauded their unity, enthusiasm, cooperation and youthfulness. He was exceedingly pleased to observe the discipline shown on the field and outside. The Chief Guest in his address mentioned that physical training is an important element in teacher training curriculum, which is neglected elsewhere, but a lot is being done at St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna. He requested the trainees to give importance to sports in future as they begin their teaching career and work with the youth of the nation. He also said that we need a healthy body for a healthy mind.



Work for God and Country

The Silver Jubilee academic session 2012-2013 of M.Ed. and B.Ed trainees came to an end on 25th April, 2013. A colourful cultural programme was put up by the prospective teachers. The programme began with a very meaningful prayer service that was followed by a prayer dance. A video documentary was presented reflecting Golden Memories of 2012-2013 on tittle song, "Yaad Ayege Yea Pal", creating an emotional feeling in every trainee as they relived the year's experience of their life journey in the college of the past one year. Nagpuri Dance and farewell song "Nagme hain, Shikwe hain" were the attraction of the programme. Mary Irene Osta from the B.Ed. department presented her memories in the college in English and Ashutosh Ranjan of M.Ed. department presented the Yadein Speech in Hindi. The entire atmosphere was filled with emotions as this was the last day for every trainee in the college. In his message the Principal Prof. (Fr.) Thomas Perumalil SJ, called their attention to be ready to deliver their best in this challenging world. He said, "You are men and women for others, now you all are ready to work for the nation keeping the college motto high FOR GOD AND COUNTRY." He continued, "you all have undergone a training to be teachers with mind that thinks, heart that understands and feels the emotions of every individual child of your class and above all be a human with values and work for creating a just society and always spread the

values you have learned at St. Xavier's College of Education." Later with all the faculty members of the college and the future teachers took an Oath to work for the Country. Vote of thanks was presented by Farheen Kaushar. All took the blessings of the faculty members and said adieu to one and all. The event concluded with a fellowship meal.

Each One, Teach One

A literacy programme was launched during the current academic year in the College. The basic principle of this programme was to bring those children to the college who go to school but are unable to get proper guidance in their home work and studies. A group of 125 students of non-formal group of St. Michael's Evening School were taken for this programme. These children were brought twice a week to the college and guided and taught by the B.Ed. trainees on one-to-one teaching model.

A sports meet was also organized for this group by the B.Ed. trainees. These children were from Nursery to Class V and so the games were planned and conducted by the future teachers accordingly. Saving one's and breaking others balloon, eating jalebi, frog race, normal race, musical chair were some of the attractions of the programme. At the end every child was given a set of two copy books, pencil, eraser, scale and chocolate as a token of appreciation and recognition. Alisha proposed the vote of thanks.