



XAVIER VISTA

National Seminar : Quality Enhancement in Higher Education through IQAC



A two-day National Seminar on **Quality Enhancement in Higher Education through IQAC** was organized in the college. About 125 delegates from various colleges, universities, research scholars across the country participated. The seminar began with a meaningful prayer service invoking God's Blessing on each one present. Principal of the College Prof. (Fr.) Thomas Perumalil, S.J. the Chief Guest, Dr. S. N. Guha, Vice Chancellor, A.K.U. Patna, Prof. Mohit Chakrabarty, Former Prof. in Education, Vishwa Bharati University, Shanti Niketan, Guest speaker, Dr. Sudhanshu Bhushan, NUEPA, New Delhi and Fr. Dr. Tomy Nishaant, S.J. Principal, St. Xavier's College, Patna joined to light the lamp, a symbol of knowledge. Shubhlakshmi and group presented a Welcome song. Later the College Principal welcomed the guest and the delegates.

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The **Chief Guest** Dr. S.N.Guha, Vice Chancellor, A.K.U. Patna, said, "Change is very important, past is not neglected but we have to build on the past. Spread knowledge from one to another just like lighting the lamp, He continued, "Do not think evil, do not speak evil, do not



do evil, therefore a teacher should be very careful in what they transmit. Let the children get the right type of education."

Prof. Mohit Chakrabarty, Former Prof. in Education, Vishwa Bharati University, Shanti Niketan in his keynote address said, *Have Quest for quality education by having positive thinking. Education should be able to transform the life of the gainer. He said that we should let knowledge come to us from every direction.* The bench mark of quality education is contributing in teaching and learning. The values cannot be taught it should be caught."

Guest speaker, Dr. Sudhanshu Bhushan, NUEPA, New Delhi, talked about the four C's in higher education, i.e., creativity, critical faculty, collaboration and communication. He spoke about the new policy making in education and this education should lead to development and growth. Accreditation is not the only way to promote quality education but the real educators should be free to decide and formulate the course of action that gives freedom to discharge their duties. The Chairperson Fr. Dr. Tomy Nishaant, S.J. Principal, St. Xavier's College, Patna summarised the talk of all the speakers and said, *"Quality is the biggest challenge in the present scenario in educational field and quality has to be evaluated individually."*

Prof. Preeti Sinha was the master of ceremony of the entire session. Dr. Madhu Singh proposed the vote of thanks in the inaugural session.

Day 2

Day 2 of the seminar began with a meaningful prayer service invoking God's Blessing on each one present. Principal of the College welcomed the chief speaker Dr. (Fr.) Prakash Louis S.J., Director, Mission Office, Patna Jesuit Society. Fr. Prakash Louis in his presentation stressed on the point that basic rights of the citizens cannot be fulfilled unless they get basic education. He raised very basic and concrete questions i.e. who, how, why, when, for those who are missing from the main stream of education. His concern was that schools are degraded, deprived, discriminated and then how can they be institutions for growth. He not only raised questions but also presented the solutions that our system needs, educational leaders and government organizations have to work together bringing uniformity striving for quality and equality to every citizen. Mr. Deep Kumar proposed the vote of thanks in the inaugural session.

In the second session research papers were presented in five different groups. Each group was divided according to the theme and the sub theme of the seminar. Around 95 papers were presented Fr. Ignatius Topno proposed the overall view and the outcome of the seminar and Mr. Sushil Kumar Singh proposed the vote of thanks to all for the successful completion of the seminar. Certificates were given to all the participants and the research scholars who had presented their research paper. The seminar ended with the National Anthem.

Kavi Goshthi

A Kavi Goshthi was organized in the College on Thursday, 13th February, 2014. This Year being an election year, the topic of the Kavi Goshthi was "**Election and Our Expectations**" Sixteen trainees from the B.Ed. group took part in the Kavi Goshthi. One by one all the poets in their own poetic way tried to express their feelings. Santosh Kumar stood First, Dolly Kumari second and Monika Kumari was declared third. While giving away the prizes the college Rector Fr. Joseph Maripuram S.J., congratulated the participants and appreciated the hard work they had put into composing and reciting the poem. Alisha Gupta, Willson David, Pammi Kumari, Tunni Kumari, Vikas Kumar, Kamlesh Kumar, Swati Thakur, Ashmita Shah, Kumari Priyanka Raj, Alok Anand, Shashi Kant, Manisha Kumari and Shobha Kuamri were the other participants.

Lecture on Understanding Corruption, Ethics & Value

Mr. Sailesh of Hindustan Petroleum delivered a lecture at the College on **Understanding Corruption, Ethics & Value**. The college Principal Dr. (Fr.) Thomas Perumalil S.J.,



introduced the guest speaker to the future teachers of M.Ed. and B.Ed. Speaking on the topic Mr. Sailesh opened his view citing Mother Teresa, "Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person." He presented the overall view of India defining it as World's largest and a vibrant democracy, Rule of law enshrined in the Constitution, Separation of Powers (Legislature, Executive and Judiciary), Right to Equality and Equality of opportunity, Affirmative action for disadvantaged, Independent and Proactive Judiciary, Free Press & Media and Liberalized Economy. Further he said, even then **2G, Abdul Kareem Telgi – Stamp Paper Scam, Harshad Mehta/Ketan Parekh / Bhansali – Share Scams, Bofors Gun/CWG/Spot-Match fixing/Drug abuse and Satyam scams** have happened. He explained five basic reasons for corruption as **Scarcity of goods and services, Red tape and complicated rules and procedures, Lack of transparency in decision-making, Legal cushions of safety for the corrupt under the 'healthy' principle that everyone is innocent till proved guilty.** He highlighted by saying, "**Some people enjoy giving, Some people enjoy getting, those who enjoy giving, get everything, those who enjoy getting, actually, get nothing, though they keep getting everything all the time.**" He spoke and made the teachers aware of Central Vigilance Commission, giving the mail id, contact numbers and website address saying anyone can register any complaint if he or she finds corruption in his field and area. He also called the future teachers to be active. Students took active part in the lecture by answering questioning. Also suggested ways and means to eradicate corruption. Students and the faculty members who gave answers during the session were given a HP gas lighter as a token of appreciation.

Project Yourself as a Person not as a Woman: Justice Anjana Prakash

103rd International Women's Day was celebrated at the College by the M.Ed. and B.Ed. trainees on Tuesday (8/03/2014). The seminar opened with an interreligious prayer service.

The Chief Guest of the day **Smt. Anjana Prakash** Justice of **Patna High Court**, Bihar was introduced by the



college Principal Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J. The principal in his welcome 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". In her speech the chief guest said, "Live, Learn and Succeed." Respect towards gender is a good sign but because a male is a male and female is a female respect does not change. She shared her own life experience where in her own family she got respect and love from her parents and relatives without any discrimination. She said we all are equal and discrimination is seen when there is lack of equality. She said a woman should project herself as a person not as a woman because she is also as respectful and venerable as any other in the society. She explained the law where girls are given equal right in the fathers property. She explained if the son has the right it is because the fore-fathers have given it to him the same is true for girls. She also explained if a there is an arrest warrant against girl or a woman she can refuse to go to the jail after 6 pm till 6 am. She also explained about the domestic violence in the family and if the girl gives a complaint it is registered with the magistrate and the magistrate makes sure that the girl is given sufficient security and taken care of. She said education leads a person to be disciplined. The person controls his or her mind and if we are able to think well we will also act well. She said today a girl has to know her ability and come forward and grab the opportunity whenever it is given. She said no work is big or small, it all depends in our thinking and how we take it. Once a goal is fixed we have to try our best to achieve it. 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."

Aruna Tigga and Rohit Joy Minz Champions of the Sports Meet

The Twenty Forth Annual Sports Festival at the College was organized on Sunday, the 9th March, 2014. **Shri Vivek Srivastava, IPS, Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Govt. of India** was the **Chief Guest**. **Shri. Syed Shamael Ahmad, President, Private Schools and Children Welfare Association, 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 Kumari Priyanka Raj who carried the College Flag and administered the Athletic Oath. The march past was led by the 4 house Captains - Gandhi House led by Monika Kumari and Aniket James, Aurobindo House by Suchita Kumari and Deepak Sah, Tagore House by Ankit and Promila Barla, and Zakir House by Swati Thakur and Praveen Prasanna.

The Principal Prof. Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J. welcomed the Chief Guest and the guest of honour, 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. They thoroughly enjoyed the game items.

Aruna Tigga and Rohit Joy Minz were declared overall individual champions. **Aurobindo House** walked away with the champion's shield.

In his address **Shri Syed Shamael Ahmad, President, Private Schools and Children Welfare Association, Patna**, the **Guest of Honour** said, "Teacher's are nation builders and is really great seeing the future teachers participating actively in the track and field events because these are the same people who will be training the little children in the schools. Today's parents hardly like sending their child to be teachers but teaching is the noblest profession that leads to all the other professions."

The Chief Guest **Shri Vivek Srivastav**, congratulated the participants and applauded their unity, enthusiasm, cooperation and youthfulness. He was exceedingly pleased



to observe the disciplined show 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 said it was a spectacular show. 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. The programme ended with the National Anthem.

Out Reach Programmes



A three days community service was organized by the College for their B.Ed trainees. On the first day the trainees joined the campaign organized by Tarumitra on save earth save environment on Earth Day on 22-04-2014 against petrol tempo replacing them with e-tempo. The trainees joined the school children near Gandhi Maidan raising their voice supporting e-tempo.

On the second day 23rd April, 2014 they were taken to **Asha Deep Rehabilitation Centre for the Handicapped** at Fair Field Colony, Digha. Asha Deep Rehabilitation Centre is run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross Society. The College Principal Prof. Thomas Perumalil, S.J. said, "Every year our trainees are taken to Asha Deep to have an experience of working with the differently-abled children who are physically strong but mentally or physically challenged and it is our moral duty to take care of these children and try to bring them up in such atmosphere where they are able to stand firm in the society". Sister Catherine Colaco the Principal of **Asha Deep Rehabilitation Centre for the Handicapped** welcomed the staff and the prospective teachers. Trainees were divided into groups and sent in different classes where they guided the students, conducted a survey of their background, taught them singing, English, Maths, Science, dance and conducted some co-curricular activities.

Around 210 students come for regular schooling in Asha Deep. This was a unique experience for the trainees as till then during their practice teaching in different government and non-government schools of Patna they had only to deal with very normal group of children there. But it was a totally different group.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of the college faculty members, Mr. Deep Kumar, Mrs. Vijayshree

and Mr. Sushil Kumar, who guided and supported the trainees. Dr. Preeti Sinha, Dr. Madhu Singh, Mrs. Nimisha Srivastava and Mr. RN Roy Majumdar also visited the center. A project report on the experience by each trainee was prepared and submitted to the college Principal on 24th April 2014.

Keeping the college Motto "**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**" a blood donation camp was organized in the College for the M.Ed. and B.Ed. students. This blood donation was organized with the coordination of **KURJI HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL**. The Hospital team was headed by Dr. Reena Ranjan, Blood Bank Incharge. The technical team comprised of Sushma, Niraj, Ravi, Abhay and Swati who assisted in checking the blood group, finding out the hemoglobin count and taking the blood. Dr. Reena did the entire interrogation and checked if the person was fit to donate blood or not.

The blood sample was first taken, and then B.P, Hemoglobin and Blood Group were checked. All those found fit were allowed to donate blood. In total 42 trainees had registered for blood donation from which 24 of them were found fit and donated blood.

Shine For God and Country: Farewell to M.Ed. and B.Ed.

30th April was the last day of the current academic session 2013 - 2014 for M.Ed. and B.Ed. trainees. The faces of the trainees were filled with mixed reaction as they were happy to complete their year long training and were sad as they had to leave this institution. A Colorful cultural programme was put up by the prospective teachers. The programme began with a prayer service that was followed by a prayer dance. Shiv Priya of B.Ed. department Rithika Steffi Stanley and Shristi Singh of M.Ed. presented their experiences saying they were proud to be a part of this esteemed institution for the past one year. Dance and farewell songs were the attraction of the programme. A Video presentation on the yearlong activities was prepared in a short film Golden Memories and was presented by Md. Rashid. Fr. Joseph Maripuram S.J., Rector of the college said, "You all have been a blessing to this institution, give your best in the field of developing the nation and nurture the tender hearts you get to take care." In his message the Principal Prof. (Fr.) Thomas Perumalil, S.J. called their attention to be ready to deliver their best in this challenging world. He said, "All of you are now ready to work for the nation keeping the college motto high "**Let the light of Education shine FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**".

