



Xavier Vista



International Conference on Holistic Development and Education for Peace

An International Conference on **Holistic Development and Education for Peace** was organized in the College from Thursday 15/10/2015 to Saturday 17/10/2015. About 135 delegates from various colleges, universities, research scholars across the country came to participate, the college trainees of M.Ed. and B.Ed. departments too attended the Conference. The conference began with a meaningful prayer service invoking God's Blessing on each delegate and guests. The Principal of the College, Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J. welcomed the guests and said, "We need that education which frees one from the bondage of selfishness, materialism

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and consumerism. We need people who are altruistic and self-sacrificing who will lift the downtrodden and the marginalized to the mainstream. This is a challenge to the academicians and the teachers of today."

The Chief Guest **Shree Sudhakar Pant**, HoD, of Micro Biology Department, Coordinator of Art and Culture, St. Xavier's College, Kathmandu, Nepal in his address said, "Education has its own challenges in South Asia. Holistic Education is the need of our time. The whole South Asia is facing the crisis of value based education. Overall development of a child is not possible without the involvement of parents and teachers.



Prof. Jayadeba Sahoo, Dean, Faculty of Education, Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh gave the keynote address. He said, "Peace is nothing but the state of mind. It's the form of universal love and it begins from within us."

The Second day of the Conference began with a meaningful prayer service invoking God's Blessing on each delegate and guests. Guest of Honour, **Dr. Daya Pant**, in her address said, "Development should be well rounded and sustainable so that it does not hurt anybody. Inner peace affects the outer peace and vice versa. Peace exists in our daily interaction. It's a choice which we have to take. Peace is multi-dimensional, contextual and dynamic."

Yamin Majumdar, C.F.O., UNICEF, Bihar, said, "Peace is at the core of the heart. It's a constructive way of dealing with frustrations. Peace education is something that has got a new forum in the United Nations. Peace education says violence is learnt, teaching should question violence". He talk on the role of UNICEF in working with Rastriya Shiksha Mission to inculcate these activities among young people."



Guest speaker, **Mr. Morgens Frandsen Vinther**, A.M.U., City of Esbjerg, Denmark, said, "Holistic view of East to West and North to South will bring peace and harmony in the world where there is so much hatred and violence. Education can play a great role. In science the western view of loving can be brought in our education system where child learns to love and respect nature."

For the third day the *Chief Guest* was **Dr. S.L. Wijesinghe**, Professor, Department of Western Classical Culture and Christian Culture, University of Kelaniya, Srilanka. He said, "Education should lead us to heal the world. Personal peace heals personal violence. The world needs to heal social and structural violence which we see Sri Lanka has witnessed. Education is a key word for virtually everything."

In his Concluding Remarks **Fr. Ignaitus Topno**, S.J., Principal, Loyola College of Education, Jamshedpur, said, "Holistic development is a system of collectively working and developing the society. It's a theory that brings change in the society. Learning brings self-actualization which leads a man to his own creator."

Master of Ceremony for the first day was Prof. Preeti Sinha, for second day was Dr. Madhu Singh and for the third was day Mrs. Sapna Suman. All three days had parallel technical sessions and round table sessions (Group Discussion). During the second session research papers were presented in different groups. The proceeding of the conference were published with ISBN no. 978-93-9235-718-5. College Alumni Association organized a visit to Maner Sharif for the delegates.

Hindi Elocution Contest organized by SXCEAA

The College Alumni Association (SXCEAA) organized an Inter School Elocution Contest on 24/08/2015 (Saturday). The programme began with a video presentation of a prayer song edited by Deep Kumar followed by the lighting of the lamp. Welcome address and Introduction to the Alumni Association was presented by Dr. Marie D'Cruz, the President of the Alumni Association. Fr. Thomas Perumalil, the Principal, blessed the students and thanked the alumni association for this initiative. 16 schools of Patna Participated in this contest.

The Chief Guest, **Dr. Shanker A. Dutt**, Professor of English, Patna University congratulated the prize winners and appreciated the initiative taken by the alumni association to give the students a platform to discover their hidden talents. He also said that coming and speaking to a crowd needed courage and that was the challenge that these little kids had taken.

Observation and Internship

The Prospective teachers of the College had their observation and internship from 2nd November, 2015 to 25th November, 2015. The Prospective teachers were divided into groups and sent to different Government and non-government schools of Patna which are associated with the college for practice teaching and internship. These co-operating schools are St. Xavier's High School, St. Michael's High School,

Loyola High School, Don Bosco High School, Bankipur Higher Secondary Girls School, St. Joseph's High School, Notre Dame Academy, Hartmann Girls' High School, Shri Chand High School, DAV Middle and High School St. Mary's Academy and, Indra Prasad Girls High School. This intensive first hand school experience is a requirement of the course of study framed by the university and NCTE. During the internship the faculty members of the college were with the prospective teachers to help and guide them. During these days the Principal, Prof. Fr. Thomas Perumalil, S.J., visited the schools and took feedback of the progress.

Workshop on Women's Global Call for Climate Justice



A daylong seminar on "Women's Global Call for Climate Change" was organized at the College by the members of All India Women's Conference. The seminar began with a meaningful prayer service invoking God's Blessing and then lighting the lamp. Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J. College Principal introduced and welcomed the resource persons to the trainees. The Principal said, "Climate change is a challenge for today's world and it's a concern that has to be addressed very seriously today. He also spoke on the measures taken by the college to keep the campus as plastic free zone."

Mrs. Manorama Singh Ex-MP, President of Bihar State Branch in her address said, "Global warming and climate change are creating a big concern for human life." **Father Robert Athikal**, Director Tarumitra in his address said, "Tarumitra is an organization that works with the joint efforts of the students from the schools or colleges to save environment." **Dr. Kumkum Narain** Treasurer, AIWC, Bihar State Branch in her address gave a brief introduction and the history of All India Women's Conference (AIWC) and informed the activities and works done by the organization to save environment. **Shri Digvijay Singh**, Deputy Advisor, Deptt of Environment and Forest, Govt. Of Bihar spoke on tackling climate change in Bihar by initiating non-motorized transport system. **Dr. Vidy Kumari Roy**, Secretary of AIWC, Bihar State Branch, proposed the vote of thanks.

7th Alumni Meet

The 7th Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association of St. Xavier's College of Education was conducted on 31st October 2015 in the auditorium of the College. The occasion got a formal start with Lighting the Lamp by Fr. Peter, Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J., Prof. Preeti Sinha, Dr. Madhu Singh



and Ms. Rita Das. Dr. Marie D'Cruze, President, SXCEAA welcomed the dignitaries and the members of the Alumni Association. The faculty members were honored with a memento. The

appraisal note of encouragement was given by Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J.

This session was followed by an Input Session on "Stress Management in Class Room" by Prof. Preeti Sinha and Dr. Madhu Singh which was like a counseling session for the freshers as well as experienced teachers as it gave an insight on what is Stress, how to identify it and how to deal with it – be it for students or teachers. Prof. Preeti Sinha acquainted us with Stress – which is our body's way of responding to any kind of environmental demand or pressure and how it can work both in positive as well as negative manner, especially for the teens who always deal with multiple issues be it in the peer group, family or society.

Mr. Deep Kumar, Secretary, SXCEAA presented the report on all the cultural as well as academic activities organized and conducted by the Alumni Association. Mr. Mukesh Shah, Treasurer, SXCEAA who gave the detailed report on all the income and expenditure of the Association.

28 Years Dedicated to Nation Building: College Day



28th College day was celebrated on 3rd December. The College family on this day remembers its patron saint, St Francis Xavier, praying to him calling for his blessings.

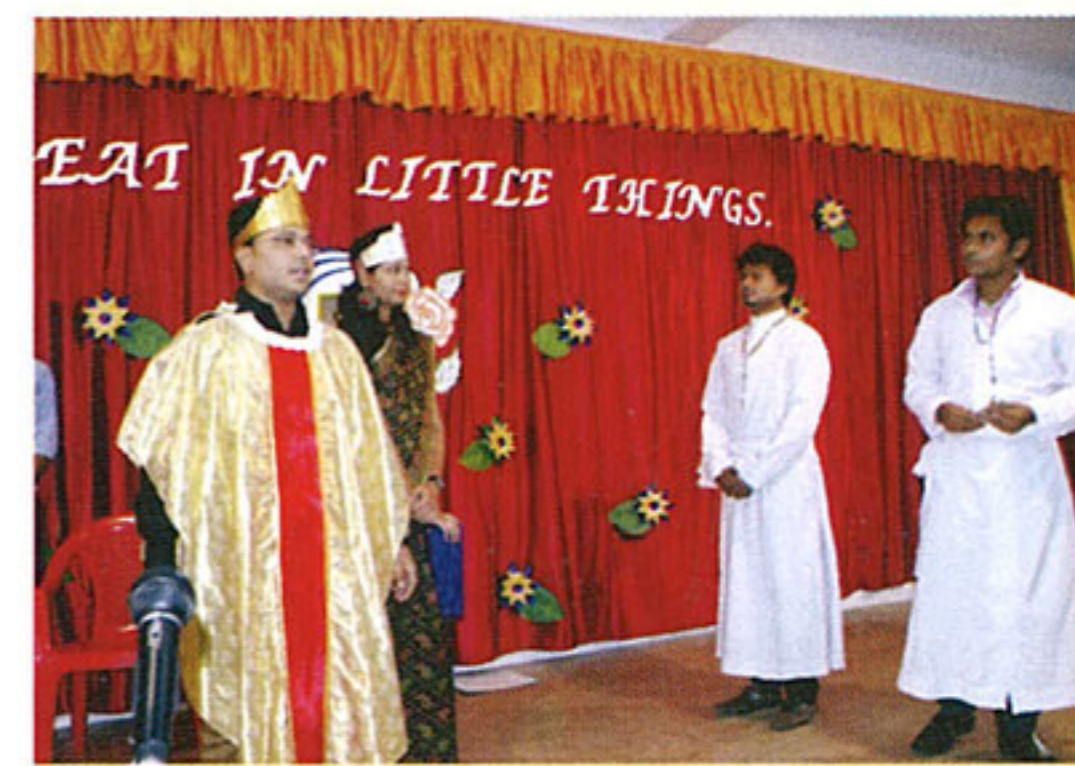
Thanking God a prayer service was organized and the life of St. Francis Xavier was also shown by a skit. The chief Guest Fr. Jose Vadassery S.J. Provincial, Fr. Joseph Maripuram S.J. Rector of the College, Fr. Thomas Karthanam S.J. Former Principal, St. Xavier's College of Education, Fr. Thomas Perumalil the Principal and Prof. Preeti Sinha joined to light the traditional lamp. Welcome Song was led by Shubham and Group "आये हम स्वागत करने". The Principal of the college

welcomed the chief guest and the cooperating school Principals and the invited guests. A colorful programme was put up on this occasion. Classical Tarana was presented by Susai Mary and group. A Qawali was presented by Jyoti and Group. The M.Ed. students presented a group song "Jeena isi ka Naam hai". A skit showing the life history of St. Francis Xavier was presented by Shambhu and group. Prince Charles and group presented a group song "Woh Pahali Baar" and Nagpuri Dance "Jungle Pahare" was the attraction. In his address the Chief Guest Fr. Jose Vadassery S.J. said "Celebrating the college day is an occasion when we remember the patron of the college and his mission and vision. He said the spirit of Francis should burn in every member of this college and the fruit of it should be seen in the development of the society. Serving the nation, dedicating all you have learned in this college is a mission to the society"

Later the Chief guest gave away the prizes for the Essay Competition conducted on 14th September on the occasion of Hindi Diwas. The topic of the Essay was "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao". In the English category Nikita Kevin Natal, Sindhu Varghese and Shrishty Bahadur received the First, the Second and the Third prizes respectively. Similarly In the Hindi category Nidhi Kumari, Kumari Veena and Aparna Kumari received the First, the Second and the Third prizes respectively.

Annual Excursion a time to Enjoy

The College organized the annual excursion for the B.Ed. students. They were taken to Rajgir-Nalanda. After due preparation and instructions the trainees gathered in the college campus from where three buses were arranged for the trainees and staff. Instructing the trainees Prof. Preeti Sinha said, "This annual excursion is a time to enjoy, see and also learn as trainees how to conduct the picnic/excursion when you are appointed as teachers in schools. So it's a part of the training and it has important place in your curriculum". On the way the buses were stopped for breakfast where snacks and tea were served. After reaching Rajgir all enjoyed the rope way ride and the visit to the Vishwa Shanti Stupa. Trainees also visited the temple and prayed for peace in the world. Later all went to the parish church for lunch and moved to Nalanda to visit the ruins of the oldest University. They were guided and the importance of the ruins was explained. It was a time to enjoy



and learn more about the culture and place. It was a first trip for many who are born and brought up in Patna or different places of Bihar.

Christmas Joy



B.Ed. and the M.Ed. students of the College joined together to celebrate Christmas in the college campus. The programme began with the meaningful prayer service praying and thanking God for all the blessings received throughout the year. Dr. (Fr.) Thomas Perumalil S.J., (Principal) and the faculty members of the college came



forward to light the lamp in front of the beautifully decorated crib. A short drama depicting the birth of Christ was presented by the B.Ed trainees. It was followed by Christmas carols in different languages like English, Hindi, Bhojpuri, Sadari, Magahi and a Nagpuri dance. The programme was an ethnic blend of traditional and modern concepts.

The Rector Fr. Joseph Maripuram S.J., in his message said, "Christmas is a time of Love, Peace and Joy. This is the message the humble baby Jesus born in the stable gives to all of us. He teaches us to be humble, kind and polite to every student we meet in our day to day life. He said christmas is a time for sharing and celebrating". The arrival of the Santa Clause was the culmination when all the staff and the students danced with joy with the song Jingle Bell. The staff and the students were given Christmas gift by Santa Clause.

True Indian means respect and Love for humanity : Prof. Ram Puniyani

The College organized a talk on Communal harmony on Saturday 19/12/2015. In this context Prof. Ram Puniyani, a former professor of Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai and social activist was invited for on Communal Harmony.

A meaningful prayer service was conducted on the theme of Peace. The Principal Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J., gave a brief introduction of Prof. Puniyani and his work in social field. The lecture dealt with National Integration and Communal Harmony. He Said that the label of religion is attached with intolerance. The values that are conveyed by three religions are:

Hindiusm – Vasudhev Kutumbakam

Christianity – Love thy Neighbor

Islam – Feed the Hungry



The values of these major religions go hand in hand with each other. The intolerance that take place at present among different religions are due to political reasons. He explained this concept through various examples. Further he asked questions to the trainees about the ideas each one has about different religions like Muslims and Christians. He gave examples of historical perspective from the past to the present situation. Many demolition of the temples and mosques were done not because of religion but because of wealth. He said no religion teaches us of killing of human beings.

Other Activities

1. Fifteen of our B.Ed. trainees took part in the Christmas Carol Competition organised by the Don Bosco Acadmy where they got 2nd prize in their category and in Ravi Bharti Institute they were awarded the third prize.
2. Three of our students took part in the All India Essay Writing Event 2015 organized by Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM) and United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan (UNIC) and were awarded with the First, the Second and the consolaton prizes at the Zonal Level.