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# XAVIER BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA (XBHEI)

Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHEI) is the only association of all the Catholic institutions of Higher Education in India. Established in 1951, XBHE is a registered Society with its National Office in Bangalore. XBHEI nurtures Christian Faith and Gospel Values while promoting Excellence and Leadership training among the youth in our institutions. This national association coordinates the activities of all the Catholic Institutions of Higher Education in India and is approved by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI). More details are provided on our website: www.xavierboard.org and www.xavierboard.in



### Message of Blessing from the President of Xavier Board

Every good and Perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights with whom there is" no alteration or shadow of change"- (St. James 1-17)



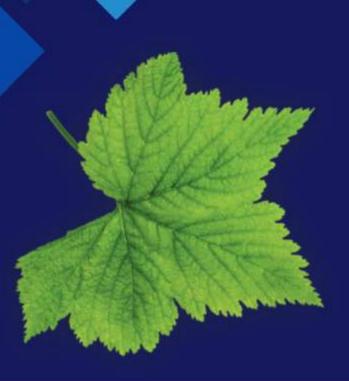
#### Dear Friends

I am delighted to see the Xavier Board Biannual newsletter EDONIA ready for circulation among the member Institutions. It is the most opportune day to release the XB newsletter as we come together as Partners in Higher Education Mission in India to have more insight on "Xavier Board Networking and Academic Collaborations –from Competition to Collaboration". The global education development agenda reflected in the Goal 4 (SDG4) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by India in 2015 seeks to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" by 2030. Such a lofty goal will require the entire education system to be reconfigured to support and foster learning, so that all of the critical targets and goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development can be achieved.

As we gear up to restart our lives in what appears to be the post-pandemic phase, the higher education sector too is undergoing unprecedented changes to adapt to newer ways of teaching and engaging students. The most important indicator of a country's progress is the status and quality of higher Education. The Catholic higher education ministry needs more visibility and credibility by making it all inclusive and transparent. Xavier Board helps generations of young people to explore varied opportunities and reflect on the different methods of transmitting Christian values to the generations yet to be formed in Christian Faith and Values. The news letter portrays the activities done by the XB member institutions at the national level and regional level from October 2021-2022 April.

With a deep sense of gratitude, I appreciate the Xavier Board National office for their meticulous work to bring out this Biannual Newsletter EDONIA. We hope and pray that the Spirit of God will enable us to take this forward to greater strides and come out as XB e-magazine at the regional level in 2022-'23.

Fr. Antony Arackal President, Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, Bangalore





Edonia' denotes — A place of excellence and high standards. It has a feminine connotation in French language. Edonia' is a derivative from Germanic name Idonea which is equivalent of Nordic goddess of immortality. Edonia' also means enthusiasm and the ability to encourage frustrated people to move ahead in life. The academic excellence we uphold through Xavier Board member institutions gives lasting freshness and fragrance to the Catholic Higher Education Ministry and the continuation of the Mission of Jesus Christ in the years ahead.

## **Executive Committee Members (2019 – 2022)**



President Rev.Fr. Antony Vacko Arackal



Vice-President Dr. Fr. Joji Reddy S.J



Secretary General Dr. Sr. Teresa, CSST



Joint Secretary Dr. Fr. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ



EC Member Dr. Fr. Sebastian Ousepparampil



EC Member Dr. Fr. D Sunder Reddy



EC Member Dr. Fr. James John

### Farewell to Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip and a welcome to Dr. Sr. Teresa September 15, 2021 as the Secretary General of Xavier Board

"For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes" These words of the former U.N. Secretary General and a renowned economist Dag Hammarskgold, resounds in our hearts as we bid farewell to Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip who steered the Xavier Board ship over six and a half years in turbulent times shouldering the great responsibility and brought to the shore to be anchored safely. Heart filled with gratitude we came together at Xavier Board National Office on 15th September, 2021 following strictly the Covid protocol. Fr. Antony Arackal, President of Xavier Board, Joye James S.J., and Dr. Sr. Arpana CSST the Members of Xavier Board were present on this auspicious occasion of the handing over ceremony of the office of secretary General.

The formal function began with a Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration officiated by the President Fr. Antony Arackal and the concelebrants were Fr. Joye James and Fr. George Kuruppath. In his introductory talk Fr. Antony recalled the services of Sr. Annamma rendered to the Xavier Board over the years. Her unassuming and welcoming attitude, approachable and motherly care to every Xavier Board member, her readiness to collaborate with the executive members, her innovative ideas in the field of preparedness in the accreditation processes of member Colleges etc. have helped the three Presidents with whom she worked to take the Xavier Board to what it is today. The day had come for her to take leave of this ministry and to go to another mission as required of her by her religious authorities. Hence choosing another person in her place became mandatory. He thanked her immensely for all her selfless contribution to Xavier Board. Fr. Joye James shared the Word of God with a note of thanksgiving, recounting the wonderful works Sr. Annamma has done and her welcoming personality. Staff of Xavier Board, National Office prayed for various intentions of Sr. Annamma and for Sr. Teresa on whom the mantle has fallen to steer this prestigious Higher Educational Organisation.

At the end of the Mass the Chief Celebrant Fr. Antony Arackal requested the outgoing Secretary and the Secretary designate to express their feelings in a few words in the form of thanksgiving. And both of them expressed their deepest sentiments at that moment before the Lord and those gathered around the Eucharistic banquet.

Followed by the Eucharistic celebration was a formal handing over ceremony. Sisters from FMM Provincial House, Bangalore, Sr. Annamma's Sister Sr. Sophie and the Mount Carmel College Principal, Dr. Sr. Arpana, Vice Principal Charmaine and the college Manager Sr. Beena also were present to witness the solemn ceremony. Then Sr. Annamma received the lighted lamp from the President and offered to Sr. Teresa as a symbolic gesture of accepting Xavier Board official responsibility with the Light of Christ.

XB National Office and all who were present at the ceremony welcomed Dr. Sr. Teresa CSST, the new Secretary General of XBHEI, Bangalore.









#### SECRETARY GENERAL DR. SR. TERESA - A SKETCH OF HER CREDENTIALS

Sometimes it takes an interruption to daily life to remind us how much we count on the dedication of teachers, the expertise of our principals and professors. They are absolutely worthy of our gratitude for doing what they do day in and day out, nourishing and moulding the lives of students and also guiding people who are around them.

Dr. Sr. Teresa, an economist and a writer from Ernakulam, Kerala, is a former principal of St. Teresa's College in Ernakulam. She has impacted the lives of many students and faculty members at her college by living a life of discipline and sincerity, spreading the love and joy of God to all who had an encounter with her.

Sister Teresa has instilled in them all important virtues. She put in a lot of work as a professor and as a principal to make her college a better environment for students. And she was successful. Lord has commissioned her with a new responsibility once she completed the work of being the Principal that he had assigned to her. XBHEI's Secretary General is presently Dr. Sr. Teresa.

As Catherine Pulsifer says "A teacher is one who helps others and influences lives forever"

Sr. Teresa not only carries out her work diligently but also inspires her staff in many ways. For us, Sr. Teresa is not only our Secretary General, but also a very dear educator at the National Office. She teaches us the ways of life. We learn a lot from her. Sr. Teresa was also the Principal and Manager of Tamil Nadu's Sacred Heart Science College. She has authored many books. Bhoomipadangal, Municipal Solid Waste Treatment in Kerala, The Scio-Economic Impact of HIV/AIDS- A Global Pandemic on Kerala, The Economics of Housing Finance with special reference to HDFC and KSHB, The AVAL, AKSHARAM, AAKAASHAM, ST. TERESA OF AVILA – A TREASURE IN CARMEL, A Treasure Within –Towards an eco-spirituality for a new millennium, are some of her published books.

Dr. Sr. Teresa has also been conferred with many awards for her active role in the Society. Kerala State e-Governance Award under the Category of e- Citizen's Service Delivery, from the Govt. of Kerala, Chief Ministers Award for innovations in Public Policy - 2013 under the Category of Public Service Delivery, Govt. of Kerala. VIT Vellore Institute of Technology Award for the Best Principal Award, Best Active Principal Award by the Mother Teresa Children's Development Society, Aurangabad, Maharashtra for two years consecutively, Conferred the Award by the University of South America recognizing her prolonged research on pertinent social issues.

Dear Sr. Teresa, "We are happy to work with you".

May our Good Lord shower upon you many more of his choicest blessings!

- XB Staff, National Office (Annie Shilpa and Swetha Arpana)

# Effective Documentation: Key to Enhancing Institutional Preparedness for NAAC Accreditation' Sept. 29 -30, 2021

In the month of September 2021, St. Joseph's College for Women, Alapuzzha, Kerala, in collaboration with the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, Bangalore, held an online Faculty Development Programme on "Effective Documentation: Key to Enhancing Institutional Preparedness for NAAC Accreditation."

The event took place on September 29th and 30th, 2021, and lasted two days. Dr. Ms. Ordetta Mendoza and Dr. Sebastian Vadakan served as the program's resource persons. The programme was both entertaining and educational. There were 45 people in attendance at this event. The programme was really beneficial to the attendees. We thank Dr. Ms. Ordetta Mendoza and Dr. Sebastian Vadakan for their willingness as resource persons for this programme, and made it a success.

#### AA-Audit by Xavier Board

XB-AA Audit was conducted for Holy Cross College, Agartala by Xavier Board of Higher Education in India during the month of October 2021.



Xavier Board of Higher Education in India records its gratitude to the Management of the College, The Holy Cross Educational Foundation, Tripura for the initiative to undertake the Administrative and Academic Audit of the College. The team places on record the tremendous work done by the Principal, the Vice-Principal, IQAC co-ordinator,

faculty, administrative and supportive staff, students, alumnae and parents, in providing all the information required and continuing to keep the name of the College flying high. The Audit was done ONLINE and began with a meeting with Principal, Dr. Fr. Benny K. John, who made a PPT presentation about the institution followed by an interaction with the audit team members. This was



followed by meetings with the IQAC, Faculty members, Administrative and supportive staff, students, alumnae and a parent (Management Committee member) as well as a virtual tour of the various infrastructural facilities of the College.



Xavier Board Academic and Administrative Audit Review Committee meeting was held on October 8, 2021. The long cherished dream of XB was realized in 2018. Two Review Committee Meetings were held on October 8th 2021 and January 22nd 2022. This was mainly to evaluate the audit programmes held at various colleges from 2018-2021. The financial statement was presented to evaluate the viability of continuing the XB AAA based on the present audit template. The decision was made by the Executive Committee Members to rework the Audit manual / restructure the audit template along with the changing NAAC/UGC guidelines.

XBHEI Executive Board meeting was convened on October 30, 2021. The XB Executive Board Meeting was held to plan the method of implementation of the programs decided at the Annual General Body Meeting and the consecutive Executive Meetings. The proposed programmes of Xavier Board was discussed in detail and the methodology of implementation of each program was spelt out at the Board meeting to work out the programmes effectively and efficiently.





#### Newly appointed XB Executive Board Members

It is with sincere pleasure we announce B.B. Paul Raj, Asst Prof, Dept of Psychology, Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore assumed the position of Secretary cum Treasurer for Karnataka Region of Xavier Board of Higher Education in India w.e.f. Nov 2021 and Dr. Fr. Rex Angelo SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College, Jaipur is the new Vice President of XB Northern Region w.e.f Feb 2022.

"Your talent, rich experiences, valuable thoughts and ideas will help greatly in the growth of XBHEI. With immense joy and great hope we once again welcome you to the Xavier Board Executive Board. We believe you will bring out the best in you and will do a remarkable job."

# WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY BEST FOR YOUR ENDEAVOUR...!!! GODBLESS YOU



Dr. Fr. Rex Angelo SJ



Mr. B.B. Paul Raj

#### Accolades conferred on Heads of Institutions of Xavier Board by AIACHE

Harold Taylor quotes "The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best you can become"

We, the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India proudly say that some of our member college principals have made an outstanding performance and have set the pace. They have been awarded as the Best Principal at the National Conference of All India Association for Christian Higher Education. Their Humble beginnings and difficult challenges, hard work and dedication brought forth this great achievement.

Dr. Fr. Victor Lobo S J, Principal, St. Joseph's College, Autonomous "Your quality and character made you the best principal; you inspire all and you always believe your students and above all, you lead your students towards being good human beings, rather than only having good academic certificates. Congratulations!!!"

Dr. Sajimol Augustine M, Senior Administrator and Former Principal, St. Teresa's College (Autonomous), Ernakulam, "The strength of your achievement is rooted in the depth of your passion". We wish many more awards in your life. A big applause and a heartfelt congratulations to you.

Dr. Sr. Alice Thomas, Principal of St. Paul Institute of Professional Studies, Indore, "Your award is the result of your hard work and efforts and a fearless spirit. You earned your title and it always reminds you of your dedication. Give your best always. It is the beginning of journey and lots of things are yet to achieve. We congratulate you for your achievements."

Dr. Sr. Velangini Kumari, Principal. St. Pious X Degree and PG College for Women, Hyderabad, and also one of the XB board members from Andhra/Telangana region (XB regional Secretary), "You exceptionally well merit this congratulation for your diligent work and devotion. Congrats on receiving this award.

#### Success is not an Activity. But A Process - D. J. Koys



Dr.Fr. Victor Lobo S J



Dr. Sajimol Augustine M



Dr. Sr. Alice Thomas



Dr.Sr. Velangini Kumari

#### Book Release by Marian College, Kuttikanam on Outcome Based Education (OBE)

"Books have the power to transport us to new worlds and different times, but they can also take us back to the important moments in our own lives".

One needs to have a lot of patience to keep the words flowing from the mind and to have the clarity to keep your choice of words at its best. Not to forget- attention to detail, creativity, expressing your thoughts clearly. Read a lot and be hungry to work a lot on your writing process in a disciplined way.

#### YES!!!

With all the above characteristics, Marian College, Kuttikanam – a member Institution of XBHEI has authored and released a book "Outcome Based Education – An Experiment of a Higher Educational Institution". The book launch was on 3rd January 2022 at government guest house, Ernakulam, Kerala. This event was presided by His Excellency Sri. M. Venkaiah Naidu, the Vice President of India. Dr.C.T. Aravinda Kumar, M.G University Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Roy Abraham, Principal, Fr. Boby Alex, College Governing Body Chairman, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, George Kallivayalil, and the editor Dr. Dr.Chackochan Njavallil and Dr. Binu Thomas also graced the occasion. Indeed a very proud moment for Marian College, Kuttikanam.

We applaud the publication of your book "Outcome Based Education - Experiments of a Higher Educational Institution". Congrats for your well-deserved success. There is only one thing that could replace a book: The next book. We wish you bring out many more books.





#### Xavier Board National Educational Excellence Award

There was a Core Committee meeting of XB Awards on Jan 7, 2022 at 06.30 p.m. The value of awards, category and criterion of awards were discussed during this meeting.

It is the most acclaimed accolade in the field of Catholic Higher Educational Institutions in India. It highlights and recognises the quality and diversity of our higher educational institutions across India who have achieved excellence by their significant contributions towards a value based higher educational ministry. The Xavier Board National education excellence awards salute the true spirit of institutions who have made their brand name in faith formation and academic excellence and transforming the lives of millions of students and driving them towards success in life.

The award is a certification of the positive initiatives and contributions of the higher educational institutions of Xavier Board towards nation building through academic and human excellence. The title of Xavier Board National Excellence award defines the credibility of the Colleges/Institutions under Xavier Board which genuinely strive towards Excellence, Quality, Access and Equity and make this nation a better place to live and work through the power of knowledge and wisdom. The Core Committee under the leadership of Dr.Fr. Arokiasamy Xavier proposed the types of awards at different levels for XB member colleges.

#### Congratulations to Dr. Fr. Joseph John who was awarded Ph.D degree in Educationfrom Kerala University.



His Study was on "Factors influencing interest in English among Higher Secondary School Students in Kerala". He is currently the XB Executive Board member and Manager of Bishop Benziger Nursing College. He is also the former Principal of Karmel Rani Teachers Training College, Kollam.

#### Tata Consultancy Services CSR training program in collaboration with XBHEI (Online)

On Monday, 17th January, 2022 at 6.30pm a meeting was held between XBHEI and TCS to discuss the Youth Employment Program under CSR umbrella. YEP is a TCS initiative and is collaborating with XBHEI. The program promotes inclusive growth by enhancing skills of undergraduates and unemployed graduates from rural and disadvantaged communities, thereby improving employability, employment, and standard of living.







Xavier Board National Networking & Academic Collaborations meeting (Online) was held on Saturday, 22nd January, 2022 at 3.30 pm. The need for collaboration, the areas of collaboration with academic institutions, areas of industrial collaboration and International academic collaborations etc. were presented by Dr. Geo Fernandez, the Dean of Albertian Institute of Management. This project is spearheaded by Fr. Antony Arackal, Albertian Institute of Management & President of Xavier Board.





#### Remembrance Meet of Dr. J Alexander on 30.01.2022

There was a Remembrance Meet of Dr. J Alexander IAS on 30th January 2022. Dr. Sr. Teresa CSST, Secretary General, XBHEI represented XBHEI and participated in this meet. Dr. Sr. Teresa was also one of the speakers during this meet. She extended deepest sympathy and shared in the grief of the bereaved family and friends.

Below are the words of Dr. Sr. Teresa paying tribute during the Remembrance Meet.



May His Soul Rest In Peace
Former Chief Secretary of Karnataka
and Former Cabinet Minister of Karnataka



A Tribute to Dr. Alexander IAS

#### Dr. Sr. Teresa CSST, Secretary General, Xavier Board, Bangalore (30/01/2022)

Your Grace Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop, Archdiocese of Bangalore, Your Excellency Dr. Alex Vadakumthala, Bishop, Diocese of Kannur, Near and Dear ones of Dr. Alexander, Dr. Babu Sebastian, Justice Kurian Joseph, Eminent Academicians, Educationists, Other dignitaries on the dias, Students and my dear friends

It was on the 16th November 2021, about two months ago, I met Dr. Alexander on my way back to Bangalore from Kochi at the Kochi International Airport. That was the first meeting with a stranger who was not known to me previously. Since we had plenty of time at the airport, Sir started talking about the new trends in higher education scenario. He was so very excited to know that I am part Mount Carmel College, Bangalore and Teresian college Mysore where he was one of the Governing body members. He was all the more happy to hear that I am from the Xavier Board of Higher education, because he was one of the former Board members of Xavier Board. From then on we became very good friends. He was helping me to initiate some skill based projects for the students of member colleges of Xavier Board. We also had a plan to submit a project proposal to Xavier Board Executive Committee in collaboration with Vedhik IAS Academy. Even on Monday he called me and entrusted the responsibility with Dr. Babu Sebastian.

The sudden departure of this great soul is indeed a great loss to humanity. A visionary par Excellence, A good Parliamentarian, An efficient Administrator, an Able Advisor and Mentor, he stands out as a distinctive personality-proactive in thinking, attitude and approach. Yes, we can say that one bright STAR is shifted to another galaxy to shine brighter. The radiance of his Angelic presence, and the fragrance of his virtuous life be a source of inspiration to all of us specially those who pursue their academic journey. May he continue to sing that endless song with the choirs of angels in heaven.

#### MAY HIS SOUL RESTIN PEACE

#### **XB Meeting with Coursera Team**



A Global Platform that offers online Certification Courses FDP, etc. in partnership with colleges on 10.02.2022 at 02.00pm. Xavier Board as a Consortium of Catholic HEIs in India can make a study of the Project proposal to be submitted by them. It is already in tie up with many colleges in India and XB too. If the project is feasible to us and beneficial for our students and faculty, we can look into it and get the best certification courses at minimal rates which can be added as a part of Curriculum or Add-on Courses for Skill Development and other related certifications. Fr. Arackal, Fr. Joby Joseph and Sr. Teresa addressed the team.

XB has not taken the next step forward due to lack of clarity in the financial aspects presented to us.

#### National Executive Meetings from August 2021 to March 2022

August 17 2021 January 22, 2022

September 28, 2021 March 12, 2022

December 18, 2021

The National Executive Committee Members meet online offline to define Xavier Board functions updating the changing higher education scenario in the light of NEP 2020 and the post pandemic situations. The pedagogical Futures ,building intuitive capabilities in university settings, expanding the pracademic spaces, conquering the edge of Skill Development ,networking, partnership and collaborations etc. are discussed during the meetings. The means to unlock the Future of higher education is taken as a challenge to Catholic higher educational institutions to move vertically and horizontally with restricted minority rights.

# XB Regional Meetings held to discuss plans that need to be executed this academic year at the Regional Level and Institutional Level



Kerala North Regional Meet -Jan 27, 2022 at 04:00pm



Kerala South Regional Meet -Feb 4, 2022 at 04:00pm



Tamil Nadu Regional Meet -Feb 10, 2022 at 04:30pm



Karnataka Regional Meet -Feb 12, 2022 at 05:00pm



Western Regional Meet-Feb 12, 2022



Andhra & Telangana Regional Meet -Feb 15, 2022



Northern Regional Meet -Feb 17, 2022



East and North East Regional Meet -March 10, 2022

#### Programs organised by Xavier Board Regions

#### XB Kerala North Region

Annual Meeting of Kerala North Region of XB was held on February 26, 2022 at Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy. Welcome speech was given by Dr. Sr. Irene, President of Kerala North XB region. Followed by the presidential address by Sr. Lilly Maria, Former Principal of Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy. Fr. Antony Arackal, President of XBHEI gave the inaugural address on Academic Collaboration and MoU. Keynote Address on topic: "Alone Together: Communication, Communities and Leadership" was given by Fr. Shinto Mangalathu VC, Councilor for Education and Media & Secretary General, Vincentian Congregation. There was also a discussion on problems faced by member colleges. There was also a signing of MoU. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr. Justine George, Secretary of Kerala North XB region.

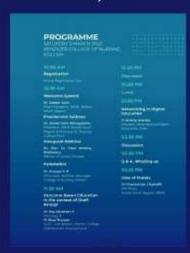




#### **XB Kerala South Region**

Springs of Life an intercollegiate students gathering (online) was conducted on February 26, 2022 Saturday at 03:30pm. It was organised by XB Kerala South Region, CSM and JY Marian College(Autonomous), Kuttikkanam

XB Kerala South Region in association with Bishop Benziger College of Nursing, Kollam organised a workshop on "Outcome Based Education in the context of Draft NHEQF & Networking in Higher Education" on March 5, 2022.





#### XB Tamil Nadu Region

Tamil Nadu Region Core Committee meeting was held on March 10, 2022 at St. Joseph's College, Autonomous ,Trichy. The meeting was primarily for planning for the regional level and institutional level programs. The regional representatives under the leadership of XB Joint Secretary Dr. Arokiasamy Xavier, Principal of St. Joseph's College decided to have the National Youth Program @ Fatima College, Madurai and the Networking Conference for the Heads of institutions @ Mar Gregorious College,



Chennai.

# XB Tamil Nadu Region in association with Fatima College (Autonomous), Madurai organised a National Level Youth Parliament on April 26 & 27, 2022.

It is a non-partisan and an apolitical event. The competition aimed at creating politically and socially engaged youth, as well as future leaders who would contribute their best towards Nation Building. 17 colleges from all over India (including colleges from Shillong, Ambikapur, Kolkatta, Vijayawada and Hyderabad) had registered for the National Youth Parliament. The uploaded videos were screened by a 3 member Panel of Judges and 10 colleges were selected for the next round of competition that was held in Fatima College on April 26 & 27, 2022.















#### XAVIER BOARD KARNATAKA REGION

National Youth Program on "Transformational Leadership" organised by Xavier Board Karnataka Region on April 8th, 2022 at St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore. His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry D'Souza, Bishop of Bellary Diocese inaugurated the Youth Program.









A National webinar on Transformative Pathways in Higher Education in India was organised in association with Mount Carmel College, Autonomous ,Bangalore. Xavier Board is grateful for the technical support and the other facilities provided by the College Principal Dr. Sr. Arpana CSST, Vice Principal, Dr. Charmaine, XB Contact Persons, Dr. Regina and Dr. Lekha.



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#### Andhra & Telangana Region

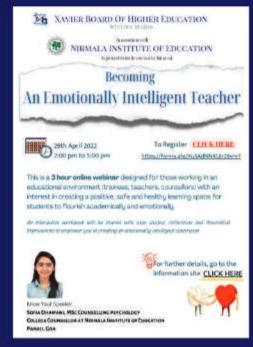
Five Xavier Board Degree & PG autonomous colleges of Telangana, exchanged MOUs for Networking, in the presence of Archbishop of Hyderabad Most Rev Dr. Poola Anthony DD on the Feast Day of Annunciation March 25, 2022.

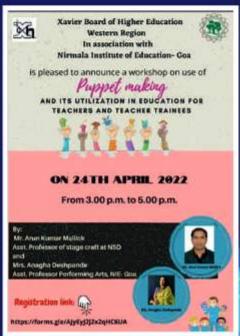




#### Western Region

Xavier Board Western Region in association with Nirmala Institute of Education, Goa organized a workshop on the use of "Puppet Making and its utilization in Education For Teachers and Teacher Trainees" on April 24th, 2022. The resource persons for this workshop was Mr. Arun Kumar Mallick, Asst. Professor of stage craft at NSD and Mrs. Anagha Deshpande, Asst. Professor Performing Arts, NIE – Goa. The programme was very interactive and enriching.





#### A National Webinar organised by Xavier Board Of Higher Education in India

A National webinar on "Transforming pathways in Higher Education – Pedagogical futures" was held on 26/03/2022. The resource person focussed on the changing nature of Pedagogy in Higher Education, institutional preparations, the relevance and challenges of quality control issues and the innovative teaching techniques. The webinar began with a prayer by Mount Carmel College followed by welcome speech by Dr. Fr. Joji Reddy, Principal Loyola Academy, Secunderabad. Fr. Antony Arackal, President of the Xavier Board chaired the session. Sr. Mary Kutty, Principal St. Anne's College of Education, Secunderabad introduced the resource person. The session was for about two hours. He also mentioned the major signals of changes in higher education that are being witnessed in the light of NEP. The ten ways to rediscover academic authenticity in the institutional context was an insight to most of us. He shared with us his insight on Innovative Evaluation methods also. Participants were very alert to make observations on the presentations and many sought clarifications on new concepts and terminologies. The excellent feed back received from the participants and their requests to arrange talks like this by the XB is really motivating and rewarding.



#### New Website of XBHEI "www.xavierboard.in"

On April 6, 2022 an online meeting was held at 04:00pm with an agenda of introducing the new Xavier Board Interactive Website for Academic Collaborations. Dr. Sr. Teresa made an opening prayer and welcomed all the participants. Fr. Antony Arackal launched the Xavier Board new website and gave a practical session on how to use the academic collaborations portal.



#### Tally Education Pvt Ltd

We are pleased to announce that XBHEI is partnered with Tally Education Pvt Ltd. XB application form was approved by TEPL and will be signing the MoU in the month of May 2022.

Currently it is ready for all the member colleges to register for this joint venture.



### Concluding Message

Dear friends and members of Xavier Board!

As we approach the end of the triennium of Xavier Board 2019 – 2022, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude as Xavier Board Executive members for all your support, encouragement and engagement in this exciting academic endeavour.

Xavier Board of Higher Education in India has developed a culture of Excellence and Innovation over the years. It has spread its wings of pedagogical futures to soar high in academics and research through national/international/industrial networking, faithfully following the Synodal nature of the Catholic Church. May we as collaborators, journey together enriching each other and benefitting from one another in mutually supporting and sustainable initiatives.

Dr. Sr. Teresa CSST Secretary General Xavier Board of Higher Education in India



