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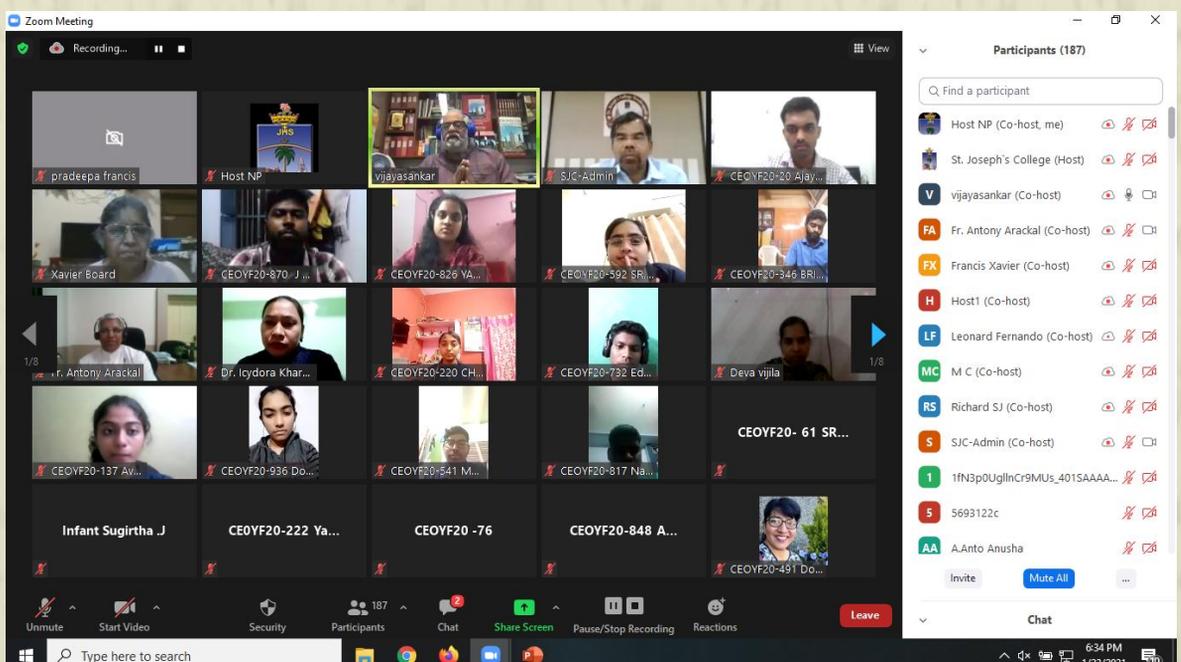


Catholic Colleges Online Youth Fest 2021 DEEPEN YOUR SPIRITUALITY

The annual National Youth Leadership programme was held virtually from Jan 22-24, 2021. The programme was organised by St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu in collaboration with Xavier Board of Higher Education. The theme of the Youth Fest 'Go and Do Likewise' was taken from Luke 10:37, the parable of the Good Samaritan. The campus Ministry team headed by Fr. Richard, SJ of St. Joseph's College took the lead in organizing the event. Catholic students and staff coordinators from 55 colleges participated in the online fest. As part of the fest various competitions were organised and cash prizes were awarded to the winners. There were over 450 registered participants.

Eminent resource persons from different walks of life addressed the participants including well known political analysts, journalists, spiritual leaders and educationists around the globe shared their views on the theme and enlightened the youth intellectually as well as spiritually. There were overwhelming appreciations and positive responses from the participants.

The aim of the youth festival was to bring the Catholic College Youth





National level Webinar on 'Fratelli Tutti'

Organized by

Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai

And

Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, Bangalore

27 Feb, 2021

The main focus was 'On the understanding and realising 'Fratelli Tutti' by Catholic Colleges & Universities in India.



Resource Persons:

His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay & President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), New Delhi and

Dr. Sr. Pushpa Joseph FMM, Former Provincial, Bangalore Province & former Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Christianity, Univ. of Madras & Member, Board of Trustees (United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia) UBCHEA, Board Member, IASCT, Hong Kong.



The Webinar hosted by Stella Maris College was attended by over 300 registered participants.

'FRATELLI TUTTI'. These were the words of Saint Francis of Assisi when he addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavor of the Gospel.

In this Encyclical, Pope Francis expressed the essence of Fraternal Openness. St. Francis of Assisi, the saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy, inspired Pope Francis to write the Encyclical 'Laudato Si', and prompted him once more to devote a new Encyclical to fraternity and social friendship and is an invitation to dialogue by all people of goodwill. The COVID pandemic has revived the sense of fraternity.

Online Consultative Meeting responding to NEP was held on Nov. 26, 2020. The following persons attended the meeting – Fr. Antony Arackal, Dr. Fr. Joji Reddy SJ, Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM, Dr. Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ, Fr. Leslie Moras, Fr. Joye James SJ, Dr. Fr. Sebastian Ousepparampil, Fr. Francis Parmar SJ, Dr. Fr. Lancelot D’Cruz, Dr. Fr. D Sundar Reddy, Dr. Sr. Pearl, MSA and Dr. Ms. Ordetta Mendoza.

The meeting began with a prayer by Sr. Annamma Philip followed by a welcome address by Fr. Joji Reddy. Fr. Antony Arackal introduced the purpose of the meeting and then requested Fr. Joseph Xavier to begin by expressing his thoughts on the same. All the members expressed their concerns and identified the important aspects that we needed to focus on regarding the NEP. The Members made suggestions on how XB could initiate the process of countering these concerns. Finally, after sharing and discussion, it was decided that four committees would be set up to study and deal with the NEP 2020 document. It was also decided that the document prepared will be sent to the CBCI, Secretaries of all the Bishops and all Catholic Institutions. The meeting came to a close with the vote of thanks by Sr. Annamma Philip, Secretary General, XBHEI.



in collaboration with



MASTERMIND A WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP WITHIN UNIVERSITIES

A series of 6 webinars for Women Principals of XBHEI member Universities (Colleges), from Feb 15 to March 22, 2021.

Ten Principals from all 8 regions of Xavier Board participated in the webinar. An additional Webinar was also held on March 29, 2021 as a gift from the resource person too!

The resource person, **Madam Edith Lassiat** is a well known, internationally acclaimed author, coach and speaker. She has always been keen to live out her passions and transmit her deep taste for surpassing oneself to succeed in an intense and authentic life.



Feedback from a few participants:

Dear Sr. Annamma,

- *I wish to express my sincere thanks to you and the team for selecting me for the Women Leadership Programme. I found it worth participating in.*
- *I have personally gained knowledge and discovered my leadership qualities (Who am I?).*
- *It was an inner journey into self. I will ever treasure the learnings I had.*

-Sr. Jenifer D'Souza, Holy Cross College of Nursing, Ambikapur, Chhatisgarh

I am writing this letter to express my sincere gratitude to the XB for organising the Master Class- Leadership for Women by Edith Lassiat.

Thanks to each one of you especially Dr. Ordetta Mendoza, Dr. Ms. Isabel Capeloa Gil (President of IFCU) and Prof. Mabelle (Secretary General, IFCU) and you Sr. Annamma for making it possible to happen. I consider myself lucky for being at the right place at the right time to avail of this opportunity.

Every session by Edith Lassiat was professionally executed with careful consideration. Each session gave us the opportunity to connect with our deeper self and qualities and sequentially build up to identifying our own unique Leadership DNA. This kind of training gives us a strong foundation to become a leader for the benefit of all our stakeholders and carry the vision and mission of our Institution ahead.

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The programme that span across 7 weeks was well organised and co-ordinated because of humongous efforts by Dr. Ms. Ordetta Mendoza. Her investment of time and effort in instrumenting this programme for newly appointed women Principals is highly appreciated and reflective of her genuine welfare for good governance. Ordetta would succinctly and gently nudge all of us. She was largely responsible to bridge the gap of cultural differences so that we could get the maximum out of the programme.



Dr. Aldina Braganza e Gomes

The Seven weeks, each week consisting of more than two hours of Masterclass leadership for women was very interesting and I personally learnt many new ideas and techniques. Even though I have attended many programmes of similar types, this programme was something unique and special. In the beginning I was not much interested to participate in the programme but later it became more interesting.

- The presentations by Edith was superb and was very methodical and clear.
- She was concentrating on each individual with more interactive sessions.
- The personal sharing of each participants was very enriching. and helped me to go deep in to myself more and more.
- I understood that creativity and optimism needs to be followed in my role as Principal.
- I also understood that the leader should positively influence the group, take risk for common good and to be the Hedonist to balance my spiritual life.
- As a leader, my posture and words will influence the staff and students and it is very essential for me to be aware of it.
- I have learnt many other lessons from this Masterclass webinar which has helped me to become aware of many drawbacks and ways of overcoming them.



Sr. Jaya Santhi R,
Principal, Auxilium College
(Autonomous), Vellore, TN

My sincere thanks to IFCU and Xavier Board especially to Sr. Annamma Philip, fmm, Secretary General – XB and Dr. Ms. Ordetta Mendoza for organizing this programme. May God bless and reward you for all your services.

OTHER PRINCIPALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE
MASTERCLASS PROGRAMME



Ms. Nisha Joseph, St. Anne's Degree College For Women, Halasuru, Bangalore



Dr. Sr. Janet Mendonca, BS, VU Bethany College, Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh



Dr. Sr. Reena Ittyachan, Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy



Dr. Lizzy, Mathew, St. Teresa's College, (Autonomous), Ernakulam



Dr. Rita Latha D' Couto, St Joseph's College for Women, Alappuzha



Sr. Anita Lobo, St. Ann's College, Kokrajhar, Assam



Sr. Jennifer D'Souza, Holy Cross College of Nursing, Ambikapur, Chatisgarh



Sr. Velangini Kumari, St. Pious X Degree and PG College for Women, Hyderabad

Thanks to the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) and Xavier Board of Higher Education in India for the wonderful opportunity of being able to participate in the Leadership Programme for Women Principals which consisted of 6 Leadership Webinars. The training sessions were uniquely designed and brilliantly crafted. It was a privilege to be able to explore one's leadership potential with Coach Edith Lassiat. She demonstrated extraordinary commitment towards working with each participant individually.

The training webinars helped me to achieve a better understanding of my gifts and talents as a leader as well as the constraints and barriers which prevented me from actualising my leadership potential completely. It also helped me to gain better focus and raise my level of achievement motivation. Attending the sessions was like going on an adventurous journey on which unique insights and discoveries were made every step of the way.

I would like to place on record my gratitude to Edith Lassiat for her incredible generosity, positive attitude and determination to ensure that each one of us underwent a transformational and yes, even healing process. We realized that becoming change agents and transformational leaders in our institutions and the larger society demanded from us the courage and commitment to overcome both the individual and structural barriers which hindered us from achieving our full leadership potential.

I would like to express my appreciation to IFCU for investing in the cause of enhancing the leadership competence of women Principals. My heartfelt thanks to Xavier Board Secretary General, Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip, for the proactive initiative in organizing this Leadership Masterclass for newly appointed Women Principals. Special mention should be made of our coordinator, Dr. Ms. Ordetta Mendoza for her vibrant and dynamic presence, useful suggestions and excellent facilitation of the programme and for continuing to be with us and guide us on our journey.

I hope that IFCU and Xavier Board will continue with their mission of creating transformational and inspirational leaders in our higher educational institutions.

Thanks again for this excellent developmental opportunity and supporting us on our leadership journey.

*- Dr. Rita Latha D'couto
Principal, St. Joseph's College for Women, Alappuzha.*

WELCOME

DR. SR. TERESA, CSSJ,



Former Principal, St. Teresa's College (Autonomous),
Ernakulam, Kerala

THE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF XBHEI

WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR NEW POSITION

Congratulations !!

XBHEI has awarded three scholarships to students – two in Tamil Nadu region and one in Karnataka regions. Congratulations to the recipients.

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ONLINE WEBINARS:

XBHEI conducted 3 webinars between Jan. - Sept. 2021. The resource persons for the following webinars were: Dr. Joe Jesudurai and Dr. Ms. Ordetta Mendoza.

St. Albert's College (Autonomous), Kochi in collaboration with XBHEI organised and conducted a series of 5 webinars between November 2020 and March 2021 for the faculty of College. The webinars focussed on the various criteria of the NAAC-SSR as well as on the institution's '**Documentation and Preparedness for Accreditation**'. It was well received and with much interaction between the participants and the resource persons.

IQAC and People Education and Social Empowerment Centre (PESEC) of Saint Claret College, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with XBHEI conducted a 3-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on '**NAAC Matrix and Documentation**' for the faculty of the College. The webinar was held from August 5-7, 2021. There were 32 participants including the Principal and the Vice-Principal (Administration).

St. Pauls Institute of Communication Education for Women, Mumbai in collaboration with XBHEI organised a 2- day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on '**Mentoring students, Professional Ethics and Documentation**' for the Administrators and Faculty of the Institution. It was held online from Sept. 13-14, 2021.

XAVIER BOARD - ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT (XB-AA AUDIT)

Xavier Board has successfully completed the XB-AA Audit for 2 XB member colleges and 1 AIACHE member college. They are:

1. Saint Claret College, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh (XB member)
2. Patna Women's College, Patna, Bihar (XB member)
3. St. Stephen's College, New Delhi (AIACHE Member).

The XB- AA audits were done online and the Audit team members included former Principals of XB member colleges, NAAC Peer Team members, University Professors and the Co-ordinator of Programmes of XBHEI. A few more colleges are in the pipeline.

Xavier Board places on record its gratitude to the institutions for the trust and confidence reposed in it by undertaking the process of Academic and Administrative Audit.

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IN MEMORIAM



**DR. SR. ELIZABETH, S.J.T.,
FORMER PRINCIPAL, JYOTI NIVAS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), BANGALORE
AND FORMER PRESIDENT, KARNATAKA REGION, XBHEI**

A TRIBUTE

"She made broken beautiful and strong invincible. She walked with the universe on her shoulders and made it look like a pair of wings. Until we meet again, may your beautiful soul rest in peace."

- Sr. Rosily, Administrator, Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous).

Dr. Sr. Elizabeth C S, an alumna of Jyoti Nivas College joined the Department of Psychology in 1992 and was the first Principal of the bifurcated PU college from 2002 to 2005. She was Vice-Principal of the College from 2006 to 2009 and Principal from 2010 until her demise on June 22, 2021.

Under her leadership, Jyoti Nivas College experienced tremendous growth. She was instrumental in initiating several programmes such as the B.Voc. and many others and taking JNC to greater heights, which placed it as one among the premier institutions of the country. She was at the helm of affairs during the 3rd and 4th cycles of Re-accreditation by NAAC, was instrumental in the college being given the title of 'College of Excellence'.

Dr. Sr. Elizabeth was a visionary *par excellence* who knitted the JNC family together. She had a childlike enthusiasm and was an enthusiastic learner who kept herself updated with new technologies and developments. As a psychologist and counselor she helped people to face challenges and obstacles when in difficult situations. She had the unique ability to encourage and motivate staff, students, family, friends and Sisters of the congregation on how to work towards letting their light shine. A good listener she cared about each one on campus and the community while appreciating every little achievement of each one. She exuded kindness, gentleness, generosity, respect, charm and insight. Always gracious she treated each one as a family member and went out of her way to make them feel at home and comfortable in her presence. She was respected and admired for her commitment and outstanding contribution to higher education at JNC and in Bangalore. She will continue to live in the hearts of all who knew her. RIP dear Sr.

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Xavier Board - Condolence Statement

A Tribute to Dr. Sr. Elizabeth CS, SJT

Goodbyes hurt the most when the story is not finished....

On behalf of the Executive Members, Principals, Managers, Secretaries and all other members of Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, I express our heartfelt condolences to the JNC family and all the members of the SJT Community at the passing of Dr. Sr. Elizabeth, Former Principal, Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru.

We have joined in this online condolence meeting today to share in your grief and offer our deepest sympathies.

It was a poignant moment when the sad and shocking news of the demise of Dr. Sr. Elizabeth broke out on 22nd June 2021. All who knew her were in a state of utter disbelief, trying hard to come to terms with this incredible loss. She was a charismatic leader who worked hard towards taking her Institution towards greater heights.

Her vision and commitment for qualitative and quantitative expansion of Education has left an indelible mark which would remain a guiding force for future generations. As expressed by many, knowing sister was a privilege and a blessing. Her warmth and kindness had a magnetic effect on those with whom she interacted with. She has been an example to show that giving is a part of our life. She would be sadly missed but well remembered!

Death brings pain that time can only heal.

No words could ease what we truly feel.

But with God, her joy is eternally sealed.

And we cherish her memories that death cannot steal.

May the precious memories soften the sadness of your spirit dear Srs. of St. Tarbes and the JNC family. May God encompass you all with strength, peace, and comfort in this difficult time.

Always Remember...

Those we love don't go away-They walk beside us every day, - Unseen, Unheard Always Near, **still missed, still loved and very dear.** They live on forever in our hearts and cast their radiant light on our every shadow."

Sr. Elizabeth leaves behind a legacy that speaks of her acumen and leadership skills. The Catholic fraternity has lost a great person, who has left indelible footprint on the **sands of time.**

May the promise in 2 Cor. 5:8 'When you leave your body, you will be at home in My Presence,' be our comfort and consolation.

May Perpetual light shine upon Sr. Elizabeth and may her soul rest in Eternal Peace! Amen!