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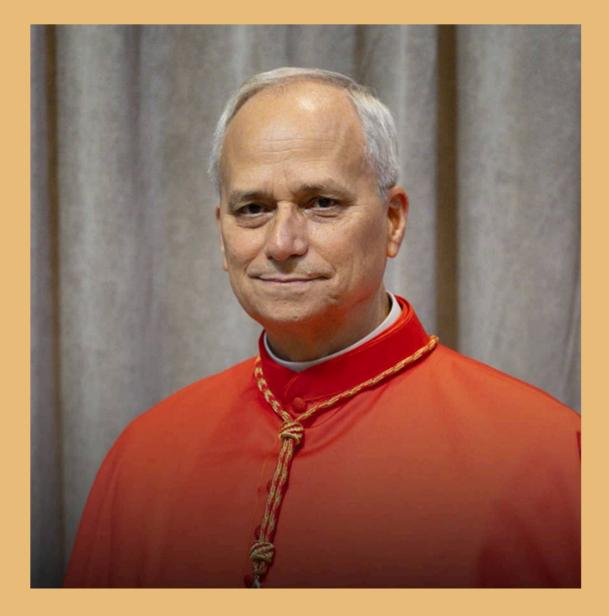
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Pope Leo XIV (Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost), is the 267th successor of St. Peter.

Let's extend our warmest felicitation, heartfelt congratulations and sincere prayers to the ministry of the new Pope.

May God bless all of us abundantly through the ministry of our new Pope.

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Message from the President



The world watched with awe as Pope Leo XIV was elected as the successor to Pope Francis, marking a new era in the history of the Church. While Pope Francis captured the heart of the world through his compassion for the poor, the marginalized, and his powerful reminder that "who are we to judge?", Pope Leo XIV is set to continue this mission, rewriting history by championing justice, peace, and solidarity. We are truly blessed to live in such transformative times.

In this spirit of transformation, I am proud to witness how the youth of our XBHEI institutions are shining across the globe. Students from colleges like St. Joseph's University, Teresian College, Sacred Heart's College, Thevara, Kristu Jayanti College, and many others have won prestigious national and international accolades in sports, NSS, youth engagement, green initiatives, Zero Hunger programs, and more. The remarkable number of NET qualifiers from Sophia College is also a strong testament to the academic excellence that XBHEI institutions nurture.

On a personal note, attending national and international conferences—such as those at Stella Maris College and De Paul College, Mysuru—has been profoundly enriching. Meeting fellow Jesuit leaders at the IAJU gathering in Ranchi, visiting our colleges whenever possible, and experiencing the dynamic youth meet at St. Claret's, with over 200 vibrant young minds from across the country, was nothing short of inspirational. Our recent Board Meeting at Jyoti Nivas College served as a catalyst, reigniting our collective resolve to come together in addressing challenges within our network. These engagements continually reaffirm my belief that XBHEI colleges remain at the forefront of imparting value-based, knowledge-based, and skill-based education.

I am deeply inspired by the legacy we are building—one of unity, purpose, and unwavering commitment. This legacy pushes me to be a lifelong learner and a witnessing servant-leader. I am also humbled to share that I have been awarded a research scholarship and invited to Loyola University, Andalucía, Spain, to present my research on the green synthesis of nanoparticles for the treatment of colon and breast cancers through time-regulated doses. This recognition strengthens my resolve to lead by example—to be the role model I hope our students and faculty can look up to.

Let us continue to walk together, inspired by faith, driven by excellence, and united in our mission to reach the unreached.

God bless you all.

Rev. Dr. L. Joji Reddy, S.J. President, Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHEI)

Rooted in Faith, United in Vision: Reimagining Catholic Higher Education through Cluster Collaboration in India

Prospects and Challenges in Sharing Human and Material Resources among Registered Educational Societies

Amid shifting societal, political, and economic landscapes, Catholic Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in India are being called to a renewed mission—one that demands deep introspection and bold innovation. Catholic colleges and universities are encouraged to reimagine their role and relevance in shaping the next generation.

The phrase "Rooted in Faith, United in Vision" captures this renewal with poignancy. Catholic institutions, inspired by the values of the Gospel and the rich intellectual tradition of the Church, are invited to join hands—not merely out of necessity, but as an act of hope and stewardship. (culture, 2023)

A transformative proposal within the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) is the cluster college model—a vision that encourages autonomous institutions to collaborate, pool resources, and evolve together while retaining their identities. For Catholic educational societies across India—many of which operate multiple small or medium-sized colleges—this model offers not only logistical and pedagogical benefits, but also theological and communal resonance.

The Promise of Shared Mission

Cluster collaboration, when approached intentionally, opens a wealth of possibilities. Resource-sharing between registered Catholic educational societies can optimize underutilized infrastructure—laboratories, libraries, sports complexes, and digital platforms—allowing more institutions and students to benefit from collective assets. Such sharing fosters academic synergy, enabling joint programs, student exchanges, and collaborative faculty research that would otherwise be unattainable for stand-alone institutions.

Beyond material gains, the human dimension offers perhaps the most meaningful transformation. Faculty from diverse backgrounds—lay, religious, rural, urban—can cross-pollinate ideas while staying rooted in Catholic values. When colleges collaborate on curriculum design, pedagogy, and teacher training, the result is a more holistic and inclusive educational experience. Students, meanwhile, are exposed to a wider variety of learning modalities, mentorship opportunities, and cultural contexts—all within a spiritually grounded framework.

With enrolments in some regions declining and faculty increasingly choosing high-paying institutions or corporate or international opportunities over long-term institutional commitment, clustering can also help stabilize operations. By forming shared pools of adjunct faculty, offering collective incentives, and supporting interdisciplinary roles, institutions can better support academic continuity and morale.

Finally, in a country where communal sensitivities and political tensions can pose serious challenges, unity among Catholic HEIs is also a matter of witness. A united cluster of colleges—serving students of all faiths—can model harmony, equity, and excellence in action.

The Challenge of Shared Responsibility

The journey toward cluster collaboration is neither automatic nor without its hurdles. The first barrier is often fear of identity dilution. Institutions with proud legacies and unique charisms may fear losing autonomy in a shared model. Leadership transitions, differing pedagogical approaches, and administrative structures can further complicate integration.

Legal and logistical questions around governance, funding, and accreditation also require clarity. For example, aligning academic calendars, fee structures, and credit transfers across institutions demands foresight and harmonization—something that has traditionally been a challenge in India's fragmented higher education system.

There are also **real disparities in capacity**—urban versus rural campuses, English-medium versus regional-language institutions, and tech-enabled versus analog infrastructures. For a collaboration to be just and fruitful, these gaps must be acknowledged and creatively addressed.

Then there is the **faculty factor**. Many educators today are drawn by material security more than mission alignment. To attract and retain faculty who view teaching as a vocation—especially in less-glamorous or lower-resource campuses—Catholic institutions must invest not only in salaries but also in spiritual formation, mentorship, and community life.

Lastly, the **changing political climate** places increasing pressure on minority-run institutions. Now more than ever, Catholic colleges must know how to assert their constitutional rights with wisdom while engaging society respectfully and courageously. Cluster networks can provide legal, strategic, and moral support in such instances.

A Call to Courage and Creativity

Despite these challenges, the moment beckons with hope. Cluster collaboration is not a loss of institutional uniqueness but a discovery of **shared vocation**. It invites Catholic educational leaders to think not only as administrators, but as stewards of a mission larger than their own campuses. Rooted in the Gospel and united in vision, Catholic HEIs in India can embody the very essence of ecclesia in via—the Church on pilgrimage toward a more just and enlightened society.

The road ahead for Catholic higher education in India is both sacred and strategic. In a nation on the move, the Church cannot afford fragmentation and inertia. Instead, by **reimagining cluster collaboration not merely as an administrative convenience but as a Gospel-rooted mission,** Catholic institutions can renew their prophetic role in education. Let's give a thought.........

I gratefully acknowledge and place on record the great generosity and support rendered by the XB Member Institutes to organize the following:

- 1.St. Joseph's College of Commerce Autonomous Bangalore- Two-day online Faculty Development Program.
- 2. Fr. Agnel's Arts and Commerce College, Pilar, Goa- Two-day National Level Seminar.
- 3. St Claret College Autonomous- Two-day National Level Youth Convention.
- 4. De Paul College, Mysore-Two-day International Level Conference
- 5. Jyothi Nivas College Autonomous-83rd Xavier Board Executive Board Meeting.

Dr Sr Deepthi UFS Secretary General Xavier Board National Office Bangalore - 25

Principal's files corner Series No 1

Legacy of Leadership: My Achievements and Challenges at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai - By Dr. Rajendra D. Shinde

As I step down from the role of Principal of St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, on 31st May 2025, I reflect on a journey that has been both deeply personal and institutionally transformative. My association with this iconic institution spans over 45 years—from a shy, unsure student struggling with English, to becoming the first non-Christian Principal in the college's more than 150-year Jesuit history. It is a journey defined by faith in growth, collaborative leadership, and an unwavering commitment to academic excellence.

Humble Beginnings and Academic Roots

When I first entered the historic corridors of Xavier's as a student, I was overwhelmed by the culture, the language, and the stature of the institution. My comfort came from the Marathi Vangmaya Mandal (MVM), where I found a space to belong.

In August 1983, even before my T.Y.B.Sc. results were declared, I was offered the position of Herbarium Curator. That opportunity changed the direction of my life. It led to a rewarding teaching career, a completed Ph.D., and eventually a lifelong commitment to research, pedagogy, and educational administration.

From Educator to Institutional Leader

My early years in teaching were shaped by a love for the field and the classroom. I took great pride in making science come alive—literally—with fresh plants in every lecture and hands-on learning during field trips. My students' fond memories of those trips are among my most cherished rewards.

Alongside teaching, I gradually took on administrative responsibilities. My work with the Examination Committee, under the guidance of my mentor Dr. Rao, gave me my first exposure to academic governance. Later, I had the privilege of serving as Convenor of the Examination Committee and Director of International Programs, where I facilitated exchanges and international collaborations that enriched our institutional ecosystem.

When I was appointed Vice-Principal (Science), and eventually Principal in 2018, it was a moment of deep humility and honour. To be chosen as the first non-Jesuit, non-Christian Principal of this great college reflected the inclusive spirit of Xavier's, and I was determined to uphold and expand that legacy.

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Milestones as Principal

As Principal, I focused on both innovation and inclusivity. In my first year, we launched four new academic programmes. Over the next six years, we added over a dozen UG, PG, Diploma, and Certificate programmes. Innovative programs like M.Sc. in Big Data Analytics in collaboration with Tata Consultancy Services, MA Psychology in Life Span Counselling, PG Diploma in Expressive Art Therapy became very popular within a short span with guaranteed employment. I was proud to initiate five new PhD programmes and set up seed funding to encourage early-career faculty to pursue research.

Implementing the New Education Policy (NEP 2020) was one of our biggest transformations. We were among the first in Maharashtra to adopt its holistic framework, offering major and minor subjects, ability and skill enhancement courses, and courses grounded in the Indian Knowledge System. Reintroducing Marathi and Sanskrit after several decades, and introducing Telugu, were key steps in making our curriculum truly inclusive and representative of our student body. Reinstating the NCC Unit after 50 years was my dream-cum-true.

With the support of Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged (XRCVC), I assisted a visually challenged student in gaining admission to the B.Sc. Botany-Chemistry-Zoology programme. Initially, this decision caused some concern among the teaching staff, who were apprehensive about the student's safety and integration into laboratory environments. However, XRCVC played a crucial role by training our science faculty and laboratory staff to work effectively with visually challenged students, which helped alleviate their concerns and build confidence.

Over time, XRCVC has expanded its scope to support not just visually challenged students, but individuals with a range of disabilities. Today, we serve approximately 200 students on campus annually, along with many more across India. Recently we were awarded – Divyangjano ke liye Karyarat Sarva Shrestha Sanstha – by the Hon. President of India.

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Research, Recognition, and Resources

My commitment to research never waned. As Director of the Blatter Herbarium, I continued my work in plant taxonomy and natural history education. I guided seven Ph.D. students (with five more currently working), published 56 research papers, and authored three books. I even filed a patent—though it didn't come through, the journey itself was meaningful.

Institutionally, I was proud to see our NIRF research score rise from 6.2 in 2018 to 30.2 in 2024. We secured ₹5 crore under the RUSA scheme and ₹3 crore from DBT-Builder, along with several other national and international grants that improved our research infrastructure and capacity.

Under my leadership, the college consistently ranked among India's Top 100 NIRF colleges and received an A+ in NAAC's fourth cycle. EducationWorld named us the #1 Private Autonomous College in India for six consecutive years—an honour we shared collectively.

Building Global Bridges and Alumni Bonds

My tenure at the University of Guyana as a Senior Lecturer enriched my outlook and deepened my understanding of international higher education systems. This experience later informed my work as Director of International Programs at Xavier's, where I forged new partnerships and opened doors for global collaboration.

As the Director of the International Programme—and continuing in my role as Principal—I have consistently worked to strengthen and expand our institution's global partnerships. These efforts have resulted in the establishment of several active Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and exchange programmes with renowned international universities. We currently maintain functional collaborations with institutions such as Harvard University (USA), the University of California, Berkeley (USA), the University of Stuttgart (Germany), Saint Louis University (USA), Stellenbosch University (South Africa), and several others.

One of my heartfelt goals was to reconnect with our alumni. Reviving the Alumni Association, hosting two successful alumni dinners, and launching a dedicated newsletter were small but significant steps in rebuilding the Xavierite community beyond the campus wall. We were able to develop a new Fr Bonet Computer Lab with the help of an Alumnus from Columbia and I am grateful to Rector, Fr. Keith for his contribution and efforts to revive the Alumni Association.

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Navigating Challenges

No tenure is without its trials. The COVID-19 pandemic tested us like never before. Ensuring academic continuity during lockdowns was a challenge we tackled head-on. We swiftly transitioned to online and hybrid modes, trained faculty, supported students, and maintained a strong sense of community, even in isolation.

Adapting to NEP, preparing for NAAC, and managing administrative reforms came with their own complexities. But we faced each of these with teamwork, transparency, and a clear commitment to quality. Every step of the way, my faculty colleagues were my strength, and their willingness to embrace change made all the difference.

One aspiration that remains unfulfilled is seeing Xavier's attain university status. However, our Autonomy has been extended until 2033, and we have been upgraded to an Empowered Autonomous Institute—a crucial milestone toward that long-term dream.

Reflections and Gratitude

In 2023, I was honoured with the University of Mumbai's Best Principal Award. While I am deeply grateful for this recognition, it is not the awards that define a tenure—it is the trust of students, the support of colleagues, and the shared vision of an institution that matter most.

I owe a great deal to my mentors—Dr. Saramma and Marcelin Almeida, and Dr. Vaman Rao—whose belief in me shaped the course of my life. I am equally indebted to the Jesuit Management, my family, and every colleague and student who walked with me on this journey. As I step away from formal responsibilities, I do so with a sense of fulfilment and hope. Xavier's is in strong hands, guided by the same values that shaped me—Excellence, Integrity, and Service. My heart remains rooted in its soil, and I look forward to continuing to contribute to education and science in new ways in the years ahead.

Anchored in Jesuit Values

Throughout my career at St. Xavier's, the Jesuit ethos of "cura personalis"—care for the whole person—has profoundly influenced my approach to education and leadership. The emphasis on excellence, compassion, social justice, and ethical responsibility helped shape not only my pedagogical style but also my administrative decisions. Jesuit education taught me that academic growth must walk hand in hand with personal integrity and community service. Whether guiding students through academic challenges or making decisions for institutional reform, I was always mindful of the Jesuit call to be a "person for others." This philosophy became the moral compass of my journey, reminding me that leadership is not about authority, but about serving with empathy, listening deeply, and acting justly.

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A Message to Fellow Leaders in Higher Education

To my colleagues and fellow leaders across academic institutions—our role in shaping the next generation has never been more critical. We must practice what we preach. As we navigate rapid technological, societal, and pedagogical changes, we must remain rooted in values while being agile in vision. It is essential to foster inclusive environments that value diversity, academic freedom, ethical leadership, and holistic education. Embrace innovation, but not at the cost of empathy. Empower faculty and staff, but listen with humility. Lead with courage, but always remember: we are stewards of institutions that must outlast us, grow beyond us, and serve far more than just us. In doing so, we honour not only our legacy but our shared commitment to building a more informed, compassionate, and equitable world through education.

Awards & Recognitions



2. Ms. Reema (I MBA), Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, won First Prize in the UN Global Compact quiz at the 19th Annual National Convention on 14th February, 2025, held at Chennai



St. Teresa's College (Autonomous),
 Ernakulam has been awarded
 4 stars in

 Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)
 Rankings 6.0 for the year 2023 – 2024



3. Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bangalore, was selected as UNAI HUB FOR SDG 2 (ZERO HUNGER) by United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)

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4. Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer UGC - NET Qualifiers for December, 2024

5. Mr. Sameer Ali, St. Joseph's University,
Bangalore, is honored with the "Prestigious Best
Leader Award at the
Japan Youth Summit" by Mr. Hopyan Nazzaki,
Executive Director, Japan Youth Summit.





6. In the 38th National Games held in Uttarakhand from 8th – 12th February, 2025, Karnataka won a Gold medal in the 4x100m relay in 45.99 sec. Neol Cornelio of St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, was part of the team.

Awards & Recognitions

Tirunelveli professor gets Sahitya Akademi Award for best translation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Madurai: Tamil professor P Vimala was awarded the Sahitya Akade mi Award for Best Translation on Friday for her Tamil rendition of the Malayalam book Aanungal' (My Men) by Nalini Jameela., Vimala, a professor in the Tamil department at Saint Xa-vier's College, Palayamkottai, is one of 21 recipients selected across Indian languages for translation excellence by the Sahitya Akademi this

Hailing from Kanyakumari district, Vima-



DESERVING: P Vimala is one among 21 recipients of the award for translation in Indian languages

la's path to literary recognition is a testament to perseverance and passion. Though she began her academic journey through distance education, she later secured admission at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi, where she studied Malayalam as part of her research. This linguistic pursuit eventually led her into the world of translation.

"The opportunity at JNU changed my life. Learning Malayalam opened new literary avenues for me," Vimala said. She emphasized that translation is not just about words but about bridging cultures and giving a platform to unhard voices. Her award-winning translation,

Enathu Aangal, brings to Tamil readers the powerful autobiographical narrative of Nalini Jameela, a former sex worker and activist, offering a glimpse into her life in a patriarchal society.

Vimala, who has translated four books to date, dedicated the award to her mother. "She raised me single-handedly while working as a nurse. This award is for her," she said. With this recognition, Vimala hopes to continue her translation work, bringing diverse voices and stories to the Tamil literary landscape.

7. Dr. P. Vimala, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, has been conferred the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award, Government of India, for 2024. This esteemed recognition honors her remarkable translation work, "Ende Aangal" (Autobiography), from Malayalam to Tamil.

8. St. Aloysius College, Elthuruth, Kerala, was awarded the Best College in Green Nature at the National Level, instituted by Christ College, Irinjalakuda.







9. Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, Ernakulam, was awarded as the Best Sports Promoting College in India by Fr. Joy Peenickaparambil National Award 2023 – 2024

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11. Mr. Prateek Sisodiya, an Alumnus of St. Paul Institute of Professional Studies, Indore, secured the 753rd All India rank in the Civil Services Exam 2024 conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and was selected as an Indian Revenue Services (IRS) Officer.

10. Teresian College, Mysore, has been honored with the
State-Level NSS Best Unit Award on
17th March, 2025, at
Raj Bhavan, Karnataka, by the
Honorable Governor of Karnataka.





12. Rajagiri College of Management and Applied Sciences, Kerala, topped the Mahatma Gandhi University Exams with Rank 45 (93.78%) Pass Percentage.

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13. Ms. Rushma Toppo, a student at Don Bosco College, Golaghat, won 3rd place in the International Bible Writing Competition.



14. Ms. Wencita Dias, Student, St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, won the "Best Debut Female Actor Award" for the film "Gabbar Singh" at the Coastalwood Film Awards

XB Executive Committee Meetings

26th March, 2025	Online	06.00 p.m.
2nd May, 2025	Online	06.00 p.m.



4th January, 2025	Online	05.00 p.m.
24th & 25th May, 2025	Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore	2 days





XB Executive Board members



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Prof. Shobha G, Director, Department of Collegiate Education, Karnataka - Keynote Speaker



Dr. Fr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore - Resource person

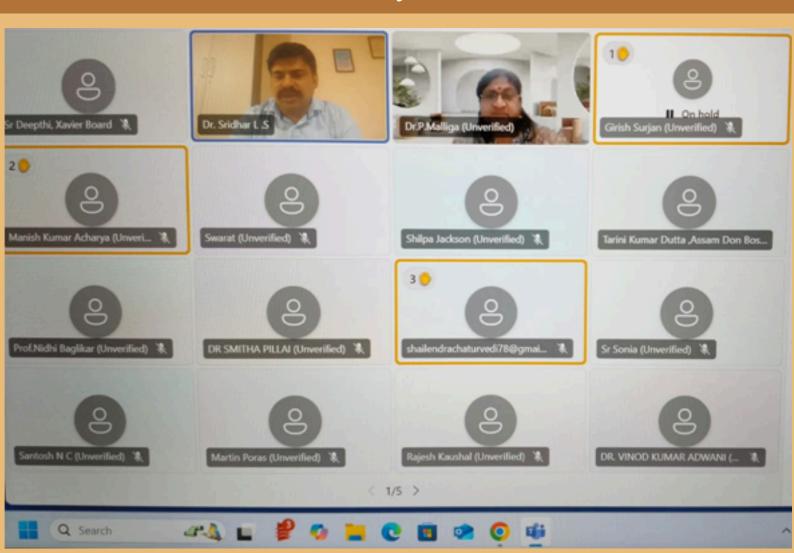


Dr. Latha Christie, Senior Scientist, DRDO, Govt. of India - Special Guest & Speaker



Dr. Vimal Jerald, Assistant Professor in Computer Science, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tamil Nadu - Resource person

XB National Office Collaborative Activities Two Days FDP



Dr. Sridhar L, IQAC Coordinator, St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bangalore -Resource person

On 20th & 21st February, 2025, Xavier Board in collaboration with St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bangalore, organized a two-day Online Faculty Development Program on the theme "The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education"

A total of 339 participants joined online.

XB National Level Activities in Collaboration with the member institutes



On 8th and 9th March 2025, Xavier Board conducted a two-day National Youth Convention 2025, St. Claret College (Autonomous), Bangalore was the great host and collaborator along with XB Karnataka region and Karnataka Regional Commission for Education (KRCE) on the theme "Beyond Boundaries: Breaking Limits and Achieving Dreams" A total of 200 Students, along with the Faculty, participated from the XB member Institutions from seven states of the Country.









XB Collaborative National Level Seminars



Secretarial Address

On 21st & 22nd March, 2025, Xavier Board in collaboration with Fr. Agnel College of Arts & Commerce, Pilar, Goa organized a Two–Day National Level Seminar on the theme "TOWARDS VIKSIT BHARAT THE SKILLING MISSION FOR 2047" at Pilar Pilgrim Centre, Goa and after the Seminar the participants were taken out for a Study tour at ICAR – Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa.

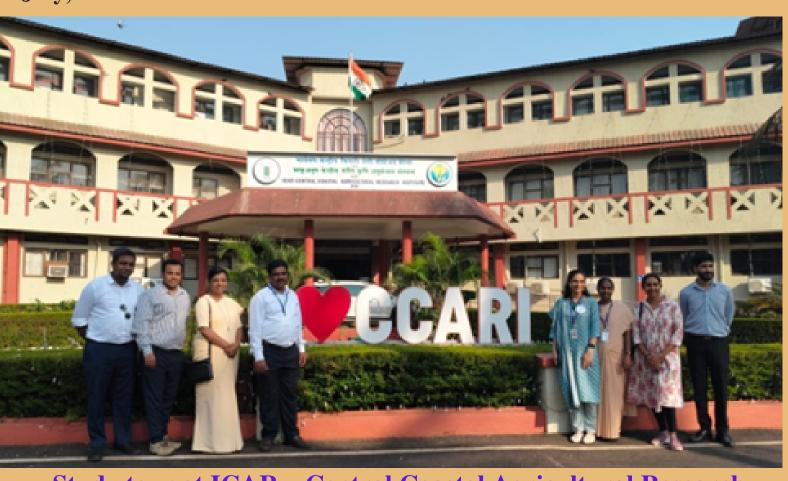






Group photo





Study tour at ICAR – Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa



XB Collaborative Two-day International Conference



On 15th & 16th May, 2025, Xavier Board in collaboration with De Paul College, Mysore, organized a Two-Day International Conference on "HIGHER EDUCATION 4.0: Revolutionizing the Pathway to Career through Digitalization". On 15th May, 2025, Sr. Deepthi was part of the International Conference.

It was a truly collaborative venture with 10 Institutions of Local, National, and International Institutions that were part of this Conference.

XB Academic and Administrative Audit





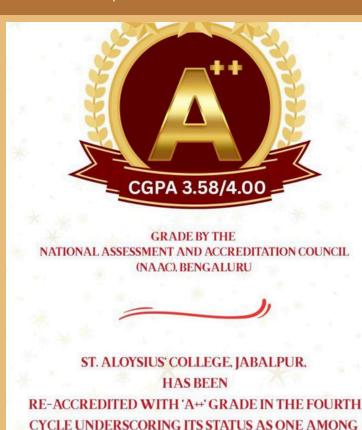
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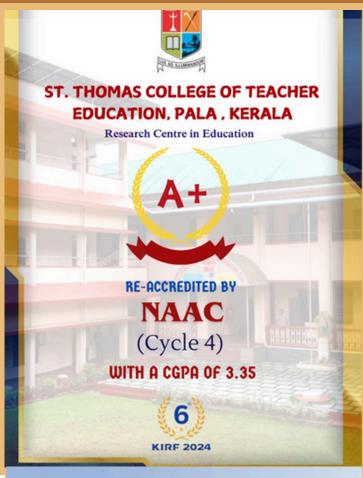


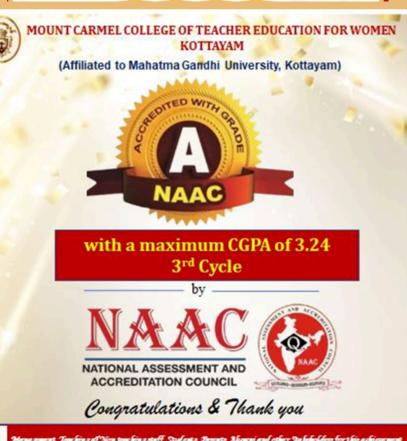
On 3rd May, 2025, XB Internal Audit for the Financial Year 2024 – 2025 was conducted from 10.45 a.m. to 02.30 p.m. by the Internal Auditors Fr. Martin K A & Dr. Br. Victor Raj at Xavier Board, National Office, Bangalore



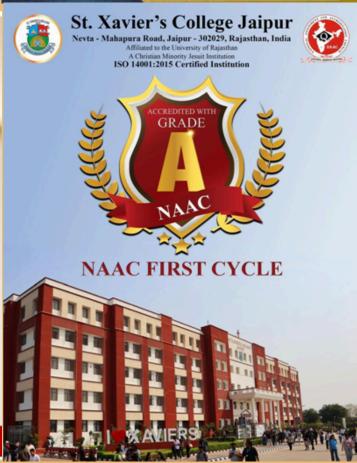
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XB Member Institution obtaining Autonomous Status





XB Networking & Academic Collaborative among the XB Member Institutions





On 07th February, 2025, Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore, in collaboration with St. Joseph's College for Women, Tirupur, organized an Online Seminar on the topic "Robotics and Automation in Biology and Chemistry".

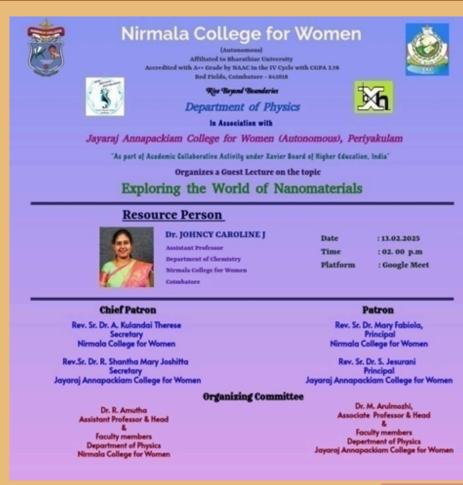
XB Networking & Academic Collaborative activities among the XB Member Institutions



On 10th February, 2025, Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore, in collaboration with Providence College for Women (Autonomous), Coonoor, organized a Guest Lecture Programme on the topic "Union Budget 2025"



XB Networking & Academic Collaborative activities among the Member Institutions



On 13th February, 2025,
Nirmala College for
Women (Autonomous),
Coimbatore,in
collaboration with Jayaraj
Annapackiam College for
Women (Autonomous),
Periyakulam, organized a
Guest Lecture on the topic
"Exploring the World of
Nanomaterials"

On 18th February, 2025,
Nirmala College for Women
(Autonomous), Coimbatore in
collaboration with Mercy
College, Palakkad organized a
Faculty Exchange Programme
2025 on the topic "Recent
Criticism: Structuralism & PostStructuralism"



XB Networking & Academic Collaborative activities among the Member Institutions



On 18th February, 2025,
Nirmala College for
Women (Autonomous),
Coimbatore, in
collaboration with St.
Joseph's College
(Autonomous), Trichy,
organized a webinar on the
topic "The Role of
Biotechnology
Entrepreneurs in
Advancing Healthcare"

On 18th & 19th February, 2025,
Nirmala College for Women
(Autonomous), Coimbatore, in
collaboration with St. Claret
College (Autonomous),
Bangalore, organized a Student
Exchange Programme on the
theme "Explore – Experience –
Enrich" at Nirmala College for
Women (Autonomous),
Coimbatore



XB Networking & Academic Collaborative activities among the Member Institutions



NIRMALA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

(AUTONOMOUS) Red Fields, Coimbatore - 641018, Tamilnadu.







DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

In Association with

ST. XAVIER COLLEGE, JALUKIE, NAGALAND

"As a part of Academic Collaborative Activity under Xavier Board of Higher Education, India"

In commemoration of "World Day of Social Justice" organizes POSTER MAKING COMPETITION on "EQUALITY FOR ALL"

Rules for the Event:

- 1.Each Participant can send only one poster.
- 2. The poster must be made on the A4 size sheet.
- 3.It should be original and hand made. Digital posters will not be accepted.
- 4. Last date of submission: 19.02.2025
- 5.The Name, Class & Department of the student should be clearly mentioned in the PDF File.

6.It is to be submitted online only in PDF Format to the mail id :

xavierboardeconomics@gmail.com

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Assistant Professor & Head

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Department of Sociology

Dr. Naomi Magh

Assistant Professor & Head

Faculty Members,

Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore St. Xavier College, Jalukie

On 7th & 8th March, 2025, North East **Institute of Social Sciences and** Research (NEISSR), Nagaland, in collaboration with Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bangalore, organized a Two-Day International Conference on the topic "Peace and **Development for Sustainable Community: Towards Building a** Resilient Society" at NEISSR, Nagaland

In February 2025, Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore, in collaboration with St. Xavier College, Jalukie, Nagaland, organized an **Online Poster-Making** Competition on the topic "Equality for All"



XB President at College Day as a Chief Guest



On 27th February, 2025, Prof. Fr. Joji Reddy SJ, President, XB, was the Chief Guest for the College Day celebration at Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore



XB President at the International Conference



On 11th & 12th March, 2025, Prof. Fr. Joji Reddy SJ, President, XB, attended the Biotech International Conference at Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada



Visits



On 29th January, 2025, Sr. Noella Dias, President, XB Western region & Executive Committee member, visited the Xavier Board, National Office, Bangalore

On 22nd March, 2025, Dr. Sr. Deepthi UFS, Secretary General, Xavier Board, met Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa,



Secretary General at the Graduation Ceremony as the Chief Guest





On 29th April, 2025, Dr. Sr. Deepthi UFS, Secretary General, Xavier Board, was the Chief Guest at the 18th Graduation ceremony at Sacred Heart Degree College for Women, Jeevan Bhimanagar, Bangalore.

A total of 132 Students were honored during the ceremony.

His Grace Most Rt. Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur and Chairperson Commission for Education and Culture Visit to Xavier Board



On 22nd May, 2025,

His Grace, Most Rt. Rev. Dr. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur and Chairperson of the Education Commission, CBCI, New Delhi, visited the Xavier Board National Office, Bangalore.

We were deeply honoured by his gracious presence and profoundly enriched by a thought-provoking interaction that reflected his wisdom, expertise, commitment to the mission, and humility - hallmarks of his inspiring personality. His Grace's insight and encouragement have left a lasting impact on us.

Visit to the Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka



On 24th May, 2025, Prof. Shobha G, Director, Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka, was invited as the Keynote speaker for the 83rd XB Executive Board Meeting at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore.

XB Officials Visit to the Member Institutions

- Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- St. Vincent Pallotti College, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Holy Cross College for Women, Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh
- Holy Cross College of Nursing, Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh
- Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore
- Sacred Heart Degree College for Women, Jeevan Bhimanagar, Bangalore
- St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Mysore







XB Officials

Visit to the Member Institutions



Preliminary Meetings (In preparation for the XB Triennial Conference 2025)



The members present for the meetings were:

- Rev. Fr. Gilbert Mascarenhas SAC, Vice President, XB
- Dr. Sr. Deepthi UFS, Secretary General, XB
- Dr. Fr. Baiju Antony CM, Joint Secretary, XB
- Dr. Fr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore
- Dr. Sr. Dorothy D'Souza,
 Vice President, XB
 Karnataka Region
- Staff, St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore

On 9th December, 2024 & 13th May, 2025, the preliminary meetings in preparation for the XB Triennial Conference 2025 were held at St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore at 10.30 a.m.