Respected Chief Guest, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi, Hon’ble Governor of West Bengal, Hon’ble Minister in Charge of Higher Education, Shri Partha Chatterjee, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of the University of Calcutta, Prof. Suranjan Das, Rev. Fr. Provincial, Rev. Fr. Rector, Vice Principals, Member Secretary, Academic Council, Nihil Ultra Awardee, Dr. Samir Kumar Brahmachari, members of the staff, teaching and support, alumni/ae, benefactors, well-wishers, friends, and my dear students, I wish you all a happy and joyous New Year 2015. May the Almighty bless you abundantly!

It is my pleasant duty now to place before you the Annual Report of St. Xavier’s College for the year 2014.

Convocation and Valedictory Function 2014

The 7th Convocation & Valedictory Function was held on January 16, 2014. Prof. Samir Brahmachari, a Xaverian, a renowned scientist and the Chairman of the Education Commission of West Bengal was the Chief Guest and delivered the Valedictory address.

The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Calcutta University, Prof. Suranjan Das delivered the Convocation address and conferred the degrees on the 2100 UG, PG and B.Ed. students who had successfully completed their courses.

The Nihil Ultra Awardee for 2014 was Prof. Amit Kumar Ghosh, (Retd.) Professor of the Statistics Department of St. Xavier’s College.

The Convocation Ceremony was indeed a witness to the collective organizational ability of the Xaverian family. I thank all the staff members and various committees, student volunteers, NCC cadets, alumni/ae for their kind co-operation and commitment.
Academic Excellence

Congratulations to the following Ph.D. Awardees in 2014,

• Dr. Ayan Majumdar of Commerce (Evening) Department as on 10/02/2014
• Dr. Sumana Sur Ghosh of Commerce (Morning) Department as on 31/07/2014
• Dr. Charlotte Simpson of the B.Ed. Department as on 28/08/2014
• Dr. Soheli Ghosh of Commerce (Morning) Department as on 09/10/2014
• Dr. Sumana Guha of Commerce (Morning) Department as on 23/12/2014

My congratulations to all the students who have performed well academically and have acquired ranks. These students will be rewarded with gold medals today.

Congratulations to the following staff members who have completed their 25 years of service in St. Xavier's College as on 31/12/2014:

• Prof. Swati Sarkar (B.Ed. Department)
• Prof. Diptiman Saha (Mathematics Department)
• Mr. Jaydeep Biswas (Support Staff)
• Mr. Ratan Lal Barua (Support Staff)
• Mr. Joseph Hriday Ghosh (Support Staff)

Retirement

Our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to the following staff members, who have retired during 2014, for their long years of dedicated and committed service at St. Xavier’s College:

• Prof. Kajal Baksi of the Mathematics Department as on 01/09/2014
• Prof. Md. Hanif of the Commerce Department as on 31/12/2014
• Mr. Arabinda Bar (Support Staff) as on 01/09/2014
• Mr. Lazarus Francis Osta (Support Staff) as on 01/10/2014

College of Excellence (CE)

Ten Colleges in India have been granted the College of Excellence (CE) status. Of the ten, four are Jesuit Colleges, namely, St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai, St. Xavier’s College, Bangalore, St. Xavier’s College, Chennai and St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata.

Congratulations to the Xaverian Family!

Research Projects

From January to December 2014, the following research projects were undertaken by faculty members of different departments. Congratulations to all the teachers who are involved in the following projects.

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Research Scholars

We have a total of twenty-four (24) research scholars who have been working in different departments during 2014.

Publication: Books / Articles / Journals

1) Fr. Albert Huart, S.J. and Fr. Felix Raj, S.J. have edited a book titled “Discovery of Bengal” containing the profiles of sixty-five Jesuits who lived and worked in West Bengal. This book has been published by the Goethal’s Indian Library & Research Society.

2) In 2014, one book and twenty-five articles have been published by our Professors. Congratulations to all involved.

3) Fifteen departments of the College have published their departmental annual magazines. Congratulations to the staff and students who were involved in these publications.

• Aviskaar – A Multidisciplinary Xaverian Journal of Research which has received ISSN Number.
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• Magis – Xaverian Journal of Education which has received ISSN Number.
• Eduvision – Magazine of the Education Department.
• Chiasma – Magazine of the Biotechnology Department.
• DNA – Magazine of the Microbiology Department.
• Elixir – Magazine of the Chemistry Department.
• Horizon – Magazine of the Physics Department.
• Beacon – Magazine of the Mathematics Department.
• Prokarsho – Magazine of the Statistics Department.
• Eco Echoes – Magazine of the Economics Department.
• You Think – Magazine of the Commerce Department which has received ISSN Number.
• Ode to Expression – Magazine of the English Academy.
• Kadam – Magazine of the NSS Department.

Achievements/Awards to Teachers/Students

1. Dr. Felix Raj, S.J., Principal of the College was conferred by the Government of West Bengal, the State’s highest award, “BANGA BIBHUSAN” in recognition of his enormous contribution in the field of education.

2. Dr. Subhankar Ghosh, Associate Professor, Physics Department was awarded “The Most Outstanding Teacher who has used Technology Innovatively” by I-LEAD (Institute of Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Development), Kolkata.

3. The Department of Biotechnology of the College participated in the State Government’s Project proposal and has been awarded Rs. 20 lakh for the enhancement of the Life Sciences Departments of the College, i.e., Microbiology and Biotechnology Departments. I thank Dr. Uma Siddhanta, Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta and their team.

4. Sagar Pradhan, a first year cadet of Political Science Department represented West Bengal & Sikkim Directorate of NCC in Republic Day Camp (RDC) held in January 2014. He received the best cadet award from the Hon’ble Governor of West Bengal in February 2014. He has also been selected a member of the Indian Delegation through NCC in a Youth Exchange Programme which was held in Singapore from November 9 to 20, 2014.

5. The Sports Department of St. Xavier’s College has added many feathers to its cap in the last one year.
   • As Calcutta University Inter-College Cricket Champions the team put up sterling performances in this very challenging tournament.
   • The College Hockey team retained their position in the Bengal Hockey Association 1st Division League and were Runners Up in the historic Lagden Shield Tournament.
   • Our Women’s and Men’s Basketball Teams participated in the Regional League of the IMG Reliance BFI Inter-College Basketball Tournament where the Men’s team emerged Runners Up. The Women’s Team were Champions and went to New Delhi to participate in the National League of the tournament. Thirty six students of our College represented Calcutta University in various Games.

Academic Audit

The Academic Audit team consisting of the following members visited St. Xavier’s College for two days, on 5th April, 2014 and 12th April, 2014 to carry out its academic audit: 1) Mr. Sandip Chatterjee, Vice President, Gamut Infosystem Pvt. Ltd.; 2) Dr. Sanghamitra Mukherjee, Principal (Retd.), Lady Brabourne College and; 3) Dr. Dhruba Ranjan Dandapat, Professor, Department of Commerce, University of Calcutta. The Academic Audit was carried out very smoothly. Thanks to these three members for their kind consent to carry out the academic audit of the College.

Admissions 2014-15

• Admission into the B.Ed. course was carried out successfully and there are 104 students on the rolls. The total number of applications received was 896.
• The UG & P.G. Admissions went off smoothly. Total students admitted this academic session was 3058.

I thank the Vice Principals, Deans, Heads of Departments, staff members, both, teaching and support, as well as students for their whole-hearted participation in the admission process.

St. Xavier’s College, Raghabpur Campus

The Raghabpur campus is the rural face of St. Xavier’s College. It was inaugurated on 7th July, 2014 and has started functioning from the academic session, July 2014, with three UG courses, namely, i) Bengali Honours; ii) B.Com. Honours and iii) B.A. General course. There are now 126 students in the three courses.
I want to place on record the services of Prof. Ashis Mitra, Fr. Dominic Savio S.J. and Fr. Joseph Raj, S.J. and Mr. Bobby Biswas.

**Our Strength**

St. Xavier’s College now has a total strength of 236 teaching staff and 156 support staff and 7450 students.

**St. Xavier’s College runs**

- 17 UG, 6 PG and 1 B.Ed courses;
- 3 Certificate and 6 Diploma Courses under the Career Oriented Programmes;
- 5 IGNOU Convergence Courses till December 2014;
- The Computer Centre of the College runs 1 Diploma and 3 Certificate courses.

**New Courses at St. Xavier’s College**

- The two-credit Foundation Course on ‘Inter-Religious Studies and Social Harmony’ commenced from the academic session 2014-15.
- A three-month Foundation Course in Human Rights and Duties Education under the Department of Political Science has commenced from July 2014 and a six-month UG Course in Human Rights and Duties Education has also commenced from July 2014.
- The second batch of IAS Guidance Course began on 1st August, 2014. There are 31 students as of now and the guidance course is going on well.
- One post-graduate Diploma Course in Mass Communication and Public Relation was introduced from July 2014.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Prof. Ashis Mitra, Professor in Charge of COP, Prof. Panchali Sen, Co-ordinator of IGNOU Convergence Courses, Prof. Asoke Nath and Prof. Shalabh Agarwal of Computer Centre, Prof. S.K. Basu, Dean of MBA Department and Co-ordinator of IAS Guidance Centre for their dedication and efficient co-ordination of these courses.

**New Appointments**

**VICE PRINCIPALS:**

- Prof. Swati Sarkar as the Vice Principal of the Education Department w.e.f. 2nd January, 2014.
- Prof. Madhusree Mikherjee as the Vice Principal of the B.Com. Evening Department w.e.f. 1st July, 2014.
On behalf of the College I place on record the dedicated services of Prof. Rahman for the last 54 years. He has served as the Professor and the Dean of B.Com Morning Department and Vice Principal of B.Com Evening Department.

ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS:
• Prof. Amit Kumar Ghosh as the Assistant Controller of Examinations w.e.f. 1st February, 2014

DEANS:
• Prof. Tapati Dutta as Dean of Science w.e.f. 1st July, 2014
• Prof. Sanjib Kumar Basu as Dean of M.Com. Department w.e.f. 1st July, 2014.

HODS:
• Prof. Shoma Choudhury Lahiri (Sociology Dept.) w.e.f. 1st July, 2014
• Prof. Pia Ghoshal (Economics Dept.) w.e.f. 1st July, 2014
• Prof. Kasturi Sarkar (Microbiology Dept.) w.e.f. 1st July, 2014
• Prof. Sudipa Saha (Biotechnology Dept.) w.e.f. 1st July, 2014
• Prof. Shibaji Banerjee (Management – B.Com. M) w.e.f. 1st July, 2014
• Fr. Dejus John Retnam (BBM Department) w.e.f. 1st July, 2014

IQAC:
• Prof. Partho Mukherji has been appointed the co-ordinator of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell w.e.f. January 5, 2015.

Faculty Development Programme
Faculty Development Programmes were held for the faculty of different departments. The schedule is given below. The Resource Person was Mr. Bryan Beaton, Faculty Development Expert.
• 5th July, 2014 (For faculty of B.Com. Morning & BBA)
• 12th July, 2014 (For faculty of Arts Departments)
• 19th July, 2014 (For faculty of Science Departments)
• 26th July, 2014 (For faculty of B.Com. Evening, M.Com. & B.Ed.)

Installation of the statue of St. Francis Xavier, Patron Saint of the Institute:

An eleven feet marble statue of St. Francis Xavier was installed on the quadrangle of the College on 3rd December, 2014, the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of the Institute. The statue has been brought from Jaipur.

I thank Mr. Ravi Kasat and his family, Mr. Krishnendu Ghosh, Fr. Minister and all involved for their generous support.
Physical Expansion / New Campuses

INAUGURATION OF FR. LEEMING BOYS’ HOSTEL AND ITS PRESENT STATUS:

Fr. Leeming Boys’ Hostel was inaugurated on 5th July, 2014 by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of the University of Calcutta, Prof. Suranjan Das. Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy, S.J., Provincial and Fr. Dominic Savio, S.J., Rector blessed the building.

The Alumni Association had co-ordinated the programme and hosted a high tea for all. The hostel has one Superintendent and two Assistant Superintendents - Fr. Peter Arockiasamy, S.J. (Superintendent), Fr. Oliveiro Felix Andrew, SVD (Assistant Superintendent) and Mr. H.R. Sharma (Assistant Superintendent). There are 198 boys residing in the hostel as of now. The boys are very satisfied with the facilities provided.

GIRLS’ HOSTEL:

The construction work of the Girls’ Hostel is in progress. We plan to organise admission in the Girls’ Hostel in the month of June and inaugurate the hostel in the first week of July 2015.

PARK STREET CAMPUS

i) Park Street Campus Expansion: The Park Street campus expansion work (in place of erstwhile Park Street Hostel) in progress. The plan for B.Ed. Department and the Central Library has been finalized. The Lending Library will be on the ground floor and the Reading Room on the first floor. The second and third floors will be for the B.Ed. Department. There will also be an auditorium with a capacity of 200 students on the second floor.

ii) St. Xavier’s Observatory: The Observatory was out of commission for several years and now it has been completely renovated with an additional Sliding Roof Observatory. The Observatory was inaugurated on March 20, 2014 on the roof of the College. The Observatory has been named, “Father Eugene Lafont Observatory.”

I thank Mr. Shailen Aggrahari and his team of Astro Creations and Impex Private Limited,’ Bangalore for renovating the Observatory and putting everything in order. Special thanks to Dr. Shibaji Banerjee, Dr. Tapati Dutta and Dr. Suparna Roychowdhury for taking the initiative of renovating the Observatory.

iii) The Central Research Facility Laboratory was inaugurated on 3 April, 2014 on the fourth floor. It has been set up with FIST funds. I thank Dr. Tapati Dutta, Dr. Rina Ghosh and their team for their able co-ordination of the work.

iv) The third phase of the renovation work on the Jubilee building is complete. It has a Hall with a capacity of about 200 and a classroom.

v) Room No. 19 had been converted into an office for the Principal. It was inaugurated on 10th March, 2014.

RAJARHAT CAMPUS

The boundary wall of the Rajarhat campus has been completed and the plans of the two buildings, i.e., the Main Building and the Jesuit Residence have been sanctioned by the NKDA. Foundation work has also started.

E-M BY PASS CAMPUS

Educational Multimedia Research Centre building is near completion. The EMMRC House in Circus Avenue may be shifted during the month of January 2015.

Exchange Programmes and MoUs

• A MoU was signed signed on 10th February, 2014 with Trinity College, Dublin.

• A MoU Addendum offering an academic course related to Science and Religion was signed between the two institutes on 30thJuly, 2014.
• Twelve students of St. Xavier’s College visited the College of St. Benedict / St. John’s University in Minnesota for one month during October 2014 as exchange students. Thirteen students of College of St. Benedict / St. John’s University will be in St. Xavier’s College for one semester (from January to June 2015).

• ‘Xavotsav’ the St. Xavier’s College students’ festival was held from 22 to 24 January, 2014.

• “Beyond Barriers” a fund-raising musical extravaganza was organized by the Alumni Association of the College on 26 January, 2014.

• The annual Sports was held on 1 February, 2014, at 12 noon on the College grounds. Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, was the Chief Guest for the occasion. There was good participation of staff and students in the parade.

• On 9 February, 2014, Shishu Mela was organized by the NSS Department of the College on the College grounds. Around 850 children from Debipur, Paikhala, Ghostomath, Bholakhali, Bolorampur, Nurshikdarchowk, Gurup, Shalpukur, Entally and Khidderpore Centres of Snegam, Calcutta Blind School, Oral School for the Deaf and Dumb, Asha Niketan, Nav Jeevan, St. Xavier’s Evening School and Bodhona attended this grand event that marked the culmination of this NSS year.

• Fifty students from Bholakhali attended the Prayas camp in June 2014.

• The annual Blood Donation Camp was organized one 5th August, 2014 by the NSS Department of the College. It was a huge success with 770 donors.

I wish to thank and place on record the sincere effort put in to organize the various activities for the welfare of the College by the different Units/Cells of the College, i.e., NCC, NSS, Sports, LTS, AICUF, ST/SC Cells, Counselling Cell, Placement Cell and Performing Arts. My congratulations to all of them! Do keep up the good spirit!

**Alumni Chapters / Conventions / Assistance**

The alumni of St. Xavier’s College had a meeting in Los Angeles in the month of May 2014. There is a plan for starting a foundation in the United States to mobilize funds for the College’s expansion. Ms. Chanda Zaveri, US-based Indian has come forward to help St. Xavier’s College in this regard.

The Alumni Association in Australia held the fifth International Convention “Beyond Boundaries-V” in Melbourne, Australia this October 2014. There were around 400 participants. The Principal was present with the Secretary of the Association. He hopes to mobilize some resources for the development of the Rajarhat campus.

The Alumni Association plans to finance one of the buildings at Rajarhat campus to be named as “Alumni Building” for the use of the St. Xavier’s University. The Global Xaverian Award
2014 was conferred upon Mr. R. S. Agarwal, Joint Chairman of the Emami Group of Industries on 27th of December, 2014, on the occasion of The Annual Reunion of St. Xavier’s College Alumni/Alumnae. I congratulate Mr. R. S. Agarwal who has continued to actively associate himself with his Alma Mater.

New Committees formed in 2014

- UGC MHRD Committee: To advise the Principal on matters concerning the UGC and MHRD. Central Research Facility Committee: To co-ordinate the activities of the Central Research Centre.

- St. Xavier’s College Observatory Committee: To co-ordinate the activities of the Observatory: (i) Main Observatory; (ii) Sliding Door Observatory.

- Canteen Inspection Committee to inspect the different activities of the College Canteen.

- Programme Monitoring & Publication Committee to prepare guidelines for the activities of Societies/Associations.

Biometric Attendance Management System

From 1st December, 2014, biometric attendance system has been introduced for the staff members. This system provides for recording of accurate, fast, reliable and secure attendance using a combination of fingerprint and smart card. It facilitates the integration of leave management, payroll and account systems, along with other automation benefits. In due course of time, there is a plan to introduce similar system for the students’ attendance.

RIP

We mourn the demise of:

- Prof. K.C. Maity (retired professor of Maths) who expired on 11th February, 2014. He retired in 1986 and was re-appointed for two years till 1988.

- Nakul Phulmali (Support Staff), aged 38 years, expired on 27 May, 2014.

- Prof. Leonard Gomes, former Professor of Economics in Commerce Department who passed away on 28th November, 2014.

May their souls rest in peace! We express our deep condolences to their family members.

Let me conclude with my sincere gratitude to all GB Members, Vice Principals, Deans, teaching faculty, support staff, alumni/ae, parents, well-wishers, friends and benefactors for their whole-hearted co-operation and support.

Let our service continue to bring joy to many people. NIHIL ULTRA!