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03.09.2026 - Postgraduate Department of History organised Unveiling of Annual Wall-Magazine 'Tarikh' (3rd Issue, Academic Session 2026–2027).

Theme- Silent Witnesses: Everyday Objects from the 18th to 20th Century (India and the World).

1.The 3rd issue is conceptualized under the central theme 'Everyday Objects' entitled Silent Witnesses: Everyday Objects from the 18th to 20th Century (India and the World). Breaking away from conventional political and military history, this edition delves into material culture and daily social life, examining how ordinary utilitarian objects served as quiet catalysts for profound historical transformations.

2.To encourage students to engage creatively with history by presenting historical themes, events, personalities, and interpretations in an accessible and innovative manner.

3.To develop research, writing and critical-thinking skills among students

4.To encourage students to explore sources, analyze historical issues and communicate their ideas beyond the classroom.

5.To create a collaborative academic platform where students can share diverse perspectives.



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04.09.2026 - SXCCAA Reaches Out to ASHA BARI — A Home of Hope Kolkata, 4 September 2026: As part of the continuing journey of RIPPLES OF HOPE, the Philanthropy Team and members of SXCCAA visited ASHA BARI — A Home of Hope this afternoon, sharing moments of warmth, fellowship and solidarity with its residents. As part of the outreach, a special lunch was arranged, along with one month's ration supplies and large cooking utensils to support the Home's everyday requirements. The initiative was made possible through the generous support of a benevolent SXCCAA member, whose thoughtful gesture beautifully reflected the Xaverian spirit of giving with humility and being "for and with others." Through RIPPLES OF HOPE, SXCCAA remains committed to creating meaningful human connections and standing beside communities with care, compassion, respect and dignity.



05.09.2026 - St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata celebrated Teachers' Day. Chief Guest: Shri Jagannath Chattopadhyay, Minister in charge of Higher Education, Govt of West Bengal.



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05.09.2026 - Postgraduate Department of Education celebrated Teachers' Day with reverence and enthusiasm. The occasion was graced by Father Principal, Vice Principals, Member Secretary of Academic Council and IQAC Coordinator. Students offered a heartfelt Guruvandana through musical and dance performances. The celebration was further enriched by the unveiling of the departmental magazine, EDUVISION 2026, by the esteemed dignitaries, making the occasion a memorable tribute to the teaching fraternity.





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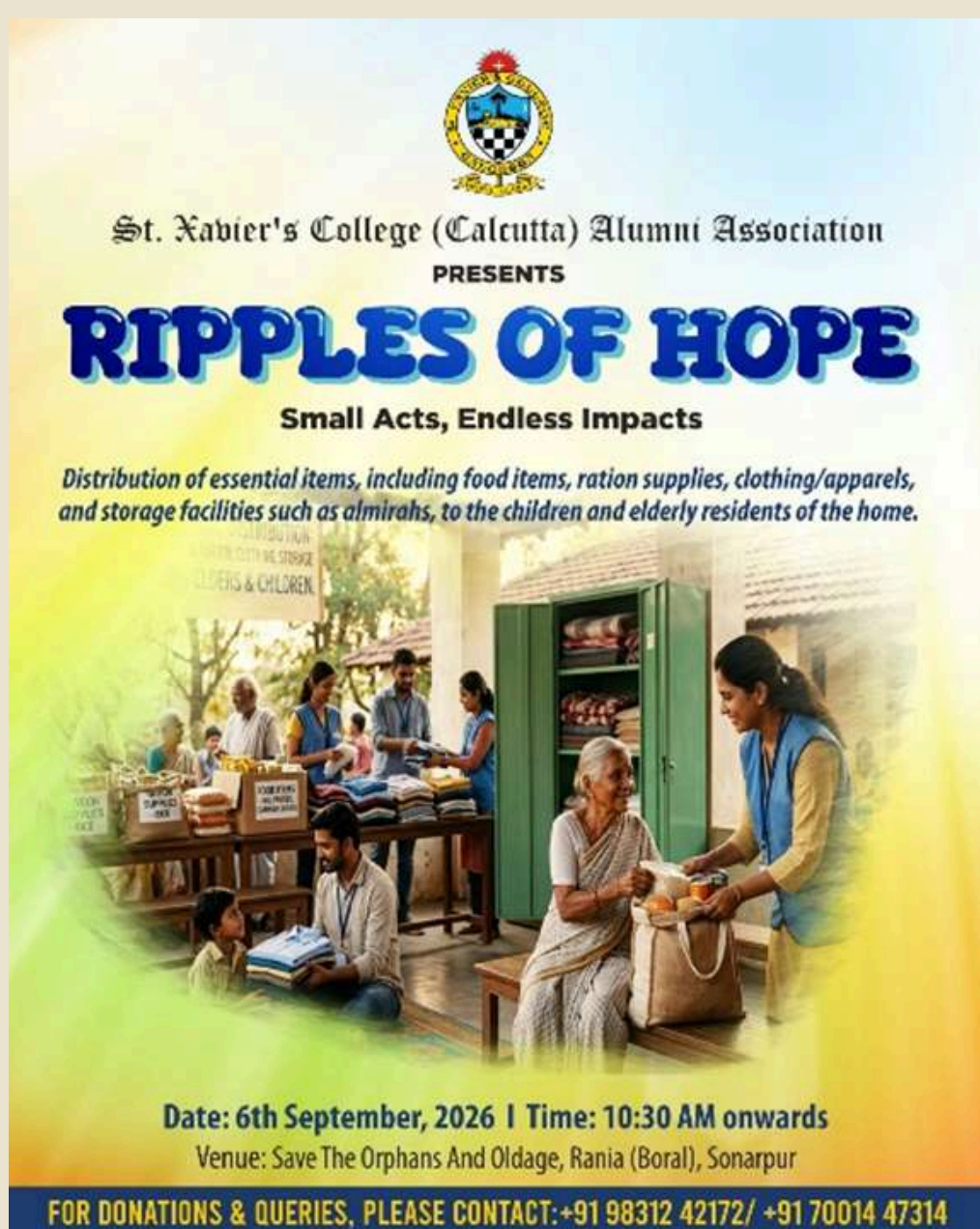


05.09.2026 - The Fr. Joseph Maliyekal Memorial Football Match brought together the Staff of St. Xavier's College and the members of SXCCAA for an evening of football, camaraderie and the true Xaverian spirit. From the first whistle to the final moments, it was a celebration of teamwork, sportsmanship and the bonds that make our community special.





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06.09.2026 - Ripples of Hope – Small Acts, Endless Impacts. As part of the SXCCAA's monthly philanthropic initiative, "Ripples of Hope – Small Acts, Endless Impacts," the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association reached out to Save the Orphans Home and Old Age, extending care and support to its residents. The event was graced by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, and President, SXCCAA, along with other Jesuit Fathers including Fr. Joseph Raj, SJ from St. Xavier's University, Kolkata and Fr. Arun Lucas, SJ and SXCCAA members.

Essential items including ration, food, clothing, apparels, and almirahs were distributed among the residents. Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, also distributed chocolates and gifts to the children, bringing smiles to their faces. The association will also host a treat for the residents the home this evening.

The children presented a beautiful cultural programme, adding warmth and joy to the occasion. The event was attended by a large group of SXCCAA members, along with Honorary Secretary Mr. Sanjib Koner. Through Ripples of Hope, SXCCAA continues to turn small acts of kindness into meaningful impacts.



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11.09.2026 & 12.09.2026 - St Xavier's College successfully concluded Smart India Hackathon, which was organized by then Postgraduate and Research Department of Computer Science. In full alignment with directives established by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, and the All India Council for Technical Education, the event served as the mandatory institutional qualifier for the nationwide initiative. The internal round was convened under the administrative leadership and supervision of Dr. Romit Beed, College Single Point of Contact and Head of the Postgraduate and Research Department of Computer Science. Conduction was executed entirely in offline mode across Room 207 and the Chapel Room, utilizing centralized digital intake followed by rigorous in-person prototype demonstrations and structured viva voce technical defenses.

Participation throughout the internal hackathon was governed by strict adherence to the single-institution integrity guidelines outlined by national authorities. The event engaged 126 student innovators organized into 21 six-member teams, all of whom were verified as bona fide, full-time enrolled students of St. Xavier's College. The participating cohort represented a multidisciplinary blend across four academic departments, namely Computer Science, Data Science, Statistics, and Physics. Strict adherence to institutional guidelines ensured that no external or inter-college participants were permitted. Furthermore, all 21 squads complied completely with the statutory female representation mandate, engaging 45 female innovators across the cohort to achieve an exemplary 35.71% female participation rate across all competing teams.



Rank	Team Name	Average Score	Team Lead	Course	PS ID
1	Clouds 3001	9.0	Sourabh Kumar	CS-UG	SH26001
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3	Luminex	8.6	Tanishk Mondal	CS-UG	SH26003
4	Bytebuddy	8.6	Shreyanshi Das	CS-UG	SH26156
5	Carbon Crew	8.4	Arya Sircar	CS-UG	SH26032
6	Cody Craft	8.4	Chaitanya Roy	CS-UG	SH26133
7	Turbo Torpedo	8.4	Aditya Chatterjee	CS-UG	SH26189
8	Aurizon	8.0	Rishabh Kumar	DS-PG	SH26187
9	Ctrl Alt Elite	7.6	Sarthak Saha	CS-UG	SH26003
10	On Happens	7.6	Tanishk Kumar	CS-UG	SH26083
11	MOMENTUM	7.6	Anish Kumar	IT-UG	SH26192
12	The Universe Six	7.4	Sagar Ghosh	CS-PG	SH26012
13	Council of Elms	7.2	Siddhant Ray	DS-PG	SH26162
14	66+	7.0	Rishabh Das	CS-UG	SH26042
15	Code Clan	7.0	Shreyanshi Das	CS-UG	SH26179
16	Crusade	7.0	Pradyumn Saha	CS-UG	SH26003
17	OutScope	6.8	Arindam Ray	CS-PG	SH26188
18	Runway Tennis	6.8	Rishabh Das	CS-UG	SH26056
19	Play Your Colors	6.6	Anish Kumar	CS-UG	SH26013
20	CodeX Academia	6.0	Debarshi Das	CS-UG	SH26106
21	Technical Bandits	5.0	Soumya Sarkar	CS-UG	SH26090





12.09.2026 - The Postgraduate and Research Department of Bengali, in collaboration with the Ph.D. Cell, organized a One-Day Workshop on Research Methodology

Prof. Biswanath Roy, former Professor of Bengali, University of Calcutta, delivered the first lecture on 'Basics of Research Methodology'. His lecture was truly enlightening. Research area, research problem, thesis and related aspects were discussed with examples.

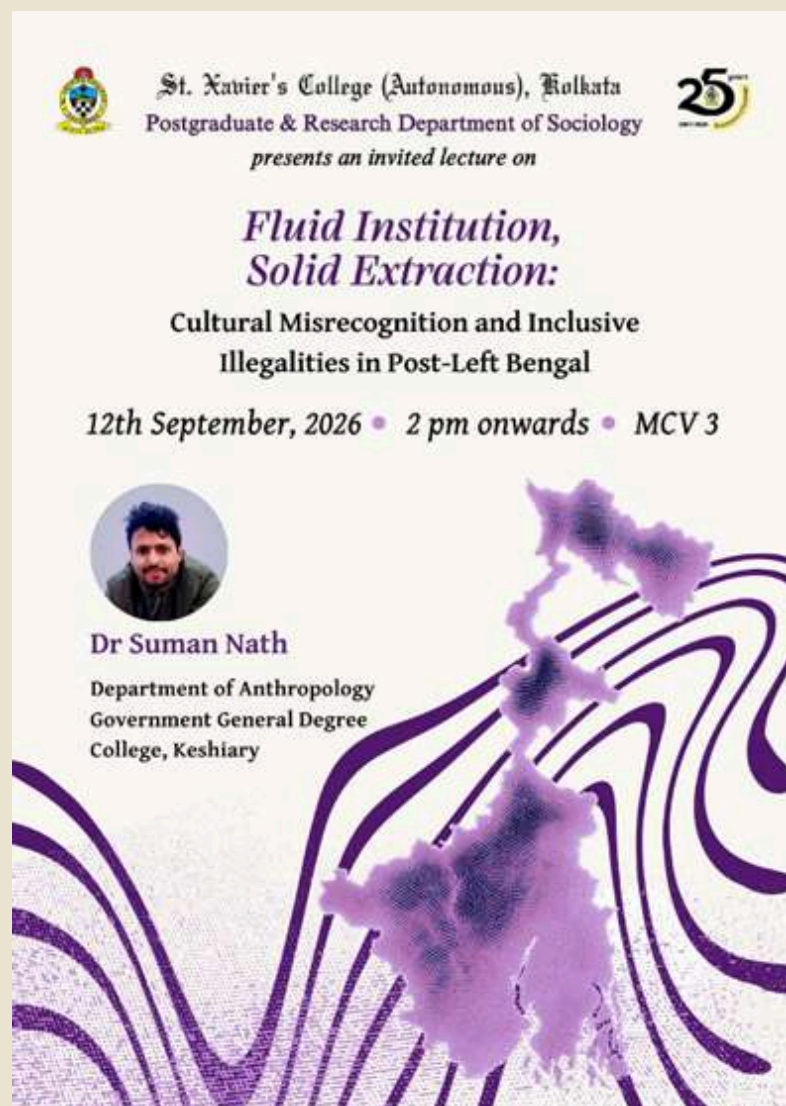
Prof. Prasun Ghosh, Professor of Bengali, University of Calcutta, was the resource person for the second session. He clarified all ambiguities related to research and enlightened the participants on various types of plagiarism.

The workshop was highly interactive and participative. All queries and doubts of the participants were cleared by the resource persons. The inaugural address was given by Dr. Samrat Roy. Dr. Debashis Bhattacharyya introduced the resource persons, and the vote of thanks, was proposed by Dr. Tapas Saha.





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12.09.2026 - Postgraduate & Research Department of Sociology organised an Invited Lecture on Fluid Institution Solid Extraction: Cultural Misrecognition and Inclusive Illegality in Post-Left Bengal.

The colloquium began with the felicitation of the speaker by Prof. Dr. Shoma Chaudhuri Lahiri of the Department of Sociology, SXC.

The seminar, which included students from the speaker's college, focused on the decades long research findings of Dr. Nath on the political Organisation of the different electoral parties which have been in power in Bengal since the CPI(M) government.

The Speaker elaborated on his multi-sited ethnographic work which dealt with local mechanisms of political domination, primarily in rural Bengal.

Firstly, he elucidated on his research findings such as his analysis while being a participant observer of the Gram Sabha proceedings during the reign of TMC, stating the changes he observed from the Left rule. Then, he spoke on how a culture of 'dadas' as political enforcers as well as go-to-men for the public for fixing local issues, was utilised by different governments in different manners.

Additionally, he shed light on how to identify and contact a "dada" and the inclusive nature of the position with the characteristic markers being those of hyper masculinity etc.





14.09.2026 - Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Goa visited St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata to understand the process the of applying for college autonomy.



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St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata
The Department of Arts and Science
Presents

The Stage

A PLATFORM FOR RESEARCHERS TO SHARE THEIR
WORK AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE
INTERDISCIPLINARY CONVERSATIONS

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Associate Professor In Cultural Studies
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TALKS ON

'Your DH And My DH':
Epistemic Enquiries Into
Indian Digital Humanities

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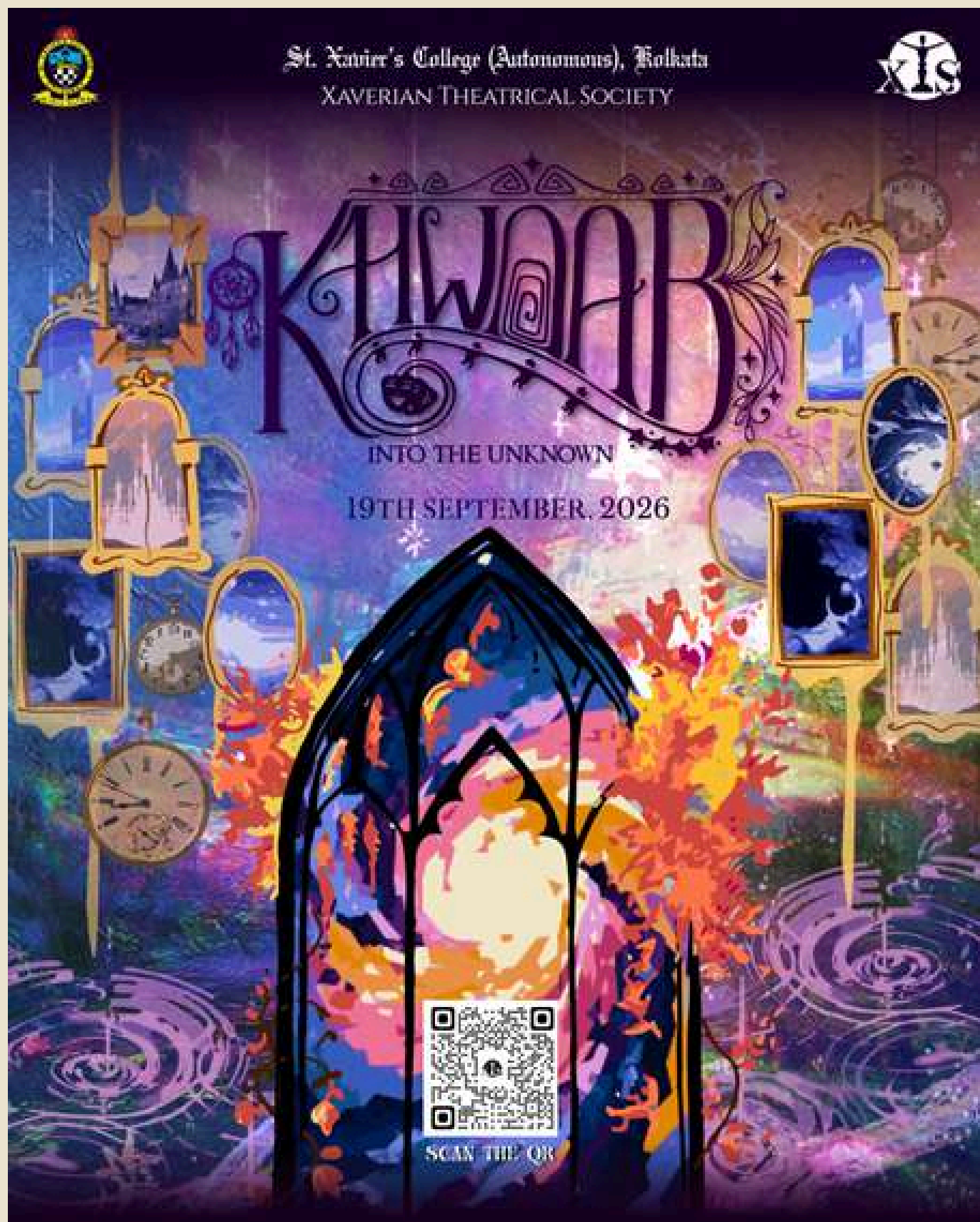


16.09.2026 - The Department of Arts and Science organised The Stage.

Talk on: 'Your DH and My DH': Epistemic Enquiries into Indian Digital Humanities. From its initiation in India around the early 2000s, Digital Humanities, known variously as Digi Hum and DH, has been on the fringes of Humanities and Social Sciences research with a sense of much promise. There have been multiple conferences on Digital Humanities, in locations all over the country such as Kolkata, Indore, Bengaluru and Aligarh. There is also an informal research group, DHARTI, that conducts regular discussions over WhatsApp. There have also been various courses, both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, launched in both government and private universities and finally, a slew of DH projects has been completed in various parts of the country. Nevertheless, there remains a major gap in the thinking around DH pedagogy, project collaboration and research in general in India. Arguably, such a lacuna also reveals a need for epistemic thinking around DH in India. As a commentator states '[a]t Digital Diversity 2015, [Indian DH scholar] Padmini Ray Murray insisted, "Your DH is not my DH—and that is a good thing." Claire Warwick reiterated this idea in her DHSI 2015 keynote speech, suggesting that local institutions and cultures are critical to digital humanities practice' (Risam 2016). While this is of paramount importance in either moving DH away from or expanding what is known as 'the big tent' in the field, the question that arises is what is "my DH" and how is it even different from "Your DH"? In their article on the thematic interests of the ADHO, the premier DH conference, Weingart and Eichman-Kalwara (2017) admit that "Digital Humanities" is a fraught term, on whose definition rests funding decisions, tenure lines, and institutional power dynamics'.



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19.09.2026 - Xaverian Theatrical Society of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, successfully hosted its annual flagship theatre workshop, KHWAAB 2026. Held in Xavier Hall, the event brought together aspiring creators for an intensive day of live masterclasses. Centered on the theme "Into the Unknown," the workshop challenged participants to transcend familiar creative boundaries, providing a space where the silver screen met the proscenium to explore the infinite possibilities of human imagination.

The event commenced with an inaugural address by Vice Principal Professor Bertram Da Silva, who transported the audience on an auditory journey to experience Shakespeare's brilliance live at the Globe Theatre, setting a deeply reflective tone for the sessions to follow. This was followed by an enrapturing opening address by the Secretary of the Society, defending authentic human creativity, highlighting that while Generative AI might replicate artifice, true theatrical brilliance remains an inherently human craft.



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19.09.2026 - An International Seminar on Father Pierre Fallon, SJ (1912-1985) was organized by the Postgraduate and Research Department of Bengali at Raghabpur Campus, Academic Block II. The welcome address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Peter Arockiam, SJ. Rev. Dr. Johnson Padiyara, SJ felicitated the resource persons.

Eminent resource persons shared their thoughts in the seminar. Prof. Pabitra Sarkar, Sri Sankarlal Bhattacharya, Prof. Suranjan Middey, Dr. Snehasis Sur, Sri Biswajyoti Dasgupta, Sri Swapan Mukhopadhyay, Mrs. Marufa Akhter, Sri Dipankar Basu and Sri Debdutta Gupta delivered lectures.

145 students, scholars, teachers and professors attended the seminar. Four scholars and faculty members from various universities presented their papers on Father Fallon. All the discussions enlightened the participants on the literary and cultural contributions of Father Pierre Fallon, SJ to the Bengali language and culture. The seminar was well appreciated by a wide range of participants and Bengali intellectuals. The vote of thanks was given by the Departmental Coordinator, Dr. Debashis Bhattacharyya, and Dr. Madhumita Acharya was the Emcee of the seminar.



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19.09.2026 - The St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association (SXCCAA) organised the Deccan Chapter Meet 2026 at The Bougainvillea, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. The gathering brought together Xaverians from different generations for fellowship, reconnection, networking and strengthening the alumni fraternity.

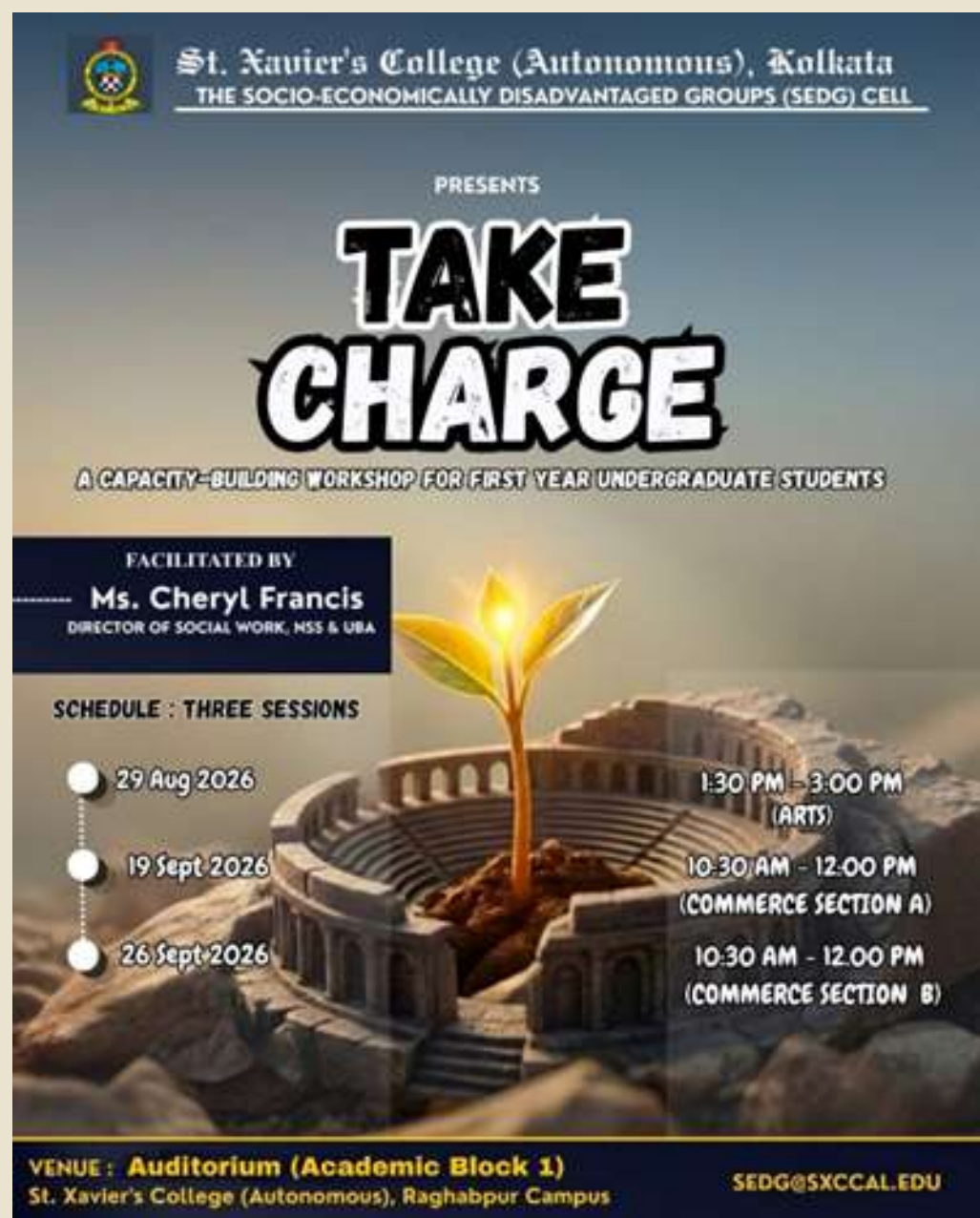
The Meet was graced by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata and President, SXCCAA, as Chief Guest, along with Mr. Sanjib Koner, Honorary Secretary, SXCCAA. Rev. Fr. Bujji Babu and Rev. Fr. Rex Angelo of Loyola Academy, Secunderabad also attended the gathering.

The programme included the felicitation of dignitaries, a Welcome Address by Mr. Rakesh Singhanian, and an inspiring Keynote Address by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ. Audio-Visual presentations showcased SXCCAA's philanthropic initiatives, particularly "Ripples of Hope" and the Raghampur Campus.

A major highlight was the unveiling of the brochure "Bridges of Hope – Looking Beyond", highlighting SXCCAA's continuing commitment to supporting rural education and economically disadvantaged students at the Raghampur Campus.



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29.08.2026, 19.09.2026 & 26.09.2026 - The Social-Economics Disadvantaged Groups (SEDG) Cell, Raghabpur Campus, organized "TAKE CHARGE" - a Capacity-Building Workshop for First Year UG students. Facilitated by Ms. Cheryl Francis, Director of Social Work, NSS & UBA, the workshop was held in three sessions on 29th Aug (Arts), 19th Sept (Commerce Sec A) and 26th Sept 2026 (Commerce Sec B) at the Auditorium, Academic Block 1. The workshop focused on confidence building, academic integration and awareness of student support systems, benefiting 150+ students.





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20.09.2026 - Ripples of Hope: SXCCAA Deccan Chapter Philanthropy Drive at Hyderabad

As part of the SXCCAA Deccan Chapter Meet, members of the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association carried out a heartwarming philanthropy drive under the banner of "Ripples of Hope" at St. Jude India ChildCare Centre in Begumpet, Hyderabad. The centre serves as a caring haven for over thirty children aged 0 to 15 bravely battling cancer alongside their parents, with an adjacent facility housing another sixty terminally ill children. Led by Chief Guest Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata and President of SXCCAA, the visiting delegation included Honorary Secretary Sanjib Koner, Deccan Chapter Coordinator Rakesh Singhanian, Ranoj Mukherjee, and Upasana Law.

Following full compliance with St. Jude's Child Protection and POSH safety policies, the team spent meaningful time interacting with the families and distributed essential rations, hygiene kits, and creative supplies, including a large pack of Surf Excel, bottles of Dettol, bananas, sweet lemons, apples, papaya, packs of A4 paper, packs of whiteboard markers, and boxes of crayons.

Addressing the gathering, Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, shared an inspiring message: "True to our Xaverian calling of being men and women for and with others, our presence here today is a reminder that even the smallest act of kindness can ignite boundless hope. These brave young children teach us profound courage and resilience. As an institution and an alumni fraternity, our mission goes far beyond academic excellence - it lives in walking alongside those who suffer, sharing their burdens, and letting love and empathy create ripples of hope and healing and light in their lives."





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23.09.2026 - St. Xavier's College Science Association Induction Programme 2026.

Welcome and opening address: The emcees greeted our respected Father Principal, Mr. Rana Biswas and Dr. Arup Kumar Mitra, as well as the current members of Science Association and the previous Core Committee members, and officially announced the commencement of the SXCSA Induction ceremony for the year 2026-27. The audience rose as Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ (Principal), Dr. Arup Kumar Mitra (Controller of Examinations and Deputy President) and Mr. Rana Biswas (Vice Deputy President) were invited to take their seats on the dias. The audience were then seated.



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23.09.2026 - An Internship Orientation Programme was organised by the Department of Arts and Science, for the first-year students at Fr. Depelchin Auditorium. The programme was conducted in two sessions: 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for the Arts and Humanities departments and 1:30–2:30 p.m. for the Science departments.

Under the guidance of the Vice Principal, Prof, Bertram Da Silva, the programme was

conducted by the Internship Nodal Officer, Dr. Durba Bhattacharya, who provided an

overview of the internship rules, requirements, and the process to be followed by students. Dr. Romit Beed, Head, Department of Computer Science, conducted a session on using LinkedIn effectively for finding internship opportunities. He discussed creating a professional profile, networking, and using the platform to explore relevant opportunities. He also explained the requirements related to co-curricular credits.

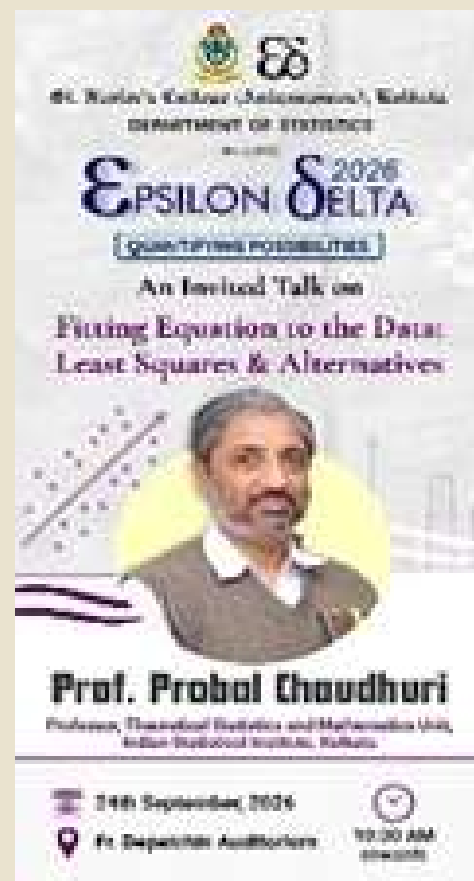
Current students from different departments shared their internship experiences with the first- year students, offering practical insights into finding opportunities, applying for internships, and making the most of the experience. The student speakers were Aadit Bose (Department of Microbiology), Abhirup Roy (Department of Political Science), and Pratanu Chowdhury and Reet Roy Chowdhury (Department of Statistics).

Pramesh Chakraborty, Department of Chemistry, served as the Emcee for the programme. The programme aimed to familiarise first-year students with the internship requirements and provide them with practical guidance on identifying opportunities, building professional profiles, and preparing for their internship journey.





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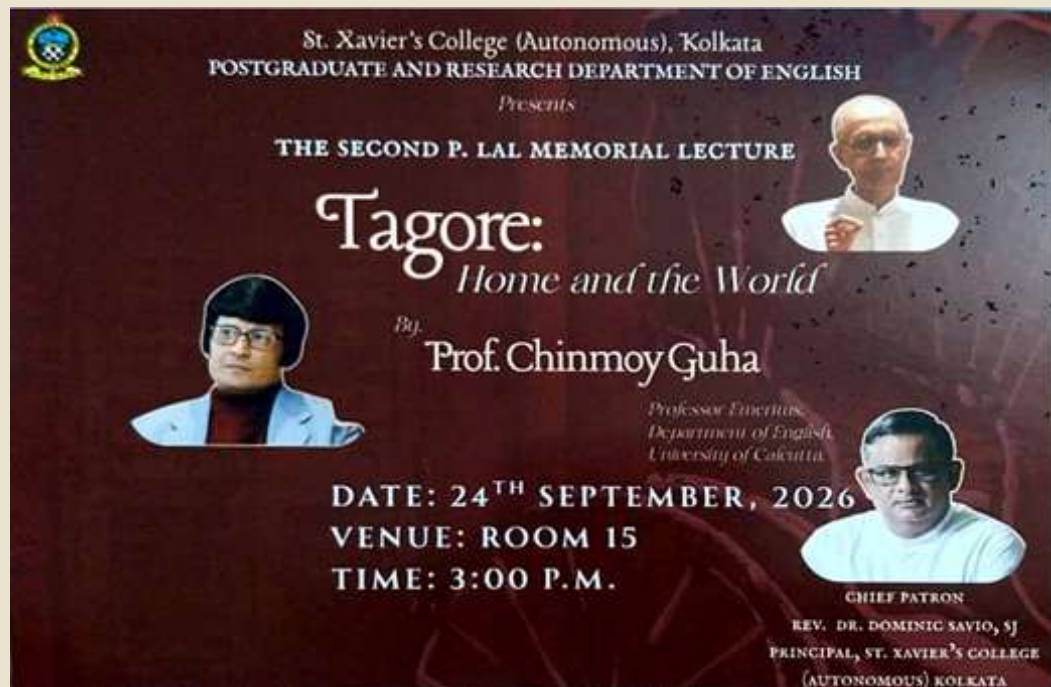


24.09.2026 - The Department of Statistics, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, organised Epsilon Delta'26, its annual departmental event. It brought together a vibrant blend of academic exploration, intellectual competition, strategic thinking, and celebration. With the theme "Quantifying Possibilities", this year's edition sought to capture the many ways in which statistics extends beyond numbers—into reasoning, decision-making, curiosity, and the understanding of an increasingly complex world.

Epsilon Delta'26 was more than a single-day academic gathering. It was a carefully curated experience that brought together students, faculty, and participants through a diverse range of activities, each reflecting a different dimension of statistical thought. From the anticipation of the morning registration to the energy of the final cultural programme, the day unfolded as a celebration of everything that makes the study of statistics both rigorous and exciting.



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24.09.2026 - The second P. Lal Memorial Lecture was organised by the Postgraduate and Research Department of English.

The lecture, titled “Tagore: Home and the World”, was delivered by Professor Chinmoy Guha, Professor Emeritus of English, University of Calcutta. The afternoon began, fittingly, with another teacher and another world of connections. Professor Purushottam Lal, the St. Xavier’s alumnus who later taught in its English Department for more than four decades, was remembered by Guha, his student in the early 1970s, as a professor whose sonorous lectures made distant things suddenly speak to one another. Guha likened him to the “magic lantern” of Ingmar Bergman’s autobiographical reflections. A lecture on Coleridge could lead, in Lal’s classroom, to Satyajit Ray’s *Aranyer Din Ratri*, where the question “Have you never suffered?” becomes more than a line of dialogue. Literature, in such a classroom, did not remain enclosed within books. It opened windows into cinema, memory and human experience.

Lal’s own literary legacy made Tagore an especially fitting presence at his memorial. With Shyamasree Devi, he transcreated Tagore’s final collection, *Śeṣ Lekha*, as Tagore’s Last Poems, published by Writers Workshop. Bengali and English, original and translation, home and world were therefore already woven into the life being remembered.



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SOS: SAVE OUR SOURCE
Building pollination sanctuaries for endemic species of insects

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Principal
St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

CHIEF ADVISOR
REV. DR. JOHNSON PADYARA, SJ
Vice-Principal, Raghampur Campus
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SPEAKER
DR. SAIKAT KUMAR BASU
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24.09.2026 - The Department of Environmental Studies, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, Raghampur Campus, successfully organised a One-Day International Seminar titled "SOS: Save Our Source – Building Pollination Sanctuaries for Endemic Species of Insects" at the Raghampur Campus. The programme was conceived as an initiative to create awareness about the ecological importance of pollinators and to encourage the development of suitable habitats for endemic insect species within the campus.



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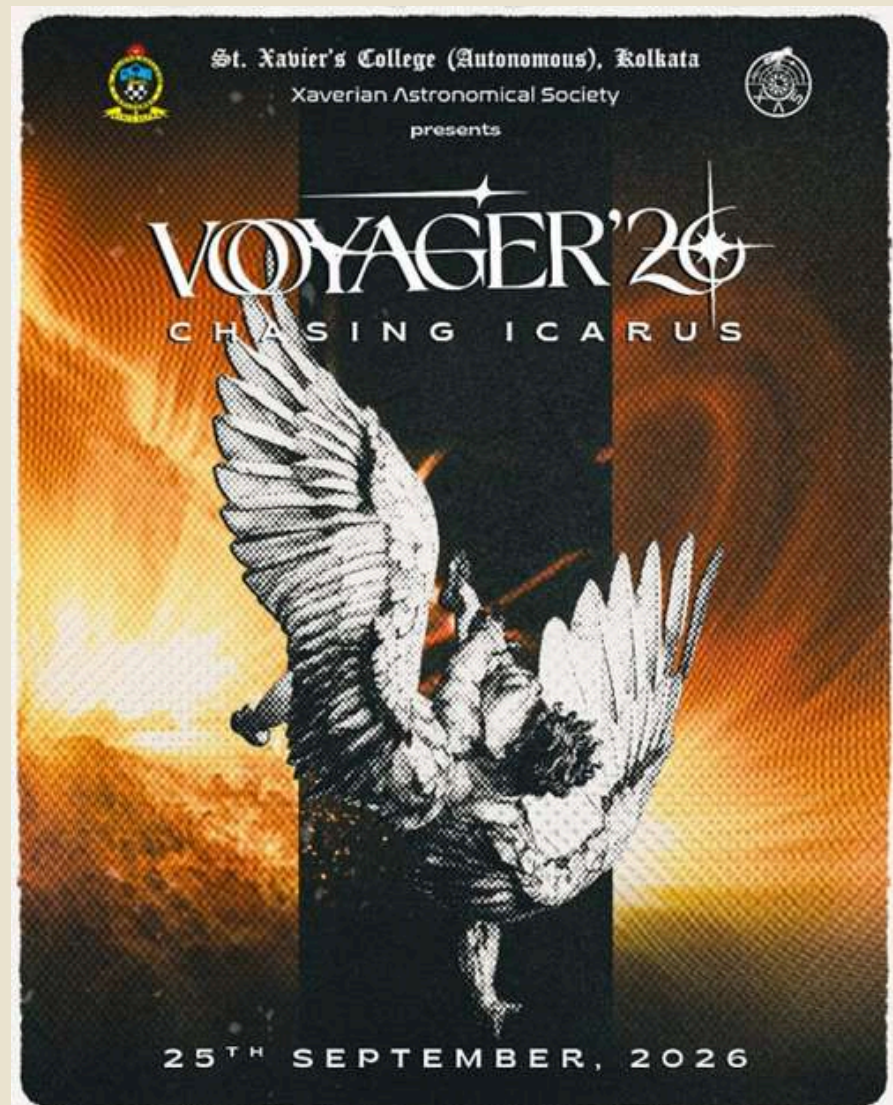
24.09.2026 - Department of Social Work, National Service Scheme (NSS) & Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) organised 57th NSS Day.

30 NSS volunteers observed NSS Day with approximately 50 girls from Navjeevan Kolkata (an NGO working for at-risk girls) through an engaging programme centred on empowerment, education, and community well-being. To inspire and empower the girls, the volunteers shared the life journeys and achievements of Kalpana Chawla, Savitribai Phule, and Anandibai Joshi. Their remarkable stories encouraged the participants to aspire towards greater goals, cultivate self-confidence, and face life's challenges with determination and resilience.

At the end of the programme, Praveen Bano, a student of Class 8, shared "Aaj maine seekha ki hum sab log mushkilon ka saamna kartehain, aur yehzaroori bhi hotahai ki hum unkaaatmavishwas ke saathsaamna karein. Aajmujhe sabhi bhaiya aurdidi ne yeh ehsaas karaya ki main zaroori hoon, aur agar main thaan loon, toh main kuch bhi paasakti hoon." (Today, I learnt that all of us face hardships and it is important to face it with confidence. The bhaiyas and didis helped me realise that I am important and I can achieve anything I set my mind to). While on the other hand, Akshat Rungta, a volunteer reflected, "I learnt that instead of criticising the smallest mistakes in life, or focussing on what we don't have, we should appreciate what we have, keep smiling and make the most of the opportunities we receive. Being grateful and happy for what we have helps us to overcome many of our problems"



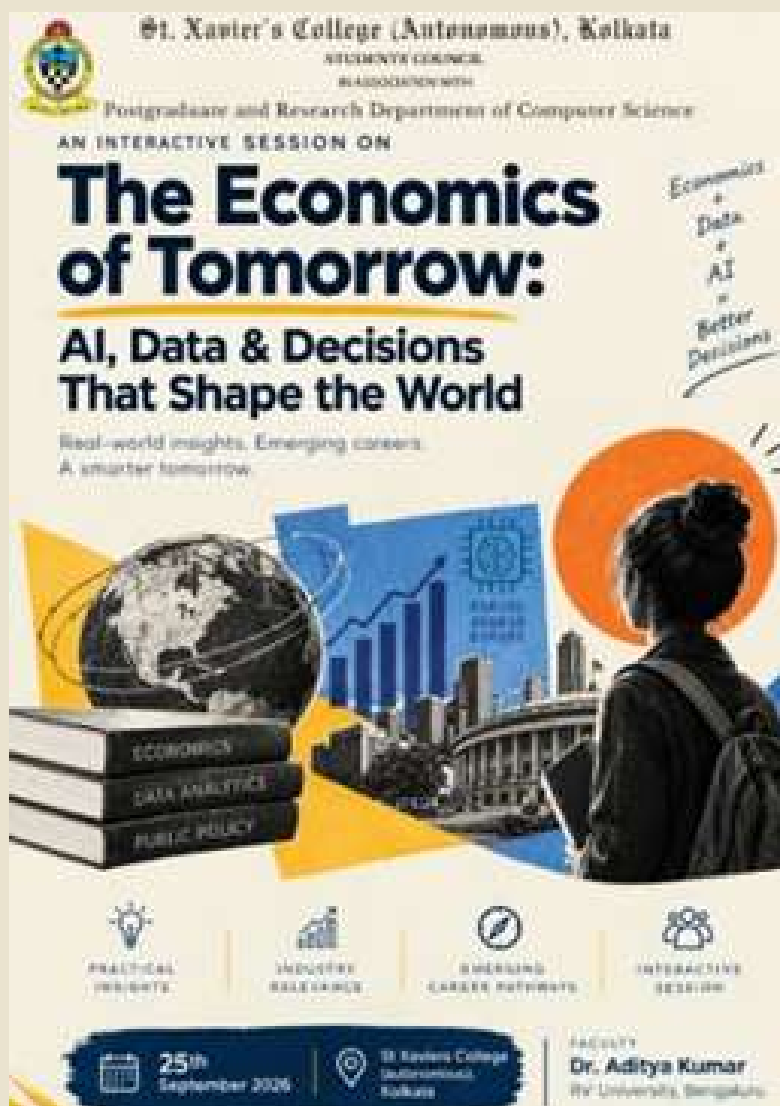
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25.09.2026 - Voyager 2026, themed "Chasing Icarus," was organized by the Xaverian Astronomical Society (XAS), in Room 28 of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, in collaboration with the Xaverian Debating Society and the Postgraduate and Research Department of Physics. The theme was Chasing Icarus, reflected the spirit of curiosity, exploration, and the pursuit of knowledge beyond conventional boundaries.



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25.09.2026 -The Students' Council of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, in association with the Postgraduate and Research Department of Computer Science, hosted a truly enriching interactive session titled "The Economics of Tomorrow: AI, Data & Decisions That Shape the World".

The session was graced by the esteemed Dr. Aditya Kumar of RV University, Bengaluru, whose insightful and engaging delivery left a lasting impression on everyone present. He beautifully brought together economics, data analytics and artificial intelligence, showing how they shape better decisions and open exciting career pathways.

Final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students, along with enthusiastic students from other science departments, attended the one-hour session. It was wonderfully interactive, with students participating throughout via live learning games and audio-visual videos that made the topic come alive and helped them connect with it deeply.

The session offered valuable practical insights and industry relevance, inspiring students as they plan their futures. It was a resounding success, and the Students' Council extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Aditya Kumar, the Department of Computer Science, and every participant who made the day memorable.



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25.09.2026 & 26.09.2026 - Postgraduate Department of History, St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, is going to organized a Two-day International Seminar in association with the Postcolonial Studies Association of the Global South.

1. Critically examine grief and mourning as significant analytical categories within the humanities and social sciences, moving beyond their treatment as merely private emotions or ritual practices.

2. Interrogate the relationship between grief, violence, trauma and power, with particular attention to war, displacement, marginalization, authoritarianism, and the unequal recognition of suffering.

3. Explore grief as a form of historical and cultural knowledge through archives, memory, testimony, literature, poetry, art, performance, ritual and other forms of cultural expression.

4. Foreground marginalized and interrupted experiences of mourning, including gendered grief, subaltern memory, forced displacement, colonial and postcolonial violence, and experiences that remain socially or politically "ungrievable."

5. Examine the political and ethical dimensions of mourning, including questions of grievability, collective memory, resistance, recognition, and the politics of whose suffering is publicly acknowledged.

6. Revisit changing forms of grief and mourning in relation to ecological crisis, digital memorialization, contemporary literature, popular culture and new media.

7. Engage with diverse intellectual and cultural vocabularies of grief, including melancholia, lamentation, shoka, bishad, karuna, elegy, tragedy and related conceptual traditions.

8. Foster interdisciplinary dialogue among scholars working in history, literature, sociology, cultural studies, gender studies, political thought, environmental humanities and allied fields.





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26.09.2026 - Circle of Joy: A Drive of Giving and Sharing

Circle of Joy, the annual clothes donation drive initiated by the Postgraduate Department of Education. The initiative received generous support from almost all departments of the College, with both new and pre-loved clothes.

The students of the Department collected the clothes over a period of three months and carefully sorted them for distribution among various organizations working for the underprivileged. The collected clothes were subsequently donated to Ashabari, Keoradanga; a home for the destitute; and St. Michael's Church, Santragachhi.

The initiative reflected the spirit of sharing, compassion, and service, while encouraging the College community to extend a helping hand to those in need. It also reinforced the values of empathy, social responsibility, and collective action that lie at the heart of the Department's community engagement initiatives.





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EMPIRE, ENVIRONMENT AND TEA:
UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY OF ROYAL BEVERAGE
IN BENGAL, PAST AND PRESENT

Date: 26th September 2026 **Time: 11 am onwards** **Venue: Fr. Depelchin Auditorium, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata**

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Sub-themes:

- Tea in Bengal: History & Heritage
- Labour & the Tea Industry
- Cultivation, Production & Markets
- Organic Tea: Sustainability & Well-being
- Tea Biochemistry & Environmental Impact
- Tea in Literature & Digital Media
- Tea Tourism
- Socioeconomic Dimensions of Tea Cultivation

PRESENTATION
SEMINAR THEMES
History & Heritage, Science & Environment, Culture & Society
Exploring the history & science of tea, its role in shaping the Indian economy & society.

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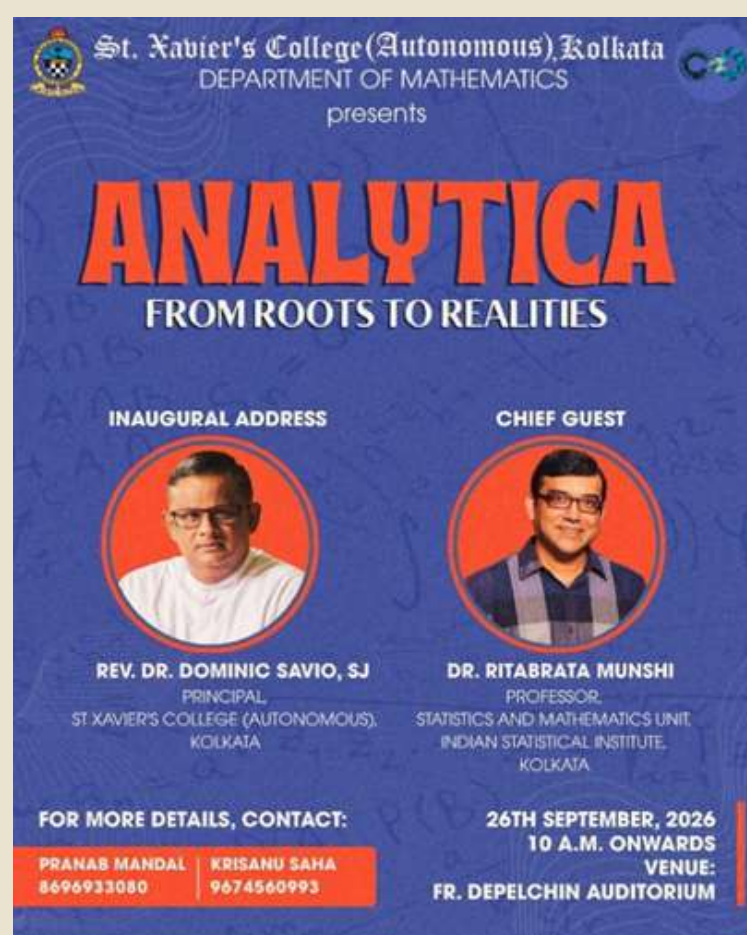
26.09.2026 - Postgraduate & Research Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier's College Kolkata, in collaboration with Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, organized a One-Day International Seminar on "Empire, Environment and Tea: Understanding the History of Royal Beverage in Bengal, Past and Present".

The seminar covered topics like tea heritage, labour, sustainability, biochemistry, and tea tourism. The event was held under the patronage of Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ. Speakers included faculty from SXC and dignitaries from Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad. The seminar drew participation from students, researchers, and history enthusiasts.





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26.09.2026 - Department of Mathematics, organised Analytica 2026, the annual academic fest of the Department of Mathematics.

Theme “From Roots to Realities.” The event highlighted the progression of mathematics from foundational ideas to its contemporary role in science, technology, and problem-solving.

More than 150 participants from St. Xavier's College and institutions including Jadavpur University, the Institute of Engineering & Management, and Calcutta University attended the event. The programme began at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Sessions and Performances

Dr. Munshi delivered the keynote lecture, “Can Machines Do Mathematics? – The Recent Influence of AI on Mathematics.” The talk traced the role of computers from mathematical computation to pattern discovery, reasoning, proof generation, and formal verification. An interactive Q&A session allowed participants to examine both the possibilities and limitations of artificial intelligence in mathematics.

Musical and dance performances were presented during the inaugural, post-seminar, and closing sessions, adding a creative and celebratory dimension to the academic programme.



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**St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata**
Department of Social Work
National Service Scheme
Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

**Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**
Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

National Nutrition Month and TB-Free India
Date – 26th September, 2026
Resource Person – Ms. Fahmida Hossain, Food Safety Officer,
Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal
Venue – St. Xavier's College, Raghabpur Campus

26.09.2026 & 27.09.2026 - NSS Unit I, in collaboration with the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell, organised an awareness programme on Rashtriya Poshan Maah and TB mukht bharat for approximately 70 rural women and 30 NSS volunteers. The programme aimed to promote nutritional literacy, health awareness, and informed decision-making among community members, thereby strengthening the foundation for a healthier and more resilient society.

The resource person for the session was Ms. Fahmida Hossain, Food Safety Officer, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal, who sensitised the participants on critical issues related to nutrition and food safety.

On 27th September, 70 NSS volunteers sensitised around 150 rural children of Hogulkuria, Nurshikdarchowk and Shalpokur villages on Rashtriya Poshan Maah focusing on the importance of balanced diet and its effect on overall health and wellbeing. The children also learnt about TB and its connection with malnutrition.





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26.09.2026 - Take Charge: A Capacity-Building Workshop for First Year Undergraduate Students.

The Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDG) Cell organized “Take Charge: A Capacity-Building Workshop for First Year Undergraduate Students” at the Raghampur Campus of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. Envisioned as the first of a series of capacity-building workshops for first year undergraduate students that would help bridge the gap between college learning and real-world skills, the first workshop was held on 29th August 2026 for students of the Arts departments. A second workshop was conducted on 26th September 2026 for Commerce students.

The Capacity-Building Workshops, curated and ably led by Ms. Cheryl Francis, Director of Social Work, NSS and UBA, of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, were designed to support the overall development of students by helping them to better understand themselves, build confidence, and develop essential life skills. The key aim of the programme was to create greater self-awareness among students by enabling them to identify their strengths, understand their personality traits, and recognize areas for personal growth.

The dynamic facilitation and interactive workshop exercises drew participants into active engagement and a group learning experience. Conducted through a combination of ice-breaking activities, self-reflection exercises, group discussions, sharing sessions, and presentations, the workshops focused on enhancing communication skills, promoting self-esteem and developing a positive attitude towards challenges. The students were led to an honest and creative reflection on overcoming personal barriers and furthering personal development.



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28.09.2026 - The Postgraduate and Research Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, in association with EcoSoc, organised the 19th edition of CONFLUENCE, its annual academic summit, at the Fr. Depelchin Auditorium. Centred on the theme “West Bengal Economy: Navigating Changes and Building the Future,” the summit offered a vibrant platform to engage with the state's changing economic landscape and the challenges and opportunities that will shape its future.

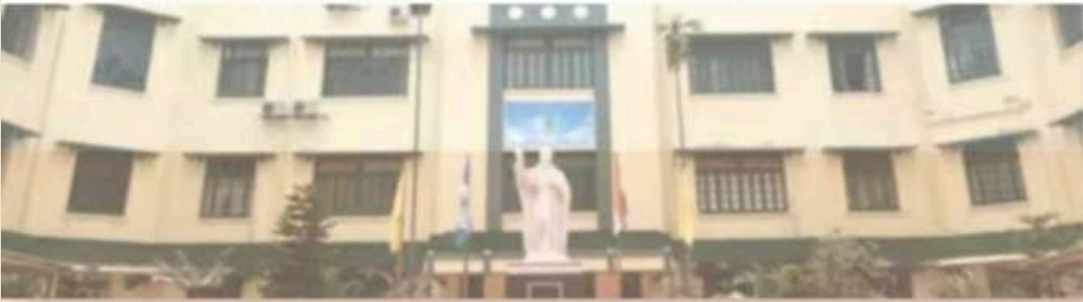


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Postgraduate and Research Department of Commerce (Evening)
Organizes
An Interactive Session
on
"Lessons from the Past, Inspiration for the Future"





Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ
Principal



Kinjal Ajmera
Manager - Group Strategy
Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd.
Mumbai



Rev. Dr. Peter Arockiam, SJ
Vice-Principal

28th September 2026 4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Class Room

28.09.2026 - An insightful and engaging interactive session was organised for the students of B. Com Evening in Room 12 and 13, featuring Ms. Kinjal Ajmera, an accomplished alumnae of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.

Ms. Ajmera is a Commerce graduate of the College (2020–2023) with an impressive academic and professional record. She secured All India Rank 3 in CA Final (November 2024), All India Rank 1 in CS Professional (December 2025), All India Rank 1 in CA Intermediate (December 2021), and All India Rank 1 in CS Executive (December 2022). She currently serves as a Manager – Group Strategy in Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd., and had previously completed her article ship in Statutory Audit from Ernst and Young, Kolkata.





28.09.2026 - The Postgraduate Department of Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, organised 'Symphony of Flavours', a Food Fest, on 28 September 2026, celebrating India's rich cultural diversity through its myriad cuisines and flavours.

The event brought together students and faculty in a spirit of joy, sharing and togetherness. Through the diverse food preparations, the Food Fest reflected the beautiful tapestry of India's culinary traditions, where differences in culture and cuisine come together to create a shared sense of unity and community.

The celebration, however, extended beyond food and festivity. Keeping alive the values of compassion, care and social responsibility, the proceeds from the Food Fest will be dedicated to supporting the poor and marginalized. Thus, every dish shared and every contribution made becomes an expression of solidarity and service.



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29.09.2026 - The Xaverian Film Academy (XFA) of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, successfully organised Cinescope 2.0. to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of legendary Bengali actor Uttam Kumar, fondly known as the Mahanayak of Bengali cinema. The event was planned as a tribute to his enduring contribution to Bengali cinema and aimed to provide students and cinema enthusiasts with an opportunity to engage with his work through film screenings and meaningful discussion.

The main programme included screenings of Satyajit Ray's *Nayak* and Ajoy Kar's *Saptapadi*. The two films presented different aspects of Uttam Kumar's artistry and contribution to Bengali cinema. *Nayak* offered an introspective portrayal of a successful film actor, exploring themes of fame, ambition and the complexities behind a public persona, while *Saptapadi* explored themes of love, faith and social barriers through the iconic pairing of Uttam Kumar and Suchitra Sen. The selection allowed the audience to experience different dimensions of Uttam Kumar's performances and the cinematic era he represented.