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01.10.2026 - Special Campaign 6.0 (2026) Plantation Drive – Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.

As part of Special Campaign 6.0 (2026), undertaken in pursuance of the Ministry of Education's initiative to promote cleanliness, environmental awareness and sustainable practices in Teacher Education Institutions, the Postgraduate Department of Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, organised a plantation drive under the initiative "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam."

The plantation drive was initiated by Fr. Principal and the Vice-Principal of the Postgraduate Department of Education, with the active participation of the students, faculty members and staff of the Department. The initiative sought to foster a sense of environmental responsibility and encourage the members of the Department to contribute towards creating a greener and more sustainable campus.

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01.10.2026 - Visit of Higher Education Department Officials, Government of West Bengal to understand NIRF preparedness and performance

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01.10.2026 - The Postgraduate Department of Food Science and Nutrition, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, organized its second departmental celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah with its theme being – "POSHAN SE SAMRIDDHI – Nourishing Minds and Building Nations"

The programme brought together distinguished speakers, faculty members, students, research scholars, creating a platform for academic exchange, professional interaction and nutrition awareness. The event also witnessed participation from students and academic participants from institutions across West Bengal, making it an enriching inter-college gathering.

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02.10.2026 to 10.10.2026n - Daan Utsav, celebrated as The Joy of Giving, was observed with the aim of promoting generosity, compassion, social responsibility and community engagement.

The programme was organised at the Neighbourhood KMC Schools (Bal Shiksha Sadan and Shree Gandhi Vidya Mandir), St. Xavier's Boarding School, Gurap, in the adopted villages of Shalpukur, Nurshikdarchowk and Hogulkuria, and in the NGOs - Shoishob, Calcutta Muslim Orphanage for Girls, and Lutheran World Service India Trust. A total of 888 children and youth benefited from the programme, which was supported by the active participation of 250 volunteers.

The programme featured a range of educational, motivational and recreational activities designed to encourage the holistic development of children and youth. Awareness sessions on the importance of education highlighted its role in personal growth, social progress and the creation of better opportunities for the future. A session on building self-confidence through positive affirmations encouraged participants to recognise their strengths, develop a positive self-image and approach challenges with greater confidence.

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03.10.2026 - The St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association (SXCCAA) North Zone Chapter Meet 2026 was held in Delhi bringing together Xaverians, their families and well-wishers from Delhi and across the North Zone for an evening of fellowship, reconnection and renewed commitment to the Xaverian spirit.

The evening was graced by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata & President, SXCCAA; Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, SJ, President, Jesuit Conference of South Asia & Provincial of South Asia ; Fr. Thomas Perumalil, SJ , Socius ; Xaverian Anand Mohan Bajaj, Deputy CAG, Government of India; and Xaverian Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII.

The programme commenced with a prayer, followed by a warm welcome address by Mr. Sunil Singh, Coordinator, SXCCAA North Zone Chapter. The dignitaries were felicitated, followed by inspiring addresses reflecting upon Xaverian values, fellowship, service and our collective responsibility towards society.

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03.10.2026 - Cleanliness and Sanitation Drive.

As part of Special Campaign 6.0 (2026), in pursuance of the directions received from the Ministry of Education and NCTE, the Postgraduate Department of Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, initiated a Cleanliness and Sanitation Drive since 3rd October 2026.

The drive commenced under the leadership of the Acting Principal and Vice-Principal of Commerce (Morning), Fr. Joseph Kulandai, SJ and the Vice Principal of the Postgraduate Department of Education, with the active participation of the faculty members, students and staff of the Department. Their collective efforts contributed to the cleanliness, hygiene and proper upkeep of the institutional campus.

The drive reinforced the importance of maintaining a clean, hygienic and sustainable institutional environment, in keeping with the objectives of Special Campaign 6.0

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03.10.2026 -BODHON 2026

A Celebration of Art, Literature and the Spirit of Durga Puja.

Bodhon 2026, organised by the Bengali Literary Society (BLS) of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, was a vibrant celebration of Bengali culture, literature, music and the spirit of Durga Puja. Held on 3 October 2026 across the college campus, the event brought together students, distinguished guests, performers and the wider Xavierian community in an atmosphere that was unmistakably festive.

Bodhon 2026 was therefore more than a cultural event. With its dhakis, performances, competitions, discussions, music and an electrifying finale, it brought the essence of Durga Puja, Bengali culture and the collective spirit of the Xavierian community together under one roof.

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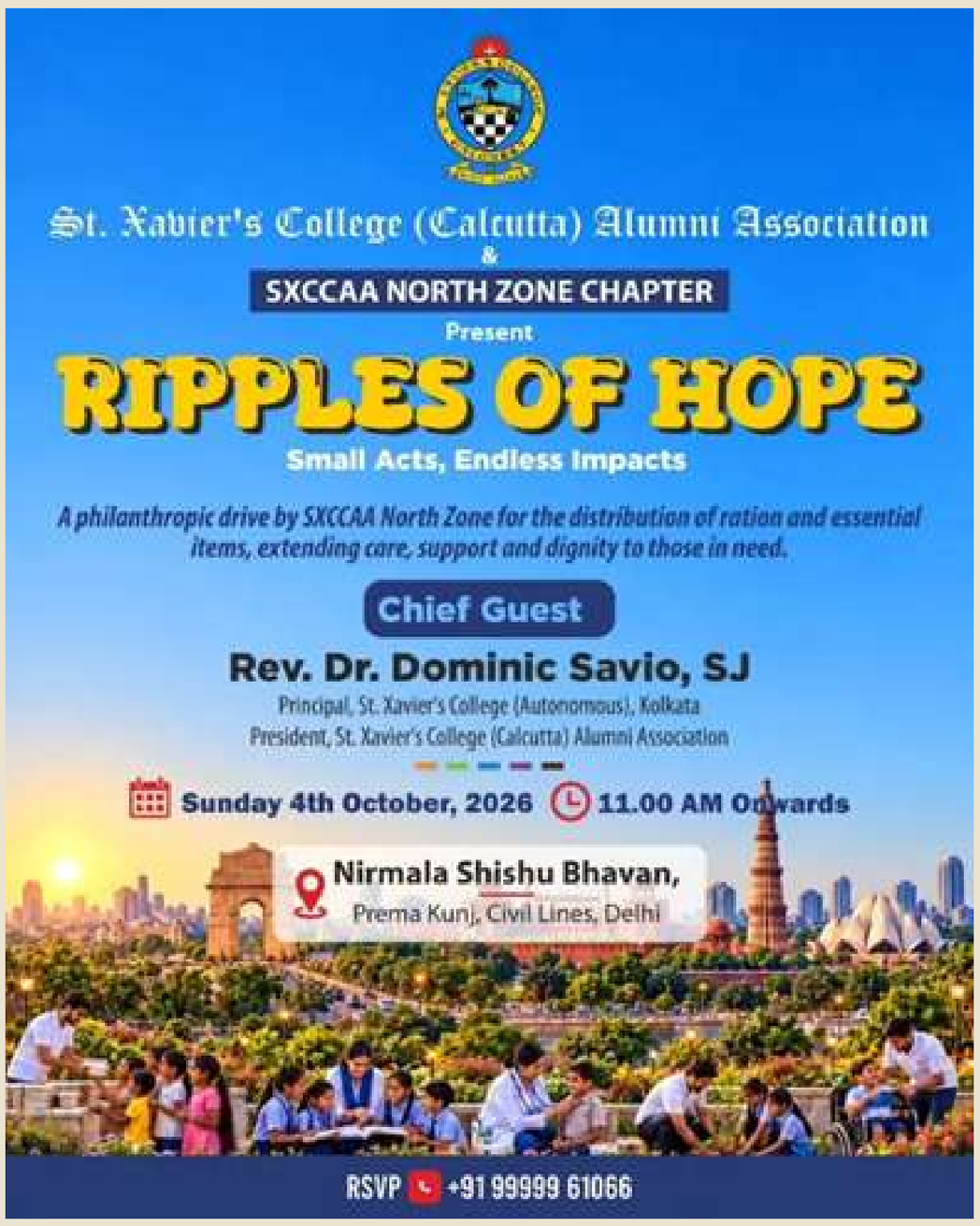
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04.10.2026 - A Proud Moment for the Xaverian Family!

Heartfelt congratulations to Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, on receiving the Shiksak Excellence Award for Educational Leadership at the Shiksak Annual Summit 2026.

The award was handed over today at the College, celebrating his leadership and contribution to education.



04.10.2026 - St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association (SXCCAA) North Zone Chapter organised a philanthropic outreach under "Ripples of Hope: Small Acts, Endless Impacts" at Nirmala Shishu Bhavan, Prema Kunj, Civil Lines, Delhi, run by the Missionaries of Charity Sisters.

he initiative was graced by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, with alumni members from Kolkata and Delhi joining together to extend care, compassion and support to around 30 vulnerable children residing at the home.

Guided by the Xaverian ethos of being "men and women for and with others," members distributed essential supplies and spent time with the children and caregivers, sharing warmth and joy.

The visit reaffirmed that simple acts of compassion can inspire hope and reflect the Xaverian commitment to serving those in need.

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05.10.2026 - Introductory Session on NDLI AI Tutor

Objective: The session was organised by the Department of Arts and Science, to introduce students to the NDLI AI Tutor, an AI-powered learning initiative developed through the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), in collaboration with IIT Kharagpur and Fermi AI. The session aimed to demonstrate how the AI Tutor can support conceptual understanding, problem-solving and self-directed learning.

Around 90 students from the Departments of Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Data Science, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Chemistry and Physics attended the session.

The session was conducted by Prof. Partha Pratim Chakraborty, Distinguished Professor and former Director, IIT Kharagpur, and Principal Investigator, National Digital Library of India.

Prof. Chakraborty demonstrated the AI Tutor through problems drawn from different disciplines. He explained the concept of inverse prompting, through which the AI Tutor guides students towards the solution rather than simply providing the final answer. The free AI Tutor, with its advanced features, demonstrated particularly strong performance in STEM subjects.

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05.10.2026 & 06.10.2026 - The Postgraduate and Research Department of Political Science, organised SANSAD & SUFFRAGIUM 2026 on 5–6 October 2026 as two complementary platforms for political engagement, deliberation and critical expression. While SANSAD employed the framework of a simulated legislature, SUFFRAGIUM provided a broader range of formats through which participants could engage with contemporary political and social questions. The two events were designed to encourage meaningful discourse, independent thinking and interaction among students from different institutions.

Together, SANSAD and SUFFRAGIUM 2026 created an integrated academic platform where parliamentary deliberation, journalism, policy analysis, political knowledge, electoral simulation and visual storytelling converged. Their shared emphasis on research, argumentation, creativity and multiple perspectives strengthened the department's objective of fostering informed and engaged student participation in contemporary political discourse.

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06.10.2026 - The Eco Club of the Postgraduate Department of Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, organised an awareness programme on 'Mission LiFE' (Lifestyle for Environment) through a Poster Presentation on 6 October 2026 following the direction of Ministry of Education and NCTE.

The programme aimed to sensitise students towards environmentally responsible lifestyles and encourage sustainable practices in their daily lives. The B.Ed. students of the department participated enthusiastically, presenting informative and creative posters highlighting various aspects of environmental conservation, sustainable living and individual responsibility towards protecting the environment.

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06.10.2026 - St. Xavier's College Students Cheer for India at VYBK on the invitation of the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Government of West Bengal, more than 400 students of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, attended the International Friendly Football Match between India vs Uruguay at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK), Salt Lake.

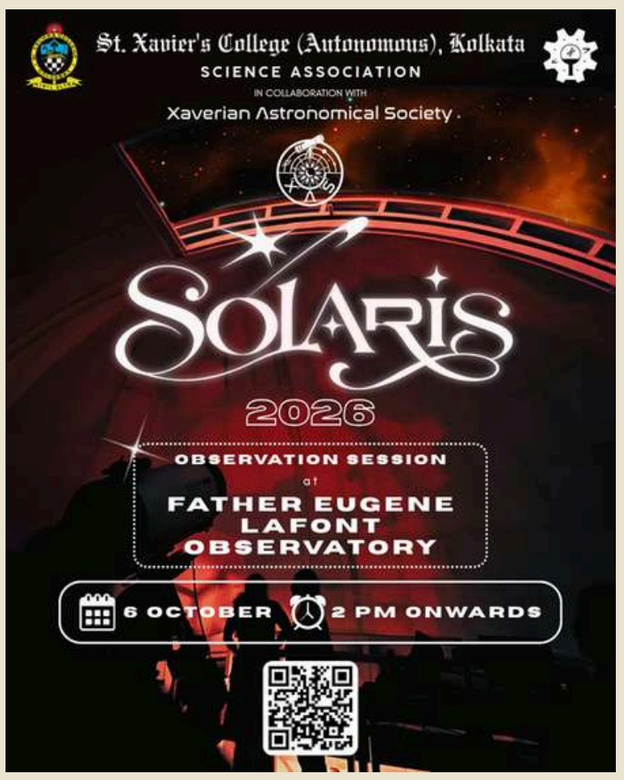
The students filled the stands with great enthusiasm, cheering for the home side and displaying the true spirit of sportsmanship. The college extends its sincere gratitude to the Government of West Bengal for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity to witness world-class football live.

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06.10.2026 - St. Xavier's College Science Association (SXCSA), in collaboration with the Xaverian Astronomical Society (XAS) organised SOLARIS 2026.

Speaker Session

Topic: "Sun - Past, Present & ; Future"

Invited Speaker: Dr. Debiprosad Duari, Former Director, M. P. Birla Institute of Fundamental Research and Former Director, Institute of Astronomy, Space and Earth Sciences

Aim: Solar Surface Observation

Venue: Father Eugene Lafont Observatory (FELO)

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07.10.2026 - The Postgraduate Department of Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, organised a Seminar on Awareness and Environmental Sustainability on 7th October 2026, in pursuance of the directions received from the Ministry of Education and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) as part of Special Campaign 6.0.

The presentation focused on the hazards of single-use plastics, plastic pollution and waste generation. Particular emphasis was placed on the 3R principles—Reduce, Reuse and Recycle as practical approaches to responsible resource management.

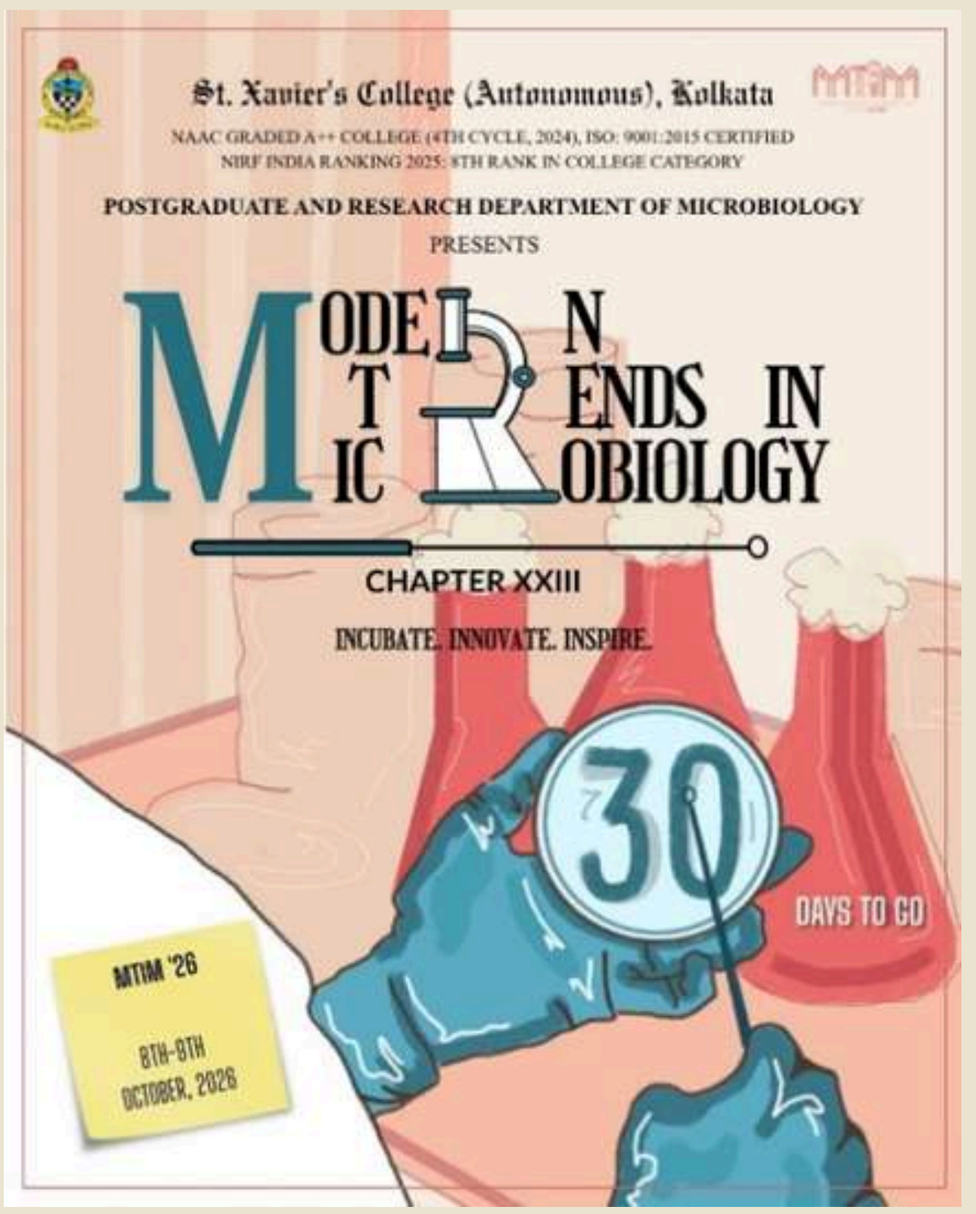
The seminar further highlighted the responsibility of teacher-educators and student-teachers as agents of change in creating environmental awareness among young learners and in promoting sustainable practices within educational institutions and the wider community.

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08.10.2026 & 09.10.2026 - Postgraduate and Research Department of Microbiology in Collaboration with EDCIC (Entrepreneurship Development Cell & Innovation Council) organised the flagship annual innovation event under "Modern Trends in Microbiology" (Chapter XXIII). The objective is to provide a platform for students to present innovative ideas in microbiology, biotechnology, and allied life sciences that have entrepreneurial potential.



09.10.2026 - Postgraduate & Research Department of Computer Science organised Industry – Academic Interface Invited Talk Trends & Techniques in Computer Science – Building the AI Economy: Challenges and Opportunities.

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09.10.2026 - A Collaborative Academic Commemorating Gandhi Jayanti.

Loreto College and the Postgraduate Department of Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, jointly organised an inter college academic event commemorating Gandhi Jayanti. This marked the second collaborative programme between the two institutions under the MoU signed between them.

The programme was hosted by Loreto College. A team of B.Ed. students from St. Xavier's College represented the institution under the guidance of Prof. Sirin Ray.

The students of St. Xavier's College delivered an outstanding performance. Special congratulations to Archita Chowdhury (roll 52) for securing First Position and Nilasha Chakraborty (roll 78) for securing Second Position in the extempore competition. Their remarkable achievement brought pride to the Department and the institution.

The event reflected the shared commitment of both institutions to fostering academic collaboration, dialogue, and the values of peace, non-violence, and social responsibility inspired by Mahatma Gandhi.

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09.10.2026 & 12.10.2026 - Xaverian Theatrical Society (XTS), the official theatre society of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, conducted auditions for its Annual Home Production for the academic year 2026-27.

The casting call was in Room 209. The audition was open to all students of the college who have a passion for theatre, acting, scriptwriting and backstage production. A large number of students from various departments participated enthusiastically. Participants were asked to perform a short monologue, improvisation and script-reading as part of the selection process. The core committee members of XTS evaluated the performances based on expression, voice modulation and stage presence. The auditions marked the commencement of the journey towards the much-awaited Home Production 2026-27, which is the flagship annual stage performance of XTS.



10.10.2026 - Postgraduate and Research Department of Computer Science in association with Department of Social Work, National Service Scheme – Unit 1 – Unnat Bharat Abhiyan organised Daan Utsav.

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10.10.2026 - 58 students and 4 professors from the Postgraduate and Research Department of Computer science visited St. Xavier's School Gurap today on 10th October, 2026.

Our students conducted the annual sports for around 500 students followed by a cultural programme and skit.



The divine homecoming that calls for compassion & selfless service

Rev Dr Dominic Savio

With autumn's arrival, we prepare for the sacred season of the Pujas, heralding Devi Durga's homecoming. It is a time of happiness, renewal and hope. Yet, amid suffering around us, we ask: Where is the Divine? Where are justice and humanity? When will the wounding of Mother Earth cease? Such questions leave us despondent, wondering whether the festive spirit has deserted our troubled world.

The Divine has not forsaken us. Its presence becomes palpable through Mother Durga's arrival, dispelling despair and promising renewed life. The Divine consoles us in maternal forms — Durga, Lakshmi, Kali and Jagaddhatri. Devotees embrace these deities as family: Durga becomes every household's daughter, returning from Shiva's Himalayan abode with her children to visit her mother. Her homecoming follows the monsoon, amid fragrant *shiuli*, swaying *kash phool*, brimming waters and ripening paddy.

Durga returns triumphant after vanquishing Mahishasura. Mahalaya marks the culmination of Pitri Paksha, when prayers and offerings seek repose for ancestors and blessings for descendants. It also ushers in Devi Paksha, dedicated to the Divine Mother.

Verses from the Sri Sri Chandi celebrate Durga's victory over Mahishasura, whose shifting forms symbolise negativity's many disguises. Her triumph represents good over evil, justice over injustice, and hope over despair.

The invocation *Ya Devi Sarvabhuteshu* reminds us that the Divine manifests through *shakti* (strength), *shanti* (peace) and *tripti* (accomplishment). We must encounter the Divine through body, mind and soul, honouring all beings and preserving nature. Our gifts and talents must be offered without expectation of reward. Thus Bhakti Yoga, the path of devotion, becomes Karma Yoga, the path of selfless service — *nishkama karma*, action without attachment to its fruits.

On Saptami, divinity manifests through the plantain tree and eight companion plants; on Ashtami, through nine sacred vessels and lamps; and on Navami, through the homa fire. On Vijaya Dashami, devotees seek to make their hearts the Divine's dwelling place, recognising its presence in every being.

Before immersion, sindur khela and kolakuli celebrate reconciliation and affection. These rituals invite us to transcend divisions and embrace the poor, vulnerable and unfamiliar, whom we keep at a distance. They affirm kinship: we are children of the same Divine source. Their significance lies not merely in ceremony but in forging bonds across differences of circumstance, belief and belonging. This recognition must guide prayers and actions. Old relationships revive, new bonds emerge and fresh perspectives replace outdated attitudes. Yet renewal cannot remain confined to festivities. Every moment is sacred, alive with Divine presence. Like Mahishasura, negativity assumes different forms within us, particularly when we fail to understand others or extend empathy and love.

The Divine Mother opens our inward eyes to distinguish goodness from evil disguised as virtue. She calls us to act generously towards the marginalised, displaced, children and youth, and those deprived of opportunity. Countless children are denied education and even childhood itself. Ecological destruction also demands urgent attention.

As Swami Vivekananda observed, whoever loves and serves people loves and serves the Divine. Let Durga Puja inspire us to feed and clothe disadvantaged children, even within limited means, at least one day during these festive weeks when our tables overflow with delicacies. Let us offer patience, love and guidance to those who have lost their way, helping transform their lives.

Mother Earth, too, cries out. The floods in Nepal testify to the devastating consequences of human-driven climate change. Let us hear Dharti Mata's lament and confront the ecological vandalism inflicted by her own children — by us.

The Divine calls us to awaken and ask what we can do, collectively and individually, to protect and nourish our home. In renewing the earth, we renew ourselves, allowing this sacred season to reshape everyday choices. Only through compassion, selfless service and responsibility towards nature can we truly celebrate the Divine Mother's homecoming and receive her blessings.

(The author is principal, St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata)

10.10.2026 - Report on Article: "The divine homecoming that calls for compassion & selfless service"

By Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ - Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata1.

Introduction:

This article was published during Durga Puja season, reflecting on Devi Durga's homecoming not just as a festival, but as a call for humanity, compassion and service.

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11.10.2026 - "Spread the Joy" Organized by SXCCAA.

In alignment with the Jesuit tradition of being "men and women for and with others" especially during the festivities, St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association (SXCCAA) organized "Spread the Joy" on Sunday, October 11th 2026 in the Park Street Campus. Driven by the spirit of festive sharing and social commitment, the initiative brought together dignitaries, alumni members, and grassroots social organizations to distribute essential goods and support vulnerable communities.

The programme commenced with Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata & President, St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association being present as the Chief Guest along with Father Vice Principals and other Jesuit Fathers, Mr. Sanjib Koner (Honorary Secretary, SXCCAA), Noted Industrialist & Philanthropist Xaverian Mr. Sanjay Budhia, and Corporate executive Xaverian Mr. Rohit Saraf. Rev. Dr. Peter Arockiam, SJ initiated the session with an opening prayer, invoking blessings for the beneficiaries and the gathering.

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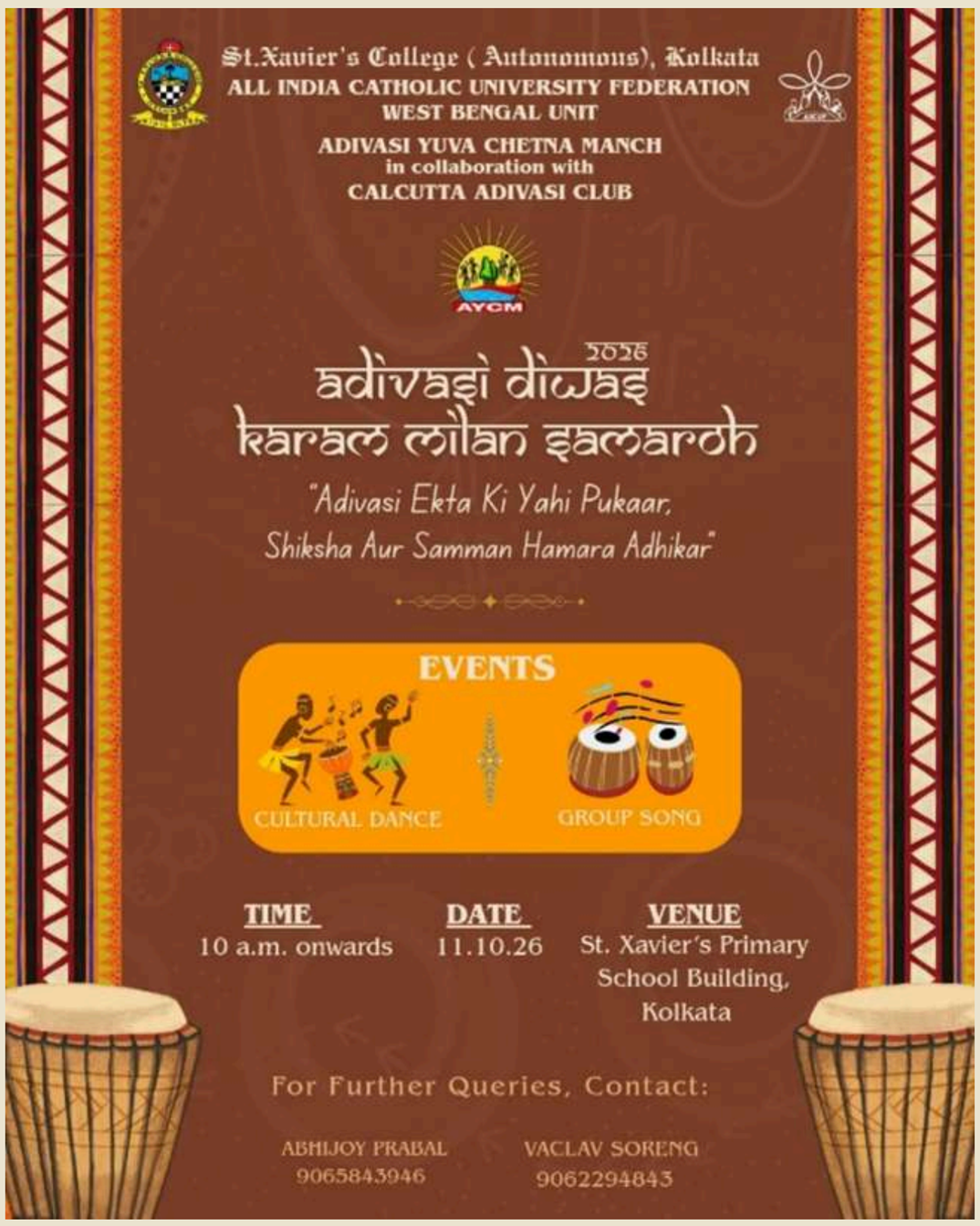
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11.10.2026 - Postgraduate and Research Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata in action at a health check-up camp organised by the Rotary Club of Calcutta South West at St. Andrew's Church.



11.10.2026 - St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata - All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), West Bengal Unit, in collaboration with Adivasi Yuva Chetna Manch (AYCM) and Calcutta Adivasi Club, organized the "Adivasi Diwas Karam Milan Samaroh".

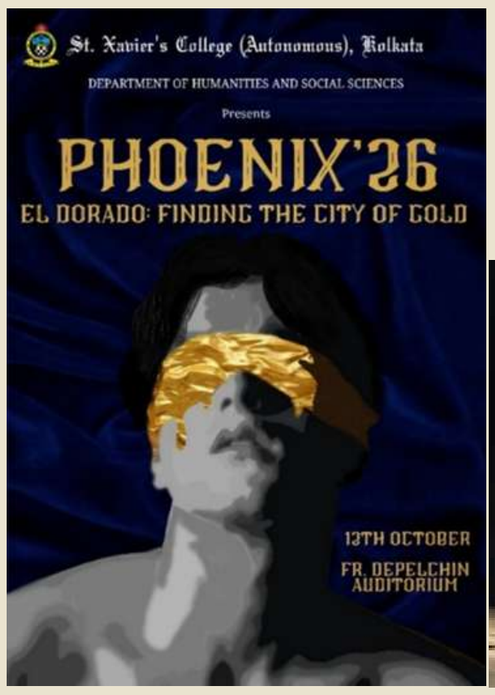
Theme: The celebration was based on the theme - "Adivasi Ekta Ki Yahi Pukaar, Shiksha AurSamman Hamara Adhikar" - emphasizing unity, education and dignity of the tribal community.

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12.10.2026 - Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of St Xavier's College autonomous, Kolkata returned with the second edition of Phoenix with its theme "El Dorado " or finding the city of Gold.

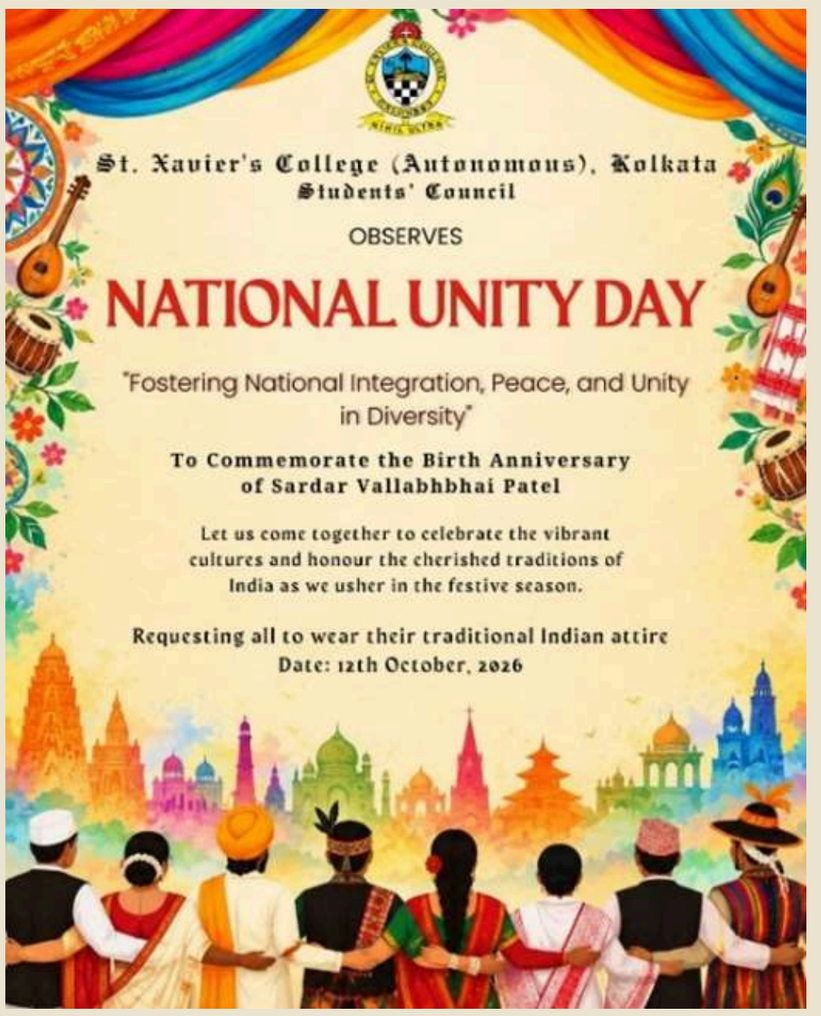
The daylong event began with the inaugural speech by Fr Principal, Rev Dr Dominic Savio followed by a welcome Dance. Students of the Department presented an engaging musical performance. This was followed by a panel discussion, Agora on the psychological challenges faced by the present generations and strategies of survival. The panel consisted of Dr Kajari Sarkar, Ms Amropalli Banerjee and Ananya Mukherjee. The discussion was moderated by Dr Chandrani Biswas, Head of the Department of BA in Humanities and Social Sciences. This was followed by a colourful North-East Dance performance which represented the cultural diversity of the Seven sister north eastern states of India., The next event was Enigma, a quiz conducted by Sayak Chowdhury. The critically enriching quiz was followed by Cityscape ,a photography competition on a sociological theme. Golden Grooves, the dance competition was a colourful onstage presentation. Students of the Department did a play performance based on the vernacular diversity of India. There was a thought-provoking panel discussion on The Strategies for UPSC Civil Services Examination. The speakers were Vaishna Biswas, Abhishek Jha and Avantika Sharma. The programme ended with a prize distribution and vote of thanks.

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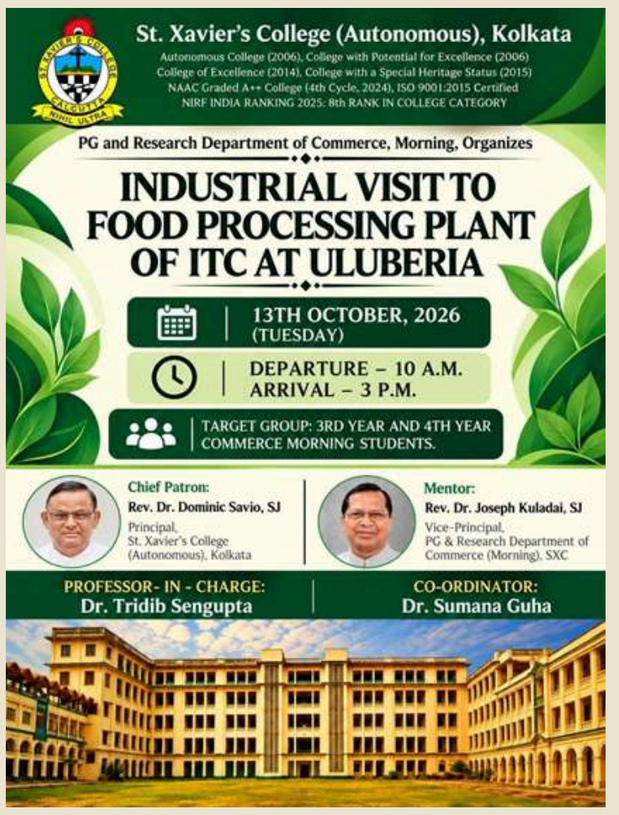


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12.10.2026 - Students' Council organised National Unity Day.





13.10.2026 - Visit to ITC Limited Food Processing Plant, Amraberia, Uluberia, Howrah Organised by the PG and Research Department of Commerce (Morning).

As part of the academic programme of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, an industrial visit was organised to the ITC Limited food processing plant at Amraberia, Uluberia, Howrah, on 13 October 2026 for B.Com. (Honours) Third-Year and Fourth-Year students. The visit aimed to provide practical exposure to the operations of a large-scale food-manufacturing unit and to connect classroom learning with industrial practice. It focused particularly on production processes, workplace safety, hygiene, quality control, operational efficiency and coordination among employees.



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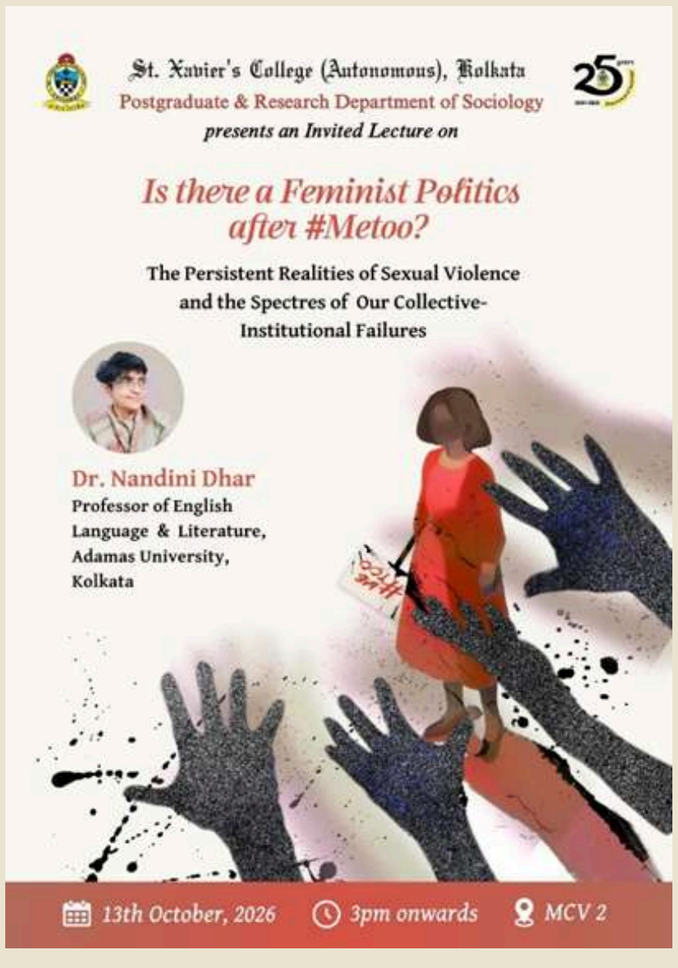
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13.10.2026 - "Crossroads in Biotechnology 2026" is a premier one-day symposium, organized by the Postgraduate and Research Department of Biotechnology, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. As this department completes its journey of two decades and steps onto the new phase of its dreams and missions, we believe in practicing science in its truest form- where knowledge is gained without fear and is not restricted by boundaries. Since its inception the department has appreciated the interdisciplinary nature of science where holistic learning requires culmination of understanding from various fields, and we are pledged to render this legacy to the next generation scientists. This year's theme "Crossroads in Biotechnology" therefore brought together eminent scientists from diverse fields of science, starting from medical biotechnology to neurobiology. Our gratitude to all our esteemed speakers and dignitaries for being a part of this symposium, and for enriching us with unique experience which will echo in our minds far beyond. The relevance of our symposium theme is aptly summed up in the quote by Dr. Richard Feynman- "The division of science into physics, chemistry and biology is an artificial one, necessitated only by the limitations of the human mind."



13.10.2026 - Postgraduate & Research Department of Sociology organized an Invited Lecture on "Is there a Feminist Politics after #MeToo?" The Persistent Realities of Sexual Violence and the Spectres of Our Collective-Institutional Failures by Dr. Nandini Dhar, Professor of English Language & Literature, Adamas University, Kolkata



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13.10.2026 - E-Waste Awareness, Collection and Safe Disposal

As part of Special Campaign 6.0, undertaken in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Education and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), the Postgraduate Department of Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, conducted systematic activities relating to e-waste awareness, collection, segregation and safe disposal.

A designated E-Waste Collection Corner was established in the department on 28 September 2026 to facilitate the systematic collection of discarded electrical and electronic items. The collected e-waste was segregated and handed over to authorized Organizations on 13/10/26 for appropriate recycling and disposal following the prescribed procedures.

Through these initiatives the department reaffirmed its commitment to environmental sustainability, responsible resource management and the promotion of eco-friendly practices among future educators.

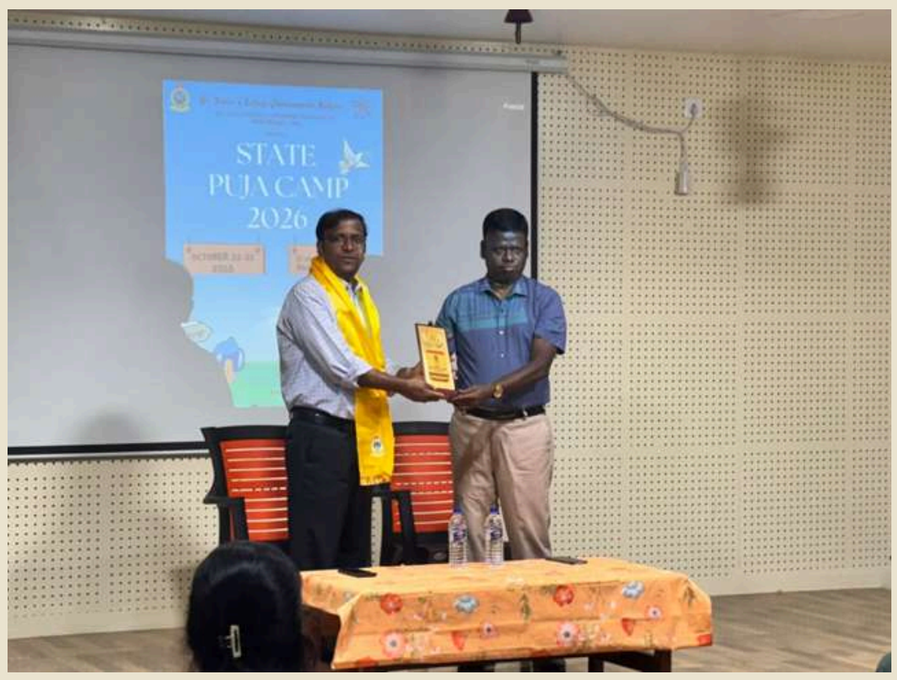
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22.10.2026 to 20.10.2026 - The West Bengal State AICUF PUJA Camp began with the inaugural function at 9 am at the St. Xavier's College, Raghabpur Campus, on 23rd October 2026. Fr Johnson P, SJ, was the chief guest. He urged the participants to make use of the different workshops being organized to enhance their leadership skill in order to become a effective and committed leaders to render service to the society. Fr.M.S. Arockiadamy, SJ, the state adviser, welcomed the chief guest and explained the purpose of the camp.

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22.10.2026 to 28.10.2026 - Department of Social Work, National Service Scheme – Unit 1 organised NSS Special Camp on TB Free Youth & Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat.

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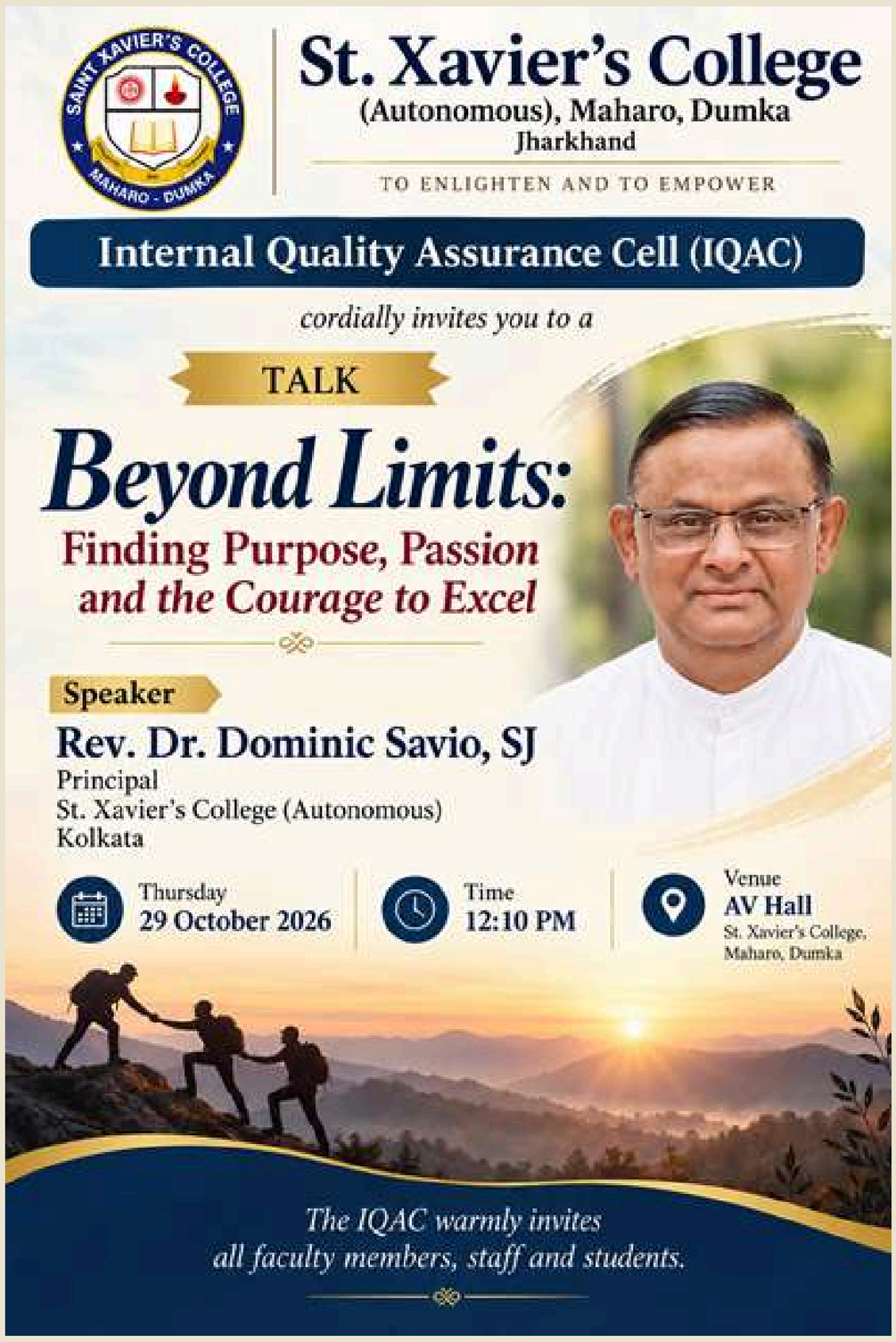
26.10.2026 - St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association & National Service Scheme – Unit 1 in collaboration with Department of Health & Family Welfare Government of West Bengal is organised Free Health Check Up Camp.

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29.10.2026 - Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, addressed the students and staff of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Maharo, Dumka on the theme **Beyond Limits: Finding Purpose, Passion and The Courage to Excel**







