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OUTREACH PROGRAM BY MICROBIOLOGY DEPT.

On November 2, 2023, a group of 30 students and 2 teachers from La Martinere for Girls participated in an outreach program organized by the Microbiology Department. The event included engaging lectures and hands-on activities, providing the participants with a positive and educational experience. The organization of this program was overseen by the dedicated efforts of both teachers and scholars from the Microbiology Department.

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Tea-Bact

The imperative for the development of organic tea gardens has arisen due detrimental effects to the of widespread use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on both production and quality. On November 3, 2023 in response to this pressing issue, research scholars Debapriya Maitra and Bedaprana Roy, under the guidance of Dr. Arup Kumar Mitra, Associate Professor, and Dr. Sudeshna Shyam Choudhury, Assistant Professor, from the Department of Microbiology at St. College Xavier's (Autonomous), Kolkata, have endeavored to address this challenge through the creation of a groundbreaking formulation named Tea-Bact: a comprehensive organic tea solution.

This innovative formulation has been meticulously crafted, incorporating a blend of diverse bacterial strains, including acidophiles, regular compost flora, and flora from the tea rhizosphere. The aim is to actively enhance soil conditions, plant growth and overall tea quality. rates. Following promising results from in vivo pilot studies, the formulation underwent recent testing on approximately 650 Dooars Tea varieties at Ganguly Tea Garden, located in Rajgang, Jalpaiguri. This testing marks a significant milestone in an industry-academia collaboration involving Dr. Arup Kumar Mitra, Dr. Sudeshna Shvam Choudhury, Debapriya Maitra, and Bedaprana Roy, alongside Dr. Biswanath Ganguly, the owner of Ganguly Tea Gardens.

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ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE, (AUTONOMOUS) KOLKATA On November 4, 2023, St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association orchestrated a benevolent event titled "Spread The Light – Distribution of Food Items and Gifts to Specially Abled, Underprivileged, and HIV Positive Children and Old Age Home" in celebration of Diwali/Deepavali. The initiative aimed to spread the joy of the festival to the specially-abled, underprivileged individuals, HIV-positive children, and residents of an old-age home within the city. This altruistic endeavor was organized under the visionary guidance of Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ.

The event, hosted at the college campus, embodied the spirit of Diwali by fostering a sense of joy and giving back to the community. The philanthropic initiative, 'Spread The Light,' included the distribution of food items, rations, and various essential commodities to benefit the residents of Premdan - Missionaries of Charity, Harinavi Srijon Vidyapith, and Through Paikhala Primary School. this thoughtful gesture, the Alumni Association sought to illuminate the lives of those in need and uphold the ethos of compassion and generosity.

SPREAD THE LIGHT







MILE SUR MERA TUMHARA — BHARATIYA BHASHA UTSAV.



"Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav" is a platform to showcase and appreciate the rich linguistic diversity of India. Events like these play a crucial role in fostering a sense of national identity while celebrating the uniqueness of each language. "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara – Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav" organized on November 25, 2023 by the Xaverian Education Society of the Postgraduate Department of Education was a celebration aimed at promoting unity, harmony, and integrity through the diverse languages of India. The inclusion of observing Mahakavi Chinnaswami Subramania Bharati Jayanti adds a cultural and literary dimension to the event.



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BUSINESS INNOVATION PRACTICES AND Sustainability in the Vuca World



On November 25th and 26th, 2023, the Postgraduate and Research Department of Commerce orchestrated a collaborative effort with the Postgraduate Department of Commerce at the University of Calcutta and the Institute of Islamic Education and Research at Islamic University, Bangladesh. Together, these institutions jointly curated and hosted a Two-day International Conference, centered around the pivotal theme of "Business Innovation Practices and Sustainability in the VUCA World."



The conference served as а comprehensive platform for thought leaders, researchers, and professionals to delve into the intricate intersections of business innovation and sustainability within the context of the volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) global environment. Attendees engaged in extensive discussions and knowledge exchange, exploring cuttingedge topics such as technological advancements, organizational agility. environmental sustainability, and ethical business practices.

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ANNUAL TEA MEET 2023



On the 18th of November 2023, the Women's Forum of St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, in collaboration with The Telegraph, orchestrated the much-anticipated "Annual Tea Meet 2023." This event was an enriching platform for alumni, particularly the Women's Forum, to come together, reconnect, and celebrate their shared journey and accomplishments.

The event unfolded at the distinguished Fr. Depelchin Auditorium, providing a fitting and prestigious venue for the gathering. Commencing from 5:30 pm onwards, the timing allowed for an evening of camaraderie, engaging conversations, and the sharing of experiences.

The "Annual Tea Meet" serves not only as a reunion but also as a space for networking, mentorship, and the fostering of connections among alumni. Participants likely enjoyed a warm and welcoming atmosphere, catching up with old friends and acquaintances, and perhaps forming new connections within the St. Xavier's College community.

