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Secretary's Report for the Year 2019-2020

Reverend Father President, Respected Fathers and fellow Xaverians,

I would like to begin by offering my sincere gratitude to the Almighty for his blessings, our most revered President Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ for his guidance and our very own Xaverian family for the help, which enabled me to steer the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association through what we call an exceptional year in our lifetime.

Join me in a minute of silence as we pay tribute to the Jesuit Priests, our members, students, teachers, and the non-teaching staffs who passed away during the course of this calendar year and pray to the Almighty that their souls rest in everlasting peace.

Allow me Ladies and Gentlemen, to peruse through the various programme, events taken up by the SXCCAA and its wings, association and chapters during the year.

Everyone in the Xaverian Family is considered to be equal but it is our custom and tradition to always highlight the achievements of our Womens' members. So, I would like to begin with the achievements of the Women Forum:

A. Women's Forum:

- 1) Like every Calendar year of SXCCAA, this year also started off with the Annual Tea Meet on 15th November 2019, spearheaded by the Womens' Forum. A group of Xaverian boys stormed the stage and entertained the 300 plus audience with their musical performance followed by very popular and Celebrity performer Indrani Dutta and her troupe left the audience mesmerized with their dance performance. The association got the opportunity to felicitate Two Xaverians – Sweta Agarwal IAS and Aishwarya Krishnan (Sports). The Womens' forum is indebted to Father Dominic Savio for all his motivation, inspiration and blessings. The Convenors worked tirelessly this year for making this event a grand success.
- 2) On 14th January 2020, SXCCAA Women's Forum Members participated in a workshop on How To Grow Your MicroGreens. The speaker was the Founder of Plants & Us, Nitika Agarwal who educated the Forum Members on how to grow their own greens, general nutritional and health benefits of microgreens and how to use it for healthy food. There was a live demonstration of the growing process of these superfoods and all members took back a microgreen-growing kit. Members of the Women's Forum participated in the workshop in good numbers.

- 3) On 3rd February 2020, the members of the SXCCAA Women's Forum were educated by renowned nutritionists Sunita Kedia about the benefits of eating raw and going dairy free. Starting off with a peaceful round of meditation. The speaker gave the audience insights on how to nourish mind and body, which in turn nourishes our soul too by Eating raw and Vegan food.
- 4) On 12th March 2020, SXCCAA Women's Forum organised an interactive session with Ms. Namrata Arora on the topic of Tarot Card Reading. The members of the Women's Forum joined and participated enthusiastically. Ms. Arora spoke about the current year and the twelve Zodiac signs with the Tarot Cards.
- 5) In spite of their busy schedules during the Lockdown period, the Women's Forum had conducted their monthly event for the month of April in 12th April 2020 on Zoom App where the speaker was a graphologist from Jaipur who spoke about grapho therapy and how one can alter their personality traits by bringing small changes in their handwriting. The event was well attended virtually by members of Women's Forum who conveyed their very special thanks to Rev. Father Dominic Savio for the Blessings always.
- 6) On 7th August 2020, members of the Women's Forum came together virtually to participate in Online Bollywood quiz and other fun games emceed by the city's eminent event planner Mrs. Bhavna Hemani. The Event was attended by several forum members and the entire session was conducted with high energy. Members won lots of prizes which was sent to them through courier.

We are extremely thankful to all the members of the Women's forum for their excellent achievements in this year as well – amidst lot of challenges. The forum has always worked hand in hand with the main body of the SXCCAA for making all our programmes a grand success. We salute the President's Women.

B. Philanthropic Activities.

- 1) With the gracious guidance of Fr. President a Health Camp was organized by SXCCAA at the Raghampur Campus on the 12.01.2020. The camp covered issues of eyes, blood profiling, child health, women health and hygiene along with a general health checkup. A total number of 550 patients registered for the camp. Eye Glasses were provided to 150 patients while 74 cataract surgeries were performed. There were 25 Refer-To-Clinic cases which were critical ones which were taken up after further diagnostic tests.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Alumni members and their family for their efforts and hard work in making this camp successful.

- 2) Similar to the previous years, SXCCAA has also supported this year's Sishu Mela this year, with a humble contribution.

- 3) On the auspicious day of Good Friday on 10.04.2020 when Christ sacrificed His life for the salvation of mankind, St. Xavier's Community and St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association commemorated this divine sacrifice under the leadership of its President and Principal of the College, Rev. Father Dominic Savio SJ, Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Velusamy SJ, Rector and other Fathers of St. Xavier's and shared food packets with the needy local people with assistance from Kolkata Police after following all stipulated safety norms, which benefitted more than 500 poor families as a whole. The same process was repeated on Easter Monday on 13.04.2020 as retreat distribution to another 500 families.
- 4) St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association salutes COVID Warriors on 24.04.2020 as More than 300 PPEs were given for the Doctors, Medical staffs and healthcare support providers of a city based private charity hospital by the Principal of St. Xavier's College and President of the Alumni Association Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ and Rector Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Velusamy SJ. The PPEs were procured as per approved quality norms of WHO and Government Departments.
- 5) Charity at St. Xavier's College continued on 06.05.2020 as St. Xavier's Community along with SXCCAA extended its support to their Needy Students and Non Teaching Staffs, who required handholding at this hour of crisis – inspired by Jesuit value systems. Dry rations and food packets were distributed to more than 300 needy students and Co-workers of St. Xavier's College and the Collegiate School. Rector Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Velusamy SJ, Principal of the College Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ and Principal of the Collegiate School Rev. Fr. Dr. Thamacin Arulappan SJ along with other fathers of St. Xavier's Community distributed the ration & food packets to the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries were overwhelmed with the gesture which gave them mental as well as economic support. St. Xavier's College and School decided to continue with this support till the lockdown is in place.
- 6) On 27.03.2020, following the initiatives taken up by Fr. Dominic Savio SJ, Principal St. Xavier's College Kolkata, in collaboration with SXCCAA and volunteers of SSVP (Society of St. Vincent de Paul) distributed relief materials to 60 families in Paikhala Village under Panauka Gram Panchayat, South 24 Pargana District – under the supervision of Fr. Johnson Padiyara SJ, Vice Principal St. Xavier's College Raghobpur Campus.

A Repeat distribution was done on 02.04.2020 at Paikhala Prathamik Vidyalaya since the number of beneficiaries increased a lot after the previous distribution.

- 7) Another 2500 needy families were covered in COVID-19 Relief distribution under Six Gram Panchayats namely Panakua, Kulerdari, Keoradanga, Amgachhia, Bonhoogly and Bishnupur on 06.04.2020. These poor and most needy families spread over 34 villages under these six Gram Panchayats were selected as beneficiaries of relief distribution – the identification of those beneficiaries were

done by the Fathers of SXC Raghapur Community, Professors of St. Xavier's College Raghapur Campus, SXCCAA members, Department of Social Work of St. Xavier's College Park Street Campus, Teachers of St. Paul's High School Raghapur, Local Gram Panchayats and Police Administration. A major Relief drive was carried out by 36 village volunteers from Raghapur area near St. Xavier's College Raghapur Campus for Six days from 13.04.2020 to 18.04.2020. The relief distribution went off well peacefully with the help of many committed village volunteers who gave their selfless service for this mission. The Panchayat Pradhan, some other Panchayat members of Panakua Gram Panchayat and the officers of Nepalgunj Police Station also helped in this initiative and supported the College Administration and SXCCAA members with all the logistics.

- 8) On 29th May 2020, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata along with St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association handed over the cheques amounting Rs. 5000 (Rupees Five Thousand Only) each to more than 100 Amphan affected families whose homes had been ruined by severe cyclone Amphan based in and around Bishnupur – Raghapur area. Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ, Principal St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association blessed the students and Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara Vice Principal, St. Xavier's College Raghapur Campus handed over the donation amount cheques to affected poor villagers.
- 9) In a series of relief and rehabilitation material distribution exercises after the landfall of severe cyclone Amphan at West Bengal taken up by St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association, the prominent ones being the Announcement of Adopting a Village and back-to-back relief distributions at the Villages of under Kakdwip Police Station in the jurisdiction of Sundarbans Police district namely Bamanagar on 16.06.2020, Khorimutha, Mollarchowk, Pukurberia on 24.06.2020 and Narayanpur 4no. Ghery at Namkhana area of Sundarbans on 07.07.2020.

St. Xavier's College, Community Fathers and St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association extended its support to the needy villagers of Kakdwip - Sundarbans stretch namely Bamanagar, Khorimutha, Mollarchowk, Pukurberia and Namkhana who required hand holding at this hour of crisis of double debacle. Colgate Toothpaste, Cooking materials, Ready-to-Eat Food items, Sanitation items and tarpaulins were distributed to more than 3000 hungry and homeless families of the Sundarbans stretch. Principal of the College Father Dominic Savio along with other fathers of St. Xavier's Community and Alumni members distributed the materials, escorted by Kakdwip Police Station under Sundarbans Police Administration. SXCCAA also extended its financial support to the homeless villagers of Sundarbans area under its flagship Gift A Roof initiative.

- 10) The date 24.07.2020 has a special significance in the SXCCAA calendar when everyone joined in celebrating Philanthropy Day which coincided with the Birthday of Our Beloved President & Principal of our College Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio SJ at Xavier Hall of the College. It was a virtual celebration with complete abidance of COVID protocol, except the Community Fathers and few SXCCAA members present at Xavier Hall of the college premises. The Celebration was made even colourful with the Birthday Cake which Father shared with all.
- 11) Inspired by the teachings of our President, SXCCAA is also bearing the expenses of education as well as the Hostel stay of few first generation financially challenged students of our college, so that they can be awarded with a winning career.

C. Fellowship Activities:

- 1) Like last few years, Ms. Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal came to our College to celebrate Christmas along with Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio SJ & Fathers of St. Xavier's Community, SXCCAA members on 23.12.2019. Janab Firhad Hakim, the Hon'ble Mayor of Kolkata & Mr. Anuj Sharma IPS, the Commissioner of Kolkata Police accompanied Hon'ble CM with several State Ministers and Parliamentarians also present in the occasion. The auditorium was harmonized by the sweet tunes performed by the College's musical society XADAM followed by Welcome Address by Rev. Father Dominic Savio. Hon'ble CM in her speech expressed her happiness and joy for being a part of Christmas Celebration at the College every year. The celebration ended with the ceremonial cake cutting.
- 2) Annual Reunion Dinner, the flagship homecoming celebration of SXCCAA was held at the St. Xavier's College Grounds on the 26.12.2019. The theme for the dinner this year was 100 years of Bengali Cinema and Contribution of St. Xavier's College towards Indian Cinema. The entire ambience looked filmy with props used for set designing. Around 800 people gathered together for this brilliant event as the 1995 Batch celebrated their Silver Jubilee Year. The highlight of the rainy evening was Fashion Ramp walk of noted Tollywood Actors, Directors and some of our Xaverian friends – all dressed in designer outfits. Respected Fathers of St. Xavier's Community showered their blessings, Chief Guest Dr. Suranjan Das (Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University) and Teaching staffs were present in the occasion.
- 3) Unlike every year, Teacher's Day this year couldn't be celebrated physically within the college premises on 05.09.2020 along with the Students' Council, but there was no dearth of Zeal & Enthusiasm inspite of COVID-19 restrictions and protocol. Students of the College participated in a big way virtually, with live performances sitting at their homes. The Keynote address was given by Dr. Fr. Dominic Savio SJ. on the occasion which had widespread coverage across the globe. The Celebration ended with a Fellowship Lunch at the gymnasium of the college and Dinner hosted by SXCCAA for the Fathers of St. Xavier's Community.

- 4) On Fridays till Government of India announced complete lockdown, we all met together at Room No. 5 of the College to Thank God after every eventful week. The Friday Fellowships helped us to re-invent & rejuvenate ourselves for the coming days.
- 5) Knowledge and Ideas Xchange series (KIXs) has been the flagship Interactive session of SXCCAA came up in a big way this year. The details of the sessions are as follows:
- i) 5th Edition of KIXs (Fr. D'Souza Hall – Room 15) – On 08.11.2019 by Dr. Hasan Iqbal speaking on Fitness and Common Orthopaedic Health Tips.
 - ii) 6th Edition of KIXs (Fr. D'Souza Hall – Room 15) – On 13.12.2019 by Xaverian Mr. Gautam Mohan Chakraborti IPS speaking on Online / Electronic Frauds
 - iii) 7th Edition of KIXs (Fr. D'Souza Hall – Room 15) – On 10.01.2020 by Dr. Rahul Jain speaking on Bursting Myths & Health Tips on Diabetes.
 - iv) 8th Edition of KIXs (Fr. D'Souza Hall – Room 15) – On 07.02.2020 by Mr. Naveen Prakash IAS speaking on Various aspects of Infrastructure Development in Urban Bengal.
 - v) 9th Edition of KIXs (Fr. D'Souza Hall – Room 15) – On 13.03.2020 by Mr. Jawhar Sircar IAS (Retd) speaking on on the topic Is Media more dangerous than Helpful?
 - vi) 10th Edition of KIXs (Virtual Session) – On 08.05.2020 by Mr. Tushar Kumar (Celebrity Illusionist / Mind Hacker)
 - vii) 11th Edition of KIXs (Virtual Session) – On 10.07.2020 by Xaverian Dr. Sumit Sengupta (Reputed Pulmonologist), speaking on Busting Myths and Knowing more about COVID-19.
 - viii) 12th Edition of KIXs (Virtual Session) – On 31.07.2020 by Xaverians Mr. Mayank Khemka (Chief Investment Officer - India, Deutsche Bank Wealth Management) and Mr. Naresh Pachisia (Founder & MD of SKP Securities Ltd.), speaking on the topic namely Behavioural Changes in Financial Markets and Investment Opportunities in the post-COVID economy.
 - ix) 13th Edition of KIXs (Virtual Session) – On 21.08.2020 by Ms. Indrani Roy (Vice Principal Modern High School For Girls), speaking on the topic namely Dealing with Adolescents & Teenagers in the 'New Normal'.

D. Special Occasions:

- 1) SXCCAA hosted the 4th Edition of International Inter-University Challenge Debate in Association with the Calcutta Debating Circle on 08.01.2020 between 4 PM to 7 PM at Fr. Depelchin Auditorium, Kolkata, in which the following Colleges/ Universities participated with their students:
 - Harvard , USA
 - Oxford University, UK
 - Cambridge University, UK
 - St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

- IIM, Kolkata
- Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- Presidency University, Kolkata

The motion for the Debates was “This House believes that Climate change is a problem of wealthy nations”.

The auditorium was fully packed with audience to witness this war of words, and Live telecast of the session was done at YouTube Channel of Calcutta Debating Circle and Facebook page of SXCCAA.

- 2) Sanyog 2020, was an International Torch Light Peace Rally to Commemorate Bhasha Dibas – the International Mother Language Day was organized by SXCCAA with the student bodies of St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata including the Bengali Literary Society. The torch light flame which signified worldwide fraternity and cultural bond began its auspicious journey on the 06.02.2020 with the blessings from Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio S.J., Vice Principals of the College, respective Deans, Professors and active participation of our fellow students. The delegation team carried the torch to the Dhaka University & Bhasha Shahid Memorial, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Jahangirnagar University at Bangladesh; St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli Tamil Nadu, Bhasha Shahid Station & Assam University Silchar Assam; St. Xavier’s College Burdwan, St. Xavier’s College Raghampur Campus and St. Xavier’s University Rajarhat – which ended with a Bhasha Dibas March at St. Xavier’s College Park Street Campus on 21.02.2020 – where Alumni Members joined in large numbers. A special thanks to the Advisors & Conveners for their efforts.
- 3) The SXCCAA along with the Bengali Literary Society of St. Xavier’s College had organized the ‘Dashobhuj Bangalee 2020’ on the 22.02.2020 at the Fr. Depelchin Auditorium. This year's panel included Arun Mukherjee – Film Actor, Ranjit Mallick – Film Actor, Anirudhha Roy Chowdhury – Film Director, Mehuli Ghosh – Sports person, Dr. Chanchal Goswami – Doctor, Subhro Chandra – Industrialist, Srijato – Poet, Chinmoy Guha – Academician, Firdausul Hasan – Film Producer and Sohini Sarkar – Film Actress.
- 4) Within this Lockdown, SXCCAA initiated a virtual entertainment session for the first time with the best known flagship brandname of the Association ‘Beyond Barrier: digital version’ on 13.05.2020. The session was organized through Facebook Live at the official page of SXCCAA and featured our very own Xaverian and globally acclaimed music composer Pandit Bickram Ghosh presenting an enthralling musical performance. The session has few lacs of reach from the audience joining from all over the world, including hundreds of Xaverians and their family members – through their online presence.
- 5) JAI HO MAA – a music video conceptualised by Firdausul Hasan and composed by Xaverian Pt. Subhen Chatterjee, has been an initiative by St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association to present a tribute to Mother Earth, to celebrate

World Environment Day and spirit of unity of mankind was launched on 05.06.2020. Xaverians and non-xaverians come together to pay their tribute to Mother Earth on the occasion of World Environment Day 2020 and also featured in the worldwide release of JAI HO MAA music video.

- 6) With this Spirit and Celebrating Anniversary of Quit India Movement, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata (Autonomous) and St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association organized a Tree Plantation Initiative on 09.08.2020 at SXC Raghampur Campus. This plantation drive came after massive uprooting of trees during the Landfall of severe cyclone Amphan in May 2020.

Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio SJ, Principal St. Xavier's College Autonomous Kolkata and President SXCCAA led the Initiative along with Fr. Johnson Padiyara SJ Vice Principal Raghampur Campus and Fr. Joseph Kulandai SJ Vice Principal BCom Morning Park Street Campus. Mr. Sanjib Koner, Hony Secretary and some other members of SXCCAA were actively driving this noble initiative.

- 7) In memory of Rev. Fr. Gaston Roberge SJ, who left for his heavenly abode on 26th August 2020, SXCCAA planned an illustrious homage to pay respect to this legendary Jesuit Priest who founded the first film studies centres at Kolkata namely Chitrabani & EMMRC. Under the guidance of our President Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio SJ, St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association organized a Webinar on The Life, Works and Legacy of Fr. Gaston Roberge SJ on Sunday 6th September 2020. The Welcome and Keynote Address of the Webinar was delivered by Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ and the eminent speakers of the Webinar are Legendary National Award Winning Filmmakers namely Shyam Benegal, Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Goutam Ghose, Buddhadeb Dasgupta and Moderator of the Webinar is National Award Winning Film Critic Saibal Chatterjee (Xaverian).

The Webinar had Live Telecast from the official Facebook page of SXCCAA for a bigger outreach with Students & Faculty members from Chitrabani & EMMRC also joining in to pay tribute.

A Docu-feature film is also prepared by SXCCAA with the help of Chitrabani based on the Life & Contributions of Rev. Fr. Roberge which remains as the memoir of the departed soul.

E. Fund Raising Programmes:

- 1) This year, Beyond Barriers XX was enlivened with performance of two music producers, singers & songwriters of Bollywood – the Dynamic Duo of Vishal Dadlani & Shekhar Ravjiani on 26th January 2020 – India's Republic Day. This year, we launched a Special Award for felicitating Special Personalities and Padma Shri Ms. Usha Uthup was conferred with the said award for Completing

Unputdownable 50 years in Music Industry. No wonder, we had a jam packed and enthralled record audience. More than 100 members comprising Team Beyond Barriers in the specific fields of Sponsoring, Artist Coordination, Ground and Stage, Media and Publicity, Security, Reception, etc. It was an amazing experience staging the show. We put forward our heartfelt regards to all our sponsors, teaching and non-teaching staff, vendors, students, members of the SXCCAA, audience, Govt. of West Bengal along with a special gesture of gratitude for Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio who parental appreciation, encouragement and prayers helped us to live up to the motto – NIHIL ULTRA. We would also like to thank the Fathers of St. Xavier's Community for their constant affection and support. We were able to make a humble contribution to our Alma Mater with the surplus amount coming from the proceedings for the development of the Raghampur Campus.

- 2) SXCCAA organized a massive fund raising campaign within the Xaverian network to support the COVID-19 affected population in April 2020. The Campaign was given a global outreach through the Alma Shines platform where we received encouraging responses from all over the community. After accumulation of the donations, our association was able to drive series of Relief & PPE kit distribution initiatives across Kolkata and its neighboring districts.
- 3) SXCCAA started the fund raising campaign for the Amphan Victims of South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas and Kolkata (3 most affected districts by the severe cyclone Amphan) just after a week of the calamity. The Association launched a Gift A Roof campaign which helped in raising funds from multiple pockets including the donation by St. Joseph's College Bengaluru & Colgate Palmolive India Limited donating 1 lac units of Colgate Vedshakti toothpastes for distribution to the villages of the Amphan Victims.

F. Activities in Association with the College:

- 1) The Feast of St. Francis Xavier was observed with due solemnity on 3rd December 2019 at the College Chapel. It was attended by a large number of SXCCAA members.
- 2) Christmas is the Biggest Festival in any Jesuit Calender. St Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata in collaboration with St Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association organised the 'Christmas Meet' on 20th December 2019 at Fr. Depelchin Auditorium. Bishop Linus Gomes - The Senior Most Catholic Bishop of Asia & 7th Senior Most Bishop in the World blessed the kids while Rev Fr Dominic Savio, SJ, Rector and Principal, St Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata & President of SXCCAA also graced the event along with Fathers, Teaching & Non Teaching Staffs and other dignitaries. The Celebration started with inauguration of the Crib at the quadrangle of the College and ended with Ceremonial Cake cutting.

- 3) The 13th Convocation & Valedictory was a solemn occasion of celebration on 16th January, 2020 – the Foundation Day of St. Xavier's College Kolkata. Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Mr. Jagdeep Dhankhar graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio, S.J. Principal in his address and Annual Report highlighted the salient achievements of the college over the last one year. Nihil Ultra Award was conferred upon Dr. Asish Banerjee for contribution to Higher Education & the Society. On behalf of SXCCAA, Mr. Snehasis Sur was the Advisor and Mr. Ranoj Mukherjee was the Convener for coordination with media houses.
- 4) The College Foundation Day on 16th January, 2020 was also celebrated with the ceremonial cake cutting and a special dinner hosted by the SXCCAA for all the Fathers at the College Refractory.
- 5) Xavotsav 2020, one of the most awaited events marked in the Xaverian Students Calendar, was organized on 22nd to 24th January 2020 amidst the usual fervor by the students' council who worked together with the Alumni.
- 6) A Picnic for all the Jesuit Fathers was organized by SXCCAA on 9th February 2019 at an exotic venue at the banks of River Hooghly. Around 40 Fathers from St. Xavier's Community and St. Xavier's University and 15 Alumni members participated at the picnic.
- 7) SXCCAA regularly co-ordinates & assists the faculty & staff members of the College for attending the meetings & seminars with UGC, MHRD, and other such activities & events.

G. Activities by National Chapters:

- 1) The National Chapters of SXCCAA have been trying all out to help & contribute in the battle against COVID-19 taken up by SXCCAA in their respective capacities. Remarkable contributions from the members of various National Chapters are as follows:

In Mumbai, SXCCAA members had been donating food kits to various NGOs, taking care of street inhabitants and at some places poor street animals, initiated digital initiative to track the migrants living without food and alert the NGOs through social media platforms like Twitter and WhatsApp messages. Those members have also donated to the Relief fund at St. Xavier's Community Kolkata apart from their separate donations to PM CARES (Central Government Relief Fund) as well as CM Relief Fund at Maharashtra.

At Pune, Xaverians joined hands with the local Rotary Club and donated 2000 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) kits worth Rs. 13.50 Lacs to Sasoon Hospital. They had been also distributing more than 1500 food kits, face masks to truck

drivers stranded on highways, security guards and local street vendors, apart from distributing food to 13 workers from UP stuck in Malad area of Mumbai.

The Xaverians of North Zone Chapter were not left out as well. The members of SXCCAA based at Delhi had been distributing free cooked meals to the needy people of Delhi NCR twice a day. They have made collection for feeding 1000 people i.e. 2000 meals a day.

Even the members of SXCCAA attached with the South Zone Chapter at Bengaluru had been working tirelessly on a grand philanthropic noble mission which includes food & medical support for homeless, needy and underprivileged people in Bangalore and Orphans in the Street affected by lockdown due to COVID-19 in the state of Karnataka along with along with other organizations like St. Joseph's College Alumni Association, Ramakrishna Misson Math (Ulsoor) and other philanthropy organizations – special thanks extends to the members of South Zone Chapter for their sincere efforts.

- 2) St. Joseph's College and St. Joseph's College Alumni/ae Association, Bangalore came forward with a helping hand and Contributed of Rs. 2,50,000 (Rupees Two Lacs Fifty Thousand Only) to SXCCAA for carrying out relief work for Amphan Cyclone Victims. The donation and pursuance was initiated by South Zone Chapter of SXCCAA based at Bengaluru.

A Thanksgiving Letter is sent by Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ, Principal St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association to them for this unique gesture and inter – alumni association collaboration towards carrying our philanthropic activities.

H. Activities of International Chapters:

- 1) UAE Chapter of St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association invited Celebrity Entertainers and Filmmakers at Bongo Prabashi Milap 2019 held on 6th & 7th December 2019 at Dubai by UAE Chapter of SXCCAA – which has now become a flagship annual reunion of Bengalis based at UAE. Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio SJ, President of SXCCAA was present as Guest of Honour at this reunion meetup.
- 2) UAE Chapter of in coordination with its parent body St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association along with Purvanchal Pravasi Milan UAE has made an unprecedented effort with the support of Embassy of India in UAE, Indian High Commission of Dubai as well as the State Government of West Bengal in bringing back the migrants labourers and skilled workers from Bengal back to their motherland from UAE.
On 5th July 2020, 174 repatriates came from Dubai out of which 125 are workers employed in Construction and Gold Jewellery making enterprises who lost their jobs due to Lockdown, 5 pregnant ladies, 3 senior citizens above 70years old and 5 patients needing Emergency medical treatment.

- 3) The Second Homecoming of Expatriates from UAE had 171 repatriates coming back to Kolkata on 19th August 2020, which was also initiated by St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association UAE Chapter in association with Purvanchal Pravasi Milan UAE and Marwari Yuva Mancha UAE. This group featured 2 pregnant ladies and 10 Senior Citizen amongst others and sponsorship of 50 jobless migrant labourers has been done by SXCCAA.
- 4) The International Chapter members at Dubai have been kind enough to donate Rs. 3,00,000 (Rupees Three Lacs Only) at SXCCAA which considerably expedited the relief work of St. Xavier's Community and SXCCAA at Kolkata.
- 5) Members of Other International Chapters met locally & planned their customized contributions to COVID 19 Relief & Rehabilitation in a big way. Since COVID 19 is a global pandemic – their contributions in the local communities made a big impact in the society at large. The gestures were very well appreciated by the President of our Association Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ.

I. Xaverian Youth Forum:

After approval of Father President in the 1st GC Meeting, Xaverian Youth Forum had been in a formative stage with identification of Xaverians who are interested to join the forum and take the initiatives forward.

Transfusing the power of Youth into the prestigious SXCCAA, Xaverian Youth Forum had come up with its first Annual flagship program called “Gift BoX – A Philanthropy Engagement Program (PEP)”. Under this program, collection of unused woolen clothes, winter garments and blankets was done for distributing to the poor and underprivileged people at Kolkata and also in the villages adopted by our college in South 24 Parganas district. The objective was to spread joy to the less fortunate people during Christmas – New Year Celebration week.

Other initiatives of Xaverian Youth Forum are put on hold after COVID 19 Pandemic outbreak.

J. Sports Activities:

The St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association contingent took part in the Annual Sports Day of the college on 1st February, 2020. The SXCCAA contingent actively participated at College Sports Day at the St. Xavier's College Grounds on that day and members of the Association participated in the parade and later on at the Alumni Race during the final sports meet.

K. Participation in JAAI & WUJA Activities:

- 1) The festive time in India is also marked as the conference time for the institutional heads of all the major Jesuit higher academic institutions spread all across South Asia. And St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata had been the privileged host of Jesuit Higher Education Association South Asia (JHEASA) Conference 2019 on 6th and 7th October 2019 which recorded maximum participation of delegates till date.

The whole conference was meticulously planned & executed by the Stakeholders of the Institution namely St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, staff members – both teaching & support and the present students guided by the Jesuit Community of St. Xavier's. Welcome Dinner of this meet was hosted by St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association on 5th October 2019 at Hotel Hindustan International.

Appreciations & Accolades kept on pouring even after the Delegates of the Conference returned to their respective destinations.

- 2) A big contingent from SXCCAA led by The President Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio had been fortunate to be part of 9th National Congress of Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI) at St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli on 17th, 18th and 19th January 2020. It's been a proud moment for all the Alumni members when SXCCAA won maximum number of awards – namely Evolving Education Award, Success In Synergy Award, Landmark Legacy Award and Supporting Spirit Award during the JAAI National Congress for activities and contributions towards Society & Community at large.

L. Financial Matters:

The St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association has clinched yet another financially satisfying year. All the programmes have successfully generated the resources required for their execution. The Alumni has also been able to post a healthy balance to the corpus through the various fundraisers. A special thanks to Anil Goenka (Hony. Treasurer) and Manoj Mani Agarwal (Assistant Treasurer) for guarding the treasury zealously and for their accounting excellence. We must also thank our Auditors M/S. Anurag Mathur and Company for their good work.

M. Growth and Expansion:

By the Grace of the Almighty and vision of our mentor Fr. President and Principal, the expansion program of our alma mater continued with great speed and vigor. SXCCAA received humble support and presence almost in every sphere of development.

N. Media Relations:

The college and alumni activities, needless to say the members were always on news this year as the alumni witnessed a new height of relationship of goodwill with the media. We are grateful to all our friends in the media for the excellent coverage they have given to us.

O. Awards & Recognitions:

SXCCAA has been receiving appreciations from all sections of the Society for the persistent work put up during COVID pandemic and Amphan relief - rehabilitation

P. Conclusion:

The SXCCAA is today cited as an example, benchmark that all other alumni associations wish to attain, not only because we function as a family – as a team, but mainly because we have with us the blessings and guidance of our leader, our President Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, S.J., whose dreams & constant support to fulfill those dreams gives every alumni activity a different level altogether. I am grateful to him for giving the Alumni this stature, this position of pride and for his generous support. He invokes positive energy into the ‘Mass Movement’ called SXCCAA. Thank You Father.

We sincerely thank the Fathers of Xavier’s Community gracing & blessing our Governing Council. We also thank our Teacher Member for his whole hearted support & cooperation always.

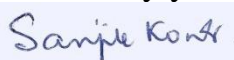
Let me thank all the members of the Governing Council, the Advisors and Conveners, Sub-Committee Members for their excellent support and co-operation – without your selfless service, we would not have achieved this unprecedented success & glory as a team.

Allow me, also to put on record our gratitude to all the sponsors who have continued to support our various activities around the year. Without their financial as well as manpower support, we would not have been able to organize so many events at such grand scales.

I also thank Dominic Anthony ably assisted by Tanima Ghosh – the last but not the least, for efficiently assisting us at all times & being key points of contact at Room No. 5.

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Xaverianly yours,



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Hony. Secretary

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