

## **Secretary's Report for the Year 2021– 2022**

Revered Father President and Fellow Xaverians,

SXCCAA is a family, a team, who work in perfect synchronisation to fulfil the vision and goals of Reverend Father President, Dr. Dominic Savio who leads us, in the path of service, as 'Men and Women for Others'. My heartfelt gratitude to you, Father President for being our guide and mentor. The Annual Report is a perfect opportunity to highlight and document the accomplishments and initiatives which have been achieved by my team, i.e., each and every member of the association, especially the members of the Governing Council. I am grateful to each and every member for their support and hard work. It is true that over the past two years, we have all gone through difficult times, during the pandemic. But with an association like ours, we know that tough times will not last, but a tough team, will!

Let us observe silence for two minutes to pray and pay tribute to the Jesuit Priests, our members, students, teachers and members of the non-teaching staff who have left us for the heavenly abode, during the year.

It is my humble privilege to walk you through a documentation of the initiatives, programs, events and activities which were accomplished by the SXCCAA, its wings and Chapters during the year.

We Xaverians were educated and nurtured by the Jesuit Priests to become enlightened in the true sense of the word and that is why we traditionally begin the Annual Report by talking about the best, the stronger of the Xaverians. Allow me to begin with the achievements of the Women's Forum.

### **A. Women's Forum**

2021-22 was an eventful year for the SXCCAA Women's Forum. Like always, we had a series of events throughout the year.

01. The year began with the Annual Tea Meet in November, 2021. A packed auditorium of Xaverians and their families enjoyed a memorable evening which concluded with sumptuous snacks and adda over Tea. The melodious performance by "Wrong Chords" set the mood just right and the star performer for the evening, Ms Jaya Seal, left the audience mesmerized. Two Women Achievers- IAS officer Ms. Aparajita Rai and Educationalist Ms. Soma Goho were felicitated. The incoming Governing Council member along with the women's forum committee members were introduced to the members and pinned by Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio. The main attraction was the Treasure Island and the fun quiz. We made sure almost every member went back home with a gift or two. Thanks to the convenors of the Annual Tea Meet Ruchi Chandak and Kavita Lohia and their advisor Nupur Majumder.
02. Educational and informative workshops were organised by and for the Women's Forum members.
03. A decoupage workshop in December, 2021 on making decoupage on bottles and coasters.
04. The New Year started with a virtual session on anxiety. The session was conducted by Dr. Sagar Dutt and focused on importance of positive affirmations.
05. In February, the Forum arranged an offline fellowship at LMNOQ for its members.
06. March 2022, we celebrated women's day. The forum organised a hygiene awareness camp with The NGO SWAPNAPURAN.
07. SEMINAR ON "Fitness is the new fad" with Mr. Ranadeep Moitra. On 25th March 2022, ST. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association Women's Forum organised a seminar on "Fitness is

the new fad". Mr. Ranadeep Moitra made the session extremely interactive and interesting with loads of queries answered by him. He broke a lot of myths about workout, posture and diet. The audience comprised of Alumni members, guests and students of the third-year batch. It was a full house and hence a well-attended event.

08. In April there was a workshop at the Credo Cafe on ice-cream making by our member Ruchi Chandak. It was much appreciated by all.
09. In the month of May, we organised a workshop on digital creatives. The event was conducted by our member Kavita Lohia at La macario cafe.
10. June was a fun filled session at Real yoga studio with Zumba. It was followed by a yoga session and it was very informative and helpful.
11. In July Forum organised a workshop on table decor, mocktail making and pasta making at the IIHM Kolkata.
12. In August Women's Forum organised a workshop at St. Xavier's College. It was how to making Zen Garden by Mrs. Dolly Nagrecha, a well-known landscapist and it was very informative session.
13. To encourage bonding and camaraderie among the Forum's members and celebrate the 75th year of the Independence Fellowships were organised at South city. The theme was tricolour and everyone was pinned with Independence Day badges.

To conclude, SXCCAA Women's Forum, like every year, had an eventful schedule throughout the year. The Forum's members worked in unison to make each and every event a success. Extending a thanks to all those who helped the Forum and its members to make the year a success.

This was definitely not possible without the blessings of God Almighty and the constant encouragement of our President Fr Dominic Savio. Heartfelt gratitude to Sudeshna Roychowdhury, Sujata Rampuria and Darshita Trivedi.

## **B. Philanthropic Activities**

01. Series of Free-of-Cost vaccination camp (WPCVC) was held at the College – At the Fr. Depelchin Auditorium of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata and St. Xavier's (College) Calcutta Alumni Association where College Students and their family members, Staff and their family members as well as Alumni members of both St. Xavier's College and Collegiate School and their family members along with Fathers, Brothers and Sisters of Jesuit Community of Calcutta Province were vaccinated with the help of NRS Medical College & Hospital under the aegis of Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal and Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Government of West Bengal on 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th October 2021.

**This initiative features another milestone reached by the College with the help of its Alumni Association - reaching the landmark of 10000 COVID Vaccination Doses being administered in both Park Street and Raghabpur Campus just before the beginning of the Festive seasons in the City.**

02. St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata, in collaboration with its Alumni Association, in a new effort, brought smiles to the underprivileged and needy people in this festive season with the newly initiated project by St. Xavier's College Autonomous, Kolkata named "FESTIVAL OF GIVING" with the support of the old students' association of this premiere institution, St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association on Tuesday 5th October 2021. A variety of more than 25 daily essential items and dress materials to special and specially-abled children from 3 NGOs namely Asha Niketan, Save the Orphans and Old Age and Paikhala Prathamik Vidyalaya were formally handed over this afternoon by Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio,

SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President of St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association along with other Fathers of St. Xavier's Community. COVID 19 outbreak in India was going towards the endemic phase and communication phases were opening up slowly and steadily. Additionally the recent man-made floods across the districts of South Bengal like Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Bardhaman and Birbhum had devastated the homes of many villagers, numerous villagers are left stranded helpless with further challenges like Dengue, Malaria, Snake bites etc. FESTIVAL OF GIVING brought a pinch of happiness to these unfortunates. We, in St. Xavier's, believe that festival is for all - may it be for the poorest of the poor and the joy of festivity increases by sharing with such underprivileged and needy people. So, handing over these festival special relief materials during that upcoming festival season, we wanted to show our love and affection to them, Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ said after handing over the gift materials to the beneficiaries.

**Notably, this relief consignment by St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and their Alumni Association is a continuation of the biggest philanthropic initiative taken up by Xaverians for last 20 months since the first wave of COVID pandemic outbreak.**

03. Similar initiative was taken by the College and the Alumni Association named, **Spread the light** –in order to work for the marginalised and the needy as a continuous effort of leading from the front at times of covid pandemic. SXCCAA has been spearheading a series of philanthropic initiatives taken up by St. Xavier's College Autonomous Kolkata supported by St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association throughout the pandemic times, under the able leadership and vision of our President Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ.

This Philanthropic initiative, **SPREAD THE LIGHT** was launched on the auspicious occasion of Diwali 2021.

- The initiative featured a series of philanthropic activities including distribution of daily essential food items to around 300 children including specially abled, poor and HIV+ children of the marginalized section of the society.
- The SPREAD THE LIGHT initiative was inaugurated by Rev. Father Dominic Savio SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College Autonomous Kolkata and President of St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 3PM at the College premises.
- Under this initiative SXCCAA reached out to the school children from Paikhala Prathamik Vidalaya, Asha Niketan, Save the Orphans and Old Age.

**Harinavi Srijan Vidyapeeth** for the first time SXCCAA under this initiative reached out and provided necessary ration and essential healthy food items to about 60 HIV POSITIVE children from HARINAVI SRIJAN VIDYAPETH in south 24 pgns. The items that we provided to the school children included Rice, Mustard Oil, soyabean, puffed rice, sattoo, pulses, suji, chirwa, spices, horlicks, detergent powder, biscuits, Maggi, cakes and soaps. **The association is indeed hopeful that this initiative will bring smiles to more than 300 children including the poorest of the poor and HIV +ve children from Kolkata and villages belonging to its adjacent districts.**

04. Like every year, this year too, TEAM SXCCAA has organised a unique philanthropic initiative - **'LET'S CARE AND SHARE'**, during the year-end week of Christmas 2021 to New Year 2022 under the guidance, leadership & vision of Rev Fr. Dominic Savio SJ.

Xavierians and benefactors of SXCCAA took up this initiative to become someone's '**Secret Santa Claus**' during the year-end week of Christmas 2021 to New Year 2022 and worked tirelessly shower happiness to the marginalized & under-privileged students and residents of Old Age Homes through this '**LET'S CARE AND SHARE**' initiative.

- This initiative included collection & distribution of Blankets, Woollen garments, school stationeries, daily essentials and dry ration items, dry food items like Biscuits, Cakes, Snacks, Chocolates etc. for about 650 beneficiaries.
- 'LET'S CARE AND SHARE' initiative for the needy marginalised school children was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio S.J, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President of St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association along with Vice Principals Rev Fr. Joseph Kulandai and Rev Fr. Peter Arrakuam on Sunday, 12th December 2021, at 9 am at Paikhala School & Raghavpur College premises.
- The highlight of the programme at Paikhala School was releasing of pigeons by our President and Vice Principals and SXCCAA members. The school children were entertained by magic show and a talking doll show and an excellent inaugural dance performance put up by the school children.
- The programme was attended by a large no of alumni members. The children were provided with new school dresses, blankets and goodie bags which included stationeries food items & dry ration items.
- The program at Raghavpur campus was done together with the NSS dept of the college which was attended by about 250 school children from the different extension centers in the nearby villages. The children were provided with refreshment packets and goodies bags which included stationeries, food items and dry ration items.

05. Alike every year a Mega Eye & Pediatric Camp was held at Raghavpur on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022. 1080 children were checked from nearby areas. 1055 patients were checked to resolve their vision problems. About 192 patients for cataract, 5 for retina along with other difficulties were examined. Around 580 patients were decided to be given free spectacles. Around 100 students and 30 SXCCAA members volunteered for help at the camp.

06. Like every year, Philanthropy Day 2022 was celebrated by St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association on 24<sup>th</sup> July' 2022, also as the birthday celebration of the President of the association Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ. Gift and helping hand were extended to the inmates of various NGOs and organizations.

- 2 water cooler machines with RO filter has been donated by BNI spring & these will be delivered to the Raghavpur campus.
- BNI spring has sponsored 6 girl from Raghavpur for three years. They have already handed over the 1st year sponsorship cheques.
- Panchim Bangal Marwari Sangha has also donated 2 water coolers machine for Raghavpur campus. 1st machine has already been delivered & another machine will be delivered within a week.
- For Paikhala School children SXCCAA has given sports items, like footballs, badminton rackets, cricket sets & skipping ropes. All items have been sponsored by Xaverian Dharmendra Singh.
- Stationery items for Paikhala school children will be sent after the Teachers' Day programme.
- SXCCAA has been provided stationery and soap to the HIV+ children from Harinavi Sikcha Niketan.

- Members from St. Vincent Society who had helped immensely for the eye camp, felicitated Fr. President on Philanthropy Day and also requested for medical camp for gastro problem and women's health.
- SXCCAA announced of organizing a free ear screening camp for the villagers near the Raghabpur campus. Where 100 hearing aids (Behind the ear) was distributed to the needy.

➤ **Special Mention:**

- In order to bring smile to the faces of the needy and underprivileged children of a NGO during the Festival of Holi, the Association organized a pre-holi program where Goodie bags were distributed among many HIV Positive children.
- On March 23, 2022 Mr. Vijay was given his prosthetic legs and all the medical assistance and supports necessary to this was as well provided to him by team SXCCAA.

Inspired by the teaching 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. The efforts of SXCCAA in making St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata as the "Centre of Philanthropic Excellence" have been appreciated from all ends. Also, our heartfelt thanks to the Convenor of the Philanthropy Committee Mr. Yogesh Chopra and Mr. Deepak Gupta.

**C. Fellowship Activities**

01. SANGAM, the annual reunion dinner of SXCCAA was held on 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 at the college grounds. The theme was Old Calcutta of the 1900s. The guests and the members were transformed to the old world of charm of Calcutta of the 1900s. The wonderful evening commenced with live musical performance by Blue Mist Band. This was followed by felicitation of the Jewels of 1996 batch and the convenors & advisor of this program by Rev Fr. Dominic Savio SJ. Followed by Silver Jubilee celebration of the batch of 1996 and a group D staff was felicitated. For his service to the college. After that a fashion show by renowned fashion designed Agnimitra paul showcasing the changing trends of Calcutta was organised wherein some of our alumni members took part along with renowned models of Kolkata. Sumptuous food was served by 6 Ballygunj Place. The alumni, spouses and family danced the evening away with foot tapping music by DJ Harish with prizes distributed for various categories like best dressed, best dancer, best couple, etc. Every Xaverians recalled the fond memories of their college days. All the credits of the event goes to the Convenors Deepak Gupta, Rajiev Buvaria, Zahid Rafiq and Advisor Malay Roy Chowdhury.

02. The Christmas Meet was held on 22nd Dec 2021 at the Quadrangle where the manger was inaugurated for the public by Rev Frs. This time it was in the shape of the very famous Princep Ghat Monument. The function then shifted to Fr. Depelchin Auditorium of the College. It was a very meaningful event. Rev Fr Rector, Rev Fr. Principal, Rev Fr Vice Principal and other Rev Frs and Br were invited to the stage. Rev Fr Rector lead us in prayer and Rev Fr Dominic Savio Principal of SXc and President of SXCCAA shares his thoughts on Boro Din - Christmas Day. The event witnessed mesmerising songs and dance by students of SXC. After this was the Ceremonial Cake cutting. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by the Hon Secretary, SXCCAA. This was followed with snacks and fellowship. The evening was enjoyed by all. The association congratulates the Convenors Mr. Manoj Jain and Pravin Baid for this well coordinated event.

03. KIXs Series held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and the speaker was eminent physician Dr. Purnendu Roy. Dr. Roy, an ace surgeon also founder owner of Genesis Group of Companies that's into Healthcare, Education, Charity, Food & Beverages. He also makes movies. He spoke on - Invest in your mind. Dr. Roy spoke on the relation of our body to our minds and laid emphasis on relationships. Care on the mind and body nourished with a healthy diet is the key for a disease free body. He spoke about the struggle to reach his goal and the charity done by his hospital. Dr was a very enterprising speaker and we all carried home the message of planning and allocating time for ourselves to be healthy. The opening remarks were given by Rev Fr. Joseph Kulandai. The speaker was introduced by Rev Fr. Peter Arockiam and the vote of thanks was proposed by Vilas Khosla.
04. In another very interactive session organized by the SXCCAA with Dr. Debal Sen – a Xaverian and an internationally acclaimed Cardiologist, as well as an author is as well known naturalist photographer. This event was divided into 2 parts. The first part was the display of his photographs and the second part was lecture demonstration. Prof Sudipto Sen – Prof at New York, introduced the speaker. Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio gave the welcome address and felicitated the distinguished speaker.
05. A special Friday Fellowship Dinner was held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 where all the Governing Council members, Members of the Alumni and all the respected Fathers and Brothers of the community took part in terms of a get together just before the beginning of the Durga Puja festival.
06. Teachers' day was celebrated on the 5th September 2022 along with the participation of students of the College. Members paid their respect and gratitude to the past and present professors and support staffs. 4 support staffs namely Tapas Singha, Clement Kerobin Baptist, Bablu Das, Sushankar Mondal who retired during last one year, were felicitated. This year, SXCCAA paid its heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of the College for exemplary leadership and guidance to the association during tough time of Covid pandemic and during natural calamities like Yaas, Amphan. The teaching and the support staffs were invited for lunch to mark this occasion. A special thanks to the convener Shahid Ahmed Khan and the advisor Naresh Kothari.
07. On Friday we all the Xaverians meet together to thank god after every eventful week. The Friday fellowship helps us to rejuvenate and reinvent ourselves and to stay connected at large.

#### **D. Special Occasions**

01. On 7th December 2021, Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination in a simple yet memorable program organized by SXCCAA. Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio has spent more than 20 years out of his tenure as a Priest in the campus of St. Xavier's' College. The main event was organized at Fr. Depelchin Auditorium of the College in complete abidance of COVID protocols which was attended by Priests, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, students, guests and regular SXCCAA members. The program was also live telecasted in SXCCAA social media handle. In his address, Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio spoke about his early days of Priesthood and his growing up as a human being with values and ethos. His speech also featured expressing gratitude to other Jesuit Priests of St. Xavier's Community for the support and affection shown towards him in his journey. The program started with cultural programs featuring a musical performance by Xaverian Debajyoti Mishra and group and Dance performance by renowned choreographer Sudarshan Chakraborty and troupe. An Audio Visual presentation on the priestly journey of Rev Father was done. A Coffee Table book was unveiled which was especially designed and printed for this auspicious occasion of the

Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio, which was followed A Series of Felicitations were organized in the honour of our President which featured GC Members of SXCCAA, Past Secretaries of SXCCAA, St. Xavier's Jesuit Community, members of SXCCAA Women's forum and various other Alumni Associations in the likes of ALSOC, SXUKAA, SLOBA, JAAI, WUJA and individual dignitaries / celebrities.

The occasion also hosted an elaborate felicitation of Rev. Fr. Jimmy Keepuram and Rev. Fr. Arul who also celebrated the completion of 25 years of their priesthood along with Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ. Which included ceremonial cake cutting by all 3 Celebrants of Silver Jubilee of their Priesthood along with Fathers & Brothers of St. Xavier's Community and refreshments were served for the guests and dignitaries at the side of the College grounds. SXCCAA congratulates the two Convenors of this very meaningfully successful event Mr. Sanjib Koner and Mr. Snehasis Sur for their efforts behind this event.

02. Another very special and proud day of the Xaverian for all the SXCCAA members was November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 in which the Association celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> year completion of its President Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ in a very occasion with friends and well-wishers along with some philanthropic activites.

03. St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association successfully organised 'Bhasa Dibas Celebration 2022' & 'Dashobhuja Bangali 2022' - on 21st February' 2022 to commemorate International Mother Language Day.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and the president of SXCCAA, Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy, SJ, Rector of the College along with other Fathers, Professors, Alumni/ae, Students prayed the homage to the replica of 'Bhasa Bedi' in our college premises on 21st February, 2022 at around 10:30 a.m. H. E. Mr. Toufique Hasan, Hon'ble Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Kolkata along with other designated officers of the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh were present in the gathering. National Anthem of India and Bangladesh were also played on this occasion.

On that day, 'Dashobhuja Bangali 2022' was also organized at Fr. Depelchin Auditorium of the College at around 5:30 p.m. Since 2011, in this very event, eminent Bengali personalities from various fields were felicitated. This year, we honoured the following personalities: Mr. Dhritiman Chatterjee with the Life Time Achievement 'Dashobhuja Chirontoni', Dr. Abhijit Chowdhury, Ms. Supriya Roy, Mr. Shantanu Moitra, Mr. Procheta Gupta, Major A. S. M. Shamsul Arefin, Mr. P. C. Sorcar, Mr. Anirban Bhattacharya, Ms. Koel Mallick, Mr. Parambrata Chatterjee, Mr. Samrat Ghosh. Fr. Principal and Fr. Rector presented the honour to the guests. The evening witnessed glorified atmosphere on this auspicious day with a footfall of around 600 people. It was the all time leadership from our Father President helped us to organize this program in such a big scale. Further, support and minute to minute guidance from our Hony. Secretary, SXCCAA and the presence and cooperation from Mr. Sanjib Koner, the immediate past secretary and Mr. Snehasis Sur should be special mention here. Overall, the collective efforts of Governing Ccouncil, Convenors and the entire Xaverian family deserve to be applauded for putting up 'Bangaliyana' at the heart of Park Street. The association applauds the tedious efforts of the Advisor Mr. Sujoy Saha, Governing Council Member Mr. Dipan Das, the Convenors of the event Mr. Kalyan Majumder and Shubhechha Chowdhuri along with Sambit Dutta for their efforts behind the programme.

04. Orientation Programme on Ignatian Year was held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, it was a full day event that had been organized. This program was given utmost importance by the Jesuit Priests. The day started with registration followed by Prayer by Rev Fr Peter and Inaugural address by Rev Dominic Savio.

- The 1st session on History & Organisational Structure of Jesuit order was be done by Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy.
- 2nd Session: Jesuit Education; Values and Principles – Rev. Fr. Felix Raj
- 3rd Session: Ignatian Year & Cannonball Moment – Rev. Fr. Joseph Kulandai & Rev. Fr. Mourin Franklin
- 4th Session: Universal Apostolic Preference – Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio
- 5th Session: Lay Jesuit Collaboration – Mr. Snehashis Sur
- 6th Session: Valedictory & Distribution of Certificates – Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara and Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio.

The event was held at the Xavier Hall and was well attended by more than 100 delegates – including staff, students, members of different associations in the province. Delegates were given booklet.

Rev Fr. Dominic Savio said that probably this the first by any Jesuit Alumni Association had taken such an initiative. He also said that it was a unique program, there was nothing religious but the good principles in life. Rev Fr thanked the GC members for planning it well as well as a special thanks for Snehashis Sur and Sanjib Koner.

## **E. Fund Raising Programmes**

01. Beyond Barriers Chapter XXI – it will be remembered for a long long time as it was full of wonderful memories. A challenge was to organize an event for the first time outside the campus straight to Dubai. Team Beyond Barriers trumped all the challenges with a huge success thanks to God's help through the prayers and encouragement of our president Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio and others in the Jesuit Community. It's no less than a miracle that we got sponsors for an International Show from sponsors based in Kolkata. We were able to rope in ZEE TV for televising the event – a first in the history of Beyond Barriers. 5 hours, yes you heard correctly; 5 hours of a musical event and the audience were on their feet for the last 20 minutes – at 2am and that too, a full house. The artists – KK, Amit Kumar, Sudesh Bhosle, Ankita, Sujoy & Nirupama – all were phenomenal. The audience were spellbound and Dubai got more than its money's worth. Sheikh Bu Abdullah, chairman of Bu Abdullah group of companies was the Chief Guest.

In the after party held at Dubai at The Oberoi Hotel; SXCCAA felicitated Dr. Lal Bhatia and Mr. Suvankar Sen. This was followed by a Fashion show by professionals, celebrities, our own members who had travelled and members from Dubai Chapter. A beautifully organized evening followed by drinks and dinner.

The next day Dr. Lal Bhatia hosted Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio, other Rev. Frs.; SXCCAA members and guests in his yacht taken out into the sea to see Dubai from the other side; which was memorable experience with exotic sea food prepared by a Michelin star chef – Irina.

The event was very well covered by the media The Telegraph as well as TV 18. We got very good publicity – both pre & post event including many hoardings, advertisements, and on social media. The association heartily congratulates the Advisors of the event Mr. Vikas Khosla, Mr. Dharmen Trivedi and Mr. Imran Zaki along with the Convenors of the event Mr. Pankaj Shah and Mr. Saptorshi Dutta for their relentless efforts for making this program e grand success. SXCCAA is also very grateful to the UAE chapter for their support in the well coordination of the events.

02. It was a brand-new initiative taken up by the Alumni Association this year to celebrate the SXCCAA's Foundation Day which was held on 13.04.2022 at college auditorium. The program was made more gracious with the 'Xaverian Business Award Ceremony – 2022' where 10 eminent Xaverian Business Giants were felicitated for their entrepreneurial excellence in the last decades. All the past secretaries

of the society were felicitated in the occasion as well. The event was meaningfully hosted by Mr. Biplab Ganguly. An AV on history of SXCCAA and Current activities was displayed at the very beginning of the program. The awardees were, Harshavardan Neotia, Jayanta Roy, Namit Bajoria, Nandu K. Belani, Numazar D. Mehta, Ravi Todi, Sanjay Budhia, Smita Bajoria, Suvankar Sen, Vinod Kumar Gupta. The program became more gracious with a beautiful dance performance by actress Rammani Saha. And the event became livelier and more meaningful by the script written by another alumni Mr. Sibashis Bandyopadhyay. The event was followed by a fellowship dinner with all awardees, Fathers, governing-council members and Alumni Members. The association praises the efforts of the Advisors Mr. Imran Zaki and Sanjay Surekha along with the Convenors Mr. Harish Agarwal and Mr. Arindam Sil for organizing this new event with a lot of grandeur.

03. One of the most sought after in the Xaverian calendar of events and a forerunner in the debating circle of the city, the 28th Fr. Joris Memorial Nihil Ultra National Debate was held on Saturday the 12th day of March,2022 at the St. Xavier's College Grounds between 5pm and 7.45 pm organized in association with Calcutta Debating Circle.

The motion of the debate was “This House feels that it is necessary to re-narrate our History”.

The panel comprised of eminent speakers from different walks of life. Speakers for the motion (Proposition) were: Anand Ranganathan, Desh Ratan Nigam, Sanjeev Sanyal, Lalitha Kumaramangalam and the speakers Against the motion (Opposition) were: Mani Shankar Aiyer, Jawhar Sircar, Manish Tiwari, Sanjay Jha. The debate was chaired and moderated by Dr. Kunal Sarkar. Timekeeping was conducted by Mrs. Shukla Das- spouse member.

The debate was held in the Open Ground for the first time in its history and there were more than 700 people in the audience besides about 6600+ watching live streaming on Facebook.

The event was supported by Caring Minds (a venture of Budhia Family), The Telegraph, FM Radio-Friends 91.9.

7 out of the 8 speakers had travelled from outside and their stay was arranged at The Oberoi Grand. A dinner was hosted by CDC for the Fathers, speakers, organizing team and some other members of SXCCAA. SXCCAA expresses their regard to the Advisor of the event Mr. Jeetu Rampuria and the Convenors Mr. Nalin Jain and Mr. Jayajit Biswas for their valuable inputs in organizing this event.

## **F. Activities in Association with the College**

01. Gandhi Birthday Celebration - Gandhi Jayanti was observed at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata on Saturday 2nd October 2021 with a restricted gathering, organized by the St. Xavier's College Autonomous, Kolkata and St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association. Floral tributes were paid by the Principal of the College and President of the Alumni Association Rev. Father Dominic Savio SJ along with Rector Rev. Father Jayaraj Veluswamy SJ and other Rev. Fathers, Brothers and the Hon. Secretary of the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association along with members of newly formed Governing Council of SXCCAA.

02. Celebration of Swami Vivekananda's Birthday - Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President of St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, offered tribute to Swami Vivekananda at the Campus in a formal and meaningful ceremony on 11th January, 2022, the celebration of National Youth Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swamiji.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio was joined by Rev. Fr. Jayaraj Veluswamy SJ, Rector of St. Xavier's College, along with other Fathers, the Honorary Secretary of SXCCAA and other members of the Association. In his speech, Father President reminded the gathering about the Swami Vivekananda's faith in the youth of the country. Reverend Father shared his thoughts on Swamiji's interpretation of religion as a universal experience and Swamiji's concept of 'spiritual humanism'. Rev. Father also

mentioned that some of the teachings of Swamiji bore similarity to the Ignatian idea of service to mankind which inspires us to serve the continuous commitment towards the society, at large. The program was concluded with a promise to follow Swamiji's thoughts: 'The greatest religion is to be true to your own nature. Have faith in yourself.'

03. Foundation Day of Collage - The Foundation Day of this divine institution of academics and of all round excellence was celebrated on 16th January, 2022, at the campus, where Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, Principal St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata and the President of SXCCAA hoisted the college flag in the presence of Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy, SJ, Rector of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata, other respected Fathers, Hony. Secretary of SXCCAA and the members of the alumni association. A floral tribute was offered to the founding Father of this great institution Rev. Fr. H. Depelchin, SJ.

Referring to the glorious past, Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio shared his vision for the future of the institution to ensure its existence to a greater height of excellence and he also urged all to strengthen the foundation of our alma mater through service towards society, keeping in mind our promise for 'men and women for others'. Hony. Secretary of SXCCAA also thanked the entire Xaverian fraternity for their unparalleled commitment towards this motherly institution of ours.

- **Cover Page of 'We Xaverian' was unveiled by Fr. President on this special day**, as well.

At the end, the Sunday morning became warm as members of SXCCAA, bonded over a hearty breakfast and fellowship in the august presence of the Fathers.

- Discussion was held on the Convocation of the College - Rev Fr Dominic Savio informed that the Chief Guest will be Prof Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Chancellor of Ashoka University. Dr. Kunal Sarkar will receive the Nihil Ultra Award. 2800 students will be receiving their degrees. Robes were being arranged for everyone. Many more gold medals were being introduced. Last year there was 1 Phd and this year 9 Phd. All GC members were invited. Around 500 teaching staff were expected to attend.

04. An Indo-Bangla debate was organized by St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association in collaboration with Calcutta Debating Circle with the participation of 4 students of Dhaka University and 2 students each from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata, Park Street Campus and Raghabpur Campus on 19th July, 2022 at Room No. 05. The motion was '**সব প্রস্তাবার-ই জাদুঘরে পরিণত হচ্ছে**'. We got the blessings from Fr. Principal to organise this event. Prof. Rajib Chowdhury, Senior Professor from Bengali Department and Deputy President of Bengali Literary Society of the College delivered the welcome address on this occasion. Mr. Pradip Gooptu and Dr. Sandip Chatterjee, founder members of CDC, chaired the Debate. Along with good numbers of students, professors and alumni members were present. The motion was carried on with show of hands. We are also thankful HOD of the Bengali Department of the College for her cooperation and support for organizing this event. It was indeed a fruitful session keeping in mind the objectivity of the subject and considering the cultural exchange between two sides of Bengal. The association is thankful to Mr. Dipan Das, Convenor of the event for organizing this event in a very short span of time yet in a much synchronized manner.

05. A picnic for all the Jesuit Fathers was organized by SXCCAA on 20th February, 2021. Around 40 Fathers and 25 Alumni Members participated in the picnic. The SXCCAA congratulates the Advisor Mr. Sandip Bajaj and the Convenors Mr. Deepak Gupta and Arjun Bahri Dhawan for well organization of this occasion.

## **G. International Chapters**

01. On 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 SXCCAA-UAE chapter organized a chapter meet at Dubai which was attended by many Alumni members and their family members from UAE and Kolkata. Rev. Fr. President along with other Fathers and Vice-Principals graced the occasion.
02. SXCCAA-UAE Chapter during the Beyond Barriers Chapter XXI in Dubai organized an Indian Film Festival in Dubai where, total 6 Bengali films were screened in 2 days. The Film Festival was a huge success and well attended by eminent cinema personalities, actor-actresses, directors etc. The entire event was well acclaimed by everyone.
03. It is with pride we state that the existing international associations also carried out various fellowship and networking activities, in the true Xaverian spirit around the calendar year.

## **H. National Chapters**

- Our National Chapters located in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Siliguri and Guwahati have been organizing regular fellowship and philanthropic activities throughout the year.

## **I. Sports**

01. The sporting spirit ran high as alumni members took up a challenge against the teaching and non-teaching staff members of the college to play at Fr. Joe D'Souza Memorial Cricket Match on the college grounds on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. It was a great match together and ended in true sportsman spirit, SXCCAA team won the match after a gap of 3 years (since 2018) – thanks to convenors Shome Mukherjee and Sandeep Mundra and their advisor Pawan Dalmia.
02. Fr. J Mailyekal Memorial Football Match was played on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 between staff members vs. alumni. Congratulations to the Alumni team on their winning in this well-coordinated match which was played with all the true spirits of the game. Thanks to the Convenor of the event Jb. Shahid Ahmed Khan and the Advisor Mr. Naresh Kothari for their efforts in making the event successful.

## **J. Participation in JAAI & WUJA Activities**

Our association is active participant in the various forum of Jesuit Alumni associations. SXCCAA is recognised as the most active and vibrant alumni association within the Jesuit institutions at the local, province, zonal and National level. The activities of SXCCAA has been embraced and imbibed by many fellow associations as emulation to a role model.

SXCCAA is notably represented by its members at different forum as follows:

01. Mr. Jeetu Rampuria is Joint Treasurer of JAAI (the National Federation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India)
02. Mr. Santosh Agarwal is the Financial Advisor of JAAI
03. Mr. Naresh Gupta is the Vice President of WUJA (the world body of Jesuit Alumni/ae association known as World Union of Jesuit Alumni)

Through these representatives, SXCCAA plays a very active role in providing direction to the National and World federation and with the vast experience of multitude activities enables path breaking and shaping of activities of the alumni/ae movement globally.

SXCCAA also very enthusiastically and actively participates in the various meeting organised by various forum in the organisational hierarchy. There were 2 meetings of the Calcutta Province on 26<sup>th</sup> March,22 and 28<sup>th</sup> August,22 which and the Zonal Congress at Darjeeling between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 wherein your association participated and played active and pivotal role.

## **K. 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 fund raisers. A special thanks to the Honorary Treasurer CA Manoj Mani Agarwal and Honorary Assistant Treasurer CA Smarajit Mitra 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.

## **L. Growth and Expansion:**

This is our privilege to mention that our college is coming up with its new campus at Anandapur near Eastern-Metropolitan Campus in terms of its Media Hub and Research Facility Centre and the stone laying ceremony of the same will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2022 in the presence of the Fathers of the community, Alumni members, Staffs and well-wishers of the institute.

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. We Xaverian:**

On the auspicious occasion of the Foundation Day of the College on 16th January, 2022 the Cover Page of 'We Xaverian' was unveiled by Fr. President on this special day,as well and shortly after that few copies of this edition was published and circulated. At the end, the Sunday morning became warm as members of SXCCAA, bonded over a hearty breakfast and fellowship in the august presence of the Fathers.

On another very auspicious occasion of the Xaverian Calendar 'The Philanthropy Day i.e., the President's Birthday' the Cover of the immediate next edition of the "We Xaverian" was unveiled by Fr. President. Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio, which issue is to be released on 22.09.2022.

The Association is very much thankful to the Editor, Mr. Manas Dev and his editorial team for constant efforts towards the smooth publication of the several editions of the magazine.

## **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:

- SXCCCA is proud to mention that Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ has been felicitated with the Jewel of Bengal Award for his notable contributions in the field of Education along with the persistent work put up during COVID pandemic and Amphan-Yaas relief – rehabilitation.
- The Alumni association has felicitated its President Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ for his able leadership in showing the path of ‘Finding God in All Things’, especially during the Covid-19 Pandemic and other natural calamities by spearheading a series of philanthropic activity over and above running and expanding the Alma Mater in the best possible manner, on the auspicious day of Teachers’ Day, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.
- SXCCAA is again very overwhelmed to announce that Rev. Fr. President has been also being honored with the prestigious award of “**Outstanding contribution to the development of Education**” by the IIHM Group.

## P. Conclusion

Let me conclude by congratulating each member of SXCCAA for their honest involvement and unstinting support to the association. We have been able to become an exemplary body today by walking together in the path shown by our leader, Father President and because SXCCAA works as a single unit. We all know that when everyone is moving forward together, then success is inevitable. I thank Rev. Father President and all the other Fathers for allowing the alumni association a position and say, in the matters of our dear alma mater. It makes us feel more responsible as Xaverians to contribute towards the progress of this great institution and the society, at large.

I am deeply grateful to Rev. Father Jayaraj Veluswamy, SJ, Rev. Father Peter Arockiam, SJ, Rev. Father Joseph Kulandai, SJ and Rev. Father Johnson Padiyara, SJ for encouraging us in every endeavour. I thank the Fathers and Brothers of the entire Jesuit Community for blessing us.

I am grateful to the members of the Governing Council, the Advisors and Conveners and the members of the Sub-Committee. We could not have done so much work without your selfless service.

Just as we need blessings and hard work, we also need to fuel our events and we cannot undermine the tremendous support given to the SXCCAA by all our sponsors, donors and benefactors for the financial support. Without them we would not see such a successful year.

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Xaverianly yours,



**Firdausul Hasan**

Hony. Secretary,  
St. Xavier’s College (Calcutta) Alumni Association  
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