

Secretary's Report for the Year 2023– 2024

Revered Father President, Fathers and Fellow Xaverians,

SXCCAA is a family, a team, who work in perfect synchronization to fulfil the vision and goals of Reverend Father President, Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, who leads us, in the path of service, as 'Men and Women for Others'. My heartfelt gratitude goes 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.

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 ACTIVITIES

1. The 'Annual Tea Meet' organised by the WF of SXCCAA was held on 18 th November. The Annual Tea Meet is the first event of the alumni calendar and Rev Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio S.J., Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Calcutta and President, St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, like every year welcomed the members of the 2023-24, Governing Council formally, at the event. It was followed by an enthralling performance by the popular singer Nikita Gandhi and a dance performance presented by Tanushree Shankar and her troupe. The evening saw much camaraderie over cups of tea, mouthwatering snacks and games.
2. Under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, the Women's Forum of St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association, presented - WOMEN & BEYOND Chapter- 2 on 13th March. The dance presentation by renowned danseuse Devlina Kumar and her troupe was followed by felicitation of notable women achievers, namely, Actor Churni Ganguly, the celebrated National athlete Soma Biswas and the famous vocalist Iman Chakravarty. The eminent guests interacted with Rita Bhimani in a panel discussion. It was truly a celebration of the unstoppable spirit of womanhood.
3. The Women's Forum along with the WF's North Bengal Chapter, had a Chapter Meet at Siliguri on 17th March. It was well attended by members from the main body of SXCCAA and the North Bengal Chapter, where our activities were reviewed and the way forward, discussed. The Honorary Secretary of SXCCAA, Mr. Firdausul Hasan reminded the members, that Reverend Father President Dr. Dominic Savio, wishes us to carry on with our work on the three tenets of philanthropic activities, fellowship activities and work for the development of our alma mater. Among other notable members was Mr. Mittal who assured the association of his continued support.
4. Under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, the members of the Women's Forum, visited Mahavir Seva Sadan on 09.04.24. 15 artificial limbs were donated for the benefit of the physically challenged, as a part of their philanthropic activities.
5. Under the leadership of Dr. Dominic Savio, the Women's Forum of SXCCAA, organised a seminar, headed by Mr. Bishnu Dhanuka, Cofounder of Millennium Mams, a non-profit organisation aiming

at empowering women through financial literacy, on 06th May. The engaging session, held at the college, was attended by a large number of members where Mr. Dhanuka discussed - "THE IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL LITERACY IN EMPOWERING WOMEN."

6. The Women's Forum of the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association organised a seminar, on the topic, 'INHERITANCE LAW & LOT MORE...' by Ms. Nandini Khaitan, the renowned Dispute Lawyer, on the 14th June 2024, at the college.
7. Under the leadership of Rev Father Dr Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President of SXCCAA and the blessings of all the Jesuit Fathers, the Women's Forum of SXCCAA, celebrated Rev. Father's 60th birthday beautifully at the Little Sisters of the Poor on the morning of Philanthropy Day. The program was well attended by the members of the Alumni Association of St. Xavier's College, Calcutta and guests.
8. Women's Forum of the association handed over 200 customized umbrellas with SXC emblem to Fr. Vice Principal of Raghobpur Campus for the villagers of the nearby villages on 18th August 2024 to celebrate the inauguration of Room 10 i.e. the Alumni Room in the Raghobpur Campus.

B. PHILANTROPIC ACTIVITIES

1. E-Classrooms and a Tailoring Sections were inaugurated at the 'Calcutta Muslim Orphanage' for the Girl's Section, on the 1st October. Reverend Father Dr. Dominic Savio, the President of SXCCAA, addressed the gathering on this occasion. The Philanthropic activities at the Orphanage are organised by SXCCAA along with the NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.
2. Extensive support was given to the NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, as they organised the 'Puja Camp', at Raghobpur Campus and also in the village of Paikhala on the 1st and 2nd of October. Cultural programmes and 'Sit and Draw Competitions', were organised for the students. Dengue Awareness Rally, as well as a 'Swachh Bharat Mission', were conducted by the students, teachers and volunteers. Prizes were given at the end of the programme. SXCCAA, dedicatedly continues to work as 'Men and Women for Others'.
3. A Free Medical Camp was organized by the Department of Social Works of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and the Udayani Training Centre at Pandua, Hooghly district, on the 27th October. The Camp was in collaboration with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal. This Free Medical Camp was supported by St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association.
4. The Spread the Light initiative, organized by the Alumni Association of St. Xavier's College on 04.11.23 was a great success. Food and gift items were distributed among the underprivileged, HIV positive children and specially-abled.
5. Under the 'Share and Care' Initiatives, organized by SXCCAA, more than 300 goodie bags containing stationery and food items were distributed by Fr President among children at Christo Sewa Ashram in Kalna, on 12 th December. On 17th December, Christmas goodie bags comprising various stationery and food items were distributed at the Paikhala Primary School, among 400 children from the nearby villages of Debipur, Magurkhali and Raghavpur by Reverend Father Dr. Dominic Savio. Father also laid the foundation stone of the First Floor of the Paikhala school building as a part of the initiative, in the presence of Reverend Father Jayraj Velluswamy, Rector of St. Xavier's, Calcutta, other respected Fathers and a large team of alumni members. On the 18th of Dec., the Share& Care project saw the members of the WF of SXCCAA handover gift bags and essential items like Microwave and Water Cooler to the elderly inmates of the Little Sisters of the Poor Old age home.
6. Rev Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio inaugurated the Shishu Mela, organized by the NSS department, on 11.02.24 at the college grounds. The 650 children from 13 different NGOs and 4 college adopted villages, enjoyed a fun-filled Sunday, singing, dancing, playing games at the stalls, receiving prizes and goody bags and enjoying the rides set up for them.

7. The MEGA MEDICAL & HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP held on 25/02/24 at the RAGHABPUR CAMPUS was a blessing for more than a 1000 beneficiaries in and around the Raghampur Campus of our college. The P.B.A. Eye Hospital & the Govt. of W.B Health Dept. for Eye, Cardio, Child, Women, ENT, GP & Dental had come forward to support our cause.
8. Under the guidance of Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, St. Xavier's College organized a Cycle Van distribution drive in collaboration with Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle on 10th April 2024, under UBA, the 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan' programme. It was held in our rural campus at Raghampur. Rev. Father President, handed over 16 Cycle vans, including one motorized van to the beneficiaries from 5 UBA adopted villages under Bishnupur Block I and 5 from other College- adopted villages of South 24 Parganas.
9. Under the guidance of Reverend Father Principal of St. Xavier's College Kolkata, a team of 35 volunteers from the NSS, accompanied by Cheryl Francis the Director of NSS, along-with a large number of Xaverians, celebrated Noboborsho & Women's Day differently at Shalpokur village, 25 km from Kolkata, on 14th April. Dr. Subrata Sarkar, Principal of Sr. Nivedita Nursing School conducted an awareness session on Mother & Child health and Mental Wellness for the beneficiaries at Shalpokur.
10. Reverend Father Dr. Dominic Savio inaugurated the Prayas camp at the college on 21st of June organised by the St. Xavier's College Alumni Association in association with the NSS Department of St. Xavier's College. The Prayas Camp was held from 21st to the 23rd of June, where 50 girl students from the Navjeevan Foundation of Pandua, Burdwan along with student volunteers from the NSS department of the college, spent 3 meaningful days comprising several seminars and workshops on topics like Digital Literacy, Women Empowerment and Craft and Skill Development. SXCCAA organized for meals and gifts for the campers.
11. SXCCAA in collaboration with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, GoWB organized a Mega Medical Health and Eye-checkup camp for the students and boarders of Premananda Ashram Boarding School, Chamrusai, West Midnapore on Sunday 1st September, 2024. More than 700 beneficiaries attended the mega camp featuring several medical departments like pediatrics, gastro, pathology, chest medicine, eye and general medicine. Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, SXC and President, SXCCAA graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the event and blessed the gathering accompanied by Jesuit Fathers of St. Xavier's Community Kolkata and Alumni members. Notably, the camp was conducted by around 40 Doctors, 20-25 Health Worker and 30 Nursing Staff under the supervision of members of philanthropic committee of SXCCAA. Rev. Father Principal distributed game kits for the students of the school, handed over rations and food items for the residents of the Ashram which was donated by SXCCAA members. Tree Plantation Drive was also carried out by Father President there. SXCCAA is undoubtedly committed with its objective as we reiterate 'Men and Women for Others' through our philanthropic activities.

C. REMEMBRANCE

We begin this portion with a heavy heart, as we express our deepest condolence and inform that Reverend Father P.C. Matthew SJ, Former Principal of St. Xavier's College Calcutta and Former President of St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association, left us for the Heavenly abode on the 11th of February, 2024. Father was laid down in Final Rest at Dhyan Ashram, after a Solemn Funeral Service, on 13th February.

- The Funeral Mass of Rev Fr P C Mathew, SJ, former Principal of St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata was held in the college on 13.02.24. Rev Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Calcutta and President, St. Xavier's College (Calcutta), Alumni Association, Reverend Father Rector of SXC, other Jesuit Fathers, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, students and members of the Alumni Association of the college offered prayers and floral tribute as they bid the final farewell to the Reverend Soul.

- Under the benevolent guidance of Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President of SXCCAA, the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, organized a Condolence Meeting to honor the memory of Rev. Fr. P. C. Mathew, SJ, Former Principal of the College and Former President of the Alumni Association, on 02.03.24 at the Xavier Hall. Reverend Father Dr. Dominic Savio, Dr. Felix Raj, Professors and alumni members paid tribute through reminiscing speeches about Reverend Father Mathew. Eminent musicians like Debojyoti Mishra and Sourendra Mullick and Soumyajit Das paid musical tributes to the Departed Soul. May the great soul rest in eternal peace.

D. SPECIAL MENTION

- I feel immense blessed as I share that Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President of the Alumni Association of St. Xavier's College (Calcutta), met the Holy Father Pope Francis at the Vatican on the 26th of March in a one- to- one meeting which lasted for almost half an hour.
- During the same visit, Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, exchanged thoughts along with the other board members of the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU), with Reverend Father General in Rome.

E. SPORTS ACTIVITIES

1. Congratulations to the Cricket Team of SXCCAA on winning the Fr. Joe Douza Memorial Cricket Match on 24.02.24. The Cricket Match was played between the Staff members of SXC and the members of SXCCAA.
2. SXCCAA kick started yet another first, the Xaverian Soccer League, held at the college grounds on the 8th and 9th of June. There was nail biting excitement on the college grounds, as 8 Teams, 64 players, and 100s of football enthusiasts, got together for XSL. The speculations and excitement came to an end as team Credo Accelerate lifted the Winner's trophy with the L.O.D. Lions winning the Runners Up Cup. We congratulate all the 8 participating teams.
3. Under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, SXC and President, SXCCAA, the alumni association touched another milestone by organising 3 days' long All Bengal Fide Rated Rapid Chess Championship 2024 with the participation of 332 students from 60 schools, colleges, IITs across West Bengal, has come to an end on 26 August 2024 at the college campus. The valedictory was attended by the India's top ranked and world's no. 4, Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi as the Chief Guest. GM Arjun played a simul exhibition match with 15 top players of the championship. Father President felicitated the GM and wished him all the success for his future endeavor. It is a success of hard work of the entire Xaverian fraternity across students, Department of Sports of the college, Alumni members and blessings from Reverend Jesuit Fathers.
4. Fr. J Mailyekal Memorial Football Match was played on 5th Sptember, 2024 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.
5. The members of the SXCCAA Soccer Team participated in two back to back soccer tournaments in August 2024 organized by CCFC and ALSOC. Where the players have shown beautiful skills and dedication for the game and most importantly enjoyed the spirit of brotherhood and re-lived their old college days. Though they missed the success in CCFC even after putting in their hundred percent, they have made the Association proud in the ALSOCER Tournament by winning the Silver Trophy and occupying the first runner-up title.

F. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

1. The biggest fund raiser organised by SXCCAA, Beyond Barriers, lived up to remaining so. Beyond Barriers Chapter 22 saw unprecedented success as thousands of Xaverians, alumni members and distinguished guests enjoyed the performance of the popular singer Shilpa Rao on 4.2.24.
2. With the blessings, of Reverend Fr. President, for the first time, SXCCAA took the Fr. Joris Memorial Nihil Ultra Debate to Dubai on 25th of May. Eminent Speakers of International acclaim, engaged in an interesting war of words. The Debate was a resounding success with notable debators Andreas band lassen, Investment manager, Taniya Bharadwaj, Entrepreneur, Debator and political Analyst, Priyam marik, Journalist and Natasha Aziz, Debator and Lawyer speaking for the motion - and Bikram Vohra, writer and editor, Hassan Habib, Visionary leader and AI expert, Abhishek Sengupta, CEO Middle East Media Corp., Ramesh Mahalingam, Founder and MD Ideal capital Management Consultants, speaking against the motion. The motion was- 'In the opinion of the House, the world increases affluence at the cost of inequality'. The motion was defeated.
 - At the same event, Rev Father President awarded Mr. Rajeeb Beed, the Founder member and Past Secy of the alumni association of St. Xavier's College Kolkata and his spouse, Mrs Seema Beed, member of the Women's Forum, in recognition of their dedicated contribution towards the cause of the Alumni Association.

G. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

1. The campus of our beloved 'Alma Mater' was transformed into a magical football-field on the morning of 17th October, as the Brazilian Football Wizard and Superstar Ronaldinho visited St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and spent time with the Xaverians. He displayed a few of his popular tricks with the football and won hearts of thousands of his fans. Reverend Father Principal, Dr. Dominic Savio felicitated Ronaldinho and addressed the gathering. This historical event was organised by SXCCAA.
2. For the first time, Reverend Father Dr. Dominic Savio gave us permission to celebrate the President's Day with such aplomb. The members of the Governing Council of SXCCAA congratulated Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, on the completion of 6 years of remarkable service as the Principal of St. Xavier's College and as the President of the alumni association of the college.
3. Under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Fr. President, SXCCAA organised the Jesuit Higher Education Association South Asia (JHEASA) Annual Conference from 26th to 28th January, 2024. More than a 100 delegates, comprising eminent educationists, Vice Chancellors, Principals, Directors, top administrators from different Jesuit Higher Education Institutions across India and the neighboring countries attended the Conference.
4. SXCCAA in association with the Bengali Literary Society paid tribute to the International Mother Language Day through Sanjog. The various programs spread over Bangladesh and India from 16.02.24-21.02.24, saw a huge footfall. The rally carrying the torch to pay tribute to the language martyrs which began in Dhaka ended at St. Xaviers College Kolkata on the 21st . The evening of ekushe February was marked by the event Dashabhuj Bangali, where eminent Bengali personalities were awarded for their remarkable contribution in their field of excellence by Rev Fr. President of SXCCAA, Dr. Dominic Savio.
5. 'In giving we receive '. SXCCAA celebrated the most important day of its annual calendar, our Philanthropy Day which is observed on the birthday of Rev Father Dr Dominic Savio SJ, Principal of St Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President of SXCCAA's birthday, as Philanthropy Day on 24.07.24. Like always, we spent the day taking stock of our yearlong philanthropic activities. Several members and representatives from different organisations felicitated Reverend Father and wished him. Our year-long social work for the underprivileged and various philanthropic projects were reviewed as Rev. Father handed over token gifts to the

beneficiaries. Rev Father Rector and all the Jesuit Fathers were there to bless the occasion as Rev. Father handed over token gifts to the beneficiaries. We pray that Reverend Father Dr. Dominic Savio continues to inspire us to live our lives as men and women for others.

6. The president of SXCCAA and the Governing Council members of SXCCAA celebrated the 70th birth anniversary of their former President Rev. Dr. J. Felix Raj, SJ on 27th August at the Spring Club. The event was well attended by Fathers from both St. Xavier's College Kolkata and St. Xavier's University Kolkata, Alumni members from both the institutions, friends and well-wishers.

H. FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

1. The Christmas Meet organised by SXC & SXCCAA on 21st December was a great success. The Honorable Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the crib. The other eminent guests were, Honorable Mayor of KMC, Janab Firhad Hakim, Shri Vineet Goyal, Honorable Commissioner of Kolkata Police and Reverend Father Dr. John Felix Raj, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of St. Xaviers University Kolkata and other Fathers of the Jesuit Community.
2. The much awaited Sangam - the Annual Reunion Dinner of sxccaa, themed this year on the state of Tamil Nadu, was held on the 30th of December. The college grounds resounded with laughter and music as Xaverians from across the world rushed back to 30, Park Street, to celebrate the best days of their lives, the college days.
3. The FOUNDATION DAY of the Association was celebrated on the 13th April in a grand manner. Reverend Father President Dr. Dominic Savio, the Vice Principal Fathers, the Hony Secy of the alumni association, Mr. Firdausul Hasan along with the members of SXCCAA, celebrated the day by hoisting the flag, cake-cutting and fellowship over refreshments.
4. Our famous Friday Fellowships are only getting better as we Xaverians continue to celebrate our unique bonding every Friday at the college. We now give it different excuses Like the Holi FFT held on the 22nd March, the Eid FFT 12th April, or we just club together birthdays of the members, that fall in the same month.
5. On all other Fridays 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 with our dear friends.

I. ACTIVITIES IN ASSOCIATION WITH COLLEGE

1. It was a moment of pride and happiness as eight promising girl-students of the Raghobpur Campus were presented with certificates by Reverend Father President, Dr. Dominic Savio. These students were trained by the 'Credo Centre of Excellence', as a part of their philanthropic initiative, so that the young women can sustain themselves independently with pride. Reverend Father President graced the gala event as the Chief Guest.
2. Rev Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio paid a floral tribute to Swamiji and reminded us to remain inspired by the life and work of Swami Vivekananda, in a program organised by SXCCAA to observe Swami Vivekananda's 161st Birth Anniversary at St.Xavier's College on the 12th of January.
3. We are grateful to Rev Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio for giving us an opportunity to organise a picnic for the Jesuit Fathers on the 14th of January.
4. The 164th Foundation Day of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, and the 17th Convocation & Valedictory Ceremony was held at the college on 16.01.24. The Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge of the Department of Higher Education & School Education, Government of West Bengal, Shri. Bratya Basu, presided over the program as the Chief Guest. The ceremony was graced by Reverend Father Provincial, Dr. James Arjen Tete. Swami Atmapriyananda Maharaj, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor,

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute of Belur Math, received the prestigious Nihil Ultra 2024 Award on behalf of his institution.

5. Father Principal, Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, felicitated the valued Support Staff of our alma mater on the occasion of International Labour Day on 1st May and acknowledged them to be an extremely important part of the college staff.
6. Reverend Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio S.J., Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Calcutta and President, St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, paid floral tribute and reminded us to remain inspired by the life and work of our alumnus the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, in a ceremonious program organised by SXCCAA to observe Rabindra Jayanti on 8th May 2024, at the College.
7. St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata along with St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association marched through the Streets of Kolkata on 16 August, 2024 to stand in solidarity with the unprecedented incident taken place in the city. The procession led by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, Principal of the College, and joined by other Jesuit Fathers, Professors, Alumni/ae, staffs and present students in large numbers made the voice clear unitedly for the justice to be served to the victim. We, the Xaverian fraternity, stand against any sort of violence which is detrimental to human dignity for life and also vouch for greater security for all our cities across nation.
8. The members of the association in good number attended the Independence Day Celebration in the college, organized by the NCC of the college, followed by a well curated cultural program by XADAM. SXCCAA is thankful to the College and Father President for including them in the celebration.
9. Under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, SXC and President, SXCCAA, the Alumni Association along with the students of the college observed the Teachers' Day 2024 at the college campus today. It's a day to come together and pay our respect to some of the most important people of our lives - our teachers!

On behalf of SXCCAA, with its long tradition, Father President felicitated some of such academicians, Dr. Mandira Mukherjee, Dr. Panchali Sen, Maj. Dr. A. P. Mondal, Ms. Cheryl Francis, Ms. Feroza Mogrelia and Prof. Sujata Pakrashi Lahiri, who dedicated their exemplary services for the betterment of our alma mater. May God bless all our guides and teachers. The Teachers' Day Lunch was hosted by SXCCAA this afternoon for all the professors, support staffs of the college in the gymnasium.

J. INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

1. Under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President of the alumni association of St. Xavier's College (Calcutta), the beautiful Xaverian family continues to work together. The members of the vibrant Singapore Chapter organised a Meet in March to keep alive the spirit of Nihil ultra.
2. The UAE Chapter of the SXCCAA organized a fellowship dinner on the occasion of the Father Joris Memorial Nihil Ultra Trophy Debate on 25th May. The chapter also played an instrumental role in organizing the debate successfully.
3. 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.

K. NATIONAL CHAPTERS

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

L. KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

• SXCCAA organised an informative session on ‘Winning Strategies in Stock Market’, on 29 April, at the College. The esteemed panelists, all Xaverians, comprised of Chartered Accountants, Mr. Hunaid Topiwala, Mr. Saket Mehrotra & Mr. Manoj Mani Agrawal. The discussion was moderated by Mr. Naresh Gupta, Convenor, Stock Forum.

M. NEW INITIATIVES

1. Under the leadership of Rev Fr. President, the first meeting of the Governing Council was held at the college on 12.10.23. For the first time in SXCCAA, Reverend Father President addressed not only the GC members, 2023-25, but also interacted with the members of the different Committees, Sub-Committees, the Convenors, Advisors and core-teams of the numerous events, philanthropic, fellowship as well as fund-raisers. The Hon. Secretary of SXCCAA, Mr. Firdausul Hasan, supported the members as they presented the plans for their respective committees/events. Reverend Father President’s interaction at the meeting left the members feeling more accountable for the responsibility they had been entrusted with.
2. The governing council members of the SXCCAA, the members of Women’s Forum and member of the several subcommittees visited the Raghampur Campus on 18th August 2024, as Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, officially inaugurated the newly renovated SXCCAA Office – Room No. 10 in the Raghampur Campus. To make this day more meaningful, SXCCAA Governing Council Meeting for the month of August was held in the new office, followed by a fellowship lunch. To make this day more memorable the Philanthropy team handed over 3 Water Coolers to the academic institutions of the adjacent locality.

N. EDITORIAL BOARD ACTIVITIES

1. The Editorial Board of SXCCAA has published the Annual Edition of the We Xaverians for the year 2023-2024 on 24th July, 2024, on the auspicious day of Father President’s Birthday. The magazine was unveiled by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ and Rev. Fr. Jeyraj Veluswami. The magazine can be accessed by all the members in the SXCCAA official website otherwise the members can pick it up from our very own Room No.: 5.
2. Under their flagship initiative the Editorial board of SXCCAA has published four News Reels in the 2023-2024 calendar year, which are available in all the social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, WhatsApp so the members from the outstations also can have a quick track of the happenings.

O. PARTICIPATION IN JAAI & WUJA ACTIVITIES

- We are represented in the national alumni movement by our member Mr. Jeetu Rampuria as nominee of Calcutta Province in the Governing Body of JAAI.
- Within the Calcutta Province (comprising alumni associations of Jesuit educational institutions of Kolkata, Durgapur and Burdwan) our member Mr. Jeetu Rampuria as the SXCCAA representative works with the Province Co-Ordinator of Alumni (currently Rev. Fr. J.Felix Raj s.j.) and organizes meetings and seminars to keep the member associations of the province networked, exchange of ideas. Such initiatives help in pollination of various ideas for the alumni to work towards the objective of the movement and also acts as motivation and inspiration as learning from the activities of individual member associations.
- You may be pleased to know that a delegation of members from Calcutta Province led by our member Mr. Jeetu Rampuria visited the St. Xavier’s School at Durgapur on 8th June, 2024 to help revive the alumni association which has been dormant for long many years. The delegation could help to overcome the issues and motivate the team to start afresh

and facilitated in holding the G C Meeting of the alumni, got their office re-opened and helped in charting out a road map for next 3 months of activities. The rejuvenation of the association has made Calcutta Province active in Toto.

- SXCCAA is also active at the World Forum wherein our past secretary Mr. Naresh Gupta currently serves as the Vice President of WUJA- World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae- first time any Jesuit alumni to be elected from India. The WUJA organizes a World Congress every 3 years and the next congress is going to be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, in 2025.

P. MEDIA RELATION

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.

Q. EXPANSION

1. 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. The stone laying ceremony of the same was held on 22nd September, 2022 in the presence of the Fathers of the community, Alumni members, Staffs and well-wishers of the institute. Vigorous construction works have been done in the past two years and the first phase I almost ready to be operational and expected to offer degrees by June 2025.
2. SXCCAA is immensely proud to also announce that severe expansion work has been done in the Raghobpur Campus of the college, two buildings have come up and the campus has taken a new and grand shape, which has been formally inaugurated and blessed by the Fathers this year and already operation in the mission of making men and women for others.
3. 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.

R. 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. 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.

S. AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

1. The Calcutta Management Association has presented Rev father Dr. Dominic Savio with the award for his outstanding contribution in the field of education.
2. We congratulate Rev Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio on being conferred with the Gurukul Award of 'Principal of the Year'.
3. Our alma mater St. Xavier's College Kolkata has been awarded with the title of 'Gurukul College of the Year'.
4. The St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association has won the Gurukul best Alumni association Award. We have proved again that excellence is a process, not a destiny.
5. We congratulate Father Principal, Reverend Dr. Dominic Savio, on being conferred with the prestigious Pride of Bengal Award for Education for being among the visionaries and innovators of Bengal, by I.I.H.M. at a grand event on 21st March 2024.

6. Under Rev. Father's leadership, our alma mater has also been awarded with 'Ananda Shiksha Samman', an ABP Ananda initiative that seeks to recognize, highlight & felicitate those institutions that have made a mark for themselves in Eastern India and beyond and are the torch bearers of Eastern India's spirit of eminence. Father received the award on the 27th of June.
7. Under the continuous excellence that Rev Father Dominic Savio, Principal of St. Xavier's College Kolkata, and the President SXCCAA, strives to take our alma mater towards St. Xavier's College Kolkata (Autonomous) has been awarded with the Certificate of Achievement Honors, as the Prominent Degree College of the Year 2024, by The Academic Insights, in recognition of the commendable contributions the Institution has made towards the society and educational fellowship!
8. Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata and President, St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, the college has achieved an exemplary milestone of being ranked 6th at all India level by NIRF Ranking 2024 hosted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Father Principal congratulated all Jesuit Fathers, Faculty Members, Support Staffs, Students, Parents and all Alumni Members. It is indeed a special moment for all Xaverians to celebrate this achievement of our alma mater.

T. 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 Jeyaraj 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 all 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.

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

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.

Xaverianly yours,



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