



# St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association

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## Secretary's Report for the Year 2017– 2018

Revered Father President and Fellow Xaverians,

I would like to take this opportunity to place on record my most sincere and humble feelings of gratitude to the Almighty for the blessings, our most revered President Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio for his guidance and the Xaverian family for the help, which was provided to me to steer the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association through an eventful and meaningful year of achievements.

I would also like to put on record our deep gratitude to the immediate Past President of the Association Rev. Fr. Felix Raj, S.J. and the last Governing Council including the immediate Past Secretary Mr. Firdausul Hasan for their contribution to the association.

Join me in a minute of silence as we pay tribute to the Jesuit Priests, our members, students, teachers and non teaching staffs who passed away during the 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 is equal in the Xaverian family but it is our custom and tradition to always highlight the achievements of our Women members. So, I would like to start with the achievements of the Women's Forum:

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

01. The Women's Forum of the SXCCAA flagged off their event with the Annual Tea Meet which was held on 10 November, 2017. The Women's Forum had the privilege of welcoming the President of SXCCAA Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio, S.J. The Governing Council members were felicitated. Dance performances were done by the member of the

- Women's Forum members. The event was well attended with more than 300 alumni and their family members.
02. On 7th December, 2017 Women's Forum organized a workshop on "Hormonal Changes Post Age 40 years of Women". The members of the Women's Forum participated in the workshop which turned out to be highly successful
  03. The Women's Forum of SXCCAA started the New Year with get together on 11th January 2018.
  04. On the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 Wednesday the Women's forum of SXCCAA had an interactive session on the Union Budget 2018 with Sireesha Kadayala. A brief outline of the different components of the Union Budget and its effect on our lives were discussed.
  05. On 04<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Women's Forum organized a workshop on Personality development and fitness through posture awareness, which was conducted by Ms. Preeti Kothari.
  06. On 26th April, 2018 Women's Forum members participated in Micro training programme on Makeup Art, Jewellery Making and Bakery organized by CREDO Orbis along with Troyee Foundation.
  07. On 4th May, 2018 Women's Forum members visited the Nari Seva Sangh which is engaged in helping the needy and deprived women from all sections of the society by providing them training in the fields of embroidery, block prints of sarees and bags, kantha-making, bandhni and batik, making hats and linen items, handloom weaving and making jam and juices, so that these women can make their independent career. As a part of philanthropic activity, an amount of Rs. 6000/- was donated on behalf of the Women's Forum to a needy woman, Rumki, for her career development.
  08. On 26th June, 2018 Women's Forum organised a workshop on "Mobile Technology". Conducted by young Xaverian Kalyan Majumdar.
  09. We are extremely thankful to all the members of the forum ably lead by Advisor Sudeshna Roy Chowdhury, Co-Adviosr Darshita Trivedi, Convenor Sujata Rampuria, Co-Convener Priyanka Bajaj for their excellent achievements. The forum works hand in hand with the main

body of the SXCCAA for the success of all our programmes. We salute the President's Women.

## **B. Philanthropic Activities**

01. On the occasion of world disability day i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018, SXCCAA had organized a magic show and a talking doll show along with refreshment for 80 especially abled children of Bodhona.
02. Text books, stationeries, school dresses, school shoes for the new academic year for all the school children of Paikhala Prathomik Vidyalaya were provided by SXCCAA. Staff salary, plastic chairs, ceiling fans, LED lights and other educational support is also provided by SXCCAA throughout the year.
03. SXCCAA participated in the Prayas Camp, supported the Sishu Mela and the blood donation camp held at SXC and also provided the students of extension centers with stationery and educational items.
04. Philanthropy day was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018 at Xavier Hall. This day was celebrated on the birthday of our beloved President and principal of SXC Dr. Fr. Dominic Savio SJ. SXCCAA helped Mr. Shanti Fulmali from Nalhati Birbhum to get pacemaker implanted, Mr. Swapan Purokait to get his retina operated, Mr. Shibabrata Sen to get his supply of hearing aids during the event. SXCCAA had donated a sum of Rs. 11 Lakhs towards the construction of hostels in Raghobpur campus. Hearty congratulation to the convenors Rajesh Agarwal, Dharmen Trivedi and Harish Agarwal for organizing the event so well.
05. The members of the association have contributed generously against the appeal from Fr. President for St. Xavier's Relief Service – Kerala Flood 2018.
06. Mr. Yogesh Chpora and Mr. Deepak Gupta must be congratulated along with the members of the Philanthropic Committee for helping Xaverians to put 'Service before Self', through their dedicated hard work.

## **C. Fellowship Activities**

01. Keeping in line with this, the Sangam Reunion Dinner 2017 created nostalgia with the theme WOH LAMHE..... "**Woh Lamhe**" .... means those moments spent in this campus with illustrious faculties, friends and rich heritage of this institution held on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The evening was

graced by an inspirational welcome address by Father Rector and Principal Dominic Savio along with gracious presence Father Xavier Savarimuthu & Father Peter Arockiam. The mood was set just right as the crowd of more than 800 guests were enthralled by the performance of live musical extravaganza by “Hum Sufi Band”. This was followed by Cake Cutting ceremony and silver Jubilee celebration for the batch of 1993. Xaverians danced to the pulsating beats of DJ Harish accompanied by mouth-watering snacks and multi cuisine dinner. The joyful faces, electrifying energy and light hearted spirit paid for all the hard work putting by the advisor and the convener Atanu Malik, Rajesh Agarwal, Hemant Saraogi, Rajeev Buwaria and Pankaj Binani.

02. The Christmas Meet of St Xavier's College and the St. Xavier's University was organised by our association on 22nd December, 2017 at the college auditorium. Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Rev Father Dr Dominic Savio (Rector and Principal St Xavier's College), Rev Father Dr Felix Raj SJ (Vice Chancellor St Xavier's University), Rev Father Raphael Hyde (Provincial), Rev Father Benny Thomas (Principal St Xavier's School) and Mr. Rajeev Kumar, IPS (Police Commissioner of Kolkata) graced the occasion. A cultural presentation was made by XADAM, followed by address of Fr. Rector and Principal and Fr. Vice Chancellor, then Christmas cake cutting at the Auditorium. The Chief Minister expressed her thought about the college for being the seat of academic excellence. Congratulations to the advisor and conveners Rajendra Agarwal, Pravin Baid and Manoj Jain.
03. “Riviera” the Barge was the venue for the SXCCA Annual Picnic as the members joined together on the 04<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. The Audience was enthralled by performance of Probeer and the band. There was fun and frolic. Father President along with other Jesuit Fathers graced the occasion. We owe the success of the Annual Picnic to the hard work put in by the conveners Mr. Deepak Gupta, Mr. Sandip Bajaj and their advisors Mr. Ajay Mimani and Mr. Zahid Rafique.
04. Teachers' day will be celebrated on the 5th September 2018 in association with the Student's Council. Members will pay their respect and gratitude to the past and present teachers, professors and non teaching staffs. The teaching and the non teaching staffs will be invited for lunch to mark this

occasion. The conveners Shahid Ahmed Khan & Sushil Maheshwari and their advisors Arun Bhattar & Baldev Raj Sony are working hard to make this event successful.

05. On Fridays we all meet together to thank God after every eventful week. The Friday Fellowships helps us to re-invent and rejuvenate ourselves.

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

01. An interactive session cum open house meeting of Alumni members with Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio, was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. The event was also graced by Rev. Fr. Xavier Savarimuthu and Rev. Fr. Peter Arockiam. Father President shared his thoughts, visions, plans and emphasized by importance of bonding of the alumni members with their Alma Mater.
02. The felicitation ceremony of Rev. Fr. Felix Raj, the Vice Chancellor of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata was held on 1st Dec 2017 at College auditorium. Alumni members expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the past President of SXCCAA Father Felix Raj.
03. Bhasha Diwas was celebrated on 21 February, 2018 in association with Bengali Literary Society. A rally was organized from the twin hostel of St. Xavier's College to St. Xavier's main campus. Jesuit Fathers, Professors, teaching and non-teaching staff and alumni members participated in the rally. Earlier as a part of our International peace torch rally titled SANYOG, the Bhasha Diwas Torch was lighted on Dhaka University amidst the presence of the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University was finally received by the representative of the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Kolkata along with the Rector and Principal of St. Xavier's College. The course of SANYOG 2018 included Bangalore, Dubai, St. Xavier's campuses at Asansol, Burdwan, Raghobpur, Rajarhat. On 22nd February, 2018 SXCCAA in association with Bengali Literary Society organized DhasoBhuja Bengali ceremony where eminent personalities like Mr Sabyasachi Chakraborty, Mr Mir Afsar Ali, Mr Debshankar Halder, Mr Dibyendu Barua, Mr Satyabrata Dey, Mrs Indrani Halder, Mrs Mamata Shankar, Mr Ranjan Bandhyopadhyay and Mr Rupankar Bagchi were felicitated for their lifetime achievements in their respective fields. We owe its success to the conveners Arijit Dey, Subhra Sankha Bose and Subhecha

Chowdhury and advisors Chandan Roy Chowdhury, Sujoy Saha and Manas Dev.

04. On 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 an interactive session with Mr. Rajiva Sinha, IAS and additional Chief Secretary Govt. of West Bengal was held in Room no: 15. The topic of the discussion was Opportunities of Youth and Prospects for Industries in West Bengal.
05. On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018 an interactive session with eminent oncologist Dr. Chanchal Goswami was held in room no: 15, on the topic –Cancer awareness and how to take care of Cancer patients. It was very well attended by the alumni and their family members.

#### **E. Fund Raising Programmes**

01. In Beyond Barriers XVIII, the field of the college was up mesmerized by the performances of Shreya Ghoshal held in the college ground on 26th January, 2018. The surplus fund of 10 lakhs generated from the event was donated to the college. The Beyond Barriers XVIII was a grand success for the hard work of the conveners Vikas Khosla, Arvind Bubna & advisor Dharmen Trivedi, Pankaj Shah & Firdausul Hasan.
02. One of the most sought after in the Xaverian calendar of events and a forerunner in the debating circles of the city, the XXVIIth Fr. Joris Memorial Nihil Ultra Trophy National Debate was held in the college auditorium on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2018. The motion of the debate was “In the opinion of the house, this house believes that **Bollywood is National Anaesthesia**”. Eminent personalities from various fields fought the war of words on the motion of the debate. The motion was finally carried with a thin margin to its favour. Thanks to the advisors Jayjit Biswas and Monojit Ghose and conveners Jeetu Rampuria and Nalin Jain for their hard works.
03. The 3rd International Intervarsity Challenge Debate was held on 20 December, 2017. The topics of the two debates were This house believes that the “**United Nations has become redundant**” and “**Digitisation has killed creativity**”. The participants of the debate were from Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Central Florida, Jadavpur, NUJS, Loreto College and St. Xavier’s College. We owe its success to conveners Bharat Baid & Manoj Mani Agarwal and Advisor Mr. Anil Goenka.

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

- 01.The Academic Audit Team interacted with the members of SXCCAA on 25.07.2018 wherein most pertinent questions were asked and suggestions given.
- 02.The Feast of St. Francis Xavier was observed with due solemnity on 3 December 2017 at the College Chapel. It was attended by a large number of SXCCAA members.
- 03.The 11th Convocation & Valedictory was a solemn occasion of celebration on 16 January, 2018. Lt. Gen. Abhay Krishna, General Officer Commanding –in-Chief, Headquarters Eastern Command graced the occasion. 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 to Rev. Fr. Felix Raj, S.J.
- 04.The College Foundation Day was celebrated with the ceremonial cake cutting and a special dinner hosted by the SXCCAA for all the Fathers at the college refractory.
- 05.Xavotsav 2018, one of the most awaited events marked in the Xaverian Students Calendar was organized amidst the usual fervor by the students' union who worked together with the Alumni.
- 06.Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was observed with due solemnity in the College chapel on the 31 July, 2018.
- 07.A Picnic for all the Jesuit Fathers was organized by SXCCAA on 11 February, 2018. Around 40 Fathers and 15 Alumni members participated at the picnic.
- 08.The 1st Foundation day celebration of St. Xavier's University was held on 15 January, 2018 at University campus. Many alumni members participated in the celebration.

#### **G. International Chapters**

- 01.On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 SXCCAA-UAE chapter organized a chapter meet at Dubai which was attended by many alumni members and their family from UAE and Kolkata. Rev. Fr. President and Rev. Fr. Xavier Savarimuthu graced the occasion.
- 02.It is with pride we state that the existing International associations also carried out various fellowship & networking activities, in the true Xaverian spirit around the calendar year.

#### **H. National Chapters**

- 01.On 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, SXCCAA South India Chapter organised alumni meet, fellowship and award night titled XIA 2018 at Bangalore. Event was graced by Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio. Eminent Xaverians and Social leaders were

felicitated during the event. Congratulation to Mr. Rudra Ray and Mr. Hunaid Topiwala for their hardwork.

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

## **I. Sports**

01. The St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association contingent took part in the Annual Sports Day of the college on 6 February, 2018. The contingent comprising of old & new alumni members who attended the march past ceremony on the day. Members from the alumni also participated in the alumni flat race.
02. The sporting spirits ran high as alumni members took up a challenge against the teaching & non-teaching staff members of the college to play at the traditional Fr. Joe D'Souza Memorial Cricket Match on the college grounds on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. It was a great match together & ended in true sportsman spirit – thanks to the coordinated & unstinted effort of advisor Pawan Dalmia & Convenor Arun Sultania & Sandeep Mundhra.
03. Fr. J. Maliyekal Memorial Football Match played between the Alumni members vs. teaching and non-teaching staffs on 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

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

01. On 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 Northern Zonal Council Meeting of JAAI was organized at St. Xavier's Collegiate School Kolkata which was attended by Fatehr President, Hony. Secretary and other members of the association.
02. Mr. G. P. Gupta, Vice President of JAAI along with Rev. Fr. J. Felix Raj SJ, Vice Chancellor, St. Xavier's University and Province Co-ordinator of Calcutta Province, North Zone attended the 4th Governing Council meeting of Jesuit Alumni Association of India held in St. Xavier's School, New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

## **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 Anil Goenka and Manoj Mani Agarwal 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**

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

**M. 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.

**N. 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 blessing and guidance of our leader, our President Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, S.J., who dreams up and executes every alumni activity by leading from the front. I am grateful to him for giving the Alumni this stature, this position of pride and for his unstinting support. He breathes positive energy into the ‘movement’ called SXCCAA. Thank You Father.

I would like to congratulate Father President on being conferred with two prestigious awards viz.

1. Moulana Abul Kamal Azad Award for contribution in higher education by Govt. of West Bengal.
2. Award for excellence in Education and Philanthropy by Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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 as a team.

Allow me, also to put on record our gratitude to all the sponsors who have and continue to support our multi farious activities around the year. Without their

financial support we would not have been able to organize events at such a grand scale.

I also thank Dominic Anthony ably assisted by Tanima Ghosh – the last but not the least, for efficiently assisting us at all times.

Nihil Ultra

Xaverianly yours,

**Sanjib Koner**

Hony. Secretary,  
SXCCAA.  
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