



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT 2018-19 REV. DR. J. FELIX RAJ, S.J.

**“He who goes about to reform the world,
Must begin with himself,
Or he loses his labour.”**

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

The St. Xavier's University, Kolkata has successfully completed the 2nd Academic Year 2018-2019, and has joyfully begun the 3rd Session 2019-2020. We pray for God's blessings on each one of us during this new academic session. It is my pleasant duty present the annual report for 2018-19.

PATRON OF THE UNIVERSITY

The St. Xavier's University, Kolkata is a Jesuit Institution named after St. Francis Xavier, one of the founding Fathers of the Jesuit Order led by St. Ignatius of Loyola. At the invitation of Ignatius, Francis Xavier gave up his teaching post at the University of Paris and joined his company. Later he travelled to India in 1542 and spent 10 years until he died in 1552. St. Francis Xavier is the patron saint of the St. Xavier's University, who blesses us with his graceful and protective presence in our midst.

1st CONVOCATION 2019

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata confers Post Graduate degrees on 135 students at its First Convocation Ceremony today. I congratulate our 135 degree awardees. They are the 1st batch of our students and their names will go into the annals of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. May God bless all of you. I wish you, the best in your life and career. Remember, once a Xaverian always a Xaverian.

We are grateful to Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament for gracing this occasion and kindly accepting to deliver the Convocation Address on **“Higher Education – Forming Global Citizens”**. I extend a warm welcome to Dr. Tharoor. It is my pleasure and pleasant duty to welcome all of you, distinguished guests, Fathers, faculty members, staff, parents, well-wishers, ladies and gentlemen.

CALL TO BECOME ENTREPRENEURS

Xavier Business School, equipped with all the facilities, is offering a two-year Post Graduate Programme in Business Administration (MBA) with specialisations in Marketing, Finance, Human Resources and Systems. Ninety students were selected in the first batch through XAT, GMAT and CAT. Industrialist, Mr. Sanjiv Goenka, an alumnus of St. Xavier's College, inaugurated the programme on August 7, 2018. He said, “Today I am what I am because of the values that were taught to me by St. Xavier's...Remember, once you enter St. Xavier's, you are on the top of a percentile”.



The 1st batch of Management students were advised by the Vice-Chancellor “to become entrepreneurs who multiply. In spite of the risks and uncertainties, students must aspire to become entrepreneurs. In a developing country like India, we need more entrepreneurs than managers”.

The inauguration of the second batch of the MBA programme for the session 2019-20 with 81 students was held on July 16, 2019. Shri Rajive Kaul, Chairman at Nicco Parks & Resorts Limited was the chief-guest.

SPORTS DAY 2019

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata organised its first Annual Sports Day on February 2, 2019. In the morning, prior to the sports day program, faculty, staff, students, Alumni/ae and well-wishers, totalling about 1000 in number, participated in a Walkathon for OneIndia, starting from Rabindra Tirtha to the University campus.



The Class-wise Parade by students was a colourful and thematic spectacle. The playground was overflowing with team spirit, zeal and excitement. The presence and the active participation of teachers boosted the spirit of the students. The first Sports Day was a red-letter day for the entire Xaverian family.

FOUNDATION DAY 2019

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata celebrated its 3rd Foundation Day on February 9, 2019. His Excellency, Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi was the Chief Guest. He said, "St. Xavier's University belongs to a global educational network. Jesuit Education is known all over the world for its excellence and high quality they have maintained. I applaud the Jesuit Fathers for their wholehearted services."



Prof. Partha Pratim Chakraborty, Director of IIT Kharagpur, delivered the Foundation Day lecture on "**Science and Technology in Higher Education Today**". Awards were presented to the meritorious students at the end of the function.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMES - VILLAGE ADOPTION

St. Xavier's University has adopted five villages in the vicinity of its campus to promote education among the rural community. Students of the University visit these villages regularly in groups and teach the marginalised youth of those villages as part of the Under-Graduate curriculum. Students from the villages attend classes at the University every evening. The focus areas are on Mathematics, English and Communication Skills. Faculty members have also joined the University



students in teaching the village youth and thereby, empowering them to find new directions in life. All Under-Graduate students have to earn a two-credit course for non-academic and social involvement. As the U.G.C. has recommended, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata promotes a triangular relationship between the University, students and villages. Education will be meaningful and fruitful only when this relationship bears fruit in the form of educational up-liftment of the village youth.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships provide an opportunity for meritorious students to study and learn. They are the instruments of support towards Education and Research for students. They are inducements for students to perform well. They attract students from abroad and enhance collaboration with other institutions, including foreign universities. Keeping this in mind, St. Xavier's University offers two types of scholarships to deserving students:

1. Loyola Scholarship: 100% Tuition fee waiver.
2. Britto Scholarship: 50% Tuition fee waiver.

The eligibility criteria and the documents to be submitted along with the application form are available on the website.

XAVRANG '19

The students of St. Xavier's University organised their fest called Xavrang'19 from 4th to 6th April 2019. Due to storm and heavy rain, the programmes on the evening of the 5th April 2019 were suspended, though there were around 3000 students present on the grounds. The rock band, The Local Train, returned to perform on the University grounds on April 16, 2019. Thanks to our student leaders for their efficient coordination.



SXUK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

St. Xavier's University is establishing its own alumni association, to be known as "**St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, Alumni Association**". All students being conferred degrees or diplomas by St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, upon graduation or post-graduation will be members of the Association. The main objective of the Association is to maintain liaison between the University and the Alumni, who are in different professions in life, for mutual benefit and also to take up activities that are geared to improve society at large and to contribute to the development of the Alma Mater and the Nation.

HOSTEL FACILITIES



St. Xavier's University has built two 10-storey Hostels on the campus, one for boys and the other for girls. They were blessed and inaugurated on July 31, 2018. 153 students moved into the new hostels the following day. The Hostels have a capacity of 300 seats each. As the MBA programme is residential, all MBA students reside in the Hostels. As of July 2019, there are 307 hostelites – 165 girls and 142 boys.

IT DEPARTMENT

The department of Information Technology (DoIT) of St Xavier's University is dedicated and focused on delivering campus-wide cutting edge computing, information technology services to the students and faculty and staff members of the university. Consequently, the university has implemented a state-of-the-art managed network infrastructure based on comprehensive array of Cisco® solutions: Cisco ASA firewall which provides proactive deterrence and defence from external threats and intrusions.

The high availability wireless LAN (Wi FI) across the entire campus is administered by Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) which facilitates bring-your-own-device (BYOD) access capability for the in campus users. In order to provide seamless internet connectivity the university has provisioned a 100 mbps dedicated leased line whose capacity can be increased as per future needs.

The university has installed a state-of-the-art IP-based surveillance system across the entire campus for real time granular monitoring of the entire university from any location. All the classrooms, lecture halls and amphitheatres across the university are ICT-enabled, equipped with high definition overhead projectors, public address systems and internet enabled Pcs.

St. Xavier's University has signed a Campus Agreement with Microsoft to provide Office 365 and One-drive cloud services to all the faculty and students, which empowers them with a collaborative work-space. Also, the university is harnessing the capability of Google's G-Suite for educational purposes, which includes, besides Gmail, other collaborative learning tools like forms and classrooms to make teaching-learning collaborative, productive and satisfying.

The university has implemented a customised university management system with the aim to integrate various processes like admissions, examinations, attendance management, students' information system and to provide real-time on-demand analytics as required by the stakeholders of the university. The Library has implemented Koha, an unique software that is a fully featured and scalable with Integrated Library System (ILS) and RFID integration.

UTILITY BUILDING

The construction of the Utility Building is complete. It will house the Canteen / Food court on the ground Floor, Hostel Mess on the 1st and 2nd Floors, gymnasium on the 3rd floor and indoor games facilities on the 4th Floor.

We are very grateful to Exide Industries for their generous contribution and support in the construction of this building. We are also grateful to Basumati Inc., our contractors and Prof. Joy Sen of IIT Kharagpur, our architect, for their meticulous planning and successful completion of the building.



ARRUPE BUILDING

The Library and Research building was completed in the month of February 2019. It was inaugurated on the auspicious occasion of the 3rd Foundation Day of the University by His Excellency, Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi. The Research and Library building is named after Rev. Fr. Pedro Arrupe, 28th Superior-General of the Society of Jesus, and is known as 'Arrupe Building'. It has a Lending Library on the ground floor, the general Reading Room on the 1st Floor, the Law Library on the 2nd Floor and an auditorium, with a capacity of 450 seats on the 4th Floor. The third floor is for Ph.D. programmes with well-equipped classrooms.



Studio: There is a state-of-the-art Studio for the Mass Communication Department, situated on the 1st Floor of this building with facilities like:

1. Multi-cam set-up with professional lighting system and Production Control Room
2. Latest camera and sound recording set-up for outdoor use.
3. Newsroom and Chrome set-up for fictional and non-fictional programmes.
4. Post-production Audio Studio with updated hardware & software (Pro Tools)
5. Video Editing Set-up studio with iMac and FCP 10.

ACADEMICS AND RESEARCH

FDP by XBS

A faculty Development Programme (FDP) was organised by the Xavier Business School in collaboration with ICSSR (ERC) from 26th November to 6th December, 2018 on 'Data Analytics'.

The purpose of the programme was to understand the methodologies and enhance the researching skills of the participants. Experts from academia and industry, including ISI Kolkata, IIFT Kolkata, NIT Durgapur, IMT Ghaziabad, SPSS South East Asia, ICSSR and St. Xavier's University were pooled in as resource persons.

A total of forty faculty and research scholars with varied academic background from different parts of India participated in the programme. The Programme was fruitful and enriching. Thanks to prof. Soma Sur and the faculty of XBS for their efficient coordination.

IQAC

St. Xavier's University has formed an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) as per the guidelines of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), as a post-accreditation benchmark, a major step towards sustaining and enhancing long-term quality standards.

Since quality upliftment is a praxis - a continuous process, the IQAC is a part of the institution's system and works towards accomplishing the goals of quality enhancement and sustenance through internalization of quality culture and institutionalization of best practices.

Dr. Tanushree Biswas has been appointed as the IQAC and MOOC coordinator.

MOOC

St. Xavier's University in collaboration with EMMRC, St. Xavier's College, has introduced MOOC as initiated by MHRD. It is an indigenous platform of learning through technology-enabled education modules. The platform is abbreviated as SWAYAM (Study Web of Active Learning by Young and Aspiring Minds). Three different MOOC courses have been introduced.

- Four-Credit Course: E-Commerce - Technologies & Management Principles under the expertise of Prof. Tuhin Utsab Paul, of Department of Commerce and Management.
- Two-Credit Course: Statistical Methods for Managers under the guidance of Prof. Sovik Mukherjee of Department of Commerce and Management.
- Two-Credit Course: Goods and Services Tax Simplified under the guidance of Prof. Tanmayananda Chattaraj of Finance and Accounting, Department of Commerce and Management.

NEW COURSES

B.COM. MORNING COURSE

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata has started the B. Com. Morning Section from July 2019. The morning Section classes are held from 7:00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. The main purpose of morning classes is to help students to devote the latter part of the day to their family businesses, pursue add-on-courses or take up any employment.

There are 211 First Year students on the rolls in the first batch B.Com. Morning section.

XAVIER LAW SCHOOL

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata has started the Xavier Law School from the Academic Session 2019-2020. The XLS will offer Five-Year Integrated Courses – B.A. LLB. (Hons.) and B.Com. LLB.(Hons.). The Vice-Chancellor has constituted an Advisory Board with members from Judiciary and Law firms for this purpose.

The Bar Council of India gave its final approval on 3rd July 2019. Candidates were selected on the basis of Xavier Law Admissions Test (XLAT) held on July 14. Legal education at Xavier Law School run by the Jesuits will not only mould the students into legal experts, but they would also be oriented with values of life, which are essential in the entire legal system of our country.

This will be our contribution to the legal education system of India. To facilitate the legal studies, we have set-up a Law Library, Moot court and Legal Aid Clinic. Students will be taken on regular visits to the High Court and Supreme Court, under the guidance of our faculty, as part of the curriculum. St. Xavier's University plans to introduce Post Graduate courses and Research Programmes in the future.

Dr. Debasis Poddar has been appointed as the Dean of Xavier Law School.

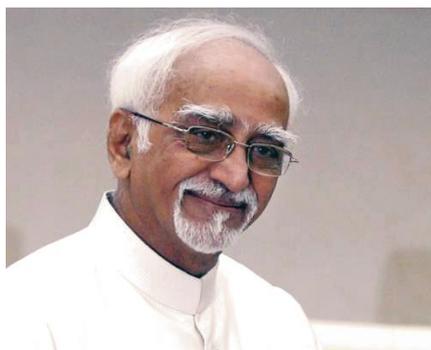
PH.D. PROGRAMME

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata has introduced Ph.D. programmes in Commerce, Mass Communication and English from July 2019. It is poised to create a conducive ecosystem for Research. It is expected that Ph.D. scholars would make original contributions in their respective fields and help in expanding the knowledge frontiers.

St. Xavier's University expects that during their research journey, the scholars will embrace the values of research ethics and integrity as laid down in the University's code of good research conduct and set out in the academic, research and professional world as true Xaverians.

Dr. Niraj Kumar has been appointed as the Ph.D. Programme Coordinator and Convenor of the Board of Research.

DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORS



Former Vice-President, Mohammad Hamid Ansari and Former National Security Advisor of India and former Governor of West Bengal, Mr. M.K. Narayanan have agreed to join our University as distinguished visiting professors. Both are specialists in their own respective fields, scholars and academicians par excellence. They have great experiences to share with our students and enrich their vision and outlook towards life.

M.K. Narayanan visited the University on May 6, 2019 and interacted with the faculty in an informal tea meet. He was happy as he could use the prefix Prof. before his name. "Now I am professor Narayanan", he said.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

St. Xavier's University congratulates the faculty members who have pursued their research and have published in referred journals since its inception in July 2017.

Books published:	03
Book chapters published:	26
Articles published in Journals:	35
Seminars / conferences / workshops attended:	39
Research scholars under Ph.D. supervision:	06

A XAVERIAN INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL

I am pleased to announce the launch of 'Nihil Ultra: A Xaverian Interdisciplinary Journal' from 2019. A peer-reviewed journal committed to the highest standard of excellence in interdisciplinary research, Nihil Ultra shall comprise research articles, reviews, case studies, and critical commentaries. Contributions shall be accepted from St. Xavier's faculty and students as well as from the broader academic community in India and abroad. Dr. Prayag Ray has been appointed as the editor of the Journal.

FACUTLY STRENGTH

As of July 25, 2019,

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| 1. Administrative staff: | 06 |
| 2. Officers: | 06 |
| 3. Faculty: | 64 |
| 4. Support Staff: | 62 |

NEW APPOINTEES

The new appointments for the year 2019 - 2020 are as follows:

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| 1. Rev. Dr. Soosai Nayagam, S.J. | Acting Dean, Arts and Social Studies & Library Director |
| 2. Dr. Soma Sur | Acting Dean, Xavier Business School |
| 3. Dr. Somak Maitra | Acting Dean, Commerce and Management and I.T. Coordinator |
| 4. Dr. Debasis Poddar | Acting Dean, Xavier Law School |
| 5. Dr. Niraj Kumar | Ph.D. Programme Coordinator |
| 6. Dr. Indra Kanta Maitra | Acting Controller of Examinations |
| 7. Mr. Aritra Das | Assistant Registrar |
| 8. Dr. Tanushree Biswas | Acting IQAC and MOOC Coordinator |
| 9. Dr. Manali Bhattacharya | Professor-in-charge, Department of Mass Communication |
| 10. Dr. Sucheta Paul | Professor-in-charge, Department of Social Work |
| 11. Prof. Sayantan Bandhu Majumder | Professor-in-charge, Department of Economics |
| 12. Prof. Prodosh Bhattacharya | Professor-in-charge, Department of English |
| 13. Prof. Sayani Saha | Professor-in-charge, Department of B.M.S |
| 14. Prof. Swapan Chakraborty | Professor-in-charge, Department of B.Com (Morning) |
| 15. Prof. Tanmayananda Chattaraj | Professor-in-charge, Department of B.Com (Day) |
| 16. Dr. Somak Sen | Professor-in-charge of Student Affairs |
| 17. Prof. Medha Bhadra Chowdhury | Professor-in-charge of Women's Students |

On behalf of the Governing Board, I express our gratitude to all the outgoing Deans and Professors-in-Charge for their committed leadership and dedicated service.

STRENGTH OF STUDENTS

Sl. No.	Courses	Total No. of Students
1	Arts & Social Studies courses	321
2	B.Com. Morning	212
3	B.Com. Day	296
4	B.M.S.	354
5	M.A. Economics, English, Mass Communication, MSW and M.Com. courses	392
6	Xavier Business School (MBA)	167
7	Xavier Law School (Law)	140
8	Ph.D. Scholars	(28)
GRAND TOTAL		1910

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Fr. J. Felix Raj, S.J., Vice-Chancellor, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, was honoured with the prestigious Nihil Ultra Award for Excellence in 2018 by St. Xavier's College, Kolkata for his long and dedicated service for the college in particular and Bengal in general.
2. Prof. Sovik Mukherjee of Commerce & Management is the recipient of Best Paper Award conferred by Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) in December 2018.
He visited the NISPACEE, Polianky, Bratislava, Slovakian Republic as a Fellow for his work on "Economics on Multi-sided Platforms".
He has also prepared study material for Post Graduate Economics Degree Programme of Netaji Subhas Open University, West Bengal.
3. Dr. Monirul Islam has designed the course material on, "Rural Procurement Management and Retailing," for Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education.

SOCIETIES

The University has started a number of Societies with the help of active student leadership, which are active throughout the year in organising various academic, cultural and social programmes. The Societies include:

1. Xavier Commerce & Management Society
2. Xaverians in Action
3. Xavier Economic Society
4. Xavier Debating Society
5. Xavier Cultural Society
6. Xavier Photography Society
7. Xavier Literary Society
8. Xavier Film Society
9. Xavier Sports Society

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS (MOUs)

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata is gearing up to sign MoUs with:

1. Certified Managements Accountants, Australia.
2. Monash University, Australia, and
3. University of City Island, Cyprus.

GREEN-CLEAN CAMPUS - SOLAR POWER

Today the world is adopting renewable forms of energy at a rapid pace. India is also emerging in the global arena as a leading generator of renewable forms of energy. As our own humble effort to promote a green campus, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, has installed solar panels on the terrace of Britto House that has a capacity to generate 20KW of electricity per day.



Additionally, we have ensured that our campus is smoke-free, plastic-free and thermocol-free. To make it more environment friendly, the university is taking steps to introduce rainwater harvesting, a biocomposting plant for kitchen waste and the segregation of waste into recyclable and non-recyclable.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Independence Day: The proud and the auspicious occasion of the 72nd Independence Day of India was celebrated at the St. Xavier's University on 15th of August 2018 with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Vice-Chancellor in the presence of Swami Agnivesh, a former Professor of St. Xavier's College, a spiritual leader and social activist and the Chief-Guest for the occasion.

Swamiji spoke about the lessons he learnt from the Jesuit Priests during his days at SXC and about his universal mission for the poor and the bonded labourers. Faculty, staff, students, security and house-keeping officers participated in the ceremony in large numbers.

- Teachers' Day: On the 5th of September 2018, a year after the Inauguration, a lively Teachers' Day programme was organised for the Teachers and support staffs of the University.

Father Vice-Chancellor delivered an enlightening speech as he elaborated on the contributions of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan to the society and the reason behind celebrating Teacher's day on his birthday. A beautifully decorated cake was cut by all dignitaries and it was followed by musical performance by students.

Mr. Firdausal Hasan proposed the vote of thanks and a sumptuous lunch was served to all by the Alumni Association.

- 125th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Speech: It was on September 11, 1893 that Swami Vivekananda appeared at the World Parliament of Religions held in Chicago and it was for the first time a religious leader, appearing on a world platform spoke about the dire need for religious harmony.

- He spoke not only about universal toleration but acceptance of all religions as true. He made a fervent appeal to the assembled religious leaders to shun all forms of "religious fanaticism, persecution and violence, whether with the sword or with the pen, and of all uncharitable feelings between persons wending their way towards the same goal."

As 2018 marked the 125th anniversary of Swamiji's historic Chicago speech, Fr. Felix Raj, SJ, Vice-Chancellor participated at the Interfaith Meet organised by the Ramakrishna Mission in New Delhi and addressed the religious representatives on "Christian Response to Swami Vivekananda's message of Religious Tolerance and Harmony".

To celebrate the great occasion, St. Xavier's University organised an essay competition on "Swami Vivekananda's Message of Harmony and its Relevance to the Youth Today".

- Interactive Session: The Department of Social Work organised an interactive session with the internationally acclaimed dancer and social initiator, Alokanda Roy in September 2018 for all PG students who shared her experiences of working with the inmates of the correctional homes. She narrated how from being a stranger to the inmates of the correctional homes, she is now their beloved mother, grandmother and their confidant.
- Camp: A 5-days Residential Camp was organised by the Xaverians in Action for Change (XIAC) for 33 enthusiastic students of the University during the Puja Vacation. The campers from various undergraduate courses stayed at the University Campus from 26th to 30th October 2018. They visited 4 nearby villages namely Dharmatala - Pachuria, Kulberia and Kathalberia to empower more than 150 village children by imparting quality education.
- It was historical moment when the University opened its gates during the camp for the village youth whereby 30 young men and women from these villages came to the Campus to attend Spoken-English Classes. The village youth saw this as a rare opportunity to change their lives as the course would help improve their confidence and competence level to secure jobs. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Paritosh Majumdar and his team of teachers and students for organising the camp.
- X-Inovaè, 2018 was the first ever fest organised under the banner of Xavier's Commerce and Management Society on November 14 & 15, 2018. A range of events was planned to test the business management skills of the participants. It was replete with the ideas, innovation, creativity, fun and enthusiasm of the best minds across the country.

At a special entrepreneurial Session the owner of Century Ply, Mr. Sanjay Agrawal and the director of Emami Group, Mr. Aditya Agarwal were the guest speakers.

- Indo-Korean bilateral relationship: A talk and an Interactive Session on "Indo-Korean bilateral relationship: Prospects ahead", were held at Xavier Business School on December 10, 2018. The Guests-of-Honour were Mr. Yoo Chang Ho, presently the Minister Counsellor for Political Affairs, South Korean Embassy to India, New Delhi and Mr. Rajive Kaul, Chairman of Nicco Engineering Services Limited (NESL) and Promoter - Director of Nicco Parks & Resorts Limited.

The session provided glimpses of the bilateral relationship between India and South Korea since ages and explored the possibilities of what the two countries can do by joining hands together in the economic, cultural and academic fields.

- The new Football field was inaugurated on January 9 in the presence of all staff members and students and a friendly match was played between two teams of seniors and juniors respectively. Thanks to Mr. GP Gupta, Liaison Officer and Mr. Sandip Mundhra, Sports Officer for their smooth and flawless coordination for the entire duration of the programme.
- Prayer Service: Teachers, students, Jesuit priests and support staff of the University participated in a candle-light prayer service on April 30 evening to pray for the victims of the Easter Sunday blasts in Sri Lanka.

They gathered on the campus in front of the Statue of St. Joseph and prayed for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives and for the speedy recovery of the wounded.

"Every beginning has an end and every end has a new beginning. Those who have died have entered into eternal life. May their souls rest in peace," Said Fr. Vice-Chancellor, Father Felix Raj, SJ who led the service.

THE ROAD AHEAD:

1. Our Ph.D. programme is an ever-expanding knowledge network. We shall extend the doctoral programme to subjects such as management, economics, social work and law in the following year.
2. Introduction of L.L.M. from the next academic Session – 2020-21.
3. Incubation Centre:

St. Xavier's University is exploring the feasibility of starting an Incubation Centre with the help of experts like Prof. Joy Sen of IIT, Kharagpur and others. As a higher educational institution, SXUK should provide a collaborative environment for start-ups to develop by providing necessary services such as management training and space.

Our next phase of infrastructure development would include:

- (I) Administrative Building.
- (ii) An Auditorium with 2500-seating capacity.
- (iii) A Management Development Programmes Block (MDP Block)
- (iv) Faculty and Staff Quarters.

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata is just a two year old infant, but it has already taken great strides by contributing towards knowledge creation. It believes in contributing to the well-being of the nation without counting the cost, in the spirit of NIHIL ULTRA (Nothing Beyond), the motto of the University.

In this temple of knowledge, we aim to form "men and women for others" who will be agents of needed social change in their country. The Jesuit dictum is "Give us your child and we will return you a man/woman, a citizen of the country and a child of God."

May God bestow His blessings on each one of us. Let me conclude with the words of Dr. Kalam.

Smile is the electricity and life is the battery.
Whenever you smile, the battery gets charged
And a beautiful life is activated.
So keep smiling.

-A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



St. Xavier' University Campus