XAVKALA'25

GRAND CELEBRATION OF CULTURE & CREATIVITY AT ST XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA

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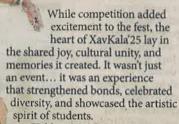
avKala'25, the muchanticipated arts and cultural festival of Xavier's University Cultural and Arts Society (XUCAS) of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, brought the spirit of creativity and camaraderie alive, staying true to this year's theme, 'Khwaab'

(dreams). Organised by the students and for the students under XUCAS, the event, which had Millennium Post as the media partner, was a celebration of talent, passion, and dreams fulfilled.

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> VICE-CHANCELLOR REV FATHER DR JOHN FELIX RAJ (SJ)



Held on March 29 at St Xavier's University, Kolkata, the sprawling New Town campus came alive with the energy of the students. The festival was inaugurated in the presence of Vice-Chancellor

Rev Father Dr John Felix Raj (SJ), Registrar Prof Ashis Mitra, and officials from the administration. "XavKala'25 stands as a testament to the artistic expression of our university, with an array of events that showcase the richness of performing arts. The programme is more than just an exhibition of talents. It is an embodiment of the joy and unity that cultural art brings into our campus. It gives me immense delight to witness this dedication and enthusiasm of the organising teams and the participants alike. May this event continue to nurture creativity, foster unity and create memories in our campus," said Dr Felix Raj. He also joined in the fun, taking part in games like Flash Quiz and Flip the Bottle.

The V-C believes cultural events provide students with a collective platform for self-expression. 'Culture is a vital part of life and a cornerstone of our Indian ethos. Every institution should have the space to celebrate its unique culture while embracing the diversity of our country. That's why we initiated XUCAS. XavKala'25 brings students from different backgrounds together, helping us appreciate and learn from one another," he said.

EVENTS HOSTED:

- Ramta Jogi (group dance)
- Con-Fusion Raga (group music)
- Nritya-e-Bandish (live music dance)
- Ace of Aalap (musical face-off)
- Khwaabnaama (theme walk)
- Xavkala Street (live art exhibition)
- Kuch Toh Log Kahenge (open mic)

With over 1,000 participants from various disciplines, the campus was brimming with energy. From group dance and musical face-offs to theme walks, art exhibitions, play zones, lifestyle and food stalls, the festival turned the university into a hub of creativity.

"XavKala is the flagship programme of our society, and this is our fourth edition. Each year, we see more students participating, which is highly encouraging. Our aim has always been to bring students together and provide them with a platform to showcase their talents. They excel not only in academics but also in co-curricular activities and the performing arts," said Dr Antara Ghatak, Professor-in-Charge, XUCAS.

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

RAMTA JOGI (GROUP DANCE)

- First: Ishan Chiripal and Manaswin
- Second: Nrityadhan: Devasmita Ghosh, Shreya Sutradhar, Sutandra Dutta, Srijani Halder and

CON-FUSION RAGA (GROUP MUSIC)

First: Fitoor

- Ashvik Pal
- Shaunak Chakraborty
- Siddharth Das
- NRITYA-E-BANDISH (LIVE MUSIC DANCE) First: Rajni Biswas and Ankita Neoge

ACE OF AALAP (MUSICAL FACE-OFF) First: Sneha Sur Ray

KHWAABNAAMA (THEME WALK) FIRST: CELESTIAL COUTURE

- Rashika Maiumdar
- Abhyudith Sengupta

- Riddhiv Mukheriee
- Godrick Albert
- Procheta Bhattacharva
- Baddri Chakma
- Meghnil Chattopadhyay
- Pratikshe Jha

THIRD: MIDNIGHT MIRAGE

- Madhureem Baneriee
- Ashka Singh
- Chandni Binani
- Divasha Bose
- Vikramaditya Mahan Singh
- Hanok Chhetri
- Sk. Mashreak Rahman
- » Abhijay Mukherjie XAVKALA S TREET (LIVE ART **EXHIBITION**)
- People's Choice: Team Van Gogh
- Team Name: Spectrum Squad
- Arindam Das, Khushi Partani and Debosmita Majumder
- Critic's Choice: Team Da Vinci
- Team Name: M.A.D.
- Yuvraj Banerjee, Shagun Mittal and
- KUCHTOH LOG KAHENGE (OPEN MIC)
- First: Reet Mukheriee and Shaswata Deb
- Second: Naman Chandak
- Third: Namrata Biswas