

## SXUK conducts FDP on IPP



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St. Xavier's University Kolkata (SXUK) organised a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Institutional Values and Best Practices - Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP)' for its faculty members on March 23 and from April 8 to 16, 2024 at the university campus.

The objective of the FDP was to delve deep into the dynamics of Jesuit higher education, exploring its foundational principles, influences, and institutional frameworks.

While delivering the inaugural address, Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of SXUK said, "The university provides a comprehensive understanding of Jesuit higher education which inspires our teachers to uphold its values and principles in their respective roles within academia."

He also said, "A collective desire among teachers is needed to explore further and reflect on the transformative potential of Jesuit education in shaping individuals and communities towards the common good."

Fr. Dr. Peter Arockiam, SJ, Vice Principal of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, deliberated on profound influence of Ignatian charism on Jesuit education and its collaborators. His session illuminated the transformative impact of Ignatian spirituality in shaping educational practices, emphasizing the holistic development of individuals within the Jesuit educational ethos.

Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy, SJ, the Rector of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, explored the concept of teaching and learning in the spirit of MAGIS. He advised faculty members to embrace excellence, service, and continuous growth in their educational endeavors, encapsulating the essence of Jesuit pedagogy.

Study materials were given to participants for deeper understanding of Ignatian Worldwide for Personal and Professional Transformation, Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm, Characteristics of Jesuit Education, Understanding Teaching Learning in the spirit of MAGIS, Servant Leadership: Self and Others, etc.

As part of rural immersion program, a visit to the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata (Raghobpur campus) provided first hand insights into the transformative impact of Jesuit education in rural settings.

Dr. Panchali Sen, Dean, International Studies and Programmes of the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and Cheryl Francis, Director of social work & NSS at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata highlighted the contributions of Jesuits to educational collaborations at the valedictory sessions.