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Hamid Ansari as Visiting Faculty of SXUK

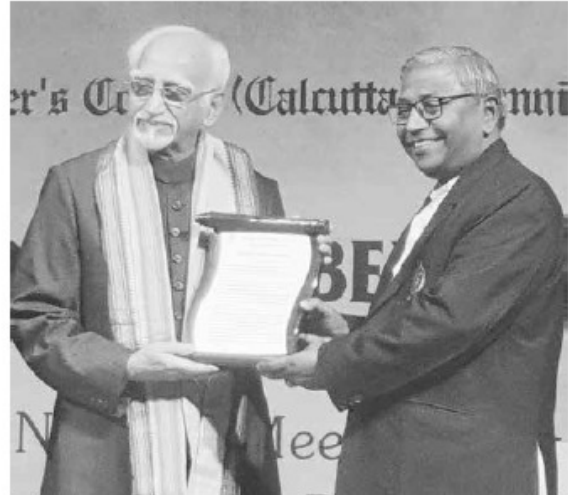
Mr. Mohammad Hamid Ansari, former Vice-President of India has accepted the invitation of Father Felix Raj, Vice-Chancellor of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata to join SXUK as a visiting professor. In a letter to Father Raj, Ansari (82) wrote, "I deem this a great honour and will be happy to accept it".

Details of his visits to the university and themes of his lectures will be worked out later. Ansari, an alumnus of the St. Xavier's College who studied at the College from 1952 to 55, was honoured with the Global Xaverian Award by the St. Xavier's College Alumni Association in November 2018 in New Delhi.

The former Vice-President has accepted our invitation to join the St. Xavier's University as visiting faculty. This is an honour to all of us at the university". Fr. Felix Raj, the Vice-Chancellor told the media.

The idea behind inviting eminent leaders like Ansari as visiting faculty is to "broaden our students' knowledge and vision," Fr. Raj said.

Ansari is a specialist in his field, a scholar and an academician. He has great experiences to share with our students. His experience as Vice-President, Ambassador and an Indian Foreign service officer will enrich our students and throw challenges in their life. That is very important for students who are pursuing



▲ Fr. Felix Raj presenting the Global Xaverian Award to Mr. Hamid Ansari in November 2018 at New Delhi

management and post-graduate courses," Fr. Felix Raj said.

The university is planning to invite more eminent persons as visiting professors. The list includes, former governor of West Bengal and former national security advisor, MK Narayanan, Kaushik Basu, current president of the International Economic Association, Mr. Jawhar Sircar, Ex CEO of Prasar Bharti and Shashi Tharoor.