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Upon approval from the Bar Council of India, the Xavier Law School (XLS), a constituent unit of St. Xavier's University Kolkata, introduced Undergraduate Law Programmes on August 3, 2019. Xavier Law School was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, the first Lokpal of India.

On the successful completion of the first academic year of the Five-Year integrated B.A.-LL.B. (Hons.) and B.Com- LL.B. (Hons.) courses, XLS is proud to launch the inaugural edition of its bi-annual newsletter- *Lexaverian*.

MESSAGES

Vice-Chancellor's Message



Being the new School on the block, Xavier Law School (XLS) has displayed tremendous potential and the journey of XLS so far has covered several milestones. A newsletter is certainly a wonderful way to document this journey and make it memorable. The tireless efforts of the faculty and the booming enthusiasm of the students have culminated in the success of team XLS in the academic year 2019-2020.

I wish them all the very best! *Nihil Ultra! (Nothing beyond).*

Rev. Dr. J. Felix Raj, S.J.
Vice-Chancellor

Dean's Message

It is indeed a memorable occasion for me to introduce the newly established Xavier Law School (XLS) to public domain within a year. In the inaugural edition of XLS newsletter, activities of the law school, its students and teachers alike, find place of pride. With time tested legacy of the Jesuit mission toward community service through quality public education across the world, XLS is set to emerge as a landmark institution on the legal education landscape in time ahead.

Dr. Debasis Poddar
Dean
Xavier Law School



EVENTS

70th Anniversary of Constitution Day

On November 26, 2019, Xavier Law School hosted its first major event- the Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Constitution Day. The invited speakers for this event were- Mr. Mahesh Menon and Mr. Agnidipto Tarafder. Rev. Dr. J. Felix Raj, S.J, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, delivered the inaugural address and Prof. Ashis Mitra, Registrar of St. Xavier's

University Kolkata, administered to all gathered, a pledge on the Preamble to the Constitution of India. Mr. Mahesh Menon and Mr. Agnidipto Tarafder shared their insights on the impact that the Constitution has had and continues to have on the life of the nation. Dr. Poddar, Dean of Xavier Law School, delivered the vote of thanks.



Rev. Dr. J. Felix Raj, felicitating
Mr. Mahesh Menon



Mr. Agnidipto Tarafder sharing his insights
on the impact the Constitution of India



Prof. Ashis Mitra, administering to all gathered a pledge on the Preamble to the Constitution of India.

EVENTS (CONTD.)

Inauguration of the Fr. Aelred Gomes Moot Court Hall



The Xavier Law School inaugurated the Moot Court Hall, FR. AELRED GOMES MOOT COURT HALL on the 7th of March, 2020. The Chief Guest for this ceremony was the former Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, Hon'ble Justice Subhro Kamal Mukherjee. Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee shared his experience from both the bar and bench which proved to be extremely beneficial for the students.

SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES

The Nuances of Contract Drafting and an Insight into Commercial Contracts

On January 21, 2020, Xavier Law School organised the first edition of its Special Lecture Series. The speaker for the first edition was Mr. Srijeet Ghosh, Zonal Legal Head (East) of the Future Group, Future Retail Limited. The programme was convened and co-ordinated by Prof. Dr. Animesh Das, Assistant Professor in Law, Xavier Law School.

Mr. Ghosh discussed the fundamentals of an agreement and valid contract and explained the nature of Commercial Contracts. He also provided students with an insight into contracts of Lease and Licensing, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation procedures, Indemnification, and other practical aspects.



Mr. Ghosh engaging with XLS students in an interactive session

SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES (CONTD.)

Impact of Companies Act, 2013 on Corporate Financial Reporting and Emerging Areas in Accounting

On February 1, 2020, the Xavier Law School invited Dr. Soumya Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Sivanath Sastri College, Kolkata to deliver a special lecture for the students of B.Com.LL.B. (Hons.) on the topic 'Impact of Companies Act, 2013 on Corporate Financial Reporting and Emerging Areas in Accounting'. The programme was convened and co-ordinated by Prof. Sudipta Chakraborty, Assistant Professor in Commerce, Xavier Law School.

Dr. Banerjee explained why and how Indian Accounting Standards (Ind ASs) were introduced by converging with International Financial Reporting Standards and International Accounting Standards along

with dates and conditions of their applicability on different Indian companies. He also engaged in a detailed discussion about changes that have come up in the financial reporting of companies because of the introduction of the Companies Act, 2013.



Dr. Banerjee engaging with B.Com. L.L.B students

Othering the Self : A Discussion on Identity Politics

On 14th March, 2020 the Xavier Law School invited Prof. Ankita Mookherjee to deliver a special lecture to the students of B.A. LL.B. on the topic- Othering the Self : A Discussion on Identity Politics. The programme was convened and co-ordinated by Prof. Dr. Nidhitha Sreekumar, Assistant Professor

in Sociology, Xavier Law School.

The lecture included screening of a short film and discussion around the notion of 'true-self' or 'coreself' and the 'Big Other'. The students gained insights on how the selves get shaped in the process of interaction with others, this includes people whom we reject.



Prof. Mookherjee delivering her Special lecture



Engrossed audience at Prof. Mookherjee's lecture

SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES (CONTD.)

An Analysis of Budget 2020

On Feb 15, 2020, a lecture by Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri, Associate Professor in Economics, B.Com



Dr. Chaudhuri delivering her lecture on the 2020 Budget

Morning, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata, was organized at the Xavier Law School by Prof. Indrani Sengupta, Assistant Professor in Economics, Xavier Law School. The topic for the session was 'An Analysis of Budget 2020'. Dr. Chaudhuri spoke about the 2020 Union Budget, the trickle-down hypothesis and the "Garibi Hatao" policy. Students learned about the effect of demographic transitions on the economy – this included birth and death rates, and TFR (Total Fertility Rate). As a solution to increased production, the development of human capital by providing better health, education and skill training opportunities was elaborated upon.

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

The students of a University are the pillars of its strength. The same holds true for the Xavier Law School. The law students have



Seminar on Equality Beyond Boundaries

Rishit Kumar and Yuvraj Chatterjee, participated in a Seminar on Equality Beyond Boundaries: A Gender Respect Campaign at the Auditorium of the Calcutta High Court's Sesquicentenary Building on September 18, 2019.

The St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Badminton Team travelled to BITS Mesra, Ranchi from the 6th-10th of November 2019,

made the School and University proud on several occasions.

Ridhi Jain, Ojasvi Gupta, Sagnik Aditya,



SXUK Badminton team in action

along with other sports contingents. The team that included XLS student Yuvraj Chatterjee, securing the third place at the tournament.

Shuvangi Gupta and Ruchika Dhandhanian secured 4th position at the Inter college Throw Ball match held on February 14, 2020 at the J.D. Birla Institute Fest.

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS (CONTD.)



Saptarshi Roy (left) participated in Plant a Tree Run 2.0

Saptarshi Roy participated in Plant a Tree Run 2.0, presented by Axis Bank, hosted by The Nile Mile in association with The Xavier's University Sports Society on September 15, 2019.



Moumita Layek participating in NITMUN'19

Aayushi Aman and Moumita Layek participated in NITMUN'19 held at the National Institute of Technology, Durgapur from September 06-09, 2019.



Swarnava Hati participating at the Fr. Albert Huart Memorial Debate'20

Swarnava Hati, secured the position of Runners-Up at the Fr. Albert Huart Memorial Debate '20 held on January 28, 2020 at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.



Yuvraj Chatterjee of XLS (center) at the Debate

The Department of Law, Calcutta University, organized its annual "Rajendra Prasad Memorial Debate" from November 14-16, 2019. The St. Xavier's University Team, that included XLS student Yuvraj Chatterjee, secured the Runners Up position amongst 25 teams from across the country. Among over 70 speakers, Yuvraj Chatterjee was placed in the top 5 speakers in the tournament. The team also received a cash prize of Rs 10,000.

Sourashis Bose and Yuvraj Chatterjee successfully completed the Sama ADR Case Management Workshop held at West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS) on December 8, 2019.



XLS students participating in the Democracy Wall Seminar

XLS students Saptarshi Roy, Saifullah Khalid, Arghyadeep Panda, Sagnik Aditya, Debdatta Sil, Rajeshwari Prasad, Alishaan Hossain, Ridhi Jain, Surabhi Mehta, Chiraag Agarwal, and Sanskar Sharma, participated in the Democracy Wall seminar in association with The Print, held at The National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata on December 14, 2019.

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS (CONTD.)



Students of XLS participated at the 'Life After Acid Attack' seminar at the West Bengal Judicial Academy

The students of XLS participated in the 'Life After Acid Attack' seminar which was held at the West Bengal Judicial Academy held by the State Legal Service Authority on January 12, 2020. This program was held on account of National Youth Day. The special guest for the seminar was Hon'ble Justice Aniruddha Bose, Judge of Supreme Court of India. The following students of XLS participated in the seminar- Surabhi Mehta, Souhardya Roy, Uday Sharma, Hreesav Bhattacharjee, Esha

Kaur, Kritika Chakraborty, Shraman Mukherjee, Shreya Shukla, Harsh Agarwal, Animesh Ankur, Shuvangi Gupta, Saptarshi Roy, Shakchi Verma, Sohini Roy, and Sk. Kobir.

Samriddha Guha secured the 2nd position at the Inter college Basketball match held on February 13, 2020 at Srijan, the fest of Shri Shikshayatan College Kolkata.

Nammier Ahmed participated in an international project entitled Re-training of racehorses' program. The program was conducted by the Federation Equestrian International in Kolkata in collaboration with the Kolkata Mounted Police.

In addition to bringing accolades to St. Xavier's University by participating at a various intercollege events, students of XLS have also represented the Law School at Intra-University competitions.



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