

# Principal's Annual Report 2019-2020

Ladies and Gentlemen! A very good morning to one and all!

Today, is a very significant day for all of us gathered here as we celebrate our 12<sup>th</sup> College Day! It has been christened **X-cellence Day** when we honour the awardee and celebrate the achievements of both students and staff in the field of academic and non-academic fields.

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the Chief Guest of the day Mr. Avishek Tiwary, the district magistrate of Jalpaiguri District under whose jurisdiction our college Rajganj Campus falls. As a UPSC passed graduate he was one of the toppers and has been an IAS officer for some years now. But in his short career, has proved to be a distinguished administrator and above all a good person. I thank you Sir, for having accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest of the day.

I extend my warm welcome to Three Vice-Principals, Dean of Students, Heads of the Departments, Teacher Council Secretary, members of the faculty, non-teaching staff and my beloved students. I also take this opportunity to warmly welcome the parents and guardians of our awardee students of both Rajganj and Siliguri Campuses who have given their precious time by leaving their works to witness today's event. I congratulate toppers and achievers in academic and outstanding performers in non-academic fields for their wonderful performances during the academic session 2019-20.

On this wonderful day, when we have gathered here to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of all achievers, I deem it an honour to present our Annual College Report. As I look back, this academic year 2019-2020 has brought many accomplishments and also made us see the gaps in some areas where there is a definite scope for improvement.

## **Our View of Education at St. Xavier's:**

We at this St. Xavier's College like many illustrious Xavier Colleges across India strongly believe in the concept of holistic education and strive to achieve its goal of preparing students to meet the challenges that we face in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and especially in our country that is becoming more sophisticated and complex. We believe, it is important to provide education that focuses on the all-round development of human personality and helps a person in his or her strong intellectual formation as well as emotional maturity. Guided by this principle, we prepare our students not only for academic success but also for life.

In our efforts towards academic excellence and growth, we have initiated action to bridge the gap between the institution and industry. We assess the students' strength and weakness in academics and aptitude and address their needs through Mentor-Mentee, Add-on Certificate Courses, Courses on Life Skills, and Special Talks/Lectures by experts in their respective fields as well as emphasis on Counselling and Personality Development, we use information technology and internet and other visual aids in our teaching methods.

You will be glad to know that St Xavier's has a continuous evaluation system both for students and teachers. We conduct Tests, Internal Assessments & Assignments at knowledge level, Group discussions, Seminars, and Case studies, Projects, Computer Programming at analytical level. There are study tours, excursions and field visits as exposure programmes for students and for providing hands-on learning.

## **A GLIMPSE OF THE ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **1. Academic Performance of our Students**

The number of University rank achievers from our college is on the rise and every year we get some university toppers.

The overall result of the graduating batch of 2018-29 was quite satisfactory considering students under 1+1+1 system found scoring very high marks a herculean task. In BA (H) and (Gen) out of 131, 4 secured 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 95 secured II Class. In B.Com (H) and (Gen) out of 56, 3 secured 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 38 secured II Class. In B.Sc (H), out of 46, 16 students secured 1<sup>st</sup> class and 18 secured 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.

Under the CBCS system results have been excellent; In the recently declared results of Semester Exams, 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester Results were as such: out of 252 students who wrote the exams, there was '0' failure with 8 students scoring 9.0 and above SGPA, 35 students scored 8.0 and above SGPA points, rest scoring 5.0 to 7.9 SGPA while 48 students received SNCs meaning 'Subject not cleared'. Md. Fahin Parvej of Computer Science (Hon) scored exceptionally high 9.92 SGPA point.

Results of 1<sup>st</sup> years after 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exams was equally good: out of 290 students who wrote their Semester Exams at Rajganj Campus, there was '0' failure with 4 students passing with 9.0 and above SGP, 26 students scored 8.0 and above SGPA, rest scored 5.0 to 7.9 SGPA points while 61 received 'SNCs'. Abhigya Chettri with 9.6 scored the highest SGPA in the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester.

From Siliguri Campus, the first BBA graduating batch had 100% result and they have shown the way for others to follow suit. In 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester B. Com, out of 17 students, 2 scored 8.0 and above SGPA, 6 scored 7.0 and above SGPA, 7 scored between 5.0 to 6.9 SGPA while 2 received SNC. Of the 12 BBA 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, 1 scored 9.0 SGPA, 2 scored 8.0 SGPA, 8 got between 5.0-7.9 SGPA while 1 received SNC.

In 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, out of 30 B.Com students, 5 students scored 9.0 and above SGPA, 5 scored 8.0 and above SGPA, 5 got SNC and rest 15 scored between 5.0 to 7.9 SGPA points. In BBA 1<sup>st</sup> Sem, out of 22 students, 2 scored 7.0 and above SGPA, 3 received SNC and 17 students scored 5.0 to 6.9 SGPA points. All in all, Shivani Lohar of BBA 3<sup>rd</sup> Sem and Bishika Shankar of B.Com 1<sup>st</sup> Sem were the toppers in Siliguri Campus with 9.2 and 9.6 SGPA respectively.

I congratulate each one of them and hope that many more will emulate these outstanding performers and excel in the upcoming Exams.

## Achievements by Faculty

Three of our teaching faculty, after having successfully defending their doctoral thesis, received the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Degree in 2019-20:

We have Dr. Tanmoy Mukhopadhyay (Dept of Zoology), Dr. Arindam Metia (Dept of Commerce) who since then left us for Raiganj University and Dr. Asim Mitra (Dept of Commerce and BBA). Good news is that there are half a dozen of our teachers who are on the verge of completing their doctorates while another dozen of them are either pursuing Ph.D at different stages or starting their course works. We wish all them a very best!

## Awards /Recognitions

Our college is proud of some distinguished members of the faculty who have bagged awards and recognitions.

- i) Dr Bikram Saha, Asst Professor, Dept of Botany was judged Best Oral Presenter at the Interdisciplinary National Seminar on “Vistas in Life Science Research” at University of North Bengal.
- ii) Dr Bikram Saha also received Life Member Certificate from Indian Psychopathological Society Division of Plant Pathology, IARI New Delhi.
- iii) On 22 January, 2020, Miss Sharadha Rai, Asst. Professor, Dept of Sociology received National Young Leaders Awards under the ‘Best NSS Volunteer Award’ at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

## Accolades in Sports and otherExtra-Curricular Activities

Despite not having regular coaching in sports and games, our college teams in football, volleyball, badminton and table tennis participated in inter-college tournaments and did very well. In three events namely, men’s football, men’s volley ball and men’s badminton our college reached Quarter-finals and in 5-a side **Football Tournament** organised by Mahindra our college was declared the Champions.

On 25 Jan. 2020, Miss Karina Chhetri of 2<sup>nd</sup>Sem (Zoology (H) was declared Miss Darjeeling at Manhunt Mr/Mrs Darjeeling Contest.

## Important College Events

Our college organized many events during the academic year 2019-2020. Here are details of some events:

This year’s events and celebrations got kick started with the Induction Program for New First Year Students organised on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Rajganj and Siliguri campuses respectively.

On 30<sup>th</sup> July, Teachers’ Orientation was conducted while Young India wing of CII provided motivational talks and session on ‘Climate Diplomacy’ to students.

Election of Students class representatives (CRs) was held on 9<sup>th</sup> August at Siliguri Campus

and on 26<sup>th</sup> August at Rajganj Campus.

The Oath Taking ceremony of the newly Elected CRs and members of Student Council took place on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, **Red Mirchi** FM conducted talent hunt contest at our campus and selected 3 students -all girls for the next round.

On 25<sup>th</sup> November, a team from US - Consulate, Kolkata had a presentation on 'How to acquire Student Visa to study in the United States of America'.

Earlier in the year, Regional Office of US Education, Kolkata had conducted interactive session on 'Opportunities with Fulbright Fellowship'.

The year 2020 is expected to witness flurry of events and celebrations.

On 27<sup>th</sup> Jan & 28 Jan, 2020 college witnessed '**X-travaganza**' - a gala event of song-dance and music. On the first day, three years of both campuses were pitted against one another. Second day '**X-travaganza**' on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. saw the first of its kind, because it was organised by Student Council and for the first time our college bands enthralled the audience apart from Siliguri-based Zero Hour Band and dance troupes performing and mesmerising the audience.

### **Conferences / Seminars / Workshops organized by the Institution**

The year witnessed different workshops being organised:

IQAC team led by Mr. Asim Mitra and Dr. Bipransh Tiwary organised one-day workshop on **Intellectual Property Rights**.

Once again IQAC, in partnership with Dept. of Commerceorganised 2-day workshop on **Data Analysis** with help of SPSS presented by a well-known resource person from NIT Durgapur which was participated by many scholars from different colleges and universities besides our faculty members.

### **Departmental Workshops/Seminars**

Our college values continuing education and constantly encourages the departments to organize conferences, seminars and workshops. Thus, it creates opportunities to the faculty to develop them professionally and also to disseminate knowledge. A new impetus was given for departments to organise workshops during the academic year. Here are the details:

- In Sept 2019, Department of English organised a series of Special Talks on "Modernism and Romanticism" by Dr. Jayjit Sarkar, University of Raiganj, on "Poetry from the Eastern Himalayas" delivered by Mr. Guru T Ladakhi "Emerging Significance of Graphic Narratives" By Prof. Pankaj Thapa of Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree Collge.
- Department of Computer Science and Computer Applications in collaboration with SOACH, Siliguri organised workshops on:

- a. ‘Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking’
- b. ‘Cyber Security and Financed Audit

## Activities of various Cells and Clubs

Our many clubs, cells and committees are always organising activities by involving the staff, students and other stakeholders:

- NSS unit, as always, organised Cleaning the campus under *Swacha Hi Sewa* drive on 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> September, Nature Club observed *Earth Day* and on 5<sup>th</sup> November had Tree Plantation Program at the college campus.
- Women cell & NSS in partnership with Siliguri Lion’s club and Maharaja Agarsen Hospital conducted for the first time *Free Health Camp* on 8<sup>th</sup> November wherein more than 250 people from our neighbouring Balaigachh village received medical and eye check-ups.
- Inter-institutional cell organised inter-school debate competition under a very current and relevant topic, titled, “Social Media is doing more harm than good”. 7 schools from Jalpaiguri and Siliguri participated in the event.
- Social Service cell organised Fund Raising Program on 11<sup>th</sup> December and Christmas Celebration for specially-abled children on at Prerna Educational centre on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.
- AICUF besides organising *Karam Feast* celebration in September also organised Pre-Christmas Celebration for the college on 21<sup>st</sup> December, in collaboration with Women’s cell.
- On 13 January, 2020, NSS organised ‘National Integration Day’ by conducting fete and displaying artefacts, and food items from different states and cultures of India, topped it up with traditional dances from different states.
- Career & Placement Cell more active in Siliguri Campus, organised Seminar on Industry-Academia Collaboration with caption, “Making Future Ready”. Again August, a workshop was conducted on “Power Dressing and Handshake Mantra” where Mr Suraj Gyal of CII’s young India acted as resource person.
- The placement team strives to achieve the objective of placing aspiring students. Yet due to its location in hinterland, most industries would give a miss to this campus. However, at Siliguri Campus, *Fortune Securities* recruited 3 of our B.Com students as Relationship Managers.

## Mile Stones of Progress

Let me take you around some mile stones of progress:

### NAAC Preparation:

Preparation for first National Assessment and Accreditation (NAAC) is underway. Under the coordinatorship of Dr. Biprانش Tiwary and his deputy Mr. Saikat Roy preparation for the much awaited NAAC by the end of this academic session is in full swing. Simulta-



neously, Dr. Asim Mitra, the convener of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of our college and his team has been working to enhance quality in academic activities.

### **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

- In April, 2019, the college renewed the MoU with St. Xavier's College, Kolkata for a period of 5-years.
- The MoU with CII, Young India was also renewed on 20 May, 2019.
- On 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 a new MoU was signed with ISOAH Data Security Pvt. Ltd, Wesel IT Park, Siliguri.

### **Infrastructural Development:**

Since the beginning of last year our college witnessed much infrastructural growth:

- At the National Highway, new College Board was erected while the College Gate was installed at the entrance to college compound.
- A motor/cycle shed was built adjacent to bus shed.
- The first and second floors of the New College Building before new session to accommodate Dept. of Computer BSc/BCA and Physics Lab and now more two classrooms on the top floor are on the verge of completion.

### **Administrative Changes**

The college also witnessed some administrative changes:

Fr. Deven Yonzon replaced Fr. Gabriel Tirkey as the New College Bursar while Br. Borney Bede Chettri took charge as the Estate Manager.

Another significant change took place in the college when Dr. Asim Mitra became the first Vice Principal at Siliguri Campus.

We place on record our appreciation and gratitude to Fr. Gabriel Tirkey who served the college as bursar for about two years and to Fr. Ajay Raj Lakra who was Siliguri Campus In-charge for about two and half years.

We deeply thank Dr. Arindam Metia, who after having served the institution for 12 years joined the Raiganj University from Jan-end this year.

### **5-year Institutional Planning & Future plans**

**Someone has said: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"**

Keeping pace with the changing signs of the time, Jesuits and some senior faculty members of the college revisited and modified the institutional vision, mission, priorities and goals that constitute the guiding light for us all at the college. These have been uploaded in the college website. Implementation of the institutional planning will take place in different phases:

The following are some of the plans for future:

- Construction of a new Hall in the New College Building
- Conversion of the old Library into Seminar/Conference Hall
- Installation of CCTVs in the news building
- Facility for storing of roof water and rainwater harvesting
- Installation of Solar Panel for conservation of energy and use of alternative green energy in the campus
- Construction of alternate approach road along the college boundary wall to connect to the National Highway. DM and SJDA have already sanctioned the project. We thank our DM for readily forwarding our project to the Siliguri - Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) for implementation.

### **Last word:**

In the words of Jean Piaget “The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge but to create the possibilities for a child to invent and discover, to create men who are capable of doing new things”. We have a great mission ahead and it is to help our students learn the right thing and enable them to manifest what they have learnt. This manifestation of perfection is possible if and only if our minds and hearts unfettered and are united in marching towards the goal we have set to achieve and go even beyond.

Let us continue our march and achieve the goal.

Thank you and God bless you!

**Rev. Dr. Lalit P. Tirkey, SJ**

**Principal**