



# JHEASA Higher Ed News

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## FEATURED NEWS FROM JHEASA MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

[Assembly of the International Association of Jesuit Universities, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia, June 29 to July 3, 2025](#)



### Insights from the 2025 IAJU Assembly in Bogotá

The 2025 International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) Assembly, held in Bogotá, Colombia, brought together leaders from across the world to discern the next chapter of Jesuit higher education. The closing Assembly focused on two overarching questions: What are priority issues for Jesuit Higher Education at the global level? And how can regional networks actively implement the IAJU Strategic Agenda to address these concerns?

[Read full report](#)

### Fr. General's Speech

#### The Jesuit University: Witness to Hope, Creative and Dialogical Presence



Charism. Context. Way. I would like to start these reflections not with what we do but with who we are. I will not begin by looking at the world around us and asking how best to respond to its needs. Instead, I want to begin by recalling our identity, the charism that we have received as a gift of the Holy Spirit. Conscious of our identity, we can then contemplate our context and discern how to walk toward a more reconciled and just world, living now as though we were already in that new world. We place ourselves in the present as witnesses to hope in universities that are apostolic, marked by solidarity, creative, and dialogical. That is our way. That is the path forward.

Fidelity to the task to which we have been called in the universities of the Society of Jesus requires, as a *conditio sine qua non*, deep rootedness in the identity that flows from our charism. This charism defines our contribution to the mission of the Lord Jesus —the crucified-risen one— the mission entrusted to the community of his followers, to the Church walking in every corner of the world.

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### Visitation by Rev. Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Vatican's External Affairs Head, at the Vidyajyoti College of Theology.



On 18th of July, 2025, Vidyajyoti College of Theology, had the honour to host Rev. Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Vatican's External Affairs Head. Along with him, Apostolic Nuncio, Rev Leopoldosuj Girelliand Monsignor Tomislave Zubac were also hosted. This visitation included a Eucharist presided over by the Archbishop Paul which was followed by a short interaction with him. Rev. Nuncio, Monsignor, POSA, Principal, Rector and Delhi Provincial concelebrated the Eucharist. During the brief interaction Archbishop Paul fielded questions regarding various international and national issues and offered the official position of the Vatican and his views on the issues. The interaction was followed by a high tea and a photo-session.

<https://vidyajyoticollege.in/>

### The Department of Social Work, School of Arts and Humanities, St Aloysius University held “Mitti ke Sitaare” - an event celebrating the Civic Workers of Mangalore City Corporation on 14th July, 2025.



The Department of Social Work, School of Arts and Humanities, St Aloysius University celebrated “Mitti ke Sitaare” – an event celebrating the Civic Workers of Mangalore City Corporation, on 14th July, 2025. It was the University's initiative to honour the services of the civic workers- our real life heroes. The event was conducted in association with Lions Club Mangalore and St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA). Esteemed dignitaries from each of the institutions graced the occasion. Students and staff from MSW were present as well. Gift hampers were distributed to the 36 civic workers and one of them shared his experiences from work.

<https://staloyisius.edu.in/events/mitti-ke-sitaare-celebrating-the-civic-workers-of-mangalore-city-corporation>



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### Memorandum of Understanding Signed between St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, and Antara Institute of Health Sciences



On July 23, 2025, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, and Antara Institute of Health Sciences formalized their partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. The MoU was signed by Father Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj, Registrar of SXUK, and Dr. Mathew P. John, Director of Antara Institute of Health Sciences, in the presence of Vice-Chancellor Fr. Felix Raj, SJ, and representatives from both institutions. This collaboration marks a significant step towards fostering academic cooperation between the two institutions. With a shared commitment to addressing pressing issues such as mental health among young adults, they plan to develop joint courses for students in the near future. Fr. Felix Raj stated, "Antara is widely recognized as a leading mental health institution in the region, providing trusted psychiatric services. Our collaboration will yield mutual benefits for both institutions." (Reported by Dr. Manali Bhattacharya and Dr. Bidisha Kantha, from the Centre for Global Network Initiatives, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata).

### Photography Workshop Held at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappally, in Association with Canon India



The Department of Visual Communication Technology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, in collaboration with Canon India Pvt. Ltd. and UniversalShoppe, organized a hands on Photography Workshop on 25th July 2025, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The session was led by Mr. K. Karthikeyan, Canon Trainer, Canon India Pvt. Ltd., who shared professional insights into camera techniques and visual storytelling. The event was presided over by Dr. D. Kumar, Deputy Principal, with a felicitation by Dr. B. Kanickairaj, Nodal Officer, Vocational Programmes. Dr. S. Tamilarasi, Head of the Department, served as the convener, and Mr. D. Manikandan, Canon Promoter from Universal Shoppe, Trichy, coordinated the event.

<https://erp.sjctni.edu/News/images/WedJul23100739IST2025-Canon.pdf>

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### International Conference on Statistical Theory and Application for Trends, organized by School of Physical Science - Dept. of Statistics, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru



**Keynote Speakers**

- Prof. Debasis Kundu, Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, IIT Bombay, India
- Prof. Jayadevan Sreedharan, Professor, Department of Statistics, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, India
- Dr. Anbu Thalamuthu, Graduate School Research Fellow, UNSW Sydney, Australia

**Our Invited Speakers**

- Prof. C. Sathesh Kumar, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka
- Prof. A. Loganathan, Central University of Technology, Bangalore, India
- Prof. V. S. Venkateshwar, Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK
- Prof. V. S. Gopal, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, India
- Dr. V. Kalyanasu, Associate Professor, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, India
- Dr. K.M. Sathish, Professor, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, India
- Prof. T. P. M. Pabikula, Rajaratnam University, Singapore

**Special Invited Speakers**

- Prof. Parameshwar V. Pandit, Department of Statistics, Bangalore University, Bangalore, India
- Prof. P. G. Sankaran, Director, Centre for Statistics and Technology, Coimbatore, India

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**Registration Fee Details**

Students/Research Scholars	Rs. 1000
Faculty/Memorial Academics	Rs. 1500
Industry Personnel	Rs. 2000
Foreign Delegates	US \$1000
Participation Only	Rs. 800

**For Registration**

**For Payment**

School of Physical Science - Dept. of Statistics, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organized International Conference on Statistical Theory and Application for Trends on 18-19<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. Keynote Speakers were Prof Debasis Kundu, Prof Balakrishna, Prof Jayadevan Sreedharan, Prof Parameshwar, V. Pandit and Special Invited speakers were Dr. Anbu Thalamuthu and Prof P.G. Sankaran. The goal of this statistics conference was to gather scholars from all over the world to present advances in the relevant fields and to foster an environment conducive to exchanging ideas and information. Parallel technical sessions were conducted on different themes on Statistical Theory and Data analysis.

<https://www.sju.edu.in/aboutconference>

### Loyola ICAM - College of Engineering and Technology keep on achieving new milestones on the arena of research and development



Department of ECE, secured the 19th rank among over 1000 project ideas - their project, titled "Marutham Care", was recognized by the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC)



Adaikal Susan Beschi J. won the Zircuit Track – Best App Idea Award for a solo project at the ETH Global Cannes Hackathon held in Cannes, France



**Inaugural Prayer Service 2025–2026.**  
An inspiring keynote by alumnus Mr. Akash, a corporate banker at IDFC First Bank.



**Faculty Orientation Program 2025–2026**  
Dr. G. Prabhakaran, Dean – Academics, KCG College of Technology, led insightful sessions on OBE implementation and the revised NBA SAR format



The 11th LICET Book Fair was held on 16th and 17th July 2025 at the LICET campus, with Hon'ble S. M. Nasar, Minister for Minorities and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare, gracing the event as Chief Guest



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### Valedictory of The First Batch of Hospitality Management Course at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, Raghobpur Campus.



A program was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, at the new state of the art Auditorium of Raghobpur Campus, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, to mark the Certification Ceremony of the Chowman Hospitality Management Course, which is an unique effort resulting from a collaboration between St. Xavier's College and Chowman, a renowned name in the food sector. First of its kind, an affordable professional course for six months including paid Internship and 100% placement guarantee. In front of a packed audience, Fr. Principal Dr. Dominic Savio and Mr. Debaditya Chowdhury, Founder of Chowman, gave away the Certificates, gift hampers and stipend to the successful Candidates. It was really a momentous occasion where Ews Candidates and first time learners have had access to assured job placement, at a mere cost of Rs. 5000 for the entire course. The course has a very good potential and has been possible due to the hand holding by the Chowman Team and some of the St. Xavier's College's faculty members. More such short term, affordable courses are in the offing for the students at the Raghobpur Campus.



**ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS),  
KOLKATA, RAGHOBPUR CAMPUS**

in association with

**Katakali Swarnopuron Welfare Society**

INTRODUCES

**RURAL INDIA FELLOWSHIP**

2025-27

AT

**ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS),  
KOLKATA, RAGHOBPUR CAMPUS**



**Fellowship Program  
Placement & Project Assistance**

**Click here to Register**

**Stipend  
₹ 17,000  
per month  
Benefits  
PF & ESI**

DATE: 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025  
TIME: 2:30 PM

**Program Highlights**

- Program Duration: 2 Years
- Entry Level: Merit Basis
- Stream: Any Discipline
- Language Proficiency: English & Bengali
- Facilities: Lodging
- Eligibility: Candidates must be from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

City Office Address: Mahabir Bhawan, 1511 Phoolbagan Road, (Durgachow), Kolkata 700006.  
Registered Office: Jara Bhatia, Dakhin Bhatia, Durgachow, 741007. [katakali.swarnopuron.org](mailto:katakali.swarnopuron.org)

In another news, the Raghobpur Campus of the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata has also entered into a collaboration with Katakali Swarnopuron Welfare Society and has announced a Rural India Fellowship (2025-2027) for its students with a monthly stipend of Rs. 17000 with the benefits of PF and ESI.

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### A month of Purpose and Possibility at St. Joseph College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bangalore



St. Joseph College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bangalore, delved into multifaceted arenas in the month of July. It was a month of Purpose and Possibility for the college. Here are some of the Highlights:

The month of July 2025 at St. Joseph's College of Commerce stood as a testament to its enduring commitment to holistic education, academic excellence, cultural vitality, and social responsibility. Kicking off the month on 2 July, the Department of English hosted a student seminar titled "Beyond the Text: Critical Reflections on English Studies". Dr. Vaishali K.S., Professor of English at Bangalore University, led the session, encouraging students to explore English studies through critical and interdisciplinary lenses. On 7 July, a seminar on Digital Access for Research was conducted by the Student Quality Assurance Cell (SQAC) for students of B.Com (Hons) and B.Sc (Hons). And the leadership workshop led by Mr. Davies V. Chacko empowered students to build essential leadership traits.



The Department of B.Com (Travel and Tourism) hosted 'Trexion', a city-level seminar that shed light on emerging trends in the tourism industry. A key student governance milestone was marked on 10 July with the investiture of the 19th Rotaract Installation Ceremony and the induction of all students of the association. On 11 July, the Department of B.Com (Regular) conducted 'Secured Innovations – Skills for Future Entrepreneurs', a college-level seminar focused on entrepreneurial competencies. Bloomberg Certification Course commenced at Christ University, giving students practical exposure to financial analytics. On 12 July, the B.Com (Analytics) stream organized a seminar on 'Generative AI in Data Insights', fostering dialogue on artificial intelligence's role in data interpretation.



14 July witnessed the 'Nexus' seminar by the Department of Professional Programmes (B.Com ACCA), with the theme "The Money Shift: Finance for People, Planet, and Progress", exploring the ethical and sustainable dimensions of finance. The following day, the Department of Physical Education held its Sports Induction Ceremony to welcome new athletes into the college's sporting community. From 17-19, 'Kalotsav', the annual intra-collegiate cultural fest, transformed the campus with the theme "Escape to the Oasis". The event brought together art, music, dance, and literature in a joyful celebration of student talent. Concurrently, the PhD Scholar Interface Meeting featured a presentation by Ms. Natya Bopanna on her doctoral research.



Academic enrichment continued with a guest lecture on 20 July by Dr. Arpita Ghosh from the University of Exeter, UK. Titled 'Human Behavior and Lawful Boundaries: An Economic Insight', the lecture offered M.Com students an interdisciplinary understanding of behavioural economics and legal frameworks. Peer learning sessions and academic skill enhancement sessions were conducted post the Bridge Course exams to help the students facing challenges in maths and accounts. 'Campus to Corporate', an interactive session by Goldman Sachs, prepared students for professional environments. Adding to the global engagements, Mr. Antoine, Attaché for Academic and Scientific Cooperation from the Embassy of France in India, visited the college and interacted with students and the academic coordinators about collaborations and international opportunities.

Fr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ, and Fr. Charles Lasrado, SJ, represented SJCC at the International Assembly of Jesuit Institutions 2025 in Bogotá, Colombia. Their visit also included academic and cultural exchanges in the U.S. at Santa Clara University and the University of San Francisco, culminating in a USA Alumni Reunion at Mantra India, Mountain View.

Dr. Soney Haris was presented with the Karnataka Educational Award 2025 for 'Best in Transforming Students to 21st Century Leaders'. Dr. Raja Jebasingh was recognized for his work as SPOC for the SWAYAM NPTEL Local Chapter.

A delegation of academic coordinators visited Mount Carmel College on 22 July to understand the process of admission for the 4th year Honours Programme as per the NEP. The NSS organized a successful blood donation drive, and outreach programmes were conducted for UG and PG students throughout July, including immersive fieldwork in Nelamangala. A two-day Leadership Camp was conducted for the Student Council, Extended Student Council, Coordinators, and Assistant Coordinators of various associations at Nelamangala on 4 and 5 July 2025, to strengthen teamwork, foster interpersonal relationships, and broaden students' perspectives on leadership and life. On 28 July, a Eucharistic Celebration for all BJES staff was organized at the SJBHS Chapel to commemorate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola.



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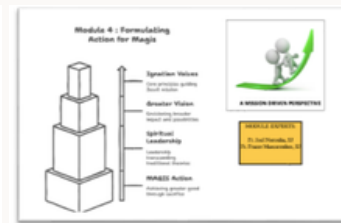
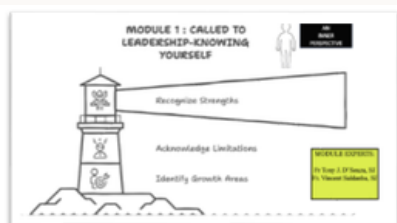


### DISCERNING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (DLP)

*An Initiative of the Bombay Province*

Jesuit Institutions around the world have been striving to achieve the best and more in all their endeavors, it is time to think whether we are achieving our outcomes. The Ignatian perspective of leadership promotes reflection, discernment and service to others. The objective of the Discerning leadership program is to develop leaders who are 'contemplatives in action' and striving for the 'MAGIS' and always oriented to 'service'.

The 'Discerning Leadership Program' organized by the Bombay Province achieves this objective, with 4 modules transacted in an interactive manner, the program seeks to develop Ignatian leadership skills.



Discerning Leadership Program is offered to the teachers in higher education as well as school education. The course started on July 11, 2025 with a brief Inaugural program. Fr. Keith D'Souza, SJ explained that the program is the spark of love shared between the Jesuits and the mission partners. Fr. Wesley D'Costa, SJ, and Prof. Dr. Vini Sebastian, the coordinators of the program hope that this program is an initiative towards responding to the call for a commitment to the Jesuit identity, vision and mission. We thank the Provincial of the Bombay Province Fr. Anil Pereira, SJ, Socius Fr. Learoy Rodrigues, SJ for their constant support and encouragement. A special thanks to Fr. Keith D'Souza, SJ and the SXC, Mumbai team for the venue arrangements. The duration of the course is from July 2025 – March 2026, with minimum one or maximum three sessions in a month. Each session has a two - hour input and one - hour interaction.

This course has been designed to reinforce the Ignatian values in teachers. 'Discerning Leadership Program (DLP)' is rooted in Ignatian Spirituality and the Jesuit tradition. It aims to cultivate leaders who foster compassion, commitment, competence and discernment with the focus on others with a deep sense of service. The Discerning Leadership Program is a dynamic and value-driven program designed for educators across institutions of the Bombay Jesuit Province. Rooted in the rich spiritual and pedagogical tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this course aims to nurture a new generation of leaders who lead with reflection, care, and a commitment to transformational service. This course equips educators to be more than administrators or instructors; it calls them to be leaders who inspire, listen deeply, serve others selflessly, and respond courageously to the needs of their context.

Through interactive sessions, real-life case studies, and spiritual inputs, the course integrates Ignatian values into the fabric of everyday educational leadership. It is our hope that this course becomes a catalyst for forming men and women for and with others—educators who not only shape minds but also touch hearts and transform lives.



Fr. Wesley D'Costa, SJ – Inaugural Speech



Fr. Tony J. D'Souza, SJ – Module 1



Prof. Dr. Vini Sebastian  
St. Xavier's Institute of Education(Autonomous)

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### Department of International Relations, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai organized Guest Lecture on "Gender Equality in Global Affairs" on 23rd July, 2025



Department of International Relations, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai conducted a guest lecture delivered by Ms. Maria Jones Policy Specialist, UN Women. It was based on, 'Gender Equality in Global Affairs: Empowerment through Inclusive Governance,' commemorating 30 years of the Beijing Platform for Action Highlighting UN Women's 2025 agenda to advance SDG 5 – Gender Equality.

### Rural Management students of Xavier Institute of Social Service attended International Summer Internship with Belgium-based Global Justice Organisation



Ms Sheenam Anumeha and Ms Shruti Singh, second-year Rural Management students at Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi successfully completed two-month International Summer Internship Programme (SIP) with 11.11.11, a reputed Belgium-based umbrella organisation dedicated to international solidarity and global justice. Dr. Joseph Marianus Kujur SJ (Director XISS), congratulated the students and stated that the internship was a remarkable step in building responsible leaders.

This internship provided them with an exceptional opportunity to gain hands-on experience in international development, advocacy, and collaborative project work in a cross-cultural setting. 11.11.11 brings together NGOs, unions, movements, and solidarity groups to work collectively for a fair and sustainable world.

XISS, Ranchi, through its long-standing partnership with University Support for Social Action (USOS), Belgium organises a Student Exchange Programme offering a transformative intercultural and academic experience for students. Students selected for this prestigious international exchange undergo a rigorous multi-stage selection process that includes an evaluation of their first-year academic performance, a written test, and a personal interview.

<https://xiss.ac.in/readmore/two-rural-management-students-of-xiss-attended-international-summer-internship-with-belgium-based-global-justice-organisation>



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**International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held at St Aloysius Institute of Education, St. Aloysius Deemed University, Mangalore, in collaboration with various Government Bodies.**



St. Aloysius Institute of Education, St. Aloysius Deemed University, Mangalore, in collaboration with various government and health agencies, hosted the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking – 2025 on July 9 at Eric Mathias Hall. The event was inaugurated by Smt. Jaibunnisa, Senior Civil Judge and Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, who emphasized the dangers of drug addiction, its links to crime, and the urgent need for prevention, especially among youth. Dr. Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), presided over the event. Experts from medical, mental health, and rehabilitation sectors shared insights on addiction and recovery. The event featured thoughtful addresses, awareness messages, and a collective call to action against substance abuse.

<https://stalloysius.edu.in/index.php/events/international-day-against-drug-abuse-and-illicit-trafficking>

**St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, holds a string of Lectures and Workshops on Industry-Academia Interface.**



**St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata**  
Autonomous College (2006), College with Potential for Excellence (2006)  
College of Excellence (2014), College with a Special Heritage Status (2016)  
NAAC Graded A++ College (4th Cycle, 2024), ISO 9001:2015 Certified  
NIRF INDIA RANKING 2024: 6th RANK IN COLLEGE CATEGORY

**INDUSTRY- ACADEMIA INTERFACE**  
Corporate Accounting

**Invited Lecture On:**  
PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF COMPANIES AS PER SCHEDULE III (DIVISION I)

**Organised By:**  
Postgraduate & Research Department of Commerce (Morning)  
Accounting & Finance Group

**CHIEF PATRON:**  
Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ  
Principal

**MENTOR:**  
Rev. Dr. Joseph Kulandai, SJ  
Vice-Principal

**SPEAKER:**  
CA Mayur Agrawal,  
Chairman, Eastern India Chartered  
Accountants Students Association  
&  
Vice Chairman, Eastern India  
Regional Council of ICAI

**DATE:**  
19TH JULY, 2025

**TIME:**  
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

**VENUE:**  
FR. DEPELCHIN AUDITORIUM

An invited lecture was organized on the 19th of July, 2025 on, Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements of Companies as per Schedule III (Division 1) with CA Mayur Agarwal, Eastern India Chartered Accountants Students Association & Vice Chairman, Eastern India Regional Council of ICAI. Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal was the Chief Patron and Rev. Dr. Joseph Kulandai, SJ, Vice Principal, was the Mentor.



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