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Pope's Address to Educators

On 31 October 2025, Pope Leo XIV met with 15,000 teachers and students in St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Jubilee of the World of Education. In his address, His Holiness thanked educators for their dedication to the formation of students and their "polyphonic" involvement in the Church and in Religious Institutes, Associations and Movements.



Drawing on his own experience as a teacher in the educational institutions of the Order of Saint Augustine, his address focused on four aspects fundamental to Christian education: interiority, unity, love and joy. He urged that these become "key elements" of educational practice. As he emphasized the social and cultural role of educators, he stressed that "the very joy of the educational process is a fully human engagement."

[Read More](#) [Watch Video](#)

Loyola College, Chennai Student Wins Bronze for India in the Asian Heyball Championship, 2025



Loyola College student Vidya Pillai brought pride to India by winning the bronze medal at the Asian Heyball Championship 2025, held in Amman, Jordan, from October 4 to 7, 2025. Representing the nation on an international platform, Vidya showcased remarkable skill and determination throughout the tournament, earning accolades for her exceptional performance. Her achievement not only highlights her individual excellence but also marks a proud moment for Loyola College and the country.

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St. Aloysius Student Honoured with Dakshina Kannada Rajyotsava Award



Remona Evette Pereira, a third-year B.A. student from St. Aloysius (Deemed-to-be University), Mangaluru, has been conferred the prestigious Dakshina Kannada Rajyotsava Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to art and culture. A talented classical dancer,

[Instagram Link](#)

Aloysius Institute of Management and Information Technology (AIMIT) and Father Muller Medical College Hospital (FMMCH) Sign MoU to Foster Academic and Research Collaboration



An MoU was signed on 17th October 2025 between Aloysius Institute of Management and Information Technology (AIMIT) and Father Muller Medical College Hospital (FMMCH) in the presence of the Management Committee of Father Muller Charitable Institutions, led by Rev. Fr Faustine Lucas Lobo and Rev. Dr Kiran Coth SJ. Signed by Rev. Fr George Jeevan Sequeira, the agreement seeks to provide AIMIT students with quality medical care, preventive health services, and awareness programmes. FMMCH, renowned for its ethical and patient-centred healthcare, continues to strengthen its community engagement through such collaborations.

Read more:

[Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\) Inked between AIMIT and FMMCH - AIMIT Centre](#)



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Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ is elected as President of Xavier Board of Higher Education

Praveen Martis, Vice-Chancellor of St. Aloysius (deemed to be university), Mangaluru, has been elected as the president of Xavier Board of Higher Education during the board's 25th Triennial Conference held recently at St Aloysius, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University).



The XXV Xavier Board Triennial Conference 2025 was inaugurated with great enthusiasm on October 18 at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University). The conference, themed 'Empowering Minds, Embracing Change: Reimagining Higher Education for a Global Tomorrow,' aimed to bring together leaders, academicians, and administrators to explore new paradigms in higher education for a rapidly evolving world. More than 300 participants, including vice chancellors, principals, managers, administrators and senior academicians from Catholic Higher Education Institutions across India attended this four-day national gathering that celebrates faith, leadership, and educational excellence.

Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA)
A Jesuit Business School

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14th among all the B-Schools	7th among Private B-Schools	3rd in the South Zone	2nd in Chennai City
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Loyola Institute of Business Administration Launches Five-Day Hospital Management Programme for L&T's Prayas Trust

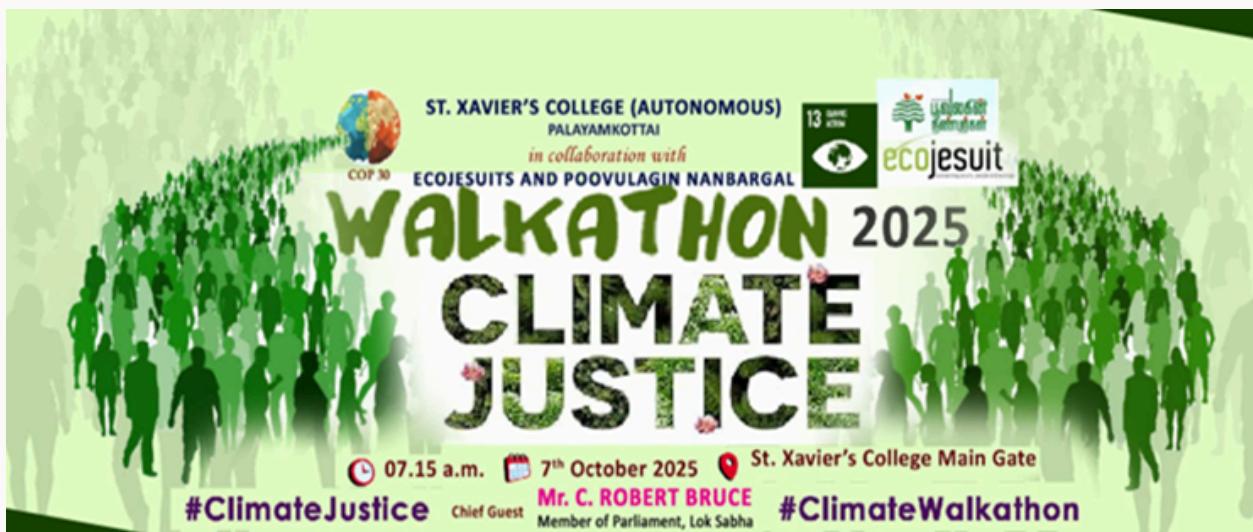


The Management Development Centre at Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA) launched a five-day Management Development Programme in Hospital Management for Larsen & Toubro's Prayas Trust on October 6, 2025. Inaugurated by Dr. Sunil Vakayil and Dr. Dhyana Sharon Ross. The programme provided participants with insights into healthcare management, finance, compliance, and quality standards, equipping them to lead health institutions effectively and contribute to sustainable community development.

Read more:

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St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai Organises Walkathon 2025 for Climate Justice



The Walkathon 2025 for Climate Justice was organised by St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, in collaboration with EcoJesuits and Poovulagin Nanbargal on 7th October 2025. The Chief Guest was Mr. C. Robert Bruce, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha. The flag-off ceremony was presided over by the Rector, Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J., and the Principal, Rev. Fr. Godwin Rufus, S.J. Guest speakers included climate activists and researchers who emphasised the urgent call for a fossil-fuel-free and sustainable world.

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[SXC 103rd WALKATHON 2025-26](#)



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Strengthening Jesuit Collaborations: St Aloysius University Visits St Joseph's College, Hassan



To strengthen Jesuit collaborations and foster fellowship among the institutions, representatives from St. Aloysius Deemed to be University, Mangaluru visited St Joseph's College, Hassan on the 9th of October 2025, to exchange meaningful discussions and explore the opportunities for academic partnerships, faculty engagement, and joint initiatives. Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Registrar, Dr. Regi John from the Department of Economics, and Mr. Arjun from the Department of Commerce, represented St. Aloysius Deemed to be University, Mangaluru, and interacted with the faculty as well as management staff of SJC Hassan.

Read more : [St Joseph's College, Hassan](#) :

St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru Strengthens Global and National Ties with Four Strategic MoUs



Three Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed with the University of San Francisco (USA), Pontifical Universidad Javeriana (Colombia), and Loyola Marymount University (USA) to foster student and faculty collaboration and strengthen global partnerships. Additionally, the SJCC Research Centre signed an MoU with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, on October 9, to facilitate advanced research methodology programmes and specialized certificate courses.

As part of global learning initiatives, the International Desk of St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru organized immersion programs to Western Europe and UAE, offering students cross-cultural exposure and business insights from October 24-30.



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St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association (SXCAA) North Bengal Chapter Organised Flood Relief Drive



On 10th October 2025, the North Bengal Chapter of the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association (SXCAA) conducted a flood relief initiative for families affected by the recent floods in North Bengal. Essential supplies including food, medicines, clothing, and hygiene kits were distributed at Dudhey and nearby Mirik villages, with plans to reach Sukiapokri next. The drive reflected the Xaverian spirit of compassion and service.

Father Felix Raj Strengthens St. Xavier's University, Kolkata-Sussex University Collaboration



During his London visit on October 13, Father Felix Raj, along with Manik Dey and Nandan Roy, visited the University of Sussex to explore new avenues of collaboration under the existing MoU between St. Xavier's University, Kolkata (SXUK) and Sussex. Coordinated by Prof. Sambit Bhattacharyya, the meeting focused on cooperation in Economics, Business, Law, and Doctoral programmes, with Prof. Simon Thomson hosting the delegation.

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[St. Xaviers University, Kolkata](#)



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Xavier School of Management, Jamshedpur Signs MoU with Aster DM Healthcare, Dubai, and Hosts Leadership Talk on Technology and Growth



XLRI Jamshedpur and Aster DM Healthcare, Dubai, signed an MoU on October 14, 2025, establishing a long-term collaboration to strengthen industry-academia partnership. The event was attended by Fr. Sebastian George, S.J. (Director, XLRI), faculty members, and the Aster leadership team. As part of the Aster NextGen Management Trainee Program, Mr. Jacob, Group CHRO, delivered a Leadership Talk on "Catalyst of Business Growth: The New Dimensions of Technology and People," highlighting how innovation and human potential drive organizational growth and marking the start of a promising partnership between leadership and learning.

Read more: [Instagram](#)

Xavier School of Management (XLRI), Jamshedpur Signs MoU with 7-Eleven Global Solution Centre-India to Strengthen Industry-Academia Collaboration



XLRI Jamshedpur signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 7 Eleven Global Solution Centre-India on October 17, 2025, establishing a long-term partnership to enhance collaboration between academia and industry. The signing ceremony, held on campus, was attended by Fr. George Sebastian (Director, XLRI), Prof. Kanagaraj Ayyalusamy (Convenor – Corporate Relations & Placements), Prof. Sanjay Patro (Dean – Academics), and Prof. Sunil Sarangi (Co-Convenor – Corporate Relations & Placements). Representing 7 Eleven Corporate Services India LLP, Mr. Malahar Raju Pinnelli (VP & Country Leader) graced the occasion. The partnership will focus on academic lectures and CXO leadership engagements, preparing students to excel in the global business landscape.

Read more: [Instagram](#)



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Loyola College of Social Sciences Hosts International Lecture on Jesuit Education with Prof. Maura Mast from Fordham University



An International Lecture on Jesuit Education was successfully conducted by Loyola College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) on 23rd October 2025 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the Education Theatre. The event featured Prof. Maura Mast, a Professor of Mathematics and Dean from Fordham University, USA, as the international speaker. The lecture was presided over by Rev. Dr. Sabu P Thomas SJ, and coordinated by Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson, Head of the Department of Sociology.

Read more: [Loyola School, Thiruvananthapuram | Facebook](#)

Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET) and Dr. Agarwal's Institute Host International Conference on Intelligent Systems and Vision Technology in Eye Care



The Department of Research and Innovations at Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET), in collaboration with Dr. Agarwal's Institute of Optometry (DAIO), hosted the International Conference on Intelligent Systems and Vision Technology in Eye Care (ISVTEC 2025) on 24th October 2025 at G01 Hall, LICET. Centred on the theme "Technology in Eye Care," the conference featured distinguished guests including Dr. Athiya Agarwal, Dr. Sujatha Mohan, Mr. Vishwak Avanan, Rev. Dr. Antony Robinson SJ and Dr. A. Baskar. The sessions highlighted how emerging technologies are transforming diagnosis and treatment in eye care, providing a platform for researchers, academicians and professionals to exchange ideas and explore new frontiers in healthcare innovation.



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National Seminar on Enlightened Leadership organised by Dharma Rajya Vedi in collaboration with Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bengaluru

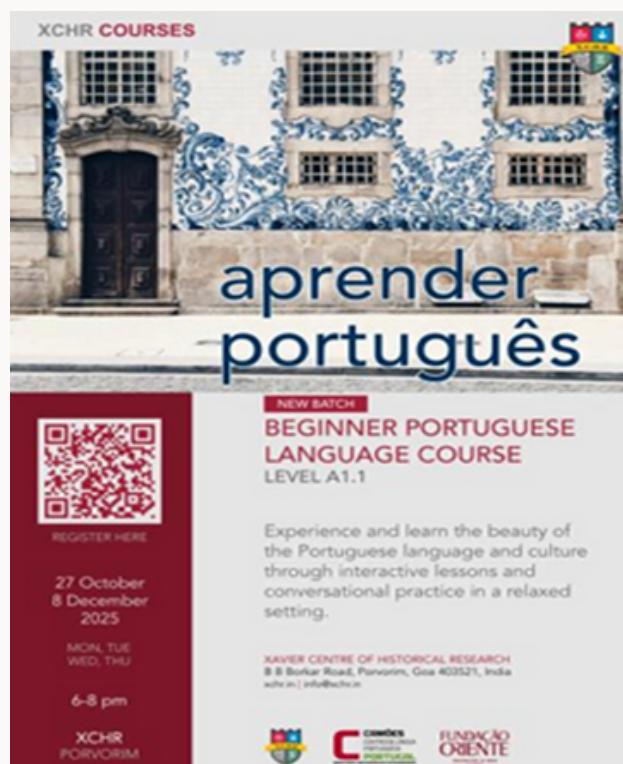


The Dharma Rajya Vedi (DRV), in collaboration with the Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bengaluru, organised a one-day National Seminar on “Enlightened Leadership for a Greater India of Peace & Unity.” The event featured multi-faith participation and thought-provoking sessions on leadership, peace, and inter-religious harmony. Key highlights included the release of the book “Enlightened Leadership for the Greater India Movement” by Bishop Emeritus Joshua Mar Ignathios, and addresses by Acharyasri Sachidananda Bharathi, Dr. Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ, Dr. Denzil Fernandes SJ, and other distinguished speakers. The seminar concluded with a collective call to foster peace, justice, and moral leadership across communities.

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Beginner Portuguese Language Course (Level A1.1) 'Aprender Português' offered at Xavier Centre of Historical Research, Goa with the support of Camões-CLP, Panjim, and Fundação Oriente, Panjim



Xavier Centre of Historical Research (XCHR), Goa with the support of Fundação Oriente, Panjim announced an offline certified course 'Aprender Português', a Beginner Portuguese Language Course (Level A1.1) on September 24, 2025 which would commence from October 27, 2025 till December 8, 2025 at XCHR, Goa, with evening classes from Monday to Thursday. The course would include interactive lessons and conversational practice with the course instructors who are native Portuguese speakers. The certification for the course is to be provided by XCHR, Goa, and Camões-CLP, Panjim.

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[Aprender Português \[new batch\] - by XCHR](#)



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St. Joseph's Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli Student Represents India at Young South Asian Leaders Initiative (YSALI) Workshop in Bangladesh



A. Glaver Bruno, a student of St. Joseph's Institute of Management (JIM), Tiruchirappalli, represented the institute at the prestigious Young South Asian Leaders Initiative (YSALI) In-Country Workshop on Social Entrepreneurship held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. His participation marks a proud achievement for JIM, showcasing the institution's commitment to nurturing global leaders.

Read more:

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St. Xavier's College, Mahuadnr Honoured for Voluntary Blood Donation Initiative



St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mahuadnr, has been awarded a certificate of recognition by the Latehar district administration for its outstanding contribution to voluntary blood donation. The college organises annual blood donation camps as part of its ongoing commitment to social welfare and community service. The recognition highlights the institution's dedication not only to academic excellence but also to the well-being of society.



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A new chapter of collaboration begins! MoU signed by St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, Nepal, and Saint Louis College of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines



St. Xavier's College, Maitighar and Saint Louis College of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking the beginning of a promising collaboration between the two institutions. This MoU will pave the way for joint initiatives towards academic excellence and mutual growth.

St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, Nepal: The collaboration continues and bonding strengthens

Fr. Dr. Boby Joseph, S.J. (Director of Loyola Campus), Ms. Saluja Chand (Vice Principal, TU programs), Ms. Priti Sharma Bhandari and Sr. Sophie Lee (Counselors) visited the University of Trnava, Trnava, Slovakia during the second week of October, 2025 as part of the ongoing exchange program between the Education and Counselling department of the Faculty of Education and Theology.

There were a part of working meetings at the Rectorate as well as at the Faculty of Education and Theology that have opened up new possibilities. They also participated in the international conference organized by the Department of Counseling.

The university also planned cultural visits to different places like Vienna, Budapest and Prague and Cerveny Kamen Castle followed by spiritual experiential activity to High Tatras where Fr. Dr. Boby Joseph, S.J. was invited as a guest of experiential practices for students of the Religious and Cultural Mediation study program.



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Spread the Light 2025

St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association (SXCCAA) successfully hosted its annual benevolent festive outreach programme, "Spread the Light," on Wednesday, 15th October 2025, at the St. Xavier's College, Park Street Campus. This initiative remains a core expression of the Association's enduring commitment to social service and compassionate engagement.

The programme was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata; President, SXCCAA; and Secretary, Jesuit Higher Education Association of South Asia (JHEASA), along with other esteemed Jesuit Fathers of the St. Xavier's College Community.



Through this benevolent effort, members of SXCCAA reached out to specially-abled individuals, underprivileged children, and senior citizens across various social welfare institutions, distributing food items, essential supplies, and festive gifts on the joyous occasion of Kali Puja, Deepavali, and Bhaidooj.

In his address, Rev. Father Principal highlighted that the true essence of our festivals lies in sharing light and love with others — acts that reflect the Xaverian mission of Faith in Action by bringing hope, inclusiveness, dignity, and joy to every life we touch.

This year's outreach benefited residents and members of the following institutions:

1. Nirmal Hriday, Kalighat (Missionaries of Charity)
2. Save the Children Home, Thakurpukur (Sishu Raksha Sadan)
3. Harinavi Srijan Siksha Niketan
4. Shoishob – A Foundation for Children
5. Save the Orphans & Old Age Home, Bansdroni
- 6.

Such collective initiatives reaffirm the Xaverian spirit of "Faith in Action," guided by Jesuit values and inspired by our cherished motto — "Nihil Ultra" (Nothing Beyond). SXCCAA remains deeply committed to continuing its journey of service and compassion in the days ahead.



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Radius Club of Loyola Institute of Business Administration Organises Blood Donation Campaign in Collaboration with HDFC Bank



The Radius Club of Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA) organised a Blood Donation Campaign on October 9, 2025, reaffirming the institution's commitment to community welfare. The event was graced by Ms. Maria Priya, Vice President – Retail Operations, HDFC Bank, and Rtn. Dr. Vettrivel, Additional Director – Community Service (Health), Rotary International, as Chief Guests. Organised in collaboration with HDFC Bank and Dr. Kamakshi Memorial Hospitals, Chennai, the campaign saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff. The initiative once again highlighted LIBA's enduring belief that true leadership begins with service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SOUTH ZONE JHEASA CONFERENCE: **12TH TO 14TH NOVEMBER 2025** AT LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, TRIVENDRUM.
- NORTH ZONE JHEASA CONFERENCE: **14TH TO 16TH NOVEMBER 2025**, JESUIT CURIA, MATIGARA, DARJEELING PROVINCE.
- WEST ZONE JHEASA CONFERENCE: **27TH AND 28TH NOVEMBER 2025** AT SXC, MUMBAI.
- CENTRAL ZONE JHEASA CONFERENCE: **12TH TO 14TH DECEMBER 2025** IN HAZARIBAGH.
- ANNUAL JHEASA CONFERENCE: **26TH TO 28TH JANUARY 2026** HOSTED BY SXC, MUMBAI