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JHEASA Province Coordinators' Meeting 2025 at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata



The Jesuit Higher Education Association of South Asia (JHEASA) held its annual Province Co-ordinators for Higher Education (PCHEs) Meeting from 19–21 September 2025 at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. The main purpose of the meet was to continue the reflection process on vitalizing Jesuit Higher Education in the present-day context, to share the success achieved in each province and to meet challenges unitedly by way of networking and sharing resources with each other. The event began with a fellowship dinner and included an inaugural address by Fr. Joe Arun, SJ, a sharing on the Reimagining and Restructuring Process, and a Eucharistic celebration. Afternoon inputs included an online message from Fr. Joseph Christie, SJ (Secretary for Higher Education, Rome) and an address by Fr. Stanislaus D'Souza, SJ (President, Jesuit Conference of South Asia). Discussions focused on implementing global concerns from the IAJU Assembly, Bogotá. On September 21, deliberations focused on zonal-level planning, a higher education policy for the assistantship, and strategies for networking and collaboration, in preparation for the upcoming JHEASA Conference in Mumbai. The meeting also approved the formulation of an Assistantship Level Higher Education Policy and established six Task Forces to develop action plans based on IAJU agendas, involving staff, students, and alumni from each zone. Marked by reflection and collaboration, the meeting reaffirmed Jesuit higher education's commitment to aligning local initiatives with global priorities.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TWO-DAY MEETING OF THE SOUTH ASIAN JESUIT PROVINCE CO-ORDINATORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (JHEASA) HELD AT ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, KOLKATA FROM 19TH TO 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2025

All the Jesuit Province Co-ordinators for Higher Education attended the three-day meeting called by the JHEASA Secretary, at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata from 19th to 21st September, 2025. The main purposes of calling for the meet was to continue the reflection process of vitalizing the Jesuit Higher Education in the present-day context, to share the success achieved in each province and to meet challenges unitedly by way of networking and sharing resources with each other.

The second purpose was to look at the main agendas that emerged at IAJU Assembly, Bogota, Colombia. The six agendas emerged at the Assembly were: (1) Students' Mental Health and Spiritual Health, (2) Ecological and Environmental Justice, (3) Migrants and Refugees, (4) Democracy, (5) Secularism and (6) Artificial Intelligence.

In successive sessions, the Province Co-ordinators shared their achievements, initiatives taken to respond to the emerging challenges and have agreed to network with each other to continue the process of re-imagining and re-structuring of Jesuit Higher Education in South Asia. Following initiatives were put in place for achieving the desired goals: -

A. Appointment of the Four Zonal Co-ordinators: -

- 1) North Zone: Fr. Augustine Thomas, SJ (Darjeeling and Nepal Province)
- 2) Central Zone: Fr. Pradeep Kerketta, SJ (Ranchi Province)
- 3) West Zone: Fr. John Rose, SJ (Mumbai Province)
- 4) South Zone: Fr. Louie Albert, SJ (Chennai Province)

Another important decision arrived at was to formulate Assistancy Level Higher Education Policy. The Policy framing committee was set up with the consent of the PCHEs. The committee consisted of: -

- 1) Fr. Rex Angelo, SJ (Andhra Province) – Convener
- 2) Fr. Arokiam Kulandai, SJ (Madurai Province)
- 3) Fr. M.K. Jose, SJ (Hazaribagh Province)

In addition, Six Task Forces have been set up to study the six agendas that emerged at the IAJU Assembly, Bogota, Colombia. The Task Forces are to come out with action plans meant for all the Jesuit Higher Education Institutions in South Asia. The following Conveners will induct more members consisting of staff members, students and alumni, etc. from each zone.

- 1) Democracy: Dr. Paul Newman (Convener)
- 2) Secularism: Fr. A. Louie Albert, SJ (Convener)
- 3) Artificial Intelligence: Fr. John Ross, SJ (Convener)
- 4) Student Mental Health and Spiritual Health: Fr. Melwyn Pinto, SJ (Convener)
- 5) Ecological and Environmental Justice: Fr. Paul Arockiam, SJ (Convener)
- 6) Migrants and Refugees: Fr. Pradeep Kerketta, SJ (Convener)

All the above-mentioned committees will call for meetings to chalk out plans to fulfill their responsibilities. They will present a report on the progress of their work in the forthcoming JHEASA Conference to be held in Mumbai from 26th to 28th January, 2026.

Fr. Dominic Savio, SJ
Secretary, JHEASA



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JHEASA West Zone Hosts “Be an Eco-Warrior” Student Camp Promoting Ecological Awareness and Sustainable Living



JHEASA West Zone organized a student camp titled “Be an Eco-Warrior” at the Xavier Training Centre, Desur, Belgavi, from September 25–27, 2025, bringing together forty students and faculty from five Jesuit institutions for an immersive ecological awareness programme. The sessions— “Restoring our Deep Connection with the Earth,” “The Green Revolution: Capturing Green Energy for a Cleaner Tomorrow,” and “Eco-Smart Living”—focused on sustainability, renewable energy, soil and personal health, and innovative eco-friendly practices such as circular economy and ecopreneurship. Participants also engaged in experiential learning through visits to Aduri and Rumewadi villages to study biogas units, women’s empowerment, and microfinance models, and to ISKCON’s Gokul Dham Eco-Village, where they witnessed sustainable living through organic farming and renewable energy use. Complemented by nature experiences like trekking to Chikhale waterfalls and exploring Rajhansgad Fort, the camp concluded with participants pledging to embrace ecological responsibility and sustainable lifestyles.

St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Mumbai’s ‘Gateway to Japan’



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MUMBAI
(EMPOWERED AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE)
DEPT. OF ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY, CULTURE AND ARCHAEOLOGY

QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE (QEP) PROGRAMME



KIZUNA
A GATEWAY TO JAPAN 101
INTRODUCTION TO CULTURE, LANGUAGE,
SITES, AND MUCH MORE

RESOURCE PERSONS:
Dr. Aishwarya Sugandhi (Kyoto University of Foreign Studies)
Dr. Pallavi Bhatte (Kyoto University)
Dr. Jason Johns (Dept. of AIHCA, SXC, Mumbai)

Time: 4 pm to 7 pm
Registration Fee:
Students: Rs. 1500/-
Outsiders: Rs 1800/- (Inclusive of GST)
Dates: 1st- 30th September 2025
(TOTAL 10 SESSIONS)
An exciting visit to Kanheri Caves!



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The Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, successfully conducted the "Kizuna: Gateway to Japan" program. This interdisciplinary course, held from September 1 to 21, 2025, provided students with foundational knowledge of Japanese language, culture and spiritual landscapes. The program featured expert sessions by resource persons including Dr. Jason Johns, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, Dr. Aishwarya Sugandhi, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies and Dr. Pallavi Bhatte, University of Kyoto. Fifteen students successfully completed the hybrid course, which included experiential learning at the Kanheri Caves.



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Youth Animation Workshop organised at Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi in collaboration with Youth Empowering Service-Jesuits, Andhra Loyola College Campus, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh



The Vidyajyoti Institute of Religious Studies (Vidyajyoti College of Theology), Delhi in collaboration with Youth Empowering Service-Jesuits (YES-J) organised a three-day Youth Animation Workshop from September 1 to September 3, 2025. The workshop focused on understanding, engaging, and empowering the youth, offering the participants valuable insight into the pastoral mission of the Church in present-day India.

Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Partnering Hope into Action (PHIA)



Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, and Partnering Hope into Action (PHIA) Foundation signed an MoU on 4 September 2025 to promote academic growth, social transformation, and capacity building. The collaboration focuses on student engagement, gender equality, and social outreach through initiatives like Change Makers and Gender Adda. PHIA will co-host programs on gender themes, while XISS provides institutional support and infrastructure. The partnership aims to nurture socially responsible professionals and foster leadership across academic, corporate, and developmental sectors.

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Indo-French-Danish Knowledge Collaboration launched by Xavier School of Management - XLRI, Delhi,



XLRI - Delhi launched its Indo-French-Danish Knowledge Collaboration on 6 September 2025 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, in partnership with the University of Paris-1 Panthéon Sorbonne, University of Bordeaux, UNESCO Chair at the University of Paris Nanterre, the Danish Consortium for Academic Craftsmanship (DCAC), and the IIE Consortium. The collaboration will offer joint academic programs, executive education, research, consulting, and faculty-student exchanges, with new specializations in healthcare management, family business, digital business, and consulting from 2025–26. With globally recognized European degrees, it promises affordable, portable, industry-relevant qualifications, enhancing global mobility for Indian students and professionals.

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, continues with its academic excellence



Consistent ranking in the NIRF, India

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata has steadily demonstrated excellence in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). The college has consistently ranked within the top 10 across the years which by itself is a remarkable achievement. In the latest NIRF rankings, the college secured a commendable position and the overall score have improved compared to previous years. We have strengthened our position in terms of research, outreach and inclusivity. While the graduation outcomes remain strong, the regional diversity improved marginally as we could admit more students from other states and abroad. Perception score also improved, reflecting stronger public and peer reputation. The college's steady progress in NIRF rankings serves as both recognition of past efforts and motivation to reach greater heights, reaffirming its commitment to quality education and nation-building.

Memorandum of Understanding with 'Snowflake'

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, has introduced the Snowflake for Academia programme to enrich their Data Science curriculum with innovative resources and opportunities. The signing of the MoU with Snowflake will provide students and educators from the Postgraduate Department of Data Science to access their cutting-edge platform, curriculum and globally recognized certifications.

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Migrant Assistance and Information Network (MAIN) National Consultation Meeting held at Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bengaluru



Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bengaluru in collaboration with Migrant Assistance and Information Network (MAIN) held the MAIN National Consultation Meeting organised by Fr. Martin Puthussery SJ, Director of MAIN, at ISI Bengaluru on September 9 and 10, 2025. The meeting included all the Hub Directors, Zonal Directors, and key collaborators from across the country. Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza SJ, President of South Asia (POSA), commended the tremendous work undertaken by MAIN, and encouraged the intensification of efforts to assist the most vulnerable migrant communities across source and destination states.

Read More: <https://isibangalore.com/main-national-consultation-meeting-held-at-isi-bengaluru/>

Memorandum of Understanding signed by XLRI Jamshedpur and XLRI Delhi-NCR with Loyola Marymount University (LMU), Los Angeles



XLRI Jamshedpur and XLRI Delhi-NCR signed an MoU with Loyola Marymount University (LMU), Los Angeles, on 13 September 2025 in New Delhi. The LMU delegation included Dr. Dayle M. Smith (Dean, College of Business Administration), Dr. Maureen P. Weatherall (Vice Provost), and Dr. Ammar Dalal (Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education). Representing XLRI were Fr. S George, S.J. (Director, XLRI Jamshedpur), Fr. Nelson A. D'Silva, S.J. (Acting Director, XLRI Delhi-NCR), Prof. Santosh Sangem (Convenor, International Relations & Collaborations), and Fr. Alwyn Rodrigues, S.J. (Dean, Administration - XLRI Delhi-NCR). This collaboration aims to strengthen academic exchange, research, and innovation, creating new opportunities for students and faculty.

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United Voices for Unorganised and Migrant Workers meeting organised by Jan Sakti Trade Union at Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bengaluru



Jan Sakti Trade Union in collaboration with Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bengaluru, organised the meeting 'United Voices for Unorganised and Migrant Workers' on September 14, 2025 at Gandhi Bhawan in Bengaluru. Trade unions working for the rights of unorganised labourers came together, joined by representatives from the Department of Labour Migration (ISI B), special invitees Fr. Samir Minj and Mr. Calvin, along with ten migrant leaders. The meeting focused on a pressing issue: while laws and policies exist to protect unorganised and migrant workers, their implementation remains weak, leaving workers underpaid and vulnerable. Over 300 participants from various trade unions attended, creating a strong atmosphere of solidarity and determination.

Read More: <https://isibangalore.com/united-voices-for-unorganised-and-migrant-workers/>

Honouring the Women of Courage at St. Joseph's College, Hassan



The Kannada Sangha of St Joseph's College, Hassan, hosted a special lecture by H. G. Kanchana Mala, former district joint secretary of Scouts and Guides, Hassan, on the 17th of September 2025, to celebrate and honour courageous women who shaped society with their strength and determination, reaffirming these values of resilience among the rising generation of women. The lecture paid tribute to great women freedom fighters from Karnataka namely, Kittur Rani Chennamma, Rani Abbakka Devi, Devi Ahilyabai Holkar, and encouraged students to kindle social change.

Read More: https://www.sjchassan.edu.in/Honouring_Women_Courage25.php



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XLRI, Jamshedpur, Collaborates with Government Bodies to launch a string of live projects



XLRI Jamshedpur, in collaboration with the Industries Department, Government of Jharkhand, JIIDCO, JIADA, and Invest India, launched 15 live projects under the Jharkhand Industrial Policy Lab. Supported by Invest India and EY as knowledge and consulting partners, the initiative engages 30 student teams through XLRI's Public Policy elective and CPPR. This first-of-its-kind effort bridges academia, government, and industry, offering experiential learning while fostering policy innovation, sustainable growth, and Jharkhand's industrial development.

Read More: <https://www.xlri.ac.in/newsroom/press-releases/xlri-partners-with-industries-department-and-invest-india-to-launch-15-live-projects-under-jharkhand-industrial-policy-lab>

XLRI Professors amongst top 2% Scientists and Researchers of the World

Prof. Prashant Kumar and Prof. Ameet Kumar Banerjee, XLRI Jamshedpur, have been featured among the World's Top 2% Scientists and Researchers, in the prestigious list jointly published by Stanford University and Elsevier. Their pioneering contributions in the fields of Business & Management and Economics reflect XLRI's enduring commitment to excellence in research.



Dr. Prashant Kumar



Dr. Ameet Kumar Banerjee

Read More: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DPDWjvSkqmG/>

Delegation from Loyola Marymount University Visited St. Joseph's College of Commerce for Academic Collaboration

On September 18, 2025, a delegation from Loyola Marymount University, USA visited St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bangalore. The meeting focused on exploring avenues for academic collaboration, including student and faculty exchanges, joint research initiatives, and shared learning opportunities. The visit underscored the institution's commitment to fostering global partnerships and enhancing academic excellence through international engagement.

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St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, contributed to Sustainable Rural Energy by Installing Vertical Axis Wind Turbine in Yagapudayanpatti



The Extension Department-SHEPHERD of St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, successfully installed a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine in Yagapudayanpatti on September 19, 2025. This initiative, under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, marks a significant step towards promoting sustainable rural energy systems.

Read More: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/trichy/vertical-axis-wind-turbine-powers-community-centre/articleshow/124018522.cms>

St. Aloysius Institute of Education, Mangalore, Karnataka, Cadets Lead Cleanliness Drive on World Rivers Day



On 20th September 2025, the 18 KAR Battalion, Mangalore Group, in collaboration with St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, organized a Cleanliness and Awareness Drive at Someshwara Beach as part of the nationwide Swachhotsav campaign. Led by ANO Capt. Shakin Raj under the guidance of Lt Col Rohit Prakash Rai, the initiative saw the active participation of 90 NCC Army Wing cadets. The drive combined beach cleaning, sapling distribution and public awareness activities, emphasizing the importance of rivers, coastal ecosystems and environmental sustainability. Cadets engaged with locals and tourists, promoting eco-friendly practices and reinforcing the spirit of Swachh Bharat.

Read More: <https://staloyusius.edu.in/events/18-kar-bn-mangalore-group-in-collaboration-with-st-aloyusius-university-holds-cleanliness-and-awareness-drive-on-world-rivers-day>

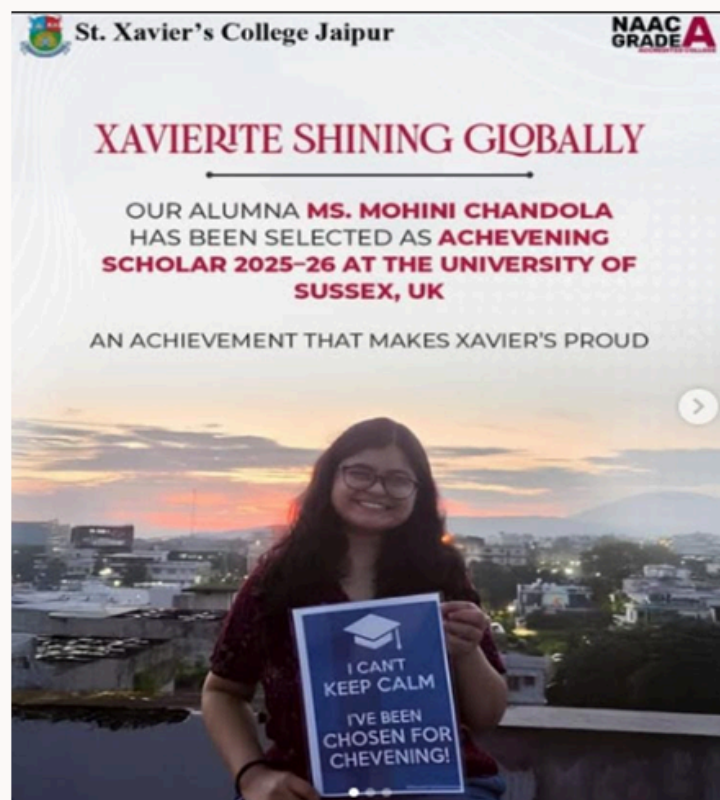
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Loyola College, Mettala, Conducts Tree Plantation Drive



On 20th September, 2025, a large-scale Tree Plantation Drive was conducted on the college campus, jointly organised by the National Service Scheme (NSS), Youth Red Cross (YRC), and the ECO Club, in collaboration with the Forest Department. As part of the initiative, 500 tree saplings were planted across various locations within the campus, marking a significant step towards promoting environmental sustainability and ecological balance. The event was attended by college officials, club representatives, parents who actively took part in the plantation drive along with the student volunteers. Such initiative reflects the institutions commitment towards sustainable development and its role in shaping socially responsible citizens.

St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, proudly celebrates Alumna Achievement



St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, alumna Mohini Chandola, has been selected as a Chevening Scholar 2025–26 at the University of Sussex, UK. The Chevening Scholarship is a prestigious recognition awarded to emerging leaders committed to creating positive change in society. Her success not only brings honour to her alma mater but also reflects the Jesuit tradition of nurturing excellence, leadership, and a global outlook.

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St. Aloysius (deemed to be University) Shines Bright with the Chanakya Award and Kautilya Award, 2025



St. Aloysius(deemed to be University), Mangaluru, has been honoured with the prestigious Chanakya Award, 2025 for Leadership Excellence in Education by the Public Relations Council of India (PRCI). The award was received during the 19th Global Communication Conclave held on 26th September 2025 at Panjim, Goa. On the same occasion, Ms. Remona Evette Pereira was honoured with the Kautilya Award 2025 for Fine Arts Excellence – Dance, by the PRCI.

Loyola ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET), Chennai Celebrating a Century of Excellence with Loyola Alumni USA Summit 2025



Loyola ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET) held the Loyola Alumni USA Summit 2025, a three-day celebration marking 100 years of Loyola excellence, from September 26–28, 2025, at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Bringing together alumni across generations, the summit featured inspiring keynote sessions, cultural showcases, alumni reunions and powerful networking opportunities. LICET warmly invited its alumni in the US to join this historic gathering, reconnect with peers and strengthen global professional ties.

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Loyola College of Education, Chennai, Partnered with Govt. of Tamil Nadu to Host Two-Day National Conference on Tourism and Sustainability

Loyola College of Education, Chennai, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC), Government of Tamil Nadu, hosted a two-day national conference on "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation: Empowering Destinations for SDGs" on 29th and 30th September 2025, in commemoration of World Tourism Day. The event brought together experts and academicians to discuss sustainable practices in tourism, with Dr. S. Venkatraman, Senior Consultant at UNESCO, gracing the conference as the Chief Guest.

Read More: <https://www.loyolacollege.edu/docs/TSTED2025.pdf>

Students from St. Xavier's College, Maitighar Selected for Erasmus+ Exchange in Slovakia



Under the Erasmus+ KA171 Student Mobility Program, two students, Ms. Radha Kumari Mahato and Ms. Shrinkhala Chand Thakuri, from the Department of Major Arts, St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, have been selected to participate in a semester-long academic exchange at Trnava University, Slovakia. Their study period extends from September to December 2025, during which they will engage in coursework and cultural exchange activities as part of the international academic collaboration between the two institutions.

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International Conference organized by SXC, Maitighar, Nepal in collaboration with St. Paul's Institute of Professional Studies (Autonomous), Indore, India



As an implementation of the MoU signed in December 2024, SXC Maitighar collaborated with St. Paul Institute of Professional Studies (Autonomous), Indore, India in organizing an international conference. The conference themed "Humanity and AI: Evolving Minds, Narratives and Societies in the Digital Age" was held on September 20, 2025 in hybrid mode. Mr. Aashish Ghimire, Lecturer at the Department of Major Arts, SXC was one of the keynote speakers at the event.