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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



As the new year dawns, bringing with it renewed joy and deeper commitment, we at JHEASA step forward with gratitude and hope, reaffirming our mission of holistic education that forms both mind and spirit. Rooted in the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis*—care for the whole person—we look ahead to a year of learning, service, and purposeful engagement. In this issue of the JHEASA Newsletter, we reflect on the rich tapestry of activities undertaken by our member institutions during the closing month of the past year, December 2025, each echoing our shared pursuit of excellence in education and service to society.

St. Xavier's Mahuadnr Hosts National Seminar on Harmonizing AI with Value-Based Education



St. Xavier's College, Mahuadnr, convened a National Seminar on December 11, 2025, exploring the intersection of AI and value-based higher education. Addressing 265 attendees, keynote speakers Dr. Fr. Dominic Savio SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata and Secretary, JHEASA, accompanied by Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy SJ, Rector, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata emphasized that AI must serve as a supplementary tool rather than a substitute for holistic instruction. Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy SJ elaborated on the Jesuit approach to harmonizing technology with ethical responsibility and service to society. The forum successfully reinforced the necessity of balancing technological advancement with the Jesuit ethos of *cura personalis* and ethical stewardship.

Overall, the seminar significantly enhanced awareness of AI's role in higher education, reaffirmed the primacy of values in academic practice, addressed key challenges such as equity, data privacy, and curriculum relevance, and strengthened collaboration within the Jesuit Higher Education network.



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JHEASA Conference - South Zone



Workshop on Compassion • Truth • Peace • Dialogical Democracy Initiative (DDI)

12–14 December 2025 | Loyola College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Thiruvananthapuram

The three-day South Zone JHEASA Workshop on Dialogical Democracy, Citizenship, and Eco-socially Engaged Spirituality was designed as a reflective and action-oriented learning process deeply rooted in Jesuit educational values. Bringing together faculty members and students, the workshop integrated prayer, dialogue, experiential learning, critical reflection, and collective discernment, with a consistent focus on translating values into concrete personal and institutional action.

Participants developed a deepened understanding of democracy as a lived, dialogical, and participatory practice rather than merely a procedural system. Through sustained engagement with constitutional values, citizenship, and contemporary democratic challenges, the workshop highlighted the importance of ethical responsibility, inclusivity, and attention to marginalized voices. A strong emphasis was also placed on eco-social responsibility, enabling participants to critically examine consumerism, environmental degradation, and the interconnectedness of democracy, sustainability, and care for creation.

The workshop fostered critical reflection on the role of higher education, underscoring how curricula, pedagogy, governance, and campus culture can actively shape democratic consciousness and responsible citizenship. A notable achievement was the creation of a genuinely dialogical faculty–student learning space, where mutual listening, shared inquiry, and co-learning strengthened everyday democratic practice within academic institutions.

The most significant and tangible outcome was the drafting of a Democratic Campus Charter, articulating collective commitments to participatory governance, inclusivity, ecological responsibility, ethical citizenship, dialogue-based conflict resolution, and active student engagement. Envisioned as a living framework, the charter aims to guide institutional policies and campus culture over time.

Supported by reflective and spiritual exercises, participants integrated these insights at a personal level, recognizing spirituality as a sustaining force for democratic and social engagement. The workshop concluded with a strong commitment to continuity, including follow-up initiatives to ensure accountability and implementation.

Overall, the workshop successfully moved participants from reflection to articulation and from dialogue to direction, resulting in both personal transformation and a concrete institutional outcome, while laying a strong foundation for embedding dialogical democracy, eco-social responsibility, and Jesuit values into everyday academic life.



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JHEASA Conference - Central Zone



The JHEASA Conference 3.0 (Central Zone) was held from 11–13 December 2025 at St. Xavier's School, Hazaribagh, focusing on the theme "Jesuit Identity and Our Mission." The conference brought together Jesuit leaders and academicians to reflect on the contemporary challenges of higher education and to reaffirm the distinctive mission of Jesuit institutions.

Guided by the leadership and insights of senior Jesuit educators and resource persons, the conference strongly reaffirmed the centrality of Jesuit identity, Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs), and mission-oriented education. Participants emphasized moving beyond symbolic expressions of identity toward lived, contextual, and transformative engagement, particularly in service of marginalized and tribal communities.

A major outcome was the formal adoption of the JHEASA Reimagining and Restructuring (RR) Framework, a comprehensive, mission-focused institutional audit tool aimed at quality enhancement, sustainability, and renewal. The conference also resolved to strengthen inter-institutional collaboration and mentorship, with established colleges supporting developing institutions in accreditation, governance, and academic best practices.

Students' mental health and holistic well-being emerged as a key priority, leading to the decision to constitute a Zonal-level Task Force to address psychological, spiritual, and emotional needs through structured support systems. Institutions further committed themselves to future-ready academic initiatives, including responsible integration of digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence, rooted firmly in Jesuit ethics and human values.

The conference reaffirmed the preferential option for the poor, stressing expanded access, equity, and inclusion for first-generation learners, Adivasi and marginalized communities. Participants also resolved to enhance policy engagement and Jesuit thought leadership in national educational discourse, promoting democracy, pluralism, sustainability, and inclusive development.

Overall, JHEASA Conference 3.0 culminated in a shared, actionable roadmap that positions Jesuit Higher Education in the Central Zone as mission-centered, collaborative, inclusive, student-focused, and future-ready, committed to academic excellence, social justice, and holistic human formation.



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Rev. Dr Victor Lobo, SJ, the Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University, at the World Peace Summit 2025, in Seoul, South Korea



Rev. Dr. Victor Lobo SJ, Vice-Chancellor of St. Joseph's University, represented India as a peace ambassador at the 11th Anniversary of the September 18th Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) World Peace Summit 2025.

During the summit, Fr. Lobo engaged in substantive discussions focused on institutional collaboration with leadership from Sogang University. Key participants in these dialogues included University President Fr. Luke Sim SJ; Fr. Seil Oh SJ, Vice-President for International Affairs and Professor of Sociology; and Mr. Kim, President of the Alumni/ae Association. The meetings aimed to establish partnerships designed to enhance the respective impact of both institutions.

Math Scholars and Researchers Gather in Chennai for ICNMS 2025 convened at the Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET).



The International Conference on Next-Gen Mathematical Sciences (ICNMS 2025) convened at Loyola College on Dec. 10 and 11. The event was organised by the college's Department of Mathematics in collaboration with the Department of Science and Humanities at Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET). Bringing together academicians, researchers, and industry professionals, the conference focused on recent advances in mathematical sciences and their interdisciplinary applications. The program featured an inaugural session, keynote addresses, and invited talks by eminent scholars, alongside the release of a book of chapters. Parallel technical sessions saw the presentation of over 150 research papers. The summit concluded with a valedictory session, cementing its role in promoting research collaboration, knowledge sharing, and academic excellence.



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Events in the month of December at St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru



The SJCC Research Centre, in collaboration with the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, organised a **Seven-Day National-Level Experiential Workshop on Research Methodology** from 1 to 7 December 2025. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized a Two-Day National Seminar on “Fostering Innovation, Inclusion and Sustainability in Higher Education Institutions” on 15 and 16 December 2025, sponsored by the ICSSR – Southern Regional Centre. The seminar deliberated on contemporary challenges and transformative practices shaping higher education.

Swasthya 2025, a National-Level Mental Health Workshop on Mental Health and Spirituality among Youth, was conducted on 11 and 12 December 2025, in collaboration with KJHEC, SJU, and St. Aloysius (Deemed-to-be University). A major highlight of the programme was ANIMUM, India's first national short film competition dedicated to mental health and wellbeing.

Naisha Shetty won three medals at the **All India Inter-University Swimming Championship** held at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, and secured four silver medals at the Khelo India University Games. Pulluri Amrutha Varshini achieved a remarkable feat by participating in a World Record for the maximum number of people performing the Tandava dance, earning her place in the Worldwide Book of Record.



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XLRI Jamshedpur Certifies Batch 5 of its vocational and skill-based programme for empowering the community at Fr. McGrath Skill Development Centre



XLRI Jamshedpur highlighted its commitment to inclusive growth this month with the Certification Ceremony of Batch 5 of its vocational and skill based programmes at the Fr. McGrath Skill Development Centre. Beneficiaries successfully completed vocational programs in Computer Skills and Data Entry, Plumbing and Electrical Wiring, and Garment and Fashion Designing. The initiative reflects the institution's ongoing dedication to empowerment through skill-based education.

Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA) LIBA Reinforces Social Commitment Through Community Donation Drive



Upholding the spirit of the festive season, the Radius Club at LIBA executed a successful community outreach drive titled "Joy of Giving." The initiative mobilized the campus community to contribute essentials, which were subsequently donated to Little Hearts at Nesakaram Seeds Orphanage. This charitable endeavour not only provided tangible support to the children but also reinforced the institution's enduring commitment to empathy and social responsibility.



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Events at St. Xavier's College, Maitighar



A shared vision workshop was arranged for all faculty members of SXC Maitighar. It was a part of the Darjeeling-Nepal Province. The workshop focused on the universal vision of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the core principles of Jesuit Education. It focused on strengthening the understanding of Ignatian pedagogy and empowering faculty members to refine their teaching methodologies.



SXC Maitighar celebrated Xavier's Day on December 3, 2025, continuing the cherished tradition of honoring the legacy of St. Francis Xavier. The event brought together students and staff to celebrate collective achievements and inspire the community to uphold the values of service, leadership, and integrity embodied by the patron. The celebration was graced by Chief Guest Ms. Fanny Collado, Director of the UPV Design Factory at Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain, and a valued collaborator of St. Xavier's College.



On December 19, the college celebrated Christmas in the presence of students and staff, spreading festive cheer across the campus. The same evening also marked Alumni Homecoming 2025, themed "Pause and Play, the Xavierian Way". The event featured melodious performances and warm interactions.



Call for Abstract
Abstract submission deadline: June 15, 2025
Registration open for participants and attendees: July 10, 2025
Registration close for presenters: August 3, 2025
Registration close for attendees: August 30, 2025
ICSXC 2026
September 24 - 25, 2026
3rd International Conference St. Xavier's College
Theme: Reimagining the Global Future with Youth at the Crossroads of Change
Abstract Submission
conference@sxsc.edu.np
Abstract full-text: Academic and scientifically sound abstract of 200-300 words limit
Conference Inquiry
conference@sxsc.edu.np
Full-length paper can be submitted to SXC journal (a peer-reviewed, highly indexed journal) sxj.sxsc.edu.np
Presenters
Students: NRP 500 NRP 1000
Academics/Professionals: NRP 1000 NRP 3000
Non-Presenters: NRP 1000 NRP 1000
Attendees: NRP 1000 NRP 1000
* The above cost is inclusive of conference kit and refreshments.
Conference Venue
St. Xavier's College, Loyola Campus
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SXC Matighar has also announced a call for abstracts for its 3rd International Conference, ICSXC 2026, themed "Reimagining the Global Future with Youth at the Crossroads of Change", scheduled for September 24-25, 2026.



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Events organized by St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata in association with St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association Women's Forum arranged for a charity programme titled 'Share and Care' on the occasion of Christmas. It was an initiative to share the joy of Christmas with the inmates of Little Sisters of the Poor and to add colours to their lives and the Home. The charity programme was held on 20th December 2025 at Little Sisters of the Poor (St. Joseph's Home for the Aged). Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, the respected principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata was invited as the chief guest for the programme.

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata in association with St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association also arranged for another charity programme titled 'Let's Share and Care' on the occasion of Christmas. The charity programme was held on 21st December 2025 at Paikhala Primary School and St. Xavier's College, Raghabpur Campus, South 24 Parganas. It was an initiative to support marginalised children and senior citizens by sharing gifts, food items and acts of compassion that would bring dignity, joy and hope. Jesuit Fathers and Alumni Members conducted the event with all pomp and joy.

