

FEATURED NEWS FROM JHEASA MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

St. Xavier's College, Maitighar hosts Youth Summit 2026



On 29 April, 2026, the student club SQC–UDAAN of St. Xavier's College, Maitighar hosted the Youth Summit 2026. The event was designed to inspire young people to think critically about today's challenges and motivate them to take action for a better, sustainable future. Held under the theme "Resilient Youth, Sustainable Future," the summit brought together students, teachers, and special guests.

The first half of the summit featured a keynote session by Major General (Retired) Santosh Ballav Poudyal. During the session, he shared valuable perspectives on the changing condition of youth in Nepal and around the world. Mr. Poudyal while speaking about leadership, discipline, personal responsibility, and the growing trend of youth migration, encouraged the young participants to develop resilience and work toward positive change in their communities as a unit.

The second half of the program included two workshops conducted simultaneously by National Trust for Nature Conservation and Centre for Energy and Environment. These sessions focused on environmental sustainability, conservation practices, and the importance of responsible action for the future. Through interactive activities and discussions, participants gained practical knowledge and a deeper understanding of how youth involvement can contribute to environmental protection and sustainable development.

Loyola Institute of Business Administration celebrates 47th Convocation Ceremony



On 10 April, 2026, Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA) conducted its 47th Annual Convocation Ceremony at the Dr. S. Xavier Britto Auditorium, Loyola College Campus, Chennai, for the outgoing F24 batch of the two-year full-time PGDM programme, in the presence of Chief Guest Mr. Krishnakumar Thirumalai, Director of Reliance Consumer Products Limited, Rev. Dr. Antony Robinson SJ, Rector, Loyola College and Vice Chairperson, Board of Governors, LIBA, Rev. Fr. C. Joe Arun, SJ, Director, LIBA, along with other distinguished dignitaries. Chief Guest Mr. Krishnakumar Thirumalai, in his convocation address, inspired the graduands to view their education as a legacy shaped by values of empathy and service.

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Loyola Institute of Business Administration - Centre for Online Learning celebrates First Convocation Ceremony



On April 19, 2026, Loyola Institute of Business Administration – Centre for Online Learning (LIBAOL) conducted its First Convocation Ceremony at the Dr. S. Xavier Britto Auditorium, Loyola College Campus, Chennai, for graduates across its online management programmes, including the Online PGDM, Executive programmes, and other specialised postgraduate offerings. The ceremony was held in the presence of Chief Guest Mr. Aru Sankaranarayanan, Leader with Consulting Services at Deloitte US-India Offices, Rev. Fr. C. Joe Arun, SJ, Director, LIBA, Rev. Fr. Christu Raja, Associate Director, and Prof. Kishore Kunal, Dean – Online Learning, along with other distinguished dignitaries. In his address, Rev. Fr. C. Joe Arun, SJ, highlighted LIBA's distinctive approach to business education, rooted in Jesuit ideals. Chief Guest Mr. Aru Sankaranarayanan, in his convocation address, reflected on the importance of continuous learning and described the degree as a foundation that adds to one's reservoir of knowledge and experience.

St. Xavier's College, Maharo signs MoU with Paultech Software Private Limited



On 8 April, 2026, St. Xavier's College, Maharo organized a seminar on Industrial Internship and Placement Program in collaboration with Paultech Software Private Limited, Jamshedpur. The seminar was inaugurated by Principal Rev. Fr. Dr. Vargese Palli, SJ and Secretary Rev. Fr. Dr. Damian Tudu, SJ. On this occasion, the college signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Paultech Software Private Limited to enhance internship and placement opportunities for students. Students from BCA, BBA, and B.Com participated enthusiastically and registered for internships offered by the company.

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St Joseph's College, North Point Hosts Vote Awareness Event



On 13 April, 2026, St Joseph's College, North Point conducted Vote Awareness and Competition – a cooperative activity, providing an important arena for political participation, particularly focusing on the young electorate within the student population. The Election Commission of India's Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) & Electoral Literacy Club, Department of Political Science jointly organized the Quiz and Debate Competition at the Conference Hall of St. Joseph's College. The event was presided over by Shri Akashdeep IAS, from the District Magistrate's Office, whose presence further emphasized the importance of the democratic process.

St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru receives "Exemplary Researcher of the Year" Award



St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, has been honoured with the prestigious "Exemplary Researcher of the Year" award by Education World India Higher Education Rankings, ranked 7th in All India rankings, 1st in Karnataka and Mangalore, in the Emerging University category. This recognition is for the University's sustained efforts in fostering a vibrant research culture, encouraging interdisciplinary scholarship, and contributing meaningfully to national and global knowledge systems. The award was received on behalf of the University by Dr Ronald Nazareth, Registrar, St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru.

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St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru Vice Chancellor receives Global Accolade



On April 30, 2026, a major milestone for Indian Jesuit higher education, Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis, SJ, Vice Chancellor of St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru has been elected as an Executive Committee Member of the prestigious Global Research Alliance of Jesuit Universities (GRAJU). The formal announcement, celebrated across the university community, highlights the institution's growing footprint in the international academic ecosystem.

The Global Research Alliance of Jesuit Universities (GRAJU) functions under the broader umbrella of the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU). It serves as a joint network to scale mission-driven, multi-regional research initiatives across continents. Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis, SJ, thus brings a crucial South Asian perspective to the elite governing alliance, which includes top-tier member organizations like Georgetown University and Ateneo de Manila University.

St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) conducts Faculty Development Programme



From 15- 22 April 2026 St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) conducted a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) with the objective of enhancing pedagogical effectiveness and research competencies among faculty members. The programme included sessions on psychospiritual approaches to stress management with a focus on mentorship, qualitative research methodologies using NVivo software, and avenues for research funding and consultancy. On 21 and 22 April 2026, parallel technical sessions were organised across programmes. These sessions encompassed the use of Microsoft applications integrated with Generative AI, strategies for addressing student mental health concerns, and case-based presentations followed by discussions.

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St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata Holds the Xaverian Parliament



On 11 April 2026, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata held its annual Xaverian Parliament. The Parliament was presided over by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, in the presence of other honourable dignitaries from the college administration. Students from all department, courses and years attended the Parliament. The student representatives communicated with the faculty to raise issues and suggest improvements in the college administration and campus.

Xavier Institute of Engineering, Mumbai conducts FDP on Geoinformatics Technology



From 27 April- 2 May 2026, Xavier Institute of Engineering, Mumbai, successfully conducted a Six-Day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Geoinformatics in Modern Engineering". Coordinated by Dr. Beatrice S, Dean of Academics, the program featured expert sessions by Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony David, SJ, Director, Xavier Institute of Natural Resources Management. The goal of the program was to shift from traditional CAD based workflows to Spatial Intelligent Systems. The program focused on emerging areas such as GeoAI, spatial intelligence, and smart city applications.

Thirty participants from all over Mumbai engaged in hands-on training sessions in GIS and remote sensing technologies. Through a perfectly curated schedule that features sessions like Advanced Remote Sensing and Terrain Modelling, NDVI, flood mapping, urban issues and smart city solution, the program emphasized an interdisciplinary approach, integrating Geoinformatics with modern engineering practices aiming to solve real-world problems.