



FEATURED NEWS FROM JHEASA MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

JHEASA Policy Meeting held at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata



Based on the strategic planning meeting and policy formulation process of JHEASA held at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, from 13–16 May, 2026, the JHEASA Policy Group headed by Dr. Paul Newman undertook a comprehensive exercise to strengthen Jesuit higher education in South Asia. Fourteen delegates from South Asia attended this meeting. The Keynote Address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Felix Raj SJ, Vice-Chancellor, SXUK on the topic “JHEASA and Jesuit Higher Education Institution – The Way Forward.” The deliberations of the meeting focused on governance, resource sharing, institutional sustainability, human resource development, quality standards, and collaborative apostolic planning. Through a series of consultations and thematic sessions, the participants formulated a common policy framework aimed at enhancing accountability, networking, and mission effectiveness across Jesuit institutions. The meeting culminated in the adoption of key resolutions and action points, laying the foundation for a strengthened governance structure, shared resource network, minimum institutional standards, and a common apostolic plan for higher education in the region. Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ, Secretary of JHEASA, is gratefully acknowledged for his dedicated coordination of the strategic planning process, which significantly contributed to the successful formulation of the policy framework and future roadmap for Jesuit higher education in South Asia.

St. Xavier's College, Maitighar co-hosts SYNERGIA International Research Conference, 2026



From 6–8 May, 2026, St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, for the first time co-hosted SYNERGIA International Research Conference in the Philippines. The conference was organized by Saint Louis College of San Fernando, La Union. Ms. Pramila Parajuli, a PhD scholar and faculty member of the Department of Microbiology, represented St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, at the conference and served as a plenary speaker, presenting on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) practices and institutional engagements at SXC, while also contributing to the INTELLECT lecture series. Mr. Shishir Kumar Bhusal, Head of the Department of Major Arts, presented his research on implementing the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) in higher education and delivered a lecture in the INTELLECT series. Er. Rajan Karmacharya, Chief Technology Officer and Mr. Sushil Paudel, faculty in the Department of Major Arts presented their paper online in the conference. Their participation emphasized the college's commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship and global academic collaboration.



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St. Joseph's University Awarded Prestigious QS I-GAUGE Gold Rating

St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, has achieved a significant milestone in its pursuit of academic excellence by being awarded the prestigious QS I-GAUGE Gold Rating, a nationally benchmarked quality assessment framework developed by QS (Quacquarelli Symonds), one of the world's leading authorities on higher education evaluation and rankings.



The University secured an outstanding score of 854, substantially exceeding the Gold category benchmark of 770. This remarkable achievement reflects the institution's unwavering commitment to quality, innovation, and excellence in higher education.

St. Joseph's University demonstrated exceptional performance across key parameters, particularly in Governance & Structure, Teaching & Learning, and Diversity & Accessibility. These results underscore the University's dedication to fostering academic excellence, inclusive growth, and effective institutional governance.

This recognition is a testament to the collective efforts and commitment of the entire Josephite community—Management, Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni/ae, Parents, and all stakeholders—whose contributions continue to strengthen the University's mission and vision. Guided by its motto, Fide et Labore (By Faith and Labour), the University remains steadfast in its pursuit of excellence and transformative education.

The University extends its heartfelt gratitude to all members of the Josephite family for their invaluable support and congratulates them on this proud achievement. Together, St. Joseph's University continues its journey towards even greater heights of academic distinction and societal impact.

St. Xavier's College, Maitighar students at PLANCKS 2026



From May 21-25, 2026, St. Xavier's College, Maitighar was represented by four students from the Department of Physics, Shubhangi Acharya, Birat Neupane, Anish Shakya and Pritam Dahal, at the international event, PLANCKS 2026 in Eindhoven, Netherlands. The event is the world's largest international physics Olympiad for Bachelor's and Master's students from around the world. The aim of the event is to increase international collaboration, host social activities and stimulate the personal development of individual contestants. By bringing together physics students from across the globe, PLANCKS creates the perfect setting for participants to challenge each other and exchange ideas and experiences. St. Xavier's College, Maitighar celebrated their efforts and achievements in representing both the institution and the nation with pride.

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North Bengal St. Xavier's College celebrates X-celence Day



On May 15, 2026, North Bengal St. Xavier's College organized X-celence Day 2026, an event to celebrate and encourage talent, achievements and excellence. Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Lalit P. Tirkey, SJ, Principal of North Bengal St. Xavier's College, inaugurated the event in presence of the Chief Guest- Prof. Dr. Arnab Sen, Vice Chancellor of Raiganj University and Dr. Bhaskar Biswar, Acting Registrar, University of North Bengal. The guests addressed the students emphasizing on excellence- academic, cultural and inspirational. Students who excelled in their respective fields were awarded a certificate of excellence by the dignitaries.

St. Aloysius College (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru signs MoU's with various institutions



On 5 May, 2026, St. Aloysius College (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Karnataka Theological College (Mangaluru). This MoU was signed to establish the Centre for Religion and Culture (CRC).



On 11 May, 2026, St. Aloysius College (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, signed another Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NITTE Institute of Hospitality Services. This MoU was signed to establish strategic collaboration in research projects and innovative student activities. [Read more.](#)



In May 2026, St. Aloysius College (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, signed another Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with Asia Pacific Knowledge Association (Taiwan) and National SunYatsen University, Taiwan.



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St. Aloysius College (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru celebrates Graduation Day 2026



On 30 May, 2026 St Aloysius College (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, celebrated its 16th Graduation Day 2026, honoring the academic accomplishments of its graduating students. The ceremony was marked by inspiring addresses and a call for graduates to serve society with knowledge, commitment, and purpose.

The ceremony featured a solemn oath-taking led by Rev. Fr. Brian Pereira, SJ, followed by the official declaration of the convocation by Rev. Fr. Dionysius Vaz, SJ. In his address as the chief guest, Prof Sharath Ananthamurthy, Vice chancellor of Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, encouraged the graduating students to carry the Aloysian spirit of learning, growing and serving generously in their future lives.

Rev. Fr. Dionysius Vaz, SJ, president of Mangaluru Jesuit Educational Society (MJES) and Provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province urged the students to pursue what they love doing and transcend above the rat race. Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis, SJ, principal of St Aloysius College (Deemed to be University), welcomed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of purposeful action. The registrar, Rev. Dr. Ronald Nazareth, SJ, presented the list of graduating students, recognizing outstanding achievers. [Read more](#)

St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, hosts Guest Lecture by Harvard Professor



On May 18, 2026, the Department of Political Science, St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling hosted a special guest lecture by Dr. Lobsang Sangay, a highly revered alumnus of the department, who currently serves as a lecturer on Law at the Harvard Law School and formerly worked as the President (Sikyong) of Central Tibetan Administration.

Entitled "From Lama Hattat to Harvard: Journey of a Tibetan Leader", the technical talk was presented to an audience consisting mostly of students who gathered in the MR Auditorium of St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling. The highly intricate geopolitical situation in the world and the territorial conflicts prevailing in different regions were comprehensively explained by the speaker. One of the primary topics addressed was the complicated system of reincarnation politics and the impact of the same on the security situation in South Asia.



The academic interaction program was attended by Rev. Fr. Dr. Donatus Kujur, SJ, Principal of St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, along with many other college officials, professors, and researchers, all of whom interacted closely with the speaker. An active question-and-answer session lasted for around 45 minutes after the session concluded, where students were given the opportunity to confront established theories of geopolitics.



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Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur receives global recognition



In May 2026, Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur, received a global ranking of 77 in the Financial Times Executive Education Open Rankings 2026, climbing 8 positions from the previous year. The recognition placed the institution among the top 100 business schools worldwide, reaffirming its commitment to delivering industry-relevant, leadership-focused learning with meaningful impact across organisations and society.

St. Joseph's University Recognized as an Evaluation Consultant Organization (ECO)



St. Joseph's University has been officially registered by the Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority (KMEA) as an Evaluation Consultant Organization (ECO).

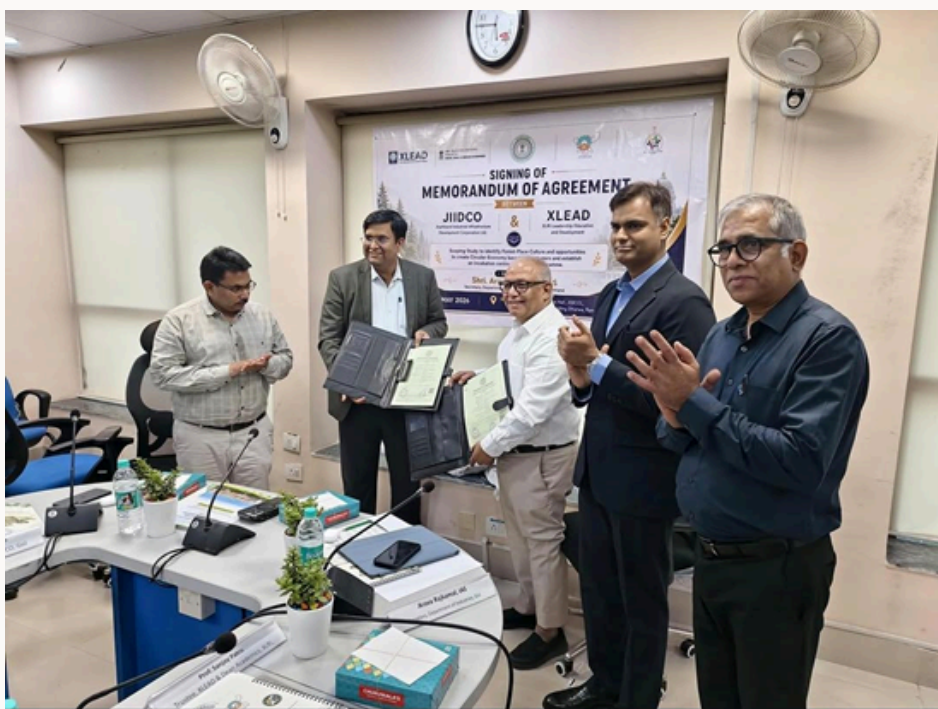
This significant recognition places the University among a select group of trusted institutions authorized to undertake monitoring, evaluation, consultancy, research, and developmental impact assessment studies for government projects and public initiatives.

The accreditation opens up a wide range of opportunities for faculty members, including consultancy assignments, externally funded projects, policy research, field-based studies, interdisciplinary collaborations, professional networking, and scholarly publications. It also strengthens academic engagement with government agencies and development organizations, fostering meaningful partnerships that bridge research and practice.

This achievement is expected to enhance faculty expertise, expand avenues for professional growth, and further reinforce the University's commitment to excellence in research, innovation, and societal impact.

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Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur partners with Government of Jharkhand



In May 2026, Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur formalised a partnership with the Government of Jharkhand through a Memorandum of Agreement with Jharkhand Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (JIIDCO), aimed at strengthening the state's innovation and entrepreneurship landscape. Under this collaboration, XLRI will conduct a six-month scoping study on circular economy enterprises and non-timber forest product (NTFP)-based businesses, with a focus on MSMEs and sustainable livelihood opportunities across agro-processing, recycling, and waste-to-wealth initiatives. The institute will additionally support the identification and incubation of 100 enterprises, bringing its academic expertise and mentorship to inclusive, community-rooted development across Jharkhand.

Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala organizes a Faculty Development Program on Sustainable Development Goals

On May 19, 2026, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala, organized a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) led by Prof. Somasekharan Pillai, President of the Kerala Statistical Institute and a lecturer at IISER. The session focused on the importance of integrating SDGs into academics, research, and community engagement initiatives. The programme emphasized the significance of sustainable development and the role of educational institutions in achieving the global SDG targets. During the session, Prof. Somasekharan Pillai discussed various SDG indicators, interdisciplinary approaches, and the importance of incorporating sustainability practices into teaching, research, and extension activities. Faculty members actively participated in the discussions and shared their perspectives on implementing SDG-oriented initiatives within the institution. The FDP provided valuable insights into global challenges, sustainable innovation, and socially responsible academic practices. The programme concluded with an interactive session and a vote of thanks.'