



FEATURED NEWS FROM JHEASA MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, S.J., Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata Calls Upon Global Jesuit Alumni Community to Arise as Partners in the Jesuit Mission



Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, addressed the XI International Congress of the World Jesuit Alumni Association (WUJA) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 30 July 2026.

In his speech on "Alumni Governance & Collaboration Framework - Reclaiming the Ignatian Mission in a World of Disconnection" he called for a fundamental shift in how the global Ignatian family collaborates in the present days.

Addressing a global audience of leaders, educators, and alumni community at the WUJA World Congress Fr. Savio urged Jesuits, institutions and their alumni/ae to come forward as true partners in the Jesuit mission, living as "men and women for and with others".

Fr. Savio, who also serves as President of the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association and Secretary of the Jesuit Higher Education Association South Asia (JHEASA), stressed that modern global challenges - ranging from digital isolation and social fragmentation to economic inequality and climate change - require an unprecedented level of shared responsibility.

"The future of the Jesuit mission cannot be carried by Jesuits alone. The mission must become a shared mission embraced by alumni, educators, students, and all who have been touched by the Ignatian tradition," Fr. Savio emphasized, echoing the words of Superior General Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ.

Fr. Savio called for a paradigm shift that moves alumni engagement, from mere nostalgia or traditional fundraising to a community integration focusing on mission-centered governance as active partners in discernment, decision-making, and strategic action.

The address highlighted how alumni around the world are uniquely positioned to translate Ignatian values into systemic societal impact - from offering pro bono legal aid and environmental stewardship to mentoring youth and deepening spiritual formation. Initiatives in disaster relief, nation-wide blood donation drives, educational scholarships, women's empowerment, and renewable energy illustrate how organized alumni networks serve as vital agents of social change.

Fr. Savio underscored the necessity of establishing ongoing formation programs including retreats, ethics workshops, and professional reflection groups, ensuring that Ignatian values guide alumni throughout their careers.

The magnitude of contemporary global challenges demands an unprecedented level of worldwide collaboration and networking across institutions and borders. Calling upon the global alumni community to embrace the spirit of Nihil Ultra ("Nothing Beyond"), Fr. Savio challenged the assembly to arise in large numbers, step forward as true partners in mission, and serve as dynamic agents of hope, reconciliation, and lasting social transformation.

Demonstrating strong global commitment, representatives from Jesuit Higher Education Alumni Association including the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association led the largest single contingent in attendance in Yogyakarta congress to reaffirm their shared apostolic identity and common participation in God's mission of reconciliation, peace and justice.

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LIBA Organised a Training Programme for Rural Women, and a Session on Systems Thinking



On 20 July 2026, under the guidance of Rev. Fr. C. Joe Arun, SJ, Director, LIBA, the Prof. C. K. Prahalad Centre for Emerging India (CKP Centre), LIBA, in collaboration with ARCALI Social Centre, organised a Training Programme on Selling Skills for Rural Women. The programme was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Thomas, Director of ARCALI. A total of 26 rural women were equipped with practical skills in marketing, pricing, customer service, and digital promotion to strengthen their entrepreneurial capabilities and support sustainable livelihoods. The programme reflected LIBA's commitment to women's empowerment, inclusive rural development, and socially responsible management education. [Read More...](#)

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Launches New Chapter with XSET



St. Xavier's University, Kolkata (SXUK) marked a historic milestone with the Blessing Ceremony of the newly established Xavier School of Engineering and Technology (XSET) on July 30, 2026, paving the way for the launch of its first B.Tech. programme for the 2026–27 academic session.

The ceremony was led by Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., Vice Chancellor, who blessed the XSET's state-of-the-art facilities, including the Workshops, Computer Laboratory, Dean's Office, Physics Laboratory, Electrical Laboratory, Chemistry Laboratory, and the Departmental Library. The occasion reflected the university's vision of creating a modern learning environment equipped with advanced academic infrastructure. [Read More...](#)

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St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata Receives ABP Shiksha Ratna 2026



St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata was honoured with the ABP Shiksha Ratna 2026, conferred by ABP Ananda in recognition of the College's excellence and contribution to education. The award was presented by Mr. Sukanta Majumder, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for the Ministry of Education, Government of India at a ceremony held on 4 July 2026 at The Lalit Great Eastern, Kolkata. The honour was received by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, accompanied by the Vice Principals—Rev. Dr. Peter Arockiam, SJ, Rev. Dr. Joseph Kulandai, SJ, and Rev. Dr. Johnson Padiyara, SJ—along with Dr. Romit Beed, Head, Post Graduate Department of Computer Science. The event was also graced by Dr. Saradwat Mukhopadhyay, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal, and Mr. Tapas Roy, Hon'ble Minister, Government of West Bengal. On the occasion, Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio dedicated the award to all the Jesuit Fathers, students, teaching and non-teaching staff, and alumni of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. The College is thankful to ABP Ananda for this prestigious recognition, which reaffirms its commitment to excellence in education and service to society.

Xavier Institute of Engineering Sets Sail into the Future with India's First Integrated Engine Room Simulator



On 31 July 2026, marking the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, XIE inaugurated a state-of-the-art Engine Room Simulator at its Maritime training centre in Andheri significantly expanding its maritime training capabilities. Drawing inspiration from St. Francis Xavier, who undertook extensive sea voyages across Asia in service of his mission, the institution continues to advance maritime education. Developed in partnership with Stripes Academy, the new facility complements St. Xavier's long-standing training programs, including its renowned Radio Officers' Course and K-Sim Dynamic Positioning (DP) Training.

The facility is currently the only integrated Engine Room Simulator of its kind in India. Built across two levels to mimic an actual vessel, the simulator features an Engine Control Room on the upper deck, while the lower-level houses auxiliary machinery, steering gear, and a pipeline mimic system. The facility was formally inaugurated by Shri D. Mugilrajan Devarajan, Deputy Director General of Shipping, Government of India, and blessed by Rev. Fr. Anil Pereira, SJ, Provincial of the Bombay Jesuits. In keeping with the modern theme, the traditional lamp lighting and plaque unveiling were conducted electronically.

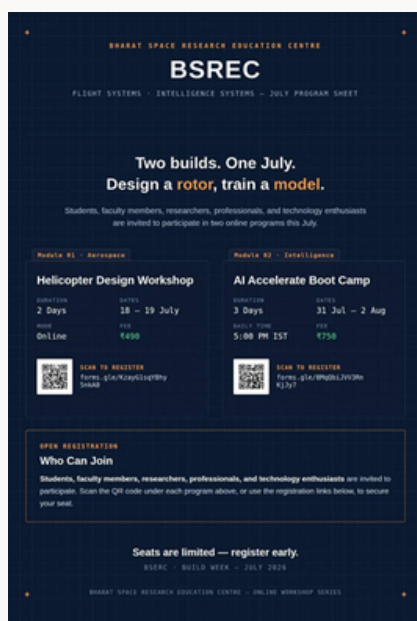
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XISS, Ranchi organized a series of 'Ignatian Insight Talks'



In order to foster an Ignatian vision of life and mission and in keeping with the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus, XISS, Ranchi organized a series of 'Ignatian Insight Talks' as a spiritual preparation for its faculty members, administrative staff, and students through separate interactive sessions. The initiative aimed to deepen participants' understanding of the Ignatian vision of life-mission that helps individuals to become competent, conscientious, and compassionate leaders. The sessions invited participants to know, love, and serve God by contributing to the well-being of humanity and the care of creation. Drawing inspiration from the life and spiritual journey of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the talks highlighted how transformative experiences, when embraced with openness, become opportunities for personal growth, deeper self-awareness, academic excellence, professional integrity and authentic leadership, leading to the purposeful affirmation of commitment to 'Magis' and the embodiment of Jesuit values in our service.

AEROSPACE AND AI PROGRAM AT ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAHARO



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Students, faculty members, researchers, professionals, and technology enthusiasts are invited to participate in two online programs this July.

Module 01 - Aerospace	Module 02 - Intelligence
Helicopter Design Workshop Duration: 2 Days Dates: 18 - 19 July Fee: ₹4500 OnLine	AI Accelerate Boot Camp Duration: 3 Days Dates: 31 Jul - 2 Aug Fee: ₹7500 5:00 PM IST

OPEN REGISTRATION
Who Can Join
Students, faculty members, researchers, professionals, and technology enthusiasts are invited to participate. Scan the QR code under each program above, or use the registration links below, to secure your seat.

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On 18th July and 19th July 2026 St. Xavier's College, Maharo, in collaboration with Bharat Space Research Education Centre (BSREC), arranged for a two-day Helicopter Design workshop. From 31 July to 2 August AI Accelerate Boot Camp was arranged. Students, faculty members, researchers, and techno enthusiasts joined the programme.

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SJCC: MoU with MyUES Career Academy, Meeting with Chief Minister and Donation Drive for Underprivileged Children



The BBA Department of St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with MyUES Career Academy Pvt. Ltd. for their Capstone LEAP Program, offered for the BBA Regular students. The collaboration will strengthen the industrial relevance of the programme and equip students with career-ready skills.



Carrying forward the legacy of service, education, and impact, the SJCC-BJES (Bengaluru Jesuit Education Society) leadership paid a courtesy visit to D. K. Shivakumar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka.

St. Ignatius' Feast Celebrated at SJCC



The month concluded with Ignatian Week, during which students were encouraged to embody the Jesuit spirit of service through a donation drive for underprivileged children. Contributing generously, students donated a range of essential items, including learning resources and other necessities, while faculty members came together to sponsor study tables to support the children's educational needs. These collective offerings were presented during the Offertory at the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on 31 July 2026.

Loyola Degree College Achieves Historic Milestone



Loyola Degree College (Y.S.R.R.), Pulivendla, Kadapa, has achieved a significant milestone by being granted Autonomous Status by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. This prestigious recognition is a testament to the institution's sustained commitment to academic excellence, quality education, innovation, and holistic development of students. The achievement reflects the collective dedication and hard work of the entire Loyola family and marks a new chapter in the institution's journey towards greater academic autonomy and excellence. The college looks forward to leveraging this status to further strengthen its academic programmes, foster innovation, and create greater opportunities for its students. Heartiest congratulations to the entire Loyola family on this proud and historic achievement!

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St Aloysius Achieves Top Rankings



St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, has added another feather to its cap by securing 41st rank among the Best Universities in India and 7th in Karnataka in the India Today Rankings 2025. This recognition reflects the institution's continued commitment to academic excellence, quality education, and holistic development.

St Joseph's University Secures Top Rankings



St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, has achieved a remarkable milestone in the India Today Best University Rankings 2026, securing 21st rank among universities in India and 3rd rank in Karnataka. This outstanding recognition reflects the university's strong commitment to academic excellence, social responsibility, character formation, and holistic education. Heartiest congratulations to the entire St Joseph's University community on this remarkable achievement!

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MoUs signed by St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru; Vice-Chancellor Receives Honours



Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis, SJ, Vice-Chancellor of St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, was conferred the honorary rank of Colonel and appointed Colonel Commandant by Air Commodore Kamal Chadha, Deputy Director General, NCC Directorate Karnataka and Goa, at a ceremonial function held at the university on 16 July 2026.

MoUs were signed with Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines; Sanata Dharma University, Indonesia; Father Muller College of Nursing, Mangaluru; Indian Institute of Skill Development and Research (IISDR); and India Child Care e.V. (ICC), in cooperation with LookTo UG under the umbrella of YUUFLOW, strengthening the University's national and international academic collaborations.

The Vice-Chancellor represented the University at the United Board Heads of Institution Higher Education Leadership Summit and the Leadership Strategy Institute in Singapore. The Director of AIMIT Centre and the Dean of the School of Engineering participated in the 5th IAJES Summit at Ateneo de Manila University and academic engagements in the Philippines, further strengthening international collaborations.

