

FEATURED NEWS FROM JHEASA MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Loyola ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) (LICET) Organises National-Level Technical Symposium TECHFEST 2026



TECHFEST 2K26 – National-Level Technical Symposium

LICET successfully hosted TECHFEST 2K26 on 8 August, 2026, bringing together 3,190 students from 109 colleges. The symposium featured flagship events, STRATA, XPLORE, SLICE, STROM, FLAIR, and TorQ, organised by the six engineering departments. The event provided a vibrant platform for students to showcase innovation, creativity, technical expertise, research, and collaboration. The symposium featured paper presentations by students, offering them an opportunity to present their research and technical ideas.

St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, Bridges Academia and Industry Through Two-Day HR Conclave and Career Expo 2.0



The Department of Computer Science of St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, organised a two-day HR Conclave and Career Expo on 24-25 August, 2026, bringing students and industry professionals for discussions, networking, and career exploration. On the first day, sessions such as "Who Gets Hired in the Age of AI?", "Beyond Grades: What Recruiters Really Value," and "How to Stand Out in AI-Driven Hiring" gave students practical insights into evolving industry expectations, the skills employers seek, and ways to prepare for an AI-driven job market. Networking sessions further allowed students to interact with professionals from various fields.

The second day featured the Career Expo, where more than 25 organisations presented opportunities across diverse fields. Students had the chance to learn about different career paths, meet potential employers, and participate in on-the-spot interviews. The two-day event offered students a valuable platform to step beyond the classroom, connect with the professional world, and explore the opportunities ahead.

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The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) of Loyola ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) (LICET) Organises Industrial Visit to ISRO, Bengaluru



The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) of LICET organised an industrial visit to ISRO, Bengaluru, for third-year ECE students. The visit provided students with valuable exposure to space technology, research, and the functioning of a leading national scientific organisation.

Rotaract Club of Loyola ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) (LICET) collaborates with Rotaract Club of International Christian University, Japan

The Change Exchange, Tokyo Edition 2.0, an international service initiative of the Rotaract Club of LICET in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of International Christian University, Japan, was held virtually on 2 August, 2026. The session featured engaging presentations on Japanese and Indian culture, covering traditions, cuisine, anime, hospitality, Kolam, and Onam. Interactive breakout-room discussions enabled participants to exchange perspectives, strengthen international fellowship, and explore future collaborations. The event successfully promoted cross-cultural understanding, friendship, and collaborative learning, reflecting the spirit of friendship beyond borders.

St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling Hosts Viksit Bharat "Festival Of Youths"

St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling served as the official host venue for the Viksit Bharat "Festival of Youths" parliament programme in late August 2026. This prominent event was organised in formal collaboration with the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The platform was established to foster civic engagement, leadership skills, and democratic values among the region's youth. Darjeeling Member of Parliament Raju Bista and local MLA Neeraj Zimba actively joined College Principal Dr. Donatus Kujur at the convention. Discussions surrounding regional connectivity, educational resources, and youth empowerment frameworks were spearheaded by the guest speakers throughout the sessions. Extensive youth leadership and capacity-building networks were conducted across the multi-day convention. Interactive parliamentary simulations allowed students to debate real-world policies and governance challenges.

Students of St Joseph's Law College Complete International Law Mobility Programme

Law students from St. Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru, completed an International Law Mobility Programme in August 2026. The inter-country education program aimed to increase the knowledge base of international law for the participants through UOW Malaysia. The program provided intensive legal training to the group, thus broadening their international legal perspective. Advanced seminars on international law and global corporate exposure were provided to the students. Comparative legal training related to the constitutions of different regions was undertaken by the participating students. Corporate tours and legal workshops were planned by the host institution in order to link theory with practice in international law.

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St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, Marks the Opening Ceremony of Winter Warmth 2026: "Where Winter Meets Hope"



On 26 August, 2026, St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, marked the Opening Ceremony of the 10th Volume of its flagship winter-support initiative, Fr. Arulanandam, S.J. Memorial Winter Warmth 2026, "Where Winter Meets Hope." Organised by the Department of Major Arts, this year's campaign will bring winter essentials, such as jackets, caps, mufflers, and gloves, to 341 school-going children from Early Childhood Development to Grade 10 from the Chepang community at Praja Secondary School, Sidhhakali-03, Manahari, Hetauda. Winter Warmth marks the unwavering dedication of St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the community.

Loyola ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) (LICET) hosts an Awareness Session on HIV in collaboration with SHE Forum - "Unite for Life: End HIV Stigma"



SHE forum's Awareness Session on HIV – "Unite for Life: End HIV Stigma"

The SHE Forum (See Her Empowered) organised an Awareness Session on HIV on 13 August, 2026 with the theme, "Unite for Life: End HIV Stigma." Organised by Dr. G. Kavitha, Dean of Women Students, the session featured Mrs. Nirmala and Mrs. Ananthi, ICTC Counsellors from ESI Hospital, Ayanavaram, who sensitised students on HIV prevention, testing, healthy lifestyle practices, and responsible decision-making. Students took a pledge against drugs and harmful practices, reaffirming their commitment to healthy and responsible choices.

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Loyola Institute of Business Administration Organises Beyond Management Initiative (BMI) 2026-27



On 4 August, 2026, the inaugural session of the Beyond Management Initiative (BMI) 2026–27 was held at the Dr. S. Xavier Britto Auditorium of Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA), featuring Mr. Cecil Sunder, Director–Cloud and AI Platforms, Microsoft, USA, as the keynote speaker. Titled “Surfing the A.I. World,” the session offered students valuable insights into navigating an increasingly dynamic, technology-driven world. Through real-world perspectives, Mr. Sunder highlighted the importance of cultivating a growth mindset. Rev. Dr. C. Joe Arun, SJ, Director of LIBA, made the session a valuable opportunity for meaningful interaction. The initiative reflected LIBA’s commitment to creating enriching platforms that connect students with industry leaders and perspectives beyond the classroom.

St. Joseph’s College, Tiruchirappalli (Autonomous) Organises International Master Class on Ad Filmmaking



The Department of Visual Communication Technology collaborated with St. Joseph’s International and the Don Bosco International Media Academy (DBIMA) of Paris on 3 August, 2026 to organise an International Masterclass on Ad Filmmaking. Global media experts conducted the masterclass and hands-on technical training sessions to give students insight into the industry tools and techniques used. The unique initiative succeeded in bridging the gap between regional media education and the cinematic trends across the globe.



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St. Xavier's College, Ranchi Partners with the Election Commission of Jharkhand



St. Xavier's College, Ranchi was the Knowledge Partner of the Election Commission of Jharkhand. Principal Rev. Dr. Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur, SJ was the Guest of Honour in the International Seminar.

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



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Carmel College, Goa, strengthening institutional collaboration. Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendra, Goa, in collaboration with the University, organised a National Symposium on 16th-century local-language literature.



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21st August 2026 – A Historic Milestone in Student Leadership at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata



The Student Council election was held on August 21, 2026. For the first time in the history of St. Xavier's College, a woman has been elected as General Secretary—Sania Rahman. In fact, both the General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary posts are held by women.

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Honours to St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University)



Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice-Chancellor, was honoured with an Honorary Award at the Mangalore Productivity Council–Rotary Coastal MSME & Start-Up Conclave 2026.

Students too won their share of honours



Ms. N. Pavani Sarayu won one Silver and two Bronze medals at the 52nd Junior National Aquatics Championships 2026.



Ms. Shrika R. of B.Voc. has achieved at the National-Level Karate Competition – Compete 5.0, organised by Ken-E-Mabuni Shito-Ryu Karate School of Karate, held at Udupi on 16 August 2026. She secured 1st Place in Kata and 2nd Place in Kumite in the 19–20 years age category.

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Mr. Ashish A. Suvarna of II B.Com secured 2nd place in the Men Kumite category at the All India Open Karate Independence Cup 2026, organised by the International Yamato Shotokan Karate Association of India, held at Surathkal.



Mr. Abin S. K. (25130549) of II B. won the All India Open Karate Championship, held at Surathkal on 16 August 2025. Competing in the 19–20 Years Black Belt Category, he secured 2nd Place in Kata and 3rd Place in Kumite.



Mr. Omkara Yograj (25160503) II BVOC Sports Management for his commendable performance at the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy, held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, from 17th to 20th August 2026.



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17th August 2026 – Prestigious UN Millennium Fellowship 2026 at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata



St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata



St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) proudly champions 6 of the 8 Millennium Fellows 2026 from the University of Calcutta.
Presented by UNAI and MCN

Campus Directors



Anushka Maity
Postgraduate and Research Department of Political Science

Sreemedha Chatterjee
Postgraduate and Research Department of Political Science



5500+
out of 76,000 applicants



330+
Campuses



Top 5 %
Campuses Selected

Welcome Class of 2026



Tathagata Banerjee
Postgraduate and Research Department of Biotechnology

Ahana Bhattacharya,
Postgraduate and Research Department of Microbiology

Sayanti Roy
Postgraduate and Research Department of Political Science

Abhirup Roy
Postgraduate and Research Department of Political Science

6 students (4 from Political Science, 1 from Biotechnology and 1 from Microbiology) of St.Xavier's College, Kolkata have received the prestigious UN Millennium Fellowship 2026. Our students competed with 70000 applicants from 330 national and international institutions.

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4th August 2026 – A Historic Milestone in the Journey of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata



Some dates become part of history. 4th August 2026 is one such landmark day for St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, as we proudly inaugurated the Xavier School of Engineering & Technology (XSET) and welcomed the first-ever batch of B.Tech students.

This day marks far more than the launch of a new School—it lays the foundation of a lasting legacy in engineering education, where innovation meets values, technology serves humanity, and excellence is guided by the timeless principles of Jesuit education.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by the inspiring Welcome Address of our Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ, who ignited the minds of our budding technocrats with the spirit of Ignatian charism. He encouraged the students to embrace engineering not merely as a profession but as a vocation to innovate with integrity, lead with compassion, and serve society with competence and conscience.

The occasion was further enriched by the enlightening Keynote Address of Prof. Sumon Chakraborty, Director, IIT Kharagpur, one of India's most distinguished engineers and academicians. Speaking on "Building Engineers in the AI Era," he inspired students to cultivate curiosity, adaptability, critical thinking, and lifelong learning, reminding them that while Artificial Intelligence will transform industries, it is human creativity, ethics, and purpose that will shape the future.

The Registrar, Rev. Fr. Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj, outlined the rules and regulations of the University, guiding the students on the academic framework, discipline, and values that will shape their journey at XSET.

As the first cohort of XSET embarks on this transformative journey, they become the pioneers of a new chapter in the University's history. We look forward to nurturing engineers who combine technical excellence with social responsibility and emerge as leaders capable of addressing the challenges of an ever-evolving world.

The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Tuhin Utsab Paul, Dean of the Xavier School of Engineering and Technology, who expressed sincere gratitude to all dignitaries, faculty, staff, and students for making the historic occasion a grand success.

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One-Day Faculty Formation and Development Programme on the Mission, Identity and Values of Jesuit Higher Education



The One-Day Faculty Formation and Development Programme on the Mission, Identity and Values of Jesuit Higher Education was successfully organized by St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata on 18th July 2026. Conceived as a formative initiative for the teaching faculty inducted on or after 1st January 2017, the programme sought to deepen faculty members' understanding of the Jesuit educational tradition, reaffirm the institution's mission and identity, and strengthen their commitment to academic excellence rooted in Ignatian values.

The programme commenced with a prayer service led by Rev. Dr. Joseph Kulandai, SJ, invoking God's blessings upon the deliberations of the day. This was followed by the ceremonial Lighting of the Lamp by the dignitaries, symbolising the light of wisdom, knowledge, and truth that lies at the heart of Jesuit education.

The inaugural session was conducted by Father Principal, Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, who formally welcomed the gathering and delivered an enlightening address on "Jesuit Identity and Educational Mission: A Historical Perspective on the Society of Jesus and St. Xavier's College." Drawing upon the rich heritage of the Society of Jesus, Father traced the evolution of Jesuit education and highlighted its enduring relevance in contemporary higher education. Emphasising the ideals of *Magis*, *Cura Personalis*, discernment, academic excellence, and service, he encouraged faculty members to view their profession as a vocation of accompaniment and holistic human formation.