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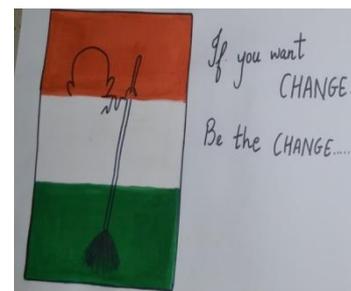
*Diamond Jubilee Year (1955- 2015)*

## Three staff members felicitated

St. Xavier's College instituted awards to acknowledge employees who contribute in the administrative work of the College. This year **Dr. Nirmal Desai** for Examination Reforms, **Dr. Clement C.J.** for vibrancy in the Career Cell and **Mr. Virendra Makwana** for administrative efficiency won the awards given on the Annual Prize Distribution Day of the College. We are proud of you! The College also announced a 'best department' award to be given from next year. The winning department will get Rs. 5001, a summary report, and a rolling trophy.

## Be the Change.....

NSS has been on an activity mission. **Prof. Ami Shah** organized two events with the help of a group of devoted NSS volunteers. The first was a Blood Donation Camp in the College. The response of students was overwhelming where 62 students donated blood. Later on a painting competition was organized on the theme of 'Swachh Bharat' where a large number of students took part. Some of the sketches portrayed their value system. Prof. Ami continues to promote the Gandhian motto "if you want change, be the change".



## Season for Academic Prizes

February was dominated by science competitions. Many of our staff members have brought accolades by winning prizes at seminars. **Dr. Atul Makwana** and **Dr. Dilip Vasava** won the Second Prize in a poster presentation at Uka Tarsadia University, Bardoli, as well as at M.M. Modi College, Patiala. Krutika Vyas, Yash Somaiya, and Udit Popat bagged the First Prize in the poster competition and Parth Bhatt and Naresh Parmar in an oral presentation at a National Symposium 'Recent Trends in Science and Technology' organised by Christ College, Rajkot. Harsh Bhavsar and Rashi Sanjay Lunia won the Second and Third Rank respectively in the National Mathematics Talent Competition conducted by AMTI. In the Prof. A.R. Rao Mathematics competition Shreeja Chaudhary won the Third Rank and Harsh Bhavsar won a certificate of merit. Many of our students participated in the Minaxi Lalit Quiz competition. 28 were declared winners where Botany grabbed 12, Zoology 4, Chemistry 5, Voc.BT 5, and Biochemistry 2 clearing the elimination round. Congratulations to all. Besides, Abdul Khalik and Kinjal Shah were the runners up at a State level Science Quiz held at Atmiya Institute, Kadi. Congratulations. Keep up the spirit. Xavier's is proud of you.

## Educational trip

The Department of Zoology organized an educational trip to the Baroda Museum to study preserved animals and another trip to Narara, a Marine National Park to study marine fauna in its natural habitat. The Department of Botany organized an interactive session on 'Careers in Biology' by Ms. Prachi Patel, an alumna of the Department.

The Department of Chemistry organized three popular lectures, Dr. Prakash Jha on ‘Computational Chemistry’, Dr. M Jotani on ‘X-ray Crystallography’, and Dr. Pathik Brhakshatriya on ‘General Awareness of Chemical Industries’. The Department of Economics organised an industrial trip to Amul Dairy, Anand, where students were introduced to the nuances of manufacturing and marketing. All the third year students benefitted from this trip.

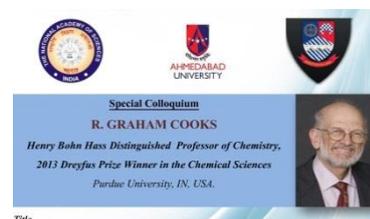
### Economics and Public Policy

The Department of Economics organized a lecture on Public Policy Perspectives in India by Dr. Rajiv Malhotra, an Economist and Director of Jindal School of Public Policy, Delhi. Students also organised the now famous Ecofest – *prayag* - where students from four city colleges participated. Congratulations.



### Seminars

The Department of Physics organised two popular lectures. The first by Dr. Graham Cooks, from Purdue University, on ‘Measuring Molecules: Mass Spectrometers in Science, Education and Business’. The second by Prof. Mihir Pandya of Auburn University, on ‘Plasma and its Production’. Congratulations to the Department of Physics.



### Seminar Funding

The Department of Chemistry received Rs. 50000 from GUJCOST to organize the Diamond Jubilee Seminar on ‘Innovative Trends in Energy, Ecodesign & Energy Labelling’. The Department of Sanskrit, Gujarati-Hindi and English also received UGC funding for organising seminars. Congratulations.

### MoU

An MoU was signed between SPU, UNEP-GEP-MOEF-ABS Project, Gujarat Biodiversity Board, Gandhinagar and St. Xavier’s College, Ahmedabad, for preparation of two PBRs of Zod and Hadgud villages, Anand. **Fr Lancelot D’Cruz** took the initiative in signing the MoU.

### Minor Research Project

Three of our faculty got UGC approval for minor research projects. Now **Prof. Arti Kumar**, **Dr. Udayan Prajapati** and **Dr. Ishwar Mehra** can work towards some publications in international journals. We heartily congratulate them. May this be an inspiration for other faculty too.

### Utkarsh Din

The Akhil Ahmedabad Utkarsh Din was celebrated on our campus on February 15, 2015. The programme was organised under the leadership of **Sr. Mary James**. Dr. Nandeen commissioner for the disabled was the Chief Guest. He conducted an inspirational and motivating interactive session. **Dr. Ishwar Mehra** was also a resource person.



Utkarsh also organized a farewell function for the third year students and a picnic to Gandhinagar for our physically and visually challenged students. Thank you students for being with us for the past three years and we hope we could make a difference in your life.

## Jagrat training

Jagrat organized various workshops on multiple topics. It began with a workshop on 'Strategic Academic Planning' where **Prof. Puransinh Macwana, Dr. Dilip Vasava, Prof. Saurabh Vaishnav** and **Fr. Lancelot D'Cruz** trained 27 students in SAP. Later 57 students were trained in 'Study Skills' by **Dr. Ishwar Mehra, Prof. Vijay Dandhukia, Fr. Lancelot D'Cruz** and Mr. Shivaji Vasava. The students came up with subject wise plans to enhance their academic performance in the examinations.

## Career Cell initiatives

Career Cell under the leadership of **Dr. Clement C.J.** organised an event as part of the awareness programme where 125 students benefitted. A 68 hour capacity building programme was organised by TCS and Oakbrook University where 120 students participated. A placement drive was carried out by Wipro, Gandhi Fellowship, Star TV, Teach India, Lowe and Lintas (world's second largest advertisement agency) where 264 students attended and 43 student got placement offers. We congratulate the Career Cell for the untiring work done to help our students secure job.



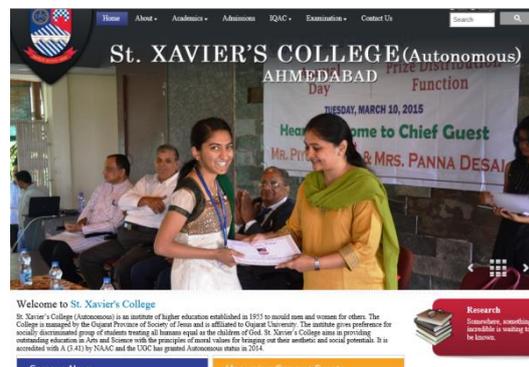
## Sports



Our staff members are excellent not only in academics but also in sports. It was proved beyond doubt when five of our staff members took part in various inter collegiate tournaments. **Prof. Arti Kumar** was the winner in table tennis and **Dr. Rajesh Iyer** won the runner up in badminton. Congratulations. May your winning spirit inspire many more of our staff to take up active sports. 😊

## Annual Day and Prize distribution

The College Annual Day was celebrated with all fanfare on March 10, 2015. One of the attractions of the event was the use of modern technology to present the Annual report. The Chief Guest of the function was Mr. Piyush Desai, a philanthropist and an industrialist. Mr. Desai inspired those present to participate in nation building. It was followed by prize distribution. 136 of our students received prizes under various categories. Mr. Amarkumar Sinha was awarded the Sportsman of the year trophy and Ms. Saumya Joshi the Sportswoman of the year trophy. The



College also instituted a new prize for the student who makes the best use of the library. This year the prize went to Mr. Timothy Macwan of FYBSc. and Mr. Choke Anan of MA. Congratulations to all the winners. SXC Chronicles also take note of the meticulous hardwork of **Fr Vincent Saldanha** in organizing the Annual Day function.

### Farewell to final year students

Unlike other years, this year the farewell for outgoing students was organized on March 24, 2015 at the departmental level to bring in greater cohesiveness. After the initial common get together, students met in their respective departments. During the common function **Dr. Ishwar Mehra** and **Dr. Kinnari Dubal** gave a farewell message. Thank you students for choosing Xavier's and we appreciate your contribution. We do hope that we could touch your lives in some way during this period. *Aavjo and Avta rahejo.*

### Staff Research Seminar

The 13<sup>th</sup> Staff Research Seminar was held on March 25, 2015 in the Fr. Herbert D'Souza Hall. The keynote address was given by Dr. K. Pundarikakshudu on 'Development of Herbal Drugs'. It was followed by six presentations from Arts and Science. This year the seminar was unique because for the first time abstracts were published in the Research Annals. **Fr. Fernando Franco**, Research Coordinator gave away the certificates. Congratulations to the team of editors comprising of **Dr. T.C. Pandya, Dr Pranav Trivedi, Dr. Sarvar Sherry Chand, Dr. Pinky Desai, Dr. Atul Makwana,** and **Fr. Fernando Franco** for nurturing such an enriching culture on campus.

### Snippets

- ✓ As part of the elective course on Public Health an exhibition was organized where students displayed charts on burning public health issues of India.
- ✓ In our effort to make our campus environment friendly, representatives of two companies visited our campus to install a solar system.
- ✓ Fr. Robert our Principal represented the College in the JESA meeting held in Hyderabad.
- ✓ Fr. Lancelot D'Cruz attended Global Earth Summit in Kolkata.
- ✓ The first Governing Body meeting under autonomous system was held on March 21, 2015.
- ✓ Prof. Saurabh Vaishnav and Prof. Atman Shah have cleared the GSET exam. Mr. Sunil Macwan, Ms. Dipali Talsania, Mr. Gaurav Desai, Mr. Shailesh Mistri, and Mr. Edwin Macwan cleared CCC examination. Congratulations.
- ✓ Dr. Dilip Vasava represented SXCA in the Gujarat Environment Management Institute (GEMI) training on Bio medical waste management
- ✓ Mr. Wilson Christian and Ms. Kirti Parvasi attended training programme organized by KCG for accountants.
- ✓ Dr. Rajesh Iyer received a research grant of Rs. 30Lakhs from ISRO. He also received a medal for 25 years of service in St Xavier's College.

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