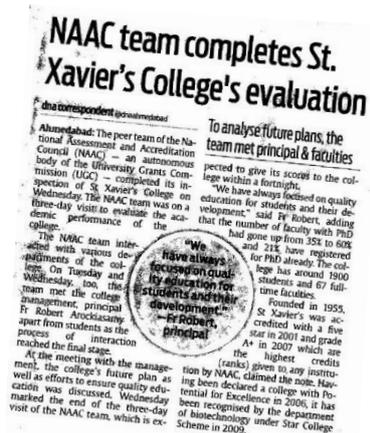




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NAAC pat for St. Xavier's College



St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, has been Re-Accredited (third cycle) by NAAC on October 25, 2013 with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.41 out of 4, and graded A. Congratulations to one and all.



Xavier's at Nationals in cultural activities

This year St Xavier's College has done exceptionally well in the University Youth festival. The College participated in 25 events and won prizes in 16 events at the intercollege level. We participated in 15 events at the inter-zonal level and won ten 1st prizes, one 2nd and two 3rd prizes breaking all past records! The story does not end there. We participated at the Western India level held at Kolhapur in five events and won the 1st prize in Western group song and Western solo song!! Our participants will now go to the Nationals to be held at Kurukshetra. Congrats to all the participants and the Coordinator who steered the wheel to success, **Fr Vincent Saldanha SJ**.

St Xavier's College has also done well at the Gujarat University Sports meet under the inspiring leadership of **Maj. Vijaysinh Padheria**. 167 of our students (9.2%) participated in 23 events. The College has won in 10 events at the Zonal level and retained the first position in athletics at the intercollegiate.

Teacher's Day Celebrations



Teacher's Day celebrations were held in the Siddharth Assembly Hall on September 5, 2013. Most of the faculty members were given a sapling to plant on the occasion. A group of enthusiastic



professors including **Prof. Arti Kumar, Prof. Arti Oza, Prof. Profaina Christian, Prof. Saurabh Vaishnav, Prof. Anil Parmar, and Prof. Amarsinh**

Vasava performed a role reversed play on ‘college students’. Also **Prof. Rajesh Iyer** and **Prof. Ishwar Mehra**, **Dr Shuchita Mehta**, **Prof Sanjay Patel** etc. were seen enthraling the audience.

Women’s cell shines



The Women’s Cell of our College, under the leadership of **Dr. Khushnuma Banaji**, has been organising some wonderful activities in the recent past. It organized a poster making competition on ‘Save the Girl Child’ on September 6, 2013. Seventeen students participated and the winners were: **Koma Bavda**, **FYBSc (1st)**, **Riddhi Shah**, **SYBA (2nd)**, **Steven Mao** and **Kanisha Pathak**, **TYBA (3rd)**.

A street play in Hindi, ‘Beti Bachao’, was held at Open Air Theatre on September 7, 2013. The play had **Ruhan Mansuri** and **Siddharth Iyer** from TYBA; **Twisha Thakor**, **Yatri Ajabia**, **Priya Ashokan** and **Davla Celine** from SYBA as performers. It was directed by **Ruhan Mansuri** and scripted by **Munzerin Qureshi** and **Jessica Jose** (SYBA).



Seminars

An interactive discourse was organized by the department of Biochemistry on ‘Nutrition and Good health’ for the students of Biochemistry. Mr Dennis Ghoghara was the resource person. Over 40 students participated. The talk focused on the need to eat healthy food to perform better in academics as well as in other activities.



The department of Physics organized a seminar on ‘Excitement of research in basic science’. The main speaker Dr. D.K. Srivastava highlighted on the reward and excitement of carrying out research in Science.

Workshops



Analysis of PGOP with **Sr. Mary** and core faculty group members on 12th October 2013. The faculty members said that they have been inspired to improve their quality of relationship with family, friends and students.

A staff workshop on Transformative work space was organized by the campus ministry on October 19. The resource person was Mr Neerad Trivedi from Chennai. The workshop focused on how to make a

mark at our work place through our total involvement and ownership. Mr Neerad led the entire group through a process of involvement which culminated in an on the spot music compilation competition.

Recognitions

Dr. T C Pandya and **Dr. Mrudul Gadhvi** are recognized as Ph. D. guides by Indian Institute of Teacher's Education, Gandhinagar.

Fr. Francis Parmar SJ, former principal of St Xavier's College, is the Provincial of Gujarat. Fr Francis played a pivotal role in the NAAC accreditation not only in the first two cycles, but also in the third. His love for Xavier's is deeply rooted as can be seen in his enthusiasm to take part in other activities of the College as well. We congratulate him and wish him all success in this new responsibility.

St Xavier's College has a new Rector, **Fr Lancelot D'Cruz SJ**. All the best for an eventful tenure.

Dr A P Patel and **Dr T C Pandya** continue to win prizes at the national level in Physics competitions. Recently, they won the first and second awards in 'Experiment in Physics' by NCIEP 2013 held during 28th Annual convention of Indian Physics Teacher's at Calcutta. Salute to their untiring spirit. May our younger faculty draw inspiration from this batch of stalwarts.

Siddharth Iyer of TYBA had the privilege of meeting Oscar winning musician *A.R. Rahman* on October 26, 2013 during a press conference. He also called upon Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat *Dr. Kamla Beniwal* at Rajbhavan on November 07, 2013: He also met the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India *Dr. Manmohan Singh* and former IPS officer *Dr. Kiran Bedi* at New Delhi on December 07, 2013. He presented portraits to each dignitary.



Ankita Patel, a TY student of Biotechnology has been selected as a student partner at *Gate to Biotechnology Industry Organizations & Foundations in India (G-BioFin)* for St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad. She will be inspiring youngsters and spreading awareness around the globe about Biotechnology.

ISON comes to Xavier's

A programme to watch Comet ISON was arranged at St. Xavier's College campus on November 24, 2013. Prof. Brijmohan Thakore and Shri Dhanjay Raval were invited to motivate our students. A large number of students and sky gazers took advantage of this unique opportunity.



Tours and Visits

A group of enthusiastic students from the department of Gujarati organized a study tour to Lothal to study about the Harappan civilization in Gujarat. The mentor of the team was **Prof Puransinh Macwana** who explained to the group the nuances of the civilization. The group returned with enthusiasm to preserve our old heritage.

A knowledge mission in Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals was convened in Ahmedabad. A group of delegates from nine UK Universities wanting to explore collaborative and recruitment opportunities interacted with 6 faculty members from Chemistry and Biochemistry at Hotel St. Lauren and discussed the possibility of collaboration. Dr Sebastian presented on behalf of St Xavier's College. The faculty discussion revolved around discussing the existing models of the College with other partners.



Fr. Robert attended the meeting of Principals at Trivandrum where he presented one of the best practices of our College, the PGOP. The idea as well as the presentation was very well appreciated and there are many Christian colleges in the country would like to replicate our success story.

Eight of our students from the department of Economics took part in an inter college competition at Podar College, Mumbai. Many of them reached the semi-final round. **Niyati Jain** won the 2nd prize in 'the contagion' and **Purvi Sharma** and **Gloria D'lima** won the 3rd prize in 'ideas that click'. Jai Xavier's.

Fr Lancelot D'Cruz SJ represented SXCA and presented a paper at the ICAAP at Bangkok.

Diwali celebration by UTKARSH

Diwali was celebrated by Utkarsh on October 18. It was a very meaningful celebration where over 25 students from the physically challenged group participated under the leadership of **Fr Roland** and **Sr Mary James**. They were assisted by a large group of volunteers. **Prof. Puransinh Macwana** delivered the Diwali message to students and emphasized on the need to focus on studies in spite of physical disabilities to do well in life.



Christmas celebration



Perna, an organization of supporting employees of our college, celebrated Christmas with great enthusiasm. The Christmas message was delivered by **Fr. Rony, SJ**. The Premal Jyoti Jesuits Brothers accompanied by volunteers of the Utkarsh group joined the celebrations. On the same day Christmas celebrations for administrative and academic staff was held in the College campus. **Fr. Lancy, SJ**, gave the Christmas message. **Raman**, an SYBsc student gave a message in Gujarati.

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