



SXC Chronicles

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Are You Safe Online?

On 8 February 2020, College Women Development Cell in collaboration with Jagrat and NSS unit conducted an event, 'Are you safe online?'

Mr Pravin Valiya, a reputed police inspector was invited as speaker for the event which focused on spreading awareness about online shopping and consumer safety. Mr Valiya explained how an International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number of any mobile can show its location.

He also emphasised on checking an application's permission before installing and never to use net banking on Wi-Fi connectivity.

Celebrating Utcars Day



A Khil Utcars Day was celebrated by the Utcars cell of St Xavier's College Ahmedabad at the college campus, on 9 February 2020.

Under the leadership of Sister Mary James, the Utcars volunteers hosted this event for all the specially challenged and orphan students from different schools, colleges and organisations.



The first part of the event which was held on the lawn near OAT included games conducted by Mr Ishwar Mehra. The congregation was then led to XICA auditorium for further events.

Dr Ketan Shukla was the chief guest of the event and Fr Mundupuzhakal Johnson SJ was the guest of honour.

The programme began with a prayer song by an

English department student Yashasvi Gupta, followed by lighting of the lamp.

An introduction about Utcars was given by Kanchanben, a former Xavierite.

Dr Shukla in his speech said that St Xavier's College has a tradition of caring and giving opportunities for the differently-abled students. Besides offering various programmes for their personal growth and integration, the presence of these students makes the college environment special.

The inspirational talks were followed by programmes including songs, dances, skit, mimicry, etc., by both the volunteers and the students attending the occasion.

NSS Unit Donates Clothes to Needy



On 11 January 2020, the NSS unit of St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad in collaboration with the Gracehut Foundation collected more than 900 clothes arranged in a

drive to distribute it to the people in need.

The clothes received from Xavierites were in an excellent condition. In this drive, eight volunteers from NSS and ten volunteers

from Gracehut Foundation had participated.

These volunteers formed four teams which then gifted clothes to more than 700 people in areas of S.G Highway, Sal Hospital T.V Tower Ground, IIM Road, Malav Talav, Vasna and Chandkheda.

Divyang Chaudhary, a member of Gracehut Foundation and also of the NSS unit of St Xavier's came up with the idea for this event.

The entire drive was organised by the student.

Xavierites visit IPR on National Science Day

A total of 60 students from first year BSc Physics department participated in National Science Day celebration organised by Institute for Plasma Research on 1 and 2 February 2020.

In this event, more than 10,000 students from all over Gujarat had visited the stalls setup by the students. The students also participated in quiz and poster making competitions.

Medal Haul for Xavierites at the Petro Cup

Xavierites won big at the recently concluded Petro Cup at Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University from 13 to 17 February 2020.

The event marked gold medal for both the men's and women's basketball team.

The novice women's cricket team of St Xavier's College won the Petrocup tournament.

In athletics, Xavierites Niyati Trivedi won two gold medals in 400m race and Shotput, Shorne Matthew won silver in 400m race and Naman Kanjani won a gold medal in long jump and two silver medal in high jump and triple jump.

Present Day Biology Seminar



The Biotechnology and Biochemistry department organised a National Seminar on 'Present Day Biology: Impact of Research at the Molecular and Cellular Level' on 3 and 4 January 2020.

The seminar was inaugurated by Fr Jose Changnancherry, Dr Shailesh Shah, Ms Jyotna Narula, Fr Vicent Braganza, Dr Parimal Sheth and Mr Thacker. The

seminar consisted of discussions about the impact of molecular and cell biology in education, research, translation discoveries and product developments.

Each session had sub-themes on Plant Sciences and Agriculture, Animal Sciences, Diseases and Health, Environment and Conservation, Nutrition Sciences and Innovations, Product Development and Omics.

The keynote address on 3 January was given by Dr Sheth, director of Endovac Animal Health Inc, USA. He elaborated on the molecular techniques that have helped the translation of basic research into products.

The keynote address by Dr Sarat Dalai, director of Institute of Life Sciences, was given on 4 January. It explained the ideation of a chimeric IL – 15 into a vaccine with an extension of treatment for cancer.

Out of a total of 250 registrations, 80% were UG to PhD scholars from different parts of Gujarat. The poster review sessions allowed students to present concepts ranging from plant sciences to bio-nanotechnology. 80 students from the department attended this session.

English Vocational Course Successfully Completed



AUGC funded vocational programme was organised by the English department for the students of Gujarati medium. 50 students from first year and second year participated in this programme.

The programme lasted eight months where students learned communicative skills of the English language. For better learning processes different activities were conducted

like skit, drama, interview and presentations.

Five students from the English department taught the students enrolled for the course. Students were divided into two batches A and B. Batch A was guided by Niti Patel and Mansi Keswani while batch B was guided by Shyama Khatri, Jhanvi Charkhawala and Risha Buvariya.

Fr Sunil Macwan was the director of the programme and Prof Anna Sacha was the academic coordinator who designed the syllabus for this programme. At the end of this course, all the students were awarded a certificate.

NSS unit and Tarumitra urges students to Go Green!

On 1 December 2019, an environment awareness workshop was organised by the NSS unit in collaboration with Tarumitra and under the guidance of Fr Lancelot D'Cruz.

In this, an interactive workshop based on environment conservation was held.

A total of 50 volunteers of NSS had participated in the workshop. The main objective of the workshop was not just to make the students aware but also to take action for conserving the environment.

In this workshop, Fr D'Cruz explained to the volunteers the significance of



caring for our surroundings and helped them to prepare an action plan for the same.

These plans included banning plastic use in college, using bicycles for traveling, and sustaining electricity. Volunteers also got knowledge from Tarumitra experts through video presentations and movie screening, also volunteers took part in campus tours and played games based on environmental themes.

Literary Feminism at St Xavier's



On 8, 10 and 11 February 2020, English department organised a guest lecture in the AV room.

The guest lecture was conducted by Dr Indira Nityanandam and Dr Sonali Pattnaik on 'Feminism and Women in Writing.' It was based on Laura Mulvey's essay, the 'Male Gaze'.

The students were asked to go through the text that deals with feminism in India, prior to the guest lecture. On the first day, the session was conducted by Dr Nityanandam.

On day two and three, Dr Pattnaik talked about 'Feminism in India as seen through Indian literature and Bollywood and also about consent, sexual repression, liberation of women and toxic masculinity in the literature, film, and life.'

Celebrating 71st Republic Day

The 71st Republic day of India was celebrated by the NSS unit of St Xavier's College on 26 January 2020 at the OAT.

Mr Ishwar Vaghela was the chief guest of this event. He has provided many years of service to boy's hostel of St Xavier's. He had started working at the men's college hostel when he was only 15 years old. Being the guest of honour, Mr Vaghela was reluctant initially but then he spoke his heart out by giving a speech on the stage.

40 volunteers had participated in this event where they performed various cultural activities.

The programme started



with a poem that highlighted the greatness of our soldiers followed by a dance performance that depicted the Uri attack and the aftermath of it where India retaliated.

Ritik Agarwal, head of cultural committee of NSS, shared the idea behind their theme, 'Every year we talk how great our nation is

but this time we focused on weaknesses too which may restrict the development.'

The volunteers then performed a self-written fusion of song and rap to transmit the message of concentrating on our actions for the development of our nation. The event ended with the reading of Preamble of India.

Slovenian Scholar visits SXCA

On 22 January 2020, the English department organised an event about a book titled 'Giras Ma Ek Dugri' by Marija Srè Mitskaben at the XICA auditorium.

Dr Anna Jelinkar, a literary Slovenian scholar had a conversation with students and faculty regarding the book and the real-life stories behind it.

The book is a symbol of feminism as it talks about women exploitation in the



Adivasi regions of Gujarat.

There is a strong critique of patriarchy embedded in these stories. The author is a Christian (Catholic) woman who has worked with Adivasi women for

almost four decades, trying to uplift them economically and instill in them a sense of worth and dignity.

The students who were part of this seminar talked about what they found interesting, powerful, engaging and illuminating in the stories. At the end of the event, everyone had a video call through skype with Marija Srè Mitskaben.

Students asked her a few questions and they analysed the book.



ChemCho was remarkably Majama!

The inter-college chemistry fest 'Chem Cho' was organised on 6 February 2020. It was a full day event managed by student coordinators- Nimit Jain, Payal Sharma and Pragyan Sahu. Many colleges of Ahmedabad had participated in the fest. The fest included competitions such as

working models, chem charades and chem hunt.

In the working model competition, LJ college secured the first position followed by MSU Baroda at second place. St Xavier's won the chem charades competition as well as the chem hunt.

Dang Bird Festival

Four students from the Zoology department participated in a four day long Dang bird festival.

It was organised by north Dang forest division in Purna Wildlife Sanctuary from 6 February to 9 February 2020.

In this festival, Isha Patel was a participant whereas Muhammed Maaz, Adit Nair, and Paras Parikh were volunteers who guided the participants.

The participants got to know about different species of birds and how our ecosystem and avian biodiversity works.

XAVIER'S CUP MANIA

The Intercollegiate Xavier's Cup was held on 17, 18 and 19 January 2020. It was organised by the basketball team who always wanted to host a tournament.

The tournament consisted of 12 men's and 4 women's teams from colleges across Ahmedabad. Two teams viz. SXCA 'A' and SXCA 'B' represented Xavier's

The SXCA 'A' team consisted of team members who had represented the college at the Intercollege Sports Tournament and team 'B' consisted of players who were not part of the college team.



SXCA 'B' lost its first match against PDU but won the next match with LD College of Engineering. They were eliminated in the quarter-finals after losing to GNLU. However, SXCA 'A', reached the finals defeating Ahmedabad University, GLS Design and GNLU. In the finals against PDU on

19 January 2020, SXCA 'A' won the Xavier's Cup with a score of 72-58.

The women's team also won all its matches to reach the finals. However, the PDU women's team won the finals with a score of 27-37, making them the champions of the maiden edition of Xavier's Cup.

Matrubhasha Ujavani Divas



Vishwa Matribhasha Divas was celebrated on 20 February 2020 at the XICA auditorium, highlighting the importance of mother tongue especially the Gujarati language and our traditional culture.

The chief guest of the event was Prof Veena Sheth, former professor of



Gujarati at Xavier's.

In her speech she said, 'we don't think of our mother tongue as highly as of English. We do have a lot of chances for making a career by learning our regional language.'

The event started with the lighting of the lamp by Fr Vinayak Jadav, Veena-

ben, Fr Sunil Macwan and Dr Puran Makwana, and also with a sanskrit *shloka* by Astha Desai.

This was followed by a song performance by Ealio Lepcha in his native language of Nepali. The students performed various skits.

Gujarati folk dance performed by Amisha Sisodiya enthralled the audience.

Rudri Shukla gave a speech on the challenges of upholding our language.

The event ended with a screening of the famous Gujarati movie *Chello Divas* and *Garba dance*.

Breast Cancer Awareness Programme

On 30 November 2019, College Women Development Cell in collaboration with Samved hospital, conducted a 'Breast cancer awareness programme' at the AV room.

Dr Shefali Desai and Dr Nisha Joshi from Samved hospital made the students aware of the reasons for breast cancer, its stages, diagnosis and treatment.

A brief session was conducted by Dr Desai on breast cysts, and how to distinguish between them.

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