

## **Institutional Distinctiveness 2020-21**

St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, managed by the Jesuit Fathers of the Gujarat Province, follows the mission of providing access to academic excellence, research, service learning and all-round human development to all strata of society irrespective of caste, creed, religion and social status with special attention to the deprived, discriminated and marginalised students.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused economic distress to all strata of the society. The college reached out with a 15% fee reduction across all streams so that all students could continue their education. Those unable to afford even this were provided with financial aid. Because of financial constraints, students were unable to afford internet connectivity or smart phones which was compensated for by offering students education both through live sessions and recorded lectures, on the LMS Moodle to deliver education to all online mode, with examinations taken in the Viva and assignment mode, so that additional expenditure was not incurred by families due to data usage. WhatsApp groups were created so that the students remained connected and informed at all times about lectures, tests and other activities. These groups also facilitated disseminating information and clearing doubts. NSS reached out to the needy providing food and shelter.

- 1) There was a 15% fee reduction across all streams
- 2) Students were offered education in both live sessions and recorded lectures were provided
- 3) Further financial aid was provided to the needy students
- 4) Examinations were through the Viva and assignment mode
- 5) WhatsApp group were created to communicate the students
- 6) MOODLE was implemented for education and examination.
- 7) Through NSS, many activities are conducted like providing food and shelter to the needy