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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

MATRUBHASHA DIVAS CELEBRATION

To celebrate World Mother Language Day 2026, Gujarat Sahitya Academy, Gandhinagar, and St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad collaboratively organized a live poetry recital programme. The event was a part of 'Matrubhasha Mahotsav' and was held to honour and promote the Gujarati language. Dr. Anil Chavda and Dr. Dhvani Parekh, well known poets of the Gujarati language, were invited as special guests. They recited their poems

and shared their experiences as writers. The programme was attended by Chief Guest **Fr. Dr. Sunil Macwan**, and Programme Coordinator **Dr. Puransinh Makwana**. Many teachers and students participated with keen interest and engagement.



ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS DRIVE

The NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad (Autonomous), organized a Road Safety Awareness Drive with the support of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation at various traffic junctions in the city. The drive was held in purpose to make people aware of traffic rules and uplift safe driving. NSS volunteers interacted with drivers and pedestrians and through posters, slogans and placards, shared simple road safety messages. They asked people to follow

traffic signals, wear helmets and seat belts, and drive carefully to prevent accidents. Through the drive, the students effectively communicated to people about road safety and social change.

GIBION EVENT

The Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology of St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad participated in the GIBION, a competition organised with the support of GSBTM. During the event, our students displayed their knowledge, talent, and scientific creativity and won several prizes. **Ms. Yashvi Bhatt** won 3rd place in Article Writing, **Mr. Harshil Chatterjee** and **Ms. Manushri Shah** secured 3rd place in the Quiz competition



and **Ms. Kshiti Vyas** won 2nd place in Abstract Writing. The entire programme was coordinated by **Dr. Kinjal Bhatt**. The success at the GIBION shows the department's continued commitment to students growth.

RED DOT BAG MAKING PROGRAMME

The Collegiate Women's Development Cell (CWDC) organised a Red Dot Bag Making Programme on 10 February, 2026 at the Siddharth Assembly Hall to spread awareness about menstrual hygiene and sanitary waste disposal. The programme highlighted how the red dot helps sanitation workers identify sanitary waste, and introduced the students to the Red Dot Campaign. Students made paper bags and marked them with a red dot with the guidance of volunteers. A total of 1,015 Red Dot bags were prepared, by the end of the event. The programme gained active participation from students and helped create awareness about menstrual hygiene and safe waste disposal.



EMBRACING CHALLENGES

On 7th February, 2026, an event titled "Embracing Challenges" was held at the XICA Auditorium of St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad organized by Campus Ministry. The event was attended by 70 participants, along with former Utkarsh members. It began with the college anthem and a prayer song, followed by a welcome speech by **Ms. Honey Raheshiya**. **Fr. Dr. David Roy** shared a message about

personal growth, and **Mr. Ashok Kumar Parmar** gave a motivational talk on turning obstacles into opportunities. Participants also engaged in an interactive session led by **Ms. Rajivi Gupta** and actively participated in audio-based games designed by **Mr. Tishan** to understand the experiences of visually challenged people. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by **Ms. Jia Nebhani** and the National Anthem.

LITANZA'26

The Department of English organized the second edition of Litanza'26 on 27th February, 2026. Litanza was declared open in a brief inaugural ceremony by the esteemed chief guest, **Dr. Kirit Trivedi**, and was followed by a film screening of the new *Frankenstein*. The event further organised three competitions: Crossword Contest, Film Poster Making, and Extempore Competition. In addition, a Pottery workshop was conducted, providing participants with a hands-on creative experience.

The program concluded with a series of performances by students, followed by the valedictory ceremony, during which the winners of the competitions were announced and felicitated. Thanks to **Dr. Anna Sacha** and the entire department in creativity, collaboration, and appreciation for literature and the arts, among all the participants.



IBM WORKSHOP

An IBM Workshop was organized for students enrolled in the online internship programme, with around 200 students participating in the session. The session aimed to provide practical exposure and hands-on learning in emerging technologies. As part of the workshop, students were asked to design and execute a chatbot based on a topic assigned to them. The topics had been determined by the respective departments, taking into account the number of participating students. This initiative by NEP Task Force Coordinator **Dr. Rajesh Iyer** offered students a valuable opportunity to enhance their technical skills, apply conceptual knowledge to real-world tasks, and gain meaningful industry-oriented experience.



INNOVATION CELL WORKSHOP

Students of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad brought laurels to the institution by winning the First Prize at the Budding Innovators Meetup-2026, a state-level intercollegiate competition organized by SPU SSIP Navadhara and the Sardar Patel Startup & Entrepreneurship Council on 6 February 2026. Competing against participants from several colleges and universities across Gujarat, **Mr. Adarsh Raj**, **Ms. Sumanya Santhosh**, and **Mr. Ashish Kumar** secured the top position, showcasing remarkable creativity and innovation.

Their achievement has brought pride to the college and reflects the vibrant innovative spirit fostered through the institution's Innovation Club. The college also acknowledged the guidance of **Dr. Pranav Trivedi** and **Dr. Nisarg Vyas** for their efforts in taking the Innovation Club forward.

In another initiative, the Innovation Club successfully organized a **five-day intensive workshop for “non coders”** from 23 to 27 February 2026. The programme aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical programming knowledge and real-world applications. The workshop was led by **Mr. Chintan Patel** from Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad along with his expert team. A total of 32 students participated in the



hands-on training, where they learned to translate abstract logic into functional prototypes. The sessions introduced participants to AI-integrated Python scripting, guiding them from basic coding syntax to practical startup workflows and prototype development. Live long the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among students at St. Xavier's College!

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

BUDGET TALK

The Department of Economics at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad organized a session titled 'How to Read a Government Budget' on 11 February 2026 under the Budget Talk@Campus initiative of the Government of Gujarat. The programme was coordinated by **Dr. Pinky Desai**, Head of the Department of Economics. The event gathered around 80 participants. During the session, **Prof. Ketan**



Shah explained the Union Budget 2026 and showed students how to read and understand the important parts of a government budget. The session helped students look at the budget in a clear and a practical way.



FOODZYME

The MSc. Biochemistry and Biotechnology students organized Foodzyme, a fun and educational festival about the role of enzymes in food and everyday life under the guidance of **Fr. Dr. Suresh Antony SJ**. The event demonstrated the role of enzymes in making food, preserving it, improving nutrition, quality and aiding digestion. Students used models, products, simple demonstrations and presentations to explain these ideas in an easy and an interesting way.

THEATRE - KAMROO

The students of Department of Theatre at St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad were invited to perform 'Kamroo' a gripping Gujarati theatre production at the National School of Drama's 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2026 held at Swami Vivekanand Auditorium, Daman. The play, written by **Dr. Satish Vyas** and directed by **Dr. Vikram Panchal** and **Mr. Shaunak Vyas**, bagged the first place. The mythological retelling of Krishna's dialogue with Duryodhan earned the only standing ovation among 15 entries. **Mr. Satyendra Parmar** and his 11-member team were felicitated by veteran actor **Mr. Mita Vashisht** and NSD Director Mr. Chitranjan Das Tripathi.

CHEMCHO

The Department of Chemistry at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad organized its annual event CHEM-CHO 4.0 on 26 February 2026. The programme was held by the Innovation Club and the Department of Chemistry under the leadership of **Dr. Francis Christy** and **Dr. Pranav Trivedi**. A total of 95 students from eight teams participated in a variety of different activities and competitions. **Prof. Hitendra M. Patel**, started the event with a talk on Green Chemistry, and explained the importance of eco-friendly and sustainable chemical practices. Students then took part in activities such as CHEM Jeopardy, CHEM Hunt, CHEM Snake and Ladder, Relay Race, and an Escape Room, which tested their chemistry knowledge and teamwork.

રસાયણશાસ્ત્ર વિભાગ દ્વારા 'CHEM CHO 4.0' કાર્યક્રમ



સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ કોલેજના રસાયણશાસ્ત્ર વિભાગ દ્વારા 'સીએચઈએમ સીએચઓ ૪.૦' કાર્યક્રમ યોજાયો હતો. જેનો મુખ્ય હેતુ વિદ્યાર્થીઓમાં રસાયણશાસ્ત્રના મૂળભૂત તત્વો પર આધારિત રમૂજી પ્રવૃત્તિઓ, રમતો અને ક્વિઝ દ્વારા જિજ્ઞાસા વધારવાનો હતો. ઉપસ્થિત વક્તાએ 'ગ્રીન ફેન્ટિયર્સ ઈન એડવાન્સ હેટેરોસાયક્લિક કેમિસ્ટ્રી' વિષય પર વક્તવ્ય આપીને આજના સમયે પર્યાવરણની પરિસ્થિતિ વિશે વિદ્યાર્થીઓને અવગત કર્યા હતા. આ કાર્યક્રમમાં વિવિધ રમતોમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ ભાગ લઈને ટીમવર્ક, સમસ્યા-સમાધાન કરીને સમજ મેળવી હતી.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



FACULTY CONDUCT WORKSHOP

Dr. Disha Khetani and **Dr. Divya Gangal** from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad were invited as Resource Persons to conduct a workshop under the Innovation Club at M. P. Pandya Science College on 11 February. The workshop received enthusiastic participation with around 60 students from various academic streams registering for the session.

During the programme, the resource persons demonstrated the preparation of three innovative products namely Gel Candle, Cupcake Candle and Petroleum Jelly combining creativity with practical application. Participants actively engaged in the activities and prepared the products individually under expert guidance. The interactive workshop proved to be both informative and fun learning among the students.

DR. MAYUR SHINDE AWARDED PH.D. IN GUJARATI

The academic community of St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad proudly celebrates the achievement of **Dr. Mayur Shinde**, who has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Gujarati. This accomplishment marks a significant milestone in his academic journey and reflects his dedication to research in the field of Gujarati studies.

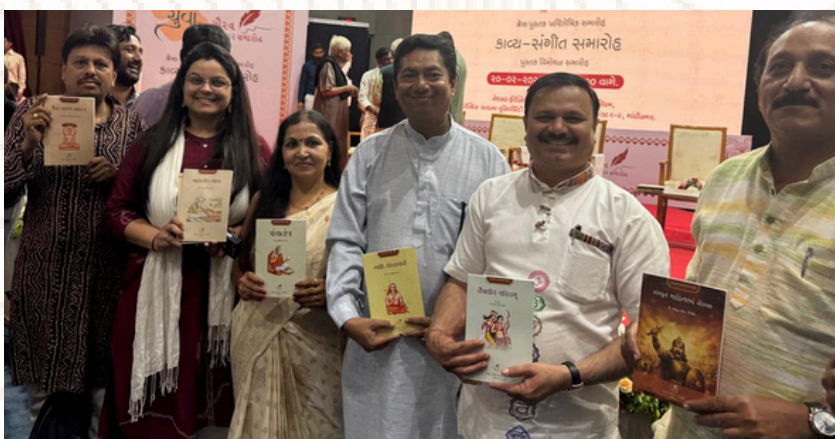


FACULTY PUBLICATION IN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC VOLUME

Dr. Dhanvir Shah, faculty member in the Department of Computer Science at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad, has achieved a significant academic milestone with the publication of his research work. His article titled ‘An Exhaustive Analysis of Machine Learning and Deep Learning for Credit Card Fraud Detection: Methodologies, Performance, and Challenges’ has been published as a book chapter in Computing Science, Communication and Security (COMS2 2025) by Springer Nature.

In another academic milestone, **Dr. Pinky Desai, Mr. Manan Bansal, and Ms. Rashmi Yadav** published research papers in International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research and Journal for Basic Sciences, on ‘Urban Pollution Management’.

The research work of **Dr. Mallika Sanyal** was highlighted in a Gujarati newspaper due to its impact in the research field of sustainable technology.



BOOK LAUNCH

Dr. Ishwar Mahera achieved a notable academic milestone with the launch of his book at the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar.

FACULTY CONTRIBUTION AS RESOURCE PERSON IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP

Dr. Atman Shah served as a Resource Person for the 10 Day Online Workshop on Research Methodology: Integrating Theoretical Foundation and Practical Application. The workshop was organized by the IQAC of K. J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce and sponsored by the ICSSR.

Dr. Vijaysingh Padheriya, sports director of the college, attended an FDP on sports held at Mount Abu from 22 to 27 January.

Dr. Angel Mary from the Department of Chemistry, attended and presented a paper at the International Conference on Advanced Materials, Green Energy and Sustainability organized by the University of Kerala where she received the Best Paper Award.

BEST TEACHER AWARD

St. Xavier's College proudly congratulates **Dr. Sanjeev K. Gupta** on being conferred the Best Teacher Award in the Undergraduate Physical Sciences category by the Gujarat Science Academy. This prestigious recognition acknowledges his outstanding contribution to teaching and his dedication to academic excellence in the field of physical sciences. His achievement brings pride to the college and serves as a motivation for both students and faculty members to strive for excellence in education and research.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Research Accomplishment of Students

Under the guidance of **Dr. Vijaysinh Dhandhukiya**, **Ms. Astha Makwana** and **Ms. Mahi Joshi** from the Department of Economics presented their research paper at the 'National Conference on the Indian Knowledge System', organized by C. N. Arts and B. D. Commerce College. **Ms. Mahi Joshi**, **Ms. Krisha Sindhav**, and **Ms. Aastha Makwana**, participated in a National seminar on 'Simultaneous Elections in India: A Step Towards National Unity', organized by UMA Arts and Nathiba Commerce College.

Mr. Ralph from Chemistry who worked under the mentorship of **Dr. Devang Pandya** received First Rank for his research, at the National Conference BCCIS-2026 jointly organized by ISTAR & The CVM University, sponsored by GUJCOST, DST, GSBTM, held at Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat



Ms. Shreya Banerjee demonstrated remarkable creativity and skill by winning first prize in the Viksit Bharat: India 2047. In the final round, the theme was ‘Temples, Technology, Textiles, India: The Blend’. Shreya not only won the first prize but also a handsome cash award.

In the India Insights Quiz, **Mr. Himanshu Rangwani, Ms. Anmol Bagaria, and Mr. Vivek Baraiya** secured first place.

Ms. Neeti Joshi, Mr. Mehul Asi, Mr. Joel James, and Ms. Rimi Srivastava won first prize in the Policy Presentations competition.

Mr. Shubham Ramrakhiyani, Mr. Mehul Asi, and Mr. Joel James, and Ms. Ishika Sharma also earned second prize in the Business Plan competition.



Institutional Trips for Experiential Learning

A group of 72 students from the Department of Psychology visited the Hospital for Mental Health, accompanied by **Dr. Arti Oza** and **Dr. Taptar Joshipura**. The educational visit provided the students with the first-hand experience of clinical practices, patient care, and the working of mental health centers, which helped them improve their understanding of applied psychology and mental health awareness, the main objective was for the students to have experiential learning.

Thirty four students from the Department of Mathematics visited Science City, with the initiative of **Dr. Savan Patel** on National Science Day. The educational visit helped the students have an interactive learning experience, where they could relate the theoretical knowledge with practical applications.

Students from the Department of Botany have brought laurels to the department in various academic competitions. M.Sc. students of Botany, attended the Workshop on ‘Indian Knowledge System Contribution to Science Through Traditional Practices, Ancient Texts, and Holistic Approaches’, organized by Sheth M. N. Science College, Patan. Several students won prizes in this workshop namely **Ms. Greenal Gamit** (1st Prize in Ancient Biological Sciences), **Ms. Ishika Chauhan** (1st Prize in Chemical Sciences), **Mr. Abhishek Valvi** (2nd Prize in Ancient Biological Sciences) and **Mr. Manan Bansal** (2nd Prize in Chemical Sciences). Adding another feather to the crown of the Department of Botany, the students of M.Sc. also won prizes in other competitions. **Ms. Nikita** received the award for 1st Prize in Oral Presentation, while **Ms. Ruchika** received the award for 2nd Prize in Oral Presentation. **Mr. Abhishek** received the award for 3rd Prize in Poster Presentation.

Ms. Shivanshi Patel, from the Department of Psychology, represented college in 'National Integration Camp' organised by the NSS, where students are involved in various activities that promote national integration, social responsibility, and cultural understanding, as well as leadership. **Mr. Nayan Acharya** and **Ms. Akanksha Tripathi**, are selected to participate in State-Level Youth Parliament.



In the MOSAIC, Intercollege Festival conducted by the Department of Business Intelligence, BKSPMS, our college achieved 3rd Rank. **Mr. Dikshant**, **Mr. Jainam**, and **Ms. Kirtida** achieved 1st Rank in Documentary. **Mr. Anshul** and **Mr. Ved** won prizes in Debate, **Mr. Shubham** and **Ms. Ishika** in Brand Tank and **Ms. Prasanna** and **Mr. Dikshant** achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd Rank in Poster Presentation.

Our students demonstrated their exceptional talents at Mediostav, the inter-college festival organized by the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism at Gujarat University. **Mr. Jainam Barot** and **Mr. Harit Vaccharjani** won the Instrumental Music event, **Ms. Parmar Niyati** secured the first place in Elocution, and **Ms. Swara Trivedi** won the Debate event.

Our students have also done excellent in various sports activities conducted by other institutes. **Mr. Joy Mukharjee**, from the Department of BCA, gave an outstanding performance in Kalibari Cricket Club Tournament 2026 and was awarded with Emerging Player of the Tournament. He also won gold medals in 100m sprint and long jump in the District Athletic Meet.



MISCELLANEOUS

The Career Cell has been actively engaged in placement activities. Four students have been placed in J. A. Sterile, Mehsana. Three of these are from the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, while one student is from the Department of Microbiology. Additionally, seven students from the Department of Commerce, twelve from Chemistry and several students from Data Sciences and Statistics have been placed in various companies. Our major recruiters were KPMG, Intas Pharmaceuticals, Baxter Pharmaceuticals, Godrej, O2H discovery, ALentris Research to name a few. This achievement highlights the potential of the students, as well as the institution's continued efforts under the leadership of **Dr. Urvi Chhaya** (career cell coordinator) and **Mr. Nelson Macwan** (placement officer) to support career opportunities and industry engagement for its graduates.

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