



SXCA CHRONICLES

News, Stories, Achievements and much more from our campus straight to your feeds



Dearest gentle readers,

We know it's a 'long time no see,' but yes, your favourite newsletter, SXCA Chronicles, is back. As a new academic session unfurls, one cannot help but notice the buzz echoing through the corridors. When the new talents set foot on campus, they bring novelty, creativity, and innovation that radiate not only to their respective departments but to the campus as well. Yet, their sheer brilliance remains to be captured and appreciated.

Allow me to introduce the SXCA Chronicles, a publication that will be dedicated to bringing you the most captivating stories from the season's gatherings, the tales of triumphs, voices of the ton, and occasional pursuits of our esteemed campus community. Consider this a humble newsletter that will keep you updated about the campus with a touch of humorous quirks and joyful variables.

Keep your eyes peeled and your minds open, for there is much to share.

Yours truly,
Author | Chronicles



A NEW CHAPTER OF GROWTH AND POSSIBILITIES

Our hallowed halls once again buzzed back to life with a hum of familiar energy as the season commenced with a grand orientation for **Semester III, V, and VII** students. It was not a mere reiteration of rules, but a morning full of inspiration, a morning of reconnecting with peers and professors. The gathering provided a vital roadmap for the months to come, ensuring our returning students are focused, prepared, and ready to pioneer their next crucial chapter.

"If students can feel the past, they'll remember it forever."

—Mr. Gallego



"A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE"

SXCA shines in national ranking

St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, continued its tradition of academic excellence by securing impressive positions in the India Today Best Colleges Rankings 2026.

These rankings reflect the combined efforts of students, faculty members, alumni, parents, and administrative staff and further strengthens the college's reputation while encouraging every member of Xavier community to continue striving and improvising.



CLUBS & COLLEGIATE AFFAIRS

Beyond the lecture halls, committees such as the CWDC, NSS, NCC, Utkarsh, Jagrat, etc. foster essential leadership and civic responsibility. Here is a brief look at their commendable activities this session.

NSS INITIATIVES

"Education's highest purpose is found in the service of society."

NSS secures UNICEF Gujarat safe mode Challenge Award

The NSS Unit was felicitated today at the UNICEF Gujarat Office for our exemplary work in the SafeMode Challenge – Road Safety Campaign 2026.

The award was received on behalf of the college by **Ms. Yashvi Bhanushali**, Campus Ambassador of NSS.

Through their tireless grassroots initiatives and proactive public campaigns, our NSS volunteers have once again proven that true academic excellence is deeply intertwined with civic responsibility.



A tribute in Green via "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" at SXCA



As part of the nationwide "EK Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, NSS organised a tree plantation drive on **10th June, 2026**, with support from the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of the Director, Dr. David K. Roy, the Principal, Dr. Sebastian V.A., Dr. Dhara Bhatt, and NSS volunteers.

- * 7 volunteers planted 10 saplings across the campus promoting environmental conservation.
- * An environmental pledge marked the end of the program, encouraging the participants to continue protecting and nurturing mother nature.





Commemorating the International day of Yoga



In observance of International Yoga Day, the NSS community organised a special morning assembly dedicated to the pursuit of mental and physical well-being, driving students and faculty away from the routine chaos.

Ms. Dipali Talsania, an expert yoga instructor, along with two other instructors, provided a demonstration of various asanas and pranayams.

The institution recieved official recognition from Ministry of Ayush for organising the event.

NCC UPDATES

"A singular vision, upheld by the strength of a united front."

Gujarat Directorate ADG Visits St. Xavier's College

The college welcomed **Major General Bimal Monga**, **Additional Director General, Gujarat Directorate**, along with senior NCC officials during an official visit on 2nd April 2026. The visit further reinforced the strong relationship between the Gujarat Directorate and the institution.

Discussions:



Institutional collaboration



Cadet development



Strengthening NCC activities

During his visit to St. Xavier's College, Major General Bimal Monga, SM, VSM, ADG, NCC Dte Guj, praised the Air and Naval NCC cadets for their exemplary training, discipline, and leadership. he commended the college's pivotal role in fostering capable and responsible youth. **Addressing the cadets, the ADG urged them to embody three core values:**

Becoming
digitally aware

Disaster
Ready

Socially
Reformed



MAJOR
GENERAL
BIMAL MONGA



CWDC FEATURES

"Fortitude, when wrapped in elegance, possesses the quiet power to move the world."

CWDC Ignites Inspiration by organising a Candle Making workshop



The CWDC community organized a Candle Making Workshop on 18th July 2026, marking its first activity of the academic year 2026-27.

The workshop witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 60 students and faculty members. Amidst the gentle aroma of melting wax and the careful placement of wicks, attendees were guided through the nuanced process of molding their own radiant creations of gel and muffin candles by **Prof. Deesha Khetani** and **Dr. Divya Gangal**. Each finished piece stood as a testament to the participants' dedication and creativity

The event was graced by the presence of Director Fr. Dr. David Roy, Principal Dr. Sebastian V.A., Vice Principals Fr. Dr. Sunil Macwan, Fr. Johnson, Dr. Mallika Ma'am, and Fr. Ramesh, whose encouraging words and appreciation motivated the participants and the organizing team.



UTCARSH

"Perfection is not found in a uniformity of step, but in the boundless capacity of the heart."

A competitive exam session for Utcارش members

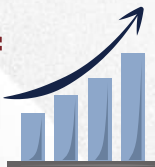
Our very own campus ministry came up with yet another programme for the growth and progression of Utcارش members. On 11th July, 2026, they organized a skill-building session on competitive exams, conducted by **Mr. Raj P. Vadher**, an Alumni Utcارش member.

DEPARTMENTAL PROCEEDINGS



STATISTICS

Honouring the legacy of Mahalanobis: National statistics day 2026



In commemoration of the **134th Birth Anniversary of Professor P. C. Mahalanobis**, the Department of Statistics celebrated National Statistics Day on June 29, 2026, by seamlessly blending academic heritage with modern analytics. The hallmark of the event was an intensive Power BI workshop led by **Mr. Hiren Kakkad, CEO of Stat Modeller**, which equipped students with practical expertise in data visualization, dashboard creation, and Business Intelligence applications. Beyond the rigorous technical training, the day fostered a vibrant sense of community through interactive games, a poster-making competition, and varied student engagement activities.



A blueprint to success Career guidance guest lecture at Xaviers

The Department of Statistics announced a special guest lecture titled "**Gateway to Government Careers: An Overview of Cracking Government Exams**", bringing together accomplished **UPSC achiever Jaineesh Chauhan (AIR 589, UPSC CSE 2025)** and **IAS mentor Vivek Thakkar, Founder of Symbiosis IAS Academy**. Topics Discussed were:

- ✓ Preparation strategies
- ✓ Examination patterns
- ✓ Career opportunities in the public sector

BIOCHEMISTRY & BIOTECHNOLOGY

The Treasure Hunt made the TB Awareness Interactive

The Department of Biochemistry & Biotechnology, through the **BETA Club**, organised a campus-wide TB-Free India Treasure Hunt as part of the Government's **100-Day TB-Free India Campaign**. Instead of conventional awareness sessions, students participated in an engaging treasure hunt where clues introduced important scientific concepts related to tuberculosis.

The innovative format demonstrated how education can effectively promote public awareness through experiential learning.

Tuberculosis

is caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, a microscopic bacterium that is transmitted through the air via invisible droplets when a TB-infected person coughs or sneezes. *M. tuberculosis* invades and colonizes the lung tissue, and the macrophages of the

immune system engulf it and keep it trapped, causing latent TB. During this time, the bacteria are dormant. Latent TB cause no symptoms in infected people and during this time they are not contagious. But the bacteria can escape from this cellular prison, multiply, and damage the lungs, becoming active TB.

Warning signs include a cough that lasts over three weeks, blood-tinged sputum, profound night sweats, and severe weight loss.

Fortunately, TB is curable.

Treatment consists of a rigorous, multi-month course of antibiotics. The most important rule? Never quit taking your medication prematurely, even if you feel better. Stopping earlier can create drug-resistant TB, which is substantially more dangerous and challenging to cure.





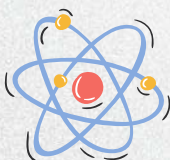
THEATRE

National Recognition at AIU 39th UNIFEST

Claiming the **Third Position** in the **One-Act Play** category, St. Xavier's College marked a strong presence at the AIU 39th Inter-University National Youth Festival (UNIFEST) 2025–26, which took place in Chennai at the Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology between March 10 and 14, 2026. This result underscores the institution's ongoing commitment to fostering talent in the performing arts.

PHYSICS

Advanced programme & memorial lecture



The Department of Physics organised an Advanced Physics programme in May 2026, in which **30 students** from across the state participated. It was a 21-day summer residential school programme. The department also organized the 4th memorial lecture for **Dr. C. J. Clement** on 23rd May, 2026.



DR. C.J. CLEMENT 4th MEMORIAL LECTURE, 2026



**In Loving Memory of
DR. C.J. CLEMENT**
A Life of Wisdom, Dedication and Inspiration

Title
Understanding materials using X-ray

Date
23rd May 2026

Time
6:00 p.m. onwards

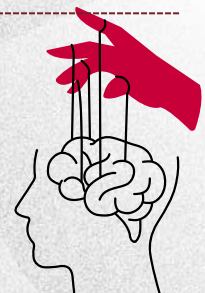
Venue
AV Room, Second Floor
St. Xavier's College Main Building
Alambadai



Dr. Tapas Ganguli
Director of IPRI
Head-Accelerator Physics and:
Synchrotron Utilization Division, RRCAT
Senior Professor of the
Prami Bhusha National Institute

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology Department and Wellness Space Team Up for Expert Sessions on Trauma and Internships



Step beyond the textbook and into the real world of healing! Brought to life through Wellness Space as part of an MoU, the Department of Psychology is organizing a two-day interactive session titled **"Trauma, Psychology and the Questions We Ask."**

Led by **Dr. Gunjan Trivedi**, these sessions are designed exclusively for final-year B.A. and M.A. **Semester III Psychology students**. Beyond exploring complex psychological concepts, this initiative serves as a crucial career-building platform. Students will have a unique opportunity to interact directly with industry professionals and discover upcoming internship and On-the-Job Training (OJT) placements in the mental health field.

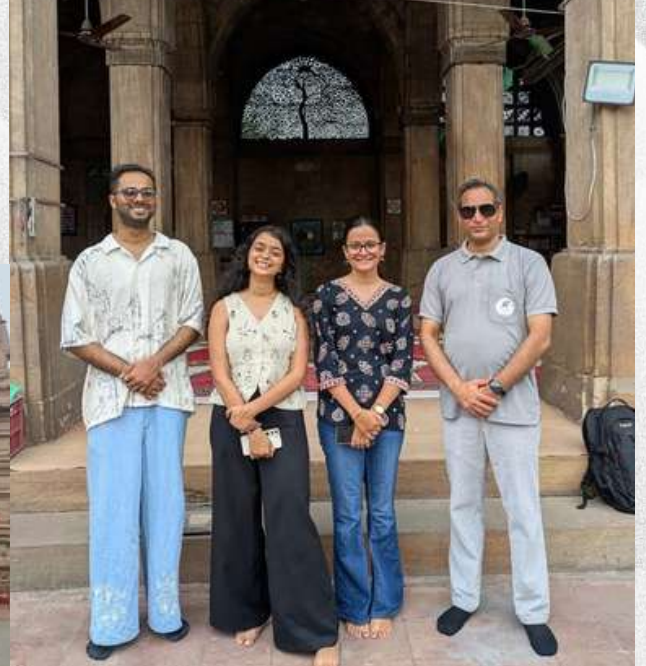
- Session 1: July 30, 2026
- Session 2: August 1, 2026



HERITAGE WALK 2026 IN PICTURES



4 FACULTIES, 40 STUDENTS
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Places Visited: Swaminarayan Temple,
Dalpat Ram's Residence, Amdavad ni 'pods',
Fernandes Bridge, Jami Masjid, Sidi Saiyyed
Mosque, and Mahakali temple



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



"To instruct is a duty, but to inspire is an art."

Our esteemed faculty members are not just purveyors of the syllabus; they are pioneers in their respective fields, constantly pushing the boundaries of research and innovation. As they guide us toward future triumphs, they simultaneously carve their own legacies of excellence. Join us in applauding the recent accolades and scholarly milestones of our exceptional staff.

Faculty Members Participate in Five-Day Life Skills Training Programme

In an important initiative aimed at strengthening student development beyond academics, three faculty members—**Dr. Khushboo Shah, Department of Computer Science; Dr. Monica Thakur, Department of Biochemistry-Biotechnology; and Kalyani Jadawala, Department of Psychology** — participated in a five-day Life Skills Training Programme conducted in Pune from 6 July to 10 July 2026

The programme is expected to contribute to the establishment of a dedicated Life Skills Club that involves students from multiple academic streams. The initiative reflects the institution's growing emphasis on

- 📌 Personality development 📌 Teamwork
- 📌 Leadership 📌 Communication skills
- 📌 Emotional Intelligence 📌 Holistic Education

Dr. Khushboo Shah appointed as the official SPOC

To strengthen institutional participation in India's flagship innovation programme, the college appointed **Dr. Khushboo Shah**, Assistant Professor, as the official Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Smart India Hackathon 2026.

As SPOC, Dr. Shah will coordinate all communications between the institution and SIH organisers while mentoring student teams and facilitating participation during the internal selection process.

Prof. Vijaysinh Dhandhukiya attains his latest Publication

We are delighted to announce a remarkable scholarly achievement by our esteemed faculty member, **Prof. Vijaysinh Dhandhukiya**. His paper, "**The Greening Effect on Income and Employment: A Framework for Sustainable and Equitable Economic Transition**," now appears in the edited book "Sustainable Industrial Development: Present Realities and Future Possibilities" as a featured chapter.

Ms. Dipali Talsania was invited to Akashwani for International Yoga day

On the auspicious occasion of International Yoga Day, **Ms. Dipali Talsania** was honored with an exclusive invitation to feature as a special guest at **Aakashwani, All India Radio**. Bringing mindful expertise to the national broadcaster, they successfully led an engaging and restorative yoga session. This prestigious collaboration beautifully highlights a profound commitment to holistic wellness and public service.



Five Books and Counting Dr. Khushboo Shah Publishes Her 5th Book

"**I Love ChatGPT**," authored by **Dr. Khushboo Shah**, is a reflective non-fiction book that explores why so many people feel emotionally connected to ChatGPT today. It is not a technical book about artificial intelligence, but a gentle journey into human behavior, values, and communication. Through simple language and thought-based writing, the book highlights how kindness, patience, humility, and respectful responses create a safe space—something many people now seek more than ever.

It is written as a conversation with the reader, aiming to inspire personal growth and bring back the softness and values that modern life is slowly losing.

Dr. Shivani Shah Wins First Prize at International Research Conclave

On April 10, 2026, **Dr. Shivani Shah** from the **Department of Commerce**, alongside her co-author, presented their research paper, **"Impact of E-Marketing Modes on Consumer Purchase Decisions: A Study on Online Shoppers of Ahmedabad City."** The presentation took place at the **GLSU-ATPRM 2026 International Conference**, a major event marking the Gujarat Law Society's Shodh Shatabdi centennial celebration. Standing out among 141 presentations across 12 tracks, Dr. Shah and her co-author were honored with the prestigious **Best Paper Presentation Award (1st Prize)**, taking home a trophy and a cash prize for their outstanding scholarly contribution.



Another faculty member at SXCA bagged the doctorate title: Dr. Srishti Chhabaria

Dr. Srishti Chhabria, Assistant Professor, **Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology**, successfully defended her Doctoral thesis in Biotechnology from Gujarat University on 23rd April, 2026. Her doctoral research focused on **"The characterization of natural DPP-IV inhibitors from medicinal plants through in vitro and in silico approaches,"** contributing to the field of Diabetes therapeutics.



LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST

★ **Dr. Atman Shah, Dr. Dhawal Bhatt, and Prof. Eshan Shenolikar** unveil "Introduction to Mathematical Economics" Under the Prestigious PHI Learning Banner.

★ **Dr. Atman Shah** conducted two sessions on Data Analysis using SPSS during a two-day workshop organised by the IQAC of Swarnim University for the students of the School of Management.

★ **Dr. Sanjeev K. Gupta** now graces the esteemed Editorial Board of Advanced Polymeric Materials and Nanotechnology.

★ **Fr. Francis Puducherry, S.J., Provincial of the Gujarat Jesuit Province** and President of the Ahmedabad St. Xavier's College Society, provides visionary leadership to the regional Jesuit ministries in faith, education, and service.

★ **Dr. Pranav Trivedi** assumes the role of Nodal Officer for the college's IP Cell, an initiative supported by GUJCOST.

★ **Dr. Dhara Bhatt** has taken on the responsibilities of Nodal Officer for the JKLK student scheme and has been officially designated as the NSS Coordinator by Gujarat University.

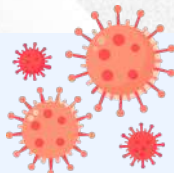


STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Excellence is not an act, but a habit beautifully cultivated by our brilliant student body. We are thrilled to present the outstanding achievements and recent triumphs of our brightest young minds.

Students Master Microbiology Fundamentals with In-xitu



MICROTATVA was a one-day hands-on microbiology workshop organised by **In-Xitu**, a student-run venture handled by third-year Vocational Biotechnology students. Coordinated by the executives and members, the workshop successfully bridged classroom theory with practical microbiology. Following an introductory lab tour, students conducted hands-on experiments, including Gram staining, microscopic observation, antibiotic sensitivity assays, agar preparation, and bacterial streaking. These activities reinforced essential aseptic techniques and equipment handling, ultimately cultivating scientific curiosity, teamwork, and foundational laboratory skills among the participants.



Nidhi Kanwar receives felicitation at RRU

Nidhi Kanwar of Biochemistry had the honour of attending the felicitation programme at Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), where they were felicitated by the **Education Minister of Gujarat, Ms. Rivaba Jadeja**. It was a proud and memorable moment for us all to receive recognition at such a prestigious event.

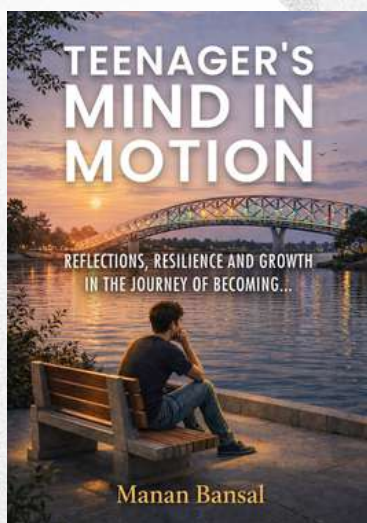


Ascending to Duty Xavier Cadet Joins the Indian Air Force



Former NCC Cadet **Khushali Parmar** of 1 Gujarat Naval Unit, St. Xavier's College, achieved a remarkable milestone by securing selection into the **Short Service Commission (Men & Women), Administrative Branch of the Indian Air Force**.





Our student is now a young author: Manan Bansal

Manan Bansal, an M.Sc. A botany student at St. Xavier's College, is now also a young author, researcher, and yoga instructor known for his contributions to academia, research, and literature. Alongside publishing research papers, he promotes discipline, mindfulness, and holistic well-being through yoga.

His book, **Teenager's Mind in Motion**, explores the emotional and psychological challenges faced by today's youth, including academic pressure, self-doubt, expectations, failure, and mental well-being. Drawing from personal experiences, Manan offers an honest reflection on adolescence, emphasizing resilience, self-awareness, and personal growth.

SXCA students shine at the national level

Three students from our college have been shortlisted for the Final Round of the **MY Bharat Budget Quest 2026 – a Virtual Dialogue with the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India** 🇮🇳.

Selected from 12 lakh+ participants, they have brought honour to our college as well as the entire State of Gujarat at the National Level.



DHRUV MANGHANI
(Commerce dept.)



ISHIKA SHARMA
(Economics dept.)



NANDNI CHAUHAN
(Gujarati dept.)

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES



Mr. Bharat Jatashankar of the Statistics department passed away on 24-05-2026 at Mahudi.



Dr. Madhusudan Patel, fondly known as MT Patel Sir, former HoD of the Chemistry Department, passed away on 12th June 2026. His contributions to the institute lasted longer than 35 years.

They were a pillar of strength, and the loss of such wonderful souls leaves a void that no words can fill. Though they are no longer with us, their wisdom, love, and the values they instilled will remain with all who had the privilege of knowing them.

May their soul rest in eternal peace. Om Shanti!

HEAD'S UP

* Pythogram 4.0

August 3, 2026

A State-level workshop and Programming Contest organized by department of Computer Science

* Independence Day

August 15, 2026

Come to celebrate Independence day with NCC

* Biocalyx

TBD & Notified

An annual Bioscience fest with theme of 'Cellular Symphony' organized by the Biochemistry/ Biotechnology department

Rot your brain with Neurons & Nonsense

Exploring, learning,
and growing
together—one day,
one lesson, and one
success at a time!

Because even a reader requires a little banter



Chai par Charcha

Step into the real world or scroll through your Instagram feed, and you'll instantly find people indulged in a never-ending debate. A ₹10 cutting chai can be hailed by one as "ultimate study fuel" and condemned by another as "just boiled sugar water." In a campus world caught between myths and harsh realities, how do you distinguish the truth from the noise? We've laid out the arguments, and we'll let you be the judge.

Are notes, assignments, a laptop, or clothes the most valuable things that you bring from home?

OR

A box of homemade khakhra, theplas, or ladoos brought back from home holds ultimate power?

WHICH IS MORE PRECIOUS TO SHARE
WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

WHICH PROFESSOR IS IN...COGNITO?

Let's suppose this incognito professor is Prof A. An assistant professor who holds a doctoral degree and has more than 14 years of teaching experience at SXCA. With about 30 publications, Prof. A stands tall with great experience in his field.

Prof. A is a part of the Research Committee
and Placement & Training committee

The personality is very quiet and composed
even in times of stressful situations

Messi vs Ronaldo?
Our Prof. A definitely is a messi fan

Spot the spot



Campus Conundrums



I hold thousands of voices, yet I demand absolute silence. I have wings and branches, but I am a building. You come to me when deadlines loom.



I am a silent interrogator who answers only to a ticking clock. I offer no new knowledge, yet I demand you empty your mind of everything you've gathered. I am dreaded in my approach, deafening in my silence, and loudly debated the moment I am gone.



I belong to you, but your classmates and professors use me more than you do.