

SVCA CHRONICLES

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

Dearest gentle readers,

As we continue this magnificent journey, it is an absolute delight to watch The Chronicles family grow ever larger. While our expanding readership brings us immense joy, our truest happiness stems directly from you. We are deeply moved by how graciously you have reached out, proudly sharing your triumphs and enriching our pages with such wonderful stories. Never in our wildest dreams did we anticipate that The Chronicles would forge such a strong connection and a lasting impact!

Inspired by your continuous support, it is our greatest privilege to present yet another spectacular issue. We earnestly hope you shall remain a cherished part of this fold, continuing to grace us with your proudest moments and greatest achievements.

We thank you, truly and deeply.

Yours truly,
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CELEBRATE 70TH INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH XAVIER'S PARIVAR



COLLEGIATE AFFAIRS

CWDC FEATURES

Red Dot bag and Sanitary Pad Distribution

As part of its extension activity, the CWDC celebrated Independence Day uniquely by organizing a **'Red Dot Bag and Sanitary Pad Distribution Drive'** at D Colony, Naroda Road. With the support of **Sr. Meena** and coordination by **Savita Ben Solanki** from the Common Service Centre, the drive saw participation from around 50 women from the community. The initiative was led by 12 student volunteers under the guidance of 3 professors. The session focused on menstrual health and hygiene, covering menstruation,

hygiene practices, related health issues, nutrition during periods, foods to ease menstrual pain, and common myths and facts, followed by an interactive Q&A. The team distributed **50 kits**, each containing **10 handmade Red Dot Bags** and a **packet of sanitary pads**, taking a meaningful step towards promoting menstrual health awareness and dignity in the community.



The CWDC organized the online quiz "HERitage" on the contributions of Indian women in politics, sports and other fields.

Promoted via campus posters, it saw enthusiastic participation and helped students appreciate women's role in nation-building.

Inspiring Journeys unfold at Beyond the Canvas

The CWDC and Department of English, organised a State-Level Conference titled "Beyond the Canvas: Women, Art and Social Transformation" on 10th September 2026.



The conference brought together accomplished women from diverse fields including entrepreneurship, art and literature. The event also featured a film/reel-making competition and a drama performance, aiming to inspire students through powerful stories and encourage them for their future.

Fellowship to empower women in AI

The orientation session for the **AI Careers for Women Fellowship**, an initiative by **Edunet Foundation** in collaboration with **Microsoft, LinkedIn, SAP and IISc Bangalore**, was successfully conducted. The fellowship aims to provide **500 female learners** and educators from non-STEM backgrounds with AI skills, industry mentorship and hands-on project experience.

The session highlighted mandatory live classes, regular assignments, workstation verification and a project-driven learning model focused on sustainable AI solutions aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE



"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies"

The Librarians' Day at SXCA

The Father Valles Central Library celebrated Librarians Day on 8th August 2026 with great enthusiasm and pride, to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Dr. S.R. Ranganathan**.

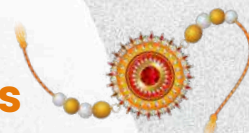
The celebration was graced by the esteemed presence of **Shri Dhruvan Harshadray Nimbale, IPS, DIG, NIA** as the Chief Guest, whose presence made the occasion truly memorable. It was a privilege to host him and listen to his inspiring words. His thought-provoking address on the significance of books, intellectual discipline, critical thinking and the role of youth in nation-building made the celebration truly memorable and motivational for students and staff alike.

The program commenced with a prayer and welcome address, followed by felicitation of the library staff, a showcase of the library's rare collection, new arrivals and digital initiatives. An interactive session with students highlighted the evolving role of libraries in the digital era.



NCC UPDATES

Rakhi to Armed forces



The NCC Unit successfully concluded the "**Rakhi to Armed Forces 2026**" initiative with enthusiastic student participation. Students submitted Rakhis with heartfelt letters, which have been sent to our soldiers, spreading love and gratitude this Raksha Bandhan. The initiative fostered a true spirit of patriotism and respect for our armed forces. We thank all students and faculty for making this noble cause a great success.



The Library Committee extends its heartfelt gratitude to the College Authorities and Management for their constant guidance and support.



NSS INITIATIVES

"NOT ME BUT YOU -
The spirit of
selfless service"

**A cleaner & Greener
tomorrow!**



The NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad, organised a **Cleanliness Drive** in collaboration with **Youth for Seva** and **AMC - Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation** near **Thaltej Metro Station, Ajanta-Alwar Road**. Aligned with the spirit of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the drive aimed to promote civic responsibility, and environmental awareness among students and citizens. Volunteers actively cleaned footpaths and roadsides, and engaged with locals to spread awareness about maintaining cleanliness in public spaces, emphasizing mindful living.



Adolescent and Youth Awareness Seminar

The NSS Unit at SXCA also organised a seminar on **Adolescent and Youth Awareness**, on 22nd August 2026. The session was insightful and interactive, focusing on crucial topics like adolescent health, youth well-being, mental health, and community awareness. The resource persons engaged with volunteers, addressing common concerns faced by youth and emphasizing the importance of physical, mental, and social well-being. The seminar aimed to create awareness about health, lifestyle choices, and social responsibilities, making it an enriching and informative experience for all volunteers.



CHRONICLES Sports



*The Champions beyond the classrooms,
beyond the limits! 🏆*

VICTORY



A Decade of Dominance in Basketball 🏀

History has been created! Our college has scripted a golden chapter by clinching the **Gujarat University Inter-Collegiate Basketball Championship** for the **10th consecutive year** — in both **Boys' and Girls' categories**.

This extraordinary double victory is not just a win, but a testament to a decade of relentless hard work, unmatched skill, discipline, and unbreakable team spirit. Year after year, our teams have defended the title with passion and perseverance, proving their supremacy on the court. They have established a true legacy of excellence.

Gold in Wrestling Championship!

SYBA Sociology student **Varsha** clinched Gold in the **72 kg Wrestling category**, bringing laurels to the college. Her hardwork and determination are truly commendable.



Running towards the glory - Third place Triumph in Cross Country

Our **College Cross Country Team** has brought pride to the campus with a remarkable **third-place** finish at the **Inter-Collegiate Tournament**. Showcasing exceptional endurance and team spirit, the team outran strong competition to secure a spot on the podium.



AAVESHAM 2026



St. Xavier's College celebrated the festival of Onam - AAVESHAM 2026 on 5th September 2026. The campus was beautifully decorated with colourful Pookalams and floral surroundings. Students and faculty members participated enthusiastically in traditional attire, adding to the festive spirit.

The celebration included vibrant cultural performances, traditional dances and music that showcased the rich heritage of Kerala. The event created an atmosphere of unity, prosperity and joy, celebrating the homecoming of King Mahabali and strengthening the bond of togetherness among all. It has left the spirit of onam in every corner of the campus.



DEPARTMENTAL PROCEEDINGS

BIOCHEMISTRY/ BIOTECHNOLOGY

Biocalyx 2026 - The Cellular Symphony

A State-Level competition was organised by the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, St. Xavier's College. It was a grand celebration of science, curiosity, and innovation, with a total participation of **169 students** from colleges across the state, the fest brought together brilliant young minds under one roof to explore, compete and learn. We were honoured to have **Dr. Alpesh Patel and Dr. Suhani Patel** to grace the occasion.

The day was packed with excitement, starting with Quizosomes - a thrilling battle of brains, followed by Cyto Canvas - where art met science, and Cell Charades - a fun twist to biology. The rhythm of life came alive with Orchestra Vitae, while Bio Battalion sparked power-packed debates and the Escape Room tested logic and teamwork. BioCalyx 2026 was not just a competition, but an experience of learning, teamwork and memories!



CHEMISTRY



Expert Talk on Drug Discovery: Insights from Dr. Binu Philip

The Department of Chemistry & ACTI at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad, organized a special invited talk focusing on the crucial intersection of educational research and the pharmaceutical sector.

The session, titled "**Academia - Industry Collaboration for Accelerating New Drug Discovery and Development**," featured expert insights from **Dr. Binu Philip**, Sr. General Manager at Zydus Lifesciences, who served as the resource person. The talk aimed to highlight how collaborative efforts between educational institutions and industry leaders can speed up innovation in the medical field.

COMMERCE

Visit to RBI by B.com students

The Department of Commerce visited **RBI**, Ahmedabad with Semester-5 B.Com (BPS & General) students on 24 August, 2026. During the visit, the RBI Regional Head had addressed the students. RBI officials had given insights on the following topics:



Financial Awareness



Know your currency



Overview of Foreign Exchanges





COMPUTER SCIENCE

Insights into the Pythogram 4.0

The Department of Computer Science successfully hosted "**Pythogram 4.0**," a one-day state-level workshop and programming contest designed to elevate students' coding proficiency. The event took place on 3rd August, 2026 and saw enthusiastic participation from **30 undergraduate** students.

The highlight of the day was an intensive, hands-on Python programming workshop led by the distinguished **Dr. (Fr.) Thomas Schwarz SJ** from Marquette University, Wisconsin, USA. Through interactive sessions and practical exercises, Dr. Schwarz expertly guided participants through advanced programming techniques, essential coding best practices, and the latest industry trends.

Following the workshop, students put their newly acquired knowledge to the test in a competitive programming contest. This dynamic segment challenged participants to immediately apply their coding and problem-solving skills in a high-pressure environment.



Code Carnival 2026 : Where logic meets fun at SXCA



The Department of Computer Sciences, celebrated Day of the Programmer by organising **Code Carnival 2026** on 11th September 2026. The event, themed *Think | Code | Create*, was exclusively for the students of Computer Science and featured a range of activities including Quiz, Games, Photography, Reel Making, and Fun Learning Activities. The main attraction was the Model/Chart/Poster Exhibition where students displayed a variety of creative and innovative models and posters on programming concepts and emerging technologies. Visitors from across departments were welcomed to visit the exhibition and encourage the students.

The carnival concluded with a valedictory ceremony, where winners were felicitated.





Hack, Innovate, Represent: 10 teams set for SIH 2026

The Department of Computer Science, in collaboration with the Coders' Club, successfully organized Internal Hackathon 2026 on 20th August 2026. Following a rigorous evaluation process, 10 teams have been nominated to represent St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad at Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2026.

Congratulations to all the selected teams on this remarkable achievement. We wish you the very best as you move forward to the next stage and represent St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad with innovation, creativity, and excellence. Best wishes to all the teams.



BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Discovering potential with 'Build a Personal Brand' seminar

An insightful seminar on "Build a personal Brand" was organised by the department of Business Administration, led by **Dr. Shweta Jain**. The session focused on self awareness, personal strengths, goal setting and personal growth, inspiring students to discover their potential and build a strong personal brand.



ECONOMICS

Understanding post Truth Politics

The Department of Economics successfully organised a Guest Lecture on **Understanding Post-Truth Politics** on 12 September 2026. The session explored the role of propaganda, misinformation, half-truths, media narratives, and critical citizenship in shaping public opinion in contemporary politics. The discussion encouraged students to think critically about information, ideology, and democratic participation. Students of Gujarati Medium SY and TY actively participated in the lecture and engaged thoughtfully with the ideas discussed.



A Day at Gujarat Legislative Assembly

The students of **TYBA Economics** (Gujarati Medium) undertook an academic field **visit to the Gujarat Legislative Assembly** (Gujarat Vidhansabha) today as an integral part of their subject-specific minor course on Contemporary Political Economy. The visit was led and accompanied by **Prof. Vijaysinh Dhandhukia**. The primary objective was to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical democratic functioning.

During the visit, the students got a valuable opportunity to observe the live proceedings and vibrant debate sessions of the Assembly from the visitors' gallery. They witnessed how crucial economic and political policies are discussed, debated, and shaped.

The students had an enriching interaction with several Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs). This interaction provided them with a deeper understanding of governance, public policy, and the role of legislature in the contemporary economy. The visit was an insightful and inspiring experiential learning experience that provided practical exposure to the political economy in action.



PSYCHOLOGY

You are not alone : Breaking the silence on Mental Health Choose life, spread hope!

The Department of Psychology, at SXCA, organised an impactful awareness program on the occasion of **World Suicide Prevention Day** in the presence of Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Dr. Sunil. The program saw active participation from around **200-250 students** from various departments. Organised in collaboration with 'Saath' Suicide Prevention Centre and B.M. Institute of Mental Health, the objective was to sensitize youth about the causes of suicide, early warning signs, and the role of timely support.

The message was conveyed through engaging activities like an inspiring drama, interactive discussions, a powerful Nukkad Natak (street play), and an expressive mime act by students. A special session on the impact of social media on mental health was also conducted. The students displayed creative posters and charts on prevention strategies, mental well-being tips, myths vs. facts, and helpline numbers. An interactive balloon activity helped students learn healthy ways to manage stress. The department thanked **Dr. Puran and Hardik Sir** for their constant support. Together, the Xavier's family pledged — to listen, to care, and to choose hope.

વિશ્વ આત્મહત્યા નિવારણ દિવસે જાગૃતિ કાર્યક્રમ



સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ કોલેજમાં સાયકોલોજી વિભાગ દ્વારા વિશ્વ આત્મહત્યા નિવારણ દિવસ નિમિત્તે એક જાગૃતિ કાર્યક્રમનું આયોજન કરાયું હતું, જેમાં સ્ટુડન્ટસને આત્મહત્યાના સંભવિત કારણો, ચેતવણીના સંકેતો અને મુશ્કેલીમાં મુકાયેલા લોકોને મદદ કરવાની રીતો વિશે માહિતગાર કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. આ ગંભીર વિષયને સરજતાથી સમજાવવા માટે એક પ્રેરણાદાયી નાટક અને ઈન્ટરેક્ટિવ ચર્ચા તેમજ પ્રભાવશાળી નુકક નાટક, માર્ગમ એક્ટની પ્રસ્તુતિ કરવામાં આવી હતી. સાયકોલોજી ડિપાર્ટમેન્ટના સ્ટુડન્ટ્સે આત્મહત્યા નિવારણ, માનસિક સુખાકરી માટેની ટિપ્સ, સામાન્ય ગેરમાન્યતાઓ અને હેલ્પલાઇન નંબરો દર્શાવતા સર્જનાત્મક ચાર્ટ્સ બનાવીને સમગ્ર કેમ્પસમાં પ્રદર્શિત કર્યા હતા. આ જાગૃતિ કાર્યક્રમ સાયકોલોજી ડિપાર્ટમેન્ટના વિભાગીય અધ્યક્ષ ડૉ. પ્રોકાશના કિશિનનના માર્ગદર્શન હેઠળ યોજાયો હતો.



ENGLISH

CHAMPANER JAMBUGHODA

HERITAGE
Walk**28 STUDENTS****2 FACULTY MEMBERS**

The itinerary included : Champaner Jami Masjid and Fort, Jambughoda Resort, Don Bosco School at Narukot, Jhand Hanuman Mandir, scenic Hathni Mata Waterfall, Pithora paintings at Narukot village, adventurous trek through the forest.



GUJARATI



Shree Ram Mori's special lecture: STORY & SCREENPLAY



A special lecture on 'Story and Screenplay' by **Shri Ram Mori**—a renowned author, screenwriter, and the youngest writer to be honored by the Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi—was organised by the Gujarati Department of St. Xavier's College. The event took place at the HD Auditorium on August 17, 2026.



During the lecture, students learned about essential aspects of screenplay writing such as creative vision, character development, dialogue, scene composition and narrative sequencing. The session also highlighted how to build compelling story arcs and translate ideas effectively from page to screen. The interactive session made the craft of storytelling more engaging and practical.



A celebration of Gujarati literature with Ghazals



Under the initiative of the Gujarati Department, a special lecture by **Dr. Atman Shah** of the Economics Department was organised on "Pain and Realization in Gujarati Ghazals," in the context of "**A Journey from Pain to Realization: Ghazals of Mareez and Jalan Matari.**" or “દર્દથી દર્શન સુધીની સફર : મરીઝ અને જલન માતરીની ગઝલ” on 1st September, 2026. A large number of students and professors participated enthusiastically. **Dr. Profaina Madam** and **Dr. Saurabh Sir** graced the event and their presence proved to be inspiring for the students.

SOCIOLOGY

The debut of 'Samvaad' forum

The Department of Sociology has officially launched '**Samvaad**'—a new collective forum designed to question, reflect, and engage in a space free of prejudice and hierarchy. Took place on August 21, 2026, the session featured a thought-provoking talk by **Fr. Dr. V. Sebastian** titled, "**GATED COMMUNITIES: Changing patterns of social and spatial practices in urban Gujarat.**"



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



The Faculty to Lead National Course on Modern Biotechnology

in collaboration with Microbiologists Society India (MBSI)
2nd Batch
FOUNDATIONS OF MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY:
 Discover the Essentials of Tomorrow's Science

Course Code: MBSI-0926-017

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 Course Committee
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 (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

COURSE CONTENT

- CRISPR-Cas System & its Applications
- Basic Gene Therapy
- Basic Tissue Engineering
- Precision / Personalized Medicine
- Single-Cell Omics
- Basic Synthetic Biology

KEY PERKS

- Passing and Attending E-certificates will be given.
- Recording of lectures will be given for limited period.

DATE: 11th September 2026 – 17th September 2026
TIMING: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM IST
DURATION: 10 hours course
PLATFORM: Online (Link will be shared)
FEES: Rs. 160.

FOR REGISTRATION:
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In a proud moment for our institution, **Dr. Richa Dubey**, Assistant Professor at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad, has achieved a significant milestone by being appointed as the Chairperson of the Course Committee for the program.

The comprehensive 10-hour online course, running from September 11th to 17th, 2026, is organized by the Science Dialogue Series in collaboration with the prestigious Microbiologists Society India (MBSI). As Chairperson, Dr. Dubey is playing a vital leadership role in guiding this second batch of the program,

which brings together leading experts to educate participants on cutting-edge topics like the CRISPR-Cas System, Basic Gene Therapy, Precision Medicine, and Single-Cell Omics.

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad
 For SF Teaching Staff

FACULTY EMPOWERMENT Series

RESOURCE PERSON
 Dr. Sudeshna Menon
 St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

DATE
 8th AUGUST 2026

TIME
 11:00 AM

SESSION 1
 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

VENUE
 AV Room

ORGANIZED BY
 IQAC & HR

Faculty Empowerment Series

The IQAC and HR Departments of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad, organized a dedicated “**Faculty Empowerment Series**” for the SF Teaching Staff on August 8, 2026.

The first session, held in the AV Room at 11:00 AM, focused on the critical topic of “**Evaluation Methodology**.” The session was insightful and was delivered by the college's esteemed resource person, **Dr. Sudeshna Menon**. This progressive initiative demonstrates the institution's commitment to ongoing professional development, providing its educators with enhanced assessment skills.

SXCA Publication in IJMEC Highlights Rising Corporate Fraud

A recent study titled “**Examining the Gloomy Outlook of Indian Corporate Sector**” by **Dr. Komal D. Mistry** and **Janet Joseph** sheds light on the rising threats of corporate fraud in India. The study was published in International Journal of Management, Economics and Commerce (IJMEC).

Drawing insights from PwC's 2022 Global Economic Crime and Fraud Survey, the research explores how companies are combatting customer fraud, KYC failures, and procurement irregularities. With cybercrimes rapidly evolving alongside artificial intelligence, the study emphasizes that the specialized field of forensic accounting is becoming increasingly essential.

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THE IMPACT OF ESG DISCLOSURE ON FIRM VALUE WITH REFERENCE TO INDIAN CAPITAL MARKETS

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ABSTRACT

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) disclosure has become a significant concern in capital markets as investors increasingly evaluate companies based on sustainability data in addition to financial performance. In India, regulatory initiatives like the Securities and Exchange Board of India's Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) framework have emphasized the significance of transparent ESG disclosure. The objective of the study is to evaluate the impact of ESG disclosure on firm value in Indian capital markets. Despite expanding global evidence confirming the value relevance of ESG disclosure, empirical research in the Indian context is lacking. The majority of present research focuses on corporate social responsibility expenditure or isolated environmental disclosures leaving a research gap in the area of full ESG disclosure and firm value. The study uses a quantitative research design with secondary data from 2019-20 to 2023-24. Purposive sampling includes Ten large Indian listed companies namely Reliance Industries Limited, TATA Consultancy Services, Infosys Limited, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Hindustan Unilever Limited, ITC Limited, Larsen & Toubro, Bharti Airtel and TATA Steel. These businesses were chosen because of their extensive market presence, consistent ESG disclosures, access to credible firm value data and sectoral diversity making them the ideal for studying the ESG and firm value relationship in Indian capital markets. ESG data and firm value indicators such as Tobin's Q and market capitalization are obtained from company websites and annual reports. Regression Analysis was used to find the impact of each ESG disclosures on firm value. The study is expected to suggest that more ESG disclosure boosts corporate value by improving investor trust and market valuation. The study's main shortcomings however are its reliance on secondary data, the variability in ESG assessment techniques and

HEAD'S UP

- Vanshi Shah & Jaimi Patel**, students from CS department participated in Odoo Hackathon 2026, competing with teams from IITs, MIT & 23+ states and showcasing innovation on a national platform.
- An insightful session on "**Understanding Post-Truth Politics**" was organised for Economics students covering Edward Bernays, Cambridge Analytica & SIFT framework with vibrant discussions.

UPCOMING!

- Micro Marvels 2.0** - Celebrating the International Microorganisms Day on 17th September, with a special talk on 'Microbes to Markets', and MircoArts competitions !

Publication on Inflation Measures

A proud moment for the faculty and students, **Prof. Vijaysinh Dhandhukia** has successfully published his latest research article, titled "**Measures of Inflation in India**," in a prestigious peer-reviewed journal. The comprehensive study delves into the complex metrics and methodologies used to gauge inflationary trends across the country. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Prof. Dhandhukia on this outstanding achievement and applaud his continuous contribution to economic scholarship!



Xavier's Pride on the Global Math Stage!



The International Mathematics Competition (IMC) was held on 29th and 30th July at Bulgaria. The Team was accompanied by two team leaders. **Dr. Vinay Acharya**, associate professor of mathematics, Fergusson autonomous college, Pune and Trustee of Bhaskaracharya Pratisthana alongside our own **Dr. Udayan Prajapati**, Associate Professor, St. Xavier's Autonomous college and Ahmedabad, Trustee, Gujarat Ganit Mandal. Seeing our esteemed faculty guiding young minds on such a prestigious international platform is a moment of immense pride.

Our faculty Joins Editorial Board of Prestigious British Journal

Dr. Atman Shah, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, has been appointed to the **Editorial Board of the British Journal of Advanced Research (BJAR)**, published by Ivory and Finch Publishers, United Kingdom, for a five-year term effective 21 July 2026. This brings a great honor to the entire Xavier's family.





Faculties Participate in a five-day virtual Faculty Development Programme

Our faculty members— **Dr. Kirtankumar C. Parmar**, **Dr. Arti Oza**, and **Mr. Vijay Sinh Natvarlal Dhandhukiya**— successfully participated in the five-day virtual Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on **"Advancing Research Excellence: Contemporary Approaches to Quality, Ethics, and Scholarly Publishing."** Organized by the P.G. Department of social work (HRM),

Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur, from August 3 to August 7, 2026, the programme focused on strengthening scholarly rigor, research integrity, and contemporary publication ethics. Their active engagement reflects our institution's ongoing commitment to academic excellence and high-impact research culture.



Research takes centre stage at Xavier's !

The Department of R&D and HR at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad, organised the highly anticipated **"Spark to Spectrum 3.0"** Staff Research Seminar on August 22, 2026. The event welcomed **Dr. Parag Shah**, Associate Professor of Statistics at H.L. College of Commerce and Corporate Trainer, as the esteemed Chief Guest.

The seminar showcased scholarly presentations across two dedicated streams and was guided by expert panel of **Dr. Rajesh Iyer**, **Dr. Udayan Prajapati**, **Dr. Profaina Christian**, **Dr. Nandini Ghosh**, and **Dr. Mitali Konnur**. **Category I**, focusing on **Science, Computer, and Data Science** in the AV Room, featured **Dr. Avadh Patel**, **Dr. Srishti Chhabaria**, and **Dr. Biren Patel**. Simultaneously, **Category II** highlighted **Arts, Commerce, and Business Administration** in the XICA Auditorium with presentations by **Dr. Erica Macwan**, **Dr. Shiroma Priyadarshini**, and **Mr. Stephen Christie**.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Verses of Victory : Ramesh Vala Shines in Poetry Recitation

Ramesh Vala of the Gujarati Department has brought laurels to the institution by securing the **2nd position** in a prestigious **inter-college poetry recitation competition**.

The event, held on August 11, 2026, was organised under the '**Saptdhara**' initiative by the **Vishwa Bharati Sansthan** in collaboration with **S.L.U. Arts and Commerce College for Women, Ahmedabad**.

For his outstanding literary performance, Ramesh was honored with a certificate of merit along with a cash prize of **₹2,000**.



Mind to Milestone : Dharam Parmar wins Best Research Paper Award

Dharam Parmar (24-PS-150), Semester V student of Psychology department has received the Best Research Paper Award at the National Conference on "**Integrating Western and Indigenous Psychology for Holistic Well-being in Contemporary Practice**," organised by the Gestalt Psychology Welfare Association (GPA).

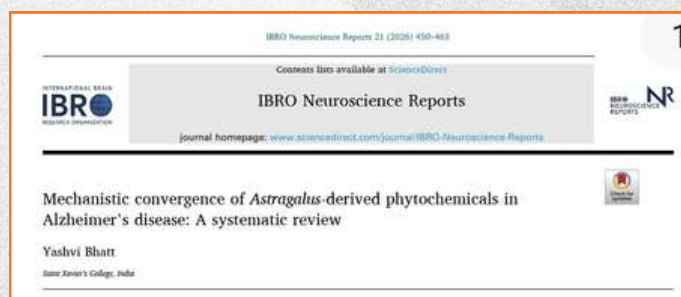
The research paper titled "**Suicidal Ideation among Male and Female College Students in Relation to Family Type**", was completed under the guidance of **Dr. Arti Oza**.



A neuroscience publication by Yashvi Bhatt



Yashvi Bhatt from Biochemistry has recently published a systematic review article in the prestigious **IBRO Neuroscience Reports**. Titled "**Mechanistic convergence of Astragalus-derived phytochemicals in Alzheimer's disease**," her report covers the neuroprotective potential of natural compounds from *Astragalus* sp. in Alzheimer's. Her outstanding contribution to neuroscience is commendable.



From Xavier's campus to Air Force Academy

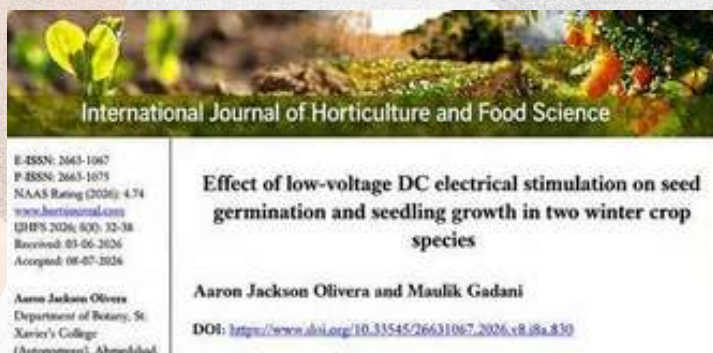
In an incredibly proud moment for St. Xavier's College, **Cadet Senior Under Officer (CSUO) Harsh Vardhan Singh** has been selected to join the prestigious Indian Air Force Academy. A student of the BSc Computer Science Batch of 2025 and a dedicated cadet of the No. 2 Gujarat Air Squadron (GJ22SDF110702), Harsh Vardhan has demonstrated exceptional merit, discipline, and dedication.

Showcasing his outstanding capabilities, he successfully cleared both the **AFCAT 2 2025** (for the Air Force Academy) and the **CDS 2 2025** (for the Officers Training Academy). Choosing to take to the skies, he will officially be joining the Air Force Academy to begin his rigorous training.

Aaron Jackson publishes his work in International Journal

Congratulations to Botany student **Aaron Jackson Olivera**, who recently published a research article in the peer-reviewed **International Journal of Horticulture and Food Science**.

Mentored by **Dr. Maulik Gadani**, Associate Professor of Botany, the study investigated the **"Effect of low-voltage DC electrical stimulation on seed germination and seedling growth in two winter crop species."** The research successfully demonstrated an innovative, eco-friendly way to improve crop growth using low-voltage stimulation. This outstanding accomplishment reflects immense dedication



Akanksha Tripathi represents SXCA at Future Youth Bootcamp

Akanksha Tripathi of Computer Science department represented our institution at the **Future Youth Leaders Bootcamp** organised by **MyBharat** at **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University** from 01/09 to 03/09.

The experience provided crucial insights into nation-building and offered a dynamic platform to collaborate with visionary young leaders from across the region. We congratulate Akanksha on representing Xavier's with excellence.



Another achievement Another publishing by Ralph and Harshkumar

Congratulations to **Ralph Rajesh** and **HarshKumar Khungla**, students of Chemistry Department, on a remarkable academic accomplishment! Their research paper titled **"Natural L-DOPA from *Mucuna prurines*: Phytochemistry therapeutic potentials and pathophysiology in Parkinson's disease,"** has been officially published in the **Journal of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry**.

Featured in the July-August 2026 issue (Volume 15) of this peer-reviewed, refereed journal, the article delves into natural therapeutic approaches for Parkinson's disease. This publication reflects an incredible commitment to scientific research and innovation.



From learning to Entrepreneurship - Karina Chavda's startup

On 18th July, the CWDC organised a Candle Making Workshop to promote creativity and entrepreneurship. We are proud that our participant, **Ms. Karina Chavda** has started her own handmade candle business after receiving orders. We thank **Prof. Disha Ma'am** and **Dr. Divya Ma'am**, Department of Chemistry, for guiding her in material selection and pricing.



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Hell nahhhh!!

EVERYTHING YOU KNOW IS A LIE (WELL, ALMOST...)

Have you ever confidently shared a "fun fact" with your friends, only to find out later it was completely made up? Don't worry, we have all been there! Welcome to the corner of the newsletter where we take everything you thought you knew and turn it upside down to bust some of the most stubborn myths we have all grown up believing.

MYTH: Chameleons change color to blend in with their surroundings.

REALITY: While they can blend in somewhat, chameleons primarily change color to regulate their body temperature or to communicate their mood and intentions to other chameleons.

WHICH ONE DID YOU FIND MORE ASTONISHING?

MYTH: Bulls become aggressive when they see the color red.

REALITY: Bulls (like most cattle) are actually red-green colorblind. In a bullfight, it is the aggressive, whipping movement of the matador's cape that provokes the bull, not the color of the fabric.

Because even a reader requires a little banter



WHICH PROFESSOR IS IN...COGNITO?

Let's suppose this incognito professor is Prof B. An assistant professor pursuing his PhD. Prof B has 4 years of teaching experience and 5 years of student experience at SXCA, but is an Irish at heart. A super-friendly professor who is also super-enthusiastic about their subject.

In a debate of chai vs Coffee, Our prof B is a coffee lover

Our prof B is a co-author of a recently published book with another professor

Prof B is a Virat Kohli fan and thus supports RCB 🤪

Spot the spot



DM your answers at: nandini.ghosh@sxca.edu.in

Campus Conundrums



I am present in every classroom but I have no roll number. I am the reason you come to college but I am not in the syllabus.



I am proof that you can move forward in life while still carrying the heavy baggage of your past mistakes. A 4-letter word that proves time travel exists while haunting you in the present. What am I?



Fueled by coffee, not food. Awake by anxiety, not alarm. I produce a semester's work in one night and disappear after submission. My presence in lectures is must to decide your near future.

PREVIOUS ISSUE'S ANSWERS

Spot the spot

Walk through the pathway between staff parking and football ground, turn left through small opening.

You will find this spot in the landscaped garden with wall murals.

**Dr. Yogesh Baravaliya**

Department of Biochemistry/
Biotechnology

Campus Conundrums

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2. EXAMINATION
3. YOUR NAME

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& KNOW WHETHER YOU HIT BULL'S EYE OR NOT

HAVE A STORY? SHARE IT WITH US

Won an award? Published a paper? Organized a fest? We want to hear about it all!

Share your achievements, event details, and photographs to:

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If any of your stories or achievements of the previous month got left out, do not worry. Mail the information with date mentioned on any of the above mail ids for inclusion in the next issue.

VOICES BEHIND CHRONICLES

The Non-Statutory Committee (SXC Chronicles) extends its deepest gratitude to our student volunteers, **Hiranya Tulsani** (Fourth year, Biochemistry), **Vrisha Shah** (Third year, Biotechnology), and **Abhinav Patil** (Second year, MSc Biochemistry) for their tireless efforts in brilliantly handling and completing their assigned sections.

A special mention for Hiranya for organizing the team and keeping the project on track while managing the final styling, design, and formatting to bring this issue together.

Our appreciation also goes to **Dharmrajsingh Jhala** (Fourth year, Biochemistry) for his ongoing support. The committee also acknowledges the monumental efforts of Hiranya and Dharmraj's last-minute assistance in the previous issue which ensured the project reached completion. Thank you all for the dedicated teamwork that made this electronic copy of the Chronicles possible.

See you soon

