

Ex-guv visits Xav; says, 'I am Prof Narayanan now'

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Kolkata: Former national security advisor and ex-governor of Bengal MK Narayanan said he was happy as he could use the prefix prof before his name because he is joining St. Xavier's University. "Now, I am Prof Narayanan and all the credit goes to Father J Felix Raj, VC of St Xavier's University," said the ex-IPS officer, who headed the state between January 2010 to June 2014. Narayanan was interacting with the university's teachers on Monday.

The ex-governor said the VC had offered him the position of a visiting faculty at the university and it was difficult for him to decline. The ex-governor said he would be teaching various inter-disciplinary subjects like law, governance and administration. "Yes, I would like to teach subjects re-



M K Narayanan and St Xavier's VC J Felix Raj at the university's Newtown campus

lated to security and conflict management, but for that, there should be some specialized courses," said the former IB chief.

"Actually, as a chancellor, I had a limited role, but now, as a visiting faculty, I can interact much more with the students. The posts of chancellor and

NSA had fixed tenure but now I can be Prof Narayanan for as long as I want," the ex-governor said.

"I come to the city twice or thrice a year and now it will be more frequent," added Narayanan. He added that he is presently associated with Neotia University as a board member.

Prof Narayanan's first class at the St. Xavier's University is likely to be in August. He said, "So far, I have been delivering lectures at various academic institutes from time to time but teaching is a new job. I am eagerly awaiting for my new assignment. However, I have asked the VC to prepare my teaching schedule, as he can guide me the best."

The VC, Father Raj, said he would prefer the VIP teacher to take some MBA and law classes, as the university is starting undergraduate law course from this academic session.