



Sixth Convocation Ceremony, 2025

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, held its sixth convocation ceremony on February 15, 2025, at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, conferring degrees to 844 students. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., announced the launch of the LL.M. programme and a revamped Foundation Course in Inter-Religious Studies. Justice I.P. Mukerji delivered the convocation address, and Dr. G. Viswanathan, Hon'ble Chancellor of VIT University, received an honorary D.Litt.



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Celebration of Ninth Foundation Day



St. Xavier's University celebrated its 9th Foundation Day on February 8, 2025, with a special lecture by Mr. Binod Kumar, IAS, on the State Education Policy 2023. The Strategic Plan 2050 was unveiled on this auspicious occasion, accompanied by cultural performances, prize distribution and a cake-cutting ceremony, all of which reiterated the university's unwavering commitment to academic excellence.

St. Xavier's Univ to introduce LL.M programme from 2025-26

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA: St. Xavier's University, Kolkata (SXUK) will introduce a Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme from the 2025-26 academic session. Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, the university's vice-chancellor (V-C), said at the sixth convocation held at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre on Saturday:

Rev. Dr. James Arjen Tete, the Provincial of Calcutta Jesuit Province and chancellor of the university and the V-C presided over the ceremony, where 844 students received degrees across undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programmes. Among them, 102 students from the first batch of Xavier Law School (XLS) graduated. 48 students were awarded with gold, silver and bronze medals.

G Viswanathan, founder and chancellor of Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), was conferred with the Honoris Causa Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) for his contri-



Contributions to education, leadership, public service, and humanitarian efforts. In his acceptance speech, Viswanathan said: "Our GER is only 28 per cent, whereas in developed countries, it ranges between 60 per cent and 100 per cent. The National Education Policy (NEP) aims to increase GER to 50 per cent. It means that the government has to spend, invest more on education," he said.

"The convocation address was delivered by Justice I.P. Mukerji, Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court and an alumnus of St. Xavier's School and College, Kolkata. He called upon the young graduates to be committed to the ideal of justice in their future lives."

The university currently offers 17 undergraduate and postgraduate courses. During his address the V-0 said: "We have chosen this as our focus for the year, aiming to train every student with an inter-religious outlook. Our goal is that every graduate of St. Xavier's leaves with a deeper appreciation and respect for all religions."

SXUK currently has 3,840 students, with 1,262 new admis-

sions in the 2024-25 session. Additionally, 145 research scholars are pursuing PhD programmes. The university provides residential facilities for 900 students—300 boys and 600 girls.

The university is set to open a second academic building equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure, which will house the Xavier Law School (XLS) and will introduce its LL.M. programme in this new wing from the 2025-26 academic session. In 2024, the university introduced an AI-powered Learning Management System (LMS) to enhance the teaching-learning process.

SXUK also signed several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in 2024, including Alliance Française du Bengale; University of Sussex, Brighton (UK); India Japan Laboratory; Keio University, Japan; Daffodil International University, Dhaka; and Don Bosco International Media Academy, Paris.

Xavier Business School receives NBA Accreditation

Xavier Business School formally announces that its two-year full-time MBA programme has been NBA-Accredited for the period 2025-2028, following a thorough evaluation by the expert committee from February 7 to 9, 2025. This recognition reflects the university's dedication towards academic excellence and industry relevance.



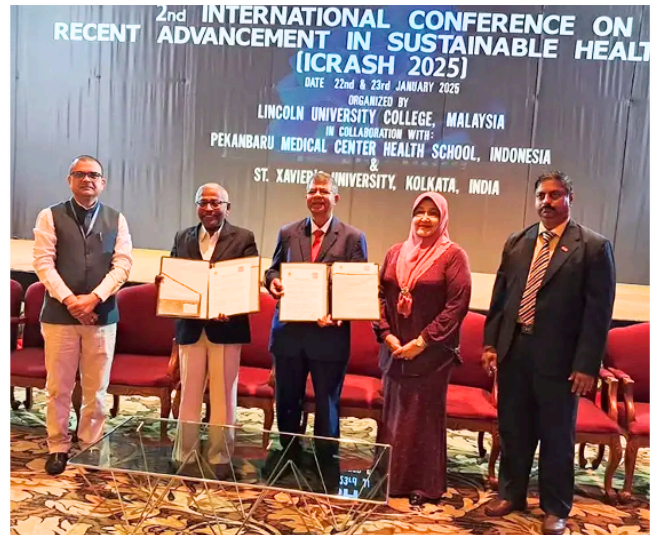
X-Connect: Collaborations and Partnerships

MoU with Lincoln University College

Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Raj S.J., Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, accompanied by Dr. Indra Kanta Maitra, Controller of Examinations, visited Lincoln University College in Kuala Lumpur on January 21 and 22, 2025. During this visit, he delivered a lecture at an international conference organised by LUC at the Summit Hotel on "Sustainable Healthcare and Management." The visit marked a significant milestone as SXUK and LUC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for mutual academic and research collaboration.

MoU with Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar, on January 27, 2025, at the university campus. The event took place in virtual mode. Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., and Prof. Saranjit Singh, the Vice-Chancellor of KIIT, signed the MoU in the presence of dignitaries. Fr. Felix Raj emphasised that the new collaboration would help in providing quality education to the students of both SXUK and KIIT.



Together We Serve: The Social Impact

Launch of English Language Camp



St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, launched an innovative English Language Camp for rural school children at Uttarayan Primary School in Gobardanga, founded and administered by Mr. Timir Biswas and his dedicated team. Inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., the camp aims to boost among all the students spoken English and communication skills.

Visit to Pandua



Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., accompanied by a delegation from St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, visited Pandua for the inauguration of a community stage and a thanksgiving Eucharist, engaging with over 1,000 villagers and reaffirming the university's commitment towards rural outreach. The initiative stands as testimony to the university's vision of fostering holistic development.

Living the Legacy: Life at the Campus

Events Organised

- ✦ Xavrang'25: Flagship inter-college event of the university
- ✦ Xaviesta 2025: A Kolkata-wide event by Xavier Business School
- ✦ XavComm'25: Inter-college event by Department of Mass Communication
- ✦ X-Inovaè: Management fest organised by XCMS
- ✦ XavKala'25: University-level cultural event by XUCAS
- ✦ Annual Sports Day 2025: A sporting event for faculty members, staff, and the students of the university



Academic & Skill-Building Initiatives

- ✦ Faculty Development Programme on Data Visualisation with Power BI by Xavier Business School
- ✦ Ten-Day Management Development Programme on Campus to Corporate organised by Xavier Business School
- ✦ Two-Day Ideation Workshop by CICE & IIC
- ✦ International Conference on "AI, Human Rights & IPR" by Research Development Cell
- ✦ Third Xavier Mediation Competition organised by Xavier Society for Law and Justice
- ✦ National Conference on "New Criminal Laws in India" by Xavier Law School
- ✦ Fifth Annual Economic Summit organised by the Department of Economics, co-sponsored by ICSSR

Campus to Corporate: The Placement Scenario



St. Xavier's University, Kolkata witnessed a successful placement season with students securing roles in reputed companies across diverse sectors.



"St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, has been a transformative journey for me, both academically and personally. The dedicated faculty and placement support played a key role in helping me secure a position at EY. The vibrant campus life and learning environment truly prepared me for the corporate world."

**Shadab Hussain, B.A. Mass Communication,
Class of 2025**

Inspire and Ignite: Students' Achievements

National Financial Literacy Quiz 2025

Rohit Singh and Md. Sahid Raza Hussain, both students of Xavier Business School, participated in the National Financial Literacy Quiz (NFLQ) 2025 and secured third position in the Eastern Region, held on June 21 and 22, 2025. The team also bagged a cash prize of ₹20,000 and successfully qualified for the National Finals.

Documentary-Making Competition

Paramesti Mukhopadhyay, Palak Bhuwalka, Riddhi Sen, Ryka Banerjee, and Sagnik Sinhat, students of Xavier Law School, won the National Virtual Documentary Making Competition organised by GLS University. The documentary titled "Scarred Souls" was created in collaboration with acid attack survivors and Women's Welfare Foundation, Kolkata.

PRSI, Kolkata Chapter

Ayana Roy and Saptarni Sarkar, postgraduate students of the Department of Mass Communication were felicitated by PRSI, Kolkata Chapter on April 22, 2025, as they obtained the highest marks in the course Public Relations.



The Alumni Spotlight



On February 20, 2025, St. Xavier's University Kolkata Alumni Association conducted a Health Check-up Camp at St. Xavier's School, Pandua. This outreach initiative aimed to promote health awareness and provide basic medical support to the children of the school. This noble effort reflects SXUKAA's continued commitment to social responsibility and community development.

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