



Release of *Magis Mantra*

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, hosted the launch of *Magis Mantra*, the official biography of Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ, authored by Dr. Prabhat Kumar Datta with a foreword by Dr. Shashi Tharoor. Released on 26 August 2025, the 115th birth anniversary of Mother Teresa and Fr. John Felix Raj's birthday, the book highlights his Jesuit calling, association with Mother Teresa, and the founding of SXUK.



SXUK celebrates 79th Independence Day

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, celebrated the 79th Independence Day on August 15, 2025, with the hoisting of the Indian flag by Vice-Chancellor Rev. Fr. Felix Raj, in the presence of faculty, staff, alumni, and students. In his address, he emphasised India's progress towards Viksit Bharat 2047 and the values of pluralism and secularism. Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Rajesh Chirimar, Member, Mayor-in-Council, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation. The event concluded with student cultural performances.

- International Conference on Digital Humanities
- LCERI organises a national conference
- LCERI Hosts 6th Doctoral Colloquium
- Online workshop "Engaging with AI"
- SXUK ties up with *Shikshak* LMS
- SXUK joins the Association of Indian Universities



Inauguration of the Fr. Verstraeten Centre

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, has established the *Fr. Verstraeten Centre for Public Policy and Governance*. The Centre was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Law and Labour, Sri Maloy Ghatak, and Prof. (Dr.) Siladitya Chakraborty, Professor of Political Science, Kalyani University, on September 3, 2025. Dr. Animesh Das shall serve as the coordinator of the centre.



X-Connect: Collaborations and Partnerships

MoU with AIHS

On July 23, 2025, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, and Antara Institute of Health Sciences signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the university campus. The MoU was signed by the Registrar, Rev. Fr. Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj and Dr. Mathew P. John, Director of Antara Institute of Health Sciences, in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., and representatives from both institutions. This collaboration marks a shared commitment to foster academic cooperation towards addressing pressing issues of mental health and well-being.



MoU with Mahidol University

Centre for Global Network and Initiatives, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with delegates from Mahidol University, Thailand, on August 18, 2025, on the university campus. Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj apprised the delegates about the Jesuit legacy in Indian education and the potential for expansion of the university in future. Both institutions expressed significant interest in the possibility of student exchange, keeping in view the credit transfer systems applicable in India and Thailand.



Together We Serve: The Social Impact

Blood donation camp at SXUK



The Student Board of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, organised a Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with the Association of Voluntary Blood Donors, West Bengal, on February 17, 2025, in the university premises. The Camp was inaugurated by Debasish Sen, the Chairman of Housing and Industrial Development Corporation (HIDCO), West Bengal. Students, faculty members and non-teaching staff members of the university donated blood with enthusiasm. The Vice-Chancellor of the University congratulated the donors for their active participation in the initiative.

Tree plantation at SXUK



In an attempt to enhance and preserve biodiversity and to foster a closer connection with nature, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, took a significant step towards a greener future with a mango tree plantation drive on its campus on July 9, 2025. The mango tree, a revered symbol of abundance and tradition, was chosen to embody SXUK's cultural and ecological values. Fr. Felix Raj planted four mango saplings in front of the Britto House, symbolising growth, nourishment, and the university's commitment to environmental sustainability.

Living the Legacy: Life at the Campus



SXUK bags Knimbus Most Usage in East India Award



SXUK hosts International Conference on Digital Humanities



Workshop on Feminist Frames by the English Department



Mass Communication sports enthusiasts visit Mohun Bagan club

Campus to Corporate: The Placement Scenario



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Synapse 2025: SXUK's Placement Summit

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, hosted Synapse 2025, its first student placement summit. Vice-Chancellor Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj presided, with industry leaders inspiring 100+ students, highlighting professionalism, integrity, and leadership. Shri Vivek Chawla, WTD & CEO, Emami Paper Mills Ltd., also graced the occasion.



Foundation Day Celebration

On 20 August 2025, Xavier Law School celebrated its 7th Foundation Day with vibrant student performances in music, dance, and theatre. Vice-Chancellor Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj commended the school's achievements, while students presented a compelling stage adaptation of Sadat Hasan Manto's *Naya Qanoon*.



Panel Discussion: India's Prison System

On 23 August 2025, Xavier Law School hosted a panel discussion featuring experts Prof. Sarfaraz Khan, Adv. Jayanta Chatterjee, Smt. Aparajita Bose, and Smt. Madhurima Dhanuka, with special guest Sk. Eklash, the subject of the biopic *Bohurupi* (2024) directed by Shiboprosad Mukherjee and Nandita Roy. The session focused on prison reforms, justice, and rehabilitation.



Alumni meeting at Ballygunge

The Calcutta Province Commission for Alumni Associations held its half-yearly meeting at St. Lawrence School, Ballygunge, with representatives from seven member associations presenting reports and discussing key issues. Jeetu Rampuria was nominated for JAAI, while Shankar Ramalingam, Snehasis Sur, and Vatsal Chirimar were selected for the North Zone.



Keynote: IndiSetu Curtain Raiser 2025

Fr. Felix Raj delivered the keynote address at IndiSetu Curtain Raiser, organised by the Global Collaboration Forum (GCF) at Taj Bengal, India, on 22 August 2025. His speech highlighted the importance of education and global cooperation. This event is part of a larger initiative to strengthen Indo-UK partnership.

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