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Xavier Law School is pleased to announce the publication of Issues 10-11 of its biannual newsletter Lexaverian. The School has witnessed remarkable progress throughout this academic period, marked by a series of distinguished events and competitions. The Xavier Society of Law and Justice successfully organized the third edition of the Xavier Intra-XLS Trial and Advocacy Competition (XITAC'24) and the XLS-Intra Mediation Competition 2025, both of which provided invaluable experiential learning opportunities to our students. These initiatives culminated in the organization of the third Xavier Mediation Competition, attracting teams from premier institutions nationwide. Additionally, the Moot Court Society orchestrated XavAequitas'24, our inaugural National Moot Court Competition, featuring participation from twenty-six leading law schools across India. The School further enriched academic discourse through specialized lectures and seminars addressing contemporary legal reforms. This issue of Lexaverian celebrates these accomplishments and the outstanding achievements of our student community.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE- CHANCELLOR



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the faculty members, students, and staff of Xavier Law School for the publication of this edition of Lexaverian, capturing a remarkable period of achievement — from thought-provoking lectures and intellectually stimulating panel discussions to the successful organization of national and intra-institutional competitions.

The events highlighted in this newsletter underscore Xavier Law School's unwavering commitment to holistic legal education that blends scholarship with practice, guided by the spirit of Ignatian charism that informs life at St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. The events highlighted in this newsletter underscore Xavier Law School's unwavering commitment to holistic legal education that blends scholarship with practice, guided by the spirit of Ignatian charism that informs life at St. Xavier's University, Kolkata.

I am particularly delighted to see the diverse student accomplishments featured herein, representing excellence in moot courts, mediation, debates, research, and creative pursuits. Such achievements affirm the institution's ethos of nurturing competence, character, and compassion — the hallmarks of a true Xaverian education.

The initiatives of the faculty and students in fostering dialogue on contemporary legal, social, and ethical issues exemplify the Jesuit ideal of forming men and women for others. I commend the Placement Committee for contributing to the industry-readiness of students graduating out of the School and for conducting extensive placement drives to ensure that they gain the best foot forward in their budding professional careers.

May Lexaverian continue to serve as a testament to the spirit of intellectual inquiry and excellence that defines our community. I convey my best wishes for continued success in all future endeavours.

Best wishes!

Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN'S DESK



I am pleased to share the combined 10th and 11th editions of “Lexaverian”, capturing the continued momentum of scholarly activity, student participation, and meaningful engagement. This compilation stands as a testament to the resilience, commitment, and academic excellence that define the Xavier Law School community.

With best wishes,

Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

On September 14, 2024, the Moot Court Society of Xavier Law School hosted a workshop on the "Practical Aspects of the Legal Profession" featuring keynote speaker Mr. Sourav Chunder. The event opened with a solemn tribute to the victim of the R.G. Kar Medical College tragedy before transitioning into an exploration of the fundamental virtues—merit, passion, and perseverance—required for legal excellence.

Mr. Chunder provided a critical analysis of modern judicial challenges, specifically addressing the necessity for gender-neutral legislation and the impact of the current vacancy crisis at the Calcutta High Court. Drawing from his personal journey, including his early mentorship under Senior Advocate J.P. Khaitan, he concluded the session with pragmatic strategies for effective courtroom advocacy, offering students a comprehensive look at the realities of a career in litigation.

Advocate Sourav Chunder



WORKSHOPS

THE LEGAL PLURALISM AND UNIFORM CIVIL CODE: A SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Prof. (Dr.) Subir Kumar Roy



On August 23, 2024, Xavier Law School hosted a special lecture titled "Legal Pluralism and Uniform Civil Code: A Social Discourse," featuring Prof. (Dr.) Subir Kumar Roy as the primary speaker. Convened by Dr. Sadaf Moosa and Dr. Swati, the session focused on the historical and constitutional trajectory of Article 44, tracing the evolution of religious codes from the British colonial era to the post-Independence period. Prof. Roy provided a deep dive into the tensions between secularism, legal universalism, and pluralism, specifically examining why Jawaharlal Nehru deferred the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in 1954 due to societal stratification. The discourse also integrated various philosophical frameworks—including liberalism, Indian feminism, and cultural relativism—to explain the complexities of modern legal integration. The lecture concluded with a technical analysis of Articles 371A and 371G, with Prof. Roy asserting that significant statutory modifications are a prerequisite for any future establishment of a UCC in India.

SPECIAL

THE CHANGING TRENDS OF SUCCESSION LAWS IN INDIA

On September 19, 2024, Xavier Law School hosted a special lecture at Fr. Albert Huart Hall titled "The Changing Trends of Succession Laws in India," featuring Dr. Sangita Laha from NUSRL, Ranchi. The session, convened by Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, Dr. Rajrupa Sinha Roy, and Dr. Sadaf Moosa, provided a comprehensive analysis of traditional Hindu inheritance frameworks, specifically comparing the Dayabhaga and Mitakshara schools and their influence on joint family structures. Dr. Laha traced the legislative progression from the Hindu Succession Act of 1956 to the transformative 2005 Amendment, clarifying the evolution of concepts such as Stridhan and the transition toward equal coparcenary rights for daughters. By examining landmark judicial precedents, the lecture provided students with a nuanced understanding of how modern legal reforms have moved toward gender-neutral property rights and absolute ownership within the Indian legal landscape.

Dr. Sangita Laha



PANEL DISCUSSION ON BNS, BNSS AND BSA



Xavier Law School organized a comprehensive panel discussion on August 24, 2024, examining the newly enforced Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, which replaced the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, Evidence Act, and Criminal Procedure Code respectively.

Convened by Dr. Asif Iqbal Shah and initiated by Criminal Law Honours students, the distinguished panel featured Shri Rajkumar Bandyopadhyay (Chief Law Instructor, Kolkata Police Training Academy), Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan (Professor, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences), Shri Sanjay Banerjee (Assistant Public Prosecutor), Shri Soumyajit Raha (Special Public Prosecutor), and Dr. Jyoti Puri (Senior Guest Faculty).

The discussion critically analyzed whether these reforms successfully shed colonial influences, highlighting positive changes like BSA Section 138's balanced approach to accomplice testimony while addressing concerns about truncated remand provisions and limited access to justice improvements. The session concluded with Dr. Shah's observation that adaptation requires time, suggesting ongoing challenges in India's criminal justice transformation.



PANEL DISCUSSION

REVISITING THE FEMINIST LENS



On September 2, 2024, Xavier Law School convened a thought-provoking seminar entitled "Revisiting the Feminist Lens" at Fr. Albert Huart Hall, engaging first and second-year B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) students in a critical examination of gender discourse. Convened by Dr. Debolina Chatterjee, the seminar provided students with a comprehensive understanding of contemporary feminist theory and praxis, fostering a nuanced appreciation of the complexities inherent to gender discourse.

The event featured two distinguished speakers: Dr. Zaid Al Baset, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, and Koyel Ghosh, Managing Trustee of Sappho for Equality. Dr. Baset delivered a nuanced disquisition on "Men and Feminist Endeavors," elucidating the imperative of male engagement with feminist perspectives and the concomitant ethical responsibility to dismantle patriarchal structures through pedagogical integration.

Conversely, Koyel Ghosh's address centered on the scourge of gender-based violence perpetrated against queer and trans-persons within natal families, underscoring the pressing need for alternative livelihood opportunities and highlighting the myriad socio-legal challenges confronted by individuals with non-normative gender identities.

SEMINARS

6th FOUNDATION DAY OF XAVIER LAW SCHOOL

On August 2, 2024, Xavier Law School celebrated its 6th Foundation Day with the 4th session of Discorsio, titled "Theatrical Appeal", a five-phase event co-hosted with the Moot Court Society (MCS) and the Xavier Society of Law and Justice (XSLAJ) at Fr. Albert Huart Hall. The day began with 'Aarohan', the opening ceremony featuring addresses by Prof. Ashis Mitra (Registrar) and Mr. Ratul Das (Convener of Discorsio), and included a vibrant student cultural program showcasing socio-legal themes.

The next phase, 'The Trial', involved the screening of the movie Anatomy of a Fall, which served as the basis for the subsequent 'The Appeal' segment—an appellate jury proceeding where the winning teams of the Intra-XLS Trial & Advocacy Competition 2023 and XavJustice 2024 competed before a distinguished multidisciplinary Jury.

Following this, the 'The Verdict' saw the Jurors engage in a panel discussion facilitated by Mr. Ayush Majumdar from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), deliberating on the case and offering legal and multidisciplinary insights, after which the Jurors and participants were felicitated by Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee (Dean) and the conveners of XSLAJ and MCS, respectively, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony to mark the School's 5th inauguration anniversary. The day concluded with 'Avrohan', featuring a musical performance and a special address by Dr. Krishna Roy, a founding faculty member, before the formal vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Amogh Mukhopadhyay from B.Com.LL.B. (Hons.).



COMPETITIONS

XITAC'24 - XAVIER INTRA-XLS TRIAL AND ADVOCACY COMPETITION 2024

Xavier Society of Law and Justice organised the 3rd Edition of XITAC - Xavier Intra-XLS Trial and Advocacy Competition on September 5 and 6, 2024 at Xavier Law School, in association with MCO Legals. Convened by Dr. Animesh Das, with student convenors Modit Gupta and Darsh Narula, the event saw enthusiastic participation from students across all semesters. Hon'ble Justice Ashim Kumar Roy, Lokayukta of West Bengal, and Mr. Amit Meharia, Managing Partner, MCO Legals, graced the occasion. The competition featured preliminary, quarter-final, semi-final, and final rounds, judged by eminent legal professionals and faculty. The team comprising Mr. Ayush Majumder, Ms. Anushka Banerjee, and Mr. Shourjo Roychoudhuri from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) emerged as champions, while individual accolades were awarded to outstanding participants including Best Speaker Mr. Chandrava Chaudhuri from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), Best Witness Ms. Swastika Aditya from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), Best Researcher Mr. Soham Ghosh from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), and the winners in the Best Memorial category – Mr. Chandrava Chaudhuri, Ms. Maitrie Jain and Ms. Shreya Bagaria from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.). The event successfully provided students with invaluable courtroom simulation experience under expert guidance.



XAVAEQUITAS' 24 – 1ST XAVIER'S NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION



Moot Court Society, Xavier Law School had a resplendent inauguration of XavAequitas'24, its first National Moot Court Competition, which transpired from October 24-26, 2024. This esteemed event garnered participation from 26 teams hailing from premier law institutions across the nation, commencing with an inaugural ceremony dignified by the presence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ, Registrar Prof. Ashis Mitra, and the distinguished guest of honour, Mr. D.N. Mitra, Advocate, Victor Moses & Co.

Notwithstanding the formidable challenges posed by Cyclone Dana, which necessitated a paradigmatic shift to an online format, the competition maintained an unwavering commitment to exceptional standards, seamlessly navigating through Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Finals and Semi Finals. The grand finale witnessed Heritage Law College emerging triumphant against the Department of Law, Calcutta University. Individual laurels were bestowed upon Mr. Harshwardhan Meshram (Best Researcher and Memorial), Mr. Vishwan Singh (Best Speaker-Petitioner), and Ms. Anupriya Mukherjee (Best Speaker-Respondent). The inaugural edition of XavAequitas'24 was executed with immaculate precision, thereby establishing it as a preeminent platform for showcasing nascent legal talent and fostering jurisprudential excellence.



XMC'25 (INTRA) - XAVIER MEDIATION COMPETITION 2025



Xavier Society of Law and Justice successfully organized the third edition of XMC'25 - XLS-Intra Mediation Competition 2025 on February 21 and 22, 2025. The two-day event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 120 students across various semesters, commencing with the Preliminary Rounds conducted in four slots on the first day.

Distinguished external judges and esteemed faculty members evaluated proceedings, with 12 participants advancing to the knockout rounds held on February 22. Ms. Somdutta Ghosh from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) was crowned as the Best Mediator, Suneeti Saraf from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) received the Best Attorney award, and Soha Kabir from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) earned the Best Client recognition. These winners represented Xavier Law School at the 3rd Xavier Mediation Competition held on April 2-4, 2025, reinforcing the institution's commitment to holistic legal education.



XMC'25 (NATIONAL) - XAVIER MEDIATION COMPETITION 2025

Xavier Society of Law and Justice successfully organized XMC'25 (National) - 3rd Xavier Mediation Competition on April 2-4, 2025, at Xavier Law School and Fr. Albert Huart Hall, attracting teams from across the country. The three-day event commenced with an inspiring opening ceremony featuring cultural performances by Dhvani and an address by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ, followed by intensive Preliminary Rounds testing participants' mediation and negotiation skills. Student Convenor Tanishq Sharma shared the competition schedule.



The knockout rounds raised the bar, showcasing top-tier talent and synergy between mediators and counsels. Jindal Global Law School emerged victorious as the XMC Cup winners for Best Negotiating Pair, while Mumbai National Law University, Aurangabad secured the Runner-Up position. Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai claimed the Magis Cup for Best Mediator, and Xavier Law School won the recognition for Best Counsel. The competition exemplified amicable dispute resolution through dialogue, diplomacy, and determination.



The IPR Committee of Xavier Law School organized an innovative Poster Making Competition on "IP and Music: Feel the Beat of IP" on April 10th, 2025. Inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Maria Joseph Israel, SJ, the event featured distinguished judges Prof. (Dr.) Mononita Kundu Das and Dr. Poulami Chatterjee, with twelve interdisciplinary teams participating. Following the registration and briefing sessions, participants creatively interpreted intellectual property themes in musical contexts during the two-hour creation period.

The competition incorporated NIPAM video screening and IPR awareness pledges, emphasizing legal education's broader societal impact. Team Inkvasion - comprising of Ms. Shreya Ghosh and Ms. Dipsikha Kirtania from B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) - secured the first position, followed by Team Adityas and Team Artists from the Department of Mass Communication.

The event successfully fostered interdisciplinary collaboration while raising awareness about intellectual property rights in the music industry, demonstrating creative approaches to legal education and advocacy through artistic expression.



POSTER MAKING COMPETITION ON "IP AND MUSIC: FEEL THE BEAT OF IP"

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

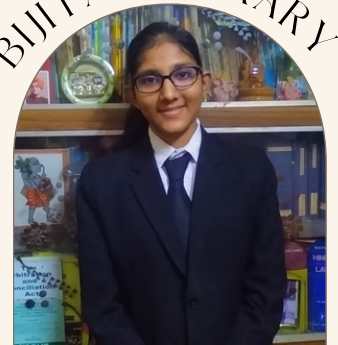
SANKHA BRATA MITRA



Mr. Sankha Brata Mitra won the Best Memorial award and secured the 2nd Runner Up position in the 2nd Inter College Moot Court Competition, 2024 organised by SLC Moot Court Society. An article authored by him along with Mr. Saptarshi Mondal, titled "Does the Rise in Crime against Scheduled Tribes in states like Chhattisgarh contribute to the growth of Maoist Activities" was published in Volume 7, Issue 2 of International Journal of Legal Science and Innovation. Mr. Mitra also won the Best Memorial award in the 5th Adamas Moot Court Competition, 2025 organised by the School of Law and Justice, Adamas University, Kolkata. He also wrote another article, titled "Deepfake Technology: The Next Global Crisis?", which was published in Volume 2, Issue 7 of the International Journal for Legal Research and Analysis.

Mr. Bijita Adhikary won the High Commendation award in XAVMUN 2024 organised by the Xavier's University Debating Society.

BIJITA ADHIKARY



Mr. Aditya Narayan Roy of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) secured the Third Place in the Photography competition of Winter Whispers (Online Creative Competition) organised by All India Catholic University Federation, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Unit. He presented a paper titled "The Historical Development of Economic Thought and its Impact on Contemporary Economic Theory", which he co-authored with Mr. Annwoy Dasgupta of B.A. LL.B (Hons.) at the 5th Annual Economics Summit organised by Department of Economics, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata.

ADITYA NARAYAN ROY



Ms. Suneeti Saraf was adjudged the Best Counsel at Xavier Mediation Competition (Intra) 2025 organised by Xavier Society of Law and Justice. She was also recognised as the Best Negotiator at the 3rd Xavier Mediation Competition (National) 2025 organised by Xavier Society of Law and Justice.

SUNEETI SARAF



SOUMYADEEP DAS



Mr. Soumyadeep Das finished as a Quarter-finalist at the 17th NUJS-HSF Corporate Law Moot' 2025 organised by The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences and Herbert Smith Freehills. He also won the Best Memorial award in the 5th Adamas Moot Court Competition, 2025 organised by Adamas University, Kolkata.

Umang Agarwal secured the First position in Corporate Crusaders (Corporate Advocacy Competition) organised by Finnovation (Finance Club), Xavier Business School. He also secured the First position at Funtakshari 11 organised by BHS Alumni Association, Birla High School.

UMANG AGARWAL



TEHZEEB UMAIYAH ALIM



Ms. Tehzeeb Umayah Alim received Honourable Mention in JUMUN'25 organised by Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

SOHOM SAHA



Mr. Sohom Saha won the Best Researcher award in De Novo Advocare 1.1 (1st IIIJS Moot Court Competition) organised by the Department of Law, University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata. He also secured the First position in the debate competition of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awareness Program organised by Rotary Club of Dhakuria - A Rotary International District 3291 initiative.

BIDITA CHAKRABORTY



Ms. Bidita Chakraborty was awarded the Merit of Leadership (2nd Position) in UEM Conclave of Nations organised by University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata.

SHHOUNACK BARUN PAL



Mr. Shhounack Barun Pal won the Best Photographer award in XAVMUN 2024 organised by the Xavier's University Debating Society.

ANUSHKA BANERJEE



Ms. Anushka Banerjee secured the First position in De Novo Advocare 1.1 (1st IIIJS Moot Court Competition) organised by the Department of Law, University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata.

SOHA KABIR



Ms. Soha Kabir presented a paper titled “Originalism v living constitutionalism: Judiciary Power in post Maneka Gandhi period” in GNLU Essay Writing Competition 2025 organised by Gandhinagar National Law University, Silvassa Campus. She presented another paper, titled “Beyond Binaries: Unveiling the Politics of Biological Sex and Bodily Autonomy” at Understanding Femininity and Masculinity Gendering of History organised by Jadavpur University Women’s Conclave in collaboration with the School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University. She was also adjudged the Best Client at Xavier Mediation Competition (Intra) 2025 organised by Xavier Society of Law and Justice.

ANIKETA GHORUI



Ms. Aniketa Ghorui secured the Third position in the Drawing competition of Winter Whispers Winter Whispers (Online Creative Competition) organised by All India Catholic University Federation, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Unit.

SAANVI AGARWAL



Ms. Saanvi Agarwal secured the Third position in Justice Unveiled (Mock Consumer Court Event) at BONFIRE’25 organised by The Bhawanipur Education Society College.

AARUNI GHOSH



Mr. Aaruni Ghosh won the High Commendation award in XAVMUN 2024 organised by the Xavier's University Debating Society.

PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Placement Committee of Xavier Law School (XLS), operating in collaboration with the Placement Office of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, has continued its commitment to supporting final-year students in securing meaningful placements and internships. The 2020–2025 Batch Committee, comprising both faculty and student members, has played a key role in strengthening industry connections and fostering career readiness.

A total of 18 students have successfully secured placements in reputed organizations, with many more processes underway. The following organizations conducted interviews and participated in placement drives organized by the School:

- Lexplosion
- R.N. Tagore Hospital (Narayana Health)
- Offshore Research
- R.L. Dutt & Co.
- L.S. Davar & Co., Kolkata
- Khaitan & Co., Kolkata
- R & A Legal



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