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Xavier Law School is pleased to announce the release of the 6th issue of its bi-annual newsletter *Lexaverian*. With the years, the School has been progressing in its own way. We, at Xavier Law School, have witnessed a flurry of activities ever since its re-opening after the pandemic. The School recently conducted the **Xavier Intra-XLS Trial Advocacy Competition, 2022 (XITAC'22)** as well as the **Intra-Memorial Drafting Competition titled Sculpture'22**. In keeping with the spirit of Jesuit education, the recent inauguration of the B.R. Ambedkar Legal Aid Clinic added another feather to the cap of Xavier Law School. The Legal Aid Clinic has started functioning and extending assistance to several sections of the society. The students of the School are continuously making the university proud with their achievements. This issue of *Lexaverian* is a tribute to our students and their never-ending zeal which continue to make us proud.

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Message from the Vice-Chancellor

With each passing year Xavier Law School is progressing and Lexaverian is in-step with the progress of the School. It gives me immense pleasure to witness our students' enthusiasm and enterprise in participating and organizing various events in Xavier Law School as well as in the university. This year has been a particularly fruitful one, since the university experienced a flurry of activities and programmes majorly conceived and executed by its students.



Xavier Law School with its team of dedicated faculty members, competent support staff and energetic students is slowly reaching its full bloom. It is my belief, that it will continue progressing and leave an imprint in the society at large in years to come.

If human society is imagined as an ocean, Xavier Law School is already creating ripples in it. Small acts of assistance extended to any segment of the society go a long way in its upliftment. Students at Xavier Law School already seem to have found their alignment with Jesuit principles, as they are steadily becoming capable citizens who believe that holistic social progress is far superior when compared with individual progress. Their participation in programmes and activities related to social upliftment gives me immense joy and a hope of a socially responsible posterity.

I wish XLS all the very best!

Rev. Dr. J. Felix Raj, S.J.
St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

Message from the Dean's Desk



Every time an issue of Lexaverian is released, I feel joy at being able to hold the record of our activities and achievements in my own hands.

While it is important that our progress continues, it is also important sometimes to sit back and appreciate how well things were done and analyse in what ways they could be made even better. This issue of Lexaverian serves before me a chronicled representation of the journey of Xavier Law School in the past 6 months.

I wish that the sojourn which has only just commenced, continues uphill while we are always able to look back at the distance we covered; for success is more the journey than the destination.

Dr. Pratyusha Das
Xavier Law School

Special Lecture on Succession under Muslim Law

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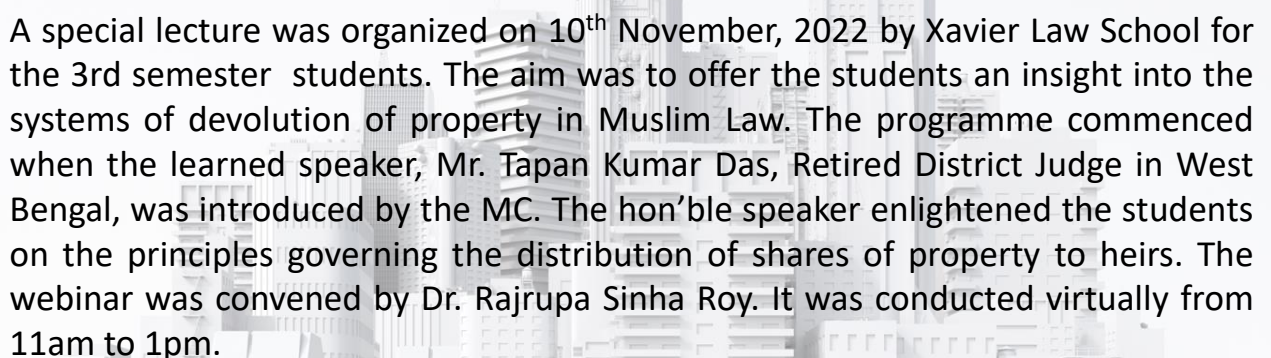
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A special lecture was organized on 10th November, 2022 by Xavier Law School for the 3rd semester students. The aim was to offer the students an insight into the systems of devolution of property in Muslim Law. The programme commenced when the learned speaker, Mr. Tapan Kumar Das, Retired District Judge in West Bengal, was introduced by the MC. The hon'ble speaker enlightened the students on the principles governing the distribution of shares of property to heirs. The webinar was convened by Dr. Rajrupa Sinha Roy. It was conducted virtually from 11am to 1pm.



Felicitation of Dr. Chakrabarti
by the Registrar, St. Xavier's
University, Kolkata

FOUNDATION DAY LECTURE ON “LEARNING LAW IN THE CONTEMPORARY SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ERA”

Xavier Law School, celebrated its 4th Foundation Day on 3rd August, 2022. The day was celebrated on-campus with a special lecture delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences. The event was organized at Fr. Albert Huart Hall, 3.30pm onwards. Dr. Chakrabarti deliberated on the topic “Learning Law in the Contemporary Socio-Economic and Technological Era”. The programme commenced with an inaugural address by Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Raj, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of St. Xavier's University. On this august occasion, he announced the plans to commence LL.M. and Ph.D. programmes in Law under Xavier Law School. Dr. Chakrabarti was felicitated by Prof. Ashis Mitra, Registrar, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata and was introduced before the audience by Dr. Pratyusha Das, Dean of Xavier Law School. The speaker enlightened the students on the relevance of Artificial Intelligence based systems in the discipline of law. The programme ended with a Q & A session and a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Asif Iqbal Shah, the Convener of the event.



Dr. Chakrabarti
on the dais for
the occasion

LAW AND IPR: PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

A special lecture on “Law and IPR: Prospects and Opportunities” was organized on 30th August, 2022 by Xavier Law School for the 7th semester students. The guest for the occasion was Mr. Biswajit Sarkar, Proprietor of Biswajit Sarkar and Associates. The programme was conducted in Amphitheatre (Room 400) of the Academic Building. Mr. Biswajit Sarkar, in his lecture highlighted the most important areas under Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). He also spoke upon the career prospects in the field of IP laws in India. The lecture was co-convened by Dr. Asif Iqbal Shah and Dr. Utpal Kumar Raha.



Mr. Biswajit Sarkar delivering the lecture on “Law and IPR: Prospects and Opportunities”

THE MICRO-SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE IN UNDERSTANDING EVERYDAY REALITIES

A special lecture was organized on 20th September, 2022 by Xavier Law School for the 1st semester 1 in Amphitheatre (Room 400), on “The Micro-Sociological Perspective in Understanding Everyday Realities”. The event was conducted from 3.30pm to 4.50pm. The special guest, Dr. Basabi Chakraborty, Founding Member and Senior Faculty, Department of Sociology, Rabindra Bharati University was the special guest for the occasion. Dr. Chakraborty shared valuable insights about



Dr. Basabi Chakraborti at the dais during the lecture

Microsociology, a term coined by a Russian Sociologist of Law, G. Gurvitch. Highlighting the understanding of ‘everyday realities’ through various examples. A major part of the lecture focused on Interactionist perspective, which was elaborated through various works of well-known sociologists like George Herbert Mead, Herbert Blumer and Erving Goffman. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Debolina Chatterjee, the Convener of the event.



COLAWQUIA : TALK SERIES

Prof.(Dr.) Sandeepa Bhat B.
at the seminar

COLAWQUIA (MONTHLY TALK SERIES)

EPISODE VI : “SPACE LAW AS A CAREER OPTION”

On 24th September, 2022, the Xavier Society of Law and Justice organized the sixth episode of Colawquia. The event was convened by Shreya Singh, Core Committee Member of XSLAJ. It was conducted in the Amphitheatre (Room 400) of Xavier Law School. The esteemed speaker for the session, Prof.(Dr.) Sandeepa Bhat B., Professor of Law, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences , shared valuable insights with participants for considering the intriguing and increasingly vibrant field of Space Law as a niche career avenue. The seminar had a remarkable response in engaging the students of XLS, who registered to attend the event.

XAVIER INTRA-XLS TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION, 2022 (XITAC'22)

The Xavier Society of Law and Justice, under the guidance of the Convener, Dr. Animesh Das, organized Xavier Intra-XLS Trial Advocacy Competition, 2022 XITAC'22 in association with Fox & Mandal, one of India's oldest and largest law



The winning team being awarded by
Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj,

firms in partnership with Parnasree Jeewandee Seva Sansthan; from 11th to 13th August, 2022, at Xavier Law School. It saw an overwhelming participation of 200 students from the 3rd, 5th & 7th semesters as Participating teams, Working Committee Members and witnesses while another 400 students from all the semesters were present as audience. This mega event started with two Preliminary rounds held respectively on 11th and 12th August 2022, witnessing 36 teams competing among one other as Prosecution and Defense. The enriching experience finally ended in two teams qualifying for the

finals on 13th August, 2022. Mr. Sakya Sen, Learned Advocate at the Calcutta High Court and Ms. Mahima Cholera, Associate at Fox & Mandal graced the event as the esteemed judges for the final round. The team comprising Ahona Majumder, Aruja Singh and Aditi Kumari was declared the winner.

SCULPTURE'22

The Moot Court Society, under the guidance of the Convener, Dr. Rajrupa Sinha Roy, organized SCULPTURE'22, "The Intra-XLS Memorial Drafting Competition". With blessings from the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, the registration for 'Sculpture' 22' commenced on 12th September 2022 where the focus was on helping the budding lawyers of the School to practice and enhance their drafting skills. An overwhelming response of 125 teams was received from four semesters. Several orientations and workshops were also held by the Core Committee Members of

the Moot Court Society to help the students to form and draft a proper memorial and to resolve all their queries and doubts. The memorials were scrutinized by the faculty members of the Xavier Law School. The esteemed judges Dr. Anuradha Roy Chowdhury, Dr. Asif Iqbal Shah, Dr. Prashna Samaddar, Dr. Rajdip Bhadra Chaudhuri, and Prof. Souvik Mukherjee assessed and evaluated the memorials. They also guided and mentored participants regarding the process of drafting a memorial and case analysis. The Closing Ceremony of Sculpture'22 was held on 21st October, 2022 at the Amphitheatre (Room no. 400) and it was graced by Advocate Shrayashee Das, Principal Legal Associate at Sinha & Co.



Advocate Shrayashee Das at the dais

Advocates. During the closing ceremony, the Core Committee of the Moot Court Society also had the opportunity to unveil the official logo of the Society which is an integral part of the legacy of the Moot Court Society of Xavier Law School. The top 10 teams announced were called on stage and were duly recognized for their creditable performances. The top 3 teams were awarded exemplary prizes including a book authored by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The best team was also awarded with an internship opportunity at Sinha & Co. Advocates.



Inauguration by Ms. Nabanita Ray in the presence of Mr. Soumen Sarkar, Fr. John Felix Raj, Prof. Ashis Mitra and Dr. Pratyusha Das

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
Legal Aid Clinic

INAUGURATION OF LEGAL AID CLINIC

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Legal Aid Clinic was inaugurated on 25th August, 2022 with the motto "Connecting law with lives", which seeks to provide a platform to inculcate students of Xavier Law School with the spirit of public service to be socially responsible lawyers and enable them to learn the law in action through the empowerment of the community at large. Keeping this in view the legal aid clinic planned to begin bi-monthly programme, titled "Know Your Rights". The Legal Aid Clinic marked its new beginning by organizing a small ceremony on 25th August 2022 at Fr. Albert Huart Hall. The clinic was inaugurated by Ms. Nabanita Ray, Ld. District and Sessions Judge and Chairman District Legal Services Authorities North 24 Parganas, in the presence of Mr Soumen Sarkar, Additional District and Sessions Judge and Secretary-In-Charge, District Legal Services Authorities, North 24 Parganas, Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Ashis Mitra, Registrar, and Dr. Pratyusha Das, Dean, Xavier Law School. The dignitaries inaugurated the digital poster for the bi-monthly programme of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Legal Aid Clinic. Consequently, a spectacular Nukkad Natak based on a contemporary social theme was performed. The programme ended with a Vote of Thanks delivered by the Dean of Xavier Law School.

CELEBRATION OF 73RD CONSTITUTION DAY, 2022



The 73rd Constitution Day was celebrated by Xavier Law School at Fr. Albert Huart Hall on 26th November, 2022 from 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. This event was organized by the Legal Aid Clinic, Xavier Law School under the guidance of the Convener, Dr Ranjeeta Mukherjee. A lecture was also delivered on “India as a Mother Democracy” by Mr. Loknath Chatterjee, Advocate at Calcutta High Court, preceded by the announcement of the results of the Slogan Writing and Poster Making Competition on the theme, “Constitutional Rights in Contemporary India”. The programme was followed by an exhibition of the participating posters and slogans.

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS



1. Sarjana Biswas

Ever since Sarjana was a very young girl, she loved to be in the atrium of society and sociality. At a very young age, she highlighted the difficult situation of the Sundarbans in front of the representatives of the country. Social activities continue to be the motto of her life. Her zeal and contribution were acknowledged by the Prime Minister who remembered her by sending her birthday wishes and Diwali greetings. On 24th of December 2022, she participated in distribution of blankets and lunch to several children of Sundarbans.



Glimpses of Sarjana's endeavours, December 2022.



Saptarshi Roy

2. Saptarshi Roy and Md Shah Minhajuddin

Saptarshi Roy and Md Shah Minhajuddin presented the research paper titled “Analysis of Right to Environment of Human Right” at the International E-Conference on Law and Society, organized by the Centre for Human Rights Law and Policy, School of Legal Studies, REVA University in collaboration with The Staffordshire Law School, The School of Justice, Security and Sustainability, Staffordshire University, UK on 2nd December 2022.



**Md Shah
Minhajuddin**



Glimpses of the event



Joy Makhal before the Parliament of India

3. Joy Makhal

Joy Makhal, represented Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), West Bengal (under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India) at the birth anniversary celebrations of former Prime Minister of India, Smt. Indira Gandhi held at the Central Hall of the Indian Parliament Complex, New Delhi. The programme was organized by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, in coordination with Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE), Lok Sabha Secretariat on 19th November, 2022. He was presented with the opportunity to represent West Bengal at the programme as he had secured a top position at the State level of the National Youth Parliament Festival, 2022 held in January, 2022. The programme in New Delhi was fully funded by the Lok Sabha Secretariat.



4. Samraggi Dutta

Samraggi Dutta secured the first position at Poetry Slam State Levels at Spring Fest '23 hosted by IIT Kharagpur. She was also appointed as the Emcee for the celebration of Constitution Day at St. Xavier's University, Kolkata.



5. Shruti Agarwal

On 17th October, 2022, Shruti Agarwal was inducted as the Convenor of the Student Board of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. In August 2022, her poetry, "She Dwells Enwreathing the Moana" was published in *Contemporary Literary Review India*, Vol.9, No.3.



6. Riddhi Bhattacharya

Riddhi Bhattacharya presented a paper titled "Cyber Crime, a Worldwide Crime and Battling Strategy with Technology" at the 43rd National Conference on Criminology at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, conducted between 17th-19th December 2022.



7. Dipro Sur Roy Chowdhury and Arkaprabha Choudhuri

Dipro Sur Roy Chowdhury and Arkaprabha Choudhuri were part of the team which secured the first position in the “PR & Marketing” event at the Inter-Departmental Business Fest X-VERSE, organized by Xavier’s Commerce and Management Society on 22nd October 2022.



The winning team comprising Dipro Sur Roy Chowdhury (middle) Arkaprabha Choudhuri (right)

8. Eastern Dance- Udit Nag, Abhishruti Dutta, Mohima Mondal and Anushruta Pal

Udit Nag, Abhishruti Dutta, Mohima Mondal and Anushruta Pal were part of the team that was awarded the Third position for the event “Eastern Dance” in XAVकला'22 held on 17th September, 2022 at St. Xavier's University Kolkata.



Eastern Dance, XAVकला'22



9. Sristi Mukherjee

Sristi Mukherjee had been adjudicated as Second Runner-up in the event- CONSENSUS 2nd Edition held on 19th October, 2022 at The Commune organized by the Rotaract Club of Calcutta Presidency Sahaayam.

10. Meghna Mitra

Meghna Mitra was awarded for being the “Best Trainee Adjudicator” in the Inter-College Debate Competition, PARICHARCHA’22 organized by The Official Debate Society (DEBSOC) of Pune Institute of Computer Technology (PICT), on 20th and 21st August, 2022. Meghna also achieved the “Best Speaker (Against)” position in Maddox Bitorko Sharood’l’fied, Chapter-3, by Sunday Classics Organization.



11. Sagar Dutta

Sagar Dutta presented a paper in the International Conference on Ethics in Research and Principles of Ethical Journalism & Its Impact on Society organized by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University). He was part of the team that secured third position in the departmental Business Quiz held during Business Summit on 23rd September 2022.

In XITAC'22, he was part of the team securing the Runners-up position and jointly won the "Best Memorial" Award.

Sagar also published his research article titled "Rights of Indemnity holder when sued" in the August 22 issue of Lex-Manthan (Volume-26).



12. Umang Agarwal

Umang Agarwal secured the first position in the event "Retro vs. Latest" and the second position in the event "Band" at XAVकला'22 held on 17th September, 2022.



Umang Agarwal at "Retro vs Latest"



Umang Agarwal at the event "Band"