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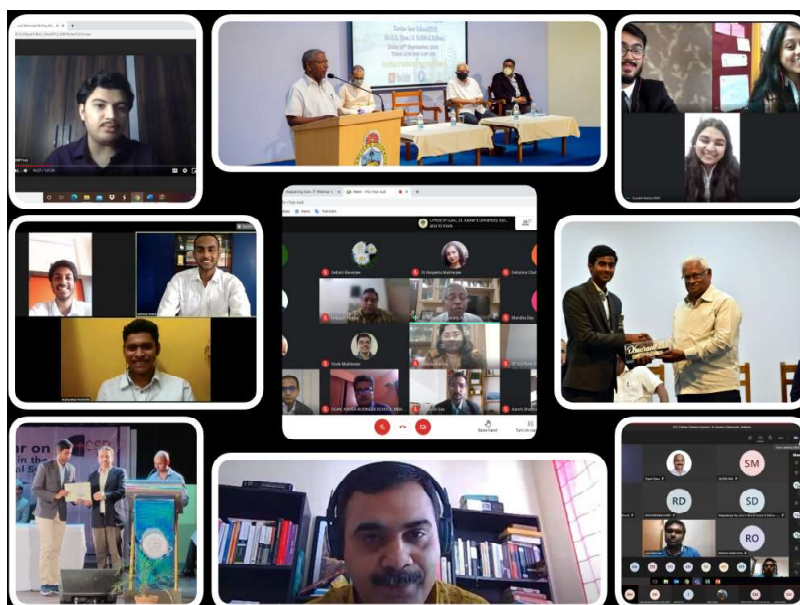
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LIFE AT XLS



The year 2020 with its set of challenges has posed a daunting task before all those willing to perform. But all the members of Xavier Law School (XLS), the newest School in St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, have attempted their best to surmount the challenges posed by the pandemic. Their attempt and accomplishments could hardly have been possible without the active co-operation and wholehearted support of each and every member of Xavier Law School as well as the guidance of the authorities of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. The inaugural issue of *Lexaverian*- the bi-annual newsletter of Xavier Law School was published in July 2020.

As a chronicle of the trials and tribulation of the present times and as a testimony to the unwavering spirit of human civilization, not only to surpass difficulties but also to thrive, Xavier Law School is pleased to release the second edition of its newsletter, *Lexaverian*.

Messages



Vice-Chancellor's Message

While the world reels under the impact of a global pandemic, the human spirit remains undaunted in its tireless pursuit of self-improvement and the advancement of learning. The role of students, teachers and all the members of the education fraternity is significant during this time. The stream of knowledge and learning must remain unhindered in the face of a calamity such as the present one. Imbued with this spirit, our students, under the guidance of the faculty members and the support provided by the staff at Xavier Law School, have not only sustained their achievements but also continued their journey towards betterment. The second issue of *Lexaverian* is a tribute to the zeal of our courageous pupils who, despite the hindrances posed by the pandemic aspire to become accomplished individuals. My best wishes to members of Xavier Law School for all their future endeavors. Nihil Ultra!

Rev. Dr. J. Felix Raj, S.J.

Vice-Chancellor

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata



Dean's Message

Timely publication of the second volume of *Lexaverian* - official newsletter of Xavier Law School- speaks for itself; more so amidst catastrophic pandemic across the world. At bottom, the seamless continuity conveys that (i) Xaverians have had news headlines to share with the world; (ii) Mentors are mindful in getting their activities documented. Taken together, I find manuscript well prepared to be published; something symbolic to showcase ability and agility of stakeholders to drive the biannual newsletter ahead. Besides getting vibrant with achievements, *Lexaverian* has engineered newer roads despite roadblock; thereby conducted webinar on mental health in times of pandemic.

Let us strive for circulation of *Lexaverian* far and wide.

Dr. Debasis Poddar

Dean

Xavier Law School

1st Year Online Induction Programme in Xavier Law School



Rev. Dr. J. Felix Raj, delivering the Inaugural Address at the 1st Year Orientation Programme

On September 18, 2020, Xavier Law School hosted the Induction Programme for its first year students, who enrolled in the B.A.LL.B (Hons.) and B.ComLL.B. (Hons.) courses this year, welcoming them into the Xavierian family.

The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Bidisha Kantha, Assistant Professor of English, and was graced by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Rev. Fr. Dr.

John Felix Raj, S.J., Hon'ble Pro Vice-Chancellor Fr. Dr. Sebastia L. Raj, S.J., Respected Registrar Prof. Ashis Mitra, and Respected Dean, Dr. Debasis Poddar.

The event was live streamed online over Youtube and the official Facebook page of St. Xavier's University. Hon'ble Pro Vice-Chancellor Rev. Fr. Dr. Sebastia L. Raj delivered the Welcome Address. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj delivered an inspiring address to the students, informing them about the Jesuit philosophy and the tradition of the St. Xavier's institutions. Following this, Registrar Prof. Ashis Mitra extended a warm welcome to the students, while intimating them of the various regulations related to discipline, attendance, examinations etc. that are prevalent in the university. The programme ended with a sincere vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Debasis Poddar, Dean Xavier Law School.

Webinars

Webinar on “Negotiating Commercial Contracts”

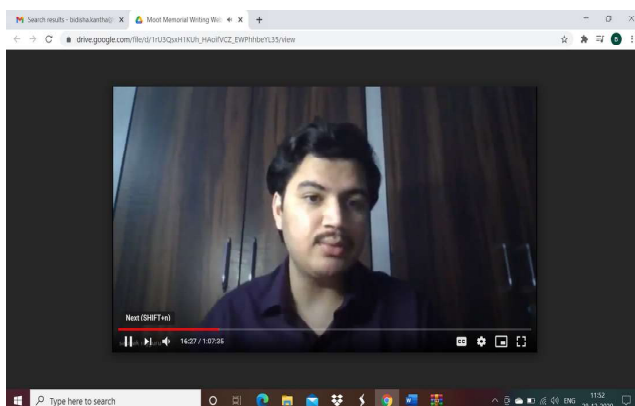
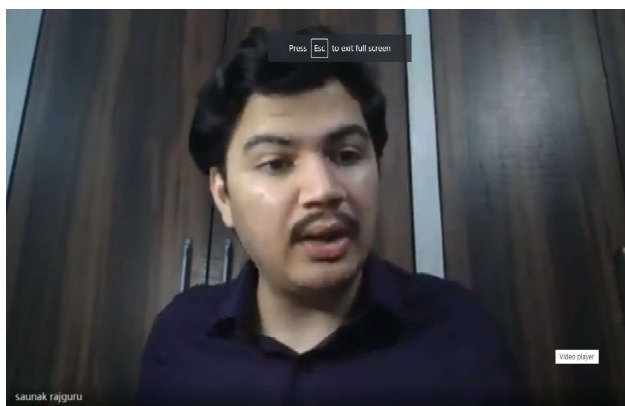
On 16th of June 2020, Xavier Law School organized its first webinar. The webinar provided to the students an introduction to the concept of International Commercial Contracts and focused on Negotiations of Contracts. The esteemed guests for the occasion were, Dr. Risham Garg, Associate Professor of Law, National Law University Delhi and Dr. Shakti Deb, Assistant Professor of Law, KIIT School of Law. During the first half of the session, the students had the privilege of hearing Dr. Garg speak about transnational commercial contract and the various associated aspects. Dr. Deb's insightful presentation on aspects of negotiation and clauses of contract between parties was immensely enjoyed by one and all. The webinar was convened by Dr. Animesh Das, Assistant Professor of Law, and was conducted over the platform of Google Meet.

Webinar on “Knowing Moot Courts”

On 1st of August 2020, Xavier Law School organized a webinar that provided our students with an introduction to the concept of Mooting and informed them of the processes involved in drafting a moot memorial. The Xavier Law School had the privilege of inviting Roselin Sara Alex and Mr. Amiya Kumar Pati, Associates at Khaitan & Co., and Mr. Tejas Popat, Advocate, Bombay High Court. The session was convened by Dr. Animesh Das and was conducted over the platform of Google Meet. The students got an insight into the practical applications of mooting and thus benefited immensely from the session.

Webinars (contd.)

Webinar on “Moot Memorial Drafting”



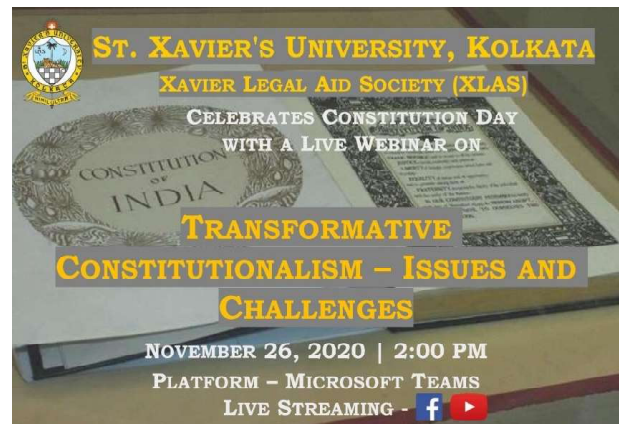
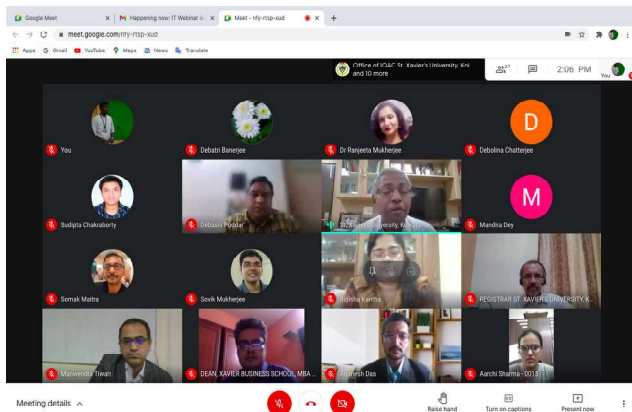
On 10th of October 2020, Xavier Society of Law and Justice (XSLAJ) organised a webinar on Insights of Moot Court Memorial Writing. The webinar, convened by Dr. Animesh Das, was conducted over the platform of Google Meet. The resource person for this event was Mr. Saunak Rajguru, who is working as an associate with J. Sagar and Associates, New Delhi. This webinar primarily addressed the 3rd semester students of Xavier Law School and aimed to assist students in understanding the basics of memorial writing and to inform them of the guidelines useful in framing the moot memorials.

Webinar on “Mental Health”

On 10th of October 2020, Xavier Law School in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assessment Cell of St. Xavier’s University, Kolkata, organized a webinar on mental health. The event, convened by Prof. Krishna Roy, Assistant Professor of Political Science, was conducted over Google Meet and the same was live streamed over YouTube and the university’s official Facebook page. The esteemed guests, renowned psychiatrist Sanjay Garg and well-known psychologist Dr. Priyanka Sharma Khaduja graced the occasion. Their insights about mental health issues, particularly of students in the light of the ensuing pandemic, addressed their state of isolation and increased stress due to the online mode of education. Their analysis of the situation attributed importance to the qualities of empathy and understanding to cope with the situation.

The webinar witnessed the enthusiastic participation of the students across various departments of the University.

Celebration of 71ST Anniversary of Constitution Day



Virtual celebration of 71st anniversary of Constitution Day

On 26th November 2020, Xavier Legal Aid Society (XLAS) organised a webinar on Transformative Constitutionalism: Issues and Challenges to celebrate the 71st Constitution Day. The webinar was convened by Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of Law, and was moderated by Dr. Animesh Das. The webinar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Rev. Fr. Dr. J. Felix Raj, S.J., followed by the administration of pledge on the Preamble of the Indian Constitution by Prof. Ashis Mitra, Registrar, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. The event was graced by Dr. Uday Shankar, Associate Professor of Law, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, and Dr. Manwendra Kumar Tiwari, Associate Professor of Law, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur. The session witnessed engaging deliberations from the distinguished speakers on the role of transformative constitutionalism in India as a tool in interpreting various provisions of the Constitution in general and socio-economic rights in particular. The webinar was thoroughly enjoyed by the students who utilized this opportunity to engage in further discussions with our esteemed guests.

Special Lecture Series

Human Resource Management- Discussion on a few contemporary issues

On 1st of December 2020, Xavier Law School invited Prof. Paramita Chakravarty, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, to speak on contemporary issues in management of human resources. This lecture was primarily conducted for the third semester students of the B.Com.LL.B.(Hons.). The programme was conducted over Google Meet, and was convened

and moderated by Prof. Sudipta Chakraborty. The talk centered around the challenges faced by the workforce in the recent times particularly in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. The students profited immensely from the informative talk. A case study by Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) in collaboration with the management team of London Business School was analysed in detail, giving the students further insight into issues discussed during the lecture.

Special Lecture Series (contd.)

Colawquia Episode 1: Who, the People? Indian Constitution and its Authorship



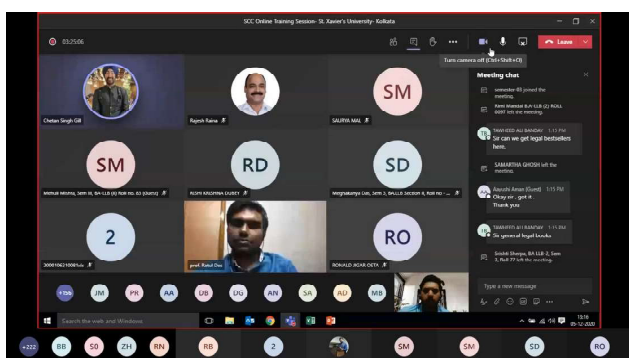
Dr. Chetan delivering his lecture at the first episode of Colawquia: Who, the People? Indian Constitution and its Authorship

On 17th of October 2020, XSLAJ (Xavier Society of Law and Justice) successfully organised the maiden episode of its Bi-weekly talk series “Colawquia”. The inaugural episode of the talk series was presided over by Hon’ble Vice- Chancellor Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj

S.J. Dr. Achyut Chetan, Associate Professor of English, St. Xavier’s University, Kolkata, was invited to deliver a talk on the topic “Who the People: Indian Constitution and its Authorship”. Dr. Chetan spoke largely on constitutional history and the making of the Indian Constitution from the perspective of authorship of Indian Constitution. He attempted to unravel the phrase “We, the People” in the Indian context, keeping in view the long history of the struggle for independence which led to the creation of the state of present-day India. The Herculean endeavour undertaken in the framing of a constitution that aimed to include the wills of the entire gamut of the variegated Indian population found ample explication in Dr. Chetan’s talk. The session was convened by Dr. Animesh Das and was held over the platform of Google meet.

Workshop

Training Workshop with SCC Online



A snapshot of the workshop with SCC Online

On 5th of December 2020, Xavier Law School organized a workshop with SCC Online, one of India’s premium digital legal research solution providers.

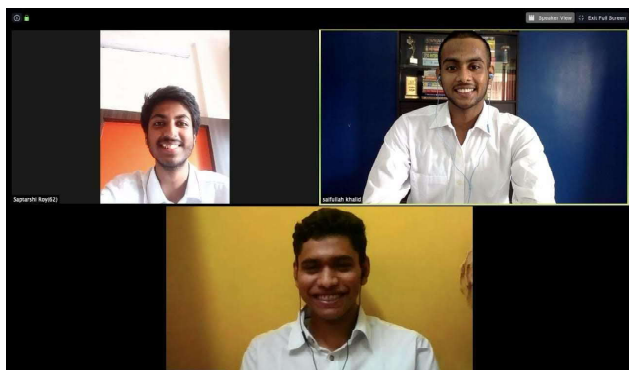
The event was convened by Prof. Ratul Das, Assistant Professor of Law, and was conducted over Microsoft Teams. The resource persons

invited for the purpose were Mr. Chetan Singh Gill (Training Manager, SCC Online), Mr. Rajesh Raina (Deputy Manager – Training, SCC Online) and Mr. Mohit Singh (Trainer, SCC Online).

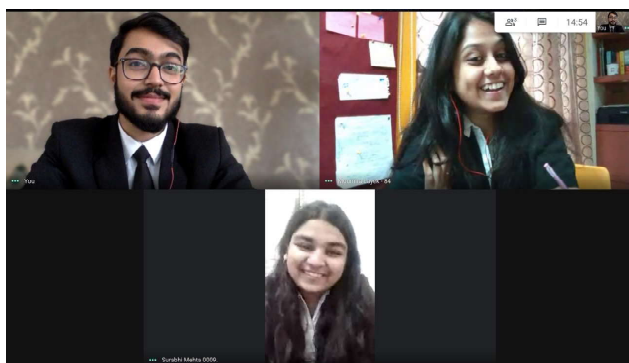
The workshop was conducted for all the existing students of Xavier Law School with the aim of better equipping the students of Xavier Law School with the techniques of conducting effective research by utilizing the databases available at SCC Online.

The workshop witnessed active and enthusiastic participation of the students, who eagerly interceded with their queries for more efficient understanding of the tools and services available through SCC Online, and their application towards learning, researching and practicing the law.

Students' Achievements



Arghyadeep Panda, Saptarshi Roy and Md Saifullah Khalid represented Xavier Law School in the 70th Constitution Day Moot Court competition organized by National Law University, Delhi. The competition was held over a virtual online platform from 16th to 18th of October, 2020. The team scored 60.75 out of 100 in the memorial and ranked 76th in the competition.



Our students Yuvraj Chatterjee, Moumita Layek, and Surabhi Mehta participated in the 1st National Virtual Moot Court Competition organized by The Legal Insider & I.E.C. University, from 31st October to 2nd November. The team qualified for the Quarter Finals and were awarded the 5th best team position. Yuvraj Chatterjee was adjudged the 2nd best speaker while Moumita Layek was adjudged the 3rd best speaker.



Snigdha Sangneria, ranked first in the Inter-college Online Essay competition on the topic "COVID-19 vs The Blue Planet", organized by Umeshchandra College on 5th of June 2020. She also participated in the Human Resource event in the online management fest, "X-Pertise", organized by Xavier's Commerce and Management Society on 4th of April 2020.



Shruti Agarwal participated in 1st National Memorial Drafting Competition organized by Lex Bona Fide in the month of September, 2020. She was also selected as a core committee member for Xavier's University Cultural and Arts Society.



Shubham Agarwal, a first semester student of B.COM-LLB participated in National Olympiad series which was held through remote proctored method. The programme was held from 18th to 20th of September 2020. This event was organised by the Toprankers, one of India's Largest career platforms along with its several academic partners.

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