

ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (AUTONOMOUS) [Re-accredited (3rd cycle) at 'A' Grade by NAAC with CGPA: 3.67] Palayamkottai-627002, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, India

ACADEMIC ORIENTATION

Dr. Antony Raj, Dean, introduced all the administrative, teaching and non-teaching staff virtually. With the help of a PPT presentation he introduced all staff members with photo, their qualification and designations. This was a commendable and a welcoming step so that the students may not ward off from the staff. He explained the curriculum of the course with the syllabus in detail. He also took effort in visualizing the academic programs from the view point of internal and external examination. Moreover he cleared the clouds of doubts of many students regarding the expectations of the university and the current educational atmosphere. Then the students got accustomed to the explanations of Dr. Antony Raj as he started to spell out the practical works, mode and the nature of record and assignment submission, the changed plan of the Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University as the degree for the Bachelors of Education is set to be functional for two academic years from August 2015.

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

A two day orientation on personality development was organised to all the newly admitted B.Ed. students on 28th and 29th September 2015. A band of committed staff enlightened the student teachers with a variety of themes.

ORIENTATION FOR B.ED. STUDENTS

The newly admitted B.Ed. students were given orientation towards the academic curriculum, personality development and library usage. As the student teachers are going to assume the new academic year a one day orientation on 01st October 2015 was given to students about the curriculum of the course with the syllabus. The academic programs of our college were visualized.

LIBRARY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Library orientation programme to the fresher's was organized on 03.10.2015 at Fr. Joseph Auditorium. Dr. T. Raja, Librarian, SXCE introduced the resource person. Rev. Dr. I. Jesudoss, Library Director welcomed the gathering and honoured the resource person Dr. K. Murugan, Librarian, Anna University VOC College of Engineering, Thoothukudi and President, SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter, resource person of the programme. He pointed out the reading habits, the ways to improve it, importance of library usage and identifying the various resources. Dr. T. Raja, Librarian, SXCE pointed out the rules and regulations for using the library.

SEMINAR ON THE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

A seminar on leadership qualities was conducted for B.Ed. and M.Ed. students on 12th November 2015. Rev. Dr. S. Amaladoss Xavier, S.J., the Principal, introduced the resource person and spoke about the importance of the seminar on leadership qualities. Rev. Dr. Kumar Raja animated the session. He highlighted that each of us need to be a leader irrespective of our profession. He focused upon the four dimensions of leadership qualities namely intellectual, emotional, skill and behaviour. He classified each dimensions into different categories and related it with our daily life. The session was interactive in nature and the participants' whole heartedly partook in the session. He also included many activities to keep the session lively. He invited the participants to share their experiences on different topics which he introduced. Over all, the session was very enriching and beneficial to all the participants.

CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT CELL

We help our students choose apt career when they step out through Career Guidance and Placement Cell. It was formally inaugurated on 02nd April 2016 by Mr. Kuppusamy, the Managing Director of KUPSOFT Technologies, Palayamkottai.

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

A two day orientation cum personality development programme was offered to our 1styear B.Ed. students on 01st and 02nd September 2016. This programme has facilitated the prospective teachers to determine themselves and to tune their untuned inner talents.

LIBRARY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Rev. Fr. Utarid Library of St. Xavier's College of Education (SXCE), Palayamkottai conducted a library orientation programme on 23rd September 2016. The programme started with the prayer at 3.30pm in the Mother Theresa Hall of SXCE. Mr. K. Prakash, student teacher welcomed the gathering. Ms. C. Aishwarya, student teacher introduced the resource person. Rev. Dr. I. Jesudoss, Library Director honored the resource person Dr. N. Selvaganapathy, Librarian, Pioneer Kumaraswamy College, Nagercoil and Joint Secretary of SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter. Rev. Dr. I. Jesudoss SJ, delivered the felicitation address. He pointed out the resources in the

library and also encouraged the teacher trainees to use the library to the maximum. Dr. N. Selvaganapathy, the resource person delivered the guest lecture on role of the library. He insisted that students should develop reading habits and gave some tips on how to use library effectively. Dr. T. Raja, librarian of SXCE explained about the library facilities, rules and regulations of the library and how to use the library and OPAC. Finally, Ms. G. Chelsy Deborah, student teacher, proposed vote of thanks.

INAUGURATION OF CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT CELL

The inauguration of Career Guidance and Placement Cell for the academic year 2016-2017 was held on 15 October 2016 at 03.15 p.m. in the Mother Teresa Hall. Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander, S.J., the Principal of our college presided over the function. He welcomed and introduced the chief guest Mr. A. Anbuvanan, the Principal of Dhanakshmi Higher Secondary School, Chennai. The Chief Guest in his speech deliberated the various job opportunities, its importance and the skills need to be developed for each job. It was an enlightening session to the students to know about the job opportunities across the globe. Ms. Deborah B.Ed., student proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Vijaya Kumar anchored the programme. The programme ended at 05.00 p.m.

YOGA TRAINING PROGRAMME

Health is not a mere absence of disease. It is a dynamic expression of life. For this yoga helps. The Health Club of our college organized a special programme on Yogic Practice for our college men and women students on 10th November 2016. Mrs. Kowsalyakumar, Vocational Assistant, St. Ignatius' Higher Secondary School, Palayamkottai was the resource person.

A DISCOURSE ON GLOBALIZATION

Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Guggenberger, Dean of Catholic Theology, from the University of Innsbruck, Austria gave a special lecture on Globalization 13th March 2017 that has a dramatic effect for good or ill, on world economies and on people's lives. He emphasized on the global education values and attitudes, personal identity and self-esteem, care and compassion, responsibility and cooperation, social justice, respecting diversity, and environmental sustainability.

ORIENTATION ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Unique role of physical education is the holistic development with the Individual differences. To insist on the importance of physical fitness for a teacher an orientation was given

to students which mainly concentrated on the promotion of behavior as well as health-enhancing practices on 04th July 2017 for B.Ed. second year students.

ORIENTATION ON SUPW

Socially useful and productive work has been recognized as very important in educating children. An orientation to SUPW was conducted to B.Ed. second year students on 04th July 2017 in order to develop healthy habits of work by developing a positive attitude towards work.

STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

A two day orientation programme on Personality development was conducted for the first year B.Ed. students on 1st and 2nd August 2017. The First session was handled by Dr. Punitha Mary on how to know thyself. It helped the students to become aware of their own strengths and weaknesses and also about our opportunities and challenges. The Second session was handled by Rev. Dr. S. Amaladoss Xavier. He made the student teachers to analyze their own character from the choices of colours, animals and fun games; thereby revealing the whole personality. Dr. A. Michael J. Leo discussed on Emotional intelligence. He showed some video clippings, from that the trainees understood and learnt how to control their emotions and thoughts. The last session of the day was handled by Mr. John Lawrence who elaborately discussed about self confidence; one must possess to face the challenges in life. The second day session began by Mrs. Metilda Jasmine Shanthi's discussion about Team Work. She showed some videos which reflected the benefits of team work. In the final session Rev. Dr. Amaladoss Xavier taught the student teachers to draw a Genogram. The main advantages of Genogram is to know the personality traits inherited from genes and the influence one's blood relatives have on oneself. The whole programme made the student teachers to become aware of their own personality.

LIBRARY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Rev. Fr. Utarid Library of St. Xavier's College of Education (SXCE), Palayamkottai organized library orientation programme on 3rd August 2017. Mr. D. R. Vinod, Student Teacher welcomed the gathering. Dr. T. Raja, librarian of SXCE led the SALIS Oath on reading habits. Rev. F. X. Dominic Royce SJ, Library Director of SXCE delivered the felicitation to the gathering. He pointed out the value of library usage and shared the information regarding the resources available in the library. Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander, Rector and Principal, SXCE delivered the presidential address and gave some new tips about utilizing the library resources for learning new knowledge from the books. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Librarian, M V Muthiah College

for Women, Dindigul, and Secretary of SALIS Madurai Chapter delivered the guest lecture on role of the library and promoting the reading habits. Dr. T. Raja, librarian of SXCE shared information about the library facilities, rules and regulations of the library and how to use the library and OPAC. Ms.A. Jerin Packia Deborah, student teacher, proposed vote of thanks. Mr.R.Subash Paulraj, student teacher was the master of ceremony of the programme. The programme concluded with the National Anthem.

INAUGURATION OF CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT CELL

The inauguration of Career Guidance and Placement Cell (CGPC) for the academic year 2016-2017 was held on 9th September 2017 at 03.30 p.m. in the Mother Teresa Hall. The inauguration started with the prayer song by college choir. Ms. Arockia Mary, I year B.Ed student of our college welcomed the chief guest, the faculty members, student teachers and other participants. Further she introduced the guest Mr. A. Anbuvanan, the Principal of PGP International School Namakkal to the gathering. The Chief Guest in his speech deliberated the kinds of job opportunities, its importance and the skills need to be developed for each job. It was an enlightening session to the students to know about the jobs across the globe. Ms. Petchi Priya of B.Ed., proposed vote of thanks. The programme ended at 05.00 p.m.

ACADEMIC ORIENTATION

This is a report on the inauguration of the academic year 2018-19 which was held on 2nd July 2018 in Rev. Fr. Arul Joseph Auditorium. Both first and second year B.Ed. and M.Ed. students were present for the inaugural function. The programme began with a prayer service conducted by Br. Benitto and his team. Dr. Y. Daniel, Vice Principal welcomed each and every one in kind manner and it was followed by self introduction of the Prospective Teachers. Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander, SJ, the Principal introduced the new Rector Rev. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, SJ, St. Xavier's Institutions, Palayamkottai, the new Secretary Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj, SJ, and all the teaching and non-teaching staff. The Rector and Secretary were honored with shawl. He also gave the orientation about the B.Ed. programme. Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj, SJ, the Secretary, felicitated the gathering with his inspiring words. The Inaugural address delivered by Rev. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, SJ, the Rector. Ms. D. Aashika P Rayan proposed vote of thanks. Finally, the Inaugural function came to an end at 11.50 am.

STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better" says Pat Riley, an American professional Basketball player. St. Xavier's College of Education is marching towards excellence by organizing a number of programmes to make the students excel in their lives. Our college organized a two day programme on personality development for the first year students on 1st & 2nd August 2018. It was indeed a great opportunity for them to discover who they are, their strengths and the areas of their growth individually. They were given more space to go deeper into themselves and share some of them with their friends. The resource persons of this programme were Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Dr. A. Punitha Mary, Dr. A. Michael J Leo, Dr. Y. Daniel, Mrs. A. Mettilda Jasmine Shanthi, Re. Fr. J. Martin George SJ and they handled the sessions on Leadership Qualities, Self-Awareness, Developing Positive Attitude, Mounting Emotional Intelligence, Time management, Team Work, Self-Esteem respectively.

LIBRARY ORIENTATION

Effective teachers need to be continuous readers and learners; they must have the habit of reading books. Utarid Library of our college with a view of creating a thirst for reading, organized a special library orientation programme on 4th August 2018 to our prospective teachers. Indicating some tips in his the presidential address about utilizing the library, the Principal of our college encouraged every student teacher to create a home library with at least two books every month. Dr. R. R. Saravanakumar Librarian, Sadakathullah Appa College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli delivered the guest lecture on creating the knowledge society through libraries. Inviting the students to use the library, he pointed out the competitive climate, prevailing for the teaching profession and motivated the prospective teachers to develop their subjects knowledge and general knowledge to strengthen their careers in future. Later Dr. T. Raja, our college librarian shared with them about the library facilities, rules and regulations of the library and use of OPAC.

INTRODUCTION TO SWAYAM

UGC encourages all the students to complete at least one on-line course during their B.Ed programme; hence our college planned to guide our students to register in any one of the on-line courses through SWAYAM. A brief introduction about on-line courses and SWAYAM was

given by Dr. A. Michael J Leo, Assistant Professor on 28th August 2018. He shared his experiences on on-line courses and explained about the courses which are available at free of cost; encouraging the students to enroll their names in any one of the courses, he further demonstrated the way to enroll in on-line course.

TIME MANAGEMENT AND STRESS MANAGEMENT

St. Xavier's College of Education provides ample opportunities for the student teachers to develop themselves to a greater position in all aspects of life. The one day workshop on Time Management and Stress Management was organized by Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, the Secretary, St. Xavier's College of Education on 4th September, 2018 in Mother Teresa Hall. The College of Education has recognized the need of the hour and organized these programs to make the student teachers better utilize the available time and to manage their lives. Time Management involves proper planning and organizing our time and work in an appropriate time. It makes our work smarter and better. We achieve our goal not only in planning but in executing exactly what we have planned. *"The greatest weapon against stress in our ability to choose one thought over another"*, says William James. Stress in part and parcel of each one's life in difficult situations. So it is high time that the prospective teachers should learn the art of balancing stress and work.

INAUGURATION OF CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT CELL

Career guidance and placement cell helps the students in selecting schools for their future by conducting campus interviews in our college. The inauguration of Career Guidance and Placement Cell was held on 24th October 2018. Thiru. M. Maria Sahaya Antony, District Employment Officer, Tirunelveli delivered the inaugural address. Along with him, two other officials of the same department interacted with the students on the need for venturing out into various fields, other than teaching.

WORKSHOP ON SHORT STORY WRITING

A teacher must be an integrated personality. To develop his writing skill, on 17th December 2018, our college conducted a workshop on short story writing. Cho. Dharman, a novelist and a writer was the resource person of the day and he explained how to write the short stories and the ways to be followed to write short stories. He motivated the students to create riddles and puzzles from short stories. He concluded that creativity is more important for the teachers to write short stories.

SPECIAL LECTURE ON CAREER GUIDANCE

Eventhough our college is meant for prospective teachers, it presents the various job opportunities available in the society for our students so that they could shine in the future. Hence a one hour special lecture on 'Career guidance and How to face an Interview?' was given by Mr. Anbuvannan, Principal of Dhanalakshmi Hr. Sec. School, Chennai on 5th January 2019. In his speech he covered the need for good Career and motivated the prospective teachers to be strong enough in their content knowledge and presentation. He also added the job opportunities available in various schools. The session was enjoyed by the whole group.

SEMINAR ON MEDIA ANALYSIS

On 13th March 2019, Our College arranged for a one day seminar on the 'Media Analysis'. The Chief Guest of the function was Rev.Fr. Kingsley, HOD, Department of Visual Communication, St. Xavier's College of Arts and Science. Starting his sharing with chat language used in media for transforming the message, he discussed and analysed the varieties of newspapers and politics behind it. Then he analysed the creative way of producing advertisement to attract the public. Finally he concluded the session by saying that the media was the message to all, whether it is good or bad. It was well received by the students.

SEMINAR ON ROLE OF YOUTH IN CREATING NEW INDIA

Seminar on role of youth in creating New India was organized by St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai on 28th March 2019. Rev. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, Rector, St. Xavier's Institutions, Palayamkottai presided over the function. Thiru. Karu. Palaniappan, film director was the resource person of the day and in his presentation, the current situation in politics such as corruptions, violations of rights and intolerance were discussed. He motivated the youngsters to think critically and vote for the best party. He insisted that voting is our birth right and hence you must not poll for NOTA. Finally the students asked their doubts regarding election and it was well clarified by him. Our college II B.Ed. students attended the seminar and got enlightened.

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