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**warm welcome to our
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From the Principal's Desk,

Dear Well-Wishers

Greetings from St. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai.

The college has been constantly marching ahead in pursuit of excellence by imparting quality education and inculcating strong ethical values in its teacher trainees. This is our 64th year of academic journey and we have been constantly redefining our identity amidst the growing competitions in the field of teacher education. We are extremely happy to flash the events of our college in the first semester during the academic year 2013-2014.

The Academic year 2013-2014 was started with an orientation for the newly admitted B.Ed. students on 11th and 12th September 2013. The B.Ed., M.Ed. and M.Phil. courses were formally inaugurated on 12th September at 2.00 p.m.

I. CURRICULAR ASPECTS:

To review and enhance the quality of the curriculum and to ensure quality of curricular activities of the college, the following meetings were conducted during the academic year 2013-2014.

Sl. No.	Name of the Committee	Date
1.	IQAC Meeting	31st October 2013
2.	Research Cell Meeting	05th November 2013
3.	Extension Services Committee Meeting	05th November 2013
4.	Anti-Women Sexual Harassment Cell Meeting	05th November 2013
5.	Fine-Arts Committee Meeting	05th November 2013
6.	Anti-Tobacco Committee Meeting	06th November 2013
7.	Caste-Discrimination Monitoring Committee Meeting	06th November 2013
8.	Anti-Ragging Committee Meeting	06th November 2013
9.	Career Guidance and Placement Cell Meeting	07th November 2013
10.	Public Relations Committee Meeting	07th November 2013
11.	Magazine Committee Meeting	07th November 2013
12.	Examination cum Awards Committee Meeting	12th November 2013
13.	Finance Committee Meeting	12th November 2013

Introduction of 'Subject Knowledge Competency': A new core paper

A paper entitled on Subject Knowledge Competency was added as a core paper in the second semester for B.Ed. students in order to improve their subject knowledge and to meet the Teacher Eligibility Test in a successful manner.

Awarding Credits to Social Project, MOTESC and Tongue Twister Programme

The extension activities like Social Projects, Mother Theresa Evening Study Centre (MOTESC) and the Tongue Twister Practice will be evaluated and credits will be given. These credits will be entered in the Statement of Marks.

II. TEACHING - LEARNING AND EVALUATION

The curriculum is implemented and experienced through the teaching-learning and evaluation process.

Entry Behaviour Test

The Teaching and Research Aptitude tests were conducted on 12th September 2013, for B.Ed. and M.Ed. students to know their aptitude in their respective domain. The impact of B.Ed. and M.Ed. courses on the aptitude of the respective students will be assessed through Exit Behaviour tests.

Micro, Demo, Peer, Preliminary and Intensive Teaching



From 13th to 18th September 2013, the Micro Teaching skills were explained and demonstrated by the respective staff members in optional I and II. The same skills were practiced by the students in small groups under the supervision of the staff members.

Lesson Plan Writing Practice (19th to 21st September 2013) and Teaching Demonstration (24th and 25th September 2013) were given by the optional subject teachers in order to prepare the prospective teachers to prepare themselves for the Preliminary teaching at St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School.

On 08th, 11th, 17th and 22nd October 2013, our students were sent to our model school for preliminary teaching practice to stage themselves as teacher and to practice the learned teaching skills to become efficient teachers. After gaining teaching experience in the model school, the B.Ed. students were sent for intensive teaching practice from 05th November 2013 to 09th December 2013.

Meet with Senior Teachers



A meet with senior teachers of our model school, namely St. Xavier's Hr. Sec. School was organized on 05th October 2013 in view of familiarizing the students with the expectations of the senior teachers before they go for their preliminary teaching practices.

Innovative methods of teaching

The college is keen on improving the method of teaching in line with the innovative changes in the field of technology and pedagogy. We employ team teaching, Ignatian Pedagogy and Techno-Pedagogy in our teaching-learning process. Further, learning based independent study or initiative rather than formal classroom instruction is insisted through Self Instructional Material (SIM).

Methods of Evaluation

The methods like, assignment, seminar, power point preparation, oral test, quiz and practicum given in the syllabus are used as internal assessment methods apart from two internal tests.

CIA and First Semester Examination

The Internal Tests and First Semester Examination were conducted in the following dates

Examination	From	To
I Internal Examination	25.10.2013	28.10.2013
II Internal Examination	08.01.2014	10.01.2014
I Semester Examination	23.01.2014	29.01.2014

III. STAFF ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

The professional development is mandatory for a competent teacher and the management is interested to organize programmes for the staff members to help them in their professional development. The following are some important programmes organized by the management.

Inauguration of Twin Jubilee Celebration



We, the Xaverian institutions came together to celebrate the inaugural mass in commemoration of the twin Jubilee Celebration on October 4th at 11.00 am. Rev. Dr. Danis Ponniah was the main celebrant and all the principals of three institutions were the con-celebrants namely Rev. Dr. Thomas Alexander, S.J. Rev. Dr. Gilbert Camillus and Rev. Fr. Ignacy. The twin jubilee consists of Commemoration of the 200 years of restoration of The Society of Jesus and 175th year of New Madurai Mission in the State Tamilnadu. It was the first experience that all the institutions came together joyfully and celebrated the twin jubilee.

Special Talk on Historical Perspective of Growth of Jesuits

On 10th October 2013, a special lecture on Historical Perspective of growth of Society of Jesus was delivered by Rev. Dr. M. Alphonse Manickam, S.J., the Principal of Loyola College, Vettavalam. The staff and students received a comprehensive idea about the Jesuits and their religious and educational services.

Seminar on ALM

On 29th of October at 2.00 p.m., the seminar on ALM (Active Learning Methodology) was organized in our college for both the students and staff members to have an overview about ALM and its implementation at secondary level. The resource persons of that day were Mr. Jebaraj, Mr. John Benat and Mrs. Josephine Suganya, Block Resource Teacher Educators who enlightened the staff and students on the techniques of Active Learning Method of teaching as well as the lesson plan structure of the same.

Ongoing Faculty Development Programme

The faculty development programme was organized in two phases by the Jesuit Province Professional Training Committee and Jesuit Higher Education at Cluny Provincialate in Trichy on 12th to 14th November 2013 and at Anugraha in Dindigul on 19th to 22nd November 2013 on the topics Stress Management, Conflict Management, Team Building, Interpersonal Relationships and Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm. All the staff members participated and benefited out of that programme.

IV. RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY

One of the pillars of a higher education institution is research activities. Our college is focusing on the educational research on various themes. The following are the activities of the research centre during this academic year 2013-2014

Ph.D. Viva Voce Examinations

The following are the list of names of the Scholars awarded with Ph.D. through Fr. Bonhoure Centre for Research in the Academic year 2013-2014.

SL.No.	Name	Title	Guide	Date
1.	Beiya Babu	Influence of Value Orientation and Creative Ability on the Academic Achievement of Teacher Trainees in Colleges of Education affiliated to Kerala University.	Dr. A. Amalraj	05.07.2013
2.	T.S. Gunasekar	Influence of Brain Dominance, Cognitive Self-management and Level of Aspiration on achievement in English of high school students.	Dr. P. Annaraja	13.09.2013

Pre - Ph.D. Seminar Presentations

The following are the list of Ph.D. Scholars who presented their work as Pre-Ph.D. viva through the Centre for Research in the Academic year 2013-2014.

SL.No.	Name	Title	Guide
1.	T. Jeevagaraj	Influence of Interpersonal Skills on Academic Achievement of High school Tribal Students	Dr. S. Amaladoss Xavier, S.J.
2.	A. Julie Eben	Techno-Pedagogical Awareness and Self-efficacy of the Prospective Teachers.	Dr. P. Annaraja
3.	M. Amalorpavam	தமிழ் விருப்பப்பாட கல்வியியல் மாணாக்கர்களின் பன்முக நுண்ணறிவும் விழுமியப்பார்வையும் - ஓர் ஆய்வு	Dr. P. Annaraja
4.	R. Jaculine Mary	Effectiveness of Computer Based Co-operative Learning on Achievement in English of IX Standard Students.	Dr. P. Annaraja
5.	R. Suryakala	Influence of Affect Intensity and Modernity on the Leadership Styles of Women college students	Dr. P. Annaraja

Pre-Ph.D. Examinations

According to the University regulations the following candidates wrote their Pre-Ph.D. Examinations in the following dates.

Scholar: S. Sajitha

Guide: Rev. Dr. S. Amaladoss Xavier, S.J.

SL.No.	Title of the Papers
1.	Paper I: Research Methodology
2.	Paper II: Advanced Paper: Value Education
3.	Paper III: Background Paper: Primary Teacher Education

Scholar: U. Subramanian

Guide: Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander, S.J.

SL.No.	Title of the Papers
1.	Paper I: Research Methodology
2.	Paper II: Advanced Paper: Multiple Intelligence and Leadership qualities
3.	Paper III: Background Paper Teacher Education

Scholar: P. Lourduraj

Guide: Rev. Dr. S. Amaladoss Xavier, S.J.

SL.No.	Title of the Papers
1.	Paper II: Advanced Paper: Advanced cognitive psychology and soft skills
2.	Paper III: Background Paper Teacher Education

Two Day Seminar on Research Methodology

A two-day seminar on 'Research Methodology' was organized for M.Ed. students using the expertise of our staff from 23rd to 24th September 2013. It energized them to finalize their dissertation topics on 26th and 27th September 2013.

Seminar for Pre-Primary Teachers by JCERT and CEDAR



One day 'In-service Training Programme for Pre-primary (KG) Teachers' in collaboration with Jesuit



Council for Educational Research and Training (JCERT) and Centre for Education, Development and Research (CEDAR), Palayamkottai was held at our college on 19th October, 2013. Two hundred and fifty primary school teachers participated in the programme. On the whole the in-service training was a fruitful one for the pre-primary teachers.

Research Colloquium

The Research colloquium was conducted on 13th November 2013. Twenty Six scholars attended the colloquium and presented their progress. It helped the scholars to check their progress, to get clarification and to walk through smoothly in their research work.



NET coaching classes on Library Science



NET coaching classes on Library Science was held on 15th and 16th November 2013 in our College. Rev. Dr. S. Amaladoss Xavier, S.J., the Director of Library was the Convener and Dr. T. Raja, Librarian was the Organizing Secretary. Thirty Five candidates from different institutions participated in the two-day NET coaching classes.

M.Ed. & M.Phil. Submission of Chapters

The M.Ed. students are at regular intervals guided and directed by the staff members. Dates were fixed for the submission of their chapters. Thus, a regular work is assured.

International Seminar on Impact of Globalization on Higher Education



An International Seminar on 'The Impact of Globalization on Higher Education' Organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St. Xavier's College of Education in Collaboration with Jesuit Council for Educational Research and Training (JCERT) on 27th and 28th January 2014. Dr. M. Michael Aruldas of University of Madras, Prof. Dr. Solomon David and Prof. Raj Mestry of University of Johannesburg, Prof. Danny Wildemeersch of Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, Prof. S. Gregory of Kannur University, Kerala, Prof. Dr. K.P. Suresh of M.G. University, Kottayam were the resource persons for the seminar. Totally, Ninety Six papers were presented in the seminar in seven parallel sessions and the same papers were compiled as a book with an ISBN Number.

V. STUDENTS' SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

The students are the real spirit of any educational system and focus must be on their welfare and progress.

Intensive English Coaching Camp



Our college organized a 28 day Intensive English Training Programme for the B.Ed. students for the academic year 2013-14. It was formally inaugurated on 01st August, 2013 at 10'O clock in the morning. After the inaugural function, Diagnostic test was conducted to evaluate the knowledge of the English language of the students and based on their performance of the students; they were divided into two sections for classes and 7 groups for various group activities. A team of thirteen candidates were the resource persons. The students were taught English grammar with more emphasize on conjugation, parts of speech, verb form, active and passive voice, sentence pattern, Direct and Indirect speech, Idioms and Phrases, prepositions and articles. On 27th August 2013, the final test was conducted and based on their performance; they were awarded certificates in the valedictory function held on 28th August 2013.

Orientation for B.Ed. Students

A two-day orientation-cum- personality development programme was planned out and meticulously implemented by a band of staff members of our college on 11th and 12th September 2013 with the objective of actualizing the varying entrants from different terrains to the new way of living for learning by loving with a smooth sail.

Tongue Twister Programme

From 14th September 2013 onwards, the Tongue twister practice was given for one month in the morning from 06.30 a.m. to 07.30 a.m. This enhanced their skill of speaking fluently and articulating the different types of phonemes with proper suppling of the tongue.

Students' Enrichment Activities

The following are the students' enrichment programmes conducted by our college on various occasions for the welfare of the students.

Programmes, Events, Seminars and Activities



S.No.	Programme/Event	Date	Time	Resource Person
1.	Time Management	28th Oct' 2013	9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.	Rev. Fr. Lawrence Amalraj, Director, Joseph Institute of Management, Trichy.
2.	Active Learning Method	29th Oct' 2013	2.00 p.m.	Mr. Jebaraj, Mr. John Benat, Mrs. Josephine Suganya, Block Resource Teacher Educators.
3.	Blood Identification Camp	9th Dec' 2013	3.00 p.m.	Lab Technicians, Judge Joseph Clinical Lab, Palayamkottai.
4.	Basic Legal Rights and Duties	12th Dec' 2013	9.30 a.m.	Mr. S. Stephen Kulandhai Samy, Advocate, ISI, Bangalore.
5.	Role of Libraries: As a Tool for Teacher Education	13th Dec' 2013	3.30 p.m.	Dr. C.Martin Arockiasamy, Librarian, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.
6.	AIDS Awareness	14th Dec' 2013	3.00 p.m.	Mr. E. Baskar, District Manager, Red Ribbon Club, Tirunelveli. Ms. N. Selvi, Positive Network Govt. Hospital, Tuticorin.
7.	De-addiction programme	4th Jan' 2014	2.45 p.m.	Mr.S. Jerald Sahayaraj , Mr.A.X. Irudayaraj and Mrs.Y. Benitta Jose



S.No.	Name of the Celebration	Date	Time	Chief Guest
1.	Teachers' Day	28th Sep' 2013	6.00 p.m.	Prof. P. Annammal , Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tirunelveli.
2.	National Education Day	11th Nov' 2013	11.30.a.m.	Rev. Sr. Lilly Pushpam , Secretary, St.Ignatius' College of Education, Palayamkottai.
3.	Human Rights Day	10th Dec' 2013	02.30 p.m.	Mr. D.A.Prabahar , Co-ordinator, District Citizen Consumer Club, Tirunelveli. Prof. Dr. S.V.L Michael, HoD Economics, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.
4.	Christmas Day	21th Dec' 2013	02.00 p.m.	St. Anne's Home for Mentally Challenged and Aged.
5.	Pongal	11th Jan' 2014	02.00 p.m.	Dr. P.S.Pandian , Students' Counsellor, St.Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.





S.No.	Name of the Event	Date	Time	Inaugurated by
1.	Subject Clubs	30th Sep' 2013	3.30 p.m.	Dr. John De Britto, Associate Professor, Dept. of Plant Biology and Bio-Technology, St.Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.
2.	College Students' Council	30th Oct' 2013	3.00 p.m.	Rev.Fr. Maria Augustine S.J., Asst. Professor, XIBA, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.
3.	Career Guidance and Placement Cell	11th Dec' 2013	3.30 p.m.	Mr. S. Vairavaraj, Director, Entrepreneurs Guidance Cell, Palayamkottai.

Tutor-Ward System



The tutor-ward system, an instrument of guidance and evaluation, is functioning effectively in our college. Each month, an hour is allotted for Tutor-Ward interaction where the allotted 10 students meet their respective staff and interact with them. This works as a feedback and reinforcement mechanism for the growth of the students and functioning of the college. Further, it helps the students to develop their personality with value-orientation.

College Assembly



Every Monday, assembly is conducted by the optional groups on some interesting themes with the guest speaker from our staff members. This helps to our students to develop their skill of organizing, co-operation and leadership.

Cultural Competitions Prize Winners

Our students consist of five members had participated in Daniel Ethnic – 2014: An State Level Inter-collegiate Cultural Competitions on 10th February 2014 at T.D.T.A.D.S. Daniel Rajammal College of Education for Women, Ilanji, Tirunelveli District and won the Overall Runner in Daniel Ethnic - 2014. The following table lists out the winners,



SL. No.	Name of the Event	Name of the Participants	Place
1.	Poster display	S. Rajesh	First
2.	Rangoli	S. Rajesh	Second
3.	Flower Arrangement	S. Rajesh	Second
4.	Folk Dance	S. Rajesh A. Raja A. Rajan	First
5.	Mime	S. Rajesh A. Raja A. Rajan R. Mathan Rajan V. Vairamuthu	Second

VI. EXTENSION SERVICES

Mother Teresa Study Centre (MOTESC)

The B.Ed. students visit the study centres at St. Michael's Church at Samathanapuram and St. Sebastian's Church, in the evening from 5.30 p.m. to 8.00 pm daily except Sundays to enlighten the poor students in their studies. This extension activity done by B.Ed. students is evaluated properly and awarded a credit. This credit is also included in their Statement of Marks.

Results of First Semester 2013-2014

The outcomes of any event will be the yardstick to measure the quality of inputs and this is much truer and valid in the educational programmes. The first semester results of the academic year 2013-14 is so promising and encouraging that we keep our steps ahead with a renewed spirit in pursuit of quality education.

In the First semester theory examinations for B. Ed., 13 students secured distinction, 112 students secured first class and 5 students secured second class; In the M.Ed. programme, 5 bagged distinction and 17 secured first class; In the M.Phil. full time programme 4 secured first class. In the part-time M.Phil. Programme (2012-14) 12 secured first class.

Conclusion

I take this opportunity to thank all the teaching and non-teaching staff for their co-operation in excelling this reputed institute of education. I thank whole heartedly all the members of Governing Body, for active support for this institution.

- Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander, S.J.