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From the Principal's Desk . . .

Dear Student-teachers of the past and the present, professors, friends and well-wishers greetings to you all.

Education plays a vital role in the overall development of a nation and its citizens. Teaching has been considered as a noble profession in this country since ancient times. In order to have committed, competent and compassionate teachers, India needs high quality teacher education system. Realizing the importance of teacher education as an important vehicle to improve the quality of education, St. Xavier's college of education has been steadily contributing to the growth and development of teacher education in India during the last 66 years.

NCERT, a leading council at the national level, after a long-term debate and discussion, realizing the insufficiency or inadequacy of one year B.Ed. programme, has introduced two year B.Ed. course in accordance with NCTE guidelines. Keeping in mind that a teacher must be well integrated with Personal integrity, human sensitivity and academic competencies which are some of the basic qualities St. Xavier's college of education has a specific and precious curriculum of its own for the two year B.Ed. and M.Ed. programs and marches towards excellence steadily. It is my proud privilege to underline some of the important events of this academic year 2015-2016 through this IQAC newsletter.

I. CURRICULAR ASPECTS

Meetings

The curriculum development process systematically organizes what will be taught, who will be taught, and how it will be taught. Each component affects and interacts with other components. Our college has number of committees that make decisions on the issue, concern, and problem or needs to be addressed in the curriculum. In order to draft, test, and redesign the curriculum the following meetings were conducted during the academic year 2015-2016.

Sl. No.	Name of the Committee	Date		
1.	Academic Council Meeting	13 th August 2015		
2.	Board of Studies Meeting	07 th August 2015		
3.	Governing Body Meeting	20 th August 2015		
4.	Library Committee Meeting	30 th September 2015		
5.	Students Welfare and Extra Curricular Activities Meeting	10 th October 2015		
6.	Extension Service Committee Meeting	10 th October 2015		
7.	Career Guidance and Placement Cell Meeting 19 th Octol			
8.	Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women Cell Meeting 23 rd November			
9.	Caste Discrimination Monitoring Committee Meeting 23 rd November 2			
10.	D. Examination cum Awards Committee Meeting 11 th December 2			
11.	Research Cell Meeting	07 th January 2016		
12.	Public Relation Committee Meeting 07 th January 2016			

13.	Magazine Committee Meeting	08 th January 2016
14.	4. Finance Committee Meeting 11 th Ja	
15.	15. College Development Council Meeting 12 th Janua	
16.	16. Anti-Ragging Committee Meeting 12 th January 201	
17.	IQAC Meeting	28 th January 2016

Inauguration of the Academic Year 2015-2016

Every Journey Begins with the First Step. The first step of this academic year began with the inauguration of the academic year 2015-2016 for B.Ed., M.Ed. and M.Phil. programme that was held on 05th October 2015.



II. TEACHING - LEARNING AND EVALUATION

The specific style of the teaching learning process we follow helps us to mould responsible, dedicated and committed teachers with professional progressive, and research competencies. In order to prepare prospective teachers and teacher educators to lead a fruitful and meaningful life in the global village the following efforts were made.

Entry Behaviour Test

Entry behaviour includes the prerequisite knowledge; attitudes or skills which a prospective teacher already possesses that are relevant to their learning task or subject matter. If we know where a prospective teacher is (entry behaviour) it will be easy for us in taking him where the teacher educators would like him to be (exit behaviour). So the Teaching and Research Aptitude tests were conducted on 30th September 2015, for B.Ed., M.Ed. and M.Phil. students to know their aptitude in their respective domain. The impact of B.Ed., M.Ed. and M.Phil. courses on

the aptitude of the respective students will be assessed through Exit Behaviour tests at the end of the course.

Lesson plan writing exercises

Planning ahead can effectively help one to reach his goals. This is the first step in any process, and education is no exception. In education, the planning tool is the lesson plan which communicates the learners what they will learn and how they will be assessed, and they help instructors organize content materials, time, instructional strategies, and assistance in the classroom. Lesson planning helps teachers to create a smooth instructional flow and scaffold instruction for learners.

So a three day special exercise on writing lesson plan was given to the student teachers by their respective optional teacher from 14th to 16th October 2015.

Micro, Demo, Peer, Preliminary and Intensive Teaching

The modern age is leading towards the concept that the teachers are not born, but they can be made. The initial skill development takes in a training institution by way of micro teaching. In order to modify prospective teacher's behaviour this technique is effectively used.

Introduction to Micro Teaching, Demonstration and Practice was given to our students from 05th to 13th October 2015 and the same skills were practiced by the students in small groups under the supervision of our staff members. The Micro Teaching practice was video graphed and it was exposed to the student during their supper. Macro Teaching Demo was given on 27th and 28th October 2015 by the optional subject teachers in order to prepare the prospective teachers to prepare themselves for the Preliminary teaching practice at St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School, our model school.

Our students were sent to our model school for preliminary teaching practice on 03rd, 06th, 11th, 20th, 24th and 27th November 2015 with proper planning to stage themselves as teachers and to practice the learnt teaching skills. Later they were sent for intensive observation from 04th to 13th January 2016, to twelve schools in Tirunelveli.

Meeting with Senior Teachers

Human beings interact with one another so that they share certain characteristics, accept expectations and obligations as members of the group, and share a common identity. In order to have an interaction between our model school teachers and the teacher trainees, a meeting was arranged on 29th October 2015 at 03.30 p.m. in Fr. Arul Joseph Auditorium. They shared their experiences and promised to support our B.Ed. students in moulding them in classroom teaching.





CIA and First Semester Examination

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

Examination	Course	Date		
I Internal	B.Ed. &	07 th to 10 th		
Examination	M.Ed.	December 2015		
II Internal	B.Ed., M.Ed.	10 th to 12 th		
Examination	& M.Phil.	February 2016		
I Semester Examination B.Ed., M.Ed. & M.Phil.		18 th to 22 nd February 2016		

III. STAFF ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

The best teachers are also students. So, lot of efforts are made to protect the professional standing, advancing student achievement, and making our staff's day-to-day lives a little less challenging. The following are some of the important programmes organized by the management:

Smart Classroom Skills

IQAC of St. Xavier's College of Education organized a one day workshop on "Smart Classroom Skills" for the teaching staff members on 09th September 2015 at Mother Teresa Hall. Explanation and a demo on using smart board in teaching were given by Mr. Nicholas Jegan, the Computer Programmer. All the teachers gained hands on experience on the usage of smart boards.

Staff Orientation Programme

A one day orientation programme was organized by the IQAC for our teaching staff on 04th January 2016 at 10.00 a.m. in the Conference Hall. Rev. Fr. Emile Coelho, S.J., Loyola Niwas, Sakchi, Jamshedpur, India was the resource person for this orientation programme.





Practical Counselling Skills

Our College organized a two day workshop on Practical Counselling Skills for the Staff on 23rd and 24th February 2016. Selvi. Christina, Student's Counsellor, Aura, St. Loyola Arts and Science College, Chennai was the resource person for the two day workshop.

SPSS Essentials

The IQAC organized a two day workshop on SPSS Essentials on 26th and 27th February 2016. Dr. R. Muthu Pandi, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Madurai Kamaraj University was the resource person. Professors and research scholars from various colleges of education participated with our staff members in this workshop.

IV. RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY

To develop and promote educational research and to provide a forum for discussion of problems related to educational research our college has a centre named Rev. Fr. Bonhoure centre for research. The following are the activities of the research centre carried out during this academic year 2015-2016.

Ph.D. Viva Voce Examinations

The following are the list of Ph.D. Scholars Awarded through Fr. Bonhoure Centre for Research in the academic year 2015-2016.

Ph.D. Awarded

Sl. No.	Name	Title	Guide	Date
1.	R. SREEKALA	Effect of Psychological Needs and Learning Styles on Academic Achievement of Tenth Standard Students of Kerala.	Dr. A. Amalraj	25.08.2015

Pre. Ph.D. Seminar Presentations:

Sl. No.	Name	Title	Guide	Date
1.	S. Rubert	Educational Contribution of Roman Catholic Diocese of Thoothukudi towards Integrated Personality Development.	Rev. Dr. S. Amaladoss Xavier, S.J.	26.11.2015
2.	D. Nimmi Wren	Academic Achievement of B.Ed. Trainees in Relation to their value pattern and Emotional intelligence.	Dr. G. Porgio	26.11.2015
3.	S. Sahaya Ponmalar	Academic Achievement of D.T.Ed. Trainees in relation to their Home-Environment and Self-Confidence.	Dr. G. Porgio	26.11.2015

Two Day Seminar on Research Methodology

A two day Seminar on Research Methodology for M.Ed. and M.Phil. scholars was organized on 30th September 2015 and 1st October 2015 to help the research scholars to familiarize themselves with 'Research methodology'.

Research Colloquium

The Research Colloquium was conducted to help the research scholars to check their progress, to get clarification and to walk through smoothly in their research work on 06^{th} February 2016. Thirty three scholars attended the colloquium and presented their progress.

NET coaching classes

Rev. Fr. Utarid Library of St. Xavier's College of Education (SXCE), Palayamkottai in technical collaboration with Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) (Tirunelveli Chapter) organized Two Day UGC-NET Preparatory Programme for LIS Professionals. Nearly 15 LIS professionals participated. There were seven technical sessions. Experts from

various Learning Resource Centres were the resource persons. Tips for answering the questions in Paper I also was provided. Such NET-coaching programmes for library science community was highly appreciated by all.

V. STUDENTS' SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION



Student welfare is at the heart of our college vision and governance. So our college plans and executes various student welfare programmes. *Intensive English Coaching Camp*

Our College organised 24 days Intensive English Training programme for the B.Ed. students of the academic year 2015-2016 from 3rd to 24th August 2015. During these 21 days, developing SLRW (Speaking, Learning, Reading and Writing)

was the only aim and focus. This Intensive English Training programme was formally inaugurated on 3rd of August 2015 at 10.00 am. Based on their performance in the diagnostic test, they were divided into two sections for the regular classes and into six groups for other group activities.

In the morning sessions an intensive theory about English grammar was emphasized. In the afternoon, students were engaged in group activities like spoken English, conversational skills, reading practice, hand writing and composition writing. Amidst the regular academic schedule, both the physical and spiritual life of our students were also taken into consideration very seriously.

Orientation for B.Ed. Students

The newly admitted B.Ed. students were given orientation towards the academic curriculum, personality development and library usage.

Orientation to the Academic Curriculum

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.



Personality Development

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.

Library Orientation Programme

The Library orientation programme to the fresher's for both B.Ed. and M.Ed. students was given by our college Librarian on 03rd October 2015. How to identify the resources and the general library rules and regulations for using the library was instructed.

Tongue Twister Programme

A tongue-twister is a sequence of words that is difficult to pronounce quickly and correctly. Listening to tongue twisters and practicing the tongue twister is one of the ways to improve our English pronunciation. Realizing its significance and need, our college started training the students from 1st October 2015, in reciting the tongue twisters fluently and accurately.

Inauguration of Student's Council

Student's Council of our college is an elected body that serves as representatives in supporting the college in its march towards excellence. This year the College Student's Council was formally inaugurated on 18th November 2015. Our B.Ed. students, Mr. B. Ganesaperumal, Mr. S. Saravana Kumar, Mr. A. Maria Charlie, and Ms. T. Irine Jenifer, our M.Ed. student took oath as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Joint-Secretary of the College Student's Council respectively.

Blessing of New Library Opening of Fr. Utarid Library

The New Library building, Fr. Utarid Library was opened and blessed by Rev. Dr. Sebasti L. Raj SJ, President of the Governing Body and the Provincial of Jesuit Madurai Province, on 01st December 2015. Parents, Alumni Members, Jesuit representatives from Xavier's Institutions, Representatives from neighbouring Colleges of Education, Students, teaching and non-teaching Staff of our college were there in the grand opening of the new library building.



This library with collection of sources of information was dedicated for an easy access to

the student community for reference and borrowing.

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

SI. No.	Programme/Event	Date	Resource Person
1.	Fevicryl	07 th October and 04 th November 2015	Mr. Murugan, Manager, Fevicol Company, Madurai.
2.	Health and Hygiene	08 th October 2015	Bro. Jesuraj Ananth, Dindigul.
3.	Blood Identification Camp	31 st October 2015	Dr. P. Ayyanar, Governing Council Member, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai.
4.	Thanks Giving Prayer	31 st December 2015	Mother Therasa Hall, St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai.
5.	Subject Clubs	05 th November 2015	Dr. T. Sahayaraj, S.J., Vice Principal, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.
6.	Awareness on Dengue	14 th November 2015	Dr. R. Sathesh Franklin, Director of Physical Education and Mr. S. Stalin, Art and Craft Instructor, St. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai.
7.	Eeranilam – Painting Exhibition	25 th January 2016	Mr. N. Tamilarasan and Dr. S. Mahadevan, Head, Department of Tamil, Sadakapdullah Appa College, Palayamkottai.
8.	Transgender and Understanding their World	04 th February 2016	Ms. Viji Premkumar, MA., LLP., Ms. Kavitha, Karishma Malini and Ms. Pappamma, Anbu Trust, Thoothukudi.
9.	TNNET Coaching	06 th , 13 th & 14 th February 2016	Rev. Dr. I. Jesudoss, S.J., Dr. Veliappan and Staff members of our College.
10.	Protecting Public Sector: An Innovative Programme	01 st March 2016	State Bank of India.

















Seminars/Workshops

SI. No.	Seminar	Sponsored by	Date
1.	Workshop on IELT	JCERT	12 th September 2015
2.	Leadership Training	SXCE	21 st November 2015
3.	Human Sexuality and Sex Education	SXCE	21 st January 2016
4.	Digital India	M.S. Academy, Coimbatore.	29 th January 2016
5.	Practical Counselling Skills	SXCE	23 rd & 24 th February 2016
6.	Time Management	SXCE	25 th February 2016
7.	Media Analysis	SXCE	26 th February 2016

















Celebrations

SI. No.	Name of the Celebration	Date	Time	Chief Guest/Venue
1.	Pongal	14 th January 2016	03.00 p.m.	Mrs. A. Chandra Pushpam, Programme Announcer of All India Radio, Tirunelveli.
2.	Birth Anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	15 th October 2015	05.00 p.m.	Dr. K.S. Pandian, Former Head, Department of Tamil, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai.
3.	Women's Day	8 th March 2016	03.00 p.m.	Dr. Velamal Muthiah, HOD, Dept. of Tamil, Sri Parasakthi College, Courtalam.

Parent Teachers Meeting

The parent and the teachers came together on 27th February 2016 to share about the educational progress of the students. An orientation was given to the parents about the educational activities of the college and then an open discussion was held where the parents came out with their expectations and suggestions.

After that the parents were given the first semester mark sheet of their wards through the optional subject teachers.

Educational Tour

In order to provide direct experience to the B.Ed. and M.Ed. students on the topics related to their subjects, the students were taken on an Educational Tour to Goa from 01st to 04th March

2016. They visited the remarkable historical places namely Basilica of Bom Jesus, Se' Cathedral, Chapel of St. Cajetan, Church of St. Francis Assisi, Auguda Fortress, Dona Paula, Miramar, Mapusa, Baga and Candolim Beaches.

VI. EXTENSION SERVICES

Mother Teresa Study Centre (MOTESC)

The activities of Mother Teresa Evening Study Centre (MOTESC) at Government Boys Hostel and Gandhi Nagar in Palayamkottai for the academic vear 2015-2016 began on 2nd November 2015. Around 100 students benefit from these centres.

Community Camp

The flood at Cuddalore that resulted from 17 continuous days of record-breaking heavy rainfall devastated the villages of Cuddalore district in Tamil Nadu. The scale of the devastation was vast after rivers and lakes broke their banks. This is considered as the costliest natural disasters of this year. Infact Cuddalore was the worsely affected than Chennai but it did not get as much attention and aid as Chennai did. So to rescue people and help them in rehabitation our college conducted the community camp this year at Semakottai Village in Cuddalore district from 18th to 21st December 2015.

The four days were observed Environmental Day, Social Awareness Day, Health and Hygienic Awareness Day and Relief Material Distribution Day respectively. During these days a survey was conducted on the people affected by the flood. A Medical Camp was also conducted. On the last day our college distributed the relief materials to the flood affected people worth of Rupees Six Lacks at Semakottai Village. Really it was a heart touching experience for our students.













They enjoyed the tour thoroughly and took notes and photos for their records. Totally, the tour was enlightenment to the students academically and personally.

Cultural Competitions

Kalai Chitharal - 2016, an intra-mural cultural competitions, was held on 31st January 2016. It was a rare opportunity for our B.Ed. and M.Ed. students to vent out their hidden potentials in cultural events. All the B.Ed. and M.Ed. students were divided into 3 groups, namely, Twitter Thunders, Facebook Fighters and Whatsapp Warriors and the competitors from these groups actively participated in the charted out 10 events. 'Twitter Thunders' and 'Whatsapp Warriors', who secured the first places followed by 'Facebook Fighters' won the second place.

CONCLUSION

I take this opportunity to thank all the teaching and non-teaching staff for their co-operation in taking this institution to its heights. I thank whole heartedly all the members of Governing Body, parents and alumni for their active support.

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