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From the Principal's Desk. . .

Dear Student teachers, professors, friends and well wishers!

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

We are in the digital era where the role of teachers is changing from an instructor to facilitator of learning. Students acquire information through various e- resources in the form of lectures, power point, self learning material with opt demonstration and explanation which will enrich their knowledge in their subject. Hence they expect the teachers to be competent in using modern technology in their teaching. The teachers can engage students in the digital era if they follow technology-enhanced learning experience; this can be done through online lesson planning, online homework submission, online assessment, e-books, e-journals, etc. Hence it is very challenging for the 21st century teachers to face the students who have access for plenty of resources for learning. Therefore, it is in the hands of teacher education institutions to prepare the prospective teachers to be competent enough to face the digital natives. The teaching skills necessary for a teacher in 21st century are practiced in our college through various programmes and activities so that the quality teachers could be produced. I am very happy to list out here our college activities in a nutshell.



The following are the activities done in our college from 1st June 2018 to 27th November 2018.

CURRICULAR ASPECTS

To maintain the quality of education in our college, we have different committees and each will meet at least twice in a year. Board of studies, academic council and governing body meetings were held on 11th June 2018, 22nd June 2018 and 16th August, 2018 respectively to modify the syllabus of B.Ed, M.Ed and M.Phil Programmes. To plan, evaluate and modify the various activities of our college, the committee meetings such as equal opportunity cell, college development council, extension services, anti-ragging, students' welfare and extra-curricular activities, career guidance and placement cell, planning and evaluation, library, women cell, examination cum awards, research cell, extension services, college website, anti-tobacco, magazine, public relations, 'Aasaan' e-magazine and IQAC were held on 13th, 13th, 14th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 19th, 20th, 20th of June, 23rd, 23rd, 29th of October, 8th, 8th, 8th, 12th, 12th, 19th of November respectively.

TEACHING-LEARNING AND EVALUATION

Teaching-Learning

Inauguration of the academic year

Rev. Dr. V. Henry Jerome SJ, the Rector of St. Xavier's Institutions while inaugurating the academic year 2018-19 for I & II B.Ed and II M.Ed at SXCE on 2nd July, invited our students and staff to focus on a new mission of experimenting new methodologies. Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary of our college felicitated the gathering, assuring his support for the welfare of the students and staff; Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Principal introduced Rector, Secretary, faculty and administrative staff to the students.

Intensive English Course

In order to improve the efficiency of our student teachers in spoken English, our college organized an 'Intensive English Training Programme' from 25th June - 17th July 2018. A team led by Bro. Benitto Arulselvan (Coordinator) and ably assisted by Bro. Joni Rajan R, Bro. Kiran Kodiganti, Bro. Albin and Bro. Alex, acted as the main resource persons of the training programme; Mr. A. John Lawrence, Asso. Prof in English played the role of a guide for this programme. While the morning sessions dealt with basic grammar in English every day, the afternoon sessions were spent on different activities including composition writing, reading practice and

memory lesson; they were conducted in different groups which were guided by Dr. M. Antony Raj, Dr. A Punitha Mary, Dr. A. Michael J Leo, Rev. Fr. Martin George SJ, Mrs. A. Metilda Jasmine Shanthi, Bro. Joni and Bro. Kiran. The valedictory programme was held on 17th July 2018 with Dr. Joseph Albert, Deputy Principal, St. Xavier's College, as the chief guest, who invited the prospective teachers to be vigilant in their sentence construction as well as use of new vocabularies. At the end, the students were distributed Certificates of Appreciation with grade after an examination.

Framing Questions for II B.Ed.

A one-day seminar on "Framing Questions" was conducted on 4th July 2018 for the Second year B.Ed students. Mrs. M. Balasaraswathi, Assistant Professor in English Education was the resource person who dealt with it in an elaborate manner. The various forms of constructing "wh" questions with examples were discussed. The morning session was spent on online exercises individually and afternoon session in activity based learning which was found highly beneficial by the students in practicing question formation.

ELT workshop

Mastery over English language has become the need of the hour. To develop the skill of communication in English among prospective teachers, our college arranged for a two day workshop connected with English Language Teaching on 26th & 28th July 2018. Rev. Dr. M. John Kennedy SJ, Assistant Headmaster, St. Xavier's Hr. Sec. School was the resource person. He enlightened our students with English language teaching through various activities and motivated everyone to express their views in front of others through skits and variety programmes.

Orientation to the course

A brief introduction to the B.Ed programme was given by Dr. M. Antony Raj, the then Dean, to our first year students on 19th July 2018 where he explained the purpose of the programme, the courses offered in each semester, the evaluation system followed in our college, normal rules and regulations of college and different practical records to be completed in the two years.

Microteaching

Teaching is a skilled profession and it consists of number of skills to be practiced by the prospective teachers. To have mastery over different teaching skills, our college conducted microteaching practice for six days, i.e.,





13th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th and 21st August 2018. In the first day, orientation to microteaching was given in common, followed by skills explanation and demonstration by the subject teachers in the optional groups. Later enough time was allotted for writing episodes and practicing of skills. Likewise six skills had been practiced, culminating with the practice of link lesson.

Lesson plan preparation

Good planning is the first step for the success of any programme. Detailed planning for classroom instruction is one of the essential qualities of a teacher; hence our first year students spent three days (23rd, 24th and 27th August 2018) for lesson plan preparation. With teacher educators explaining the steps in lesson plan writing and assisting them, the students were able to learn the nuances of lesson plan writing.

Demo teaching

The teacher educators gave demo teaching to our students in their respective subject classes in the presence of school students, drawn from our model school. It was held in the forenoons of 28th and 29th August 2018. The prospective teachers were trained to observe the classes in terms of techniques, strategies, methodologies and management of the classroom by the senior teachers. It was a model session for them and thus learnt to imitate later.

Peer teaching

Peer group plays a major role in the development of an individual. Hence our college had peer teaching in which every student took classes to their peer group which helped them prepare for their preliminary teaching practices in the model school. On 28th and 29th August 2018, First year B.Ed. students were divided into various groups, each group was assigned a teacher educator, their teaching was observed and the feedback was given by the senior teacher educator.

Preliminary teaching practice

Well prepared is half done. I B.Ed students were prepared for their four months teaching practice by training them in the model school as preliminary teaching practice for four days. i.e. 10th, 16th, 25th & 30th October 2018. Every student was allotted a guide teacher in the schools and they have evaluated the performance of our students which helped them to modify their teaching. Moreover our faculty also observed their teaching and gave necessary suggestions to improve their teaching style.

Data Collection

As part of their research, the second year students of M.Ed programme were sent for data collection, connected with topic from 4th to 29th July 2018. Earlier in the first year, they had been guided to prepare the tools and validate the same.

Internship for II year M.Ed. Students

As part of their requirements, the M.Ed scholars were asked to have 15 days of internship from 6th to 18th August 2018 at V.O.C college of Education, Thoothukudi. They were given various responsibilities including handling classes for B.Ed students, observing senior teacher educator's teaching and writing a report on infrastructure facilities available in the college. These programmes have certainly exposed them to day-to-day running of a teacher education and enriched their knowledge on nature of teacher education institutions, which would help them in future.

Internship for II B.Ed. Students

A 16-week internship was arranged for II B.Ed students from 1st August 2018 to 30th November 2018. The students were accommodated in different schools totaling 23, for teaching internship; each student had been allotted a senior teacher as a guide who was expected to accompany our trainee teacher in his or her internship in the school. Our college professors visited internship schools once in a month and passed on the feedback to them. Earlier on 26th June, the students were sent to their intensive schools to receive the teaching units to be completed within the four months of internship.

Evaluation

- ❖ I continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) was held on 17th and 18th of September 2018.
- ❖ II CIA was conducted from 14th to 17th November 2018.
- ❖ Semester activities were evaluated by our students on-line from 7th to 10th November 2018.
- ❖ Staff evaluation by students was done on-line from 12th to 13th November 2018.
- ❖ Semester Examinations were conducted from 22nd to 27th November 2018.

Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.

William A. Foster

RESEARCH, INNOVATIONS AND EXTENSION

Ph.D. Viva-Voce

The following scholars were defended their Ph.D viva-voce in our research centre.

S. No.	Name	Title	Guide	Date
1.	Dr. D. Nimmi Wren	Academic Achievement of B.Ed. Trainees in Relation to their Value Pattern and Emotional Intelligence	Dr. G. Porgio	07.06.2018
2.	Y. Jeba	Problem Solving Skills and Presentation Skills of - Secondary Teacher Education Students	Rev. Dr. S. Amaladoss Xavier, S.J.	29.08.2018
3.	S. Krishna Priya	Teaching Competency of Primary School Teachers in relation to their Professional Commitment and Intelligence	Dr. G. Porgio	14.09.2018
4.	N.R. Geetha	Academic Achievement in relation to Emotional Intelligence and Home Environment of Higher Secondary Students	Dr. G. Porgio	26.09.2018
5.	G. George Mullai Danie	Influence of Emotional Intelligence and Modernity on Personality Development of Prospective Teachers	Dr. P. Annaraja	28.09.2018

Innovations

Video Conferencing

Distance is not a matter for learning as technology has developed. The teacher at a distance can interact with the learners at different place through video conferencing. To make the prospective teachers to be aware of the modern technology used in teaching-learning process, our college arranged a video conferencing programme on 24th September 2018. Dr. P. Antony Raj SJ, Principal, Loyola College of Education, Jamshedpur enlightened our first year students on 'Emotional Intelligence' through video conferencing. In the end, the doubts of the students were clarified by him. It was a good interactive session.

The second session of video conferencing by Dr. Antony Raj SJ, Principal, Loyola College of Education, Jamshedpur enlightened our first year students on the topic Neuroscience on 31st October 2018. His elaborative discussion on brain and its connection with our emotions was well received by the students. Doubts of the students were clarified by him with practical examples.

Extension Activities

Smart Phone Enabled Pedagogy for School Teachers

The textbooks of the school students are being enhanced by number of supportive materials, links, and references by the committee appointed by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The TN Government has taken a wonderful effort to enhance the resources presented in the textbooks by adding the web references and Quick Response (QR) Codes. While the Students being digitally natives and the teachers digitally immigrant, the St. Xavier's College of Education which is promoting the professional qualities of its and neighboring teachers, felt the need of training the teachers in this regard. Hence a one-day workshop on 'Smartphone Enabled Pedagogy for School Teachers' was organised on 14th July 2018 in our college. A group of 63 teachers from Magdalene and Jose Matriculation Higher Secondary School participated in the Workshop. Mr. A. Nicholas Jegan, ICT Expert of our College was the Resource Person. It was very much appreciated by the participants.

ICSSR-SRC Sponsored National Level Workshop

In collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR-SRC), Hyderabad and Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (Tirunelveli Chapter) our college library team organized the one day national level Workshop on "Restriction of Plagiarism: A Quality Measure in Social Science Research",





held on 25th August 2018. Rev. Dr. V. Henry Jerome SJ, Rector of St. Xavier's Institutions inaugurated the workshop with thought provoking inaugural address. Dr. R. Sevukan, Associate Professor and Head of Department of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, Shri. J. Arumugam, Librarian, PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore and Shri. M. Leeladharan, Assistant Professor of Department of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry were the resource persons of the seminar, on the topics such as introduction and problems of plagiarism, reference management tools and publishing ethics, and a demonstration cum tutorial session on 'Turn-it-in' Plagiarism software. One hundred and fifty two participants including Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Research Scholars, Post Graduate Students of various academic disciplines and librarians from various institutions benefitted from this seminar.

Awareness Rally

Environmental pollution is the major problem all over the world. To make the common people aware of pollution and importance of use of helmet, an awareness rally named **'No' to plastics and 'Yes' to helmet** was organized in collaboration with St. Ignatius College of Education and St. John's College of Education, Palayamkottai on Tuesday, the 25th September 2018. Mr. P. Venkatesh, Sub-Inspector of Police, Palayamkottai Police Station, flagged off the rally from Palayamkottai ; as the rally culminated in our college, Dr. M.S. Selvakumar, Head, Department of Chemistry, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai briefly shared about how we in our daily lives, use plastics without being aware of it; he invited the prospective teachers to make a resolution against plastics and in favour of helmet. It was a wonderful inter-institutional collaborative programme in Tirunelveli.

Human Chain

Awareness on child abuse and child abandonment is being done by both Government and private associations in India. To make the prospective teachers aware of these two problems, a human chain was organized in collaboration with Child Help of Social Welfare Department of Indian Government and St. Ignatius College of Education near Palayamkottai bus stand on 16th November 2018. Rev. Fr. Jeya Balan inaugurated the human chain with his speech on child abandonment and child abuse. It was an eye-opener for the students.

MOTESC

Our students are encouraged to do service for poor people by undertaking tuition for the poor children. Girl students attend the tuition for children in the orphanage 'Joy Bhavan' and boys in the government hostel for SC / ST students, Tirunelveli.

Internship by BLIS students

Our college library has more than 23,000 books. 48 national and international journals, and 45 magazines; it has an informatics centre with internet facilities. Due to the rich resources of our college library, many scholars from other universities, research centres and colleges, visit our library. Two BLIS students of Sadakathulla Appa College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli, namely Mr. B. Charles Sam Wesley and Mr. S. Mohamed Azarudeen, undertook their internship in our college library for seven days from 23rd November to 2nd December 2018. It was a perfect training ground for them.

Internship by M.Ed students

M.Ed students from M.S University had their internship in our college from 9th to 25th August 2018. During those days, they observed all the facilities available in our college such as library, computer centre, research centre, college office, staff rooms, classrooms etc., and had observed classes of the staff members. Totally 21 students benefitted from this programme.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEARNING RESOURCES

Inauguration of two Wheeler Shed

Responding to the need of staff, students and guests, Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary of our college took all efforts to construct a new two wheeler shed which was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Henry Jerome SJ, Rector, St. Xavier's, Palayamkottai on 26th October 2018. Now the college wears a new look and remains green.

Equipping the ladies Recreation Room

As more number of women students have been admitted in the B.Ed programme, the ladies room is equipped with Napkin Incinerator and Napkin Vending machine. Three cots, two easy chairs, two dressing tables were provided in the ladies room so that they could take rest if they are sick.

Other facilities

The Dean room gets a new path from the gate and the whole campus has received a facelift with new wall-fence designs to protect the plants and medicinal plants.

Library Orientation

Effective teachers need to be continuous readers and learners; they must have the habit of reading books. Fr. 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.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

Inauguration of Students' Council

The College Students' Council which promotes leadership characteristics and acts as the bridge between the management and students had its inaugural function on 4th August 2018. The Principal oriented the council members and other students about the importance of council followed by the oath-taking of council members. Rev. Dr. V. Henry Jerome SJ, the Rector, gave the presidential address and appreciated the students' council members for their generosity to serve the college and leadership quality. Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, the Secretary felicitated the new office bearers. Rev. Dr. S. Peter Xavier SJ, the chief guest in his inaugural address traced the power of youth in the history and requested the Students' Council Members to work actively in the whole year for the total growth of students as well as development of the college.

Inauguration of subject clubs

To harvest an in-depth knowledge and to know the recent trends in their pedagogical subjects, each subject has its own club. The inaugural function of subject clubs was held on 12th September 2018 in Mother Theresa Hall. Dr. A. Faritha Begam, Associate Professor of Education & Controller of Examinations, St. Ignatius College of Education, Palayamkottai inaugurated the subject clubs. The office bearers of eight clubs read out the report of last year activities, along with the objectives and proposed

action plans for the academic year 2018-19; the clubs are guided by the respective optional teacher educators. The Principal of our college, presided over the function and announced that the best club which updates its notice board regularly with interesting facts and information will be awarded with prizes.

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.

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.

Seminar on Time Management and Stress Management

Soft skills development is the need of the hour; especially, the management of time and stress has become the essential skills, needed for prospective teachers. Keeping the above in mind, we organized a one day seminar on Time Management and Stress Management on 4th September 2018. Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Former Principal of Arul Anandar College, Karumathur and our present college secretary, was the resource person of the day and he enlightened the students to spend their time effectively and presented the ways to get rid of stress. He emphasized that Time Management means self-management; it involves proper planning and organizing one's time and work in an appropriate time. Time should be properly allotted for specific activities. We need to spend more time for the difficult works and activities and less for the easy ones. Moreover he added that sharing our emotions to at least to one of our friends / relatives / parents will give us a great relief from stress.





Awareness Programmes

Swachh Bharat Camp

The Swachh Bharat mission aims at achieving a clean India by 2019 in commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. With a spirit of showing our solidarity with Government and cleaning our campus, our college initiated an action plan, titled, 'Operation Clean Look', drawing out a plan to clean the campus on 11th August 2018. Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Principal inaugurated the programme. The first year B.Ed students were divided into 10 groups and staffs were assigned to guide and monitor those groups in action. The collected wastes were segregated as bio-wastes, plastic-wastes and paper-wastes and were disposed off properly. Rev. Fr. Principal appreciated the students and staffs in the valedictory function for their wonderful work.

Consumer Awareness

To make the prospective teachers as agents of consumer rights, an awareness programme on consumer rights was held on 12th October 2018. Mr. A. Vargheese, Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Excise, Thoothukudi was the resource person of the day and he insisted that the student teachers should look for the quality of things they buy and they have the right to file cases if the consumer rights are violated. Our first year student teachers performed a wonderful skit on consumer awareness.

Students' Welfare Programme

Personality Development 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.

College Assembly

Among many opportunities available for our prospective teachers in the college, college assembly is yet another dais to exhibit their talents of organizing and leading; each optional group students are motivated to creatively conduct the assembly every Monday, centering on a theme of their subjects or remembrance of any common occasion. Thus we had the assemblies on 9th, 16th and 23rd of July, 12th and 24th of September, 03rd, 15th and 29th of October 2018. The speciality was that the assemblies were always interactive and informative.

Tutor ward interaction

To guide the students in their integral growth in the campus, and to maintain cordial relationship between teachers and students, the college implements tutor-ward system in which each staff member is given less than ten members for interaction and guidance. On 23rd July 2018, there was a tutor ward interaction for II B.Ed students in view of their four-month internship teaching beginning from 1st August. This provided an opportunity for our students to listen to their guides regarding the expectations of schools, students and college.

On 24th August, 26th September and 23rd October 2018, there were tutor ward interaction for I B.Ed students to guide them in maintaining a smooth relationship among the students and teachers.

Extension Lecture on Motivation

Motivation is an inner urge to do particular action and it is an essential for every prospective teachers to do their teaching profession effectively. To generate motivation among student teachers, Rev. Dr. Paulraj SJ, Assistant Professor of Gregorian University, Rome was invited as the resource person for a lecture on Motivation held on 28th August 2018. When we have plenty of things to complete within a deadline, we need to separate what should be done first. He explained the complexities in separating the most wanted things from clustered things. At times, we are not clear what we have to separate from a cluster. That leads our life miserable. He explained the same concept through Joe Harry Chart.

College Level Quiz Competition

To enhance the current knowledge of students and to develop the competitive spirit among them, a college level quiz competition was organized in collaboration with Alumni Association of our college on 1st September 2018. Mr. Soosai Michael, EC Member, Alumni association

conducted the quiz programme in which 10 teams participated. Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander, Principal inaugurated the quiz competition and Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary felicitated the students for their active participants and distributed the prizes for the winning teams.

Participation in Competitions

- In the District level elocution competition, conducted by MDMK student team, at Lara auditorium, Palayamkottai on 28 July 2018, our second year student Aneesh Raja and Jenifer Rubeka got the second prize and consolation prize respectively.
- On 27th September 2018 Twenty-eight of our college students participated in the intercollegiate cultural competitions (EDUFEST 2018), held in Bharat College of Education, Illanji, Thenkasi. Ms. Jelsya Sharon and Blessy Jebakani bagged the third place in Fevi-collage and Merlin and her team won the third place in Group song.
- In the district level Tamil elocution competition, conducted by Tirunelveli Tamil development Council at Rani Anna College, Tirunelveli on 11th September 2018, our students Jenifer Rubeka, Maria Johnsy and Swarna Priyadharshini represented our college; similarly, eighteen students participated in the intercollegiate cultural competitions organized by Annammal College of Education, Tuticorin on 28th September 2018.

Cyber Wisdom for Prospective Teachers

A student development programme on “Cyber Wisdom for Prospective Teachers” was organised by IQAC of our college on 20th September 2018. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, Scholar in Cyber Criminology served as the resource person for the whole day. He highlighted Kransberg’s six laws of technology which are really an eye opener for most of the students. It was well appreciated by the students.

Former Women Students Meet

Experience makes a man perfect; sharing of experiences by the past with the present batch of students does motivate the latter to plan for their future. Thanks to our college women cell, it organized the former women students’ meet on 29th September 2018. Rector, Secretary and Principal participated, welcomed and appreciated the past women students for their visit to their alma mater. The gathering had the opportunity to listen to a special talk on ‘Health Issues of Women’ delivered by Dr. P. Chandra, BSMS, MD., Siddha Consultant, Palayamkottai which

enlightened the former and present students on current diseases and its preventive measures.

Teacher of the week

With an objective of instilling a sense of commitment, compassion and competence a new programme, called ‘The teacher of the Week’ - sharing by an experienced teacher- was introduced in our campus; accordingly, on 6th October 2018. Mr. Soosai Michael, Veteran of RSK Hr. Sec. School, Trichy and a well-known Quiz master of South, was the first in this series. He enriched the students with his narration of significance of Tirunelveli and the people contribution to the development of the city; later listed out the qualities of an effective teacher which was well-received by the students.

Celebrations

Holy Mass

St. Xavier’s College of Education began the academic year with the spiritual atmosphere in the campus. Holy Spirit Eucharist was celebrated to evoke the blessings of the Lord on 20th July 2018. Rev. Dr. Henry Jerome SJ, Rector celebrated the Holy Mass and Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Thomas Alexander SJ, Rev. Dr. Dominic Royce and Rev. Fr. Martin George concelebrated it.

Homage to St. Ignatius of Loyola

On 26th July 2018, our college paid homage to St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of Society of Jesus, whose members, commonly called as Jesuits, run our institution. Brief life history of St. Ignatius and his contribution to the society through a video presentation was offered as the input for the students to know about the founder of Jesuits. Later the management, faculty and students offered floral tribute to St. Ignatius of Loyola. After paying homage, a special message was delivered by Rev. Dr. Michael John in which he enlightened the students and the staff on the significance and relevance of St. Ignatius of Loyola for today’s society.

Independence Day Celebration

It was a red letter day in the history of India when the country got her freedom on 15th August 1947. Remembering the same, our college celebrated the 72nd Independence Day on 15th August 2018. Rev. Fr. Principal presided over the function and in his presidential address encouraged the students to perceive the freedom in the right perspective as it was very precious. Mr. S. Stalin in his chief guest address gave an impressive and powerful speech and encouraged the students to become great men





like Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru. Our students performed a mime, sang a song based on Independence Day and a fantastic dance was staged.

Holy Eucharist Mass

Newly ordained Priests Fr. Vasanth SJ, Fr. Velankanni SJ and Fr. William SJ who were our old students, along with Jesuits staff of SXCE celebrated the Holy Eucharist in the college church for the well-being of the faculty, students and all the well-wishers of our Institution and its bright future on 5th September 2018.

Teachers Day Celebration

Our college in collaboration with St. Ignatius College of Education, Palayamkottai celebrated Teacher's day on 5th September 2018 at St. Ignatius College of Education, Palayamkottai. Mrs. Rajab Fathima, Principal of Annai Hajira Women's College, Melapalayam was the chief guest of the day, Rev. Sr. Magdalene Teresa, Secretary, Rev. Dr. Nirmala Devi, Principal, Rev. Dr. Vasanthi Medona, Assistant Professor, all from SICE and Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary and Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Principal, from SXCE also shared their experiences as teachers and the role of teachers in the society today.

Teachers' day celebration by Alumni

Our college Alumni Association honoured their teachers by Celebrating the teacher's day on 7th September 2018. Thirumathi Vijila Sathyananth, M.P was the chief guest of the day and Rev. Dr. Henry Jerome SJ, Rector, St. Xavier's Institutions presided over the function. Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary felicitated the gathering and Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Principal welcomed the gathering. Cultural programmes by the students of St. Ignatius College of Education, Little Flower Matric Hr. Sec School, Magdalene Matric Hr. Sec. School, St. John's College of Education and St. Xavier's College of Education were staged. The day was marked with the awards of 'Best Xaverian Teacher' to Rev. Sr. Dr. Pushpa Ranjitham, Headmistress, Amali High School, Irudhayakulam belong to our college family as students during 2007. It was a wonderful evening to cherish with human fellowship and oneness in the campus by all of us. Kudos to Alumni Association of SXCE for their planning and generosity.

150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation is fondly remembered by every citizen. To know more about the principles of Gandhi and to imbibe his values, our college celebrated 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, in a

grand manner on 1st October 2018. Mr. U. Subramanian, Assistant Professor in Tamil welcomed the gathering. Prof. A. John Lawrence delivered the special address. Five skits based on the Gandhian thoughts, staged by our students were video graphed and uploaded in our college website.

Human Solidarity and Harmony Celebration

Harmony among the people is the need of the hour as the people are divided on the basis of religion, race and caste. Hence the Day of Human Solidarity and Harmony was celebrated on 17th October 2018. The chief guest of the day Dr. Po.Se. Pandian, Former Professor in Tamil, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai motivated the student teachers to create harmony inside classroom without any discrimination and be peaceful within.

National Education Day and Book Release Function

Moulana Abdul Kalam Azad's birthday is celebrated as National Education Day every year. To disseminate the educational thoughts of Moulana to the prospective teachers, the birth of Moulana was celebrated in our college on 9th November 2018. A speech on education day was wonderfully delivered by M. Fathimuthu Sahira, I B.Ed, followed by the release of the book authored by Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Principal of our college, entitled "Understanding Classroom Disruptive Behavior" on that day by Rev. Dr. J. Danis Ponnaihi SJ, Provincial, Madurai Jesuit Province; the first copy was received by Dr. P. Annaraja, Former Associate Professor of our college. Rev. Dr. V. Henry Jerome SJ, Rector presided over the function and Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary and Dr. P. Annaraja, Former Associate Professor of our college appreciated the work of Rev. Fr. Principal. Earlier, Dr. A. Faritha Begam, Controller of Examinations, St. Ignatius College of Education, Palayamkottai presented the review of the book. The programme ended with great satisfaction and appreciation for the wonderful work of the author.

GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Staff Enrichment Programme

Orientation Course

The following staff members attended the orientation programme. The details are given below:

- Dr. R. Sathesh Franklin, Director of Physical Education attended the UGC Sponsored orientation programme from 1st - 28th June 2018 at UGC-HRDC, Pondicherry.
- Dr. A. Michael J Leo, Assistant Professor in Education attended the UGC Sponsored orientation programme

from 5th September - 4th October 2018 at Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod.

- Mr. A. John Lawrence, Asso. Professor in English Education, Mrs. J. Annie, Asst. Professor in Computer Science Education, Mrs. Rosary Kiruba Alexy, Asst. Professor in Physical Science and Mrs. A. Kiruba, Asst. Professor in Mathematics Education attended a 8-day orientation on Helping at Hand-Strengthening faculty in counseling techniques to facilitate Gen Z conducted by Person to person- an institute for Christian Counselling at Christopher College of Education, Chennai.

Abroad Visit

Dr. T. Raja, Librarian attended and presented a paper on "Awareness and Usage of Social Media applications on Information sources among Undergraduate Engineering Students in Tirunelveli District - A Study" in the international symposium on "Emerging Trends in Education and Library and Information Science" (LIBSYM 2018) held on 9th and 10th August 2018, organized by Library Network, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

Workshop on 'Writing research papers, citation analysis, plagiarism, and getting patent and copyright

A two day workshop on 'Writing research papers, citation analysis, plagiarism, and getting patent and copyright' was held on 29th & 30th June 2018 at Ramco Institute of Technology, Rajapalayam. The management of our college had taken initiatives to enable the staff members to attend the above workshop and it was well appreciated by the staff members as the workshop enriched them in the field of research.

Workshop on Effective Mentoring

Equipping the teacher educators as mentors in counselling the prospective teachers is the need of the hour; to make the former as effective in listening to the latter, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of our college organized a workshop on 'Effective Monitoring' in collaboration with St. Ignatius College of Education

(Autonomous), Palayamkottai on 20th September 2018. Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary inaugurated the seminar. Dr. H. Richard, Counsellor, JESCO from Madurai was the resource person of the day. Explaining the eleven steps to be followed for effective mentoring, he assigned the each participant to practice the same with another in the group immediately. The valedictory address was delivered by Rev. Dr. J. Henry Jerome SJ, Rector, St. Xavier's Institutions, Palayamkottai.

INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST PRACTICES

Joy of giving

On 22nd October 2018, a Holy Eucharistic Celebration with the theme "Joy of giving" was well organized to motivate the students in the dimension of empathy. Rev. Fr. Principal, in his homily, highlighted the important aspects of giving. He also pointed out that there should be joy in giving what we have. It does not mean giving material things alone but also rendering our services to our friends in the college and society at large.

CONCLUSION

I place on record sincere and dedicated service of all teaching and non-teaching staff, student teachers, alumni and well wishers for their effort to enhance the quality of our college. I appreciate their active participation in delivering a quality education by organizing various programmes and I expect the same support and enthusiasm from you in the following years also so that our college would remain the best of all teacher education institutions.

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