



X-travaganza

Annual Cultural Festival

Priyanka Karmakar, *Convener, Cultural Committee*

Taking a small detour from their daily humdrum of studies, the students of North Bengal St. Xavier's College participated in the annual cultural festival, Xtravaganza organized on the 11th and 12th of December, 2015. The festival was officially inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by our chief guest of the function, Prof. Raghunath Ghosh, Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal. While the off-stage events offered the students an opportunity to unleash their creativity in events like short story-writing, poetry-writing, essay-writing, photography, painting, collage-making,

sketching etcetera, the on-stage events like singing, dancing, drama, fashion show etcetera stood testimony to the students' hard work and practice. It was their overwhelming response and perseverance, duly supported by the cultural committee members that made it all possible.





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X-Travaganza 2019

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Sneaking away from the daily life of academics, the Annual Cultural programme of North Bengal St. Xavier's College, X-TRAVAGANZA 2019 was organized with great zeal and ardour on the 11th of January, 2019. The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr. Shanti Chhetri, Principal of P.D. Women's college, Jalpaiguri, as the chief guest and Founder Principal Fr. Cherian Paddyara as the Guest of Honour of the programme. After

the lighting of the lamp, our principal Fr. Dr. Lalit Tirkey started the event with his welcome address to our respected chief guest and guest of honour. Dr. Shanti Chhetri then presided the event with his reminiscence of the founding of North Bengal St. Xavier's college right from the very gravel. Being an associate of our founding principal, Fr. Cherian Paddyara was acquainted with the planning of the inception of the infrastructure of the college and he



beautifully encapsulated this whole journey of the college, thus making all of us a part of it. Our founder Principal Fr. Cherian Paddyara cannot be thanked enough for his contribution to this college as well as for the words of wisdom he imparted to us during the event. He talked about the importance of the TRIPLE C- Compassion, Conscience and Competence in the life of an individual, thus enlightening us with the actual secret of being a true human.

With such vibrant words the event commenced and was a treat to the audience as a large number of equally talented students showed off their expertise in the fields of dancing, singing and poetry recitation. The graceful inaugural classical dance raised the bars of expectation in the audience for the upcoming performances which were

performed by the participants in all the fields. The best thing about the whole event was the inclusion of diverse forms of dances and songs. While there were classical dances, the contemporary dances also left a mark in the minds of the spectators. With the band and western song, there was also a folk song that soothed the heart of the listeners. The poetry recitals were equally bewitching and left the audience allured with the power of words. The performance of the first act of GB Shaw's *Arms and the Man* by the students, the first performance of its kind in the history of our college, left a different kind of charm on the audience. Along with all these there was the event of Costume Parade to end the program which was as fascinating as all the performances with its compact pieces of dance and drama. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks from Dr. Tamal Mazumder, Secretary of Teachers' Council. By and large the event was a success with the overwhelming response from the participants as well as their mentors from the cultural committee. The programme left a mark of excellence from the students' point of view and the audience, indeed, witnessed moments to be cherished forever.



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With Bengal St. Xavier's College, the prominent Jesuit institution has had several successful annual concerts through the years. However, this year, their Annual Concert 2020, 'Xtravaganza', was pulled off in a manner which was unconventional to them and was, undoubtedly, a huge success. The two day programme, held on 27th and 28th respectively, received momentous responses from the audience of this and other invited colleges. The first day began with a grand welcome of our Honorable Chief Guest Dr. Sabir Bano, a teacher from Ananda H.S. Vidyalaya and a renowned theatre person, by the Hon'ble Principal Fr. Dr. Lalit P. Tikey, SJ, followed by the congeniality of our Guest of Honor Fr. Edward Amika, SJ. The students exhibited their performances with immense exuberance making the occasion a massive success. The programme has been concluded by the Vice-Principal (Administration) Fr. Xavier Alangaram who gave the vote of thanks in a succinct manner. The following day of the Annual Concert 2020, organized by the Students' Council, too was undeniably a cherry on top. The college music club performed several intriguing songs and presented beautiful dances with creative movements and intricacies. There was also a performance by Part III student, GJ Akash. The final event was the band performance by Jazz Hour which is primarily performed rock songs in four different languages. The Students' Council organized the event with the help of the administration and several sponsors. The students as well as teachers turned up in colourful dresses and had a gala time.

Hence, the successful execution of the fest only re-affirms our student integrity and makes the college, one with a difference.

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Annual Sports Meet

Dr. Tamal Mazumder,
Convener, Sports Committee

The perseverance of the players and the able support of the Sports Committee kept the sports calendar rolling enthusiastically throughout the session. It all started with Xavier Premier League (XPL) for cricket and football, the finals of which were played on annual sports days. Students cutting across all departments participated in the same without any enmity, keeping the sportsmanship alive. A kind of healthy rivalry was witnessed throughout the year.

All roads lead to Rome. Similarly, the year-long sporting events finally

culminated into the two-day Annual Sports Meet, justly called Xuberance. Xuberance encompasses different sporting events, not only for students but also for faculty members. Some of the notable events are long jump, high jump, relay race, shot put, tug-of-war et al. And all these were being played in the presence of our esteemed chief-guest Mr. Amit Dam, a renowned table-tennis coach of the region. Winners were suitably awarded at the end of the meet. We are all now anticipating yet another glorious sporting year next year.



X-uberance

Annual Sports Meet 2016-17



Anup Datta
Convener,
Sports Committee

Sports and athletics have been an integral part of North Bengal St. Xavier's College for years. Keeping up the tradition, this year too the college organized its Annual Sports Meet with same flamboyant spirit on 16th and 17th December, 2016.

However, like previous years, the sports calendar started rolling from the very beginning of the academic session. It all started with Xavier's Premier league (XPL) 2016 for Cricket and Football in the month of August. Similarly, students enthusiastically participated in XPL Volleyball and Basketball league. All roads lead to Rome. Similarly, the yearlong sporting events finally culminated into the two-day Annual sports Meet, just called X-UBERANCE. Mr. Chandan Chanda, Ex-Director of SAI in Siliguri graced the occasion as the chief guest. Students showcased their skills in various athletic events like sprint,

relay-race, shot-put, long jump, high jump, tug-of-war etc.

X-UBERANCE also encompasses many sporting events for male and female staff of the college. Male staff enjoyed themselves in cricket, 100 mt. race and female staff exhibited their talent in 100mt. Biscuit race, witnessed by a packed, mirthful and cheering crowd.

Our students also participated in the inter-college competitions for football, volleyball, cricket, badminton, athletics etc. organized by University of North Bengal. Sabrina Dewan of B.A. Part-I emerged as Runner-up in the Inter-College Badminton women's singles championship. She also raised the banner of the college with her great form at the All India Inter University badminton competition held at Bhubaneswar in October, 2016. We wish a bright future for all the sports enthusiasts of the college and envisage an expansion of X-UBERANCE by introducing many events in the coming academic sessions.





Xuberance Day

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Once in a while, a day that's dedicated solely to the outdoors and celebration of the vigor and exuberance, paves way for a much-needed solace from the tiring echelons of life. It refreshes, bring us closer to the happy state of mind, and above all flexes our muscles out from the routine. Every year North Bengal St. Xavier's celebrates the outdoors under the bright banner of Xuberance. A day, solely dedicated to sports and outdoor activities, and which is colloquially known as Annual Sports.

This year too it was a pompous event spanning a whole day, from nine past thirty in the morning till four past thirty in the evening. Still, it felt some more would have been better. The day started with Xiverians settling on the

college hostel ground. This year our chief guest was Mr. Durjay Ghosh. He is an acclaimed carom player who has made it to the state level championship. A winner in his field, Mr. Durjay Ghosh empowered the students participating in different events. All credit goes to our incredible Vice Principal, Aparna Chatterjee. As soon as the guests and other staff made themselves comfortable in the quirky shade, one after the other all the events were hosted.

Xuberance was launched with the ever-clear, precise and eloquent opening speech by Dr. Pavanbir Kaur, Assistant Professor, Department of English. After that the college song was sung with great honor and glory, the

students gave their voice in it. Ms. Sylvia Raha, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology and Rosemary Subba, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geography, hosted the guests. Ms. Sylvia Raha lighted the lamp, the flag hoisting ceremony was carried. Father Principal Dr. Lalit Tirkey SJ, chief guest Mr. Durjay Ghosh, Vice Principals Fr. Xavier and Ms. Aparna Chatterjee along with Dean of students Mr. Arindam Metia hosted the flag of St. Xavier's college that fluttered with all its glory in the air of sprightliness. The same honored group launched the college plaque, and that turned all the head up to the sky, relishing the flight of balloons arrogantly showing off the college plaque to the world below.

After the enlightening speech by Principal and an energizing speech by Chief Guest, the events took off joyously. It was a brilliant day. So full of energy, joy, and fun. A good number of games are to be credited for delivering fun to both participants and the audience. Hundred and two hundred meters race for boys and girls, short put for both girls and boys, long and high jump, discus throw for both boys and girls, four hundred meter relay race for boys, fifteen hundred meter race for boys, and last but certainly not the least, tug of war for boys and girls were among the main events of the day.

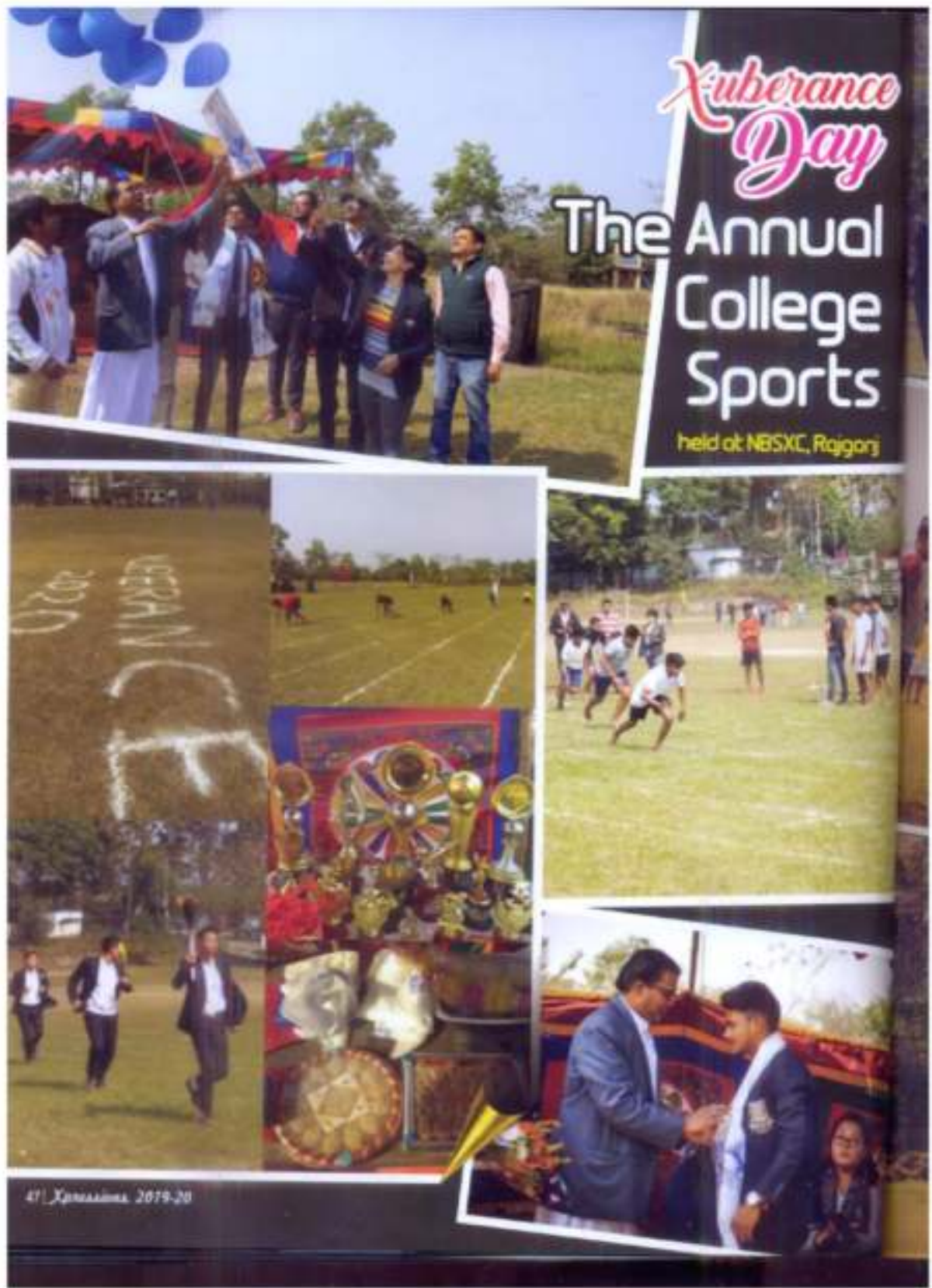
There were some unforgettable moments that students and staff encountered in the sub-events. The staff vs. student cricket match was an absolute joy to watch. There is so much spirit in the professors of North Bengal St. Xavier's apart from being wonderful teachers, it would have been impossible to know, had the cricket match not taken place. From a bowler Soumyadip Ghosh (Assistant professor, Dept. of English) to a fielder Prasun Banerjee (Assistant professor, Dept of English), we have seen their never-before-seen avatars. Prasun Sir's commentary along with students was full of pun and fun. The ever high spirited students were struggling to keep pace with the teachers, but ultimately they won. The next amusing



event was the tug of war between the female staff. The female staff of North Bengal St. Xavier's unleashed the women power as they hailed for the match. Two teams, Science and Commerce in one end and Arts on the other (of course there was an equation), gripped tighter the rope and 1, 2, 3, some puffed their cheeks, some creased their foreheads, some shouted with energy, as the tug of war began. Students erupted with cheers for their support team. Although a tie would have been best, the Science and Commerce took the trophy, as the Arts grieved their loss. But the fun was more significant than the win of Science and Commerce.

As the busy day prepared for slumber and the dusk revived, the students, exhausted participants, and staff along with the guests gathered for the Thanks giving and prize distribution. Cheers from audience erupted at intervals as participants went to collect their win from the staffs. William Wordsworth's lines from *Echoing Green* would be apt to describe how the event ended-

Till the little ones weary
No more can be merry
The sun does descend,
And our sports have an end:
Round the laps of their mothers,
Many sisters and brothers,
Like birds in their nest,
Are ready for rest:
And sport no more seen,
On the darkening Green.





Inter-School Debate Competition X-cursus

The Debate Club in collaboration with the Inter-Institutional Activities Committee, NBSXJ (Raigarh) organised an Inter-School Debate Competition (X-cursus) on November 10th, 2019. The topic of the debate was, 'Social Media is doing more harm than good to the youth'. Mr. Souvik Kumbha, Asst. Teacher of Dhiparganj Girls, Sponsored Ashram Type High School, was present as the chief judge of the competition. The day's proceedings started around 10 a.m. at Hall No. 03 with Principal P. Dr. Lata Teli's welcome address to the visiting teams. Twelve student participants—taking from different notable schools of the adjoining areas like Don Bosco School (Siliguri), Nirmala Convent, DPS (Siliguri), Holy Child School (Jaipurguri), and

others—kept the audience hooked with their oratorical fireworks, as they put forth their arguments for and against the motion. Whereas one group pointed to the many snares and pitfalls of the virtual world, the other group underlined the impossibility and undesirability of being a Luddite in our times. Finally, after a scintillating battle of wits, it was the team of Latra and Leika Agarwal from Nirmala Convent which was adjudged the winner. The 'Best Speaker' award was given to Sourabh Roy Chowdhury from Holy Child School (Jaipurguri). The event drew to a close at 2:30 p.m. with a Vote of Thanks delivered by the Vice-Principal P. Xavier Aangram. Overall, it was a day of excellent edification which provided food for thought to all involved.

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Glimpses of **Inter-School Debate & Chess Competition
and Inter-College Collage Competition - 2017**



DECORATION



MR. ASHOKE VISHWANATHAN



DEBATE



JUDGES



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AUDIENCE



PAINTING COMPETITION



Ritvi Norjee Bhutta
History Hons. Part - II

A painting competition was organized by the Department of History on 11th August, 2016 in our very own North Bengal St. Xavier's College campus. The theme for this event was '**Portraits of the Freedom Fighters and their Sacrifices in Freedom Movement**'. The theme 'Portraits of the Freedom Fighters and their Sacrifices in Freedom Movement' was aptly chosen to celebrate the 69th Independence Day. Students from all the departments were welcomed to take part in it and, there were about 15 students of different departments participated with their painting boxes and colours.



DEBATE COMPETITION



Sandhya Gupta
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For a healthy society, constructive debates are pivotal. We, the human race, though often argue and fight, but fail to make an impact (well in most of the cases). Yes! We fail to voice our thoughts because our thoughts are always guided by pre-conceived notion(s). So it is truly said, where there is a will there is a way. So, how do we inculcate the habit of putting forth our views and moreover to defend it....The answer is, through debates.

The Department of History of North Bengal St. Xavier's College has always taken this thought seriously, of



Department of English Poetry Recitation Competition - 2016

"Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings; it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquillity."

-William Wordsworth



Purbasha Paul
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The Department of English organized a poem recitation competition on 10th November 2016. Students from all the years participated in the event. The poems ranged from Rabindranath Tagore's *The Golden Boat* to Maya Angelou's *Still I Rise*. Uddipna Narjinary

and Sana Abrar came up with self composed poems titled Friendship and Risk. The contestants were judged on the basis of their choice of poem, clarity, diction, intonation and stage presence. Purbasha Paul from 2nd year Honours got the 2nd position and Sharon Lepcha from 1st year Honours emerged the winner with her thundering recitation of *Still I Rise*. Mr. Jayjit Sarkar, Coordinator of the English Department, handed away the prizes to the winners.

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POETRY RECITATION COMPETITION OF 2018

Organized by Dept of English



What else can be more refreshing than some soulful presentations of deeply felt emotions in the form of poetry? It was rightly done on 13th September by the department of English, North Bengal Saint Xavier's College where a poetry recitation competition was organized.

That, so much depth is nurtured in young minds, it would have not been exposed, had the recitation competition didn't take place. It started with an exceptionally clear orientation speech delivered by Dr. Pavanbir Kaur, who with her standalone prowess to implicitly deliver even the hardest of rules and regulations politely and clearly, did the same as eloquently as ever. Among the teachers apart from Dr. Pavanbir Kaur, Mr. Soumydip Ghosh, Rajashree Bagchi, and Mrs. Anisha Ghosh Paul were there to grace the day!

The competition was started by Saikat Mandal from Part 1 with he, giving a brief explanation of what led him to start writing. To everyone's surprise, he recited a really short yet subtle poetry titled "Forgive Her."

Neelanjana Sinha from Part 2 occupied the stage, next. She presented a breathtaking poem by Rupi Kaur titled "I'm taking my body back"

where she absolutely nailed the lyrics with a brilliant show of emotional body language and beautiful composition.

Regina Guru from Part 2 recited next to Nilanjana. She presented the already wonderful composition of Rudyard Kipling, 'If,' in a beautiful way.

Apsara Dasgupta from Part 2 gave her best with her self-composed matured and profound content titled "The clock is ticking 25."

Swarnashlok Chakraborty, from Part 3 came up with his self-composed set of powerful emotions under the title, "I saw her making a dream."

The winner of last year's poetry recitation competition- Saptarshi Guha, from Part 1 presented his much matured and carefully articulated poetry titled "Poetry for the damned."

Last but no way the least, Sharon Lepcha from Part 3 narrated her self-composed poetry titled "Introduction to Kamala Das" where she vividly bring forth Kamal Dases undeterred imagery to the feminine heart.

After all the beautifully recited poems, the gathering prepared for the next awaited event, Departmental seminar.

A Day of Remembrance: The Poetry Recitation Competition

Organised by Dept. of English



If essence of words had to be aesthetics to portray a scenario as vivid as a picture, then, words of poetry be it. However, the literal appreciation of every feeling represented by an array of poets across generations through melodious representation of phrases in varying pitched tones focuses on the stories which were meant to bring back timeless expression, memories and beliefs. One such day of remembrance, celebration and acknowledgement was on the 9th of November, 2019 when the Department of English organised a departmental Poetry Recitation Competition at NSSOC.

The day started with an aura of enthusiasm and celebration with students joyously decorating the display of the venue with artful handwriting, some nervously rehearsing lines from their favourite poets. Not only did students from the first and third semesters of the department actively take part through participation, the entire event was kept alive and cheerful by the non-participant students who passively took part as the audience. The event started sharp at 10 a.m. with the Hon'ble judges, Professor Rupali Bagchi and Professor Saumyadi Ghosh who re-briefed the participants on the criteria of the competition. The participants were judged on the basis of parameters like, a well presented introduction based on the poem selected by the participant, the style of recitation and also on the basis of pronunciation of words. An array of poets were celebrated and remembered through recitation of their remarkable pieces of poetry, some of these poets remain Robert Frost, William Wordsworth, Rabindranath Tagore and P.B. Shelley. After all

the participants presented their performances, the judges declared their scores and remarks for each student after which the winners and the runner ups were awarded by Professor Anindita Sarker and judges with traditional khadas and wrapped presents. All the participants were also presented with certificates of appreciation and with immense joy and applause, the event was wound up. The core cause of the organisation of the competitive event was very minimal yet important. Being students of English literature, coming in close contact to poetry is not uncommon. But what we do not get to do always is acknowledging eminent poets who have not only contributed to the legacy of literature but also enshrined within us a sense of intricate emotion, a sense of understanding and a peep into the ongoing. The 9th of November was one such day for the Xaverians because another successful event was added to the list.

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XAVIER'S CANVAS



Manisha Saha, Dept. of Microbiology - I



Prema Rai, Dept. of BSC - General - III



Manisha Saha, Dept. of Microbiology - I



Koushik Dey, Dept. of Microbiology - I



Manisha Saha, Dept. of Microbiology - I



Koushik Dey, Dept. of Microbiology - I



X-Cellence Day and Adieu to the Final Batch



Prof. Sanchet Ray Mukherjee, the Dean of the Faculty Council of PG studies in Arts, Commerce and Law, was the Guest of Honour of the day

Mr. Abhishek Tawary, the DM of Jalpaiguri and the Chief Guest of the day, addressing the audience



'X-Cellence Day'

Mr. Rajarshi Bagchi, (Asst. Prof, Dept. of English)



V.C.'s visit to NBSXC



Release of "Expressions", standing from right:

Dr. Subiresh Bhattacharya (V.C., NBU),

Fr. Dr. Lalit Tirkey (Principal, NBSXC) and

Mr. Soumyadip Ghosh

(Chief Editor of 'Expressions')

NBSXC (Rajganj) celebrated 'X-Cellence Day' in style on 26th February, 2019. The programme was presided over by the Chief Guest Dr. Subiresh Bhattacharyya (V.C., NBU), the Guest of Honour Mr. Subhashis Ghosh (Q.S.D. & Deputy Secretary to Chief Minister, Govt. of W.B.), the Special Guest Mr. Kishor Saha (President, Press Club of North Bengal & Founder-Director of 'Khabar Samay'), and the Sisters of the Holy Cross

School. The day began with Principal Fr. Dr. Lalit Tirkey listing the achievements of the students and staff in the annual college report. It was followed by the engaging speeches of the honourable guests, release of the college magazine "Expressions 2018-19", and felicitation of faculty members—Dr. Pavanbir Kaur (English) and Dr. Biprakash K. Tiwary (Microbiology)—for being recently awarded with PhD. A string of awards was then conferred to the professionally successful alumni, UG and PG University Toppers, Class Toppers in University exam and internal evaluations, and to achievers in Social Service Cell, NSS and other co-curricular activities. Saraswati Vandana by Samarthita Dutta & Group, violin recital by Shreyashi Dhar Sharma, Nepali dance by Aishwarya Thapa & Group, and folk dance by AICUF students added vibrant colours to the proceedings. The programme drew to a close with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Vice Principal Fr. Xavier and the College Anthem. The entire event was ably hosted by Dr. Kaur and Ms. Gurpreet Kaur (P-III, English Hons). "X-Cellence Day, 2019" marks a new high in the quest for excellence undertaken by NBSXC.

Pre-Christmas Celebration

Saikat Mandal (Sem-2, Dept. of English)



Teachers and students of North Bengal St. Xavier's College, Raiganj, organized a Pre-Christmas celebration on 22nd December on the college premises. It was also a day to bid farewell to the former Principal, Fr. Dr. Joseph Victor, and to welcome the new Principal, Fr. Dr. Lalit Tirkey. The programme was conducted by Dr. Pavanbir Kaur, coordinator of the English Department, who also gave the Christmas Message.

Along with the farewell and welcome songs for the old and new Principals, gospel songs in Bengali and Nepali were also a part of the programme. A nativity play depicting the Birth of Christ was put up by the AICUP wing of the college. Carol singing by the AICUP students along with energetic Santa distributing toffees created merriment and mirth all around. It was preceded by the cutting



of the Christmas cake and gift-sharing among the staff members of the college. The programme ended with a bang with the college boys' band, 'Pralay', taking stage and belting out foot-tapping numbers. The day's proceedings came to a close with the Vice Principal Fr. Xavier's endnote which underlined love and compassion as being the essence of Christmas.



NATIONAL INTEGRATION DAY



Persis Mukhia
Coordinator, NSS

The NSS wing of North Bengal St. Xavier's College, Raiganj celebrated National Integration Day on 19th November, 2016 in the college campus. On this occasion Ms. Persis Mukhia, NSS Coordinator, welcomed everyone. Dibyan Lama from 3rd year Science spoke on the importance of unity and love in everyday life. Father Dennis Soosai SJ, Vice Principal (Commerce



and BBA) stressed on the need to celebrate diversity. Mrs. Aparna Chatterjee, Vice Principal (Science and Arts) spoke on the need to spread goodwill and congratulated the NSS team for their efforts.

An exhibition cum sale of handmade products added colour to the event. Food stalls and game zone were crowd-pullers, bringing people together in a spirit of joy and love. A unity in diversity was exemplified through vibrant regional costumes worn by the students. The entire proceeds from the event will go to the NSS fund.

National Yoga Day

On December 11, 2014, the 193 member United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) approved the proposal by consensus with a record 177 co-sponsoring countries a resolution to establish 21st June as "International Day of Yoga". In its resolution, the UNGA recognised that Yoga provides a holistic approach to health and well-being and wider dissemination of information about the benefits of practicing Yoga for the health of the world population. Yoga also brings harmony in all walks of life and thus, is known for disease prevention, health promotion and management of many lifestyle related disorders.

As per the instruction provided by the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) North Bengal St. Xavier's College organised two days Yoga Awareness and Training Camp for the students and staff of the college to mark the International Day of Yoga. This program intended to create awareness among people and community to get harmony and peace through Yoga. Yoga refers to an inner science comprising of a variety of methods through which human beings can achieve union between the body and mind to attain self-realisation.





On 16th February 2016 North Bengal St. Xavier's College, Rajganj celebrated International Mother Language Day (Sanyog-2016) in collaboration with Bengali Literary Society of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. Mr. Snehashish Sur, Vice President, St. Xavier's College Alumni Association along with three students from Kolkata St. Xavier's participated in the programme. The torch that started its journey from Dhaka University was

brought and lighted at NBSXC and culmination of which was at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata on 20th Feb, 2016.

The teachers and the students of NBSXC payed tribute to their cultural roots by performing Baul song, Oraon Song, Hindi Poem, Santhali dance and Nepali Dance during the occasion.

Rev. Fr. William Bourke was felicitated on this programme for his contribution to Nepali Language. Fr. Bourke mentioned that today was a special day as he was invited for an International Reminder of the need to preserve Mother Tongue which is fast disappearing around the world.

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INTER-COLLEGE COMPETITION ON **75th** Anniversary of NETAJI'S GREAT ESCAPE



Sanskriti Rai
Student, Department
of Zoology

BBA of Siliguri campus participated from NBSXC accompanied by Ms. Soumya Mitra, Coordinator, Department of Geography.

On the 16th of November, 2016, Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal celebrated the 75th Anniversary of **Netaji's Great Escape** at Maynaguri College. Different district-level competitions such as essay-writing, quiz, collage, drawing, extempore and debate were held to commemorate the day.

A team of eight students- Sanskriti Rai, Dhritabrata Karmakar, Bicky Dutta, Meghna Sharma, Passang D Sherpa all from Zoology Honours, Karma Diki Bhutia from Sociology Honours, Jessica Lepcha and Akash Kujur from

The programme turned out to be a rewarding for St. Xavier team. Sanskriti Rai won second position in the essay writing competition. The quiz team secured third position while both the debate teams bagged the first and second position. The debate team headed by Passang D Sherpa and Sanskriti Rai won the first position, and Jessica Lepcha and Akash Kujur were awarded second. Trophies and certificate of participation were given out to the participants at the end of the programme. The winners and runners up were also selected for the State-level Competition.





Hostel Day Celebration

Mingma Wangdi Sherpa, *Sociology Honours, 3rd year student*

One of the most anxiously awaited occasions for the Xavier Boys' Hostel is the day we celebrate our Hostel Day. The idea of celebrating the brotherhood and the unity among the hostellers, despite being diverse, and the very bond that makes us one, are what that makes us to dedicate a day to

celebrate our Hostel Day.

Great excitement and hurried activities were visible all around. Preparations for the programme had started much earlier. To begin with our entire hostel family was divided into four groups: Cavalry, Wolves, Brothers and Conquerors and played football, volleyball, basketball and carom

