

# St. Xavier's College Jaipur

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# Understanding the NEP 2020 Policy and its Implementation

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#### **Capacity Building Initiatives**

St. Xavier's College Jaipur is a renowned educational institution known for its commitment to achieving excellence in teaching and learning. In line with this commitment and in response to the recent introduction of the National Education Policy (NEP), the college has embarked on a distinctive journey to incorporate NEP principles into its academic practices. To spearhead the integration of NEP 2020 into the college's operations starting from the 2023-24 academic year, the college administration formed the NEP Task Force Committee. This committee's primary role is to thoroughly study the NEP and provide guidance to the faculty members on its successful implementation.

With this objective, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell in collaboration with NEP Task Force Committee of St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, has orchestrated a sequence of workshops centered around the National Education Policy 2020. This initiative fostered around various dimensions like understanding NEP in detail and its effective implementation in affiliated colleges, with detailed understanding of curriculum framing, credit framework etc. These workshops aimed to help faculty members understand and effectively implement NEP, covering curriculum design, pedagogy, evaluation methods, and a shift towards a holistic education approach.

St. Xavier's College Jaipur's pioneering effort to implement NEP in the current academic session underscores the institution's unwavering commitment to remain at the forefront of educational progress by diligently preparing its faculty members for the future of education.





# Embracing NEP 2020: An Educational Initiative

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is an education policy introduced in India that aims to bring about significant reforms in the country's education system. It was approved by the Union Cabinet of India on July 29, 2020. The policy is designed to replace the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 and its subsequent modifications.

### Key features and objectives of the NEP 2020, related to higher education are as follows:

- Holistic Education: The policy emphasizes a shift from traditional learning to a more holistic learning with a multidisciplinary approach. It aims to promote critical thinking, creativity, and problemsolving skills among students.
- Multidisciplinary Approach: Encourages multidisciplinary education and flexibility in choosing subjects. Students will have the freedom to select subjects across streams, including arts, sciences, and vocational subjects.
- Vocational Education: The policy seeks to integrate vocational education into mainstream education, allowing students to acquire practical skills alongside theoretical knowledge.

- Higher Education: It envisions a more flexible and multidisciplinary higher education system. It recommends the introduction of a four-year undergraduate program with multiple exit options and a common entrance exam for universities.
- Technology Integration: It emphasizes the use of technology in education, including online resources, digital classrooms, and e-learning platforms.
- Assessment Reforms: The policy suggests moving away from a rigid examination-focused system and adopting a more comprehensive and continuous assessment approach.
- Equity and Inclusion: It focuses on bridging gaps in education access and quality, particularly among disadvantaged and marginalized groups.
- Regulatory Bodies: The policy proposes the establishment of a single overarching regulatory body for the entire higher education sector, replacing multiple existing regulatory authorities.

It aims to transform India's education system to meet the demands of the 21st century and promote holistic development among students. It has been met with both praise and criticism, and its successful implementation remains a significant challenge.



### **Principal's Message**

Prof. (Fr.) S. Xavier SJ

It fills us with immense pride to announce the launch of the

inaugural newsletter from the Internal Quality Assurance Cell. The academic year 2023-24 will be leading us into a structural shift with the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020. However, as an institution committed to continuous improvement, we are resolute in our pursuit of excellence in pedagogy, research, holistic development, and innovation. This newsletter marks a significant stride in this ongoing journey, fostering the internalization and institutionalization of initiatives aimed at enhancing quality. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the IQAC for their dedicated efforts and extend my warmest congratulations on the successful publication of this newsletter.



### **IQAC Coordinator's Message**

Mr. Yashwardhan Singh

The launch of the IQAC newsletter represents a significant milestone in

its mission to align the institution's endeavours and strategies toward academic excellence. The IQAC is envisioned as an integral component of the college, leveraging the collective strengths of all its constituent units. As part of its mission to cultivate a comprehensive culture of quality within the college, the newsletter will play a crucial role in disseminating essential information about the college and its activities at regular intervals. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their unwavering support and collaboration in the publication of the inaugural IQAC newsletter. We eagerly await your feedback and suggestions, which we believe will contribute to the continued growth and enhancement of quality within the college.



### **Workshop on National Education Policy 2020**

#### 26 June 2023

St. Xavier's College Jaipur initiated a series of professional talks and workshops centered around the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) to start the new academic year. The primary objective of these sessions was to prepare and enhance the faculty's understanding of NEP 2020. The inaugural event, the Workshop on National Education Policy 2020, marked the commencement of this educational initiative. The workshop proved to be an enlightening and engaging experience for all participants.

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#### **Resource Person:**

**Professor B. Thimme Gowda**, former Vice Chairman of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Professor Department of Chemistry, Mangalore University, served as the distinguished resource person for the workshop.

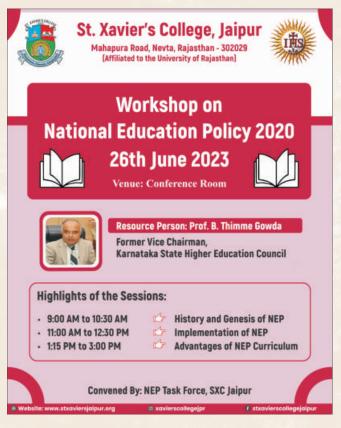
#### **About the Session:**

The workshop extensively covered various facets of NEP 2020, including its implementation, scope, objectives, and benefits. Professor B. Thimme Gowda shared invaluable insights into the origins and background of NEP, its evolution, and its overarching mission. He underscored the primary objectives of

NEP 2020, such as elevating the quality of education to meet global standards. The advantages of adopting NEP 2020 in the Indian education system were also elucidated, emphasizing its positive impact.

During the workshop, significant alterations brought about by NEP 2020 were discussed in detail. These included the introduction of a credit-based curriculum, which grants students greater flexibility in selecting courses and the freedom to enter and exit at various academic levels. NEP 2020 ushered in a multidisciplinary approach, integrating humanities, arts, commerce, science, and technology, alongside skill enhancement and value-based education. Professor Gowda stressed the crucial role of knowledge, skills, and values in shaping a robust education system. Concepts such as Project-based Learning (PBL), Multi-disciplinary Education &



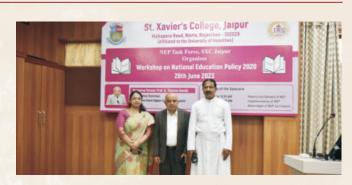


Research Universities (MERUs), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduates (CCFUP), and more were elucidated comprehensively.

St. Xavier's College expressed profound gratitude to Professor B. Thimme Gowda, one of the architects of NEP 2020, for his invaluable contribution to the workshop. The event provided an enriching and enlightening learning experience for all participants.



जयपुर @ पत्रिका प्लस. सेंट जेवियर्स कॉलेज, जयपुर में विभिन्न विषयों पर सीरीज के रूप में कार्यशालाओं का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। इसकी शुरूआत सोमवार को 'राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति-2020' पर आयोजित कार्यशाला से हुई। मुख्य वक्ता कर्नाटक राज्य उच्च शिक्षा परिषद के पूर्व उपाध्यक्ष प्रो. बी. थिम्मे गौड़ा ने नई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति के क्रियान्वयन और महत्व पर चर्चा की। प्रिंसिपल फादर जेवियर एसजे ने कहा कि छात्रों को गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से इस सत्र से कार्यशालाओं की यह शृंखला आयोजित की जा रही है।



Prof. (Fr.) S. Xavier SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College Jaipur, conceived and executed the program with the aim of delivering high-quality education and fostering holistic growth for all members of the Xavier's community. A key takeaway from the session was the urgent imperative of implementing the National Education Policy to nurture conscientious and responsible citizens across the nation. The first day of the workshop concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Shikha Arora Bakshi, Secretary of the NEP Taskforce, who succinctly summarized the day's learning experiences.

In summary, the Workshop on National Education Policy 2020 at St. Xavier's College Jaipur marked a promising commencement of a series of initiatives designed to align educational practices with the principles and objectives outlined in NEP 2020. The workshop effectively instilled a foundational understanding of NEP 2020 among the faculty and underscored its potential to revolutionize the Indian education system.





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## Navigating NEP 2020 for Enhanced Academic Excellence

27 June 2023

St. Xavier's College Jaipur, continued its commitment to fostering academic excellence by organizing a workshop tailored for the Science, Social Science, and Humanities departments. The day was marked by insightful discussions and practical insights aimed at aligning the curriculum with the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). The day commenced with Fr. Principal offering a concise recap of the preceding day's activities.

#### **Resource Person:**

**Prof. Fr. Dejus J. R.** Professor and Head of the Department of Multimedia at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata was the esteemed resource person of the day. Fr Dejus is an M. Sc. in Computer Animation from the





University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom. He has served as an Asst. Director and System Analyst in National Institute for Social Communication Research and Training (NISCORT), NCR-Delhi. The management and faculty members extended a warm welcome to Prof. Fr. Dejus.

### About the session:

#### Academic Curriculum Development for NEP 2020

The focal point of the second day revolved around the theme of Academic Curriculum Development for NEP 2020, with a specific emphasis on the fields of Science, Humanities, and Social Sciences. During the initial session of the day, participants engaged in an indepth exploration of the intricacies of the NEP framework. This included a comprehensive explanation of various course levels, ranging from UG certificates to master's degrees. The session also delved into the categorization of subjects, encompassing major, minor, multidisciplinary, ability enhancement, skill enhancement, and value-added courses. Additionally, the discussion covered minimum credit requirements within these levels and offered clarity on the distinctions between composite, theory, and practical papers.

In the subsequent session, Prof. Fr. Dejus elucidated various course templates for UG programs, including the 5-year integrated program. He provided a detailed breakdown of how credit allocation would be executed for different types of subjects and across various course levels. Notably, he highlighted that one theory credit equates to one hour of teaching, while one practical credit corresponds to two hours of teaching. Prof. Fr. Dejus emphasized that, beyond fulfilling the minimum credit requirements, students must undertake a mandatory summer internship as part of their exit criteria at any academic level.

The day concluded with an engaging group activity, where each department was tasked with crafting a draft curriculum for the first and second semesters of their respective subjects. Following this exercise, Prof. Fr. Dejus engaged in discussions with all departments, addressing their questions and concerns regarding the curriculum drafts.



The day's proceedings were aptly brought to a close with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Atiqa Kelsy, Assistant Professor in the Department of English. Her words of appreciation echoed the collective sentiment of gratitude for the invaluable insights gained during this enriching workshop.



## NEP 2020 and the School of Business: Exploring NEP's Influence on B.Com and BBA Syllabus

30 June 2023



St. Xavier's College Jaipur, conducted an enlightening workshop titled "NEP 2020 and the School of Business: Exploring NEP's Influence on B.Com and BBA Syllabus" on June 30, 2023. This workshop, graced with profound insights, brought to light the crucial implications of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) within the realm of business education.

**Resource Person:** 

He has a rich experience of teaching Business Mathematics and Statistics, he has also worked as an Instructor of Statistics in BITS–WIPRO Collaborative Programme: "MS in Software Engineering" conducted by Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani.

About the Session:

The esteemed speaker for this occasion was the **Prof. Sougata Banerjee**, the Dean of the Department conf Management Studies at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

Through an online session, Prof. Sougata Banerjee skillfully delivered a wealth of knowledge, emphasizing the critical parameters that institutions should consider when implementing NEP, especially within the context of commerce and business education. He





delved into major and minor disciplines, shedding light on their relevance to the field. With his expertise in shaping the NEP framework for business and commerce, he engaged the audience with a captivating discussion on the transformative role of a credit-based curriculum.

The session effectively highlighted the practicality of the NEP course curriculum, emphasizing the pivotal role of significant manuscripts in enhancing the quality of higher education. Prof. Sougata Banerjee also elucidated the semester-based paper structure employed at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, serving as a case study. Attendees gained valuable insights into the credit-based framework of NEP and its potential benefits.

The session concluded with a forward-looking overview of future plans and initiatives. Staff members gained a profound understanding of the immense significance of integrating NEP curriculum into business education. In the end, written feedback was collected from all staff members in attendance, providing a valuable gauge of their thoughts and impressions. This feedback will serve as a foundation for future endeavors in implementing NEP 2020 effectively.

In summary, the workshop underlined the transformative impact of NEP 2020 on Commerce and Management education. Prof. Sougata Banerjee's expert insights illuminated the path forward,



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### Workshop on National Education Policy 2020 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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#### **Highlights of the Sessions:**

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

NEP and it's significance towards School of Business

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM

Rationale of the Syllabus for BCOM and BBA



Resource Person: Prof. Sougata Banerjee Dean , Department of Management Studies, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.

**Convened By: Commerce and Business Administration Departments** 

emphasizing the practicality and significance of the NEP curriculum in shaping the future of commerce and business education.

### Web Designing and Social Media Publicity: Unlocking the Potential of Digital Presence

St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, embarked on a journey of exploring the nuances of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) through a series of enlightening sessions. On June 28, 2023, the college hosted a session dedicated to the world

of web designing and social media publicity. This insightful session aimed to equip attendees with a comprehensive understanding of web design, social media strategies, advertising, and the power of social

networking in an academic context.

#### **Resource Person:**

The session was led by the esteemed **Prof. Fr. Dejus J.R.**, who holds the position

of Professor and Head in the Department of Multimedia at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. His wealth of knowledge and expertise set the stage for an engaging exploration of digital

realms.

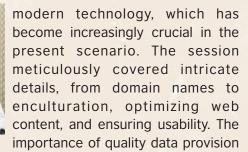
#### About the session:

The day commenced with a Morning Prayer led by Dr. Gurneet Kaur Suri, creating a serene atmosphere for focused learning. Rev. Fr. Xavier SJ, Principal of the college, extended a warm welcome and introduced Fr. Dejus as the resource person.

Fr. Dejus took the reins, guiding the staff through the realm of



28 June 2023



for the proper functioning of websites was underscored.

The discussion also ventured into the realm of social

media networking sites, delving into their advantages and disadvantages. Attendees gained valuable insights into harnessing the potential of social media for academic institutions. This workshop served as an interactive platform, encouraging participants to

explore new horizons in website development and digital presence for educational institutions.

The day's enlightening journey reached its conclusion with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by

Ms. Pushpanjali Saini, expressing gratitude for the knowledge and wisdom shared during the session.

In summary, the session on web designing and social media publicity, as part of the NEP 2020 series provided a valuable opportunity to unlock the potential of digital presence in the realm of education. Fr. Dejus J. R.'s expert guidance illuminated the path forward, emphasizing the significance of modern technology and social media strategies for academic institutions in the digital age.



### Exploring Jesuit Higher Education Characteristics

#### 4 July 2023

On July 4, 2023, another important session titled "Characteristics of Jesuit Higher Education," delved into the unique attributes and principles that form the foundation of Jesuit education.

#### **Resource Person:**

**Dr. Paul Newman**, the Principal of St. Joseph's Evening College, Bengaluru, served as the esteemed resource person for the session. He has taught



history for the past 25 years at various institutions in Bangalore. He is a prolific writer, researcher and speaker. He specializes in human rights related subjects and is also a Reviewer at State University of New York, USA apart from being a resource person at the UGC Academic Staff Colleges at Bangalore, Mysore and Calicut. He is also an Observer and participant at the UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland since 2012.

#### About the session:

The session commenced with a heartwarming prayer, setting a contemplative atmosphere, led by Dr. Mamta Pareek. It was followed by a formal welcome extended to Dr. Paul Newman by Dr. Ranjit Kaur and Mr. Rohan Thomas Cherian. Ms. Poorvi Medatwal provided an



engaging introduction, acquainting attendees with the distinguished resource person.

Dr. Paul Newman, with his affable demeanor, initiated the session on a light and humorous note. In the first half of the session, he navigated the history and contemporary relevance of Jesuit Education. Dr. Paul provided valuable insights into Jesuit Higher Education on a global and Indian scale, shedding light on the various initiatives undertaken by the Society of Jesus. He elucidated the six distinct regions within Jesuit Higher Education and expounded on the working groups of the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU), emphasizing their commitment to societal betterment.





Following a tea break, Dr. Paul Newman continued by exploring the mission and purposes of Jesuit Higher Education and the underlying Jesuit Educational Philosophy. He delved into the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) comprising context, experience, reflection, action, and evaluation. These stages succinctly encapsulated the pedagogical essentials, skill sets, and roles of educators and students, aligning with the ideals of global citizenship.

In the post-lunch session, Dr. Paul Newman meticulously unpacked the characteristics of Jesuit education, providing comprehensive insights into each facet. He illuminated the cultural values fostered by Jesuit Education, emphasizing mottos such as MAGIS, men for and with others, cura personalis, unity (of heart, mind, and soul), Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (for the greater glory of God), and the formation and education of agents of change. Dr. Paul also discussed the cultivation of discernment, reflection, and core values within Jesuit education. The session culminated with a reaffirmation of the Universal Apostolic Preferences and a description of the profile of a Jesuit pupil.

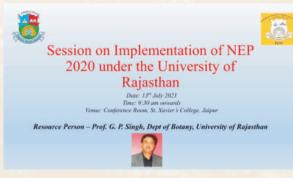
The day's enlightening session came to an official close with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Denny Shaji, expressing gratitude for the invaluable knowledge shared during the day. The session was successfully convened through the collaborative efforts of AICUF, Eco-Friendly Club, and Rovers and Rangers, highlighting the spirit of cooperation within the institution.



# Session on NEP 2020: Implementation in Affiliated Colleges of the University of Rajasthan

13 July 2023

On July 13, 2023, an illuminating session on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in affiliated colleges was scheduled, organised by IQAC at St. Xavier's College, Jaipur.



framework. Prof. Singh detailed the university's concerted efforts to align curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment methods with the policy's guidelines, ensuring a seamless transition. Attendees gained insights into the outline of a three/four-year undergraduate program, along with credit requirements at each level of the

**Resource Person:** 

**Prof. G. P. Singh**, the distinguished Nodal Officer for NEP from the Department of Botany at the University of Rajasthan, took center stage as the resource person. This insightful session was designed to elucidate the university's framework for NEP and

foster an interactive dialogue through questions and answers with faculty members.



#### About the session:

#### **Rajasthan University's NEP Framework**

Prof. G. P. Singh initiated the session by providing a glimpse into the University of Rajasthan's unique framework for implementing NEP 2020. He shed light on how this framework differs from the draft proposed by the state government and the actual NEP

program. Additionally, Prof. Singh elaborated on the examination pattern and its implementation at the college level.

The session fostered active participation from the attendees through a dynamic question-and-answer segment. Faculty members seized the opportunity to seek clarification on doubts, gain guidance on effectively implementing NEP 2020 in their colleges, and share their experiences and challenges. Prof. Singh, with patience and expertise, addressed each query, offering valuable insights and practical suggestions.

In conclusion, the session proved to be an informative and engaging event, serving as a vital platform for participants to comprehend the university's NEP implementation framework. It also facilitated a productive discourse on the challenges and opportunities associated with the policy. Such sessions play a pivotal role in disseminating crucial information and nurturing collaboration among educational institutions, thereby contributing to the successful implementation of NEP 2020.



### **Details of the University of Rajasthan's NEP Framework**

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

Year	Semester	Subject 1/ Discipline 1	Subject 2/ Discipline 2	Subject 3/ Discipline 2	Subject 4/ Discipline 2	Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	Value Added Courses Common for all UG	Summer Internship	Research Project / Dissertation	Minimum Credit (For the Semester)	Cumulative Minimum Credit required for Certificate / Diploma / Degree
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		Own Faculty	Own Faculty	Own Faculty / Other Faculty	Other Faculty	- 1.5			-			
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Source : University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

## Activities and Achievements (March to June)

#### **Joining of New Principal**

#### 2 March 2023

In the illustrious history of our educational institution, moments of profound change and renewal stand as significant milestones. St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, proudly announces the appointment of our new Principal, Rev. Fr. Prof. Xavier Savarimuthu, SJ—a man of remarkable learning, deep commitment to research, and extensive experience in educational leadership. This appointment marks a transformative moment in our journey, while also allowing us to celebrate the successful tenure of Rev. Fr. Dr. Rex Angelo, who has gracefully concluded his term, ensuring a seamless transition of responsibilities.

A formal handover ceremony took place at the college, during which Fr. Dr. Arokya Swamy SJ, Manager, St. Xavier's College Jaipur officially transferred the role of Principal to Fr. Prof. S. Xavier SJ



in a brief session in the conference room. The event was attended by all college management and staff members. Subsequently, the new Principal, along with the college staff and management, proceeded to the Principal's Office to officially assume his responsibilities.

#### Farewell Program: 'Spring Sojourn'

#### 4 March 2023

St. Xavier's College Jaipur orchestrated a Farewell Ceremony on March 4th, themed "Spring Sojourn," to



bid a heartfelt farewell to the graduating class of 2022-23. The event initiated with a warm welcome extended to both dignitaries and students alike. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Rev. Prof. (Fr.) S. Xavier SJ, Principal, and Rev. Dr. (Fr.) Raymond Cherubin SJ, Vice Principal, St. Xavier's College Jaipur. A variety of clubs and societies from the college showcased their talents during the ceremony, including Xavier's Music Society, Xavier Theatre Society, Xavier's Dance Society, and Xavier's Fashion Club. These performances infused vibrant colors into the event. Furthermore, Ms. Aparna Joshi, President of Xavier's Alumni Association,

and Mr. Madhukar Nayat, the Students' Council President also shared their thoughts with the audience on this occasion. As a token of appreciation, students from the outgoing batch received a range of awards, both formal and informal, recognizing their outstanding performances over the past three years. Ms. Akriti Agarwal from the Business Administration Department was honored as the Xavierite of the Year. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by the Joint Secretaries, and the cherished moments were captured through a group photograph. In summary, the event was a delightful occasion, leaving the students brimming with happiness and enthusiasm throughout.

#### CS Department Alumni Meet 2023: 'Rendezvous 23'

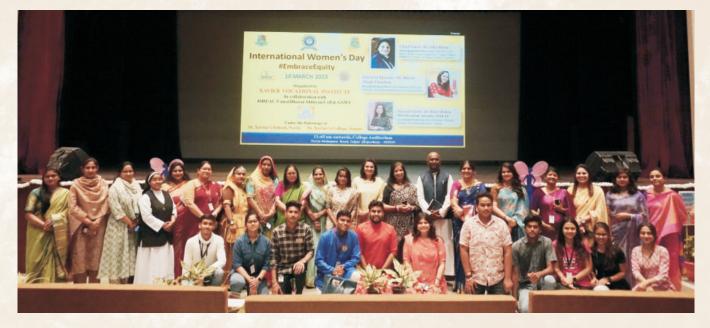
#### 9 March 2023

The Computer Science Department Alumni Meet for the year 2023, themed "It's Time to Reminisce," was held on the 9th of March. The event brought together former students and faculty of the department to rekindle old memories and reconnect with their alma mater. The event commenced with a warm and welcoming address by the head of the department, who expressed gratitude for the alumni's presence and their valuable contributions to the institution. Alumni members shared anecdotes and experiences from their time at the college, evoking nostalgia and laughter. There were interactive sessions where alumni engaged in discussions with current students, providing insights into their respective career paths and offering valuable guidance and advice. The event featured cultural performances by current students, which added a vibrant and festive atmosphere to the reunion. The Alumni Meet provided a platform for alumni to reconnect with old friends, mentors, and peers. Many attendees took advantage of this opportunity to network, exchange contact information, and discuss potential collaborations or future events. As the day came to a close, the overwhelming sentiment was one of gratitude and nostalgia. The Alumni Meet provided an opportunity for all attendees to reflect on their journey from students to professionals and to celebrate the strong and enduring ties that bind them to their beloved college.

#### **International Women's Day Celebration**

#### 10 March 2023

The International Women's Day celebration was organized by the ISREAC/UBA Cell & XVI, Nevta, in collaboration with the Gender Study and Women's Cell (GSWC) on 10th March in the college. The celebration was graced by the presence of three distinguished women, each of whom has made significant contributions to their respective fields. They are as follows: Alka Batra, Managing Director of Aegis Jobs Pvt. Ltd. Alka Batra, a prominent figure in the corporate world, shared her insights and experiences as the Managing Director of Aegis Jobs Pvt. Ltd. Her success story served as an inspiration for aspiring women entrepreneurs and professionals. Ms. Batra highlighted the importance of women's empowerment in the business sector and encouraged more women to take on leadership roles. Bharti Singh Chauhan,





President's Award Recipient: Honored with the President's Award from the 100 Women Achievers of India, was celebrated for her outstanding contributions to social causes and her exemplary role as a changemaker. Ms. Chauhan's address focused on the need for women to step up as leaders and advocates for change in society. Her journey and accomplishments were truly inspirational. Dr. Ritu Mehra, Assistant Professor at Shri Bhawani Niketan Mahila PG Mahavidyalaya: Dr. Ritu Mehra, an accomplished academic, shared her perspectives on women's education and the role of women in academia. Dr. Mehra emphasized the importance of education as a means to empower women and bring about positive changes in society. The program was attended by the staff and students at the college and women from the adopted villages to celebrate the accomplishments of women and advocated for gender equality.

### 2nd National Symposium 23: 'The Impact of Socio-economic Policies on Global Development'

#### 13-14 March 2023

St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, in collaboration with its Research and Project Committee, Innovation & Incubation Cell, and Intellectual Property Rights Committee, conducted the 2nd National Symposium on "The Impact of Socio-economic Policies on Global Development" from March 13 to 14, 2023, under the aegis of IQAC. This event was conducted online and aimed to instill research values and methodologies among students. The symposium commenced with welcome remarks from dignitaries, including Fr. Dr. Raymond Cherubin SJ, Vice Principal, and Fr. Dr. Amaldass SJ, Dean of Research and Development. Dr. Vaishali Singh, the symposium's convenor, highlighted the importance of research in academic growth and provided an overview of the symposium, which received 17 paper presentations and engaged more than 45 students. The 4th edition of 'Inquest,' the research project book for 2021-22 with an ISBN number, was unveiled during the event. Dr. Tanushree Sharma from Manipal University Jaipur conducted a workshop on research methodology, covering research design, literature review, sampling methods, and more. The second day featured a handson workshop on data analysis using MS Excel, led by Dr. Tanushree Sharma. The valedictory ceremony included Father Raymond Cherubin's address, recognition of the best paper presentation, a program report by Ms. Anjali Pareek, and a vote of thanks from Dr. Ankita Rathore. A total of 45 plus students from various disciplines actively participated in the symposium over two days.

### Anandam Day: 'An Exercise in Trusteeship and an Act of Community Participation'

#### 14 March 2023

The Life Skill Enhancement and Anandam Cell of St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, organized Anandam Day on the 14th of March 2023, online through google meet. The event was graced by the benign presence of Rev. Fr. Dr. Raymond Cherubin SJ, Vice Principal, St Xavier's College, Jaipur. Dr. Nitasha Khatri, Teacher Coordinator Anandam Cell, briefed about Anandam day and projects. Students from various departments joined and presented the projects on social concerns such as the impact of COVID-19 on economic status, maintaining a healthy neighborhood, opportunities for the transgender community, the effect of factory effluents on surroundings, and financial literacy in rural areas. Dr. Rama Hirawat gave the concluding remarks and appreciated student participation. The biggest takeaway of the event was 'joy of giving and sharing' which leads to the greatest satisfaction and also cultivates a healthy society.

#### Annual Sports Prize Distribution Ceremony

#### 16 March 2023

St. Xavier's College Jaipur's Sports and Yoga Club convened an "Annual Sports Prize Distribution Ceremony" on March 16, 2023, with the objective of acknowledging and celebrating the dedication and excellence of the college's exceptional athletes. The ceremony commenced with a ceremonial lamp



lighting by esteemed guests. Subsequently, Rev Fr. Dr. Arokya Swamy, the Rector and Manager of St. Xavier's College Jaipur, extended a warm welcome through his address. The prize distribution promptly ensued after this motivating speech, comprising three rounds to honor students across various categories for the year 2022-23. Towards the conclusion of the event, the champions who secured the prestigious trophy were announced. Following the award announcement, the sports secretary delivered a comprehensive report and expressed gratitude on behalf of the club. The ceremony concluded with the rendition of the national anthem.

### World Water Day Celebration: 'Accelerating Change'

#### 22 March 2023

On the occasion of World Water Day, observed on the 22nd of March 2023, St. Xavier's College Jaipur organized a water awareness drive named "Accelerating Change" within the college campus. The event was orchestrated by the Water Management Unit of the SAP Committee, and its primary objective was to raise awareness among the students, faculty, and visitors about the vital importance of water for all life on Earth. The day commenced with a morning prayer centered around the theme "Save Water." Following the prayer, everyone present, including students, teachers, and visitors, made a pledge to actively contribute to water conservation efforts. The event featured a compelling speech by Rev. Dr. (Fr.) Raymond Cherubin SJ, the Vice-Principal of St. Xavier's College where he emphasized the critical role that water plays in sustaining life and urged everyone to be mindful of its preservation. To further engage the college community in the cause, eye-catching posters bearing the message "Save Water" were prominently displayed on the college campus notice boards. These posters served as a constant visual reminder of the significance of water conservation. Educational Video: An informative video highlighting the importance of water was screened at the reception area of the college. This multimedia presentation effectively conveyed the message of water conservation, providing valuable insights into its crucial role in our daily lives.

# Session on 'Importance of Research in Higher Education'

#### 25 March 2023

Xavier's Research and Publication Cell (XRPC) conducted a Faculty Development Training Program on the Importance of Research in Higher Education on March 25, 2023, in the Conference Room. The program comprised three sessions, with the first two featuring Rev. Fr. Prof. S. Xavier SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College Jaipur, and Dr. Shivakumar T C, University Librarian at St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, who joined online to provide insights into Research and Plagiarism Tools for Publication.



platform for research dissemination. Additionally, it was announced that five Turnitin licenses would be acquired for faculty members' use.

The second session involved faculty members reading and summarizing an article on Academic Integrity and Research Quality. This was followed by an interactive discussion on new research quality assessment parameters and good academic research practices. The session concluded with an in-depth examination of predatory journals and preventive measures against them.

The third session, conducted online by Dr. Shivakumar T C, provided step-by-step guidance on using Turnitin. This practical training proved extremely valuable for faculty members in enhancing the quality of their research work.

#### **University Practical Exams**

#### 13 April - 26 May 2023

Within the realm of education, teaching and evaluation hold significant importance, and the Examination Cell plays a pivotal role in the evaluation process. The core responsibility of the Examination Cell is to organize all examinations, including both internal and external practical exams, in an equitable and organized manner, adhering to the directives of the College Administration. The examination policy stipulates the conduction of university practical examination, for all students (UG & PG) in all the practical subjects offered by the college.

In the initial session titled 'Research and Publication for NEP Curriculum in Higher Education,' Rev. Fr. Prof. S. Xavier SJ emphasized the significance of research and publication in prestigious journals. He discussed various journal categories, including SCOPUS, SSCI Journals, AHCI Journals, and UGC Care Journals, highlighting it as a global research pathway. He also cautioned against predatory journals and recommended Web of Science as another reputable



In the 2022-23 academic session, the Examination Cell successfully conducted one internal examination. The initial internal examination took place offline in January 2023, with results declared in the same month. The Cell also adhered to the University of Rajasthan's regulations and rules, conducting university practical exams for various subjects between April 13 and May 26, 2023 with the help of external examiners appointed by the University and the concerned department of the college.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day Celebration

#### 21 June 2023

The 9<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day celebration was organized by Sports and Yoga Club of St. Xavier's College Jaipur on June 21, 2023. The event commenced with a warm welcome to the participants, where they were introduced to the significance of International Yoga Day. Dr. Ajay Dandotiya, the coordinator of the Sports and Yoga Club led the session. He initiated the yoga session by imparting insights into the practice of yoga and its relevance in our daily lives.

During the session, Dr. Dandotiya guided participants through fundamental standing asanas such as Ardhakatichakrasana, Tad Aasan, Vrikshasana, Trikonasana, and various seated asanas including Sukh Aasan, Vajrasana, Ardha Matsyendrasana. Additionally, participants were introduced to asanas addressing common issues like digestion, spondylitis, back pain, and common cold, followed by pranayama exercises. The session concluded with a 3-minute meditation and a closing prayer.

A total of 64 participants attended the session, including 24 faculty members and 40 members from Xavier's Vocational Institute. Ms. Sunita Choudhary expressed gratitude with a vote of thanks, which was followed by a refreshment session.





### Academic Calendar (March to June 2023)

		March 2023				
DATE	DAY	PARTICULARS	Cell/Club/Committee/Dept			
2	Thu	Handover-Takeover Ceremony for New Principal	Management			
4	Sat	Farewell Program	Students' Council			
9	Thu	Annual Alumni Meet - Rendezvous '23	Dept. of Comp. Sc.			
10	Fri	International Women's Day Celebration	ISREAC Cell and GSWC			
13	Mon	National Symposium 2022-23	RPC			
14	Tue	National Symposium 2022-23	RPC			
		Anandam Day Celebration	LSEAC			
16	Thu	Annual Sports Prize Distribution Ceremony	Sports & Yoga Club			
22	Wed	World Water Day - Water Management Awareness Drive	SAP			
25	Sat	FDTP on Importance of Research in Higher Education	XRPC			
		April 2023				
DATE	DAY	PARTICULARS	Cell/Club/Committee/Dept			
13	Thu	University Theory and Practical Examination 2023	Exam Cell			
		June 2023				
DATE	DAY	PARTICULARS	Cell/Club/Committee/Dept			
5	Mon	World Environment Day	SAP & Eco Friendly Club			
21	Wed	International Yoga Day Celebration	Sports & Yoga Club			
24	Sat	Session on Role of ICT & Library in HE by Dr. Shivakumar, TC, Librarian, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru	Library Committee			
26	Mon	Session on NEP 2020 by Prof. B. Thimme Gowda, Former Vice Chairman, KSHEC, Bengaluru	NEP Taskforce			
27	Tue	Academic Curriculum Development for NEP 2020 by Fr Dejus F.R., Head, Dept of Multimedia, St. Xavier's College (Aut), Kolkata	Science, Social Sc, and Arts Dept			
28	Wed	Web Designing, Social Media Advertising and Social Networking for Academic Institutions by Fr Dejus F.R., Head, Dept of Multimedia, St. Xavier's College (Aut), Kolkata	Science, Social Sc, and Arts Dept			
30	Fri	NEP and its Significance for Commerce & Management by Prof. Sougata Banerjee, Dean, Dept of Management Studies, SXC Kolkata	Commerce & Management Dept			

May 2023 - Summer Vacation

### **Embracing Visionary Leadership: Beginning of a New Era**

In the annals of our educational institution's history, there come moments of profound change and renewal, and today, we stand at the threshold of one such transformative moment. It is with great pride and excitement we are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Principal, Rev. Fr. Prof. Xavier Savarimuthu, SJ, a man of remarkable learning, a profound commitment to research, and a wealth of experience in educational leadership. Rev. Fr. Prof. S. Xavier, SJ, a distinguished and highly accomplished individual known for his extensive knowledge, research orientation, and rich experience in educational leadership, brings with him a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to education. His academic background and achievements underscore his qualifications for this important role. He holds a Doctorate in Environment Science from University of Kalyani, India and has earned recognition for his contributions to academia. He is widely acclaimed for his research contributions, with numerous publications in reputed journals and participation in significant research projects. Prior to his appointment as Principal, he served in various leadership roles such as Research Director, St. Joseph's University Bengaluru and Head, Dept of Environment Studies, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata.

Our Management is confident that under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Prof. S. Xavier, SJ, our institution will continue to flourish, uphold its values, and pursue excellence in education and research. As we look to



the future, we are filled with optimism and enthusiasm and anticipate an era of innovation, growth, and a continued dedication to our core values. Together, as a united educational community, we shall march forward towards new horizons, with our new principal as our guiding light.

#### **About SXCJ IQAC**

St. Xavier's College Jaipur primarily works towards delivering quality and holistic education and getting NAAC accreditation (first cycle) is another step in this direction. Thus, for preparing the institution towards accreditation IQAC was constituted in May 2018. Since quality enhancement is a continuous process, the IQAC is responsible for addressing the need of quality and maintaining it as our commitment to excellence at Xavier's. In keeping with the Jesuit heritage and identity, the prime task of the IQAC is to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the academic and administrative

> performance of the institution. This can be achieved by cultivating the capacity and inculcating the reflective and critical thought, creativity, research and innovation in its main stakeholders, that is the staff and students of St. Xavier's College. IQAC also aims to





identify and cultivate the talent and potential of both staff and students, which will go towards strengthening the vision and mission of the college.

#### Vision of IQAC

To establish and foster a culture of excellence in the institution, focused on quality in all aspects

#### **Mission of IQAC**

- To streamline and formalize the institution's actions and strategies to achieve academic excellence
- To serve as the catalyst for instilling quality, addressing shortcomings, and elevating overall quality standards



### Newsletter (Issue 1) Coordinator's Message

Dr. Shikha Arora Bakshi

Dear Readers,

We are delighted to welcome you to the inaugural issue of our National Education Policy (NEP) Newsletter. This marks the beginning of our journey to keep you informed and engaged with the latest developments, insights, and initiatives related to NEP 2020.

The NEP is a transformative document that holds the potential to reshape our education system and empower our learners for the challenges of the 21st century. As we embark on this exciting path, it is essential that we stay informed and connected. This newsletter aims to serve as a bridge between the policy-makers, educators, students, and all stakeholders in the education ecosystem.

In each issue, you can expect:

- Policy Highlights: Comprehensive coverage of the key features and updates related to NEP 2020, ensuring you are well-informed about the latest developments.
- Educational Insights: Articles, interviews, and opinion pieces from experts and practitioners in the field, providing valuable perspectives and practical guidance.

Dr. Vaishali Singh



- **Campus Spotlights:** Stories and success narratives from educational institutions that are effectively implementing NEP 2020, offering inspiration and best practices.
- Student's Corner: A dedicated section where students share their experiences, challenges, and aspirations in light of the new education policy.
- Upcoming Events: Stay updated on workshops, seminars, and conferences related to NEP 2020, ensuring you never miss an opportunity to engage and learn.

We believe that knowledge is the key to effective implementation, and this newsletter is designed to be your knowledge hub. We encourage you to actively participate by sharing your insights, success stories, and feedback. Together, we can make the vision of NEP 2020 a reality and pave the way for a brighter future. Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey. Let's embark on this transformative educational odyssey together!

#### Warm regards,

Dr. Shikha Arora Bakshi (IQAC, Member) Dr. Vaishali Singh (IQAC, Member) Coordinators, NEP Newsletter (Issue 1)