

# • ANNUAL REUNION ON 19 DEC. '09 •



## THE ANNUAL REUNION 2009

On Saturday, the 19th December 2009 at 6.00 pm.  
at St. Xavier's School, Patna

Alumni and their families are invited to attend. Please inform about your participation and register soon.

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# xavier roundup

BULLETIN OF ST. XAVIER'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## From The President's Desk

The SXAA Newsletter is reborn with this issue after a gap of some years. The rebirth is after a somewhat prolonged labour-pain hopefully relieving the anguish and anxiety of many, many Xaverians! When I took over as President of SXAA a year ago the most pressing demand from the Alumni was for resumption of newsletters and an updated dynamic website. May I request Xaverians to please visit the SXAA website- **www.sxaa.org** and help us with suggestions and updates. To facilitate periodical issue of newsletters it has been decided to nominate 'correspondents' for each decade starting with the historical 40s! Hopefully this will ensure continuous flow of news and updates. The joint editors for the newsletter are Arindam Bose '93 (arinbose@rediffmail.com) and Neel Mani Rangesh '93 (neelmr@gmail.com) while the executive editor is Rajesh Agrawal '83 (lakshmiraj07@gmail.com). Over the last one year it has been possible to get the SXAA registered under the Registration of Society Act 1861. That we were not registered had become a great stumbling block in financial matters. Registration was possible because of the spade work done by the Executive Committee headed by my predecessor in the office, Mr. Arun Prasad '51.

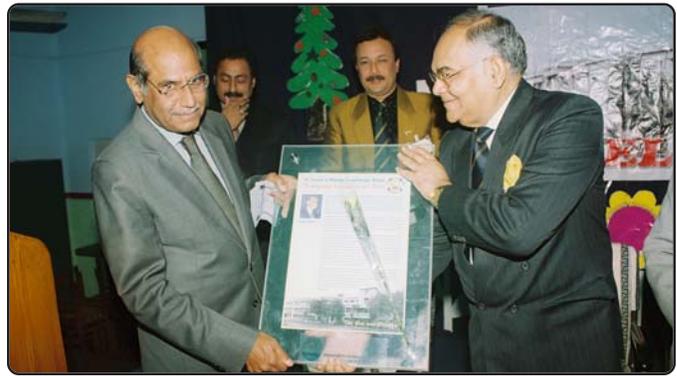
The Annual Reunion last year was an enjoyable experience largely because of the great enthusiasm shown by the golden jubilee batch ('58) and the silver jubilee batch ('83). Our heartfelt thanks to them for their enthusiasm and contribution. I hope it will be possible to repeat the performance this year when the Annual Reunion is held on December 19, 2009. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty of our school particularly Fr. George Nedumattam S.J., Principal, and Fr. Ignatius Abraham S.J., Rector, for the cooperation and support that they have extended to SXAA.

**J. K. Sinha**  
President  
SXAA

# SXAA Annual Reunion 2008



School Students with Awards & Scholarships



Shyam Saran'62 receiving the Distinguished Xaverian Award 2008



Sandeep Das'85 receiving the Significant Achievement Award 2008



SXAA Annual Reunion 2008 Meeting at School's Auditorium



Age no bar.....Spirit always high.....This is SX Premier League Cricket Match !!!



Xaverians in Dancing Mood !



The ever-enthusiastic 1993 Batch !

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Xaverians,

Time is like the trees seen besides the moving train. One cannot see the same tree after you have crossed it. The same is with our precious time. What we experienced and what we missed during our school days, only memories are there, left with us.

Our Xavier Round-up is one such thing to refresh the memories. Well, as the secretary of the prestigious St. Xavier's Alumni Association, I must say that the activities of our association are almost unparalleled. Thanks to all the previous presidents & office-bearers for having kept the flag flying high. I am specially obliged to Mr. Mohit Ahluwalia of 1979 batch who almost single handedly carried out the activities and made the association so strong that other schools always compare their activities with ours.

I took over the secretaryship two years back and the new team headed by Mr. J.K. Sinha 1962 batch, a former IPS officer, took over charge. The good news is that we have got our own permanent account number (PAN) and the financial part is being managed by the experience of Mr. Vikramaditya Sinha. We are trying to match the standards set by our previous teams. The present Rector of our school Fr. Arun and the present Principal Fr. George have given us free hand in organizing the activities on the school campus and the annual event is getting very good responses from the Xaverians and their family members.

Whatever we could achieve or perform is just because of the cooperation & participation of all of you. If you want to make the association more strong, then be a part of it. Make your presence felt by your activities and let the future generation come to know about the golden past. We are the one who can keep the morale high of St. Xavier's. We want your suggestions & help. Even your critical suggestions are most welcome.

**Dr. Amulya K. Singh**  
Secretary, SXAA

## Principal's Message

I am very pleased to know that after an interval of a couple of years, the alumni association is once again beginning the publication of Xavier Roundup. I am hopeful that it will once again bring the alumni of the school together and we will get to know about one another. It should be noted that Xavier Round-up has been the medium which kept us abreast with the developments in the school and the achievements of our alumni. There have been a number of requests in the past by our members that Xavier Round-up should be published regularly and that it is an integral part of our activities. It is a matter of joy that the association has taken this up seriously and is publishing this newsletter for everyone.

In the past few years I have been fortunate to be associated with the Alumni Association and I am witness to the

developments that have taken place in the functioning of the association. We celebrated the diamond jubilee of the association a couple of years ago and from then on it has been a continuous movement forward and a rejuvenation of the association has certainly taken place. The association has been registered with the registrar of the societies and we have our own website to keep everyone up to date with the developments. We are looking forward to more and more activities by the association. We should be proud that *we are the hosts for the National Jesuit Alumni Meet to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th February, 2011. The preparations have begun and I hope that it will be a great coming together of Jesuit Alumni from all over the country. We look forward to being with you for this meet.*

Meanwhile, the school also has made a few noteworthy developments. We are the *first school in Patna to have interactive digital class rooms and smartclass programmes.* Academically we have been doing quite well and we are slowly reviving many of the curricular and extra curricular activities in the school. I should mention that we have a government sponsored table tennis training centre in the school and we are trying for the same for basketball as well. I would welcome you to visit the school and interact with the students to inspire them to go forward in their lives. When you visit the school, you will see the newly refurbished list of captains of the four houses. We have the photos of the students of our early batches redone and laminated on the school wall. I hope you will appreciate the new photos.

Finally, I wish the alumni all the best in all that they are doing and hope the spirit that each one of you imbibed in the school will continue to inspire each one of you to move ahead in life to live our motto, 'For God and Country.'

**Fr. George Nedumattam, S.J**  
Principal

## SXAA ANNUAL REUNION 2008 - A Report

The annual reunion of the St. Xavier's Alumni Association was held at St. Xavier's campus in Patna on Saturday, the 20th December 2008. The President of the association Mr. J.K. Sinha, IPS (retd.) called the annual reunion meeting to order. He informed that the St. Xavier's Alumni Association is one of the oldest school alumni associations in the country and also noted that it is a forum which brings the alumni together to relive their past and revive cherished memories of their days in school. He assured that the alumni association shall interact more closely with the management of the school and its students. The school and its students, he said, have constantly striven to live up to the school motto "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY".

The reunion began at 6.00 pm with the submission of the annual report of the association. This was followed by the distribution of awards to the meritorious students of the school for the year. A memento was presented to the two teachers of the school who had retired last year namely 1) **Mr. Sudhir Seraphin** and 2) **Mrs. Neelam Singh.** The

association honoured four distinguished alumni with the 'Distinguished Xaverian Award'. Those awards were presented to 1) **Mr. Shyam Saran ('62)**, Ex- Foreign Secretary, Govt. of India and presently Special Envoy of the Prime Minister on Climate change issues, 2) **Mr. Amulya Ganguli ('57)**, well known journalist, 3) **Mr. Syed Rizvi ('58)**, IAS (retd.) former Joint Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India and 4) **Mr. Arun Prasad ('51)**, a well-known business-man and past President of the SXAA. The special award known as the 'Significant Achievement Award' was presented to **Mr. Sandeep Das ('85)**, a well known tabla player, for his accomplishments in the field of music and **Mr. Surendra Rajeev ('80)** for his achievements in the field of management and education. **Mr. Mohit Ahluwalia ('79)** was awarded the 'Fr. Wroblewski Memorial Alumni Service Award' for his selfless service to the Alumni Association lasting more than a decade.

The secretary Dr. Amulya Kumar Singh welcomed the guests and informed that the **golden jubilee batch(1958) had a two day celebration in Patna and they contributed a corpus fund of Rupees One Lakh to the Alumni Association and instituted awards for the students in the school. The 1958 batch decided to award the annual sports trophy in memory of their beloved teacher Fr. James Cox, S.J. Mr. Ravi Nandan Sahay ('58)** also announced the institution of four medals in memory of their companions who have left for their heavenly abode. Elaborating on the purpose of such an activity, the alumni said that they wished to give to the present students what they had received from the school. The Alumni Association honoured the members of the golden jubilee and silver jubilee by presenting them mementos on the occasion.

It was an evening that included music followed by socials and dinner for the alumni and their families. Around 350 alumnti from across the world participated. The evening was planned in such a manner that every member of the Alumni Association found his own space to recapture the freedom that he enjoyed while he was there as a child.

To commemorate the event a souvenir was brought out by the association president Mr. J. K. Sinha. The souvenir this time around is a collector's gem with rich memoirs and some evergreen photographs from the archives.

The next day in the morning, a cricket match was organized between the veterans of 1958 batch and the champions of 1983 batch. Prior to this, the President of the association presented the players with T-Shirts specially designed for the match. I wish same fervor and gaiety in the coming annual reunion too.

**Neel Mani Rangesh**  
Joint Secretary, SXAA

### POOL SIDE PARTY

A Pool side party during summer this year turned out to be a very good family get-together. The swimming pool was packed with the Xaverian with more of fat around the waist and less of hair on the scalp, but that had no bearing on the grand party.

### LITTI PARTY

A Litti Party was organized on the occasion of Republic Day which was a grand success with alumni and thier families along with teachers and priests enjoying the hot & tasty 'litti, chokha and chutney' in the backdrop of relaxing ambience of delightful Saxophone sound entralling the audience in the calm winter evening.

### Silver Jubilee Attachment of 1993 Batch

1993 Batch celebrated thier silver jubilee of attachment with the school on 11th January 2009 (11 January 1984 was the first day in St Xavier's for 1993 batch members). It was indeed a remarkable and unique event never done in the past. 1993 Batch is the first batch which celebrated their silver jubilee of attachment with the school rather than parting away. Seventeen boys of 1993 batch enjoyed the day in the 'baby field' under bright sunlight, reliving the past and gripping with feeling of nostalgia. Fr. Chandy Mooleyil, S.J., Moderator, Principal, Vice-Principals, Fr Minister, President, Secretary and other office-bearers of SXAA and teachers of the school also graced the occasion. **As a mark of respect, 1993 batch announced the institution of '1993 Batch - Fr. Chandy Mooleyil, S.J. Award for Excellence in English' . The 1993 batch contributed a corpus fund of Rs 50,001 to the Alumni Association for instituting this award for the students of the school.**

### 1979 BATCH GET-TOGETHER

*Dear Fellow Xaverians,*

I am delighted that SXAA Round Up is coming out after a gap of almost two years. **I request all of you to kindly update us with your latest postal addresses, email addresses and mobile numbers.**

My batch of 1979 had organized a get-together on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and we were fortunate and lucky that Fr. Scaria, SJ, Fr. George Thana, SJ, Fr. Chandy, SJ, Fr. George, SJ (Present Principal), Mr. Remy Osta, Mr. K N Pandey, Mr. P K Trivedi, Mr. A P Osta, Mrs. Bimala Mehrotra and Mrs. Uma Verma graced the occasion. The strength of Respected teachers were 10 and that of 1979 boys were 9 !!

It was indeed a memorable gathering and I reproduce some of the comments of our respected teachers.

'Thanks for remembering us. We are more in numbers today so we call this evening as old teachers get-together' - **Fr. Scaria, S.J.**

'A great feeling and happy and delighted to see BOYS becoming MEN !! The motto of the school FOR GOD & COUNTRY is very befitting!!'

- **Fr. George Thana, S.J.**

'St. Xavier's is like holy Ganges with 108 beads and a Xaverian to be found in almost every country of the world'

- **Mr. K. N. Pandey**

'Always feel honored to be amongst old boys . Sorry leaving Patna on 16th Aug'09 and shifting residence to Mumbai'

- **Mrs. Uma Verma**

With all good wishes,

**Mohit Ahluwalia**  
Vice President, SXAA

## 🔔 WEDDING BELLS 🌸

This year shall assume significance for many Xaverians who commenced new innings of and we wish these newly-weds great felicity in their wedded lives.

**Shashank Shekhar ('93)** got married on 27th April this year at New Delhi.

Among others, **Amit Sinha ('93)**, **Vinay Gupta ('93)**, **Nishant Jain ('90)** tied their knots too!

**Major Aniruddha Bose ('95)** is getting married on 29th November 2009.

## NEWS ROUND-UP

With sincere efforts from **Shyamal Gupta ('83)** and **Lt. Col. Sandeep Sinha ('86)**, a get-together of alumni of St. Xavier's, Patna at Mumbai was organized successfully on 27th June 2009. It was quite a turn out and the spirit was really high !! Amongst few most important points that were made in the meeting is to help those Xaverians who are still struggling in their career or any other aspect of life where a little support or help will be really useful.

**Nikhil Kumar ('55)** has been appointed as the Governor of Nagaland. He was a member of Parliament in the 14th Lok Sabha and served his first term in the Lok Sabha representing Aurangabad constituency. He served as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Information Technology. Earlier, he also served as the Commissioner of Police, Delhi and was Chief of the elite National Security Guards (NSG) as well.

**Salman Khurshed ('70)** is now the Minister of State with Independent Charge for the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Ministry of Minority Affairs in the UPA Central Government. He made a short trip to Patna during puja vacation and visited St. Xavier's campus and stayed for couple of hours. The Delhi Chapter earlier organized a felicitation function in honour of him at New Delhi in August 2009.

**Jai Prakash Nadda ('74)** is presently the Forest Minister in the Himachal Pradesh government.

**Dr. Neel Sarovar Bhavesh ('90)** has been selected by National Academy of Science, India for its Young Scientist Platinum Jubilee Award, 2009. The award would be conferred on the young scientist at a valedictory function in its annual session on 17th December 2009 at Calcutta University, Kolkata.

**Sandeep Das ('85)**, the tabla whiz, is looking forward to starting his own quartet called the HUM Ensemble (HUM stands for harmony and universality through music) in India that will include a Spanish bagpiper, a Chinese singer and two Broadway percussionists along with musicians from across India. He has planned to start with Delhi, followed by Patna. He has been drumming up a storm across the globe! He found a fan in Steve Jobs after a concert in Stanford, had Arnold

Schwarzenegger stepping backstage to congratulate him in China and received a hug from Alec Baldwin after a rehearsal in New York.

**Dr. Amulya K. Singh ('80)** has been conferred with the prestigious Rajeev Gandhi Excellence Award for the year 2009. Earlier he has also been honored with the Glory of India Award 2008.

**Rajeev Ranjan ('43)** has written a novel titled 'Love at Last' published by Divyansh Publication, Lucknow.

**Dr. Anshu Arora ('90)** blessed with a daughter in September 2009.

**Rakesh Ranjan ('90)**, **Soumitra Chatterjee ('93)** and **Nitesh Verma ('93)** all have been blessed with a son recently.

**Sarat Kumar Sinha ('80)** and **Kawaljeet Singh ('46)**, the stalwarts of the Delhi Chapter, are keeping the Delhi Chapter vibrant with different activities such as felicitation function of distinguished Xaverians - N K Singh ('56) in 2008 and Salman Khurshed ('70) in 2009, annual cricket match and reunions, generous donation in 'CM's Relief Fund' during devastating Flood in Bihar last year, annual scholarship award to students. This year **Rev. Fr. Murphy Award** of Rs. 10,000/- has been given to a girl named **Kumari Priya**. **Rev. Fr. Moran Award** of Rs. 5,000/- to the topper in the school of ICSE Board was given to **Vivek Kumar** and **Prem Sumit Murmu** was awarded the **Rev. Fr. Niesen** Scholarship of Rs. 5,000/- . Kudos to Sarat Sinha and his team.

**The Seventh World Congress of Jesuit Alumni/ae** was held between 22-27 July 2009 at Bujumbura, Burundi: the land of 1001 hills in the heart of Africa. The Indian delegation of 20 members comprising 11 Alumni/ae (2 woman) & 9 Jesuit Fathers was the largest national delegation. The 35th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus has focussed Africa and hence, the Congress was christened as 'Hope' and the theme was 'For a better Africa: What have we done? What are we doing? What should we do?' The new governing council was elected on the last day, which comprises of three Indians. The next congress will be held at Medellin, Colombia, Latin America in Aug/Sept. 2013.

## OBITUARY

**Justice Ram Nandan Prasad ('43)**, the First Xaverian of St. Xavier's, Patna passed away in Patna in the month of June 2009. A condolence meeting of SXAA was held on 04th July 2009 to pay tribute to the departed soul.

**Amarnath Mishra ('46)** left for heavenly abode at New Delhi in February 2009.

**Sumantra Sengupta ('46)** passed away on 10th November 2008 at Kolkata.

**Rameshwar Pd. Mehrotra ('48)** and **Prof. Pramod Ban Bihari Sharan ('48)** both passed away in December 2008 at Patna.



Meeting at Secretary's Residence



1993 Batch Handing Over the Cheque of Rupees 50,001 to President, SXAA



Chilling out !



Career counselling for school students.

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NAME..... BATCH..... (Signature).....

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