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Jagat Prakash Nadda ('74) is presently the Health Cabinet Minister in the Union Government.

Nikhil Kumar ('55) was the Governor of Nagaland & Governor of Kerala. 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 Khursheed ('70) was 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.

Dr. Neel Sarovar Bhavesh ('90) was awarded the prestigious National Academy of Science, India - Young Scientist Platinum Jubilee Award, 2009. The award was conferred on the young scientist at a valedictory function in its annual session on 16th 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) was 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.

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

Neel Mani Rangesh ('93) has recently been elected as Vice-President, Federation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Association of India (JAAI) for 2014-17.