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Embracing the Promise of 2025

As we bid adieu to 2024 and welcome 2025 with positivity and hope, we find ourselves at the crossroads of reflection

and anticipation. The past year, with its myriad challenges and triumphs, has left an indelible mark on us. Yet, as every New Year does, 2025 arrives with the promise of renewal and the opportunity to chart a course for a brighter future. If we look at the national scenario in 2024, we witnessed a striking convergence of resilience and innovation. From strides in digital transformation under the Digital India initiative to progress in renewable energy projects like solar parks, the nation has shown that collaboration and determination can overcome even the toughest challenges. As we step into 2025, it is imperative to carry forward these lessons and channel them into meaningful actions. The challenges we face today transcend regions and communities within India. Climate change, unemployment, and access to quality education and social justice continue to test the fabric of our diverse nation. However, 2025 presents an opportunity to transform these challenges into catalysts for unity. Citizens, especially students and youth, have a pivotal role to play in advocating for these goals and contributing to India's growth story. The rapid evolution of technology, particularly in areas like AI and digital payment, offers unparalleled opportunities to uplift lives of millions of people across the length and breadth of India. However, with great power comes great responsibility. In 2025, we must ensure that

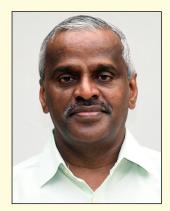
technological advancements are harnessed ethically and inclusively, bridging the rural-urban divide. The echoes of the pandemic era continue to remind us of the importance of mental health and community resilience. As we venture into a new year, we must strive to destignatize mental health issues and invest in systems that support emotional well-being. From campus-level counselling programmes to national campaigns, collective efforts are needed to ensure a healthier, more empathetic society.As students, educators, and contributors to the academic and social fabric of India, 2025 is an opportunity to redefine what success means. Beyond academic achievements and career milestones, let us embrace a holistic view that values relationships, personal growth, and contributions to society. Small acts of kindness and everyday resilience within our campuses and communities can inspire a culture rooted in empathy and understanding. The dawn of 2025 is a clarion call to dream bigger, act bolder, and think collectively. Whether it is combating climate change, championing equality, or fostering innovation, every action matters. Each of us has a role to play in shaping the narrative of this year, ensuring it becomes a chapter of hope and progress in our shared story. As the clock ticks into this new year, let us carry forward the spirit of resilience, the wisdom of reflection, and the courage to envision a better tomorrow. Here's to a year filled with possibilities, a year where India's collective resolve lights the path to a brighter future. Happy New Year, 2025!

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Principal's Message



Dear Members of the XAVIER Parivar,

As we gather once more to embark on the even semester, I extend a warm welcome back to all staff and students. Together, as we bid farewell to 2024, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to every member of our community—staff, students, and parents alike—whose dedication and support have been instrumental in making SXCMT a vibrant hub for learning, culture, and sports.

As we step into the promising new year of 2025, let us embrace the educational challenges ahead with a positive mindset, renewed vigor, and unwavering commitment. Our goal remains steadfast: to foster an institution that prioritizes quality education and upholds strong character.

I wish each of you a happy, healthy, successful, and prosperous New Year. Let us work together to make 2025 a truly memorable and remarkable year for SXCMT.

Sincerely,

Fr. Dr. Martin Poras S.J Principal

Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier

SXCMT joyously celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, its patron saint, with grandeur and devotion. The event, held on the college premises, brought together students, faculty, and Jesuit dignitaries in a spirit of reverence and festivity. The programme commenced with a warm welcome by Shambhavi from BA (JMC) 3 and Shamsul Arfin from BBA 3A, who extended greetings to the esteemed Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Vimal Kishore SJ, Provincial of Patna Jesuits. The event was also graced by the presence of the Rector, Rev. Fr. Joseph Sebastian SJ, Rev. Fr. Dr. Martin Poras SJ. Principal; Rev. Fr. Dr. Sherry George SJ, Vice-Principal; along with members of the management, faculty, and students. The event started with the lamp lighting ceremony: The dignitaries, led by Fr. Sherry George, lit the

ceremonial lamp with the sacred flame brought from the college's Sarv Dharm Sambhav Prarthnalay . A heartfelt floral homage was also paid to the portrait of St. Francis Xavier.Xavier Dance Club performed a mesmerizing prayer dance that set a devotional tone for the celebration. The Xavier Dhwani Club captivated the audience with a heartfelt and melodious rendition of the Feast Day song. In his welcome address, Rev. Fr. Dr. Martin Poras SJ, Principal of the college, spoke about the enduring legacy of St. Francis Xavier. He stated, "What sets Saint Francis Xavier apart from others, even after five centuries of his passing, is his extraordinary leadership and vision." He further remarked, "In our competitive world, where individualism often prevails, transient qualities are

the beacon of guidance"."The Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Vimal Kishore SJ, delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the broader purpose of education. "The cultural program also included a thrilling dance-drama performance on the life of our patron saint by the college's Theatre and Dance Clubs, showcasing the immense talent of Xaverians. The celebration saw the release of the college's annual magazine, Xaverian Waves, unveiled by Mr. Abhisekh Anand, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism & Mass Communication. The occasion also included the distribution of certificates to commendable students, presented by Mr. Arindam Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration.



One-day National Seminar organised by Department of Economics

The Department of Economics, SXCMT organized the National Seminar 2024 on "Economic Ascendency and Sustainable Development: Priorities, Challenges, and Prospects" on 6th December 2024. The programme commenced with registration and kit distribution from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM, followed by the Inaugural Session held in De Nobili Hall. Ms. Ankita Singh welcomed the attendees, and the lamp-lighting ceremony was led by Dr. Supriya Shree.Fr. Dr. Martin Poras, SJ, Principal, addressed the gathering and released the seminar souvenir, followed by the Convener's address by Dr. Kalpana Kumari. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Suryabhushan from the Development and Management Institute, Patna.Fr. Dr. Sherry George, SJ, Vice Principal, delivered the Chairperson's address. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Uday Bhanu Shukla. The event successfully highlighted priorities and challenges in a chieving sustainable development.



Disha 2.4 brings industry experts and students together

The Placement Cell, BBA Department, and Shiksha Mantra Group collaboratively organized Disha 2.4, a student research and counseling symposium, at St. Xavier's College of Management and Technology. The event featured Mr. Abhayanand, retired IPS officer, educationist, and cofounder of Super 30, as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Suraj Sharma, Chairman of Ramachandran International Institute of Management, as the Special Guest. The inaugural session commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by the felicitation of the guests by Principal Dr. Father Martin Poras SJ and HOD of Business Administration, Mr. Piyush Ranjan Sahay. Both the Chief Guest and Special Guest shared inspiring insights, emphasizing education's transformative power and strategic career planning.Post-inauguration, students explored various university stalls, receiving personalized counseling and guidance on academic and professional opportunities. The symposium created a dynamic platform for students to gain valuable knowledge and direction, marking a successful step toward their career aspirations.



Christmas celebration brings fun and frolic

The spirit of Christmas came alive on 21st December 2024 as our college community came together to celebrate the season of love, joy, and giving! The event was a beautiful blend of faith, music, and dance, featuring: Soul-stirring carols performed by our talented students and staff, filling the air with festive melodies and spreading the warmth of the holiday spirit, A touching video presentation on the life of Jesus Christ, taking us on a journey through His teachings of love, compassion, and hope, inspiring everyone to embrace the true essence of Christmas, An energetic and vibrant Christmas Dance, which lit up the stage and brought smiles to everyone's faces, creating a joyful and memorable celebration.We were graced by the presence of our Principal Fr. Dr Martin Poras SJ, Vice Principal Fr. Dr Sherry George SJ, Rector Fr. Joseph Sebastian SJ, and other esteemed members of the management, along with our dedicated faculty, staff, and enthusiastic students, who came together to make this event truly special. May this Christmas season bring peace, happiness, and countless blessings to all!



SXCMT and Don Bosco Academy shine in carol competition

SXCMT organised a Christmas Carol Singing Competition on 21st December 2024, as part of the Christmas festivities. Carol means a joyful song, an integral part of the Christmas season celebrating the birth of Christ, the saviour. With the coming of advent, we indulge in joyful festivities in preparation for the beautiful season of love, caring, harmony and immense joy. Carols are a well-loved tradition and we at SXCMT lovingly and joyfully partake of it through our songs of Joy, the carol singing competition. The joyful occasion was graced by his Excellency most reverend William D'Souza Bishop Emeritus of Patna. The distinguished judges of the competition were Fr. Josey Mathias an accomplished musician and Dr. Pallavi Biswas, Assistant Professor of Music at Patliputra University. The chief guest, in his Christmas message emphasized about caring for humanity.Many schools, colleges, churches,

parishes, associations teachers' groups and clubs participated in this joyful event. There were four categories of performances. Senior category consisted of Clubs, Churches, Parishes, Associations and Teachers' Groups. They each sang a Hindi and an English carol. Junior category had schools where each sang a Hindi and an English carol. Winners in senior English category were Don Bosco Academy teachers. The second position was secured by Patna Women's College and Agape Church Foundation came third. In the junior English category, the winners were Don Bosco Academy. In the senior Hindi category, the winners were Don Bosco Academy teachers, the second position was secured by Kurji Holy Family Nursing College and third position was secured by Patna Women's College. In the junior Hindi category, the winners were Don Bosco Academy followed by St. Marian's High School, Masaudhi.



Industrial Visit Department of BBA

Industrial visits are vital for college students as they provide practical exposure to the real-world functioning of industries and enhance their academic learning. These visits help students understand how theoretical concepts are applied in practical scenarios, reinforcing their classroom learning.

The department of BBA organized an industry visit to Pune for the BBA Part 3 students from 23rd to 25th December 2024. The visit was designed to enhance practical exposure, strengthen management and leadership skills, and provide valuable insights into industry operations.

The visit commenced on 23rd December 2024 with a management and leadership activity organized at the prestigious RIIM, Pune. The session was interactive and emphasized fostering leadership qualities, teamwork, and problem-solving skills among students. The activities were wellstructured, ensuring active participation and providing students with tools to tackle real-world challenges in the corporate environment.

Day 2: Visit to Mapro Food Park and MahakaleshwarOn 24th December 2024, students visited the Mapro Food Park, a renowned brand in the FMCG sector. They were given an insightful tour of the manufacturing and processing units, where they learned about the intricate operations of food production and packaging.visit.

Day 3: Visit to Kalvani Maxion Wheels and Certificate DistributionThe final day of the visit, 25th December 2024, included a tour of Kalyani Maxion Wheels, Pune. This visit provided students with a closer look at the manufacturing processes of automobile components, emphasizing innovation and efficiency in the industry. The visit concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony where students were recognized for their participation and engagement throughout the program.Special Highlights. A key highlight of the visit was the participation of Mr. Piyush R. Sahay, Head of the Department of Business Administration, SXCMT, Patna, and Ms. Shilpa Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, SXCMT, Patna. They actively took part in a faculty exchange program and an industry expert session organized by RIIM, Pune.



Industrial Visit Department of BCA

On December 22, 46 students from the Computer Science Department of St. Xavier's College of Management and Technology, accompanied by faculty members Fr. Dr. A. Sebastian SJ and Dr. Supriya Shree, embarked on an educational trip to Lovely Professional University (LPU), Punjab. The trip was designed to provide students with practical exposure to advanced technological and academic environments. At LPU, the students participated in a hands-on technical workshop organized by the MCA department. They explored state-of-the-art facilities such as the Google Lab and iMac Lab, gaining valuable insights into modern tools and technologies. These interactive sessions enhanced their technical knowledge and bridged the gap between theoretical concepts and real-world applications. Educational trips like this are vital for holistic learning. They enable students to experience innovative academic systems, collaborate with peers, and explore future opportunities in technology and education. This visit to LPU not only inspired students to aim higher in their academic and professional pursuits but also equipped them with practical skills and a broader understanding of technological advancements. The trip was a transformative experience, preparing them to tackle future challenges with confidence and innovation.



Industrial Visit Department of International Business

The Department of Business Administration and International Business, St. Xavier's College of Management and Technology (SXCMT), Patna, organized an industry visit to Delhi for the BBAIB Part 3 students from 25th to 28th December 2024. The visit aimed to provide students with hands-on industry exposure, enhance their managerial and problem-solving skills, and foster an understanding of cultural and professional environments.

Day 1: Visit to FOSTIIMA College and Parle Industry26th December 2024The day began with a warm welcome at FOSTIIMA Business School by Ms. Ridhima, who expressed gratitude to the students and professors for their visit. Further that day the students visited the Parle Industry in Bahadurgarh. The visit started with an animated film showcasing Parle's wide range of products and their manufacturing processes. The students then embarked on a guided tour of the manufacturing units, observing the production of Parle-G and Monaco biscuits.

Day 2: Visit to Yakult Industry and Placement Session27th December 2024The second day featured a visit to the Yakult Industry in Sonipat, Haryana. Renowned for its prebiotic drink, Yakult, the visit began with an informative presentation detailing the history of the product, the role of Lactobacillus casei Shirota bacteria in improving gut health, and Yakult's distribution process.The students were given complimentary Yakult bottles along with Hide & Seek biscuits as a gesture of goodwill. They then toured the manufacturing, quality assurance, and packaging sections, witnessing the high standards maintained throughout the production process.Later in the day, the group returned to FOSTIIMA for a session on placement opportunities and future prospects. The session highlighted key skills and preparation strategies for corporate success. The day concluded with a visit to Vegas Mall, offering a blend of leisure and refreshment.

Day 3: College Tour, Knowledge Session, and Visit to India Gate28th December 2024The final day began with a college tour of FOSTIIMA Business School, where students explored the campus and its facilities. This was followed by an engaging knowledge session that encouraged active participation, enhancing leadership and analytical skills among the students.Certificates recognizing leadership and problem-solving capabilities were distributed to the students. A significant highlight of the visit was the active participation of Mr. Bidyanand Chaudhary, Head of the Department of Economics, and Dr. Kalapana Kumari, Assistant Professor. Their involvement in coordinating activities and in sessions ensured that students gained maximum exposure and valuable insights from the visit. This industrial visit was a perfect blend of academic learning, industry exposure, and cultural enrichment.



Industrial Visit Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with Doon Business School Global University, organized a five-day industrial visit to Dehradun from December 24 to December 30, 2024. The group included 28 enthusiastic students, accompanied by Dr. Ashok Kumar and Ms. Priya Gupta. The journey, filled with excitement and anticipation, began with a train ride from Patna to Dehradun via Varanasi.On arrival, students participated in enriching sessions hosted by Doon Business School. Dr. Navjyoti Singh Negi conducted a storytelling workshop, followed by an insightful session on dining etiquette by Reshmi Negi Ma'am. These sessions aimed at enhancing students' interpersonal and professional skills. The visit's highlight was an industrial tour of DIXON, a washing machine manufacturing unit. Students observed the detailed manufacturing processes, including molding with polypropylene, assembly of

motors, installation of control panels, and rigorous quality checks. This exposure provided valuable insights into production techniques and industry operations. Students also explored Dehradun's iconic sites, such as the Forest Research Institute (FRI), Robbers Cave, Centrio Mall, and Paltan Bazaar. A day trip to Mussoorie offered a perfect blend of adventure and scenic beauty, with visits to the Saint Paul Church and captivating hilltop views. The trip concluded with impactful sessions at Doon Business School on management skills by Dr. Raghav Upadhyai and dress sense by Reshmi Negi Ma'am. The certificate distribution ceremony, led by Dr. Rohit Rastogi and Sachin Sir, marked a fitting end to this remarkable journey. This industrial visit, blending education, exploration, and skill-building, offered students a holistic learning experience and invaluable exposure to the corporate world, leaving them with unforgettable memories.



Remembering Mohd. Rafi on his 100th birth anniversary

December 24, 2024 marks the 100th birth anniversary of Mohammed Rafi, one of India's finest and most prolific playback singers. In a career spanning nearly four decades, he sang in a number of languages. More than four decades after he died, he is the singer on millions of playlists, a song and more to match every mood, season and even if there's no reason. There are countless who still wake up to Rafi and perhaps end their days with him. Such was his effortless versatility that he moulded his voice to suit the personality, timbre and pitch of every leading man he sang for.



24 December 1924 - 31 July 1980

Looking back at Mohammed Rafi's legacy, in an age of autotune, AI and meme culture, one cannot help but marvel at the era he belonged to, of poetmusicians and timeless classics, songs we can all still hum today, and a voice that can't be forgotten. Born in Kota Sultan Singh village, about 20 km from Amritsar on 24 December 1924, Rafi has Padma Shri, one National Award and six Filmfare Awards to his credit. He is known for his versatility as he has crooned classical numbers to patriotic songs, melodious sad songs to romantic numbers, ghazals and even bhajans. Rafi voiced songs for many of the top stars of the day. His greatest gift was his ability to match his voice to the persona of the character played by the actor. His uncanny ability to capture the verve of the actors he sang for was unparalleled. Rafi's voice had a phenomenal range that composers such as S.D. Burman, Madan Mohan, O.P. Navyar, and Shankar-Jaikishan explored to great advantage. His oeuvre included

such classical songs as "Madhuban Mein Radhika Nache Re" in Kohinoor (1960) and "O Duniya Ke Rakhwale in Baiju Bawra (1952) and such ghazals as "Suhani Raat Dhal Chuki" in Dulari (1949) and "Chaudhvin Ka Chand" in the eponymous 1960 film. He rendered stirring patriotic songs, including "Jahan Daal Daal Par" in the 1965 film Sikandar-e-Azam and such light numbers as the rock-and-rollinspired "Aaja Aaja Main Hoon Pyaar Tera" in Teesri Manzil. If there are 10 ways of saying 'I love you' in a song, Mohd. Rafi knew all of them. The awkwardness of puppy love, the friskiness of teen romance, the philosophy of unrequited love and the agony of heartbreak, he could express every crevice of ardour. Over the years, his fans have carried out campaigns and online petitions seeking the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, for him as it's undeniable that globally, Mohd Rafi remains Bharat's Ratna.

The nation will remain eternally indebted to Dr Manmohan Singh

Singh's rise from humble beginnings to the pinnacle of power is the story of a self-made man; that such a rise can take place in India is to the credit of India's incredible democracy, however faltering it may be. India mourns the loss of a statesman whose vision, integrity, and leadership left an indelible mark on the nation's history.



26 September 1932 – 26 December 2024

Dr. Manmohan Singh, the 14th Prime Minister of India (May 22, 2004 - May 26, 2014) and a visionary economist, passed away at the age of 92. Often hailed as the architect of India's economic reforms, Singh's tenure marked a transformative era for the nation. In April, he retired from the Rajya Sabha after an illustrious 33-year tenure, concluding a remarkable political and intellectual journey.Born into a humble family in a region of British India now in Pakistan, Singh's early life was characterized by perseverance. Studying by candlelight, he earned a place at Cambridge University and later secured a D.Phil in Economics from Oxford, specializing in the role of exports and free trade in India's economy. This academic foundation established him as a scholar of exceptional intellect.Singh's career began as a respected economist and government advisor, later becoming India's central bank governor. His entry into politics was unexpected; in 1991, then Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao appointed him Finance Minister during a period of severe

economic crisis. Singh spearheaded sweeping economic reforms, pulling India from the brink of bankruptcy and ushering in liberalization policies that transformed the nation's economic landscape. His maiden budget speech resonated with optimism and foresight, quoting Victor Hugo: "No power on earth can stop an idea whose time has come. The emergence of India as a major economic power in the world happens to be one such idea."As Prime Minister, Singh steered India to unprecedented economic growth, lifting millions out of poverty. His tenure saw India's GDP grow significantly, bolstering its global stature. Beyond his premiership, he held critical roles, including Director of the Reserve Bank of India. Alternate Governor for India at the Asian Development Bank, and Member of the Atomic Energy and Space Commissions.A leader of quiet resolve and visionary foresight, Dr. Singh's legacy endures in India's economic transformation and its emergence as a global power.

THE SILENT & REFORMER

Remembering five major reforms spearheaded by Dr Manmohan Singh



Dr Manmohan Singh, as Finance Minister under PM Narasimha Rao, played a pivotal role in India's economic liberalisation, introducing reforms that opened the economy to the world and shaped its modern trajectory.



MGNREGA

In 2005, the Manmohan Singh government introduced Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), India's largest public programme, guaranteeing 100 days of wage employment annually to rural households.



RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT

The Manmohan Singh government enacted the RTI Act in 2005, empowering citizens to seek information from public authorities, with responses required within 30 days or 48 hours for matters affecting life or freedom.

NUCLEAR DEAL WITH THE US

The US-India Civil Nuclear Agreement, or 123 Agreement, signed by PM Manmohan Singh and President George W Bush, saw India placing its civil nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards in exchange for US support for full civil nuclear cooperation.



NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT

In 2013, his government launched the National Food Security Act to ensure subsidised food grains to nearly 70% of India's population.

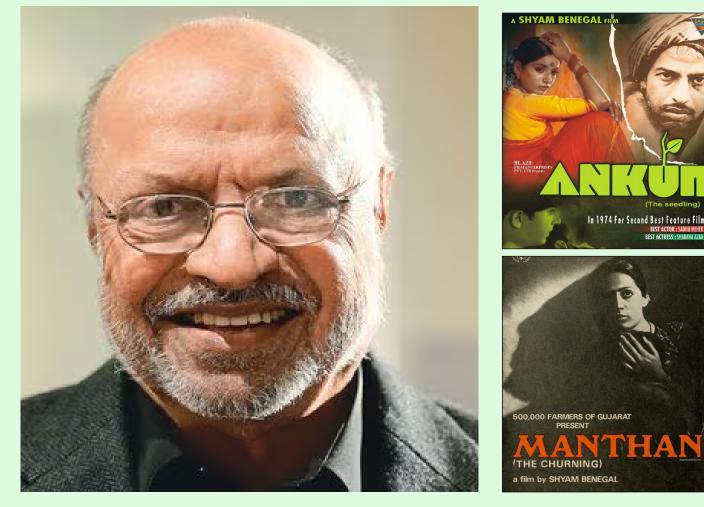


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India's iconic auteur Shyam Benegal dies aged 90

Acclaimed film director Shyam Benegal, who turned 90 earlier this month, passed away in Wockhardt hospital in Mumbai. He brought the advertising man's gift of being economical yet impactful into his story-telling, which broke away from the loud, saccharine melodramas. He gave us a whole other universe, not just in terms of themes but also actors. He was also one of the very few filmmakers who wore their fame so lightly, with such elegance. It was a quality that marked all our conversations through the years, the last of which was an exchange this May when his Manthan, India's first crowdfunded film, was showcased at the Cannes film festival. After having begun by apologising for his failing memory, he proceeded to regale me with anecdotes full of warmth and mischief, and we rang off promising to speak again soon. Now that will never be. Be it farmers or sex workers, his protagonists questioned the prevailing social order with searing intensity without resorting to hyperbole for the Dada Saheb Phalke Award winner saw cinema as a medium that can reflect the very act of living. Starting as an ad filmmaker, Benegal consistently experimented with form and technique and kept evolving with times. His range of subjects remain unrivalled as Benegal broke every boundary to document the changing contours of Indian society.

In 2005, he was honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, India's highest award in the field of cinema. Prior to this, in 1976, he was honoured by the Government of India with the Padma Shri. Subsequently, in 1991, he was awarded Padma Bhushan for his unwavering commitment to the augmentation of the field of cinema. In his prolific, almost seven-decade career, Benegal straddled diverse worlds, diverse mediums, and diverse issues, right from rural distress and feminist concerns to sharp satires and biopics. His oeuvre encompassed documentaries, films, and epic television shows, including Bharat Ek Khoj, an adaptation of Jawaharlal Nehru's Discovery of India, and Samvidhaan, a 10-part show on the making of the Constitution.



CHRISTMAS: A RADIANCE OF HOPE, LOVE, AND HUMBLE LIGHT



Christmas is more than just a festive celebration of Santa Claus, gifts, and decorations; it is a profound occasion rooted in the story of Jesus Christ's birth. This moment carries a timeless message of hope, love, and salvation for the world. Christmas commemorates the arrival of Jesus, whom Christians believe to

be the Son of God, sent to bring peace, compassion, and redemption to humanity.

Unlike the majesty expected of a king, Jesus came into the world in the humblest of circumstances, born in a manger, a simple feeding trough for animals, in the small town of Bethlehem. This humble setting was not a coincidence but

a powerful symbol: true greatness arises not from wealth or power but from love, humility, and service. Jesus' parents, Mary, a young woman of faith, and Joseph, a carpenter, embody the simplicity and ordinariness of everyday life. Yet through this simplicity, God demonstrated that He meets us in our most unassuming moments to transform them with His boundless love. The heart of Christmas is a reminder that light shines brightest in darkness. At the time of Jesus' birth, the world was yearning for hope, much like it does today. His arrival signified a promise of peace, forgiveness, and renewed connection with God. For those outside the Christian faith, the spiritual essence of Christmas transcends religious boundaries, offering a universal call to reflect on values such as humility, unconditional love, and the power of selfless service.

Christmas inspires us to look beyond material celebrations and rediscover the divine in life's simplest moments. It invites us to open our hearts to the poor and needy, extend forgiveness to those who have wronged us, and bring hope to those in despair. Just as Jesus' birth in a lowly stable brought salvation to the world, it reminds us of our capacity to be a source of love, light, and hope for others.

In a society often preoccupied with status and material wealth, the Christmas story delivers a transformative message: true greatness is found in humility, compassion, and service to others.

For non-Christians, Christmas is an opportunity to embrace universal themes of joy, generosity, and togetherness. It's a season that encourages acts of kindness, a spirit of giving, and cherishing the bonds of family and friendship.

> Finally, the story of Christmas is timeless and universal, inviting everyone, regardless of belief, to reflect on the importance of humility, hope, and love. In even the darkest times, it serves as a reminder that each of us holds the power to bring light into the world through compassion and selfless service. How can we be a source of hope for others? In what wavs can we let love and humility guide our actions each day? What light are we bringing into the world?

Sr Dr Grace SCSC Coordinator IQAC

यादों में रहेंगी ये हस्तियां

जिनकी कमी हमेशा महसूस होगी

रतन टाटा

9 अक्टूबर को रतन टाटा का 86 वर्ष की उम्र में मुंबई के ब्रीच कैंडी हॉस्पिटल में निधन। वे देश में नैतिकता. ईमानदारी और परोपकार का सबसे गरिमापूर्ण चेहरा थे। उनके नेतृत्व में टाटा समूह ने कोरस स्टील और जगुआर लैंड रोवर जैसी कंपनियों का अधिग्रहण किया। उन्होंने 1991 से 2012 तक टाटा समूह का नेतृत्व किया।



आचार्य विद्यासागर 18 फरवरी को जैन संत आचार्य श्री विद्यासागर जी का महाप्रयाण हुआ। उन्हें देह त्याग का आभास था, इसलिए 3 दिन से अन्न और जल त्याग दिया था।

उस्ताद राशिद खान

9 जनवरी को प्रसिद्ध गायक और पद्म भूषण से सम्मानित उस्ताद राशिद खान का निधन 55 साल की उम्र में हुआ। उन्हें कैंसर था।

फली सैम नरीमन

21 फरवरी को विधि विशेषज्ञ का 95 की उम्र में निधन हुआ। इन्हें भारतीय न्यायपालिका का भीष्म पितामह कहा जाता है।

रामोजी राव

रामोजी फिल्म सिटी के संस्थापक पद्म विभूषण चेरुकुरी रामोजी राव का 8 जून को हैदराबाद में 87 साल की उम्र में निधन हो गया।

ओपी चौटाला

हरियाणा के पांच बार मुख्यमंत्री रहे ओपी चौटाला का 20 दिसंबर को कार्डियक अरेस्ट से निधन हो गया। वे 89 साल के थे।

पंकज उधास

मशहूर गजल गायक का 26 फरवरी को 72 साल की उम्र में निधन हो गया। चिट्ठी आई है उनका सबसे पॉपुलर गीत रहा।

श्याम बेनेगल

फिल्म निर्माता और निर्देशक श्याम बेनेगल का 23 दिसंबर को 90 की उम्र में निधन हो गया। वे किडनी संबंधी बीमारी से पीडित थे।

उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन

16 दिसंबर को महान तबला वादक उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन का 73 साल की उम्र में अमेरिका में निधन हो गया। इसी साल उन्होंने तीन ग्रैमी अवॉर्ड जीते थे।

सीताराम येचुरी : 12 सितंबर माकपा के महासचिव सीताराम येचुरी का निधन हुआ।

शारदा सिन्हा : 5 नवंबर को लोक गायिका शारदा सिन्हा का 72 की उम्र में निधन हुआ।

शशि रुडया : 25 नवंबर को एस्सार समूह के सह-संस्थापक शशि रुइया का निधन हो गया।

रोहित बल : 1 नवंबर को फैशन डिजाइनर रोहित बल का 63 वर्ष की उम्र में निधन हो गया।

अमीन सयानी : 20 फरवरी को रेडियो अनाउंसर सयानी का निधन 91 की उम्र में हुआ।

मुनव्वर रानाः 14 जनवरी को दिल का दौरा पड़ने से निधन हुआ। वे 71 वर्ष के थे।

नटवर सिंह : 10 अगस्त को पूर्व विदेश मंत्री नटवर सिंह का 95 साल की उम्र में निधन हो गया।

अंशुमान गायकवाड़ः ३१ जुलाई को टीम इंडिया के पूर्व कोच का निधन।

बुद्धदेव भद्याचार्य : 8 अगस्त को निधन। प. बंगाल के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री थे।

सुशील कुमार मोदी : 13 मई को निधन। बिहार के पूर्व डिप्टी सीएम थे।











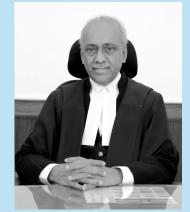
THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

- 1. December 2, 1804- Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Emperor of France by Pope Pius VII
- 2. December 2, 1971- The United Arab Emirates was formed
- 3. December 2, 1982- The first permanent artificial heart was implanted in Barney Clark by Dr. William De Vries at the University of Utah Medical Center
- 4. December 4, 1791- The Observer, now the oldest Sunday newspaper in the world, was first published in Britain
- 5. December 14, 1799- George Washington died at Mt. Vernon
- 6. December, 6 1865- The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified abolishing slavery.
- 7. December 13, 1642- New Zealand was discovered by Dutch navigator Ablel Tasman
- 8. December 14, 1918- British women voted for the first time in a general election and were allowed to run for office.



THE WORLD THIS MONTH

- 1. Retd. Justice V. Ramsubramanyan has been appointed as the Chairman of National Human Rights Commission
- 2. The bald eagle has been designated as the national bird of the United States
- 3. China has officially approved the construction of the world's largest hydropower dam on the Yarlung Tsangpo River
- 4. Former Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh passed away at the age of 92
- 5. United Kingdom developes the world's first carbon-14 diamond battery using radioactive decay and synthetic diamonds
- 6. Switzerland revokes India's Most- favoured Nation (MFN) clause under its Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement
- 7. Bihar cadre IAS officer Arunish Chawla has been appointed as the new Revenue Secretary in the Finance Ministry
- 8. Acclaimed filmmaker Shyam Benegal breathed his last in Mumbai



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