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Harnessing the Infinite Potential



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The Importance of Never Giving Up for Students

Dear Readers,

June arrives with the warmth of summer and a sense of transition for our college community. As the academic session pauses and the campus settles into a quieter rhythm, this month offers an opportunity to reflect on recent milestones and look ahead to new possibilities. One of the most memorable moments of the past month was the graduation of the Batch of 2023–26. Their journey through years of learning, hard work, friendships, and personal growth has now culminated in a significant achievement. Graduation is not merely the completion of a course; it is the beginning of a new chapter filled with aspirations, challenges, and opportunities. On behalf of the entire college community, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to our graduates and wish them success in all their future endeavors. Their accomplishments will continue to inspire the students who follow in their footsteps. June also marks the beginning of the much-awaited summer vacation. With university examinations concluded, students finally have the chance to take a well-deserved break from their academic responsibilities. Vacations are essential not only for relaxation but also for rejuvenation. They provide an opportunity to spend quality time with family and

friends, explore new places, pursue hobbies, and return refreshed for the next academic session. However, summer vacations can be much more than a period of rest. In an increasingly competitive and dynamic world, this break can be utilized productively to learn new skills and broaden horizons. Whether it is improving communication abilities, learning a foreign language, acquiring digital and technical skills, enrolling in online certification courses, reading books, or engaging in creative pursuits, every effort contributes to personal and professional development. The skills gained today may become the stepping stones to tomorrow's success. As we embrace this season of rest and growth, let us strive to maintain a balance between enjoyment and self-improvement. May this vacation bring relaxation, inspiration, and valuable learning experiences for every student. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to campus with renewed energy, fresh perspectives, and a greater determination to achieve their goals. Wishing all our readers a joyful, safe, and productive summer break.

Happy reading!

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Message from the Principal

Graduation Day - 2026



Dear Graduates,

Today, as you stand at the threshold of a new chapter, I congratulate each one of you on behalf of the entire Xavier family. This moment fills us with pride, gratitude, and hope for the future you will help shape.

At St. Xavier's College of Management & Technology, Patna, we have always believed that education is more than the acquisition of knowledge. It is a transformative journey that shapes character, nurtures values, and inspires responsible action. When you first entered these gates, you arrived as students with dreams, questions, and aspirations. Today, you leave as confident individuals prepared to contribute meaningfully to society.

Your years here have been marked by learning, growth, and resilience. You have faced challenges, adapted to change, and developed the ability to think critically, work collaboratively, and persevere through difficulties. These experiences have prepared you not only for a career but for life itself.

Rooted in the Jesuit tradition of '*cura personalis*' - care for the whole person—St. Xavier's seeks to educate minds and hearts alike. The values of integrity, justice, empathy, service, and intellectual

humility are meant to guide you long after graduation. Remember that success is most meaningful when it uplifts others and contributes to the common good.

As sons and daughters of Bihar, a land rich in history, wisdom, and resilience, you carry forward a proud legacy. The world you enter is full of opportunity, yet also faces complex challenges — from technological transformation and environmental concerns to social inequalities. These realities call for thoughtful, compassionate, and ethical leaders.

As you move forward, I encourage you to remain curious, act with integrity, embrace failure as a teacher, serve causes greater than yourself, and practice kindness in all your interactions. These qualities will define not only your success but also your contribution to humanity.

Xavier's will always remain your home. May you go forth with confidence, wisdom, and a commitment to making the world a better place.

Congratulations, graduating batch of 2023–2026. May God bless you, this institution, and our beloved nation.

-Fr. Dr. Martin Poras, S.J.

As the batch of 2023–26 turns its tassels, we pause to celebrate the journey that shaped them. In this special edition, our graduating students open their hearts to share the laughter, lessons, and lifelong memories that defined their college years. Join us as we turn the page on a chapter none of them will ever forget

The xaverian spirit that shaped me



Some chapters in life leave a lasting impact, and my three years at SXCMT have been one of them. When I first stepped onto the campus in 2023, I carried a mix of excitement, curiosity, and uncertainty about the future. Little did I know that this institution would become much more than a college—it would become my second home.

One of my earliest memories is attending the Bridge Course with almost no technical background. Like many newcomers, I was nervous and unsure of myself. However, the warm and welcoming

environment of the college quickly eased my fears. I still remember Fr. Sushil Billung's words: "Welcome to Xavier Parivar. Now you are a part of this family." Those words introduced me to the true essence of the Xaverian spirit—a sense of belonging, unity, and shared growth.

The professors of the BCA department played a significant role in my journey. They not only made programming and technical concepts easy to understand but also guided us with valuable life lessons and moral values. Beyond academics, I am thankful to every member of the SXCMT family whose warmth, support, and encouragement made my college experience memorable and turned SXCMT into a true second home.

Beyond academics, SXCMT provided me with countless opportunities to grow. Serving as a council member taught me leadership, responsibility, teamwork, and event management. Hosting various events and delivering presentations helped me overcome stage fear and develop strong communication skills. These experiences transformed me into a multitasker, capable of balancing academics, leadership roles, and extracurricular activities.

Throughout this journey, I learned that success is not measured only by grades, certificates, or positions, but by the lessons we learn and the person we become. SXCMT has shaped my personality, strengthened my confidence, and prepared me for the future. As I move forward, I will always carry the values and Xaverian spirit that this institution has instilled in me.

- Arpita
BCA 2023-2026

Carrying the xaverian spirit forward



Honestly, SXCMT was never in my plan. Coming here was completely unplanned. My first few days were a fog of nerves. I remember coming onto campus and thinking how I looked, what I wore, and how I'd ever fit in. The feeling of solitude was overwhelming.

All the best chapters of our lives are the chapters we never planned to write, those empty hallways have become my home a true family, I developed a wonderful group of friends who have been my foundation from day one, and I've met professors

who instantly became our protectors. They created classrooms that were safe havens for us to be able to study, eat lunches, share chocolates, gossip, and laugh until our bellies hurt. They were the people who believed me and saw potential in me when I could not, they were the ones who guided me through the process of writing a research paper. Whenever things were tough, they were the number one place I could go for comfort.

SXCMT didn't just change my mind, it genuinely reconstructed it as well. They provided me with a real understanding of humanity, instilled me with excellent problem-solving skills, and removed all of my self-doubt. SXCMT has developed me into an extremely strong, confident female that is able to hold her own in any circumstance whether personally or professionally.

SXCMT not only enabled me to develop my foundation for being strong, confident, and resilient in any manner possible, but they also taught us how to introduce ourselves to the world with dignity and respect, how to have an unwavering belief in doing what is just and appropriate, and how to build a safe and welcoming environment for our peers as well as for ourselves. I look back at that shy girl (the first day I entered) and can't help but smile because SXCMT has allowed me to

develop my voice, create my armor, and create family bonds that will last for the rest of my life.

- Kesar

BCP 2023-2026

Three transformative years at SXCMT



This would probably be my last write-up in my college life. I feel a mix of happiness, gratitude, and emotions while looking back at these three wonderful years in our department and college. When I first entered this college, I was nervous and unsure about myself. I still remember being asked the difference between Macro and Micro Economics during my admission interview. Even though I was nervous, I already had an interest in Economics. That is why I chose BBA (International Business) by my own choice, without any pressure.

Today, I can proudly say that it was one of the best decisions of my life. This college not only gave me academic knowledge but also helped me grow personally. During my school life, I was very afraid of speaking in front of people and probably never stepped onto a stage. But this department gave me confidence, opportunities, and experiences that changed me a lot.

I would sincerely like to thank all the professors of our department, especially Shilpi Ma'am, Kalpana Ma'am, and BN Choudhary Sir, for their guidance and support throughout this journey. Their support, suggestions, and practical learning approach helped us grow both personally and academically.

One thing I will always remember about our department is its friendly environment and the family-like bond between teachers and classmates. Our department was filled with unique personalities, unforgettable characters, and amazing classmates. It was this beautiful mix of people that made our batch truly special and memorable. Whether it was classroom discussions, participating in events, corridor talks, or last-minute assignments, every moment became a memory worth cherishing. The achievements and participation of our department always reflected the energy and unity among us.

Amit Toppo
BBA (IB) 2023–2026

Memories, lessons, and lifelong values



Three years ago, I walked into SXCMT as just another student, carrying a head full of expectations and a heart ready to begin something new. Today, as I prepare to leave, I realize that somewhere along the way, this college became much more than just a place where I attended classes.

When I think about my journey here, I don't

immediately remember lectures or assignments. I remember the people. I remember the corridors that somehow hold a thousand memories, the last-minute preparations before events, the endless conversations that started as five-minute talks and stretched for hours, and the laughter that made even the most ordinary days special.

A major part of my college life revolved around anchoring. What began as an opportunity slowly became an identity. From holding a microphone for the first time to serving as the President of the Anchoring Club, I grew with every stage I stepped onto. The confidence, friendships, lessons, and memories that came with it are things I will always carry with me.

SXCMT gave me more than experiences—it gave me people who became family. Teachers who guided me, friends who stood by me, juniors who became some of my closest companions, and moments that I know I will find myself revisiting years from now.

Graduation feels strange because while I am excited for what lies ahead, it is difficult to say goodbye to a place that has been home for three years. If there is one thing I am taking with me, it is gratitude, for every memory, every lesson, every person, and every version of myself that this journey helped create.

A part of me will always remain here.

-Anubhaw Bhardwaj

BBA 2023-2026

The memories will continue to linger



My college journey has been a wonderful mix of growth, learning, challenges, and unforgettable memories. When I joined college, I never imagined how much it would change me. It helped me discover strengths I never knew I had. It encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and work towards becoming a better version of myself.

For me college was not only about academics. Participating in various activities, events, and competitions gave me confidence and helped me step out of my comfort zone. The time spent preparing for events with seniors and classmates brought countless moments of laughter and joy.

Like every journey, mine also had its difficult phases. There was a time when I felt distant from many friends and had to face loneliness. However, those moments became some of my greatest teachers. They helped me understand people better, taught me emotional strength, and showed me how to handle different situations with maturity. During that phase, many professors from my department supported me by listening, guiding, and encouraging me whenever I needed help. I was also fortunate to receive guidance from professors of other departments, whose advice and support helped me look at situations from different perspectives and grow as a person.

If I look back at my college journey, I feel that the biggest thing I gained was not just academic knowledge, but life experience. College was like a small world that prepared me for the much bigger world outside. It taught me how to deal with different kinds of people, face challenges, handle disappointments, and keep moving forward with confidence. The lessons I learned here will stay with me throughout my life.

-Afheen Nigar

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Tickling the Funny Bone

Xavier Meme Page

Expectation: College life = Freedom.
Reality: 75% attendance says "Good joke."

Other colleges: "Let's bunk class."
Xaverians: "Let's calculate attendance first."

Foundation Class:
The class I never asked for but somehow always need.

XUP Academic Calendar:
Exam → Assignment → Presentation → Exam Reloaded.

The only thing running faster than Wi-Fi on campus is the next deadline.

The real campus mystery:
Who keeps scheduling exams every time I start feeling happy?

The campus is so green because it's absorbing students' stress.

My attendance percentage and my happiness percentage have an inverse relationship.

Professor: Any questions?
Me: Can we postpone the deadline?
Professor: Any academic questions?

My biggest achievement this semester:
Maintaining attendance while losing sanity.

Management: We are approachable.
Students: Great!
Management: So are the deadlines.

My fitness routine:
Walking from one classroom to another in 5 minutes.

Other universities:
"Attendance is recommended."
"XUP:
"Attendance is a lifestyle."

I came for campus life.
Campus life came with compulsory mentoring.

Me: I'll skip one class today.
Attendance Portal: Are you sure about that?

Father Gibbon Playground:
Built for sports.
Used for discussing submissions due tomorrow.

Five-minute break between lectures.
Enough time to:
✓ Drink water
✓ Exist briefly
✗ Live life

Me checking attendance:
Morning ✓
Afternoon ✓
Evening ✓
Before sleeping ✓

Every Xaverian has two dreams:
Good grades
A lecture getting cancelled
Only one remains a dream.

That one friend:
"Bro, let's chill."
Also that friend:
"Bro, submission is due in 12 minutes."

Xaverians don't have semesters.
We have seasons:
Assignment Season,
Mid-Sem Season,
End-Sem Season,
Recovery Season.

At Xavier, even free periods feel suspicious.

Breaking News:
Student successfully completed all submissions.
Sources confirm this is a rare event.

Me: This semester will be different.
Deadline Notification: Welcome back.

War Hits the Wallet: Economic Impact of the US–Iran–Israel Conflict



The ongoing conflict involving the United States, Iran, and Israel has become more than a regional security issue; it has created economic consequences that are being felt across the world. One of the biggest concerns is the instability around the Strait of Hormuz, a critical maritime route through which nearly one-fifth of the world's oil supply passes. Fears of disruption have pushed global oil prices higher, increasing transportation, manufacturing, and electricity costs in many countries.

The conflict has also affected international trade and supply chains. Shipping companies operating in the Middle East have faced higher risks, leading to increased insurance premiums and freight charges. As a result, businesses are paying more to move goods across borders. Rising energy prices have also increased the cost of fertilizers and agricultural production, creating pressure on food prices and contributing to global inflation.

Several actions have been taken by governments and international organizations to reduce the impact of the crisis. Major economies have monitored strategic oil reserves, strengthened diplomatic efforts to prevent further escalation, and increased security around key shipping routes. International discussions have focused on maintaining the free flow of trade and ensuring energy supplies remain stable. Many countries are also accelerating investments in renewable energy and alternative fuel sources to reduce dependence on volatile oil markets.

India has been particularly vulnerable because it imports a large share of its crude oil requirements. Higher oil prices have increased import costs, placed pressure on the Indian rupee, and contributed to inflation in fuel, transport, and household goods.

Economic experts estimate that a sustained rise in crude oil prices can reduce India's GDP growth while increasing the country's import bill by billions of dollars. The conflict has also created uncertainty for Indian exporters and businesses dependent on global supply chains.

Overall, the US–Iran–Israel conflict highlights how geopolitical tensions can quickly affect economic stability worldwide. Its impact extends beyond the battlefield, influencing energy security, trade, inflation, and economic growth. The situation demonstrates the importance of diplomatic solutions, diversified energy sources, and resilient global supply chains in protecting economies from future shocks.

- Sonal Kumari

B.A. Economics -II



The tassel was worth the hassle

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Neither Left nor Right: The Real Adam Smith

June 5 marks the anniversary of the birth of Adam Smith, the 18th-century British economist widely hailed as the father of modern economics. Most people know Adam Smith as the father of economics and a hero of the political Right—a champion of free markets and a foe of government intervention. But this popular image is almost entirely wrong. In reality, Smith was a moral philosopher who spent most of his career warning against the dangers of merchant elites capturing the state, not celebrating unbridled capitalism. His famous "invisible hand" wasn't a defense of deregulation, but a critique of corporate conspiracy. This article re-examines what the real Adam Smith actually believed—and why his nuanced vision defies both Left and Right.



If there's one economist most people have heard of, it's Adam Smith. He's famous as the father of economics—often called the “dismal science”—and is usually seen as an early champion of free markets over government planning. In popular culture, Smith is portrayed as both the founder of economic theory and an ideological hero of the political Right.

But both of these claims are, at best,

misleading—and at worst, completely false.

Smith spent most of his career as a reclusive academic. He was a professor of moral philosophy at the University of Glasgow, teaching ethics, politics, law, and rhetoric. His first book, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (1759), made his name. He thought of himself as a philosopher, not an economist—partly because the discipline of “economics” didn't exist until the 19th century, long after his death in 1790.

True, his later work *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations* (1776) was hugely important for the eventual formation of economics. But that book is a 1,000-page mix of history, ethics, psychology, and political philosophy—nothing like today's math-heavy, ahistorical economic theory. It's really a work of “political economy,” a field that largely disappeared in the late 20th century.

Smith's reputation started slipping away from him early on. After *The Wealth of Nations* was published, British Whig leader Charles James Fox praised it in Parliament—but later admitted he'd never actually read it. Smith himself suspected that his loudest admirers misunderstood his arguments. He called the book “a very violent attack ... upon the whole commercial system of Great Britain.” Yet his political fans kept supporting that very system.

What would really disappoint Smith is how his name was later used—especially by right-wing neoliberals like Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher, and by thinkers like Friedrich Hayek, Ludwig von Mises, Milton Friedman, and Keith Joseph. Groups like the Mont Pelerin Society and even the Adam Smith Institute (a British think tank that rebranded as “neoliberal” in 2016) claim Smith as an early advocate of rolling back the state to let markets run free.

But while Smith did believe in what he called “the system of natural liberty,” his actual views were far more subtle—and far less friendly to big business.

For Smith, the greatest danger wasn't the state acting alone. It was the state captured by merchant elites. He wrote against what he called “the mercantile system”—a web of monopolies, exclusive trade routes, and closed guilds that forced ordinary people to pay high prices for poor goods. Merchants, he said, “seldom meet together . . . but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public.” They had invented the idea of the “balance of trade” to justify their privileges, claiming it would make nations rich. Smith showed this was nonsense: what was really needed was open trade to boost productivity and shared wealth.

Worse, merchants turned commerce into a cause of war, inflaming nationalism and pushing politicians into conflicts to protect their monopolies. They constantly tried to capture the state for their own gain.

That's where Smith's famous “invisible hand” comes in. Today, it's used to defend unregulated markets against state interference. But in Smith's own writing, the invisible hand was invoked to criticize state capture by merchants. He argued that markets work efficiently despite individuals seeking only their own gain—but that efficiency was being blocked by merchant monopolies upheld by state power. The invisible hand was originally a call to free people from those constraints, not a blanket endorsement of *laissez-faire*.

Still, Smith was pessimistic. He called his ideal of liberal markets benefitting everyone a “utopia.” History has partly proved him wrong—we do have more market freedom now—but corporate power and state capture remain major problems today.

None of this makes Smith a hero of the political Left, either. He was equally skeptical of politicians trying to run the economy. He pointed to disasters like the British East India Company ruling Bengal, which brought “want, famine and mortality.” Merchants should never run the state. But by the same token, politicians make terrible merchants. They are poor judges of resource allocation compared to the collective outcome of free exchange.

So Smith saw merchants as both necessary and dangerous. The task of a statesman was to balance their freedom to trade with controls to prevent exploitation. He didn't offer a neat formula—because he was deeply wary of what he called the “spirit of system.” This is the tendency of politicians to fall in love with abstract plans, imagining they can rearrange society like chess pieces, forgetting that each person has “a principle of motion of its own.”

This “spirit of system” applies to the Right as well as the Left. Thatcher's harsh restructuring of Britain's economy in the 1980s was just as much a product of this mindset as any Soviet five-year plan. Abstract plans, however noble, can lead to cruelty and suffering when politicians ignore the real complexity of human society.

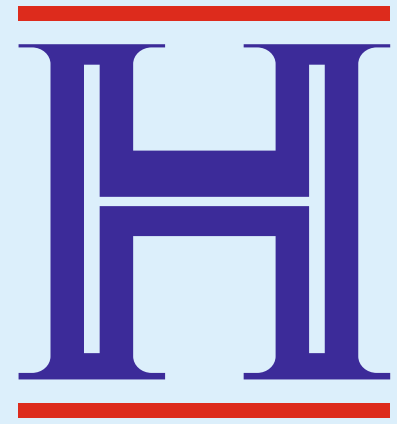
His lasting lesson is that both governments and economic elites can threaten freedom and prosperity when they become too powerful. A healthy society requires balancing market freedom with political oversight while remaining cautious of ideological schemes that promise simple solutions to complex problems.

-Abhishek Anand

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THIS MONTH In HISTORY



- June 5, 1723- Scottish economist and philosopher Adam Smith was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland
- June 9, 1898 - The British signed a 99-year lease for Hong Kong, located on the southeastern coast of China
- June 14, 1922 - Warren G. Harding became the first U.S. President to broadcast a message over the radio
- June 15, 1215 - King John set his seal to Magna Carta, the first charter of British liberties, guaranteeing basic rights that have since become the foundation of modern democracies around the world.
- June 16, 1963 - Valentina Tereshkova, 26, became the first woman in space



THE WORLD THIS MONTH

- Increase in the Supreme Court Judge strength to 37
- South Coast Railway Zone created as new Railway Zone in India
- India's total sugar export ban until 30th September 2026
- Santa Marta Climate Conference becomes the first international conference on transitioning away from fossil fuels
- Saudi Arabia becomes 26th member of the International Big Cat Alliance launched by India
- WHO declares Ebola as a Global Health Emergency
- Sikkim becomes India's first paperless judiciary state





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