

## Report on 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of Xavier School of Commerce, Xavier University Bhubaneswar

Xavier University, Bhubaneswar(XUB), one of the premier Universities of India, held its 1<sup>st</sup> Undergraduate Convocation for the Xavier School of Commerce on April 21 2017. The Xavier School of Commerce was set up in **2014** with the mission to provide graduate and post-graduate education demonstrating domain knowledge, and offering quality education through a curriculum that is rich in rigor, to take on the challenge of business houses. A total of **54** students graduated from various programs of the School under the University:

1. B. Com (Accounting) – 6
2. B. Com (Finance) – 22
3. BBM (HR) – 11
4. BBM (Marketing) – 15

The 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of Xavier School of Commerce, Xavier University, was held on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 at 11.00 am in the lobby of its



Xavier City Campus. His Excellency, Dr.S.C.Jamir, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha presided over the function. The top rank holders across schools were presented with Gold Medals by the His Excellency, Dr. S.C Jamir for their achievements in Academic Excellence. **Dr. Sanghamitra Mohanty**, former Vice Chancellor of North Odisha University and Member, Board of Governors of Xavier University Bhubaneswar, graced the occasion as Chief Guest & Convocation Speaker & provided the Convocation address.

The convocation ceremony commenced with a welcome note by **Fr. E.A Augustine, S.J. Registrar**, Xavier University Bhubaneswar. **Prof P.K. Mohanty, Dean, XSC** presented the Dean's Report. **Dr. Prof. Fr. Paul Fernandes, S.J., the Vice Chancellor** addressed the graduates and shared his message with them. The University celebrates with pride the achievement of its students as they stride towards their future filled with optimism and confidence.

In his speech **Dr. Father Paul Fernandes, the Vice Chancellor** highlighted various achievements of the University, faculty and students in the past year that had brought laurels and global recognition to Xavier University Bhubaneswar in the sphere of research, academia, sports and cultural activities. He congratulated the passing out batch of 2017. He told the students to be

the light to the world, always have faith and never be afraid of hard work and excellence. He urged them to always rekindle the core values imparted to them.

**His Excellency, the Governor of Odisha** congratulated the graduating students and spoke about this important milestone in the student's life. Further, he elaborated on the importance of Education as the driving engine for growth and social development of the Country. He spoke about Technology, digitalization, e-commerce, e-business etc. He spoke about the dynamic world and commerce education's focus on new ideas and innovation. The reason for stating all these was that students must be taught to convert the classroom teaching into a more practical knowledge. He emphasized upon grooming the students not only on technical aspects but also on teaching morals and ethics. He also said that learning is a process and Knowledge is a vast unfathomable ocean.

Dr.S.C.Jamir, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, also inaugurated **Xavier University's Solar power project, the first Solar City project in Bhubaneswar**. Representatives from OREDA and CESU also attended the program. This centre will go in a long way to help the Bhubaneswar Smart City Programme of the State Government. Taking the first steps towards zero carbon footprint and



creating clean and green campus in the true sense. Through this 200kw Solar power generation project three objectives have been achieved

1. clean air for better health by reduction of carbon footprint and moving towards zero carbon (with annual carbon reduction of 140 tonnes);
2. contributed towards a greener world with a equivalence of 3684 trees annually planted (or saved);
3. an annual expected production of 260 MW solar power generation, saving an economic cost to the society of about 20 lakhs annually

The **Xavier Centre for Urban Management and Governance** was also inaugurated by His Excellency on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April on the Xavier City Campus of the Xavier University. The first batch of students enrolled to the MBA in Urban Management and Governance program in July 2016 are currently interning with leading firms in the urban sector. Architects, planners, engineers, geographers, economists and others aspiring to build the cities and communities of the future may apply for this '*first of its kind in the country*' program. [For more details on 1st Convocation of Xavier School of Commerce, XUB Click Here...](#)