

VOTING: THE BEATING HEART OF DEMOCRACY

In every college there is a provision for forming a Student Council. The student council is elected by the students to manage the different activities of the college and to represent the class under the guidance and supervision of the Principal. Hence elections are held in the beginning of the academic session. The purpose of these elections is to provide a sort of democratic training to the students at the college level and to teach them how to become good citizens. In the process, student council are trained to shoulder responsibility.

Since B. Ed. is a 2-year programme, the posts of class representative and house leaders were for the second years for the present elections. The first part of student campaigning involves nomination of names for the students for the respective posts. The candidate himself can nominate his name or his friend can nominate his name. On 14th July, the nominated candidates introduced themselves to the class students and shared their strengths and why they are capable to be on that post. Many of them were been nominated for different posts.

Dr. Shadab and Professor Kalpana were the lecturers appointed as the polling observers. The S.Y. B.Ed. students assembled in the Multi-purpose hall on the election date, that is, on 18th July, to elect the candidates. The lecturers provided a piece of paper to all the students and they were asked to vote for the suitable candidate for the class representative for the year 2016-17. The students were requested to fold the papers after they voted and were asked to put into the box.

Then the votes were counted by the above lectures in presence of the council in-charges. Jennifer Aranha won the maximum vote for the post of class representative. There was a joy in most of the students' faces as Jennifer was known for her responsible nature.

After the CR Elections, we were asked to move in our respected houses to choose the representative for the three houses, Asha, Astha and Satya. Each group chose their house leaders.

Asha House Leader: Janice Mendonca

Astha House Leader: Macjoyle Barretto

Satya House Leader: Greeti Chacko

This is one of the ways in that St. Xavier's Institute of Education tries to promote democratic leadership among students.