

St. Xavier's Institute of Education Autonomous



PRAYAS 2024: Udyog Pradarshan

Annual College Fest Report

St. Xavier's Institute of Education (Autonomous) marked a significant milestone this year as it celebrated 70 years of teacher education. As part of its commitment to fostering academic excellence and character formation, the institution organized PRAYAS 2024: Udyog Pradarshan, an entrepreneurial exhibition and sale event on May 7th 2024. It was a whole day event conducted in the auditorium of St. Xavier's Institute of Education. The theme of PRAYAS 2024 underscores the importance of nurturing entrepreneurial excellence among the youth, celebrating their creativity, and promoting a culture of innovation and risk-taking. Such events play a vital role in driving economic growth, societal progress, and job creation. They also cultivate essential skills such as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication, aligning with both Jesuit educational philosophy and the demands of the 21st century.

PRAYAS 2024 was organized into various teams, each tasked with specific responsibilities to ensure the success of the event.

Knowledge management team, led by Prof. Vini Sebastian, focused on understanding the organization's strategies and collecting data about the participating entrepreneurs. They facilitated research groups and conducted interviews to gather insights into entrepreneurial activities, culminating in comprehensive analysis presented during the valedictory program.

Dr. Elvina Pereira, in charge of **the infrastructure management team**, responsible for venue arrangement, banner designing, and overall decor. This team meticulously planned and executed the layout of the venue, ensuring a visually appealing and conducive environment for the event.

Under the guidance of Dr. Shadab Paloji, **the technology and social media management team** leveraged digital platforms to promote PRAYAS 2024 and facilitate live coverage of the event. They orchestrated advertising campaigns, managed technological requirements, and captured the essence of the exhibition through geo-tagged photographs and video recordings.

Event management, including the coordination of inaugural and valedictory programs, feedback collection, and logistical arrangements, was overseen by Dr. Kalpana Chavan. This team meticulously planned every aspect of the event, from minute-to-minute schedules to compere's scripts, ensuring a seamless and memorable experience for participants and guests alike.

Ms. Nishi Kumar led the **catering management team**, which meticulously planned refreshments, managed food stalls, and ensured a smooth dining experience for attendees and entrepreneurs. Their attention to detail extended to waste management, financial analysis, and maintaining hygiene standards throughout the event.

Dr. Bijoy K. Thomas headed the **support system management team**, which provided assistance to entrepreneurs, facilitated product displays, and ensured the smooth functioning of exhibition stalls. Their

efforts contributed to a conducive environment for entrepreneurs to showcase their products and interact with visitors.

Dr. Priti Sivaramakrishnan led the **student management team**, which oversaw certificate design, health and safety arrangements, and volunteer coordination. Their meticulous planning and execution ensured the smooth conduct of the event and a positive experience for all participants.

Over the years PRAYAS has been a testament to the spirit of creativity, collaboration and innovation and this year with the theme of Entrepreneurship, it fostered innovation, resilience and problem-solving skills. and today, as we conclude, we can proudly say that it was a day filled with inspiration, togetherness and celebration.

We were honored to have our Chief Guest, Dr. Fr. Arul John Bosco SJ, the guest of honour principal Dr. Andrea Coutinho and all the faculty members. Their presence lent an aura of distinction to our proceedings. The event started at 9.30 am with the cutting of the ribbon ceremony by our chief guest. Ms Athira gave an introduction to PRAYAS and how it has been serving as a great milestone over years to SXIE. The lighting of the lamp and the soul-stirring prayer song set the tone for the day. We also heard insightful words from the chief guest and the guest of honour. Their invaluable experiences have ignited the flames of innovation and enterprise within us. The inaugural ceremony marked the beginning of a journey of exploration and discovery, as we marveled at the creativity and ingenuity of the entrepreneurs. Live music by SXIE Symphony filled the air with melody and rhythm, enhancing the festive atmosphere of our event.

A highlight of the day was witnessing the Chief Guest, Principal, faculty members, non-teaching staff and the students engaging in lively conversations as they visited different stalls. Throughout the day, we were privileged to host various guests, who added to the richness of our experience with their insights and perspectives. We broke for lunch and partook in fellowship reflecting on the significance of this day and the bonds forged through our shared experiences. We resume our exploration of the stalls, continuing to be inspired by the stories of resilience and innovation that they represent.

Post lunch, Ms Rivekta Marti initiated the valedictory program and we had a wonderful and great panel discussion by Dr. Kalpana Chavan and three guest entrepreneurs Ms. Minal Bhatia, Ms. Shivani Hange and Mr. Pranav Patil. Their journeys, vision and success stories were an inspiration for all, it motivated us to explore the field of Entrepreneurship. Following the panel discussion, Prof Vini and the Knowledge Management Team presented their analyses and interpretations of the data collected from the entrepreneurs. The Social Media team presented a short video on the glimpse of the day. Later on the certificates were distributed to the students by the chief guest and guest of honour. Ms. Nishi Kumar proposed the formal

vote of thanks to people who contributed in making PRAYAS a successful event and at 4.10 pm the day ended with SXIE Symphony singing the college anthem followed by the National Anthem.

In conclusion, PRAYAS 2024 exemplified St. Xavier's Institute of Education's commitment to promoting entrepreneurial spirit, fostering holistic development, and empowering the youth to become agents of change in society. Through collaborative efforts and meticulous planning, the event provided a platform for students to showcase their talents, learn from established entrepreneurs, and contribute to the ethos of innovation and excellence championed by the institution.

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Andrea Coutinho

Dr. Andrea Coutinho
Principal