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## IQAC REPORT 2025-26

The theme for the year 2025-26 was “Nurturing a Sustainable Future”. The theme “**Nurturing a Sustainable Future**” for the academic year 2025–26 reflects the institution’s commitment to integrating sustainability into all dimensions of education, research, and community engagement. It emphasizes the need to develop environmentally conscious, socially responsible individuals who can contribute meaningfully to global and local challenges. Through quality-driven initiatives, innovative practices, and inclusive approaches, the institution aims to promote sustainable development while maintaining academic excellence. At St. Xavier’s College, an empowered autonomous institute, the UG and PG curricula are designed to reflect this vision. The education imparted aims to support the ever-learning spirit of the upskilling, new generation, including the teaching fraternity. St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai, implemented the NEP 2020 in the year 2023-24, incorporating multiple exit points, interdisciplinary courses, elective choices, and an emphasis on Indian Knowledge Systems. The current academic year, 2025-26, is the third year of UG NEP 2020. A proud moment for St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai as we secured the AIR 2025 is 89th with a score of 55.16, improving from last year’s 52.60. The IQAC meetings were held in hybrid mode via Zoom on 12 July 2025, 11 October 2025, 24 January 2026, and 17 April 2026.

**New Academic Programme:** In the academic year 2025-2026, four new programmes were introduced a) M.A. in Transformational Leadership conducted by ‘Teach for India’ b) B.Sc. in Biotechnology & Computational Biology c) B.Sc. in Data Science & AI d) B.A. in Economics - Statistics (Self-financed division). As per the guidelines of Mumbai University fourth year for BSc/BA in alignment with MA/MSc will be implemented in the year 2026-27 for the Departments having PG courses namely Botany, Geology, Life Science, Microbiology, Physics and AIHCA. As per the policy of rotation of HoDs - 12 Departments had new HoDs from 1st June 2025 for a period of four years.

**Xavier’s Entrance Test (XET 2026)** [for BCom with MS, BAMCJ, Biotech MSc, BSc (IT) and BDA Dates are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 for 8 centres all over India and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May at St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai. Psychology MA Entrance Test on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 only at St. Xavier’s College.

### Audits and Submissions:

Administrative and academic audits for the years 2022-23 and 2023-24 was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2026 respectively and the exit meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The peer team expert committee were Dr. Sunil Mantri, Dr. Asha Mathew, Dr. Gomathi Jatin and Ms. Bina Hemnani who gave valuable suggestions.

AQAR 2024-25 – All criterion was represented and passed on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The details will be uploaded. NIRF details for 2024-25 submitted on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026.



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**OBE Committee:** The committee conducted orientation for faculty on question paper setting -online 18th June, 5th July, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025. The following were the activities by OBE committee through the year:

CO mapping for all odd semester courses, ERP integration for CIA1, CIA 2 and ESE, Question paper setting on ERP, On Screen Marking of CIA 1, Some CIA 2 and End semester, Training and demonstration sessions for faculty, Question wise marks entry using excel, generated based on question paper, Department wise meeting for explaining the process, Guidelines for Evaluation, Calculation of course attainments, Revision of PO for UG and PG.

## Results

The following are the results of various programs for the academic year 2025-26.

Course	Total No. of Students Appeared	Total no of students Passed	CGPA 9-10	CGPA 8-9	CGPA 7-8	CGPA 6-7	CGPA below 6
BA	309	274	158	93	21	2	0
BA(MCJ)	126	101	75	24	2	0	0
BCom	105	75	21	32	14	8	0
BAF	53	44	18	22	4	0	0
BMS	122	101	70	29	2	0	0
BSc	266	187	88	70	27	2	0
BSc (IT)	59	51	34	15	2	0	0
MA (AIHCA)	35	28	14	10	4	0	0
MA (ECO)	33	27	14	4	9	0	0
MPP	36	35	21	12	2	0	0
MA (PSY)	34	32	23	8	1	0	0
MSc (BOT))	7	6	5	1	0	0	0
MSc (Biotech)	33	32	20	9	1	2	0
MSc (GEO)	8	8	0	3	2	2	1
MSc (LSc)	19	15	4	8	3	0	0
MSc (Micro)	15	14	9	3	2	0	0
MSc (Physics)	20	18	0	11	6	1	0
MSc (BDA)	35	34	6	13	7	4	4



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## Capability Building for Teaching, Non-teaching Staff, and Students: Workshops/Webinars/Seminars Teaching Faculty:

- New Teachers' Induction session was held on 12th June 2025
- Orientation for DQAC Members meeting - NAAC Preparedness- 30th June 2025
- Respecting Boundaries in an Academic Space: The POCSO and POSH Act (For All faculty members, Office staff)- Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and Wednesday 6th August 2025
- National Centre for Science Communicators (NCSC) in association with St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai organised the M. S. Swaminathan Centenary Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, HAG Senior Professor and Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai on Aug 01, 2025
- Malhar 2025, theme "The World Within," conducted covering Concerts, workshops, and conclave sessions held between August 14–16, 2025.
- Bonding Session (For All faculty members), Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025
- Session on Conflict Management held for Junior and Senior College faculty- 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- One-Day FDP on "Reimagining Accreditation: Future-Ready Quality Practices in Higher Education" 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- Orientation on examination guidelines for new faculty – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Practical cyber awareness for everyday life- session for non-teaching staff- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- Conferences/ workshops: Satellite Communication - 10th and 11th Nov, Viksit Maharashtra 2047, 28th and 29th Nov.
  - Two-day National conference on Viksit Maharashtra 2047 - 28th and 29th Nov
  - Xynergy 5th December 2025 consisted of Exhibitions, Spotlight events and Department tours. More than 900 students of 9th grade participated
  - Alumni dinner- 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025.
  - IMG – Jan Fest- was held on 25th and 26th January
  - JHEASA Conference 2026 was held at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai- 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> January.
  - Session by Dr. Ajay Bhatnagar on "Lessons Learned after 50 years in Academic Research and Commercial R&D"- 29th January -
  - 28th February - National Science Day Celebration
  - College got the award for Best college magazine 2024-25, R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous) in Mumbai, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026
  - Yoga committee: International Day of Yoga 2025 -Organised by Extracurricular Committee and Xavier's Yoga Circle on Saturday, June 21, 2025, Yoga & Relaxation session for all faculty members- Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025. Events were organised for students also.



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## Research:

- Seed money for 2025-26 was granted to 4 faculty members after they defended their proposals: 2- Life Science and Biochemistry. 2- Department of Botany. The progress of the research work will be reviewed after 6 months. The management's initiative to disburse seed money was well appreciated.
- Six faculty completed their PhD during the year – 2 from Botany, 1- Microbiology and 1- Psychology, 1 – commerce.
- The seven credit coursework for Bioscience PhD students on Instrumentation and Bioinformatics and for AIHCA students were conducted.
- Constitution of the Institutional Research Ethics Committee: Review of 2 Faculty and 33 Student Research projects involving human volunteers for the academic year 2025-26 completed.
- The faculty published papers in peer reviewed journals and chapters in books.

## Session for Students:

The Orientations for the First-Year students were held between 16<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The Orientation for the PG Students was held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Commencement ceremony for the graduating batch of UG and PG was held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Feedback and Survey: An online teaching questionnaire was administered for UG and PG students (odd and even semesters). The analysis was shared with individual teachers to help them understand their strengths and weaknesses. The ECC committee organised various sessions for the students. Placement update -so far 140 students have been placed out of 390 who registered at the beginning of the year. (35%). Highest salary 25LPA, average salary in 2025 – 2026: 7.97 LPA.

## Green initiatives: As part of our theme "*Nurturing a Sustainable Future*:"

- " St. Xavier's College inaugurated *India's first solar-powered Kuube Smart Bench* on September 15, 2025. Developed by Hungary's Kuube and Routes Worldwide (India), the bench offers solar charging, Wi-Fi, and environmental sensors—marking a step toward smart, sustainable infrastructure.
- Ganesh Chaturthi in an ecofriendly manner at home (6th Sep.2025).
- Ek Divas, Ek TaaS, Swachhate Kade-In alignment with the UGC's Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2025, (25th Sep. 2025).
- Spreading awareness about Food Wastage (29th Sep. 2025).
- One-day Seminar under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)- 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Christmas collection and campus clean up drives were conducted by XEC.

**MoUs:** The following were some MoUs signed during the year- Harmony Organics Pvt. Ltd - Fermentation process for development to produce small molecules -Caius Research Laboratory. ROSS Life Science Ltd. - Zoology Dept On Job training and internships Association with Bisleri for plastic collection -Bisleri's "Bottles for Change" Programme -A



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CSR Initiative. SBI General Insurance Company (Finance symposium 2025) - October 31st 2025 Amar- Yashasvi Pvt. Ltd. Isolation of microorganisms that produce Vit C, B2 and B12 - Rs. 375979/- (December 2025). EOI with IIT Bombay for Virtual Labs. St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, has been approved as a member institution of the AWS Academy Program under Amazon Internet Services Private Limited (AISPL).

## CAS Promotions

Interviews for the following faculty under CAS was conducted during the year and the papers are being processed.

- Dr. Rajdeo Singh - Dept. of Botany, Ms. Radhika Rani- Dept. of Sociology (AL-10 to AL-11)
- Dr. Aparna Shetye, Dr. Pampi Chakraborty - Dept. of Microbiology, Dr. Maya Murdeshwar and Dr. Bhaskar Saha- Dept of Life Science and Biochemistry (AL-11 to AL-12).
- Dr. Vijaya Lobo- Dept. of Botany, Dr. Leena Joshi – Dept of Physics (AL-12 to AL-13A)

## Student achievements:

- a. Our students won accolades in various sports, events and competitions held across Mumbai and Maharashtra.
- b. Students from various departments participated in the zonal level 20<sup>th</sup> Avishkar research convention organised by Mumbai University and 6 teams got selected to the final round.
- c. Some of our students secured all India ranks in National Examinations such as UGC-CSIR NET, JAM 2026, GATE 2026 etc.
- d. Fulbright Scholar at DIRS: Ms. Rachel Sondgeroth (Columbia University) began research on faith-based community mobilization in Mumbai (Sept 7, 2025), research guide: Dr. Radha Kumar.

## Faculty achievements:

- Global recognition: Dr. Sam Taraporevala (Executive Director - XRCVC) and Mr. Ketan Kothari (Managing Consultant - Programs, XRCVC) have been selected for Diversability's Global D-30 Impact List, which honours 30 outstanding disabled leaders worldwide.
- Design patent: Mr. Kartik Adake and Dr. Ashish Mane Electrocoagulation Cum Waste Biomaterial Filtration Machine by the Patent Office, Government of India under the Designs Act, 2000.
- Mr Kartik Adake received Best Oral Presentation Award at the National Conference "SciFusion 2026" on Interdisciplinary Scientific Research, held on 13-14 March 2026 at K.L.E Society's Science and Commerce College, Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai.



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- **Mr. Sachin Rajagopalan** from the Department of Life Science and Biochemistry won best oral presentation award in National Conference titled Innervate 2026 organized by Bajaj College of Science.
- Prof. Dr. Karuna Gokarn, Principal, has received the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Award. She has completed the tour of seven universities in the USA from 11th to 25th April as part of the fellowship.

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