

DORANDA OLD XAVERIANS 'DOX'

Dear Doranda Old Xaverians,

Hi and greetings of the season !

Here's a small update on "**DOX**", your alumni association.

We feel happy to share with you all that your "DOX" is being highly appreciated, acclaimed and recognized in the Jesuit circles as one of the better Alumni Associations; owing to its continued innovative projects with, and projection of our alma mater as a premier "Human Building" Institution. We all have taken pride and continue to be proud of this pioneer Institution which built and nurtured us as excellent human beings.

Our contemporary Alumni Associations in India are already looking up to DOX to take up leadership roles in the JAAI (Jesuit Alumni Associations of India) & WUJA (World Union of Jesuit Alumni).

Recently DOX hosted the JAAI-Central Zone Meet at Ranchi which was attended by Alumni delegates, Institutional heads and Clergy from Jesuit Institutions of Jharkhand, Orissa and Chhatisgarh states, apart from the Treasurer of WUJA himself.

After we hosted the visit and symposium of **Very Rev. Fr. Adolfo Nicolas S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus** (Jesuits are the largest men Religious Congregation in the World comprising of 18500 members in 128 Countries) at our School, we were entrusted with the role of mentoring the "Alumni Association Formation and Strengthening Mission" for Jesuit Institutions in and around Ranchi, which we have now acronymed "JAARP" (Jesuit Alumni Associations of Ranchi Province).

On the initiative of our very dynamic and visionary Principal, Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess S.J., a contingent from St. Xavier's Doranda shall be representing you all at the **World Union of Jesuit Alumni Congress** (WUJA Congress) in Colombia, South America in August this year. Delegates are Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess S.J. (Principal, SXD), Er. Shivendra Mohan Sharma, (ICSE '78 & President, DOX) and Dr. Devendra Singh (ICSE '80 and Executive Chairman, DOX).

We shall leave from Delhi on 6th Aug for Italy and shall visit Rome, the Eternal City, the Vatican for Pope's blessings, the Jesuit Curia (Fr. General's Residence), Milan, Venice and Switzerland, before we proceed to Medellin, Colombia for the WUJA Congress from 14th to 19th August. It shall be our endeavour and mission to network with DOX alumnus in Italy and Switzerland too and create a stronger network of our eminent, very successful and acclaimed alumni in Europe too. You all may please start sharing the contacts of all such Old Xaverians with us, and also forward our itinerary to them; so that we may take prior appointments and arrange fruitful and pleasant meetings with them. We feel sure that they would love to re-live their "Xaverian Experiences".

We also have a nine-day tour of the U.S.A. after the WUJA Congress. We shall arrive at New York on 20th Aug @ 8.30 pm and leave for India on 29th Aug at night. We sincerely look forward to meeting as many of our brethren as possible, but have little information about who is where and how many can get together on the proposed dates. Devendra's son studies at UIUC, Illinois, and he would visit him for a day. So New York on 21st and Chicago on 25th / 26th are certainly on our cards. Rest of the days are open.

We wish that the DOX in the U.S.A. suggest some program which we shall freeze depending on the response and travel time/expense etc. We will expect the local guys to organize / manage the local logistics in terms of the meet, our stay and travel etc since we are not very conversant of the local conditions. It would be great if we can have 3-4 get-togethers. Looking forward to response from our DOX brethren in the US.

Our purpose behind this exercise is to share your vision and wisdom on what more we all can do together; so as to create a very strong international network of our own community. This could, in the long run, benefit all DOX, young and old and also our alma mater.

We eagerly await your responses and invitations, and look forward to a very enriching experience with our seniors, peers and juniors.

Warm regards and so long !

With best wishes,

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