

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL DORANDA

It's great to be back with more news and views from St. Xavier's Doranda. We have been unassumingly going about our duties with lots of interesting and encouraging developments occurring here. Once the examinations for Mid Term and First Selections Tests were over, we were pretty busy with very important Parents-Teachers Meeting. Such meetings are organized very systematically on a regular basis to create consensus on issues that ultimately help our students for their future growth. The parents not only come to know about the mental growth of their child but they also get to know their ward's emotional growth. It was nice to see parents discussing with the teachers all the matters regarding their wards so as to have a healthy growth.

Recently, our school team won the Inter Jesuit School Basketball Tournament organized by St. Xavier's Hazaribagh. We came out victorious over the following teams:

Loyola Jamshedpur , Prabhat Tara, Dhurwa, De Nobili, Dhanbad, St. John's Ranchi, St. Robert's Hazaribagh, St. Xavier's Hazaribagh, St. Xavier's Bokaro, St. Xavier's Chaibasa and St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

Moreover, our junior school team was instrumental in getting the ICSE Basketball Championship held at Kerala. The regular practices and untiring dedication put in by our students and coaches are now reaping us rich harvests.

In the first week of November, we had delegates visiting us from Ireland. They conducted a path-breaking seminar for the teachers from St. Xavier's, Sacred Heart, Loreto Convent, St. Antony and St. Francis. The seminar was specifically organized to enlighten the teachers on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that United Nations has sought to achieve by 2015. The teachers were guided through the understanding of the entire vision that UNO wants to inculcate among all the youngsters of the world. During their stay here, the Irish team also visited these schools to have first hand interaction with the students and for getting the ethos of the youth at large. They were highly impressed by the sense of dedication and fine display of discipline in St. Xavier's Doranda which mesmerized them through its sheer excellence.

Few days before, our students won quite a few contests in Ranchi, apart from the regular victories in the field of Quiz. A group of eight students won six prizes out of eight in the **Central University of Jharkhand**. The University has been celebrating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. The students recited poetry and stories written by the immortal Laureate and amazed the audience with their performance. Similarly, we were declared champions in the **Debate Contest held at Delhi Public School, Ranchi**. The debaters from the school deliberated on Anti-Corruption Actions for the future: the Jan Lokpal Bill.

Good News! We have successfully managed to obtain Minority Status Certificate from the National Minority Commission of India, New Delhi.

Things are moving in the right track and there is always innovative vigour sweeping the campus here. So long....

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