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# VOICE OF XAVIER'S

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## VOX Redux

VOX is the product of the creativity of students, alumni, teachers, and management of St. Xavier's, the premier school of Gandhinagar. From its inception almost a decade ago under the able guidance of our teacher, Mrs. Ramola Sidhu, VOX has offered a creative platform to showcase talent. This edition comes with renewed enthusiasm and vision to make the most out of digital connectivity during the current challenging times.



## Blessings from the Principal, Fr. Arul Rayan, SJ

"I have spent many days stringing and unstringing my instrument while the song I came to sing remains unsung", said Rabindranath Tagore. To all those who have a song to sing, here is the Voice of Xavier's (VOX) providing you a platform. St. Ignatius of Loyola whose 500 years of conversion of heart we are celebrating this year said "Love ought to manifest itself in deeds rather than words". We express our love for one another by what we do and who we are to each other. VOX is an expression of love; love for the school, love for the students, love for academics, love for promoting creativity, love for the all round development of every one of us in this journey of life. VOX will help us to reach out to one another as we share out thoughts and deeds, hopes and aspirations, joys and celebrations.



God is love. Every form of love reminds us of a ray of light from the source of all life-God. Let all our efforts be blessed by God. I wish the very best to all those who are part and who will become part of this creative labour of love. "God waits to win back his own flowers as gifts from man's hands", Said Rabindranath Tagore, May all that we do at St. Xavier's, Gandhinagar be gifts worthy to be offered to God. May God bless us all!

## Safety First: Wear Helmets on Two Wheelers! - Sajid Gurjar (10-B)

Recently, wearing a helmet has been made mandatory in Pune, with an aim to lower the number of accidents and casualties. However, people are still reluctant, citing reasons like discomfort, difficulty to carry, messing the hair. But these reasons are negligible compared to your precious life!

Helmets have been in existence since the middle ages. Initially used for military, the headgear was also used for protecting players' head while playing games and safeguarding the riders of a carriage. Today, the significance of a helmets is all more germane as the roads are heavily flooded. The patch works and continuous development of Indian roads increase the chances of accidents.

Many benefits of wearing helmets: (1) effective in reducing head injuries, which could cost a life; (2) protection of eyes from dust and high beam light; (3) better attention and control of the vehicle; (4) protection from cold breeze, and cover for ears, preventing you from getting sick in the cold; and (5) lower the temperature due to the solid online cushioning in summers. You should also this wear a helmet to avoid hefty fines and spoiling your driving record.

Remember to buy helmets for the driver as well as the pillion riders. Always buy a full faced helmet. Check the expiry date. Clean the glass regularly. As a student, I urge you to pledge to wear a helmet while riding a two wheeler!

## Did you know?

Could you have guessed that once, decades ago, the little master Sunil Gavaskar was a visitor of our school? Can you identify who else is in the picture?



Several such golden memories of our school can be found in our carefully curated **Coffee Table Book**, launched to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. Grab your copy today, from the school office! (Limited stock)

The best way to find yourself  
is to lose yourself  
in the service of others  
- Mahatma Gandhi



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**News @ School**



The **Golden Jubilee** Celebrations of St. Xavier's and Mt. Carmel were concluded with much fanfare.

The ceremony was presided over by **Rev. Fr. Durai**, our former principal and now Provincial of Gujarat.



The **Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola** was celebrated last month at the Quadrangle.

Reflecting our tradition of care for nature, the school organized **Tree Plantation**.

**Unsung Hero of Independence: Matangini Hazra**

Freedom fighters are the pillars behind the freedom movement. It is because of their sacrifices that we prospered into a free country. My favourite freedom fighter is **MATANGINI HAZRA**, the indomitable freedom fighter, who bravely took bullets right in her heart!



Born into a poor peasant family in a small village, Matangini could not get any formal education, was forced into child marriage at an early age and became a widow at just eighteen. After her husband's demise she moved back to her native village and started helping people in distress. Soon, Matangini was drawn towards

the freedom struggle and was greatly inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, earning a nickname 'Gandhi Buri' for her dedication. During Satyagraha, she once stealthily got into premises of Tamluk court and hoisted the Indian National Flag. Repeated arrests only strengthened her resolve.

Matangini Hazra showed bravery till her last breath. On Sep 29, 1942, she led a procession of around 6000 towards Tamluk police station, when the police shot at her, as she shouted 'VANDE MATRAM'. She held the flag aloft as she was shot thrice, finally succumbing to her injuries with the flag in her hand.

Matangini was truly a women of unmatched valour and grit, who inspired countless others to follow her footsteps in the fight against the British. She is 'THE UNSUNG WARRIOR' of India.

- **Aanshi Gandhi (11-A)**

**શું કરશું ?**

આ લોકડાઉન તો પુરું થયું, પણ વરસાદ વગર શું કરશું ?  
 શાળામાં તો જઇશું, મળશું, પણ મેળા વગર શું કરશું ?  
 મમ્મી શીખવે ગણિત-ભુગોળ, પણ કવિતા વગર શું કરશું ?  
 કંસ મારવો, કૌરવ હણવા છે, પણ કૃષ્ણ વગર શું કરશું ?  
 એલન મસ્ક ઉડવો આકાશે, પણ ભગવાન વગર શું કરશું ?

- **Vaidehi Prajapati (10-D)**

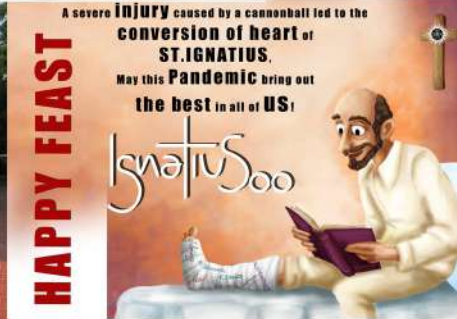
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In a first for our school, the creative minds of Fr. Principal and our tech-savvy teachers have launched a **YouTube channel** of the school. Look for "St. Xavier's School Gandhinagar" and subscribe today to get the latest videos from our school!

**The dead cannot cry out for justice therefore we do it...  
Justice is our birth right...**

# EVENTS IN IMAGES



**Teaching continues to be a noble task... nothing can deter the determination of a committed Teacher online and off line or both combined... learning never stops here!**



**Every celebration that unites us all brings immense joy to the soul**