

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Friends,

St.Xavier's. B.com.Business.Once, India's industrial horizon was littered with stars that had the three words in common. Today, it is the world. What makes Xaverian's such run away success in industry and commerce? What transforms the young boys who brave the early morning chill to attend classes into all conquering swashbucklers? What is the one thing that the college imbibes in them that arms them with the magic wand? What makes a Xaverian stand up tall amongst his peers?

There is no one answer. But the common threads are many: the ability to manage the environment the suit the entity's needs. The overbearing concern for cutting wasteful expenditure so as to strengthen the bottom-line. The Midas touch that turns around belly-ups and transforms them into the thriving dynamos. The unflinching desire to dream big and reach the top, and the against- all odds struggle to turn fantasies into reality. The fore-sight to look beyond the shores of India. The bravado to play the merger game with some of the biggest in the world and come out the winner. That's Laxhmi Narayan Mittal for you. That is also, if you read the words carefully, many of us. That's also the suave deer baron, Vijay Mallya.The cool and calculative Pawan Ruia.The flamboyant Arun Jagatramka.The elegance personified Kamal Nath.Not to mention that hyper efficient glue that holds the Nation's politico's together, Amar Singh.

What is the root cause of this success? For one, the fact that the institution has successfully barred the campus from being politicized. And most importantly, the selfless service that has been rendered by an unending series of Jesuit Fathers, who have not only made men out of us, but also instilled certain values that we live by. Values that they have lived by and taught us by example as opposed to mouthing mere words.

For one, we are not afflicted by mere concerns of caste, creed or colour, we honour merit. And two, we have learnt not to envy the success of others but to have faith that we too can. And to cap it all, we have in us the corouge of our conviction. That is why, Xaverian's have always been in the forefront seeking justice for the down and out. That is also why today, as I write this I feel the need for SXC's in every nook and corner of this great country of ours. Let us spread the light. Let a million young eyes light up let a million young minds attain critical mass. Can we not all come together, in this 150th glorious year of the institution and impart our spirit of success to the Nation and spread the light of education?

Taking of campaigns, we begin with this issue, "A Card For India" wherein we hope to enlist the views of all right thinking Indians as to what according to them, is the biggest threat facing the Nation. These post cards, corrected over the next one year will be analyzed, tabulated and hopefully take the form of a travelling exhibition and provide content for a National debate, a Conference and a Coffee Table Publication. Do send in your thoughts, for we are just a little wave that hopes to become, with your active participation and support, a deluge someday.

Happy Reading!

Thanks and Regards,

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