



Name of the Event- *“Responsibilities of a First-Time Voter and Voting Awareness”.*

Organizing Club: *The Xaverian Society of Social and Self-Awareness Club, Department of Sociology.*

Date and Time: *3rd May 2024; 11:30 am-1:00 pm.*

Venue: *Seminar Hall, Administrative Building, St. Xavier’s College, Burdwan.*

Resource Person: *Dr. Bijoy Chand, HOD and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Raj College, Burdwan.*

The event in brief: *Voting is the foundation of democracy in India and every citizen above the age of 18 has the right and responsibility to participate in the process of election. In this context, spreading awareness, especially among the young generations assumes paramount importance. The Xaverian Society of Social and Self-Awareness Club, thus, organized this unique event to bring awareness amongst the students who would be casting their votes for the first time and to make them understand the dynamics of elections. In short, the aim was to make the students conscious of the fact that “every vote matters” for building a healthy democracy.*

- **EVENT DETAILS:**

Voting is one of the most important rights we have as a citizen of a democratic country. It allows us to have a say in who will represent us in the government, and a way to make the elected officials accountable to the people. The Xaverian Society of Social and Self-Awareness Club, run by the Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College, Burdwan took the opportunity to spread this awareness among the students, especially among the first-year students who will be exercising their right to vote for the first time.

The program started at 11:30 am in the Administrative Seminar Hall with the auspicious presence of Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Paul Arockiam, S.J, Principal of St. Xavier's College, Burdwan. The first-year students of all the departments of the college were the main attendees of the programme. The fourth-semester and sixth-semester students of the Department of Sociology and other departments attended the programme as well. Also, the graceful presence of the faculties of other departments added immense value to the event.

The program began with a speech on the significance of organizing this event by the Head of the Department & Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dr. Aratrika Bhattacharya, which was followed by a felicitation ceremony to the esteemed guest of honor, Dr. Bijoy Chand. Ms. Sweta Chand and Ms. Kaushiki Banerjee, faculties of the Department of Sociology, felicitated Dr. Bijoy Chand and handed over some small tokens to the esteemed guest. Father Principal also delivered a speech before starting of the programme and enlightened the students about the importance of exercising voting rights.

Dr. Chand presented a detailed presentation to the students in the session which provided them with various knowledge on 'voting'. He started by explaining democracy and also discussed about the members of the Election Commission, how they are elected and what are their chief functions. Starting from the basic concepts, he continued to explain the importance of exercising voting rights. He described to the students, the importance of understanding political parties before giving votes and how voting helps citizens to get more involved in their government. Dr. Chand also kept a different slide in his presentation to provide tips for first-time voters in India. The session successfully ended with a vote of thanks by the Secretary of the Xaverian Society of Self and Self Awareness and Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Mr. Diptangshu Nag at 1:00 p.m.

The students prepared posters on voting rights and took part in an awareness campaign also. They had a short rally near their college campus and made the people aware of their voting

rights as well. The whole event made a profound impact on the students as it made them understand that voting is not only a 'right' but also a 'duty' since only collective effort mainly on the part of the young generation can make the government more representative of the people. Lastly and most importantly, the program pointed out the importance of voting in a democracy and every citizen must have a voice.

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89.	Shahid Ali Hossain	Student	Geography
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Fig 1: Dr. Aratrika Bhattacharya, HOD of the Department of Sociology introducing the session to the audiences.



Fig 2: Father Principal delivering the speech.



Fig 3: The audience during the session.



Fig 4: Dr. Chand during his presentation.



Fig 5: Mr. Diptangshu Nag, the Secretary of the Xaverian Society of Self and Self Awareness and Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, delivering the vote of thanks.



Fig 6: Dr. Chand with the students.



Fig 7: Dr. Chand with the faculties of the Department of Sociology.



Fig 8: Dr. Chand with the students who participated in the poster demonstration and rally.



Fig 9: The students in front of the college campus with their posters.