



Xavier University, Patna



Digha-Aashiyaana Road, Patna - 800 011

A Six-day Faculty Development Programme



19 - 25 September 2025



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Innovation, Creativity, and Emerging Trends in Teaching and Research

**Under the Aegis of
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**



Background, Rationale & Objectives

The landscape of higher education is evolving rapidly due to the advent of technological innovations, globalization, and shifting learner expectations. Traditional teaching-learning approaches are no longer sufficient to prepare students for the dynamic demands of the modern workforce and society. There is an urgent need to cultivate creativity, innovation, research orientation, and interdisciplinary thinking among educators and learners alike. There is a need to adapt various learning styles for a student-centric approach.

Faculty members, as the key agents of academic excellence, must stay abreast of emerging pedagogical trends, digital tools, and research methodologies that enable them to transform classrooms into spaces of critical inquiry and knowledge creation. The integration of artificial intelligence, outcome-based education, and creative pedagogies demands continuous professional development to enhance both teaching and research effectiveness.

Against this backdrop, the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Innovation, Creativity, and Emerging Trends in Teaching and Research” has been conceptualized with the following objectives:

- To equip faculty with emerging trends and pedagogical tools in higher education.
- To strengthen mentorship, creative thinking, and critical inquiry among faculty and students.
- To enhance research competence and publication skills.
- To integrate technology, AI, and interdisciplinary approaches for academic excellence.

This FDP aims to serve as a collaborative platform where faculty members can exchange ideas, learn from experts, and engage with contemporary academic practices, thereby contributing to the transformation of higher education and research.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZING INSTITUTES

Xavier University, Patna (XUP)

Xavier University Patna is a private Jesuit university established under Section 6 of the Bihar Private Universities Act, 2013 (vide Notification No. 15/M1-06/2017-225). Nestled in a verdant 36-acre campus in Digha, Patna, the university offers a wide spectrum of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes spanning arts, commerce, communication, science, management, and technology. It fosters a learning environment that balances intellectual rigor and quality education with holistic development through rich co-curricular experiences, including sports, cultural events, seminars, workshops, and industry engagement

Target Participants:

- Faculty members from universities, colleges, and research institutions
- Early-career academicians and doctoral researchers
- Academic administrators and professionals engaged in teaching-learning

Methodology of FDP:

- Expert Lectures & Keynote Talks
- Interactive Sessions & Panel Discussions
- Hands-on Training in Digital & AI Tools
- Case Studies and Best Practices Sharing
- Mentorship & Collaborative Learning Activities

Expected Outcomes:

By the end of the FDP, participants will be able to:

- Gain exposure to innovative teaching-learning approaches
- Acquire practical skills in integrating AI and technology into academia
- Strengthen research design, methodology, and publication skills
- Develop enhanced mentorship and creative problem-solving abilities

Be equipped to address emerging challenges and opportunities in higher education

Certification:

Participants who attend all sessions and complete the FDP requirements will receive a Certificate of Participation jointly issued by Xavier University, Patna.

Registration Fee: ₹300



Registration link

<https://forms.gle/WDAWRKVtwxUWKHvUA>

Contact & Communication:

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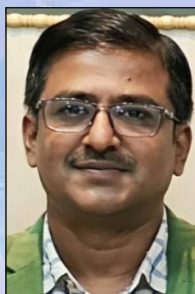
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Resource Persons



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Founder & Principal consultant
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Chief Guest



Prof. Anunaya Chaubey
Provost Emeritus
Anant National University, Ahmedabad

Inaugural Session
Day 1
19 September 2025



Mr. Kumod Kumar
Chief Administrative Officer
CIMP, Patna

Valedictory Session
Day 6
25 September 2025

Organising Committee



Dr Fr Sherry George, SJ
Registrar
Xavier University, Patna



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Session Details

Day & Date	Session	Resource Person	Topic
Day 1 – 19th Sept (Fri)	Introduction		
	Welcome Address	Fr. Dr Sherry George SJ, Registrar, Xavier University, Patna	
	Keynote Address	Prof. Anunaya Chaube, Provost Emeritus, Anant National University, Ahmedabad	
	Session 1	Dr Anurag Ambasta, Dean Arts and Humanities, Xavier University, Patna	Design, Thinking in teaching
Day 2 – 20th Sept (Sat)	Session 1	Prof. Shankar Purbey, Dean, DMI Patna	Crafting courses and pedagogies for higher order learning
	Session 2	Dr. Rachna Thakkar , Dean Academics, Xavier University, Patna	Teaching for Transfer: Helping Students Apply Learning in New Contexts
Day 3 – 22nd Sept (Mon)	Session 1	Dr. Sweta, Head, PMIR Dept., A.N. College, Patna	From Problems to Possibilities: Faculty Led Reforms for Quality HE in Bihar
	Session 2	Prof. Khagendra Kumar Patna University, Patna)	Emerging Trends & Policy Shifts in Higher Education
Day 4 – 23rd Sept (Tue)	Session 1	Prof. Smriti Singh, Asst. Prof., IIT Patna	Creative Pedagogical Practices
	Session 2	Dr. Piyush Ranjan Sahay, Dean Management, Xavier University	From Research Work to Publication: End-to-End Process
Day 5 – 24th Sept (Wed)	Session 1	Mr. Rajesh Pandey, Anahad Training Consultancy	Adult learning processes & methodologies. Participant value analysis
	Session 2	Dr. Supriya Shree, Asst. Prof., Computer Science, Xavier University	AI Solutions for Innovative Teaching and Academic Research
Day 6 – 25th Sept (Thu)	Session 1	Ms. Shilpa Sharma, Head Management, Xavier University, Patna	Student-Centric Vision of NEP 2020: From Policy to Pedagogy through Learning Styles
	Keynote Valedictory Session 3	Mr. Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP	Valedictory Address