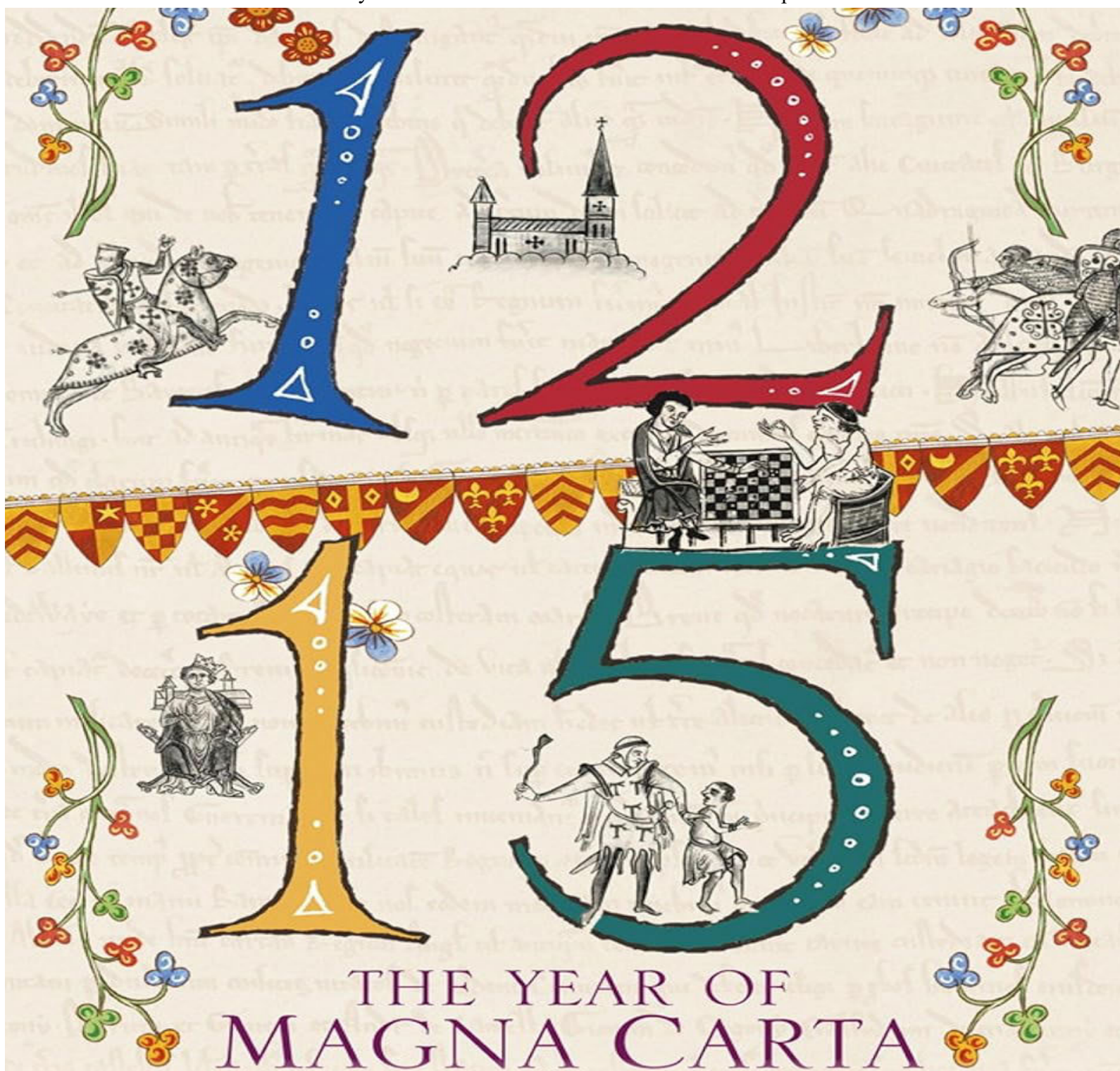


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Harnessing the Infinite Potential



Dear Readers!

As Xavier University, Patna begins the new academic year 2025–2026, we stand ready to shape a new chapter in the lives of our students and in the story of education in Bihar. This moment is not just the start of a new session—it is the beginning of a shared journey towards learning, growth, and service. Our university is built on strong ideals. We believe that education is not just about passing exams or getting jobs—it is about shaping the whole person. We want our students to become thoughtful, responsible, and compassionate individuals who will make a difference in the world. Our classrooms are places of curiosity and creativity, where students are encouraged to think deeply and ask questions. We are guided by the values of the Jesuit tradition, especially the idea of *cura personalis*, which means "care for the entire person." This means we care not only about our students' minds, but also about their hearts and well-being. We are committed to creating a campus where everyone feels welcomed and respected—no matter their background. Social responsibility is a key part of our mission. We believe that knowledge should not stay within books—it should be used to help society. Our students and faculty will work

closely with local communities to bring positive change, whether it is through education, health care, or protecting the environment. Looking to the future, we aim to be a modern, forward-looking university. We want to become a center for innovation and research. Our students will not only learn about the world—they will help improve it. We are building strong partnerships with other universities, businesses, and organizations to create opportunities for growth and discovery. We also believe in the importance of culture, art, and communication. Along with science and technology, we encourage our students to explore literature, music, and public speaking. These skills help in building confidence and empathy. As global citizens, our students must be rooted in values and open to the world. Xavier University, Patna is a place where ideas meet action, and where learning leads to leadership. As we welcome the new batch of students, we invite them to dream big, work hard, and live with purpose. Together, let us build a better future—one step, one thought, one act at a time.

Happy reading!

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A memorable picnic to Vaishali: Exploring history and heritage

The staff members of SXCMT recently embarked on an enriching weekend picnic to Vaishali, Bihar, a city steeped in history and cultural significance. Known for its ancient relics and association with Lord Buddha, Vaishali offered a perfect blend of learning and leisure for the team.

The journey began with a visit to the Ashokan Pillar, a towering structure erected by Emperor Ashoka, symbolizing peace and non-violence. The intricate carvings and historical importance left everyone in awe. Next, the group explored the Buddha Stupa, believed to house the relics of Lord Buddha. The serene ambiance provided a moment of reflection and spiritual connection.

A highlight of the trip was the Archaeological Museum of Vaishali, where the team marveled at ancient artifacts, coins, and sculptures dating back to the Mauryan and Gupta periods. The museum offered deep insights into Vaishali's glorious past as one of the world's first republics.

The staff also enjoyed a peaceful stroll around Kundalpur, the birthplace of Lord Mahavira, the 24th Jain Tirthankara. The lush greenery and tranquil surroundings made it a perfect spot for group photos and relaxation.

To add a touch of adventure, the team visited the Vaishali Sangha Museum, which showcased the region's role in India's freedom struggle. The picnic also included a boat ride on the scenic Vaishali Lake, where the team spotted migratory birds and admired the sunset. The laughter-filled bus journey, guided storytelling sessions about Vaishali's ancient democracy, and impromptu cultural performances made the trip even more memorable.

The picnic was not just a break from routine but also an educational experience, strengthening team bonding while immersing everyone in Vaishali's rich heritage. The staff returned with cherished memories and a deeper appreciation for Bihar's historical treasures.



Fr Sherry George SJ with Fr Joseph Sebastian SJ

The Israel-Iran Conflict: A Global Concern with Far-Reaching Implications for India

The escalating tensions between Israel and Iran are sending shockwaves across the world—and for good reason.

One of the most jarring images from the conflict was the strike on an Iranian TV station while its most prominent female anchor, a mother of two, was live on air. This moment is just one of many chilling scenes emerging from the war zone.

For India, the situation presents a delicate diplomatic challenge. The country must protect its critical energy interests, sustain regional connectivity projects, and manage its security partnerships—all while maintaining a neutral and pragmatic stance on the global stage.

Energy and Trade Woes

The intensifying conflict between Israel and Iran could have severe economic repercussions for India, particularly in energy security and trade.

India relies on the Persian Gulf for more than 80% of its crude oil imports, with a significant portion passing through the Strait of Hormuz—a narrow waterway controlled by Iran. Any military escalation or blockade in this region could disrupt oil supplies, driving up global prices and inflating India's import costs.

During the 2019 tanker crisis in the Gulf, shipping insurance premiums surged by 20%, and oil prices spiked by 4-5%, forcing India to consider expensive rerouting and stockpiling measures.

Trade with both nations is also at risk. India's bilateral trade with Israel reached \$10.1 billion in FY 2023, covering defence, technology, and agriculture. Meanwhile, trade with Iran, though diminished due to U.S. sanctions, remains crucial for items like dry fruits, fertilizers, and urea. Further instability could restrict access to these goods or make them more expensive.

Additionally, the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), which links India to Russia and Central Asia via Iran, faces delays due to security and sanctions concerns, jeopardizing India's efforts to reduce dependence on China-backed trade routes.

Basmati Rice Trade under Strain

The conflict is also impacting India's Basmati rice exports, particularly from Punjab and Haryana. Iran is one of the largest buyers of Indian Basmati, importing over 8.55 lakh metric tonnes in 2024–25,

worth ₹6,374 crore. In peak years, Iran accounts for 30-35% of India's total Basmati exports.

However, rising tensions and existing payment delays are causing problems. Many private Iranian importers now take six to eight months to settle payments, straining Indian traders. Even Iran's government-backed Government Trading Corporation (GTC) has delayed payments by up to 180 days. As a result, some Indian exporters are diverting shipments to other markets, even at lower profits, just to stay afloat.

Financial Markets on Edge

India's financial markets are also feeling the heat. Geopolitical instability in West Asia often triggers investor anxiety. For example, after Iran retaliated for the killing of General Qassem Soleimani in 2020, the Sensex plummeted by 700 points in a single day, and the rupee weakened due to rising oil prices. A prolonged conflict could force the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to intervene in forex markets and revise inflation forecasts.

On June 13, following reports of Israeli strikes on Iranian nuclear sites, the Sensex dropped 1,300 points, and the Nifty 50 fell below 24,500. Oil and gas stocks, including BPCL, HPCL, and Indian Oil, lost nearly 3.5% as Brent crude surged 9% on fears of Middle East supply disruptions.

Earlier in the week, the Sensex had already fallen 800 points, with major losses in L&T, Infosys, and ICICI Bank as investors braced for costlier crude imports. While markets have since recovered, the episode underscores how vulnerable India remains to West Asian instability.

Chabahar Port: A Strategic Dilemma

India's \$85 million investment in Iran's Chabahar Port—a key gateway to Afghanistan and Central Asia—is now at risk due to the Israel-Iran conflict.

Located near the Gulf of Oman, Chabahar is crucial for India's International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC). However, with rising tensions, the port is increasingly vulnerable to military strikes or covert sabotage. Recent drone attacks, cyber intrusions, and naval clashes in nearby waters have heightened security concerns.

Worse, if Iran faces harsher Western sanctions due to the conflict, Chabahar's commercial viability could suffer. While the port was previously exempt from U.S. sanctions due to its role in Afghanistan's development, future escalations may jeopardize

that exemption.

India's deepening defence ties with Israel further complicate its diplomatic balancing act with Iran. As New Delhi pursues its "Act West" policy, prolonged instability in Iran could derail years of strategic infrastructure planning.

Undersea Cables: The Invisible Lifeline at Risk

Beyond military clashes and oil prices, another critical but overlooked concern is the threat to undersea internet cables, which carry 95% of global data traffic.

Key routes like the Europe India Gateway (EIG), FLAG, and SEA-ME-WE 5 pass through conflict-prone zones near Israel, Iran, the Red Sea, and the Strait of Hormuz. Any damage to these cables—whether accidental or deliberate—could severely disrupt connectivity between Europe and Asia, directly affecting India.

In 2024, three major cables (AAE-1, EIG, and Seacom) were damaged in the Red Sea during regional clashes, causing internet slowdowns across Africa, the Gulf, and South Asia. Indian ISPs were forced to reroute traffic through longer, costlier

paths.

India's \$245 billion digital economy depends heavily on these cables, with over 90% of global data flow transiting through the Middle East. A single cable break can slash bandwidth by 70%, crippling IT exports, cloud services, and financial transactions.

No Longer a Distant Conflict

The Israel-Iran conflict is no longer just a regional issue—it has direct consequences for India's economy, trade, infrastructure, and digital security. From rising oil prices and Basmati trade disruptions to risks facing Chabahar Port and undersea cables, the crisis touches multiple aspects of India's national interests.

As global volatility grows, India must respond with strategic foresight—bolstering energy and digital resilience, safeguarding trade routes, and engaging diplomatically with all sides. In an interconnected world, how India navigates such crises will shape not only its foreign policy success but also its economic stability and long-term strategic influence.



In Loving Memory of Manisha Thapa (2014-17 BBE)

St. Xavier's College of Management & Technology stands united in grief as it mourns the heartbreaking loss of its bright and beloved student, Manisha Thapa, who tragically passed away in the Air India Express flight crash in Ahmedabad. A dedicated and ambitious young woman, Manisha had recently embarked on her dream career as a flight attendant with Air India, a role she embraced with passion and grace.

Manisha was not only an outstanding student but also a kind-hearted and spirited individual who touched countless lives. Whether it was participating in college events, assisting her classmates, or pursuing her studies with unwavering determination, she embodied the true spirit of a Xavierite.

Her journey from the classrooms of St. Xavier's to the skies as a cabin crew member was a testament to her hard work and determination. She carried the values of our institution—excellence, integrity, and service—into her professional life, where she took pride in ensuring the safety and comfort of passengers.

The tragic accident that claimed her life has left our college community in profound sorrow. Yet, even in grief, we remember Manisha for her radiant smile, her unwavering positivity, and her willingness to help others. Whether it was through her academic pursuits, her involvement in college activities, or her new career in aviation, she inspired those around her with her courage and kindness.

St. Xavier's will forever honor her memory as a shining example of resilience and ambition. We extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues at Air India. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her legacy continue to inspire future generations of Xavierites.

To honour her memory, the college held a special prayer service on campus, where faculty, students, and staff gathered to reflect on her beautiful life and offer solace to one another. In a tribute to her enduring spirit, a sapling was planted in the college courtyard, symbolizing the growth, hope, and legacy she leaves behind. As this tree takes root and flourishes, so too will our cherished memories of Manisha—her radiant smile, her compassionate nature, and the inspiration she provided to all who knew her.

We extend our deepest condolences to her grieving family, friends, and colleagues at Air India. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her legacy continue to guide and inspire us.

"Though her wings were taken too soon, her spirit will forever soar in our hearts."



Student Support Services: A Foundation for Holistic Growth

Our college is committed to ensuring that students receive more than just academic instruction — they receive guidance, encouragement, and opportunities to grow into confident, capable individuals. Through a range of structured support services, we aim to address students' academic, personal, and professional development needs.

1. Academic Mentorship

Each class is assigned a dedicated mentor who provides continuous academic guidance and personal support. Mentors regularly monitor student progress, address academic challenges, and assist in course planning and goal setting.

2. Career Development and Placement Support

The Placement Cell conducts weekly workshops every Wednesday for final-year students. These sessions cover resume writing, group discussions, interview preparation, and communication skills to prepare students for job placements and internships.

3. Professional Counselling Services

The college has appointed a qualified professional counsellor to support students' mental health and emotional well-being. Confidential sessions and regular awareness programs help create a supportive and stress-free learning environment.

4. Financial Support: Earn and Learn Scheme

Our Earn and Learn scheme offers students the opportunity to take up part-time roles within the campus. This initiative supports financially challenged students while helping them gain valuable work experience.

5. ICT-Enabled Classrooms

All classrooms are equipped with ICT tools and high-speed internet, enabling interactive and digitally enriched teaching-learning experiences. This infrastructure supports both traditional and modern pedagogical methods.

6. Student Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities

The college encourages holistic development through active participation in various student clubs such as the Singing Club, Dancing Club, Theatre Club, and many others. These platforms help students explore their interests and develop leadership and team-building skills.

7. Grievance Redressal and Feedback Mechanism

Students can share concerns or suggestions through formal grievance mechanisms and suggestion boxes. Regular feedback is reviewed by the administration to enhance academic and support services.

8. Sports and Physical Education

To promote health and fitness, the college provides sports facilities for football, cricket, athletics, basketball, swimming, table tennis, and several indoor games. Students are encouraged to participate in inter-college and intramural events.

By integrating these services into campus life, the college creates a nurturing environment where students can excel academically and grow personally. Student support is not just a service—it is a sustained commitment to student success.

- Mario Martin

Asst. Chair, IQAC



The month of June and the enduring legacy of the Magna Carta on human rights

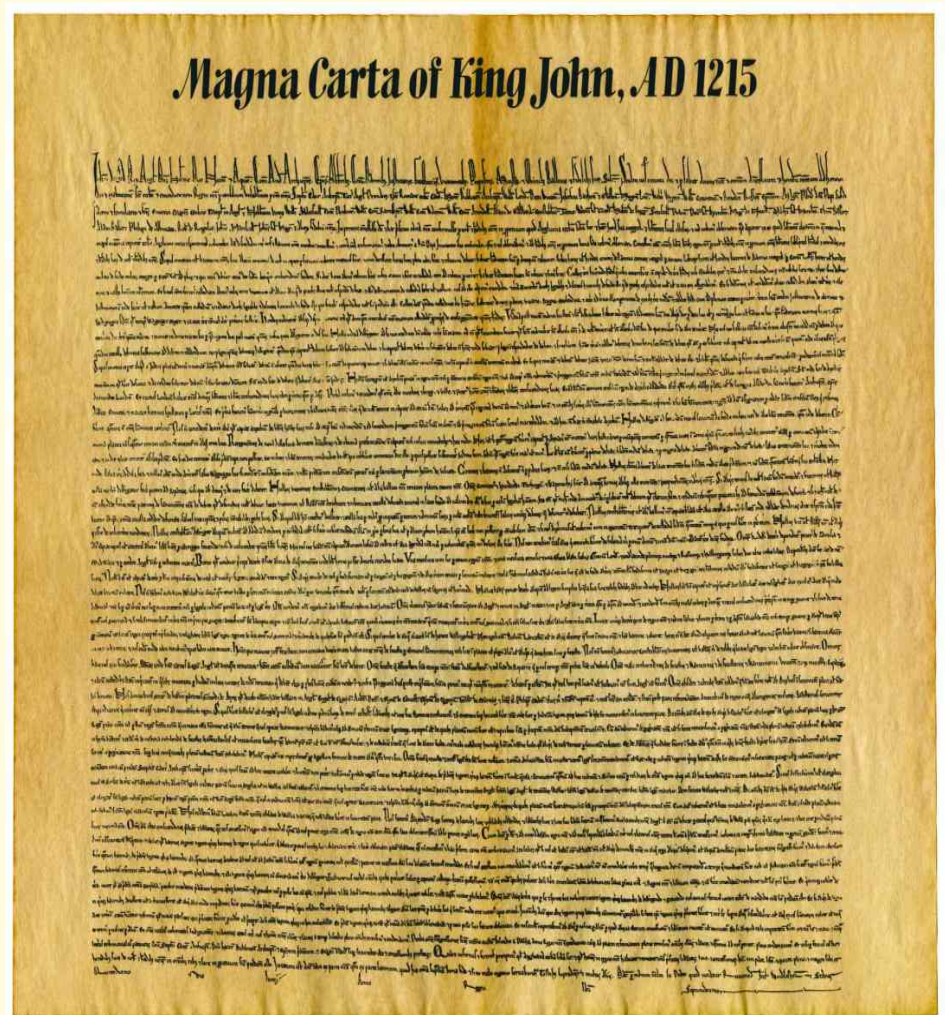
The Magna Carta, sealed by King John of England on June 15 in 1215, stands as one of the most pivotal legal documents in history. Originally drafted to address the grievances of rebellious barons, its significance far surpassed its medieval origins, laying the groundwork for modern human rights and constitutional governance. At its core, the Magna Carta established the revolutionary principle that even a king must abide by the law—a concept that became the bedrock of justice, liberty, and the rule of law in democratic societies.

One of the most groundbreaking aspects of the Magna Carta was its assertion that no individual, regardless of status, should be deprived of liberty without due legal process. Clause 39 famously declared: "No free man shall be arrested, imprisoned, or deprived of his property except by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land." This principle, though initially applying only to the nobility, later expanded to protect all citizens, forming the basis of habeas corpus and fair trial rights in modern legal systems. By challenging absolute monarchy, the Magna Carta planted the seeds for constitutional governance, ensuring that power could not be exercised arbitrarily.

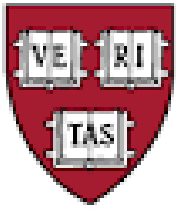
The Magna Carta's influence extended far beyond medieval England, shaping foundational documents of democracy and human rights. Centuries later, its principles inspired the English Bill of Rights (1689), the American Declaration of Independence (1776), and the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights (1791). The idea that governments must respect individual freedoms and operate under legal constraints became central to modern democracies. Furthermore, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) echoed the Magna Carta's spirit by affirming that all people are entitled to justice, equality, and protection from oppression.

Beyond its legal impact, the Magna Carta symbolized the enduring struggle against tyranny. It demonstrated that even the most powerful rulers could be held accountable, a principle that fueled movements for civil liberties and social justice throughout history. While the original document was far from perfect—excluding serfs, women, and marginalized groups—its underlying ideals evolved to promote broader human rights protections. Today, it serves as a reminder that laws must safeguard fundamental freedoms and prevent abuses of authority.

In contemporary times, the Magna Carta remains a powerful symbol of justice and the rule of law. Its legacy is evident in legal systems worldwide that prioritize human dignity, fair trials, and government accountability. Though written over eight centuries ago, its principles continue to resonate, reinforcing the belief that no one is above the law and that freedom must be protected through strong legal frameworks. As societies continue to face challenges to human rights, the Magna Carta's enduring message remains clear: true justice requires equality before the law, restraint on power, and unwavering respect for individual liberties.

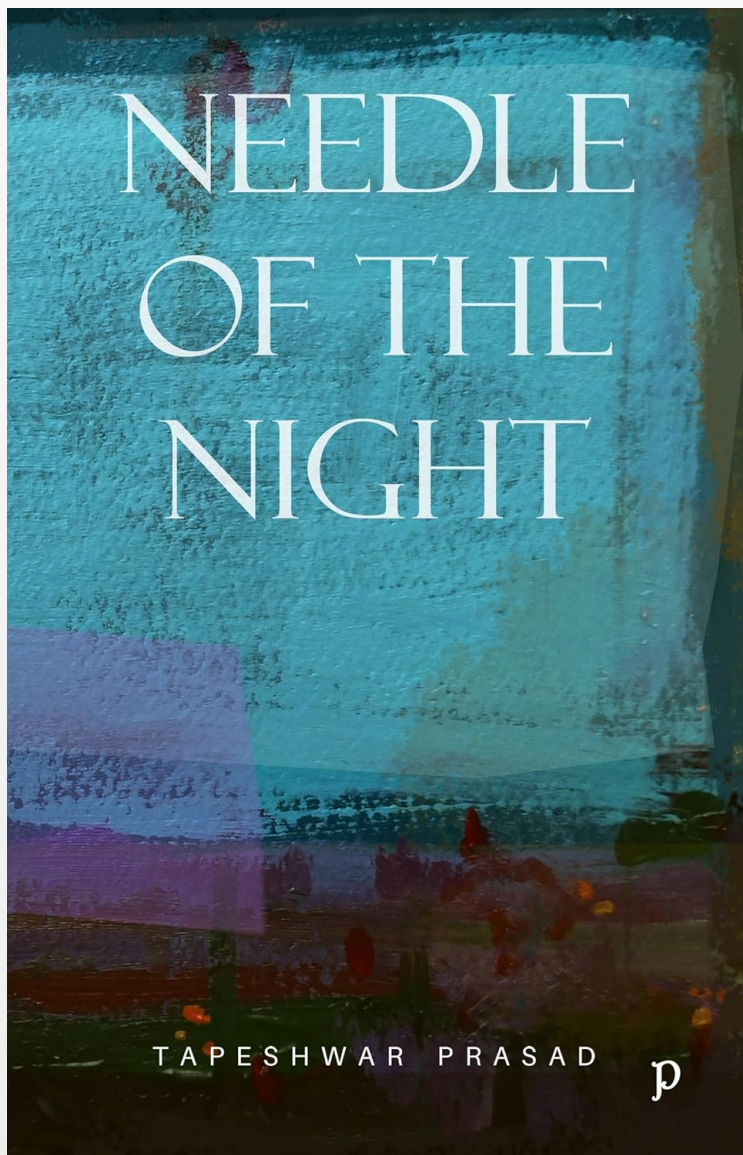


Another feather in the cap of Xavier Poetry Club



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Needle of the Night is a deeply introspective poetry collection by Tapeshwar Prasad, threading together moments of stillness, longing, and emotional depth with quiet precision. Written in the delicate hours when the world sleeps and the soul awakens, these poems pierce through layers of silence to reveal the hidden textures of thought and feeling. With themes ranging from solitude and memory to love, loss, and existential wonder, the collection speaks to readers across time and place. Each poem stands as a whisper in the darkness—delicate yet powerful, fleeting yet unforgettable. The book's inclusion in the esteemed Harvard University Library is both an honor and affirmation of its artistic resonance. Needle of the Night is not just a book of poems—it is a journey through the inner nightscape of the human experience.

- Tapeshwar Prasad

Mentor, Xavier Poetry Club

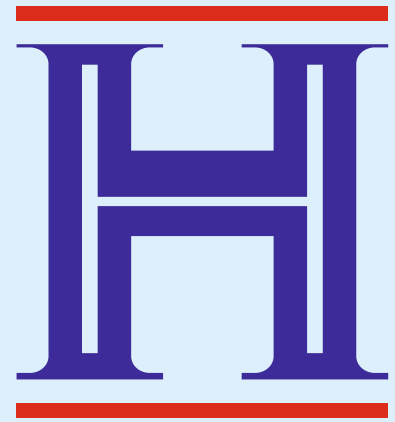
NSS celebrates No Tobacco Day

On the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a Cyclothon was organized on 26th June 2025 from Bihar Museum to BIT Mishra campus. The event was flagged off by Mr. Abhishek Anand, IRS, Zonal Director, Narcotics Control Bureau of India. The Hon'ble Governor of Bihar, Mr. Arif Mohammed Khan, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and also led

the pledge-taking ceremony against drug abuse. Over 200 participants from various Patna district colleges, including Patna Women's College, B.Ed College, and B.S. College, actively took part under the leadership of NSS Nodal Officer Mr. Ajay Kumar. India's youngest MP, Ms. Chhavi Chaudhary, motivated the gathering with her powerful appeal to stay away from Drugs.



THIS MONTH In HISTORY



- - June 2, 1953: Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
- - June 5, 1968: Robert F. Kennedy was shot
- - June 6, 1944: D-Day invasion of Normandy by Allied troops
- - June 8, 1789: James Madison introduced the Bill of Rights to Congress
- - June 13, 1971: The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers
- - June 15, 1215: King John signed the Magna Carta
- - June 18, 1815: British and Prussian forces defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo
- - June 24, 1509: Henry VIII was crowned King of England



THE WORLD THIS MONTH

- India News: India's population reaches 1.46 billion, with a decline in fertility rate, according to the UN.
- International Conflict: Iran launches dozens of missiles toward Israel, prompting a tense standoff between the two nations.
- NATO Summit: NATO leaders agree to increase defense spending to 5% of GDP, with Spain seeking an exemption.
- Economic Developments: Cognizant wins a \$1 billion deal from a US-based healthcare company, boosting India's economic outlook.
- Space Exploration: Chandrayaan-2 captures debris of a crashed Japanese spacecraft on the Moon.
- Sports News: South Africa wins the inaugural World Test Championship final, defeating India
- UN General Assembly Elections: The UNGA conducted elections on June 3, to select five new non-permanent members of the UNSC, with Latvia being elected for the first time ever to the Council.





Condolence meet and Prayer service
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