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A two day Interactive Session

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THE OTHER'

*Towards Inter-Religious Harmony*



THE DEPARTMENT  
OF INTER-  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES,  
ST. XAVIER'S  
COLLEGE, MUMBAI



14, 15 September, 2023



*The Retreat House,  
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# WHAT IS THE XAVIER BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION?

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# WHAT IS DIRS?

The Department of Inter-Religious Studies (DIRS) of St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, aims to cultivate wholesome relations between the practitioners of different religious and cultural traditions. The Indian subcontinent in particular—and our human family in general—has been blessed with a wide variety of cultures and religions. The DIRS works towards making this diverse social reality positive and productive, in terms of communal harmony and national and global wellbeing.

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**14 September, 2023 (Thursday)**

## ***DAY 1: VARIETIES OF SPIRITUALITY***

Visits to:

 ***Jari Mari Mata Mandir***

 ***Dadar Gurudwara***

 ***Mahim Dargah***

 ***Mount Mary Church***

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW DURING THE VISITS:**

- Wear modest clothing
- Please carry a headscarf or large handkerchief
- Footwear may not be allowed in some places of worship.



**15 September, 2023 (Friday)**

## ***DAY 2: 'SANGAMAM' (COMMUNION)***

- ***8:00-9:00 am: Breakfast***
- ***9:00-10:30 am: Analysis of Inter-Religious Relations - Sabah Khan***
- ***10:30-10:50 am: Break***
- ***10:50-11:45 am: Towards Inter-Religious Harmony - Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ***
- ***11:45-12:45 pm: Group Exercise - Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ***
- ***01:00-02:00 pm: Lunch***
- ***02:00-04:00 pm: Harmonious Notes - Radhika Sood Nayak***
- ***04:00-04:15 pm: Tea break***
- ***04:15-05:15 pm: Celebrating Unity in Diversity - Dr. Radha Kumar***
- ***Distribution of Certificates***