
ONLINE PARENT INTERACT PROGRAM 2020: SXIE Building a Hope-filled Future with the Parents

An Online Parent Interact Program, St. Xavier's Institute of Education (SXIE) BUILDING A HOPE-FILED FUTURE WITH PARENTS, was conducted on 5th December 2020. The parents of S Y B. Ed. students of 3rd semester were sent program invite as well as registration form. The parents came in good numbers and the registration form showed a good response of over 40 parents in the online platform.

The program was planned in such a way that it was compact keeping in mind the digital challenges faced by students and parents.

The Principal welcomed the parents with cheer and also expressed the Institute's support to the students and parents during the lockdown and the pandemic situation. Madam assured the parents that the Institute has taken all the necessary steps to provide quality teacher education as well as through various co-curricular and wellbeing programs ensured students' progress and well-being.

The next program was the overall view of the Semester Program presented by faculty coordinators of the event, Ms Kalpana and Dr Bijoy. Some unique steps taken by the College to ensure that students' issues, challenges and concerns are heard and handled as best as one could.

The Overview was made up 3 pronged-

1. Academics: under academics, the online lectures, interactions, teaching methodologies like lecture cum discussions, virtual team teaching, panel discussion, google forms, discussion forums, presentation by students, multimedia resources, inviting resource persons from international educational institutes, NGO, etc.
2. For Project based activities, the faculty in charge gave a glimpse how internship, examinations, assignments and other related programs were conducted. Community work program and other internship activities of upcoming semester were also discussed.
3. For Support System G Suite : Reference, Library Support, Online Tutorials, and remedial teaching etc.
4. Extended Academic Programs: were also introduced to the parents.
 - Webinars – Geography, History, Women Cell, Library – OBS, NEP 2020
 - IQAC SXIE-SXC Wellness Series, Mathematics series
 - Orientation – Skills for Online Teaching, Theme Based, NEP 2020, Swachh Campus. These programs and their outcomes were presented in front of the parents through power-point presentation .
5. Co-curricular activities were oriented too the parents. The Student Council and the students were appreciated for learning quickly to organize online co-curricular activities. The students had also organized an online quiz program, a fun way to know how much the parents knew about the Institute. It was well participated and enjoyed by the parents. A short video song was played by the students reflecting their immense talent in music, singing, dancing and technological skills.

The screenshot shows the header for the 'Parent Interact' program at St. Xavier's Institute of Education, Mumbai. The title is 'SXIE BUILDING A HOPE FILED FUTURE WITH PARENTS' and it is dated Saturday, 5th December 2020, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Below the title is a table with two columns: 'Program' and 'Time'. The table lists the following items:

| Program | Time |
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| Welcome by the Principal (Dr. Susamma Samuel) | 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm. |
| Overall view of Programs 2020/21 | 4:45 pm - 4:20 pm. |
| Do you know us? Fun Quiz | 4:25 pm - 4:35 pm. |
| Parents' Talk: Share your thoughts | 4:40 pm - 4:50 pm. |
| Glimpse into a Cultural Facet | 4:55 pm - 5:05 pm. |
| Message Pt. Blaise Dsouza's Message to Parents | 5:05 pm - 5:15 pm. |
| Vote of Thanks College Song & National Anthem | 5:20 pm - 5:35 pm. |

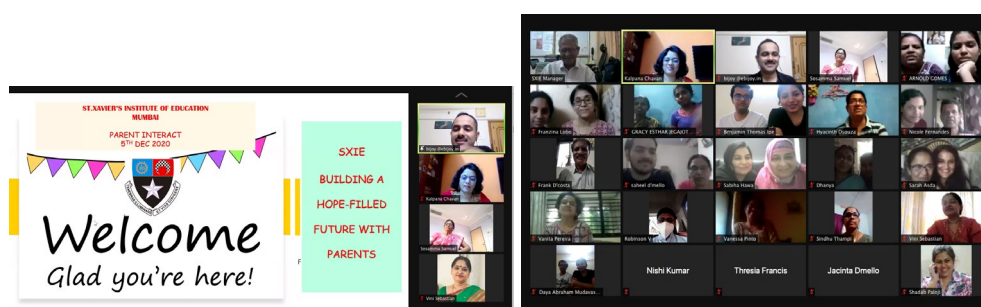
Below the table, there is a 'Parent Meet Zoom Link' section with the following details: SXIE Online Parent Meet 2020, Date & Time: Dec 5, 2020, 04:00 PM India. The Zoom meeting link is <https://zoom.us/j/7276332273?pwd=WFUwL0RlZmF0QWV1ZC9mdz09b0R1UT09>. The meeting ID is 727 633 2273 and the passcode is 0825456. At the bottom, the names of the Principal, Dr. Susamma Samuel, and the Faculty Coordinators, Ms. Kalpana Chavan & Dr. Bijoy K. Thomas, are listed.

- Regarding the Wellbeing and wellness of the students and faculty it was informed to parents about the programs like webinar on strengthening well-being, the open forum which is a platform to listen to the students and although all cannot be modified as the Institute is regulated by norms of University of Mumbai and other regulatory bodies, the students experience a way to express their grievances, suggestions and viewpoints. Counselling and e-mentoring activities are regular feature of the month for understanding and supporting students' academic and emotional wellbeing.

After the presentation, the online parent interact program invited parents to give their views and feedback. A few parents mentioned about the change in their wards/ spouses regarding being more focused and confident during the 2 year of the B.Ed. program.

An online feedback form was also collected from the parents to the context of role of SXIE during the pandemic in transmitting education and parents expectations. As a part of parents as resource persons too, parents were encouraged to join hands with the College. In the feedback form, some parents have volunteered to be induct students into the world of financial literacy, some have offered to give sessions on music. A few parents volunteered to be part of support group of parents.

The program was sprinkled with wisdom from reflective Manager of the Institute Fr. Blaise D'Souza, which was focused and very encouraging for fortifying the bond between parents and the Institute. The program came to an end with a formal vote of thanks by the faculty coordinators. The national anthem sang together gave the program a cohesive closure.



Some of the feedback responses to open-ended questions about the SXIE programs of academic and co-curricular activities are :-

Appreciation:

Well and systemically organized.
 Excellent work by the teachers and office staff.
 During this pandemic what more can we ask for. Excellent work has been done.
 The Quality of Education at SXIE is Excellent
 Well conducted and a lot of efforts are put in by the staff members.
 It's a unique experience this year. Hence I would just say that continue with what your doing and keep up the good work.

Impact on the wards/spouse

Should be conducted, so that my ward *is gaining all types of experience.*
 They are *reforming and developing skills of ward*
 Online academic programs and classes *have helped my ward to be occupied and worry less comparatively.*
 They keep my daughter *busy and creative. These are skills she will need as a teacher.*

Online academic and co-curricular activities are conducted in an excellent manner *and it is very helpful for my ward.*

All things are handled in very well manner and *my daughter has become for creative and takes more efforts to give her best*

They're *strengthening my child* and preparing her to overcome everything.

Suggestions:

They should be of short duration because continuously sitting in front of the screen.

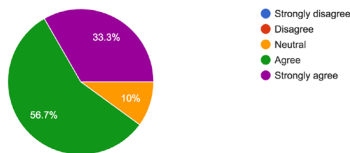
The online classes are conducted well it's just that the timings are too long. My daughter has started getting back pains and headaches due to long screen time

Academic activities and programs are necessary and conducted well but co-curricular activities should not be forced upon the students. It should not be cause for stress and added anxiety in times like this.

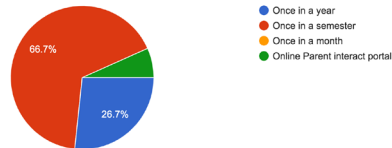
It is good but a humble request please do not keep too many sessions/ lectures in a day.

Some screenshots of feedback form responses

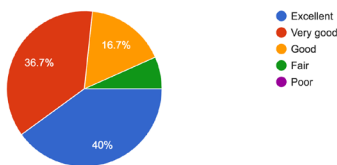
The online classes have equipped my ward/spouse with e-learning skills at his/her pace
30 responses



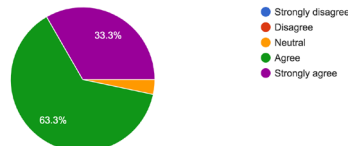
Parent Interact programs are required
30 responses



The level/benchmark of quality of teaching and guidance provided by the College
30 responses



The online internship has prepared my ward/ spouse to be a teacher even in pandemic times.
30 responses



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