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Laurels to XLRI at Global B-Schools Meet

27th March, 2014: **XLRI- Xavier School of Management** wins in the categories of **Best Sustainable Development and Most Favorite Team of the Group** at the “*Mai Bangkok Business Challenge*” organized by Sasin Graduate School of Business at Chulalongkorn University (Thailand) recently.

The three member students’ team of Global MBA programme represented XLRI at the global B-School Competition. The members of participating team were Sankalp Akash Singh, Anudeep Purwar, and Atul Kumar, who presented the project – “**Jeevan Dhara**”, *a low cost, community based water hand-pump which runs without the need for electricity and removes all water contamination and water quality is ensured all year round by using a monitoring system.*

Dr. J. Singh, Chairperson, International Relations at XLRI and the Faculty Advisor of the team commented, “*The project ‘Jeevan Dhara’ was conceptualised by our students as a unique initiative keeping in mind the unmet needs of the underserved rural community. Our students had put in their best efforts and I congratulate the team for this success.*”

Sankalp, one of the members of the XLRI contingent remembering their experience at the competition said, “*The event proved to be a great learning curve for us. Along with the competition, the organizers had also arranged for cultural tour for the team members which proved to be an enlightening experience and exposed us to the mesmerizing Thai Culture.*”

Fr. E. Abraham, Director of XLRI commented, “*I am extremely happy for our team who represented our institution in the global forum. I congratulate them for this achievement.*”

48 B-schools from all over the world, including Queensland University of Technology- Australia, Rice University- United States of America, Cornell University- United States of America, INSEAD- Singapore, University of Dhaka- Bangladesh, Indian School of Business- India, National Chiao Tung University- China (Taiwan), Department of Management Studies, IIT Delhi- India, Technical University of Denmark- Denmark among others participated in the competition.

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XLRI honours Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairman, SBI with ‘Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Social and Industrial Peace’ at the 58th Annual Convocation

22nd March, 2014 – The momentous occasion of Convocation was celebrated today at **XLRI-Xavier School of Management** with great zeal. Students donned their hats and gowns and received their diplomas at the **58th Annual Convocation**. At the ceremony, in continuation of almost forty-five years tradition XLRI conferred the prestigious ‘**Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Social and Industrial Peace**’ on **Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairman of the State of India**. **Mr. H M Neruakar, Chairman, Board of Governors, XLRI** presented the prestigious medal to Ms. Bhattacharya in presence of **Fr. E Abraham S.J., Director of XLRI** and other dignitaries.

After two years of strenuous schedules and academic rigor the batch of 2014, comprising **245** students of Post Graduate Programmes in Management, **5** students of Fellow Program in Management from Jamshedpur Campus and **35** students from Executive PGP course from Dubai Campus, received their graduating certificates and medals displaying a sense of pride and sorrow. This year, **119** students of 2013 batch of 15-months PGDM (General Management) Programme also received their graduating certificates and medals. Pride was apparent among the students as they joined the elite club of XLRI alumni and sorrow was not far behind as they realized that tomorrow they leave an exciting and fun-filled learning environment to enter into the harsh realities of working life in the demanding corporate world.

Expressing her gratitude to XLRI, Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya said, *“I am really honoured and humbled at being conferred the prestigious ‘Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Social and Industrial Peace’.*

Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya also delivered the convocation speech to the graduating students. She congratulated and inspired the students with her words and shared some of her experiences on common challenges which they can face in their future lives as employees.

On this significant occasion, reading out the annual report of the institute **Fr. E Abraham S.J., Director of XLRI** focused on the achievements and milestones of the institute during the academic session 2013- 14. *“Today is an important day in the life of every student, faculty, and staff. It is the high-point of all the efforts put in by an individual during their time at the campus. This year has once again brought laurels to XLRI in different spheres that have done us proud. XLRI has made its presence felt on the academic ground particularly at the international level and contributed on social grounds as well. Our institution has been awarded various distinctions*

and also our students have won us even more glory at different academic forums. Today, we have with us the international students of the Global MBA Programme. XLRI has also adopted two villages in Jharkhand under the project 'SUGRAM' that aims to shape the two villages as model villages thereby empowering the underprivileged communities to shape their development through holistic and sustainable approaches", he said.

"We are honored to have Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya among us as the first woman in XLRI's 65 years of existence to deliver the convocation address and the first lady recipient of Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Industrial and Social Peace. She is the first woman Chairman, State Bank of India which holds a legacy of 208 years. In her extensive service in SBI, she has handled almost every function. She has been instrumental in setting up several new companies/initiatives of the Bank and has always been sensitive and empathetic to gender issues in the bank, introduced a sabbatical facility upto two years for the women employees in SBI Capital markets as MD and subsequently in the Bank as Chairman and has been a member of the expert committee of bankers to prepare a blueprint for the first all-women bank" he added.

Congratulating the students and the entire XL family, **Mr. H M Nerurkar, Chairman, Board of Governors, XLRI** said, *"XLRI's outstanding reputation over six decades has been built, not only by the vision of its founders and the leadership of its directors, but by generations of teachers, staff and students. The competence and capability of your alumni is matched by an impressive diversity. The alumni are leaders in the corporate sector, in government, public sector and in the voluntary sector. They have all made India proud. This is an excellent score card of performance, but I am one of those who believe we must always push the bar higher, still higher."* Addressing the students he said, *"Indian managers face many challenges - the diversity of people, scarcity of resources, multiplicity of demands, plurality of objectives and the complexity of rules and regulations. It is their ability to deal with these challenges that make them among the world's best managers. Indian CEOs are second to none in the world."*

"It is a special honour to have with us this evening Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairman of SBI. As we all know, we are in the middle of a protracted economic slowdown, and the nation will need doyens of Banking like Ms. Bhattacharya to help us surmount the many challenges faced by the banking sector in particular and the economy at large. Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya is an institution builder who thinks far ahead of mere QSQT (quarter se quarter tak) compulsions", he added.

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XLRI Hosted First-Ever “TEDxXLRI”

26th March, 2014: **XLRI- Xavier School of Management** recently hosted the first ever **TEDx Talk** at their campus in Jamshedpur. Organized by the students of XLRI, the conclave witnessed the eminent speakers talk on the theme – ‘**Infinite Possibilities**’, sharing a myriad of ideas and experiences of how they have stepped beyond the so-called-normal to do some extraordinary things.

The session started with **Mr. Krispian Lawrence**, A post graduate from the University of Michigan, who left a cushy job in the USA to start off his own venture called Ducere Technologies. He has been instrumental in creating haptic footwear which can be used in a multitude of areas, like being an assisting aid for the visually challenged. *“Don’t follow your passion, because passions change. Instead, be passionate about everything that you work on”*, he said addressing the students.

Among the other speakers were - **Ms. Dipta Bhog**, a journalist herself, who spoke about her initiative of creating *Khabar Lahariya*, a rural newspaper read by over 800 families in 8 different dialects, all managed by an enterprising team of 8 women hailing from the Dalit, tribal and Muslim communities of the hinterlands of Uttar Pradesh; **Mr. Akshar Pathak** who commented, *“Infinite stupidities lead to infinite possibilities”*; **Prof. Tamonas Gangopadhyay** of XLRI, who took the attendees through the world of fractals - the mathematical expression of infinite possibilities; **Mr. Kunj Sanghvi**, a business graduate who broke away from the stereotype and travelled across 23 states in India to write a book of 23 short stories, who talked on how the average middle class’ mindset is both limited and limiting and advised the audience to be travelers in the journey of life; and **Ms. Ruby Hembrom**, who was a passionate discourse of how personal experiences shaped her life, as she grew up in a world that did not include the Adivasi community. She spoke about breaking set notions and rebuilding norms so that the society becomes more inclusive. Ruby has been instrumental in setting up Adivaani, a publishing house that aims to bring out the local stories of the Adivasi community in a global language. The short but inspiring series of talks left the audience thirsting for more such events.

TED is a non-profit organization devoted to the cause of ‘Ideas Worth Spreading’. It has become a global community welcoming people from every discipline and culture who seek a deeper understanding of the world. TEDxXLRI is an independently organized licensed TED event, and will showcase ideas that will provide inspiration to every member of the audience.



About TEDx, x = independently organized event:

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized.

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India's first ever sports fest exclusively for one year MBA students "XLerate 2014" concludes at XLRI

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8th March, 2014: **XLRI- Xavier School of Management** recently hosted "**XLerate 2014**" - *A Sports Festival for 1-year MBA students across India* at XLRI Campus, Jamshedpur. The meet witnessed about 500 students from premier management institutes across India, such as *IIM Calcutta, Great Lakes Chennai and SP Jain, Mumbai* battle against each other on the field; while the total footfall in the online and on-campus competitions turned out around 1000.

At the end of the two-day long sports gala, **XLRI came up as the overall champion while Great Lakes, Chennai was declared the Runners-up.**

Organized by the PGDM (GM) students of XLRI, 'XLerate in its first edition got a welcoming support from industry with **Central Coalfields Limited** as the sponsor, **Vijaya Enterprises** as Associate Sponsor, **IOCL** as Co-sponsor besides **GmatClub, WildCraft, Oneyearmba.co.in** and **Metso Minerals (India) Pvt. Ltd.**

'**XLerate 2014**' was inaugurated on the 1st of March and hosted a variety of sports events comprising of *Cricket, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis, Chess, Carrom, Tug of War and Athletics*. The event concluded on Sunday, the 2nd with a prize distribution ceremony followed by a scintillating performance by the rock band '**Odyssey**'.

The online case and photography competitions as part of '**XLerate 2014**' saw registrations from over 130 teams and 500 students from various MBA Institutes across India like - IIM Trichy, IIM Lucknow, IIM Bangalore, SP Jain, IIM Indore, Great Lakes, XIMB, IIM Ahmedabad and XLRI.

"The first edition of XLerate has been a great experience for all the participating students. The event promises to be a yearly meeting ground for executives pursuing 1 year MBAs that would showcase their talent at the highest level and bring out the sportsmen spirit in all besides testing their managerial acumen and strategic skills." **Dr. Pranabesh Ray, Dean, XLRI** commented on the occasion.

"We remain ever grateful to our college, our sponsors and all the participants who came together to make this event a success. We hope this will be even bigger with years to come.", is what the XLerate organizing committee had to say.

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March 18th, 2013 – **XLRI- Xavier School of Management**, the premier private B School in India is all set to hold the **58th Annual Convocation** on **22nd March, 2014** at the campus in **XLRI Tata Auditorium, Jamshedpur**.

On this significant day, **245** students of Post Graduate Programmes in Management, **5** students of Fellow Program in Management from Jamshedpur Campus, **119** students of 2013 batch of 15-months PGDM (General Management) Programme and **35** students from Executive PGP course from Dubai Campus will receive their graduating certificates and medals.

This year, **Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairman of the State of India** will be conferred the prestigious **Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Industrial and Social Peace** at the event. She will also deliver the convocation address to the graduating students. The event will be graced by **Mr. H M Neruakar, Chairman, Board of Governors, XLRI, Fr. E Abraham S.J., Director of XLRI, Dr. Pranabesh Ray, Dean, Academics at XLRI** and other dignitaries.

Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Industrial and Social Peace, instituted by XLRI in 1966, in honour of the Late Sir Jehangir Ghandy, former Chairman of the Board of Governors- XLRI is awarded to Heroic Leaders who have contributed towards the growth of their respective organizations and also impacted the growth of our nation in a significant way. The medal was instituted by XLRI in gratitude for Sir Jehangir Ghandy’s yeoman contribution to XLRI and the society at large. One of the oldest medals instituted by a higher education institution, the medal is awarded during XLRI’s Annual Convocation Ceremony to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of industrial and social peace in the country. Last year, the medal was conferred on **Mr. Shiv Nadar, Founder & Chairman, HCL and Shiv Nadar Foundation**.

Speaking about this momentous occasion **Fr. E Abraham S.J., Director of XLRI** said, *“Convocation is an important milestone event in the life of every student, faculty, and staff. It is the culmination of all the efforts put in by an individual during their time at the campus. I congratulate all the students”*.

He further added, *“Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya is the first woman Chairman, State Bank of India which holds a legacy of 208 years. In her extensive service in SBI, she has handled almost every function: foreign exchange, treasury, retail operations, human resources, investment banking portfolios, large corporate credit as well as initiatives such as financial inclusion and financing of Self-Help Groups. She has been instrumental in setting up several new companies/initiatives of the Bank. She has always been sensitive and empathetic to gender issues in the bank, introduced a sabbatical facility upto two years for the women employees in SBI Capital markets*



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