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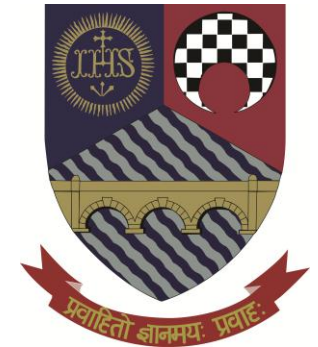
## Program Profile

<b>Venue</b>	: St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
<b>Date</b>	: 25-26 Jan 2013
<b>Facilitator</b>	: Bro. Albert Xaviour
<b>Participants</b>	: 60 Degree Students from St. Xavier's College and from three Countries (India, Pakistan & Afghanistan)
<b>Age Group</b>	: 18-24
<b>Local Supporters</b>	: St. Xavier's College
<b>Organizer</b>	: Ms. Rincy Philip, Satya Oza, Shubham, Prof. Vijaykumar, Jopcy Joseph, Bhoomika & Sr. Shibi

## Where was the Program held?

### St. Xavier's College

After the establishment and success of St Xavier's High School in Ahmedabad, and of St Xavier's College in Bombay, the Gujarat Jesuits wished to foray into university education. A chance encounter with an influential citizen of Ahmedabad set the ball rolling in that direction. St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, is one of the prestigious institutions of higher learning being run by the well-known Christian religious order, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). All the institutions run by the Jesuits in India have made a mark in their respective areas for imparting a high standard of education and for quality of students produced. SXC, Ahmedabad was the first Christian Institution of higher education established in Gujarat since its inception 45 years has rendered yeoman service in the field of higher education.



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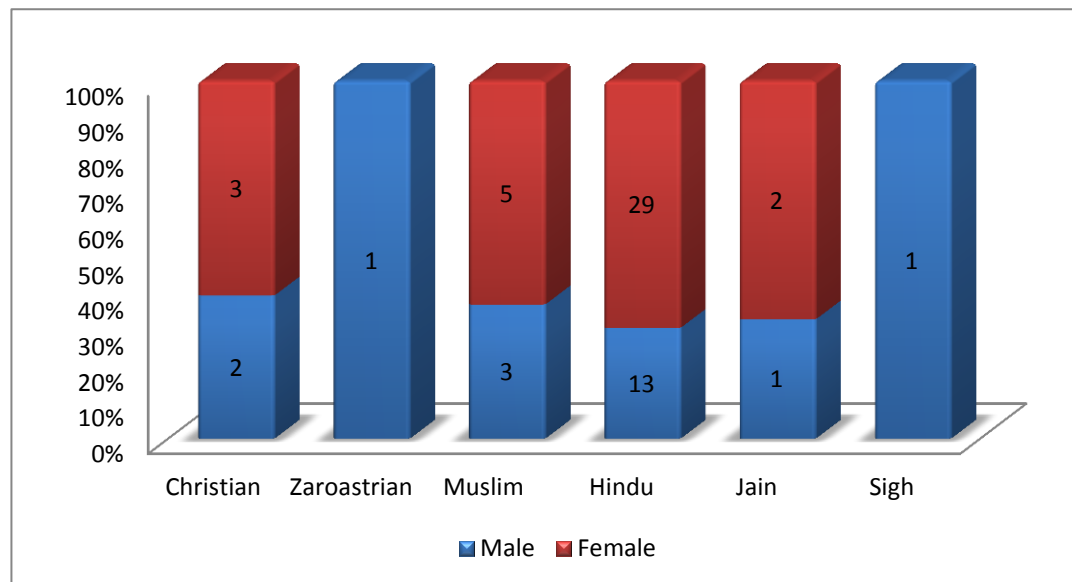
## Organisers

This HRE&T program was organised by the Young Adult Ms. Rincy Philip (who participated in the Madurai Conference) and she has formed her team during Mr. Robert's visit to Ahmedabad. The Gujarat HRE&T team members are Rincy (Team Leader), SatyaOza (Secretary) and Prof. Vijaykumar, Bhoomika, Shubham who are Members. Sr. Shibi Philip has taken the responsibility to coordinate the Young adults at Gujarat.



## Who are the Participants?

The participants are from St. Xavier's college and all are from different departments. The participants are from 5 different religions and from three countries India viz., Pakistan and Afghanistan. The selection of participants was done by the organising committee under the leadership of Rincy Philip.



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## The Program Outline

The two days program was completely in PPT presentation.

The first day program includes Inaugural Celebration (see:- [Video](#) )

Introduction about IARF, RFYN, UN

Three Documentaries, & discussion on UDHR (See:- [Video-1](#) / [Video - 2](#) )

Ice-breaking sessions (See :- [Video](#) ).

The second day program contains...

Sharing of Current Human Rights issues and stories (See:- [Video](#) ),

Practicing UDHR to bring peace and harmony among the religions and in the society (See:- [Video](#) )

The future plan and selection of members to support existing HRE&T young adult team in Gujarat.

## Issues Discussed in Detail

**1. Religious Freedom:** one of the participants raised a question about religious freedom in India, especially in Gujarat. He also mentioned about the 2002 Godhra rail tragedy and said that there are still some religious violations are taking place in the country. The people are not given enough freedom to choose their own religion. Today the young adults are ready to participate meaningfully in society but they are not being permitted to do. Freedom of religion is restricted in well to do families. In some places conversions are still taking place where poor people are being converted through force from one religion to other.

**2. Gender Discrimination:** Based on the Delhi issue, the question of gender discrimination is being openly discussed. Everyday in our country there are cases of rape or eve-teasing. After the Delhi issue, the media and the people are more aware about these issues taking place in society. In Madhya Pradesh alone, 750 rape cases were registered within two months. Girls are afraid to walk alone in the street, not only during the night but also in the day.

### Challenges *adopted* by the Organizers

The local organisers, volunteering most of their free time to delivering a successful outcome, selected 60 out of 78 applicants who came forward for this training. Acknowledging the need to become partly self-funding, they decided to request a registration fee of Rs. 30 from each participant. The college then matched this by giving Rs. 30 for each participant's lunch.

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## Feedback

The feedback sheet was given to the participants and evaluation for the two days HRE & T program took place. Feedback from of few participants is given herewith:

With how many people do you intend to share your knowledge of HRE and Religious Freedom? <sup>with everyone</sup>  
Other comments: <sup>whom I know</sup>

The program was really inspiring, informative and knowledgeable as it made me aware of all the rights I possess. Also, now I have become capable of conducting sessions for illiterate people so that they become more aware of their rights and they don't have to face any kind of violation in the society.

With how many people do you intend to share your knowledge of HRE and Religious Freedom? —

Other comments: As many people as possible as it will be a great privilege if I am able to do it / spread it to a good no. of people.

And I would like to thank the Brother Albert as well as their his group of for making my experience such beautiful enjoyment as well as informative! And I appreciate their effort to make world a better place to live with equality to all.

With how many people do you intend to share your knowledge of HRE and Religious Freedom? 10  
Other comments: The program was interesting and

I did not find it boring even for a minute in these two days. It created more awareness and I got to know about human rights more. The material provided was also very appropriate. It was conducted very well.

With how many people do you intend to share your knowledge of HRE and Religious Freedom? Infinite

Other comments: It was a very interesting and a knowledgeable programme. I hope to attend many more such things. Through these kind of programme we can create a revolutionary change in the world with a present scenario.

I loved the program and will be waiting eagerly for many such programmes.

Thank You so much!!  
for awakening us.



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## What decision taken for Future?

With the full support of the Gujarat Young Adult HRE&T team, the participants came forward to organize these HRE&T programs in the schools, colleges and rural communities.

During the training program, Mr. John A. Koepfel and his team came to see the training program. They belong to the LAWYERS RMKB from San Francisco, CA. They have come to Gujarat to introduce human rights awareness program for the Dalit rural communities. After witnessing our training program, they look forward to having our support from our Young Adults to reach the Dalit communities.

Prof. Vijay Kumar and his team came forward to translate all the HRE&T material into the local languages to create better understanding among non-English speaking students.

### Existing HRE&T Team

Sr. Shibi Philip	- Program coordinator
Rincy Philip	- Team Leader
Satya Oza	- Secretary
Shubham	- Treasurer
Prof. Vijaykumar	- Member
Jopcy Joseph	- Member
Bhoomika	- Member

### New Members

Ruzbeh V. Hodiwala	- Member
Kanisha Pathak	- Member
Mahima Mishra	- Member
Arjun Sindhav	- Member

### **Interviews with the Participants**

1. Ruzbeh V. Hodiwala - [Video](#)
2. Khushboo Ajeet Kumar – [Video](#)
3. Naqfbullah Ataee – [Video](#)
4. Zeba Siddiqui – [Video](#)



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## Event Costs

### HRE Training program / Respective Costs

Program no. 04 Date:- 2013.01.25-26 Venue:- Ahmedabad, Gujarat Reporter: Bro. Albert Xaviour			
Supervisor	No	---	
Administrator	NO	-----	
Guest	Local Authorities	Principal, Vice- Principals of St. Xavier's College	
Category	Details	Amount (Rs.)	Note
Facility charge	Room and Chair	2,500	Local Contribution
Refreshments	Tea, snack etc.	3,600	60 (No. of Participants) x Rs. 60 Local Contribution Rs. 30 Registration fee and college Rs. 30 per person
Visual Aids	VCD/DVD prayer charge	300	Local Contribution
"	LCD and Audio hire charges	2,500	Local Contribution
Administrative fee	Stationary	1,580	Chart Paper, Markers, Pens, Tape, etc
Administrative fee	Printing and photocopying	1,130	Banner, Hand-outs, Certificate etc
Administrative fee	Postage and courier	200	Report to Office & local organizations
Travel costs	Facilitator's travel costs	4,200	The Venue is around 1500 Km from the residence of the facilitator
Hospitality	Accommodation & transportation from boarding to venue	4,800	Local Contribution
Remuneration		3,000	
Miscellaneous		2,860	Gratuity to local helpers, gifts to dignitaries & local organisers
<b>TOTAL Program Cost</b>		<b>26,670</b>	
breakdown list>>			
	Local Contribution	13,700	
	Supported by IARF Grant	12,970	



Thanks and appreciation to Ms. Rincy Philip and Team for taking trouble to organise the HRE&T program and also to the management of St. Xavier's College and Sr. Shibi Philip for their spontaneous support and contribution for the success of this program.

  
**Bro. Albert Xaviour**

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