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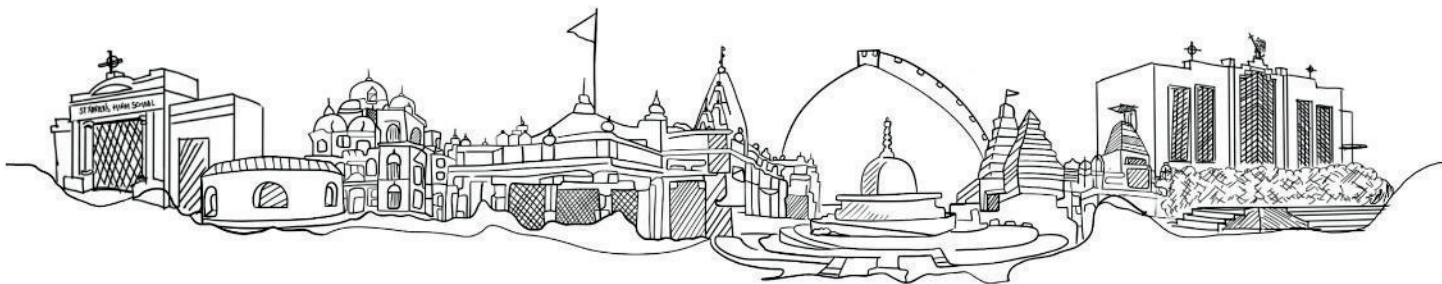
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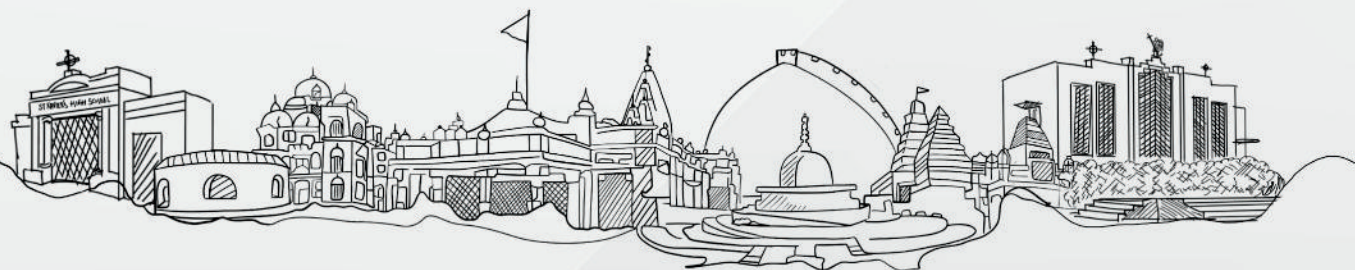
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WELCOME TO THE LAND OF PEACE, KNOWLEDGE & TRANQUILITY

The history of Bihar can be traced back to the dawn of civilization when the enlightened intellectuals of the soil carried and spread the light of wisdom far and wide. Bihar's socio-cultural benevolence is in the constellation of monasteries and shrines of Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, and Sikhs which scintillate architectural grandeur of the past. The University of Nalanda, was one of the world's oldest seats of learning. During this period the reign of the Guptas dynasty was heralded as the Golden Age of India when science, mathematics, astronomy, philosophy and religion received regal impetus and were pursued with enthusiasm. Etymologically, Bihar derives its name from the Sanskrit word 'VIHARA', meaning 'abode' or 'monastery'.

Patna, the capital of Bihar, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited places in the world. One school of thought believes it to have derived from the Sanskrit word "pattan", meaning 'port' as the city was located as a thriving river port near the confluence of four rivers (Ganges, Sone, Punpun and Gandak). Another belief is that the city derived its name from "Patan Devi", the city's presiding deity. Yet another legend associates its origin to Putraka, a mythological king, who created the city by magic for his beloved queen Patali and, in honour of the queen's first born named it as 'Patliputra'. The city is mentioned as 'Palibothra' or 'Palimbotra' in the writings of Greek historian Megasthenes and as 'Pa-lin-fou' in the records of Chinese traveller Fa-hien.

The city's history dates back to 684 B.C. when the Haryanka dynasty wielded power. Patna or Patliputra has figured as the capital for the mighty empires of the Nanda, the Maurya, the Gupta and the Vardhana dynasty. They ruled over a vast region of the Indian Subcontinent. Megasthenes, the Greek Ambassador to the Court of Chandragupta Maurya and many Chinese travellers, including Fa-hien and Huen-Tsang, in their travelogues have spoken in glowing terms of the peace and prosperity that prevailed in the region.

Patliputra is the birthplace of the great Mauryan Emperor, Ashoka, and Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Guru of Sikhs. During the 17th century, Patna became a centre of international trade, with the British starting a factory in Patna in 1620 for trading in silk and calico.

In 1912, Patna became the capital of Bihar and Orissa province when Bengal Presidency was partitioned. Patna played a significant role in the Indian Independence struggle. Mahatma Gandhi launched his first non-violent 'Satyagrah' movement in India against the Indigo Plantation in the Champaran district of Bihar. The success of this movement was the beginning of his tremendous and historic political journey. Bihar threw up great national leaders like Deshratna Dr Rajendra Prasad, the first President of the Republic of India, and Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, among many others.

Many languages are spoken in Patna. Hindi and Urdu are the official languages. The native dialects are Magahi, Bhojpuri, Maithili, and Angika. Other languages widely spoken in Patna are Bengali and English.

Peepal is our state tree and House Sparrow, "Gauraiya", is our state bird. We are committed to save the disappearing sparrow.

FEDERATION OF JESUIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA

The first Jesuit school was opened in Goa in 1543. It was named St. Paul's College. Nothing exists of this institution today except its memory, but it was the predecessor of hundreds of other schools and colleges that are spread all over the country.

The Jesuits are involved in multiple activities in their attempts at nation building in India through continuity with past traditions and new initiatives. Jesuits in India now run more than 400 primary, middle schools, and high schools, 50 university colleges, 22 technical institutes, and 17 business administration institutes, 4 Universities with more than 15,000 teachers, educating more than 4 lakh students belonging to different religious, linguistic, and socioeconomic groups. Many of the Jesuit institutions are among the most reputable, and their share in the country's educational undertaking is substantial.

MOTTO

To give and not to count the cost.

OBJECTIVES

- Bring Alumni Associations together - forum for networking
- Encourage formation of Associations
- Link with Associations across the world
- Role in shaping public policies in favour of secularism, alleviation of poverty, empowerment of women, uplift of marginalized, safeguard human rights, preservation of environment and spread of literacy.

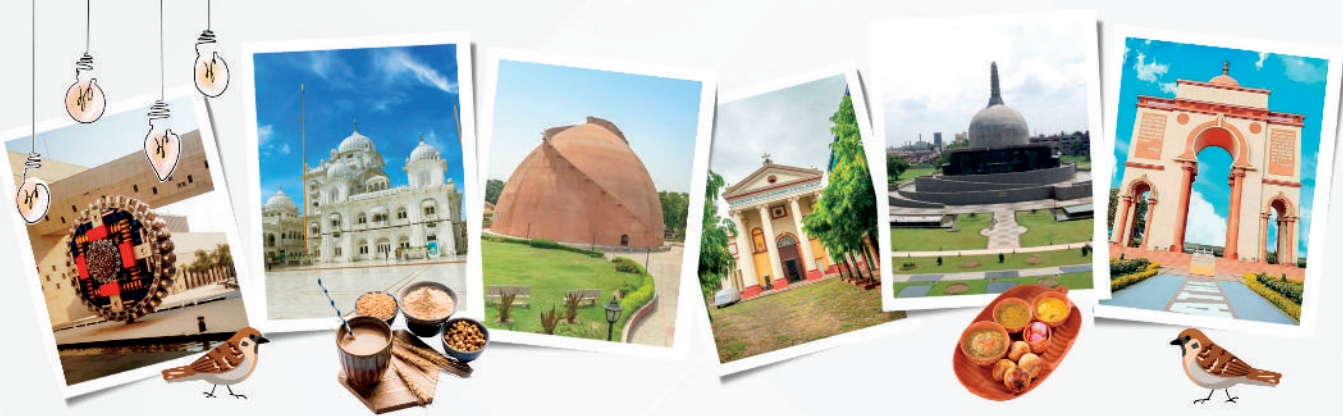
Jesuit institutions are committed to the cause of social justice and peace in a global milieu. The founder of the Society of Jesus, Saint Ignatius wrote in his treatise titled Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola that 'Man is created to praise, reverence and serve God our Lord and by this means to save his soul'. The resolve to work 'for the greater glory of god' has ensured their nurturing presence in the remotest and most deprived parts of the globe. In the field of education Jesuits are committed to the intellectual, spiritual and moral growth of students into a 'whole person'.

Fr. Pedro Arrupe was the Jesuit General from 1965 to 1983. He was a charismatic person who experienced the miseries of the poor people in Japan during 2nd World War and afterwards. When he became the General of the Jesuits, he carried with him a wealth of experience and these formed his future plans and actions. He felt that the Jesuit Alumni can be organized into a power that can change the poor people all over the world. With this idea in his mind, he asked all the Jesuit Provincials to start Alumni Association in their schools, colleges and other educational institutions.

He wanted to change the Jesuit Alumni into "Men and Women for others" and thus the Jesuit Alumni Association started. On the top level, we have the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae (WUJA) with headquarters at Spain. On the country level, we have Federation of Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI) in India with headquarters at Kolkata.

The Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) is an association of all alumni associations of Jesuit academic institutions in India and is affiliated to World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA). It hopes to bring together all Jesuit alumni in the country together and direct their energies for the betterment of the society. As beneficiaries and inheritors of the Jesuit/Ignatian legacy of Education, the members of several Alumni/ae Associations have come together to form a Federation, bonded in love and fellowship, endeavour to become men and women for others.





JAAI'S FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES:

- Blood Donation Programmes
- Environment and Ecology Programmes
- Alumni Exchange Programmes
- Student Exchange Programmes
- Students' Leadership & Soft Skill Development Programmes
- Constitutional Modules, Human Rights & Women's Rights Programmes
- Afghan Medical Professional's Skill Enhancement Programmes

COMPANIONS OF JESUS FOR A JUST AND HUMANE SOCIETY...

The Society of Jesus founded by St. Ignatius Loyala in the 16th century is associated with education throughout the world and notably in India. The vision of Jesuit education got its inspiration from the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. St. Francis Xavier arrived in India in 1541 and organized the first Jesuit school in India, His name lives on today in many schools, colleges and institutes of advanced training throughout the subcontinent.

The First World War forced the German priests in India to return to their homeland. On September 10th 1919, Pope Benedict XV established the Diocese of Patna and made Bishop Van Hoeck, S.J., its first Bishop. Bishop Van Hoeck invited the Missouri Jesuits to come and work in Patna. Five Missouri Jesuits - Frs. William Eline, SJ, Henry Milet, SJ, Edward Anderson, SJ, Patrick Troy, SJ, and Thomas Kelly, SJ, - arrived in Patna on 16th March 1921. These first Jesuits of Patna, along with the work of looking after the Catholics, felt the need of starting good schools. They opened Khrist Raja High School in Bettiah in 1927. In 1940 Fr. Loesch, S.J., the then Superior of Patna Jesuits, asked Fr. Marshal to start St. Xavier's School in Patna. In 1942 the Patna Jesuits started St. Xavier's Jaipur, in 1950 St. Xavier's Kathmandu, in 1960 St. Xavier's Delhi and in 1969, took over St. Michael's Patna from Irish Brothers. Frs. Loesch, Moran, Niesen, Wroblewski, Cleary and Murphy were outstanding Jesuit teachers of St. Xavier's, Patna and St Michael's, Patna. Through the years it has built up a reputation for excellence in the education and for preparing the students to distinguish themselves by selfless service to humanity and to lead lives in keeping with the school motto "For God and Country". Last year, Patna Jesuit Mission celebrated 100 years of blessings and transforming lives.

It has also one of the oldest school alumni associations in India - St. Xaviers Alumni Association (SXAA), Patna - celebrating its Platinum Jubilee this year. St. Xavier's Alumni Associations, St. Michael's Alumni Association, having a rich legacy of 164 years, and St. Xavier's College of Education Alumni Association are registered members of the JAAI and recently Alumni Association of St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School Bettiah - Xavier's Alumni Association of Bettiah - has also been formed and registered with JAAI. Other Jesuit Institutions of Patna Province - St. Xavier's College of Management and Technology Patna, Khrist Raja High School Bettiah, Catholic High School Ara, St. Ignatius High School Aurangabad, St. Ann's High School Sasaram, Raj Rajeshwar High School Barbiga, St. Thomas High School Ratanpurwa, St. Xavier's High School Gaunha are also having Alumni Association and reinforcing togetherness.

JAAI MILAN 2023:

SHAPING INDIA'S TECHADE: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

This triennial mega-event is going to be a conglomeration of people associated with various Jesuit institutions in India, including thoughtful thematic brainstorming carving out future educational pathways, cultural extravaganza, nostalgic camaraderie and fun & frolic for three pleasant days of 10th, 11th, & 12th February 2023 hosted by Jesuit Alumni Associations of Patna Province (JAAP) at St Xavier's High School, Patna and St. Michael's High School, Patna. The theme of this mega-event is "Shaping India's TECHADE – Challenges & Opportunities".

Technology today is the greatest equalizer built by humankind to solve some pressing world challenges– from Health crisis to Climate Change. TECHADE is a portmanteau of technology and decade, i.e., a decade powered by the impact of technology. This word gained momentum when our Prime Minister said that data and demographic dividend combined with India's proven tech prowess presents massive opportunity for the country and exuded confidence that this decade will be 'India's TECHADE'. Shaping India's TECHADE will be defined by our collective ability to move from 'technology potential' to 'technology impact' and will be built on the design principles of Innovation for Impact, Inclusive & Secure Scale, Ethical Build and Use of Tech and Human Centricity. The challenges and impediments to fulfilling the idea of TECHADE also need to be identified and addressed to discover key elements to this revolution, our roles and responsibilities and critical areas of focus.

Come and join us for this exotic, exuberant and exquisite event.

Important places to Visit:

1. Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya
2. Nalanda Ancient University
3. Vishwa Shanti Stupa, Rajgir
4. Ashoka Stambh, Vaishali
5. Jal Mandir, Pawa Puri
6. Takht Sri Harmandir Ji, Patna Sahib
7. Vishnupad Temple, Gaya
8. Bihar Museum, Patna
9. Valmiki Nagar Tiger Reserve
10. Padri ki Haveli, Patna
11. Tomb of Sher Shah Suri, Rohtas

Please visit our website to learn more about the inclusions & exclusions, along with the list of other places to visit.

Bihar Heritage Tour Package

Day 0 & 1 (9th-10th Feb, 2023)
Patna-Rajgir-Nalanda-Patna
plus Patna Local sightseeing
Tentative Cost:
Rs 3,000 per head

Day 3 & 4 (12th-13th Feb, 2023)
Patna-Bodhgaya-Patna
Tentative Cost:
Rs 5,000 per head

PROGRAM

Day 1: 10-Feb-2023 (Friday)

Venue: St. Xavier's High School, Patna

- 17:00 - Inaugural Session
- 19:00 - Cultural Program
- 20:15 - Fellowship & Dinner

Day 2: 11-Feb-2023 (Saturday)

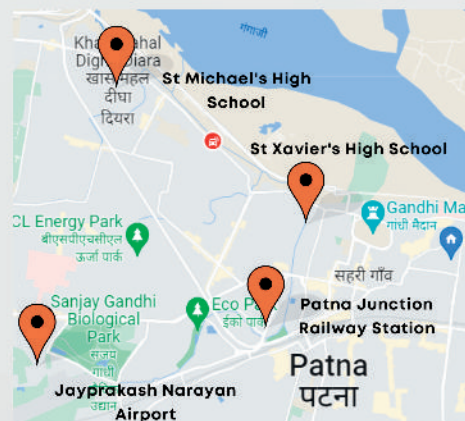
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- 08:00 - Prayer service
- 08:30 - Breakfast
- 09:00 - Key Note Speech on the theme
- 10:00 - Business Session I
- 11:00 - Tea/Coffee Break
- 11:30 - Business Session II
- 12:30 - Business Session III
- 13:30 - Lunch
- 14:30 - Business Session IV
- 15:30 - Workshops
- 16:30 - Tea/Coffee Break
- 17:00 - Presentation of Zonal Activities
- 18:00 - Musical Entertainment Program
- 20:30 - Fellowship & Dinner

Day 3: 12-Feb-2023 (Sunday)

Venue: St. Michael's High School, Patna

- 08:00 - Holy Mass
- 08:30 - Breakfast
- 09:00 - Accredited Delegates Meeting
- 09:30 - JAAI Governing Council Meeting
- 10:00 - Tea/Coffee Break
- 10:30 - Workshop Report
- 10:45 - JAAI Awards
- 11:00 - Valedictory Session
- 13:00 - Lunch
- 14:00 - Dispersal



Avail FLAT 20% discount for stay @Marwari Awas Griha, Fraser Road, Patna especially offered for the delegates of JAAI Milan-2023, Patna - courtesy: Shri Abhay Krishna Kanoria, Secretary, St. Xavier's Alumni Association, Patna.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

REGISTRATION AMOUNT: RS. 3000/- (RUPEES THREE THOUSAND ONLY) PER DELEGATE

We encourage you to register and make the payment before 31st Dec 2022. This will allow us to have accurate figures of likely attendance. This shall facilitate better planning and a comfortable & enjoyable stay for all.

Note:

- Your spouse & guests are welcome to register and participate in the congress.
- The registration fee for spouse/guests is also the same as a registered Jesuit Alumni Delegate.
- The registration fee includes a registration kit, two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners and three high tea.
- Bihar is a liquor-free state. You are not allowed to carry or consume any liquor.
- Patna has a mild winter from November to February. So pack your bags accordingly.

You can register and make the payment online at: www.jaicongresspatna.in

If you wish to make payment using DD/Cash deposit/UPI, kindly use the **Delegate Registration Form** (photocopy of it or download it online) and follow the instructions.

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