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St Xavier's University to set up research centre next year

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ST XAVIER'S University will set up a research centre in the New Town campus of Kolkata next year, Vice-Chancellor Rev Father John Felix Raj said on Tuesday.

While 35 researchers were now at work at the St Xavier's College, the new university, which started functioning from July 2017, will have its research centre functioning from next year, Felix Raj told PTI on the sidelines of the 11th Convocation and Valedictory of St Xavier's College here.

"The research centre will be for PhD projects," he said.

West Bengal Education and Higher Education minister

Partha Chatterjee on Monday called upon the university to become a centre of excellence and recommended the varsity set up a research centre by next year apart from running courses.

"The new St Xavier's University, which celebrated its first anniversary foundation day yesterday, was set up on 17 acres of land allotted by West Bengal government and will work towards imparting excellent quality education as underscored by Education Minister Partha Chatterjee," Felix Raj, who had been previously the Principal of St Xavier's College, said.

Felix Raj was given the highest honour from St Xavier's College, 'Nihil Ultra Award' by Principal Rev Dr Dominic Savio at the 11th Convocation.