

St Xavier's to start law and sports schools

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Kolkata: St Xavier's University is set to launch an integrated law school in 2019, followed by a state-of-the-art sports academy that could come up on a plot near its New Town campus. The university's first MBA programme under the Xavier Business School was flagged off on Tuesday. Vice-chancellor Fr Felix Raj said the university, which started in 2017, will apply for NAAC accreditation in 2020.

"We have also introduced two compulsory credits for social work, which has a compulsory 60-hour rural stint in villages for students," said Fr Raj on Tuesday. He said the university plans to approach chief minister Mamata Banerjee, requesting her for a portion of a plot near the varsity campus to start the sports academy.

While inaugurating the fully residential MBA programme, which will commence classes from Wednesday, Fr Raj added: "We will also look at a collaboration with XLRI and XIMB, along with IMI in Kolkata. We may later want to forge a collaboration with IIM-C."

The MBA programme was inaugurated in the presence of pro-vice chancellor Fr Sebastien L Raj and industrialist Sanjiv Goenka, who was the chief guest, at the New Town campus.

"We have already made a splash in the first year of the course. There will be 90 students in the first batch distributed in two sections. The university has got approval from All India Council of Technical

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Fr Felix Raj inaugurates the MBBS programme on Tuesday. To his left are St Xavier's alumnus Sanjiv Goenka and pro-vice chancellor Fr Sebastien L Raj

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Education (AICTE) to run the MBA programme. It will be a two-year full-time residential course, offering specializations in marketing, finance, human resources and systems and operations," the VC said.

A separate business school called Xavier Business School has been set up at the university to run this course. "An updated library, having access to a number of renowned online professional journals, a modern computer lab and a state-of-the-art language lab have been set up for the MBA programme, which will be kept open 24 hours. New hostels for boys and girls are ready on campus," Fr Raj said.

Students were admitted to the MBA degree course thro-

ugh national- and international-level admission tests like XAT, CAT, GMAT and others. "While the university has recruited a number of teachers to run this course, a set of guest faculties from the industry and teachers from other renowned business schools are also empanelled. Since St Xavier's University is a member of the Xavier Association of Management Institutes, the intake may later be restricted to XAT and a few other examinations only," the VC said.

Addressing the first batch of students of the MBA programme, Goenka, one of the most celebrated alumni of St Xavier's Collegiate School and St Xavier's College, said: "I am what I am because of the values St Xavier's has instilled in me."