

**St. Xavier's College Jaipur**  
**Xavier's ELT Research Centre (XERC)**  
**Annual Report 2024-25**

**1. About the Department:**

Xavier's ELT Research Centre (XERC) is a pioneering initiative established to promote excellence in the field of English Language Teaching (ELT) through dedicated research, innovation, and pedagogical development. Aligned with the institution's vision of academic excellence and social relevance, XERC serves as a hub for both theoretical and applied research in ELT, aiming to bridge the gap between classroom practice and contemporary linguistic research. XERC represents Xavier's commitment to improving English language proficiency, teaching standards, and research outcomes, thereby contributing meaningfully to both local educational needs and global ELT discourse.

**2. Member Details: (Name with highest educational qualification)**

- Rev Fr Prof S Xavier SJ (Director)
- Dr Ranjit Kaur (Coordinator)
- Dr Shruti Rawal (Asst Coordinator)

**3. Objective: Key Objectives of Xavier's ELT Research Centre (XERC)**

- To foster **interdisciplinary research** in English language teaching, learning, and assessment.
- To explore innovative and inclusive **teaching methodologies** suited for diverse learner profiles.
- To design and develop **teaching materials, modules, and digital resources** for language enhancement.
- To conduct **workshops, training programs, and seminars** for capacity-building of English language teachers.
- To collaborate with national and international bodies in ELT research and practice.

**4. Achievements of the students/faculty/unit in the academic year (if any):**

**Clearing UGC- NET-JRF: Ananya Acharya**

**Clearing UGC- NET-JRF, RPSC- SET: Rakshetsa Jha**

**Clearing UGC-NET- Assistant Professor: Suchitra Sharma, Wamika Gupta**

**Clearing UGC-NET- Ph.D Category: Diksha Verma, Prashi Kastiya, Anna James**

**5. Details of the Activities organized/ Work Performed**

**(I) Expert Session- Dr. Arpita Karwa**

**Report:** The Xavier's ELT Research Centre (XERC), in collaboration with the Department of English, organized an expert session titled "Career Opportunities & UGC NET/SET Exam Preparation" on 11 September 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fr. Stan Swamy Auditorium. The session was conducted by Dr. Arpita Karwa, a distinguished alumna of the Department of English, and was designed to guide aspiring students in their preparation for competitive academic examinations such as UGC-NET and SET. The event was attended by 395 students from different departments. The session adopted an interactive format and was moderated by

postgraduate students—Devangshree Saini, Paras Yadav, and Saina Agarwal—who posed insightful and focused questions related to exam strategies. Dr. Karwa provided a comprehensive overview of the examination structure, preparation techniques, and the importance of sustained discipline and self-motivation. She emphasised the significance of consistency, conceptual clarity, and strategic revision, offering specific suggestions on resource selection and time management.

<b>Metric No.</b>	<b>5.1.3</b>
<i>Date of event/ work performed</i>	11 September 2024
<i>Name and description of event/ work performed</i>	Expert Session on Career Opportunities & UGC NET/SET Exam Preparation
<i>Details of the resource person, if any</i>	Dr. Arpita Karwa is the visionary founder of arpitakarwa.com, an online coaching platform through which she empowers countless UGC NET aspirants. Her influence extends globally through her YouTube channel, one of India’s largest in the domain of UGC NET, with over 600k subscribers. In recognition of her success, YouTube awarded her the Silver Play Button in 2018.
<i>Target audience and number of participants</i>	All the students of UG & PG from our college and specially from Humanities and Social Science No. of Participants: 395
<i>Learning outcome</i>	<p><b>Enhanced Awareness of Exam Structure and Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participants gained a clear understanding of the structure, syllabus, and scoring pattern of the UGC NET/SET exams.</li> <li>○ Alumni shared their personalized preparation strategies, including time management tips, subject-wise study plans, and the importance of mock tests and previous year papers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Career Pathways in Academia and Beyond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The session illuminated various career trajectories post-NET/SET qualification—such as Assistant Professorships, research positions, fellowships (like JRF), and roles in publishing, policy-making, and content development.</li> <li>○ Alumni also emphasized alternate career paths outside of traditional academia, including educational startups, competitive exam coaching, and ed-tech industries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Peer-Led Mentoring Culture Promoted</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The interactive format of the session encouraged real-time Q&amp;A, where participants could voice concerns and seek specific guidance.</li> <li>○ This created an informal mentoring space where knowledge was shared in a non-hierarchical, empathetic manner.</li> </ul> <p><b>Strengthened Alumni Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The program successfully reconnected alumni with their</li> </ul>

	<p>alma mater, fostering a spirit of academic solidarity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alumni expressed interest in conducting follow-up sessions or becoming long-term mentors for aspiring NET/SET candidates.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Any suggestions for improvement based on the feedback or otherwise</i></p>	<p>More time should be given for Q/A Session Conduct more sessions with real-life case studies</p>





## POSTER OF THE EVENT



## (II) Interaction Session titled *Beyond the Classroom: Navigating Research and Academia* by Ms. Ananya Acharya (17 April 2025)

### Report:

The Xavier's ELT Research Centre (XERC), in collaboration with, organised an enriching Interaction Session titled *Beyond the Classroom: Navigating Research and Academia* on 17 April 2025 by Ms Ananya Acharya. The event aimed to provide valuable insights into academic and

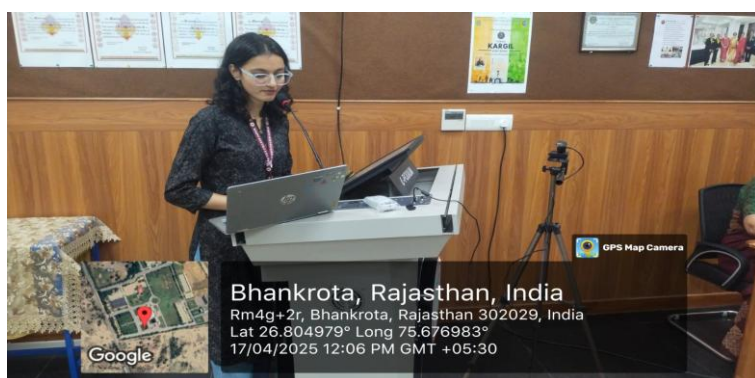
research opportunities and foster a deeper understanding of the academic world.

The session was conducted in a hybrid mode, with the on-campus audience gathered in the Conference Hall and a virtual option provided via Google Meet to ensure accessibility. The session commenced at 12:00 noon onwards and witnessed active participation from students, with special emphasis on attendees from the Department of English. The speaker for the session was Ms. Ananya Acharya, a distinguished alumna of the Department (Batch of 2022–24), a postgraduate student, and a University Gold Medallist. She is also the founder and curator of *Khuli Kitaab*, a dynamic book club that fosters a vibrant community of readers. Drawing from her academic journey and professional initiatives, Ms. Acharya shared her experiences navigating the educational landscape post-graduation, including the challenges and opportunities in research and higher education.

The idea was to connect the students' academic experiences with actual research exposure and post-academic learning experiences. Ananya described her rise through the academic pathway in a way that was both grounded and motivating, helping students understand how to begin and navigate the essentials of research work and writing. The session proved to be highly interactive and informative, offering students a platform to engage with a recent graduate who has successfully transitioned into academia and the literary community. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions, seek advice, and reflect on their academic aspirations. Student Coordinators Khyati Kapoor and Paras Yadav efficiently managed the event logistics and communication, ensuring smooth coordination throughout the event. The interaction session concluded with a vote of thanks by faculty coordinator Dr. Ranjit Kaur and a resounding appreciation for Ms. Acharya's inspiring talk, which motivated and informed the participants about the path ahead.

<b>Metric No.</b>	<b>5.4.1</b>
<i>Date of event/ work performed</i>	17 April 2025
<i>Name and description of event/ work performed</i>	Alumni Interaction Session -II titled <i>Beyond the Classroom: Navigating Research and Academia</i>
<i>Details of the resource person, if any</i>	Ms. Ananya Acharya, a distinguished alumna of the Department (Batch of 2022–24), a postgraduate student, and a University Gold Medallist. She is also the founder and curator of <i>Khuli Kitaab</i> , a dynamic book club that fosters a vibrant community of readers.
<i>Target audience and number of</i>	UG & PG students from Dept of English & PhD scholars

<i>participants</i>	
<i>Learning outcome</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Encouraged a foundational understanding of research writing and demystified the academic paper development process for young scholars.</li> <li>● Provided firsthand, experience-based guidance on navigating academia after postgraduation.</li> <li>● Bridged the gap between classroom learning and real academic practices through alum experience sharing.</li> <li>● Enhanced clarity and confidence in university exam preparation through strategic answer-writing tips.</li> <li>● Fostered interactive dialogue and mentorship, creating an enriching peer-alumni connection.</li> </ul>
<i>Any suggestions for improvement based on the feedback or otherwise</i>	Extending the session duration for deeper discussion and increasing opportunities for interaction







## POSTER

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The Department of English  
in collaboration with *Xaviera's ELT Research Centre (XERC)*  
organises  
**Alumni Interaction Session on**  
**'Beyond the Classroom: Navigating Research and Academia'**

**SPEAKER**  
**Ms Ananya Acharya**  
University Gold Medalist  
(PG Batch 2022-2024)  
Founder of "Khuli Kitaab" Bookclub

**Date** - 17 April 2025  
**Time** - 12 Noon Onwards  
**Mode** - Hybrid  
**Venue** - Conference Hall

**STUDENT COORDINATORS:**  
Ms Khyati Kapoor  
Ms Paras Yadav

**ORGANISER:**  
Rev Fr Dr Arokya Swamy SJ  
Principal

**TEACHER COORDINATOR:**  
Dr Ranjit Kaur  
Dr Rama Hirawat (HOD)

### 7. **Future Plans for the next academic year** (*briefly mention in points*)

- Supporting **faculty and student research projects** in ELT and applied linguistics.
- Offering consultation and academic support for **curriculum development** in language teaching.
- Maintaining a repository of **ELT research papers, tools, and best practices** for scholarly use.
- Engaging with **policy-making bodies** and academic networks to influence language education reforms.
- Conduct workshops & seminars in ELT and applied linguistics for research scholars
- Plan to conduct a Research meet for research scholars to give guidance

**Report Submitted by Coordinator**

**Dr Ranjit Kaur**  
**XERC Coordinator**