

Inauguration of XIC facilities

Two facilities in XIC, School Campus were named after two famous Media personalities, Ameen Sayani and R. K. Laxman. The Inauguration programme was scheduled on June 14th, 2017 at 4 p.m. in the Charles Correa Hall of XIC School Campus.

Friends and relatives of Ameen Sayani and R. K. Laxman gathered in Charles Correa Hall. XIC Management and few XIC staff members were also present for the event. The programme started with a welcome address by Fr. Lawrence Ferrao, SJ, Director. XIC Staff members Angela Roberts and Vaishali Deshpande presented floral tributes and XIC souvenirs to Ameen Sayani and Mrs. Usha Laxman, (daughter-in-law of R. K. Laxman) respectively. This was followed by a Power-point presentation on Ameen Sayani and R. K. Laxman.

The PPT recalled fond memories of hey days of Ameen Sayani, the '*Voice of India*' during his radio programme on Vivid Bharti, Radio Ceylon, BBC and various Radio Stations all over the world. This was highly appreciated by the guests and made them nostalgic about the era gone by. The screening of R. K. Laxman, the internationally celebrated cartoonist of India who created the Common Man in the everyday feature '*You said it*' in The Times was much applauded.

Ameen Sayani with the help of his son, Rajiil Sayani inaugurated the Studio by cutting the ribbon. XIC studio, now inaugurated as '*The Ameen Sayani Studio*' was open to the relatives and guests of Ameen Sayani.

Thereafter the new classroom was inaugurated by Mrs. Usha Laxman, daughter-in-law of R. K. Laxman as *R. K. Laxman Lecture Room*. There was a full size back lit cut-out of *the common man* outside the classroom. This made a lively impact as the guests walked into R.K. Laxman Lecture Room.

XIC Management, Staff and guests were seated in the now called R. K. Laxman Lecture Room. Mr. Srinivas Laxman, son of late R. K. Laxman addressed the gathering. He thanked XIC for naming one of the classroom after his late father, R. K. Laxman. Mr. Ameen Sayani was so taken aback with the PPT on him that he had no words to express other than gratitude to XIC.

Dean of XIC, Dr. Jehangir B. Mistry concluded the programme by screening the XIC student projects to the audience and proposed the vote of thanks.

The day ended with a recording of "*My Way*" of Frank Sinatra by the Three Tenors !