



Welcome to the July & August 2026 Edition of Legacy Connect.

July marked another milestone in CHRIST's alumni journey with the inauguration of the Singapore Alumni Foundation Chapter and a series of Global Connect webinars bringing Christites together across Australia, Canada and North America. This edition celebrates global engagement, knowledge sharing and lifelong connections.

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Welcome Note by the Vice Chancellor

It gives me pleasure to connect with the CHRIST community through this edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

I extend my congratulations and best wishes to the newly inducted Student Coordinators of the Alumni Chapters. Your willingness to take up this responsibility reflects the spirit of leadership, commitment, and service that continues to strengthen the CHRIST community. I encourage you to embrace this opportunity, actively engage with our alumni, and contribute meaningfully to building a vibrant and connected alumni network.

As we look ahead, I am pleased to see the growing momentum within our Alumni Chapters through upcoming initiatives such as webinars and chapter engagements. The forthcoming inauguration of the Mumbai Chapter and the Australia Chapter Meet-up are significant steps towards expanding our alumni network and creating stronger connections across regions.

I look forward to witnessing many more meaningful interactions, collaborations, and initiatives in the months ahead. I encourage all our alumni and student coordinators to actively participate and contribute towards making these chapters vibrant platforms for networking, learning, mentorship, and collective growth.

Together, let us continue to strengthen the bond between Christ University and its global alumni community and build a legacy that inspires generations to come.

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Vice Chancellor, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)



Message from Alumni President

It gives me great pleasure to connect with the CHRIST alumni community through this edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

Our alumni community continues to grow stronger through meaningful connections, active engagement, and initiatives that bring CHRISTITES together across the world. The growing Alumni Chapters are an important step towards creating a more connected and collaborative global alumni network.

I extend my best wishes to all our alumni and the newly appointed Student Coordinators who are contributing to this journey with enthusiasm and commitment. I encourage every alumnus and alumna to actively participate in chapter activities, share their experiences, offer mentorship, and support opportunities that can benefit both our alumni and current students.

Let us continue to stay connected, contribute to one another, and create meaningful opportunities that strengthen the bond we share with CHRIST.

I look forward to your continued support and active participation as we build a stronger and more vibrant alumni community together.

Jugnu Uberoi (BCom 1969-72)

President, Alumni Association, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)

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ABOUT CHRIST UNIVERSITY

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) was born out of the educational vision of St Kuriakose Elias Chavara, an educationist and a social reformer of the nineteenth century in South India. He founded the first indigenous Catholic congregation, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) in 1831 which administers CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

Established in 1969 as Christ College, the Institution undertook path-breaking initiatives in Indian higher education with the introduction of innovative and modern curricula, insistence on academic discipline, imparting of Holistic Education and adoption of global higher education practices with the support of creative and dedicated staff.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) of India conferred Autonomy to Christ College vide its notification F.13-1/2004(Desk-AC) dated 7 October 2004 and identified it as an Institution with Potential for Excellence vide its notification No. F. 121/2004(AIS/PE) dated 19 May 2006. In 2008 under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) of the Government of India, declared the Institution a Deemed to be University, vide its notification No. F. 9-34/2007- U.3(A) dated 22 July 2008 in the name and style of 'Christ University'.

One of the first institutions in India to be accredited in 1998 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), and subsequently in 2004 and 2016, the Institution has the top Grade 'A' on a 4-point scale. As per the direction of MHRD, vide its notification no. F.9-34/2007-U.3(A), dated 11 January 2018 the name of the Institution was changed from 'Christ University' to 'CHRIST (Deemed to be University)'. CHRIST (Deemed to be University)

The multi-disciplinary Institution which focuses on teaching, research and service, offers Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Programmes in Humanities, Social Sciences, Science, Commerce, Management, Engineering, Law, Education, and Architecture to over 25,000 students. The three campuses of the University at Bengaluru in Karnataka, Pune Lavasa in Maharashtra, and Delhi National Capital Region (NCR) are a living example of harmonious multiculturalism with students from all the states and Union Territories of India and about 60 different countries.

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) publishes six peer-reviewed research journals and has published more than 300 books in Kannada and English. A promoter of sports, music and literary activities, it is a nurturing ground for creative excellence.

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“Connecting generations, celebrating shared journeys, and strengthening lifelong bonds.

The Office of Alumni Engagement nurtures a vibrant relationship between CHRIST and its alumni. Together, we build a legacy of belonging, collaboration, and lasting impact.”

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ABOUT OFFICE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) ever since its inception has been nurturing and fostering the association of its Alumni namely Christ University Alumni Association (CUAA). The Association, which previously functioned as a wing of the University, has now been formally registered as a Trust under the Indian Trust Act as an empowered independent body.

This has necessitated the establishment of a dedicated office of the University to facilitate essential oversight of the association activities for its legitimacy and to ensure timely communication and directions as may be necessary from the perspective of the University.

The University has therefore established an Office of Alumni Engagement (OAE) with effect from April 2021 headed by the Pro-Vice Chancellor.

ABOUT CHRIST UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) has a dynamic alumni association that represents the voice of all the graduates supporting the University to realize its mission. Its aim is to create a strong, fully interactive worldwide community for the alumni. The association is driven by the commitment to enhance the growth of the University by providing a wide range of resources and opportunities.

The association provides opportunities for alumni to meet each other and participate in social activities and business undertakings. It also focuses on academics by conducting intellectually stimulating talks and lectures by distinguished speakers from CHRIST. It lends a helping hand through placement services and enables students to embark on appropriate careers.

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From the *Faculty Desk***DEPHAN PINHEIRO**

Professor, Department of Chemistry
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For the last 37 years—practically my entire working life—I have had the privilege of being a part of CHRIST. To have witnessed its growth and transformation over these years has been an extraordinary experience. The journey has been nothing short of spectacular.

When I joined in 1989, Christ was just 20 years old. A new Principal, Fr Antony Kariyil, had just taken over, and with him came the beginnings of a new mindset—a mindset that dared to dream, and, more importantly, had the courage, conviction, and vision to turn those dreams into reality.

Soon, the trickle of change became a cascade. Developments came thick and fast, each building on the one before it. From a small college on the edge of the city, Christ moved rapidly, becoming the first autonomous college in Karnataka, and eventually evolving into a Deemed to be University. The institution was not merely growing in size and stature; it was steadily redefining what an institution of higher education could aspire to become.

The city around us was changing too. What had once been a relatively quiet corner of Bengaluru soon became one of the city's most vibrant and happening areas. In many ways, Christ had well and truly arrived! Yet, through all these remarkable changes, some things have remained constant.

The Christite has always been recognisable—smart, confident, dynamic, and willing to embrace new challenges. Looking back, I feel immensely privileged to have been part of this journey and to have witnessed, from close quarters, one of the most exciting and transformative phases in Christ's remarkable growth.

"To have witnessed CHRIST's transformation over 37 years has been an extraordinary privilege. What began with bold dreams grew through vision, courage, and conviction.

Amid changing campuses and cities, the Christite spirit remained confident, dynamic, and resilient. I feel truly fortunate to have witnessed this remarkable journey and history in the making."

Best Student *Coordinator*

Alumni Chapter

Best Student Coordinator of the Month – July 2026

Congratulations to Archita Mehta, BA Psychology, English Honours / Honours with Research, Batch of 2028, for her dedication and active contribution to the Alumni Chapters initiative.

Event Highlights



» Inauguration of the Singapore Alumni Foundation Chapter - 05 July 2026

The inauguration of the CHRIST University Alumni Foundation Singapore Chapter marked another significant step in strengthening the University's international alumni network. Alumni gathered at Holiday Inn Singapore Orchard City Centre in the presence of Rev. Dr. Fr. Jose C.C., Vice Chancellor, reaffirming the University's commitment to fostering lifelong engagement, professional networking, mentorship and collaborative initiatives.



Singapore Chapter: Connecting, Collaborating & Looking Ahead

Following the inauguration of the Singapore Alumni Chapter, members came together for a casual meet to reconnect, strengthen relationships, and discuss the way forward for the chapter.



The gathering provided an opportunity for alumni to interact, exchange ideas, and explore meaningful initiatives that can bring the CHRIST alumni community in Singapore closer together. Discussions focused on the chapter's future activities, alumni engagement, networking opportunities, and ways to create a stronger platform for collaboration among Christites.



The informal gathering marked another step in building an active and connected alumni community in Singapore.

With continued participation and collaboration, the chapter looks forward to creating meaningful opportunities for alumni to connect, contribute, and grow together.

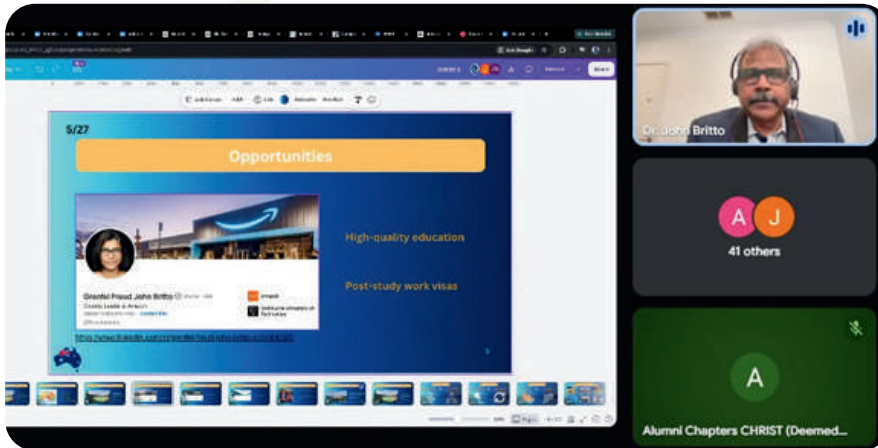
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Global Connect Series

Australia Chapter - 07 July 2026

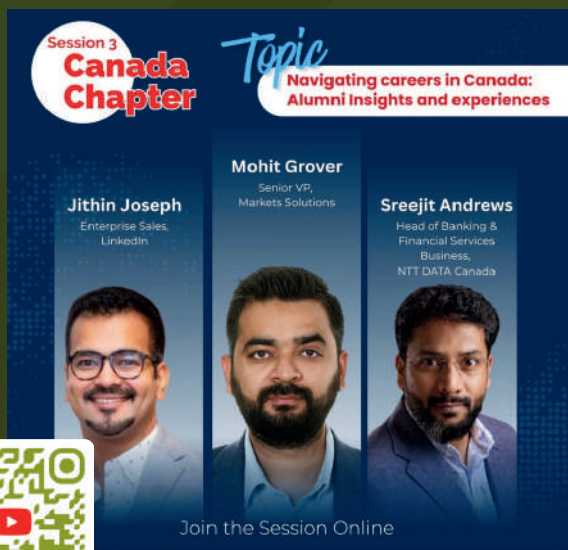
Dr. John Britto, Media Producer in Australia, shared practical insights on adapting to Australian workplace culture, communication styles, professional expectations, and building a successful career while preserving one's identity.



Global Connect Series

Canada Chapter - 16 July 2026

Industry leaders Jithin Joseph, Mohit Grover and Sreejit Andrews discussed career opportunities, networking strategies and professional growth in Canada through an engaging panel discussion.



Global Connect Series

North America Chapter - 21 July 2026

Dr. Sharnya Govindaraj explored cultural adaptation, workplace expectations, communication and career growth opportunities across North America.

GLOBAL CONNECT SERIES WEBINAR

NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTER - Session: 04

Cultural Adaptation and Professional Life in North America

Discover how to adapt to diverse cultures and lifestyles across North America while staying grounded in your own identity. Learn key insights into professional life, including workplace expectations, communication styles, and career growth opportunities.



Dr. Sharnya Govindaraj
Senior UX Researcher



Entrepreneur Spotlight



Chef Dr. Avin Thaliath

Co-founder & Director

- Lavonne Hospitality Private Limited

Deputy Chief Expert - WorldSkills International

Chief Expert - IndiaSkills

Jury Member - WorldSkills

Vice President - Pastry Council of India

Coach - 9th Mondial du Pain (Nantes)

Chef Dr. Avin Thaliath is a celebrated pastry chef, educator, entrepreneur, and thought leader in the field of baking and pastry arts. He is the Co-founder and Director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science and Pastry Arts, India's first specialized academy for baking and pastry education, as well as the creative force behind Lavonne Café, Kopitiamah, and Lavonne Ice-Cream Kitchen.

A native of Kerala, Chef Avin began his journey with a bachelor's degree in Hotel Management from Bangalore University, where he was a bronze medallist in 2004. He later pursued an MBA in Human Resources (2008) and went on to specialize in Chocolaterie and Sugar Arts at Feves - The Choco Creation of Pastry Fine Arts, Malaysia.

As a Golden Certificate Awardee of the Vatel Scholarship (Nîmes, France), he trained under distinguished chefs including Chef Antonio Texeira and honed his skills at prestigious institutions such as Le Granier à Pain (Paris) and Institute Vatel (Nîmes).



In India, Chef Avin's professional journey includes notable tenures with The Taj Hotels and The Royal Orchid Group, as well as an academic stint as Assistant Professor at CHRIST. A lifelong learner, he completed his Ph.D. in Oenology Studies (2018) and continues to blend science with artistry in his approach to pastry education.

Since co-founding Lavonne in 2012, Chef Avin has trained over 8,000 professionals, many of whom have gone on to achieve excellence at WorldSkills and IndiaSkills competitions. His leadership roles include serving as Deputy Chief Expert at WorldSkills International, Chief Expert and Jury Member at IndiaSkills, and Vice President of the Pastry Council of India.

Chef Avin is also the author of *A Baker's Journey: Science in the Art of Baking*, which won the Special Award at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2024 in Portugal. His passion for promoting indigenous Indian breads and commitment to culinary innovation continue to inspire a new generation of pastry professionals.

Recognized among India's most enterprising entrepreneurs, Chef Avin remains a driving force in advancing India's presence on the global pastry map.

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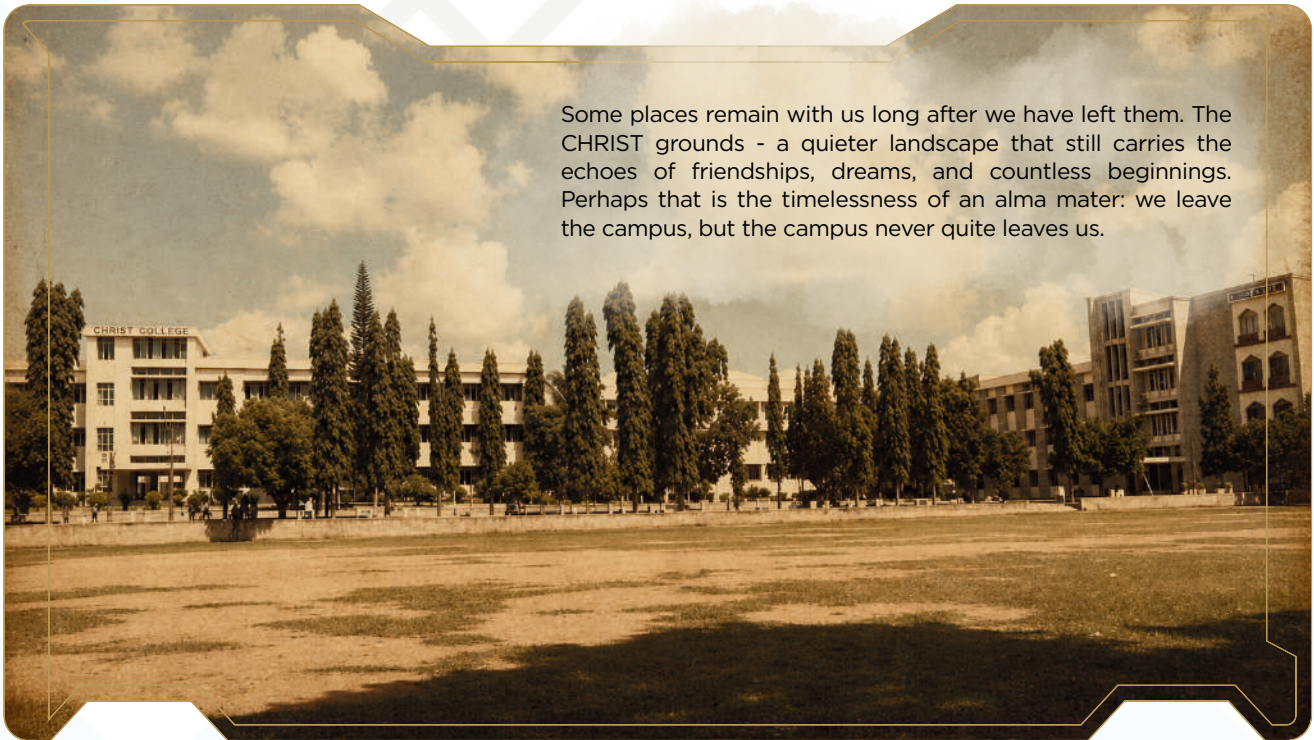
Chef Avin's journey is where science meets artistry, transforming pastry education into a pursuit of excellence. Through innovation, mentorship, and a passion for indigenous traditions, he has shaped thousands of culinary professionals. His vision continues to elevate Indian pastry craftsmanship and inspire its presence on the global stage.

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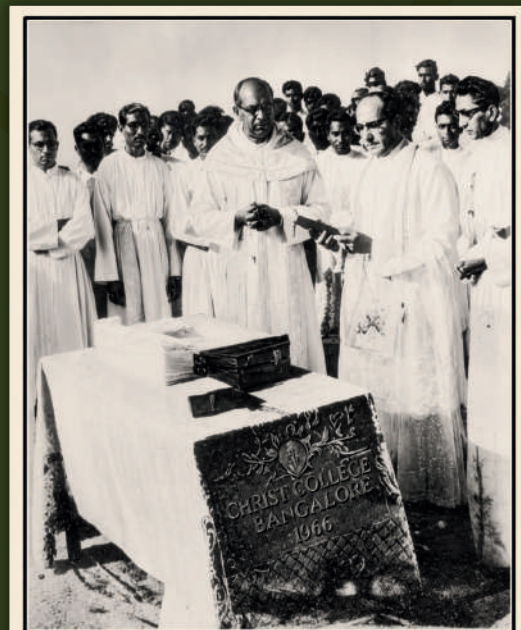
Memory Lane

CHRIST College in 1992 - A view from the ground



From Foundation to Legacy

On 24 September 1966, Rev. Dr. Joseph Caprio, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to India, blessed the foundation stone of Christ College — marking a significant milestone in the institution's journey and the beginning of a legacy that continues to inspire generations of Christites.



Blessing of the foundation stone of Christ College by most Rev. Dr. Joseph Caprio, Pronuncio to India. (Sept.24-1966)

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Coming Next

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Global Connect Series Webinar
Middle East Chapter - Session: 06

PERSONAL BRANDING for the JOB MARKET



Develop a distinctive professional brand that enhances your employability in today's competitive job market. Learn to effectively position your skills, strengthen your resume and LinkedIn profile, and communicate your value with confidence. Gain practical strategies to build credibility, expand your professional network, and improve your career prospects.

15 August 2026
04:30 IST | 03:00 GST

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Invites you to join for the

Alumni Meet At MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA



**22 AUGUST
2026
Saturday**

TIME AND VENUE
6.30 TO 8 PM WITH DINNER

AUSTRALIAN
INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY
& HEALTH MANAGEMENT-AICMH
Meeting Room 802
Level 8, 310 Kings Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Dr Fr Jose C C
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INAUGURATION OF CHRIST UNIVERSITY ALUMNI FOUNDATION CHAPTER MUMBAI

MAHARASHTRA, GUJARAT & GOA



**10
OCTOBER
2026**

**Start time
11:00 am IST**

**Venue: Jio World Convention Centre
Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai, Maharashtra**

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GLOBAL CONNECT SERIES WEBINAR NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTER SERIES: 05

PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR STUDENTS PLANNING A CAREER IN THE US



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CHARTERED, BENGALURU, INDIA.

Explore the opportunities, challenges, and essential steps to building a successful career in the United States. This webinar will cover higher education pathways, internships, work opportunities, visa basics, networking, and practical strategies to help students confidently plan their professional journey in the US.

29/08/2026
8:00 - 9:00 PM IST

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2016
COURSE AT CU: BCOM F&A

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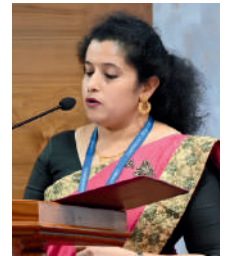
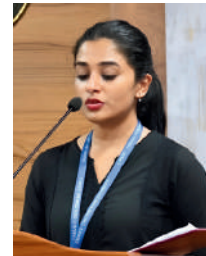
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Investiture Ceremony



The Investiture Ceremony of Alumni Chapters 2026

marked the formal induction of the new Student Coordinators who will play a key role in strengthening the connection between CHRIST (Deemed to be University) and its global alumni community.



The ceremony symbolised the beginning of their journey of leadership, responsibility, and service as they take forward the vision of building vibrant and engaged Alumni Chapters.

Quiz Corner

Do You Know Your CHRIST History?

This Month's Quiz

Which year was Christ College established?

- A. 1966
- B. 1969
- C. 1972
- D. 1975

Think you know the answer? Participate here:

<https://forms.gle/3rhEP76t7M2B11Z9A>

Last Month's Quiz

Question: Who was the visionary behind the establishment of Christ College, Bangalore, whose vision contributed to the foundation of what is now CHRIST (Deemed to be University)?

Answer: St Kuriakose Elias Chavara



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Rare Alumni Stories



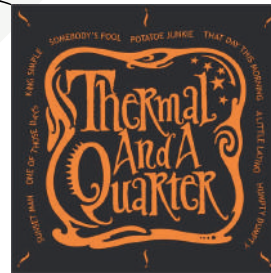
Some journeys leave an institution with certificates and memories; a few leave with a sound that travels much farther. Thermal and a Quarter—TAAQ to generations of listeners—belongs unmistakably to the latter. Long before the name became synonymous with Bengaluru's independent rock culture, its beginnings could be traced to the corridors and cultural spaces of what was then Christ College.

Bruce Lee Mani, Rajeev Rajagopal and Sunil Chandy met there as members of the College cultural team in 1995; by 1996, that collegiate collaboration had begun its transformation into Thermal and a Quarter. What followed is one of those rare alumni stories in which the distance travelled only makes the point of departure more meaningful.



Over three decades, TAAQ has achieved something more difficult than simply remaining together: it has remained recognisably itself. At a time when India's emerging rock circuit offered greater rewards for familiar covers, the band chose original music, gradually giving a name to an idiom that belonged neither entirely to borrowed Western rock nor to an overtly "Indianised" alternative. They called it "Bangalore Rock"—music shaped by rock, blues, funk and jazz, but equally by the temperament of the city in which they had grown up.

As Bengaluru transformed from a quieter city into a global technology metropolis, its changing character found its way into TAAQ's lyrics, humour, anxieties and observations. In that sense, the band has not merely made music in Bengaluru; it has spent thirty years making music of Bengaluru.



Thermal and a Quarter: When a Campus Rhythm Became the Sound of a City

The milestones are considerable. Eight studio albums have charted the band's musical evolution, while performances have taken TAAQ across India and to stages in Europe, North America, West Asia and Asia. They have opened for international acts including Deep Purple and Guns N' Roses, and in 2026, as TAAQ entered its thirtieth year, another circle quietly closed when the band opened for Def Leppard in Bengaluru—musicians whose work had influenced their own youthful encounters with rock. Yet longevity has never meant simply repeating a successful past.

Their catalogue continues to grow with new work such as More Equal, while TAAQademy has transformed decades of musical experience into an ecosystem for teaching and mentoring musicians. Their twentieth anniversary also extended music education to around 1,500 children in Bengaluru, reflecting an idea familiar to CHRIST: that achievement finds deeper meaning when excellence turns outward into service.

For the CHRIST alumni community, Thermal and a Quarter therefore represents something larger than the success of a celebrated rock band. It is a reminder of what campuses sometimes set in motion without quite knowing where the journey will lead. A jam room, a cultural team, friendships formed between classes, the audacity to enter a competition—seemingly small beginnings can acquire astonishing afterlives.

Nearly thirty years after a few Christites began making music together, the riffs have travelled across continents and through generations, yet something of their first resonance still belongs here. Perhaps alma maters are ultimately remembered not only for the people who pass through their gates, but also for the notes they give them the courage to play beyond them. For CHRIST, the story of TAAQ is one such note—still sounding, still evolving, and still unmistakably Bengaluru.

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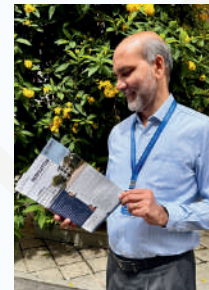
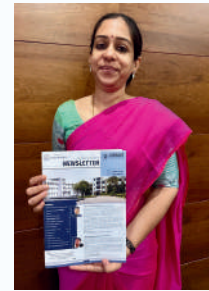
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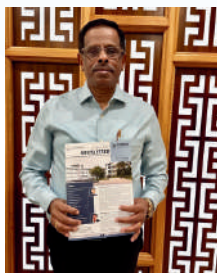
The first newsletter
from the Office of Alumni Engagement

The **June Edition** was formally released by ***Rev. Fr. Jossy P. George***, on 11 August 2026, marking a modest yet significant milestone in documenting and celebrating the University's growing alumni engagement.

Legacy Connect seeks to bring together stories, initiatives, milestones, and moments from our alumni community; strengthening the connection between the University and its alumni across generations and geographies.



Inaugural edition were subsequently presented to senior faculty members across the campus, acknowledging their enduring role in shaping the relationships and memories that alumni continue to carry with them.



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**CHRIST University's Alumni Services**

Christ University's Alumni Services help graduates stay connected and continue growing after graduation. We offer mentoring, networking, and volunteering opportunities to support you. Our goal is to keep you engaged with the university and support your personal and professional journey.



We're committed to fostering enduring connections, giving you the opportunity to connect with your peers and the university at large through the alumni network.

**CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY**

We'll empower our alumni community to share their wealth of knowledge and professional expertise with the next generation through mentoring, networking and volunteering opportunities.



Lifelong learning will be the defining attribute of CHRIST graduates. As a Christ University alum, you'll have the opportunity to hear from world-class academics about cutting-edge research, attend lectures, and access university publications.



Your privileges won't end at graduation. Christ University will offer a broad range of benefits to alumni, including access to services, career advice, employment opportunities, discounts, events, and graduate experiences.

If you reside overseas and wish to stay connected with CHRIST University, we invite you to register with our global alumni community. Registration enables you to receive updates, participate in alumni initiatives and events, and contribute meaningfully to the University's continued growth and impact.

**Connect****Donate**

Support initiatives that empower students through scholarships, research, and campus development. Your contribution fosters innovation, academic excellence, and meaningful community impact. Explore the campaigns and make a lasting difference for future generations.