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CSA Silver Jubilee

The Centre for Social Action (CSA) recently marked a significant milestone in its journey of service with the grand celebration of its Silver Jubilee, commemorating 25 years of unwavering dedication to the oath of positive change. The event, held at the Bangalore Central Campus, on the 9th and 10th of February 2024, connecting the hearts and minds of attendees and participants.

Looking back on the celebration, it was amazing and left a strong impression on everyone who attended from all the campuses of Christ. CSA has been doing impactful work for 25 years, helping people and making positive changes in society. It's like a guiding light, inspiring others to be kind and caring, and creating a new generation of people who want to make a difference in the world.

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"Embracing a quarter-century legacy of change, innovation, and community empowerment – here's to 25 years and counting of making a difference."

Revving up change: A CSR initiative.



South Indian Bank, hailed as a cornerstone of financial support for students in Lavasa, has shown its commitment for social responsibility in a remarkable initiative.

Embarking on this new chapter of partnership, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to South Indian Bank for their unwavering support and commitment towards Lavasa and its betterment.

SIB recently handed over the community service vehicle to the Centre for Social Action on campus reaffirming the bank as a trusted ally for students, faculty and the entire Christ family for driving positive change.

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“Hand in Hand as we turn the key to a world of possibilities”

Unveiling the Wonders of the Riparian Zone: A Collaborative Program by CSA & CCA



In a refreshing twist on environmental education, the Center for Social Action (CSA)- Environmental Sustainability Cohort teamed up with the Center for Climate Action (CCA) for a captivating water conservation program.

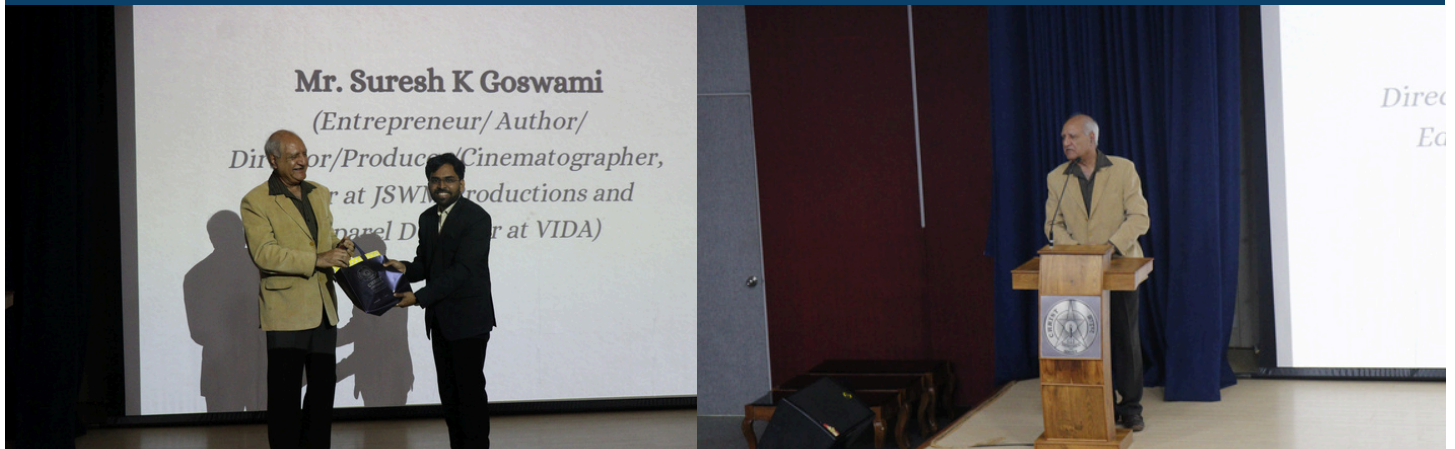
This program took the team to the riparian zone, the area around the local lake where there are wide variety of Flora and fauna. The event shared knowledge about the treasure hidden inside the mother nature, which have to be preserved for the coming generations.

Jeevit Nadi, a People Movement for the rivers, an NGO based in Pune conducted the workshop for a bunch of enthusiastic volunteers at the Lavasa Campus.

Both the NGO involved and the Cohort, along with volunteers, promised to keep working together to protect our waterways and the ecosystems they support.

"The health of our planet depends on the health of our rivers. They are the lifeblood of our ecosystems and communities." - Sylvia Earle, oceanographer

Harnessing the Power of Youth: A Look Back to Move Forward



The Centre for Social Action in collaboration with the Department of Data Science organised National Youth Day titled “Today’s Youth for Yesteryear’s Youth”. This event was centered around empowering young people and fostering their role in shaping the future. Mr. Suresh Goswami, a distinguished entrepreneur, cinematographer and film director, served as the Guest of Honour.

His background in film offered a unique perspective on the theme, exploring how past generations influenced the present through storytelling. It encouraged the youth in attendance to learn from their experiences and to shape their future narratives for enhanced living.

**"The youth are the hope of our future." -
Theodore Roosevelt**

Dasve School Enrichment Initiative: A Path to Learning



CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Pune Lavasa Campus, initiated a meaningful transformative initiative for the children of Dasve Public School. They noticed the school didn't have enough teachers, so the university staff, led by their Director, decided to help out. They made a special program where university staff volunteered to teach kids from classes 3 to 10 at the school throughout the academic year.

This program not only filled the teacher shortage but also got the kids excited about learning. The university staff put in a lot of effort, and their teaching really helped the students do better in school and grow as people. It's a great thing that's making a positive difference for everyone involved.

“As Nelson Mandela once said, 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world’.”

Champions of Change- A Tour of Jnanapradhoni's Initiatives



On Monday 18 March 2024, the members of the Centre for Social Action got the privilege to visit Jnana Prabodhoni, "Awakener of Knowledge"- a movement for motivating intelligence towards social change. It's a movement that encourages people to use their intelligence to make positive changes in society, inspired by the ideas of Swami Vivekananda.



The visit aimed to help students learn more about social issues, become more empathetic and feel motivated to get involved in making the world better. After the day ended, students sat down for a cup of tea and talked about what they had learned and how they felt. They thanked the organization for allowing them to step out of their comfort zones and feel a sense of responsibility and commitment to helping others in society.

**"NGOs are the conscience of the world." -
Nelson Mandela**



Heracles Of Lavasa Mega Marathon 2024



The Heracles of Lavasa Mega marathon 2024, organized by the NCC and CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune, Lavasa, was a big hit, thanks to careful planning and lots of people joining in. The marathon was well-planned, attracting over 280 participants of all ages.

People were excited to join, from kids to older adults, and they enjoyed running amidst the beautiful views of Lavasa.



Additionally, the emphasis on promoting physical health through the marathon aligns with social work's holistic approach to wellness, recognizing the interconnectedness of physical, mental, and social well-being.

Along the way, there were refreshment stops, support from organizers, and cheering from spectators, creating a friendly atmosphere.

"Unity is strength. . . when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." - Mattie Stepanek

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