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SDG 17 at CHRIST: Partnerships at a Glance

At CHRIST (Deemed to be University), partnership is not an add-on to the Sustainable Development Goals; it is how we pursue them. In 2024–25, led by its Office of International Affairs (OIA) together with its schools and centres, the university worked hand in hand with United Nations programmes, national and state governments, universities across five continents, industry bodies, banks, hospitals, NGOs, gram panchayats and its own alumni. Together we turned shared commitments into measurable change for students, communities and policy.

The year was marked by two forms of external recognition. CHRIST was selected by the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) as the global SDG Hub Chair for SDG 5: Gender Equality for 2025–2027, and the university-wide IGEN GreenDay Campaign earned the IGEN SDG Award. Behind these honours lies a dense web of everyday partnerships, summarised below.

The year in numbers

Partnership indicator (June 2024 – May 2025)	**Achievement**
International collaboration entries / partner countries and territories	65 / 21
New international MoUs signed	15
Collaborative publications with foreign co-authors	98
Joint conferences with international universities	16
International policy briefs co-authored (IDOS, Germany; T20/G20)	2
Outgoing students / incoming faculty (international mobility)	347 / 216
Children supported annually through the CSA Child Sponsorship Programme	800+
Funds mobilised in Part B activities (Child Sponsorship, alumni-sponsored Namma Neeru Marathon, DASS)	₹1,70,000+
Hana Bank scholarships awarded to economically disadvantaged students	20
Gram panchayat made fully insured with Canara Bank (Suraksha Chakra)	Marasuru – 100% coverage
Largest community mobilisations: Run in Red / Women Leadership Conclave / IGEN GreenDay	1,500+ / 1,500 / 1,000+
Christites for Climate Action (CCA) members	1,000+

Source: Annual Report 2024–25, Office of International Affairs, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), and the SDG activity reports 2024–25.

Reference: https://christuniversity.in/center/C/Sustainable-Development-Goal

International Collaborations: A Global Network for the Goals

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) is a globally networked university. In 2024–25 the Office of International Affairs (OIA) recorded 65 active collaborations with universities, research institutes, multilateral networks and professional bodies in 21 countries and territories, and 15 new Memoranda of Understanding were signed during the year. These partnerships power joint research, two-way mobility of students and faculty, joint conferences, co-authored publications and policy-oriented work on sustainable development.

International engagement at a glance (2024–25)

Indicator	Number
Collaborative publications with foreign co-authors	98
Joint conferences with international universities	16
International webinars	14
Curriculum internationalisation initiatives	5
Teaching sessions by international faculty	15
Teaching sessions by CHRIST faculty at foreign universities	6
Outgoing students / incoming students	347 / 11
Short-term incoming students	167
Outgoing faculty / incoming faculty	111 / 216
Scholars-in-residence	11

Source: Annual Report 2024–25, Office of International Affairs, CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

Our partner network spans the United States (20 entries), Germany (8), France (7), the United Kingdom (4), South Africa and Australia (3 each), and Switzerland, Sri Lanka, the Netherlands, Italy and South Korea (2 each), together with Singapore, Russia, Oman, Norway, Malaysia, Ireland, Hong Kong, Denmark, Belgium and Belarus. The breadth of this network, from Ethiopia to North Macedonia and from Korea to the United States, gives our students and researchers a truly global platform for collaboration.

New partnerships formalised in 2024–25

Partner institution	Country	Coordinating unit
FDRE Technical and Vocational Training Institute	Ethiopia	Physics & Electronics
International Solar Energy Research Center, Konstanz	Germany	Physics & Electronics
Windesheim University of Applied Sciences	Netherlands	Business and Management
CILA, Trinity College London	UK	English and Cultural Studies

Partner institution	Country	Coordinating unit
Berlin School of Economics and Law	Germany	Business and Management
HEG Arc	Switzerland	Business and Management
Anderson University	USA	Business and Management
Halla University	South Korea	Office of International Affairs
Junia, Lille	France	Office of International Affairs
University St Kliment Ohridski, Bitola	North Macedonia	Office of International Affairs
Kazan Federal University	Russia	Business and Management
Korea Institute of Science and Technology	South Korea	Office of International Affairs
LA Tech University	USA	Office of International Affairs
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung	Germany	International Studies, Political Science & History
University of Nevada, Reno	USA	Office of International Affairs

Source: Annual Report 2024–25, Office of International Affairs, CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

The new agreements are deliberately strategic. They include solar-energy research with ISC Konstanz (Germany), technical and vocational capacity building with Ethiopia's FDRE TVT Institute, science and technology cooperation with the Korea Institute of Science and Technology, and policy dialogue with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. Each extends the university's capacity to contribute to the Goals.

The four themes that follow show how these partnerships translate into policy influence, environmental science, knowledge-sharing platforms and published research.

Reference: https://christuniversity.in/view-pdf/international-academic-collaborations

Theme 1: Shaping Global Policy through International Policy Briefs

Universities contribute most to the Goals when their research reaches decision-makers. In 2024, CHRIST faculty co-authored two international policy briefs with partners in Africa, Europe and China, placing the university's research directly in global policy processes. Both briefs were co-authored by Dr Tuhinsubhra Giri (Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences) with Si Peng of the Institute for Sustainable Development Goals (ISDG), Tsinghua University, China.

1. Youth Perspectives and Engagement on Sustainability (IDOS Policy Brief 33/2024)

Published by the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Bonn, this brief brought together ten authors from Stellenbosch University and Nelson Mandela University (South Africa), the University of Cape Coast (Ghana), Tsinghua University (China), IDOS and CHRIST University. It urges governments and institutions to move beyond token youth representation in sustainability decision-making, to build genuine intergenerational dialogue and to recognise that young people are not a single group. It also calls for closing the digital divide and reforming education to strengthen democratic participation and intercultural skills.

2. Minimising the Digital Divide to Promote Inclusive Global Digital Governance: A G20-Led Regulation Platform (T20 Brazil 2024)

Prepared for the G20 policy process under Brazil's presidency, this brief proposes a G20-led digital governance platform that would map each country's digital development across three stages (infrastructure, utilisation and innovation). The platform would give policymakers a shared data framework to monitor and close the digital divide, linking inclusive digital access to sustainable development and social stability.

Related outputs

- Two blog articles with Tsinghua ISDG: “Technology as a Catalyst Driving the Youth Engagement in Global Development – Boon or a Bane?” (2024) and “How Youth Can Reclaim Control Over Their Data” (May 2025).
- Book chapter “Green Technology and Sustainable Development: The Prerequisite of the World” (2024), Department of Economics, with International Business Times, UK.

Outcome: CHRIST faculty are now part of a five-country network of authors working on youth, digital governance and sustainability, with outputs that feed directly into G20 and international development-policy discussions.

Reference: Annual Report 2024–25, Office of International Affairs, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)

Theme 2: Research on Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems and Freshwater

Water connects every Goal, and our partnerships on water connect continents. In 2024–25, collaborative research with partners in Malaysia, the UAE, South Korea, Taiwan, Germany, Turkey and Vietnam advanced knowledge on sustainable aquaculture, freshwater ecosystems and water pollution. The OIA records at least eight co-authored international publications on these themes, led mainly by the Department of Life Sciences. On the ground, partnerships with civil society, a state science council and a national research funder protect lakes and water access in our own region.

Joint international research highlights

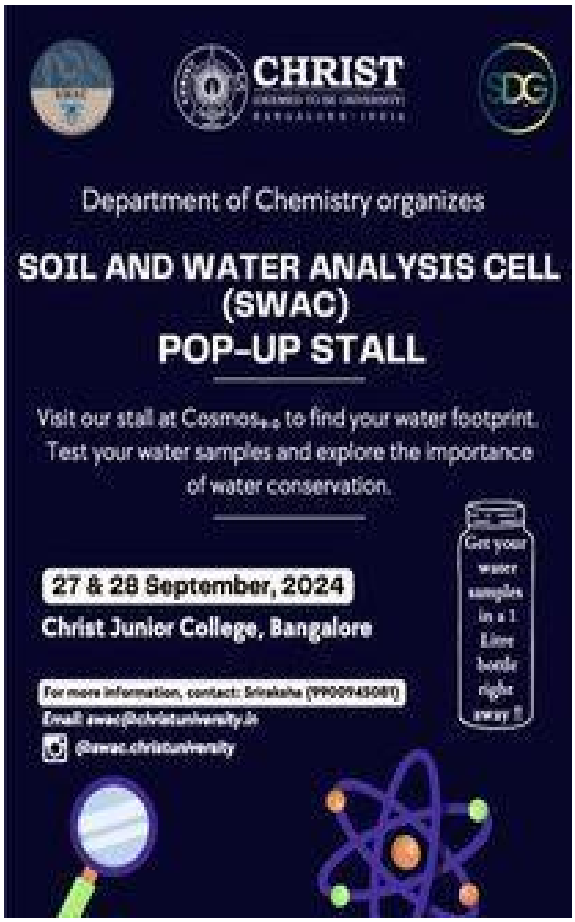
Publication	Journal / year	International partners
Fermented aquatic weed meal as a protein source in Asian catfish (Clarias batrachus) diets	Aquaculture Reports, Aug 2024	Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Malaysia) and co-authors
Hydrolysed chicken feather meal as a partial replacement for fish meal in African catfish fingerlings	Aquaculture International, 2025	Universiti Malaysia Kelantan; Abu Dhabi University (UAE); Universiti Sains Malaysia
A comprehensive review of microplastic pollution in freshwater and marine environments	Green Analytical Chemistry, 2025	Sejong University (South Korea) and co-authors
Functional characterisation of Malabar grouper interferon regulatory factor 9 in antiviral response	Int. J. of Biological Macromolecules, 2024	Department of Aquaculture, National Taiwan Ocean University
Beta-hexosaminidase B from the freshwater cnidarian Hydra vulgaris	Trends in Carbohydrate Research, 2024	University of Bremen (Germany)
Bioactive nanoparticles derived from marine brown seaweeds	Bioprocess and Biosystems Engineering, 2024	Sejong University (South Korea)
Dual-fuel engine running on water hyacinth biodiesel blends with hydrogen	Int. J. of Hydrogen Energy, May 2024	Istinye University (Turkey); Dong-A University and HUTECH University (Vietnam)

Source: Annual Report 2024–25, Office of International Affairs, CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

Three outcomes stand out. The catfish-feed studies show how aquatic weeds and poultry waste can replace costly fish meal, lowering feed costs for farmers and easing pressure on wild fish stocks. The microplastics review consolidates global evidence on contamination of rivers, lakes and seas to guide monitoring and policy. The water-hyacinth study turns an invasive freshwater weed into a clean fuel source.

Partnerships for water at home

- Hulimavu Lake clean-up with the Indian Ploggers Army: 104 volunteers removed about 50 kg of plastic waste (5 Oct 2024), reported by The Hindu.
- Madiwala Lake clean-up by Christites for Climate Action: 55 volunteers sent more than 120 kg of waste for recycling (23 Feb 2025).
- ECOFLOW AQUBBOT, an unmanned lake-cleaning robot funded and validated by the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology.
- ICSSR-funded research (₹8 lakh) on climate change and water access in the Sundarbans.
- The Soil and Water Analysis Cell, which tests water quality for local communities, and the alumni-sponsored Namma Neeru Marathon for water conservation.







Theme 3: Joint International Conferences on Sustainability

Conferences are where partnerships become platforms. Of the 16 joint conferences that CHRIST organised or co-organised with international universities in 2024–25, at least eight focused on sustainability, green finance or the SDGs, with partners in the United States, the UAE, the United Kingdom, Canada and Brazil. These events brought academics, industry and policymakers to a shared table, advancing SDG 17.

Conference / event	International partner	CHRIST unit
International Conference on Financial Access and Transformation (ICFAT) 2025, 23–25 Jan 2025 (tracks include green finance and financial inclusion)	Anderson University, USA, with the National Stock Exchange of India	School of Business and Management, Central Campus
Harnessing Artificial Intelligence and Industry 5.0 for a Sustainable Future	University of Louisiana Monroe, USA	Professional Studies, Delhi NCR
International Conference on Sustainable Business Practices and Innovative Business Models	Gulf Medical University, Dubai	Business and Management, Delhi NCR
International conference on business practices aligned with the SDG agendas (title partly illegible in source)	Virginia Commonwealth University, USA	Commerce, Central Campus
International Conference on Ecologies of the Future (faculty on the scientific committee)	Manchester Metropolitan University, UK	English and Cultural Studies, Delhi NCR
7th International Conference: Entrepreneurship for Sustainability and Impact 2024	International partner (as per OIA report)	Business and Management, Central Campus
SEEDS International Conference	Middlesex University Dubai	Business and Management, Central Campus
Shastri Bilateral Education Forum (SBEF) 2025, Delhi	Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada	Business and Management, Central Campus
Webinar: Environmental Politics, Sustainability and Global South, 8 Oct 2024	Instituto Democracia em Xeque, São Paulo, Brazil	English and Cultural Studies, Delhi NCR

Source: Annual Report 2024–25, Office of International Affairs, CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

Two examples show the scale of this work. ICFAT 2025 was a three-day international conference at the Central Campus, organised with Anderson University (USA) and the National Stock Exchange of India, with dedicated tracks on green finance and financial inclusion. SISD-2025 (27–28 March 2025), organised jointly with the University of Kerala for 191 participants, ran without single-use plastic and sourced its supplies from Care Factory, Madurai, which employs

differently-abled artisans. The Centre for East Asian Studies' international conference on a decade of India's Act East Policy, held with the Chennai Centre for China Studies, is presented under the CEAS pillars.







Reference: https://icfat.christuniversity.in/

Theme 4: Joint International Publications on Sustainability

Research partnerships are the most durable form of international collaboration. In 2024–25 the OIA recorded 98 publications co-authored with foreign researchers. More than 15 address sustainability directly: sustainable supply chains and consumption, the circular economy, clean energy, waste-to-value innovation and environmental remediation. Co-authors came from institutions in France, the United Kingdom, Australia, Fiji, Russia, Estonia, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, South Korea, China, Turkey, Vietnam, Spain and the United States.

Publication (year)	Journal / type	Foreign collaborating institution(s)
Contributing Factors for Building a Flexible Supply Chain in the Digital Age: Studying Their Impact on SDGs (Mar 2025)	Global Journal of Flexible Systems Management	Excelia Business School and MBS School of Business, France
Mindfully Fashioned: Sustaining Style through Product Value Retention (Jul 2024)	Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services	Plymouth Business School, Brunel Business School and University of London, UK
Food Wastage and Consumerism in Circular Economy: A Review (May 2024)	British Food Journal	The University of the South Pacific, Fiji
Digital Twins' Readiness and Its Impacts on Supply Chain Transparency and Sustainable Performance (May 2024)	Industrial Management and Data Systems	University of Technology Sydney, Australia
Organization Preparedness for Navigating Towards Sustainability: Strategies' Analysis (2024)	E3S Web of Conferences (Scopus)	Kazan Federal University, Russia
Lignocellulosic Biomass for Biochar Production: A Green Initiative on Biowaste Conversion (2024)	Chemosphere	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; King Khalid University, Saudi Arabia
Extraction of Fungal Chitosan Using Pineapple Peel for Sustainable Biopolymer Production (2024)	Polymers	Estonian University of Life Sciences
Endophytic Bacillus amyloliquefaciens for Heavy-Metal Bioremediation and Diesel Biodegradation (2024)	Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering	Sejong University (Korea) and international co-authors
Machine Learning Integration for Enhanced Solar Power Generation Forecasting (Aug 2024)	E3S Web of Conferences	The Islamic University, Najaf, Iraq
Advancements in Sustainable Techniques for Dried Meat Production (2024)	Food and Bioprocess Technology	Sejong University (Korea); Guangdong Ocean University (China)

Publication (year)	Journal / type	Foreign collaborating institution(s)
Water Hyacinth Biodiesel and Hydrogen Dual-Fuel Engine: A Clean Development Mechanism (May 2024)	International Journal of Hydrogen Energy	Istinye University (Turkey); Dong-A University and HUTECH (Vietnam)
Encyclopedia of New Populism and Its Responses in the 21st Century (Nov 2024)	Book	University of Toledo, Ohio, USA

Source: Annual Report 2024–25, Office of International Affairs, CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

Significant outcomes include the supply-chain studies by the Department of Professional Studies, which link digital readiness and flexibility directly to SDG performance, and the Life Sciences research on biochar, chitosan and bioremediation, which turns agricultural and food waste into valuable materials. Together they reflect sustained international research partnerships rather than one-off collaborations, and they strengthen the global evidence base for sustainable development.

Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS): Six Pillars of International Partnership

The Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS), Department of International Studies, Political Science and History, is one of the university's most active engines of international partnership. It studies the entire continental and maritime region east of India from a distinctly Indian perspective, with special attention to South India and to how Indian states connect with the region, in line with India's Act East Policy. Its work is organised under six pillars: China, the Korean Peninsula, Japan, South-East Asia, the Indo-Pacific, and North East India and East Asia. In 2024–25 CEAS sustained partnerships with George Washington University (USA), the U.S. Consulate General Chennai, the Council for Strategic and Defense Research, the Chennai Centre for China Studies and SIM Global Education (Singapore). Through them it convened diplomats, defence leaders, international scholars and students in a continuing dialogue on regional cooperation, a living example of SDG 17.

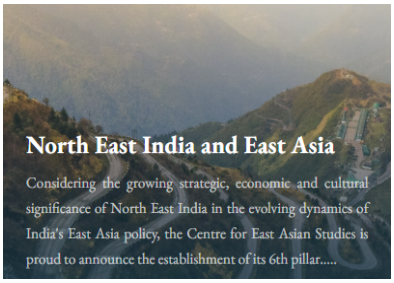












Pillar 1: China

China is central to any understanding of East Asia. Having passed through periodic revolutions, the People's Republic is now pursuing a 'Harmonious Society' at home. Abroad, it has moved away from former Premier Hu Jintao's 'Peaceful Rise' policy towards a more assertive international posture. It combines authoritarian leadership with technological prowess, economic strength, reverence for its history and Confucian heritage, and a global ambition to consolidate both hard and soft power. These choices have produced territorial disputes with most of its neighbours, claims over Taiwan and Hong Kong, and a growing naval presence in the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea, which concern India directly. The CEAS China pillar seeks an objective understanding of China through its China Talk Series, a certificate course framed around the 'Asian century', working papers, perspectives and event reports. For SDG 17, the pillar matters because constructive engagement with China's research community and an accurate reading of its policies are preconditions for regional cooperation on trade, climate and development.

Partnership activities under this pillar (June 2024 – May 2025)

- **Comparative Analysis of Indian and Chinese Economic Engagement in ASEAN (3 Aug 2024).** Distinguished lecture by Dr Dharish David, SIM Global Education, Singapore, comparing the scale and nature of India's and China's economic engagement with ASEAN against the goals of the ASEAN Economic Community 2025.
- **Continental Catch Lecture: China's Role in East and Southeast Asia (4 Oct 2024).** Lecture by Dr Barthélemy Courmont, Lille Catholic University, France, bringing a European perspective on China's regional role.
- **Research partnership with Tsinghua University, China (2024).** Co-authorship with the Institute for Sustainable Development Goals, Tsinghua University, on the IDOS youth-engagement policy brief and the G20 digital-divide brief (see Theme 1).



Pillar 2: The Korean Peninsula

The Korean Peninsula has been divided since 1948 into two states with very different systems. North Korea has a centralised, state-planned economy and leadership continuity through the Kim family. Its trade depends heavily on China, and it maintains an active defence and missile programme. South Korea is a parliamentary democracy and a global leader in electronics, automobiles and semiconductors. It is a close security partner of the United States, and its entertainment and cultural industries have given it remarkable global visibility. The two Koreas remain separated by the Demilitarised Zone, and no peace treaty has ended the Korean War. For India, South Korea is a key partner in technology, investment, higher education and culture. The CEAS Korean pillar promotes understanding of the peninsula through a Korean language course, guest lectures, perspectives and event reports. It also builds links with Korean universities, giving students and faculty direct access to Korean expertise. These partnerships with Korean institutions are a concrete form of SDG 17 cooperation in education and research.

Partnership activities under this pillar (June 2024 – May 2025)

- **Korean language teaching with Seoul National University (2024–25).** Faculty from Seoul National University teach Korean under an active MoU with the Department of International Studies, Political Science and History.
- **Hana Scholarship 2024 (29 Nov 2024).** With the Centre for Korean Studies and the Hana Nanum Foundation – Hana Bank, 20 scholarships were awarded to economically disadvantaged students.
- **New Korean partnerships (2024–25).** MoUs with Halla University and the Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), a student exchange with Dongguk University, and joint research with Sejong, Chungbuk National and Konkuk universities.





Pillar 3: Japan

Japan is a trade-centred island nation that balances geopolitical rivalry with economic cooperation. It seeks to deter coercion while acting as a standard-bearer for democracy and a liberal order in the Asia-Pacific. Japan is a close ally of the United States, South Korea and Australia, and has territorial disputes with Russia, China and North Korea. As one of the world's largest economies, with a GDP of around USD 5.5 trillion, it faces a shrinking workforce, an ageing and contracting population and low inward investment. It has also built up its self-defence capabilities in recent years. Japan's soft power is considerable, from manga and anime to the tea ceremony, its culture of hospitality and martial arts such as judo. India and Japan share a Special Strategic and Global Partnership covering infrastructure, technology and people-to-people ties. The CEAS Japan pillar engages with this relationship through academic discussions, cultural festivals, exchange programmes and research publications. Its working papers have examined Japan–India cultural ties, robotics in care for the elderly and Japan's tourism policies.

Partnership activities under this pillar (June 2024 – May 2025)

- **Research engagement.** The pillar's working papers on Japan–India cultural relations, robotics in the care of the aged and Japan's tourism policy continue to inform teaching and research.







Pillar 4: South-East Asia

South-East Asia is home to the historically rich, politically varied and culturally diverse nations of Myanmar, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Timor-Leste, Laos and the Philippines. Surrounded largely by sea, the region sits at the crossroads of the Asia-Pacific, with China, Australia, Japan and India as powerful neighbours. Through ASEAN, it has become a focal point of the emerging regional security architecture. It has recorded impressive economic growth in the last decade and carries about a third of global maritime traffic, making it a vital junction for world trade. Global powers such as the United States and China are deepening their engagement at bilateral and multilateral levels. ASEAN countries welcome diverse partners because this limits the influence of any single power and widens their sources of investment and defence capability. The region still faces infrastructure gaps, income inequality and climate-driven extreme weather. The CEAS South-East Asia pillar studies these dynamics through guest lectures, exchange programmes and research, with particular attention to India–ASEAN relations under the Act East Policy.

Partnership activities under this pillar (June 2024 – May 2025)

- **International Conference: A Decade of Act East Policy (24 Feb 2025).** Second edition of the joint C3S–CEAS conference series with the Chennai Centre for China Studies. Experts including Dr Vijay Sakhuja and Commodore Vasan, Director-General of C3S, reviewed ten years of the policy and noted that India–ASEAN trade had reached USD 150 billion. A stated aim of the partnership is to build the capacity of younger scholars.
- **Distinguished Lecture by SIM Global Education, Singapore (3 Aug 2024).** Analysis of India's and China's economic engagement with ASEAN and its implications for the Act East Policy.
- **Regional research partnerships (2024–25).** Joint conference "Technology Disruption in Business and Tourism" with Asia Pacific University, Malaysia, and research collaborations with Malaysian, Thai and Vietnamese universities.



Pillar 5: Indo-Pacific

The Indo-Pacific stretches from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific coast of the United States and takes in 24 countries. It has grown in economic and strategic importance with China's assertive rise, and it is home to the world's fastest-growing economies and very large populations and markets. Nine of the world's ten busiest seaports are in the region, and almost 60% of global maritime trade passes through it. To preserve a 'free and open Indo-Pacific', countries have built overlapping groupings: the Quad, AUKUS, the Five Eyes alliance, RCEP and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). These cover security, trade, the blue economy, cyber-security, counter-terrorism, infrastructure, energy, space technology and artificial intelligence. India sits at the heart of this geography. The CEAS Indo-Pacific pillar is its most active. It runs the Indo-Pacific Monitor, capacity-building workshops for doctoral scholars and an Indo-Pacific certificate curriculum, and it anchors the U.S.–India Cooperation Circle (USICC). Through USICC, CEAS works with George Washington University and the U.S. Consulate General Chennai on dialogues, competitions and research. This is the clearest example of an SDG 17 multi-stakeholder partnership in the Centre's work.

Partnership activities under this pillar (June 2024 – May 2025)

- **Partners in Progress: How Does the U.S.–India Strategic Partnership Matter? (10–11 Jun 2024).** A two-day international conference with George Washington University, the culmination of a year-long project of virtual expert meetings. Rear Admiral Nirbhay Bapna and Rear Admiral Michael L. Baker joined the inaugural session, and the conference recommended areas of cooperation between the two democracies.
- **Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition: India–U.S. Relations – The Way Ahead (9–10 Sep 2024).** Organised with the U.S. Consulate General Chennai under the U.S.–India Cooperation Circle. From 107 written submissions, 20 teams competed; the final was judged by U.S. political professionals and the Consulate's Public Diplomacy Officer.
- **Launch of the Indo-Pacific Curriculum (Nov 2024).** Developed by 13 regional experts with the Council for Strategic and Defense Research and the U.S. Consulate General Chennai, and launched by the Vice-Chancellor and U.S. Consul General Chris Hodges. It grew out of the Indo-Pacific Circle, whose 97 members come from the Pacific Islands, South and South-East Asia, Korea, Australia and the USA.
- **3rd Inception Day Lecture (9 Jan 2025).** Vice Admiral S.N. Ghormade, former Vice Chief of Naval Staff, spoke on “Maritime Power and Partnerships: Role of Indian Navy”.
- **USICC dialogue series (12 Dec 2024 and 23 Jan 2025).** Virtual panels “Decoding the U.S. Election” and “U.S. Elections and Transfer of Power”, with George Washington University, the University of Virginia, Lokniti-CSDS and The Hindu.

Pillar 6: North East India & East Asia

Given the growing strategic, economic and cultural importance of North East India in India's East Asia policy, CEAS has established a sixth pillar on North East India and East Asia. The pillar treats the region not as a frontier but as a vibrant corridor connecting the Indian subcontinent with East and South-East Asia. North East India is increasingly central to the Act East Policy, India's flagship initiative to strengthen ties with ASEAN, Japan, South Korea and other partners. The pillar promotes interdisciplinary research, policy dialogue, academic collaboration and cultural exchange linking the region with East Asia. It examines the region's potential as a logistical, commercial and cultural bridge, and engages critically with connectivity, security, trade, environmental sustainability and identity politics. By bringing regional voices into global conversations, it seeks to de-centre metropolitan perspectives. It also highlights the role of borderlands in shaping India's regional diplomacy, cross-border cooperation and civilisational dialogue with East Asia. Its focus areas are the Act East Policy, cross-border movements and regional dynamics.

Partnership activities under this pillar (June 2024 – May 2025)

- **International Conference: A Decade of Act East Policy (24 Feb 2025).** With the Chennai Centre for China Studies, the conference reviewed ten years of the policy that frames this pillar, including connectivity, human security and socio-economic development in India's eastern neighbourhood.





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Centre for Social Action (CSA): Learners to Leaders through Partnership

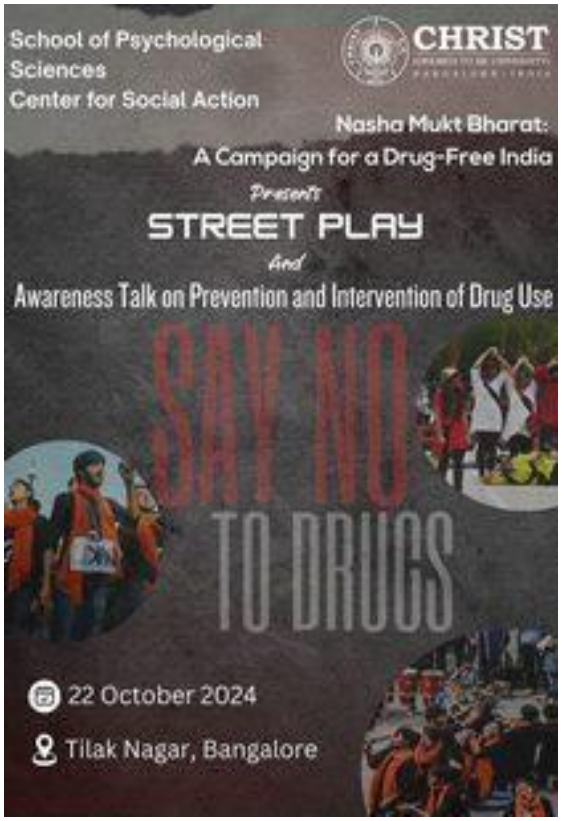
Founded in 1999, the Centre for Social Action is the university's student-led platform for community development, with a particular focus on children. Guided by its vision of "a better society through sustainable action and social transformation" and its motto "Learners to Leaders", CSA works with Indian educational institutions, local NGOs, rural funding partners, corporate partners and eight international universities. It runs community development projects in Karnataka, Kerala and Chhattisgarh, making it one of the university's most far-reaching partnership vehicles.

Flagship partnership programmes

- Child Sponsorship Programme: begun in 1999 with 50 children, it now supports more than 800 children every year through student and staff contributions. In 2024–25, the Department of Computer Science raised ₹1,05,000 to sponsor 17 children, and all 300 first-year MBA students took part.
- Parivarthana (Waste to Wealth): a waste-management model run with women from underprivileged backgrounds and student volunteers.
- Bridging the Future: CHRIST is an implementing training partner of Bosch Limited's BRIDGE employability programme.
- United Nations links: CSA is connected with UN Academic Impact and UNDP initiatives on the 2030 Agenda.
- International exchange: bilateral community-development cooperation with partner universities, with fieldwork placements of three weeks to six months. Eight students from HAN University (Netherlands) and NTNU (Norway) completed semester-long internships at CSA.

Highlights of 2024–25

- Wayanad flood relief: a university-wide collection drive with the CSR Karma Club (1–2 Aug 2024).
- Nasha Mukt Bharat community campaign with a NIMHANS expert at Tilak Nagar (22 Oct 2024).
- Community sanitation drives delivered with NGOs, banks and government agencies.
- Rural camps at Jamkhandi and Kolar on financial literacy, solar energy and waste management.







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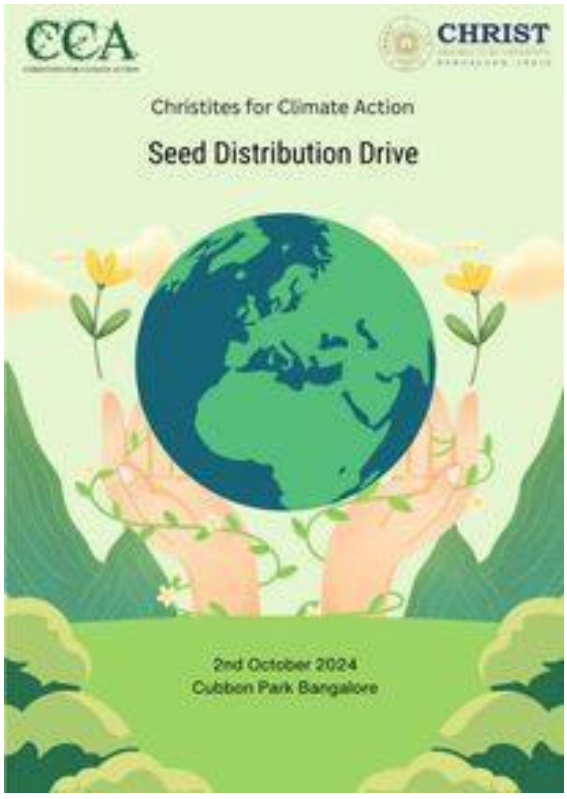
Christites for Climate Action (CCA): A Student Movement for the Planet

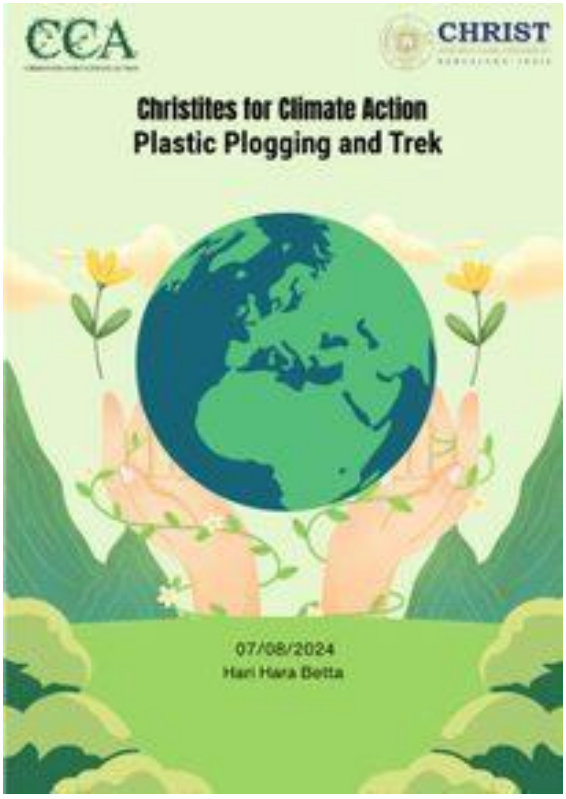
Christites for Climate Action is a student-led climate movement founded by the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Dr Jose C C, under the motto "every micro change leads to macro transformation". Aligned with SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, it combines plantation and clean-up drives, community engagement and climate literacy. From fewer than ten founding members, CCA has grown into a movement of more than 1,000 members; over 500 new volunteers joined in June 2024 alone.

Key CCA activities, 2024–25

Activity	Date	Reach / outcome
Talk on Climate Action and Land Restoration	20 Aug 2024	Awareness session, Central Campus
Plastic Plogging and Trek, Harihara Betta	21 Sep 2024	44 participants; trail cleaned of litter
Leadership Training Programme with Para Learning, St. Mary's Farm, Kengeri	25–26 Sep 2024	29 student leaders trained
Menstrual Sustainability Awareness Stall and Garba Flash Mob	1 and 4 Oct 2024	50+ and 95 participants
Seed Distribution Drive, Cubbon Park	2 Oct 2024	400+ seed packets distributed to the public
Sustainability and Climate Change session with Dr Gerald Pillai, former Vice-Chancellor, Liverpool Hope University, UK	23 Jan 2025	International expert dialogue with students
Madiwala Lake Clean-Up Drive	23 Feb 2025	55 volunteers; 120+ kg of waste sent for recycling

CCA connects students with external trainers such as Para Learning, international academics, recycling units and members of the public. It demonstrates how a university-wide volunteer movement can mobilise partners and people for collective climate action, and it carries education for the SDGs well beyond the campus.







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PART B

Partnerships in Action: Activities Aligned with SDG 17

June 2024 – May 2025

Partnership-driven activities, presented in chronological order.

Year-long initiatives (2024–25) appear at the end.

Child Sponsorship Programme: Every Child Deserves a Future

Date: June 2024
Venue: Department of MBA, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 300 first-year MBA students

The School of Business and Management joined hands with the Centre for Social Action (CSA) to channel its management students' sense of social responsibility into the education of financially disadvantaged children up to 14 years of age. Mentored by Dr Rajiv Kalebar and Dr Vedha Balaji and coordinated by class representatives, the drive achieved 100% participation from all 300 first-year MBA students. It feeds into CSA's flagship Child Sponsorship Programme, which supports more than 800 children every year. Beyond the funds raised, the programme embedded social responsibility into management education and nurtured value-based leadership. It exemplifies SDG 17 in action: an academic school and a social-action centre pooling resources to keep vulnerable children in school, and demonstrating how sustained, Community-funded partnerships can mobilise financial resources for development.





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India Sustainability Startathon 2024: Youth Innovation for the SDGs

Date: 22–23 July 2024
Venue: Block 2, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 100+ students from all campuses

The University SDG Cell partnered with The Future Founder's Co. to host the India Sustainability Startathon 2024, a two-day bootcamp that turned students into sustainability entrepreneurs. Led by Ms Supriya Panchangam and Mr Rohan Subhash, the bootcamp guided participants from problem identification to feasible solutions on clean energy (SDG 7) and sustainable cities (SDG 11). Alumni who had reached the previous year's finals in Singapore returned as mentors, sharing their journey as founders of Gulaab Jamoon Experiences. Teams pitched to a panel of judges, and the best earned a pathway to the ASEAN–China–India Youth Leadership Summit in Singapore. The Startathon shows how a university–enterprise partnership can connect young innovators with international platforms, mentorship and networks, building the next generation of partners for the Goals.





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Child Sponsorship Programme:
Empowering Education Through Community Partnership

Date: 1 August 2024
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: Students and faculty of the Department of Computer Science

The Department of Computer Science, in partnership with the Centre for Social Action, ran a collective fundraising drive that raised ₹1,05,000 to sponsor the schooling of 17 children from economically deprived families. The contribution secures continuous learning for each child, eases the financial burden on their households and narrows learning gaps. The initiative is explicitly aligned with SDG 1, SDG 10 and SDG 17. It demonstrates how an academic department and a social-action centre can mobilise resources at scale and turn institutional social responsibility into measurable outcomes for children. The programme is a clear example of a sustained academia–community partnership that creates long-term pathways out of poverty.







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Wayanad Flood Relief: A University-Wide Humanitarian Response

Date: 1–2 August 2024
Venue: School of Business and Management, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)
Participants: 100+ volunteers

When devastating floods struck Wayanad in Kerala, the Centre for Social Action and the CSR Karma Club mobilised faculty, staff and students across the university within days. Volunteers organised collection drives, sorted donations and coordinated logistics so that food and essential supplies could reach affected families quickly. The drive reinforced food security during a major disaster and gave students first-hand experience of crisis response. It is a powerful example of SDG 17 at work: a social-action centre and a student club pooling the resources of an entire university community into a coordinated humanitarian partnership.



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Distinguished International Faculty Visit: Building a Partnership with the University of South Australia

Date: 5 August 2024
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Yeshwanthpur Campus
Participants: 34 faculty members

The Department of Psychology hosted Dr Elissa Pearson, Associate Professor at the University of South Australia (UniSA), to explore a long-term academic partnership. Discussions focused on curriculum development, teaching–learning practices and research collaboration, drawing on UniSA's psychology programmes and Dr Pearson's research in conservation psychology, biodiversity and environmental education. Faculty identified concrete avenues for cooperation: joint curriculum development and evaluation, virtual student interactions, visiting academics and students, and joint academic initiatives. An action plan was agreed to host further scholar-in-residence sessions and launch collaborative projects with UniSA. The visit strengthens international academic partnership and knowledge-sharing, directly advancing SDG 17 targets on global partnerships and capacity building.



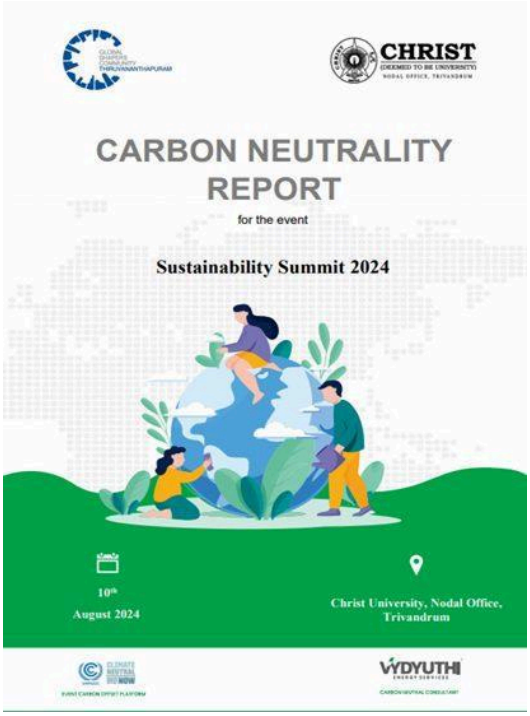


Carbon Neutrality – Sustainability Summit 2024: A Carbon-Neutral Event with the Global Shapers Community

Date: 10 August 2024
Venue: CHRIST University Nodal Office, Thiruvananthapuram

The Global Shapers Community, an initiative of the World Economic Forum, partnered with the CHRIST University Nodal Office to organise the Carbon Neutrality – Sustainability Summit 2024. The summit was planned as a carbon-conscious event that reduced energy and material use and promoted sustainable transport. Its total emissions of about 2 tCO_2e were fully offset through Certified Emission Reductions from a wind-energy project in Maharashtra, making the summit carbon-neutral. The partnership delivered a replicable model for sustainable event management at the university. It also demonstrated how collaboration with a global youth network can translate climate commitments into measurable action.





Seminar on Fintech: Law, Finance and Technology for Sustainable Development

Date: 10 August 2024
Venue: Central Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 100+ students

The Law and Technology Committee of the School of Law and the SDG Cell brought together students of law, business management and professional studies for an interdisciplinary seminar on fintech. Keynote speaker Mr Anish Dey, a professional at the intersection of finance, technology and law, spoke on "Fintech and Global Finance Policy" and led discussions on market trends, algorithmic trading and geopolitical risk, followed by a hands-on session on trading terminology and chart analysis. The seminar explored how financial technology can expand financial inclusion and mobilise investment for sustainable infrastructure and renewable energy. By uniting three disciplines with an industry expert, it advanced SDG 17's call for knowledge-sharing and multi-stakeholder learning.







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Departmental Social Welfare Partnership with the Dharmaram Association for Social Service

Date: 20 August 2024
Venue: Dharmaram Association for Social Service (DASS), Bengaluru
Participants: 45 faculty members

Forty-five faculty members of the Department of Computer Science pooled ₹10,000 from a shared departmental fund and handed it to the Dharmaram Association for Social Service, which runs the ASVAS care centre for people in need. A department delegation visited the centre to make the contribution, and DASS issued an official receipt confirming that the funds would feed the poor. The initiative directly supported basic needs at the care centre and created a low-cost, repeatable model for departmental giving. It strengthens academia–civil society partnership and shows how institutions can mobilise resources for social organisations, as envisaged by SDG 17.






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MUSKAAN: Celebrating Diversity, Embracing Inclusivity with Anand Training Centre

Date: 22 August 2024
Venue: Anand Training Centre, Mariam Nagar, Ghaziabad
Participants: 91 participants

The SDG Psychology Cell of the Delhi NCR Campus partnered with Anand Training Centre, which supports children with mental disabilities and developmental disorders, to celebrate diversity and inclusion. Student volunteers designed therapeutic activities, including grain sorting, Simon Says, a Wall of Happiness and Statue, to support the children's cognitive, motor, emotional and social development, while the children shared dance, mimicry and song. The children showed greater engagement, focus and emotional expression, and students gained first-hand insight into inclusive education and personalised therapy. The programme builds a lasting partnership between the university and a community institution in advancing equal opportunity for persons with disabilities.

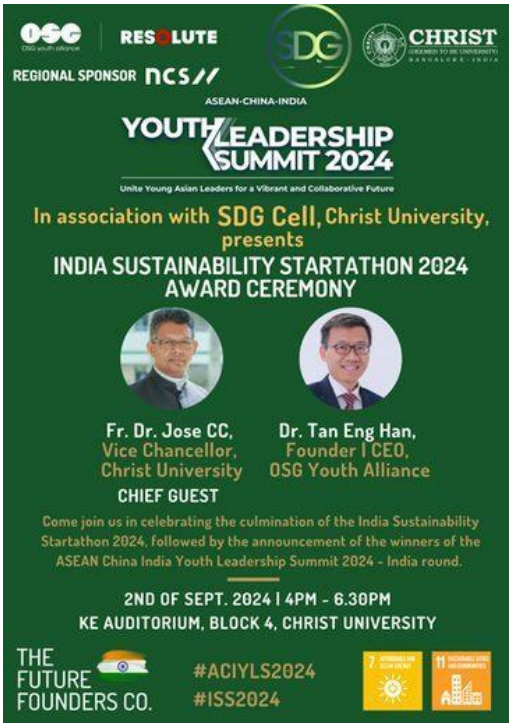


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India Sustainability Youth Summit 2024: Connecting Youth Innovators across Universities and Borders

Date: 2 September 2024
Venue: Block 4, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 100+ students and SDG volunteers

The culmination of the India Sustainability Startathon, the Youth Summit was organised by the University SDG Cell with The Future Founder's Co. and the OSG Youth Alliance, Singapore. It brought together students, youth innovators, educators and sustainability practitioners from several universities. Keynotes by Dr Leena James, the Vice-Chancellor Dr Fr. Jose C C and Prof. Arvind Lodaya highlighted the university's sustainability initiatives, and Dr Tan Eng Han, Founder and CEO of OSG Youth Alliance, spoke on youth empowerment and international collaboration. Winning teams, including Team Eco from CMR University, earned a fully funded opportunity to represent India at the ASEAN–China–India Youth Leadership Summit in Singapore. The summit created a cross-institutional and international network for youth-led sustainability action.





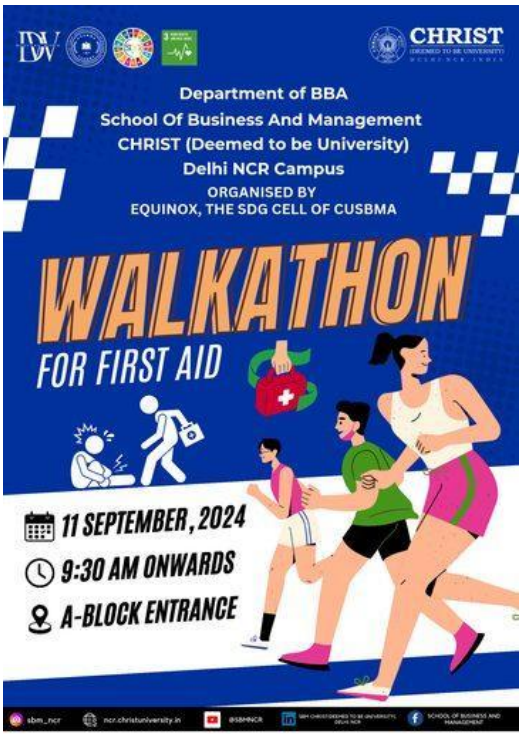


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Walkathon for First Aid: Community Health Partnership with St Joseph's Hospital

Date: 11 September 2024
Venue: St Joseph's Hospital, Mariam Nagar, Ghaziabad, Delhi NCR
Participants: 100 participants

To mark World First Aid Day, the SDG Cell of the School of Business and Management (BBA) partnered with St Joseph's Hospital to take life-saving skills to the community. First-year students, faculty and volunteers walked a route lined with demonstration booths where medical professionals and students showed how to respond to choking, severe bleeding, burns and fractures. Expert medical consultants then answered questions from members of the public. The walkathon strengthened community emergency preparedness and built a working partnership between the university, a hospital and local residents, a practical expression of SDG 17's multi-stakeholder approach to health and well-being.



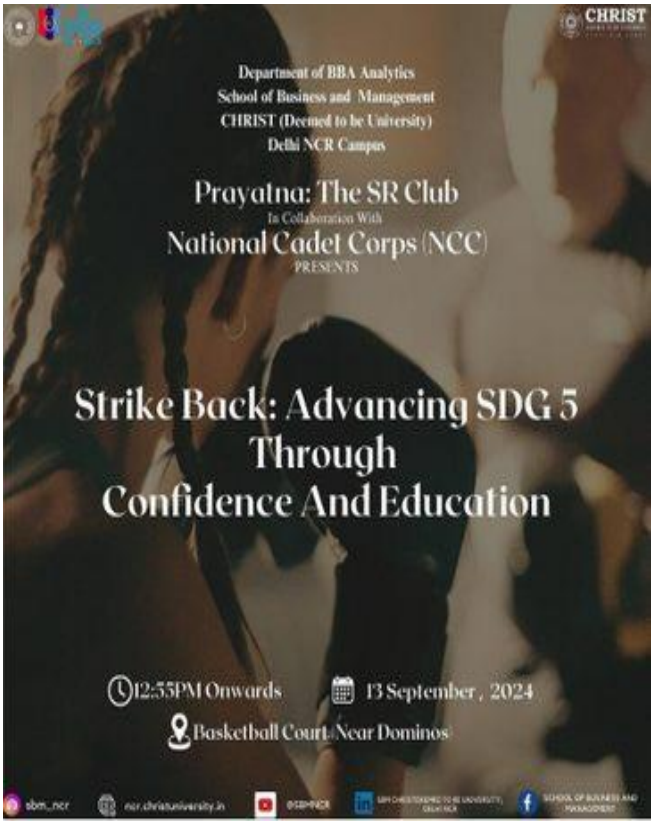




Strike Back: Women's Safety in Partnership with the NCC and Police

Date: 13 September 2024
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Campus
Participants: 40 students

The Department of BBA Analytics brought together the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and the police to equip students with practical self-defence skills. NCC instructors explained the importance of self-defence and demonstrated three techniques for different threat levels, and two women police inspectors delivered motivating addresses on confidence, safety and rights. Feedback showed that 99.3% of participants were satisfied, with most rating the workshop 4 or 5 out of 5. By uniting a university, a national youth organisation and law enforcement, the workshop advanced women's safety through the kind of public–institutional partnership championed by SDG 17.





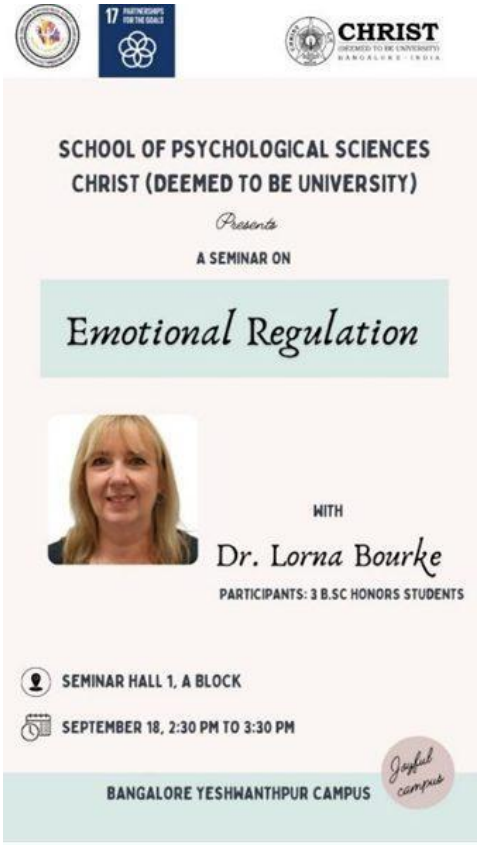


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Seminar on Emotional Regulation with an Expert from Liverpool Hope University

Date: 18 September 2024
Venue: Seminar Hall 1, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Yeshwanthpur Campus
Participants: 148 students

The Department of Psychology invited Dr Lorna Bourke, Clinical Psychologist, Senior Consultant at Amaha and Director of the MSc in Applied Developmental Psychology at Liverpool Hope University, UK, to deliver an expert seminar on emotional regulation. The session covered adaptive and maladaptive regulation, family, socio-economic and cultural influences, emotional intelligence and its measurement, and evidence-based strategies and interventions. Students connected theory with international clinical and academic practice through an interactive discussion. The seminar strengthened the department's academic links with a UK partner university and brought global expertise into the classroom, advancing international knowledge exchange under SDG 17.







Green Waste Bottle Campaign with Connecting Youngsters to Nature

Date: 19 September 2024
Venue: Garden Street, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 100 students

The CSA–SDG Cell of the School of Psychological Sciences partnered with the NGO Connecting Youngsters to Nature to tackle plastic pollution on campus. An interactive stall used presentations, quizzes and discussion to explain the harm plastic waste causes to ecosystems and wildlife, and a pledge wall invited students to commit to cutting single-use plastics. Participants described the campaign as creative and impactful, welcomed the idea of upcycling waste bottles and pledged to change their habits. The campaign shows how an academic unit and an environmental NGO can combine expertise and outreach to drive responsible consumption, advancing SDGs 12, 15 and 17.







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Learning from Women's Self-Help Groups with the Gram Panchayat, Yelachamanahally

Date: 24 September 2024
Venue: Yelachamanahally, Karnataka
Participants: 200+ students

The Department of Sociology and Social Work partnered with the Gram Panchayat and community leaders of Yelachamanahally to give students first-hand exposure to women's self-help groups (SHGs) and rural development. Students studied how the active capital of the region's women's groups had grown from ₹25 lakh to ₹2 crore. Structured interactions with panchayat representatives explained grassroots microfinance, financial management, group decision-making and women's entrepreneurship. The programme built a learning partnership between the university, local government and community institutions, showing how participatory development and women-led finance drive sustainable poverty reduction.



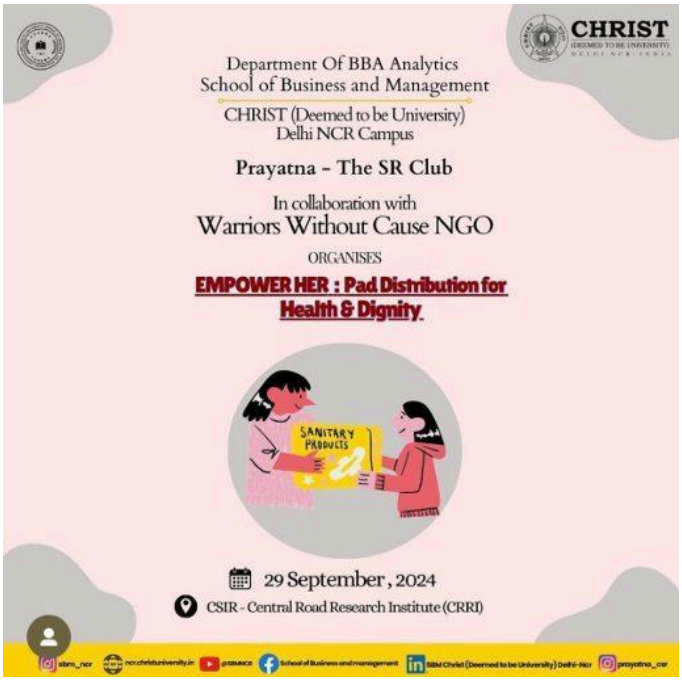


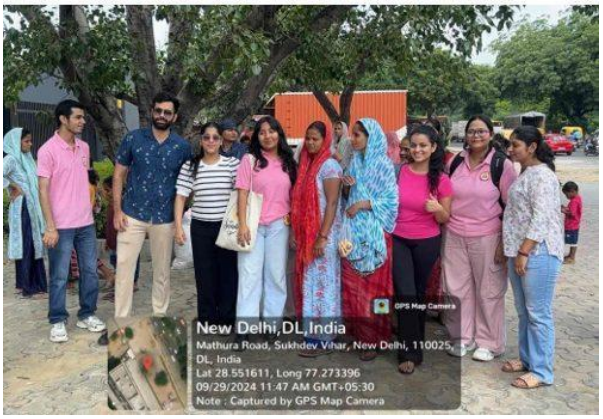


Empower Her: Menstrual Health and Dignity with Warriors Without Cause

Date: 29 September 2024
Venue: CSIR – Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), Delhi NCR
Participants: 100+ women

Prayatna, the Social Responsibility Club of the School of Business and Management (BBA Analytics), partnered with the NGO Warriors Without Cause to improve access to menstrual hygiene for underprivileged women. Volunteers led an educational session on menstrual health, hygiene practices and common myths, followed by demonstrations and the distribution of sanitary pads to every participant. Many women said they would share what they had learned with others, extending the reach of the programme beyond the event. The initiative combined the university's volunteers with an NGO's community reach to deliver both knowledge and material support, a direct application of SDG 17 to women's health and dignity.



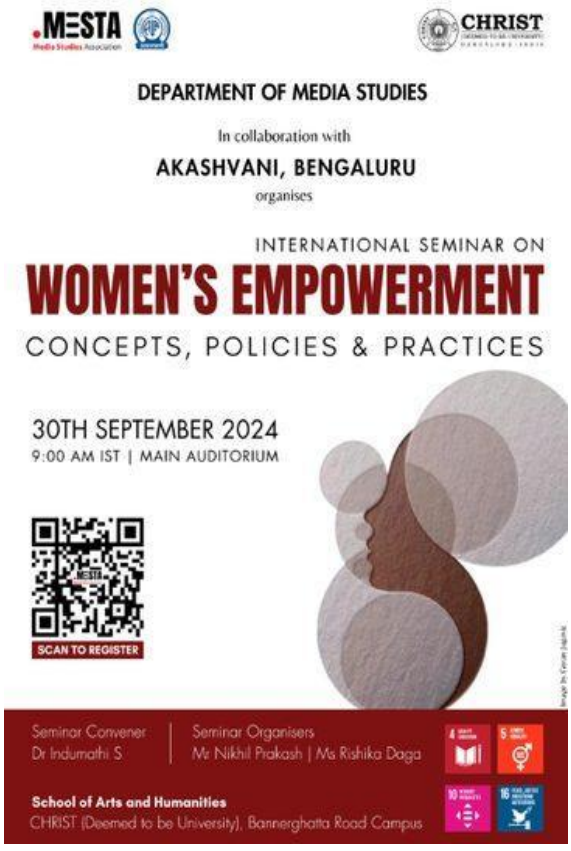


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International Seminar on Women's Empowerment with Akashvani, the Ministry of MSME and UN Women Youth Voices

Date: 30 September 2024
Venue: Main Auditorium, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Bannerghatta Road Campus
Participants: 50 participants

The Department of Media Studies organised an international seminar on "Women's Empowerment: Concepts, Policies and Practices" in collaboration with Akashvani (All India Radio), Bengaluru. The seminar brought together feminist scholar Prof. Mary E. John, Dr Anjali Anand Seth, young UN Women activist Selin Özünaldım, a representative of the Ministry of MSME on entrepreneurship schemes for women, Wesleyan College and students from across the university. A student panel examined youth perspectives on gender equality, and Akashvani broadcast the proceedings, carrying the discussion far beyond the campus. The seminar is a model of a multi-stakeholder partnership linking academia, government, public media, international voices and youth around a shared development goal.







Hulimavu Lake Clean-Up with the Indian Ploggers Army

Date: 5 October 2024
Venue: Hulimavu Lake, Bengaluru
Participants: 104 volunteers

The Department of Liberal Arts, Bannerghatta Road Campus, partnered with the Indian Ploggers Army to restore the surroundings of Hulimavu Lake. After an orientation on plogging and conservation by the Indian Ploggers Army, 104 volunteers collected and segregated nearly 50 kg of plastic waste, preventing it from entering the lake's ecosystem. Participants were also sensitised to cutting single-use plastics. The drive was reported by The Hindu, amplifying its message across the city. It demonstrates how collaboration with civil-society movements can protect urban water bodies, advancing SDGs 14 and 17.

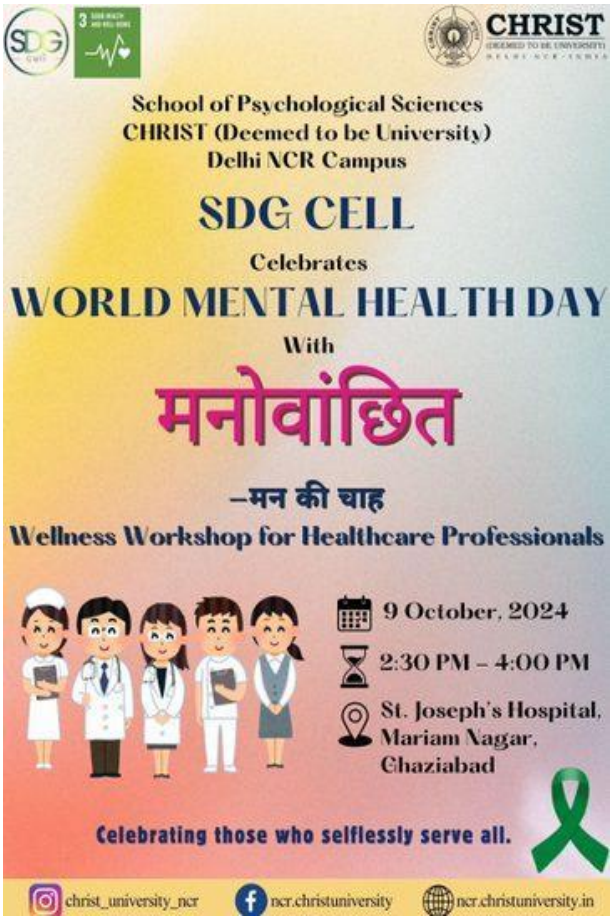




Manovaanchit: Mental Wellness Partnership for Healthcare Workers at St Joseph's Hospital

Date: 9 October 2024
Venue: St Joseph's Hospital, Mariam Nagar, Ghaziabad
Participants: Healthcare professionals and hospital staff

On World Mental Health Day, the SDG Cell of the School of Psychological Sciences extended its expertise to the healthcare professionals of St Joseph's Hospital. Student facilitators led a "Drawing a Safe Space" exercise, the 5-4-3-2-1 sensory grounding technique, cooperative movement games and guided progressive muscle relaxation. The workshop equipped hospital staff with practical tools to manage everyday anxiety and physical tension, and participants left feeling relaxed and supported. The initiative deepens the university's partnership with a local hospital, showing how academic knowledge can serve the people who care for others.





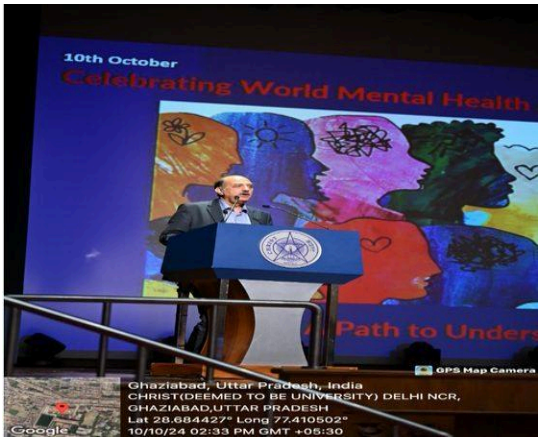


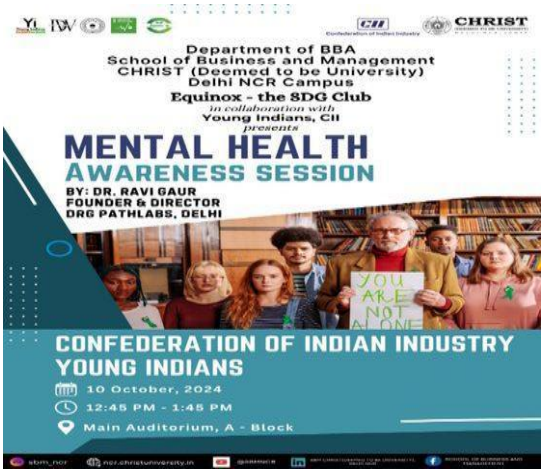
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Mental Health Awareness with Young Indians (Yi) and the Confederation of Indian Industry

Date: 10 October 2024
Venue: Main Auditorium, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Campus
Participants: 572 undergraduate students

The School of Business and Management partnered with Young Indians (Yi), the youth wing of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), to mark World Mental Health Day. Dr Ravi Gaur, Founder and Director of DRG Pathlabs, explained the difference between mental health and mental illness, dispelled ten common myths and introduced the WHO Self-Reporting Questionnaire screening tool, along with practical guidance on screen time and stress. Yi representatives briefed students on youth leadership and the social projects of Yi's Yuva vertical, inviting them to participate. Reaching 572 students, the session demonstrates the impact of collaboration with a national industry body, one of the strongest forms of public–private partnership under SDG 17.





IGEN GreenDay Campaign and the IGEN SDG Award

Date: 22 October 2024
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 1,000+ members of the CHRIST community

The SDG Cell led the IGEN GreenDay Campaign, mobilising more than 1,000 members of the CHRIST community in sustainability action. The campaign carried a simple but powerful message: sustainability must be a lifelong commitment that shapes daily choices and our collective future. As part of the campaign, about 700 students took a pledge to make conscious, sustainable choices, from reducing waste to conserving energy. The scale and success of the campaign earned the university the IGEN SDG Award. It stands as a model of collaboration with an external sustainability network and of whole-university mobilisation recognised beyond the campus.



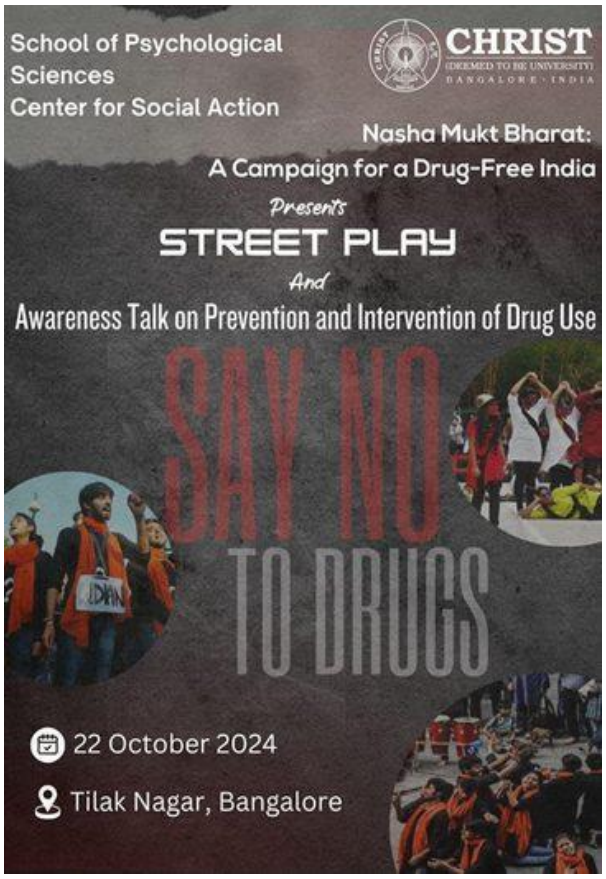


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Nasha Mukt Bharat: A Campaign for a Drug-Free India with NIMHANS Expertise

Date: 22 October 2024
Venue: St Antony's Church Centre, Tilak Nagar, Bengaluru
Participants: 100+ community members

The School of Psychological Sciences and the Centre for Social Action took the national Nasha Mukt Bharat campaign to the community of Tilak Nagar, focusing on mothers of adolescents. Student volunteers staged a street play on the toll of addiction and distributed take-home awareness material. Dr Mutharaju Arelingaiah, a mental health and addiction expert from NIMHANS, shared evidence-based insights on prevention, intervention and safeguarding young people, followed by an open question-and-answer session. Uniting a university school, a social-action centre, a national institute and a community centre behind a national campaign, the programme exemplifies the multi-stakeholder partnerships that SDG 17 calls for.

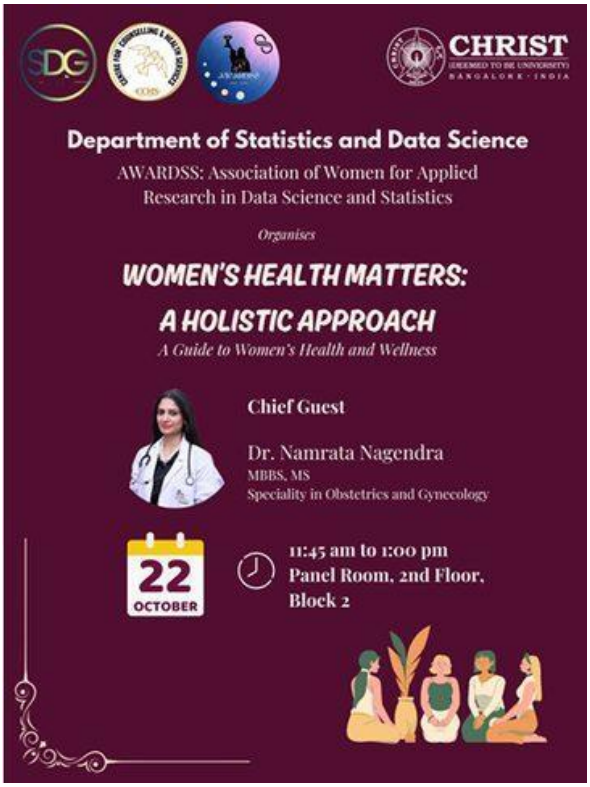


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Women's Health Matters: Holistic Health Awareness with Apollo Cradle

Date: 22 October 2024
Venue: Panel Room, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 77 participants

The Department of Statistics and Data Science, with the SDG Cell and the Centre for Counselling and Health Services, invited Dr Namrata Nagendra, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Apollo Cradle, to lead a session on women's holistic health. She addressed physical and mental health, nutrition and lifestyle, social support and self-care, and stressed the value of preventive healthcare and regular check-ups. Feedback was outstanding: 96.9% of respondents rated the speaker's expertise 4 or 5 out of 5, and every respondent rated the overall session 4 or 5. The programme brought professional healthcare expertise onto campus through a collaboration among three university units and a leading hospital.





Hana Scholarship 2024: An International Corporate Partnership for Educational Equity

Date: 29 November 2024
Venue: Auditorium, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 300 attendees; 20 scholars

The Scholarship and Fellowship Support Cell and the Centre for Korean Studies hosted the Hana Scholarship 2024 awarding ceremony. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr. Joseph C. C., and Mr Dae Ki Hong, CEO of Hana Bank, Chennai, jointly conferred the Hana Nanum Foundation – Hana Bank Scholarship on 20 deserving students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The scholarships remove financial barriers to higher education and reward academic merit as a pathway out of poverty. This partnership with a South Korean bank and foundation shows how international corporate partners can mobilise financial resources for educational equity, in line with SDG 17.



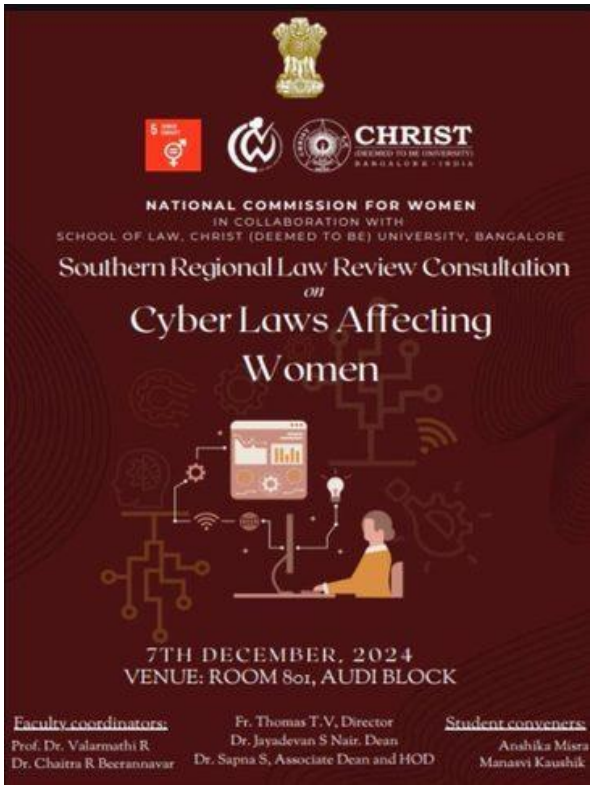


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Southern Regional Law Review Consultation on Cyber Laws Affecting Women with the National Commission for Women

Date: 7 December 2024
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: Policymakers, police, experts and NGOs

The School of Law, in partnership with the National Commission for Women (NCW), hosted the Southern Regional Law Review Consultation on cyber laws affecting women. It convened a Karnataka High Court judge, NCW officials, the Karnataka Law Commission, senior police officers, the Karnataka Police Academy, NALSAR, cybersecurity specialists, advocates and NGOs. Experts examined deepfakes, AI-driven exploitation, digital privacy, digital forensics, the POSH Act, cybercrime reporting and enforcement gaps. The consultation produced gender-sensitive recommendations that were compiled and submitted to the NCW for inclusion in national legislative reform proposals. This is SDG 17 at its most consequential: a university convening government, the judiciary, law enforcement and civil society to shape national policy.





Varieties of Wellbeing: Global Expertise from the University of Wisconsin–Madison

Date: 10 December 2024
Venue: Main Auditorium, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 800+ students

The SDG Cell and the Office of International Affairs brought world-renowned psychologist Dr Carol D. Ryff of the University of Wisconsin–Madison to more than 800 students of the School of Psychological Sciences. Dr Ryff presented her eudaimonic approach to wellbeing, the six dimensions of psychological wellbeing and key findings from the Midlife in the United States (MIDUS) studies. She also discussed wellbeing interventions and the societal inequalities that shape them, and reflected on the role of education, the arts and the humanities in human flourishing. The lecture gave students direct access to globally influential research and strengthened the university's international academic engagement.







India Gateway Programme 2024: Western Michigan University Engages with Rural Development in Hoskote

Date: 14 December 2024
Venue: Rural development sites, Hoskote, Karnataka

Under its India Gateway Programme, the university hosted students and faculty from Western Michigan University, USA, for an immersion in community development at Hoskote. The visitors engaged with initiatives in education, livelihood support and community welfare, gaining first-hand exposure to rural development practice in India. The programme fostered cross-cultural learning and dialogue between students and faculty from very different institutional and cultural contexts. It strengthens an international university partnership while connecting it with local communities, showing how global collaboration can support experiential learning and sustainable community development.





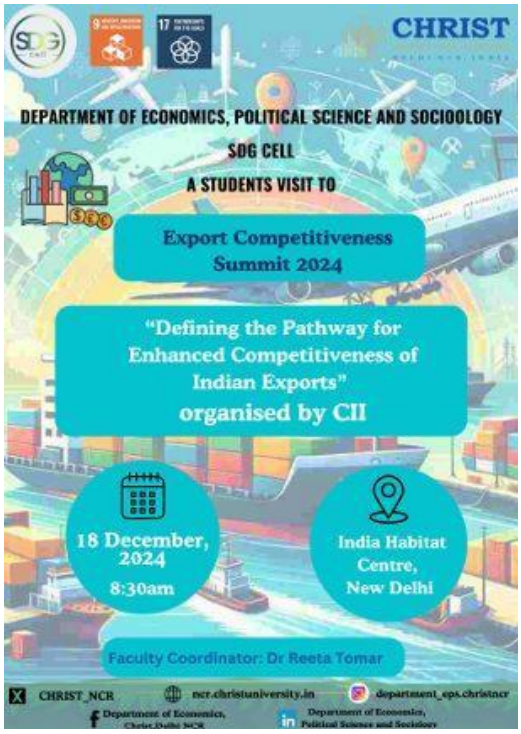


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4th National Exports Competitiveness Summit with the Confederation of Indian Industry

Date: 18 December 2024
Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Participants: 150 participants

The SDG Cell of the Department of Economics, Political Science and Sociology, Delhi NCR, took part in the 4th National Exports Competitiveness Summit, held in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The summit convened Mr Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Mr Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Director General of Foreign Trade, Mr Ajay Bhadoo, Additional Secretary of Commerce, industry leaders and academics. Sessions addressed infrastructure investment, MSME financing, quality standards and services trade. Of the participating students, 92.9% rated the experience good or excellent. The summit connected students with a government–industry–academia dialogue on India's export competitiveness.







Global Recognition: UN Academic Impact SDG Hub Chair for SDG 5: Gender Equality (2025–2027)

Date: 30 December 2024
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University)

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) was selected by the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) as the SDG Hub Chair for SDG 5: Gender Equality for January 2025 to December 2027. The appointment places the university among a select group of institutions worldwide that lead UNAI's work on individual Sustainable Development Goals, advancing gender equality through education, research and strategic partnerships. The university's International Women's Day programme in March 2025 was aligned with this role. The recognition establishes a formal, multi-year partnership with a United Nations programme and positions the university to convene and collaborate with institutions across the world on the 2030 Agenda.



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Namma Neeru Marathon: Alumni-Funded Water Conservation Campaign

Date: January 2025
Venue: Bengaluru
Participants: Students, faculty, alumni and members of the public

The Office of Alumni Engagement organised the Namma Neeru Marathon, a city-wide campaign for conscious water use in Bengaluru. Alumni sponsored the event with ₹55,000, and students, faculty, alumni and members of the public ran together for water conservation. Combining fitness, public engagement and environmental advocacy, the marathon carried the message of water stewardship far beyond the campus. It shows the university mobilising its alumni community as a partner and resource for sustainable development, in line with SDG 17's emphasis on mobilising resources and engaging the wider community.



HACK4AGRI: Innovating against Post-Harvest Waste with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

Date: 10 January 2025
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: Students from diverse disciplines

The SDG Cell partnered with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) to host HACK4AGRI, an ideation workshop on solutions to post-harvest agricultural waste. Experts Dr Neetika Walia Chhabra (agricultural waste management), Mr Vishwa R. Surya (technology for agriculture) and Dr Aparna Hawaldar (entrepreneurial problem-solving) guided participants through structured innovation using the SCAMPER method, "ideas to solution" sessions and feedback rounds. The workshop produced scalable ideas for reducing agricultural waste and a roadmap for continued engagement. It exemplifies a partnership with a leading research institute that combines expertise, technology and entrepreneurship for sustainable food systems.



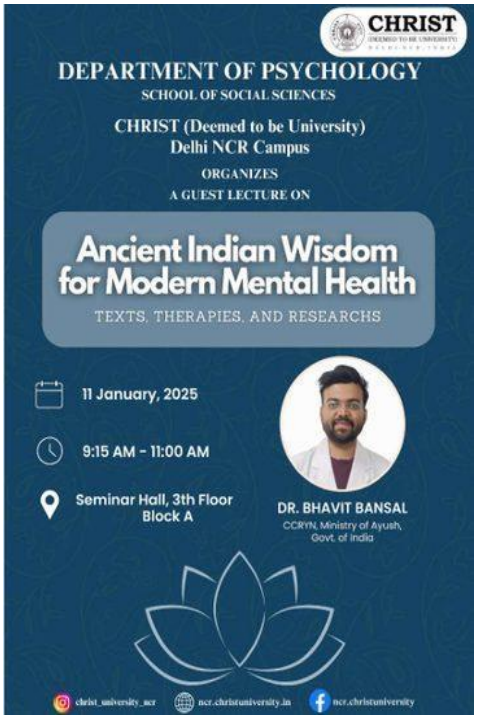




Ancient Indian Psychologies and Modern Mental Health with the Ministry of AYUSH

Date: 11 January 2025
Venue: Seminar Hall, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Campus
Participants: 116 postgraduate students

The Department of Psychology hosted Professor Bhavit Bansal of the Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), Ministry of AYUSH, under its "Beyond the Books: Clinical Insights" series. Speaking to final-year MSc Clinical Psychology students, he explained Ayurvedic psychology through the three doshas and their links with temperament, emotional resilience and mental functioning. He also discussed the science of yoga and pranayama, heart-rate variability, autonomic regulation and circadian rhythms, and shared clinical guidelines informed by these traditions. The lecture built a knowledge partnership with a central government research council, bringing traditional knowledge systems into contemporary clinical training.







Service Learning in Partnership with Seva-in-Action

Date: 21 January 2025
Venue: Seva-in-Action, Bengaluru
Participants: Students of the Department of Physics and Electronics

The Department of Physics and Electronics partnered with the NGO Seva-in-Action on a service-learning programme with intellectually challenged students. Students engaged with the children through learning and recreational activities and developed a deeper understanding of inclusive education and the support systems that persons with intellectual disabilities need. The programme formed part of the department's wider SDG commitment, alongside its SDG sensitisation campaign and energy-conservation initiatives. It builds an enduring academia–NGO partnership that links classroom learning with community service and inclusion.



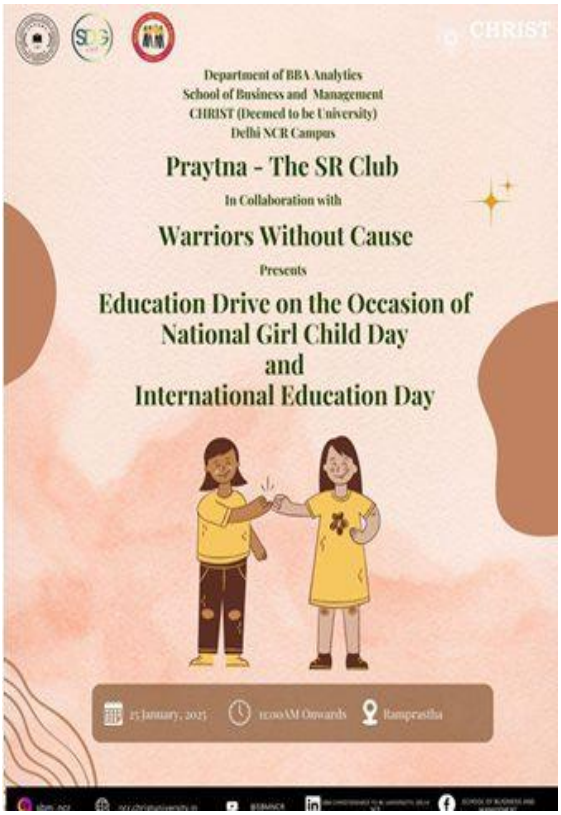




Education Drive for Girl Children with Warriors Without Cause

Date: 25 January 2025
Venue: Ramprastha, Vaishali, Delhi NCR
Participants: 40 children and 8 volunteers

Marking National Girl Child Day and International Education Day, Prayatna, the Social Responsibility Club of the School of Business and Management (BBA Analytics), partnered with Warriors Without Cause to promote equal learning opportunities for underprivileged girls. Volunteers ran interactive sessions in which the children shared their aspirations, took part in general-knowledge activities and heard real-life stories of growth through education. A stationery drive supplied notebooks, pencils and erasers, and games and performances built teamwork and confidence. The drive deepened a continuing partnership with an NGO and encouraged girls to see education as a pathway to independence.

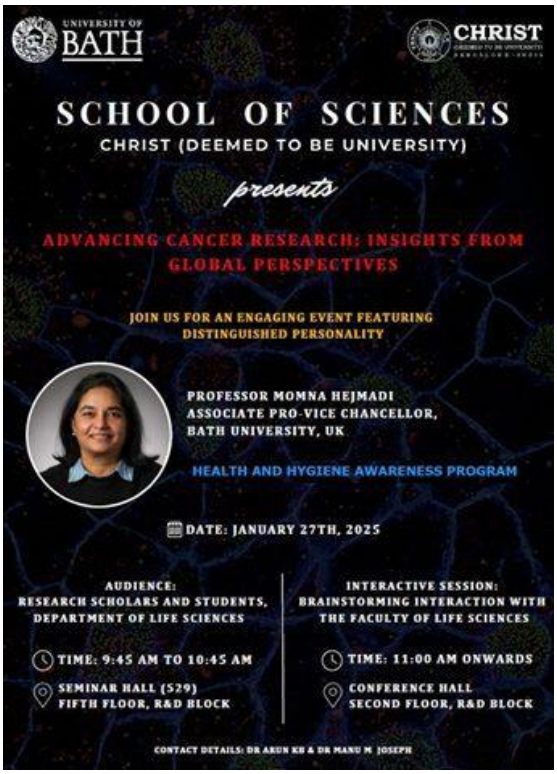




Advancing Cancer Research: International Lecture by the University of Bath, UK

Date: 27 January 2025
Venue: R&D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 85 MSc students, 45 PhD scholars and 2 faculty members

The Department of Life Sciences, with the support of the Science Deanery, hosted Professor Momna Hejmadi, Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bath, UK, for an international lecture on "Challenges in Cancer Therapeutics". She covered cancer biology, oncogenes and tumour-suppressor genes, the limits of conventional treatments and research on synthetic compounds such as AQ4N. An engaging discussion explored research opportunities and potential academic collaboration. Participants reported strong satisfaction. The lecture connected students and researchers with a leading UK university and opened avenues for future international research partnership.







Rise Against Cancer: Public Awareness with the Indian Cancer Society

Date: 19 February 2025
Venue: Audi Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 83 participants

The MSc Health and Well-Being and Clinical Psycho-Oncology cluster partnered with the Indian Cancer Society to take cancer awareness to the public. Students marched with slogans and placards and distributed bilingual pamphlets on prevention, early screening and mental-health support. At the destination, they performed a three-act street play portraying the physical, emotional and psychological journey of cancer patients and the burden on caregivers. The initiative combined a national NGO's mission with students' creative and clinical skills, extending vital health messages to the community.







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Energy Conservation Week 2025 with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency and KREDL

Date: 21–24 February 2025
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Kengeri Campus
Participants: 40+ participants

The Department of Mechanical and Automobile Engineering observed Energy Conservation Week in association with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Government of India, and Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL). The programme featured expert talks by Dr Varaprasad Janamala and Mr Adarsh S V on renewable energy and sustainable practice, a two-round energy quiz and a poster competition themed "A Greener Tomorrow Starts Today". More than 90% of attendees found the sessions informative and engaging, and impact surveys showed greater climate awareness and motivation for eco-friendly habits. The week exemplifies collaboration with national and state energy agencies to advance clean energy.







TATTVA 2025: Advancing the SDGs through Academia–Industry Collaboration

Date: 3 March 2025
Venue: Main Auditorium, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus

TATTVA, the university's Sustainability Week 2025, opened with a high-level panel on "Advancing SDGs through Academia–Industry Collaboration". Panellists Dr Edmond Fernandes, Cherish Tota, Bhanu Prasad, Subhadra Gupta, Dr Prathaap B Rao and Bhanu Potta brought perspectives from academic leadership, industry sustainability practice, CSR, environmental policy, research and development, and innovation and technology transfer. The panel explored how to embed sustainability in business operations and curricula, and stressed that academia–industry partnerships are critical to achieving the SDG targets. TATTVA demonstrates the university's role as a convener of multi-stakeholder dialogue, the essence of SDG 17.





Green Computing with the Green Computing Foundation

Date: 3 March 2025
Venue: R&D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 104 participants

The Department of Statistics and Data Science partnered with the Green Computing Foundation to raise awareness of the environmental footprint of digital technology. Dr Niladri Choudhuri, Founder and CEO of Xellentro Consulting LLP and President of the Green Computing Foundation, explained IT pollution, energy consumption, digital waste and e-waste. He recommended practical actions such as switching off idle devices, managing email and data storage efficiently and choosing energy-efficient hardware. A follow-up Eco-Warrior workshop with the Foundation's leadership engaged 65 more students in hands-on activities. The collaboration transfers sustainable-technology knowledge from industry to the classroom.



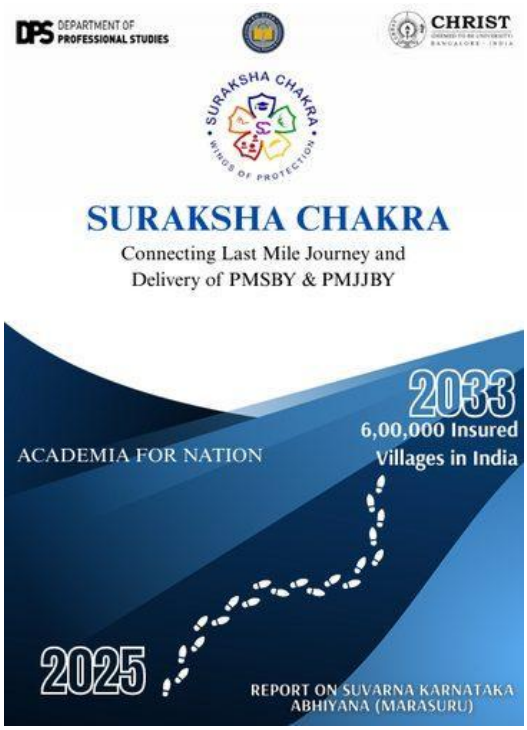




Suraksha Chakra: Making Marasuru Gram Panchayat Fully Insured

Date: 5 March 2025 (seven-month project)
Venue: Marasuru Grama Panchayath, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban

Through its Suraksha Chakra initiative, the Department of Professional Studies partnered with Marasuru Gram Panchayat and Canara Bank under the Suvarna Karnataka Abhiyana to close the insurance protection gap in the village. Students and faculty worked with panchayat officials and bank representatives through planning meetings, awareness sessions, Gram Sabha engagement, socio-economic surveys and the identification of eligible residents. Together they enrolled residents in the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana. After seven months of sustained effort, Marasuru Gram Panchayat was declared completely insured on 5 March 2025. This is a flagship SDG 17 partnership: academia, local government and the banking sector working together to deliver social protection to the last mile.







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Integrating Sustainability into the Curriculum: A Panel on Education for the SDGs

Date: 7 March 2025
Venue: R&D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 76 faculty and students

The School of Psychological Sciences convened a panel on embedding environmental and sustainability literacy into higher-education coursework. Moderated by Dr Manjusha Warrier, the panel featured Dr Maya Mohan on integrating environmental justice into existing courses, Mr Dheeraj Lal on frameworks for sustainability literacy and value-based competencies, and Ms Prisha Mehra on experiential learning through volunteering, media camps and NGO engagement. The discussion called for policy reform and project-based learning to prepare students for a sustainable future. It advances the university's commitment to education for the SDGs across all programmes.







Gender Sensitisation Outreach at Newton Public School

Date: 8 March 2025
Venue: Newton Public School, Bengaluru
Participants: 50 high-school students

The School of Business and Management extended its gender-equality work to Newton Public School through an outreach programme for high-school students. Undergraduate presenters led a discussion on the theme "Respect has no gender, only humanity", followed by role plays, short videos, case studies, a quiz and an open forum on concepts such as the glass ceiling. Students examined how stereotypes limit opportunities for everyone, and a follow-up plan was developed from their feedback. The programme builds a school–university partnership that takes education for the SDGs into the wider community.







Green-Her Future: Cleanathon and Plantation Drive with E-CURE Charitable Trust

Date: 9 March 2025
Venue: St. John's Hospital and Medical College, Koramangala, Bengaluru
Participants: 60 volunteers

The Department of Mathematics partnered with E-CURE Charitable Trust for a cleanathon and plantation drive. Guided by Mr David S, Head of the Trust, 60 student and faculty volunteers planted 44 saplings and cleaned the surrounding areas. Faculty participation inspired students and made the drive well organised and impactful. The activity fostered collective responsibility for the environment and a lasting commitment to conservation. It shows how collaboration with a community-based organisation can turn environmental intent into visible action.







Run in Red: 1,500+ Participants for Women's Heart Health with Arogya World and Marriott International

Date: 9 March 2025
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru
Participants: 1,500+ participants

The Department of Hotel Management partnered with Arogya World, My Thali and Marriott International to organise "Run in Red", a walk, jog and run for women's heart health. More than 1,500 participants dressed in red took part in 3 km and 5 km walkathons. They had access to free health screenings and expert consultations from wellness partners, while Marriott International provided nutritious refreshments and students gained hands-on event experience. Run in Red is a showcase of SDG 17: academia, a non-profit, the hospitality industry and wellness partners pooling resources to mobilise a community for preventive health.







Project Aisha: Tackling Period Poverty in the Community

Date: 10 March 2025
Venue: Community outreach, Bengaluru
Participants: 150+ women and girls reached

The Department of Professional Studies led Project Aisha, an empowerment initiative on menstrual health for young girls and women. Through targeted education sessions and the distribution of hygiene resources, the project confronted period poverty and advocated access to menstrual hygiene as a fundamental right. It reached more than 150 young women and girls, expanding their access to essential health resources and reinforcing their right to dignity and well-being. Project Aisha shows the university mobilising its students and resources for direct community impact.







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Women Leadership Conclave: Industry–Academia Partnership for Gender-Diverse Leadership

Date: 13 March 2025
Venue: Main Auditorium, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Bannerghatta Road Campus
Participants: 1,500 students

The School of Business and Management convened corporate leaders for its Women Leadership Conclave. Keynotes by Ms Aarthy Sampath on diversity and inclusion and Ms R. Sreekala on leadership and well-being were followed by the panel "Empowering Tomorrow" with Ms Sai Kavitha Krishna Iyengar, Ms Pooja Pandey Tripathi and Ms Sudeepta Banerjee, moderated by Ms Sowmya V Kumaran. The conclave addressed gender bias, pay disparity and mentorship gaps, and offered practical strategies to aspiring women leaders. Engaging 1,500 students, it strengthened industry–academia collaboration and is expected to drive future initiatives on women's leadership.







SISD-2025: International Conference on Sustainable Innovations in Statistics and Data Science with the University of Kerala

Date: 27–28 March 2025
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
Participants: 191 participants

The Department of Statistics and Data Science and the Department of Statistics, University of Kerala, jointly organised the International Conference on Sustainable Innovations in Statistics and Data Science (SISD-2025). The conference practised what it promoted. Communication was digital, single-use plastic was replaced with stainless-steel bottles and glasses, and guests received plants or unwrapped sustainable gifts. Supplies were sourced from Care Factory, Madurai, which supports differently-abled artisans, linking responsible procurement with social inclusion. SISD-2025 is a model of inter-university collaboration and of partnerships that embed sustainability in academic events.







Climate Change and Water Accessibility in the Sundarbans: ICSSR-Funded Research

Date: 2024–25
Venue: Sundarbans region, India

The Department of Economics is leading a research project on the intersection of climate change, water security and water access for vulnerable communities in the Sundarbans, one of the world's most climate-exposed deltas. The project is funded with ₹8 lakh by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). It will generate evidence to inform climate-resilience and water-management strategies for communities facing rising salinity and extreme weather. Government-funded research of this kind strengthens the data and evidence base for sustainable development, in line with SDG 17 Target 17.18.







Community Sanitation Drives with NGOs, Banks and Government Agencies

Date: 2024–25
Venue: Community locations served by CSA

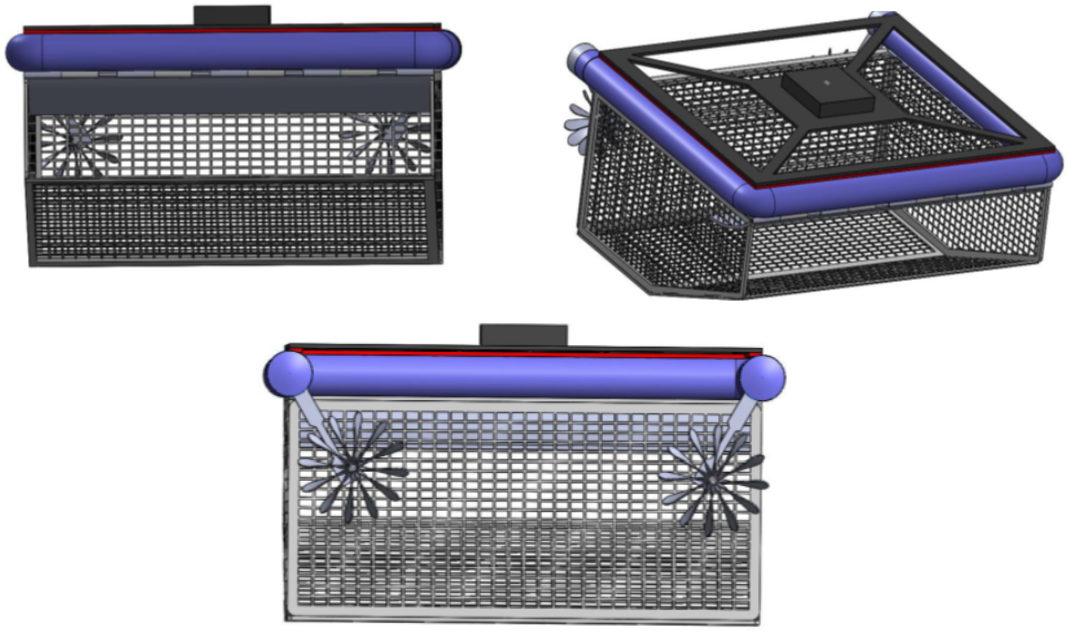
The Centre for Social Action led community sanitation drives to improve hygiene and sanitation among underserved populations. The drives were made possible by a coalition of NGOs, banks and government agencies, whose combined support enabled large-scale outreach. They extended essential sanitation services and awareness to communities that often lack basic infrastructure, improving public health and dignity. This multi-stakeholder model, uniting civil society, the financial sector and government, is a textbook example of the partnerships envisioned in SDG 17.



ECOFLOW AQUBBOT: KSCST-Supported Lake-Cleaning Robot

Date: 2024–25
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Kengeri Campus

The Department of Mechanical and Automobile Engineering developed ECOFLOW AQUBBOT, an unmanned robot for cleaning lakes and water bodies. The project received funding and technical backing from the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST), which also validated its scientific merit. The robot offers a scalable, automated way to remove pollutants and protect aquatic ecosystems, and it engages students and researchers in applied innovation. The project is an example of technology partnership with a state science council that turns research into practical environmental solutions.



Soil and Water Analysis Cell:
Science in Service of Farmers and Communities

Date: 2024–25
Venue: Bengaluru and surrounding areas
Participants: Local communities and agricultural stakeholders

The Department of Chemistry, together with the Department of Life Sciences, established the Soil and Water Analysis Cell (SWAC). Faculty and researchers carry out fieldwork across Bengaluru and its surroundings to assess soil fertility and water quality, giving farmers and communities reliable data for informed decisions. At the COSMOS Fest of Christ Junior College alone, SWAC tested about 80 water samples on the spot. SWAC is now an ongoing platform for water-quality monitoring and community support, sharing the university's scientific capacity with the people who need it most.

