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Christites For Climate Action Volunteer Meet

Date: 6 July 2024
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
No. of participants: 29 students

Christites for Climate Action (CCA) organised its first Volunteer Meet of the academic year 2024–25 to engage new volunteers, understand their perspectives on the current environmental situation, and develop new initiatives addressing environmental concerns. The meeting began with an introduction to CCA, its heads, coordinators, and committee members. The meeting discussed previous environmental initiatives, including Menstrual Week and the Lalbagh seed distribution programme, to familiarise volunteers with the organisation's climate-related work. A major part of the meeting involved brainstorming and discussions with volunteers to generate new ideas and identify effective ways to address environmental issues. The programme strengthened environmental awareness, student participation, and collective action. Follow-up activities included coordination with the Theatre Club and an initiative to water nearby plants, further supporting environmental conservation. Thus, the activity contributed to SDG 13 – Climate Action by mobilising students and developing practical environmental initiatives.







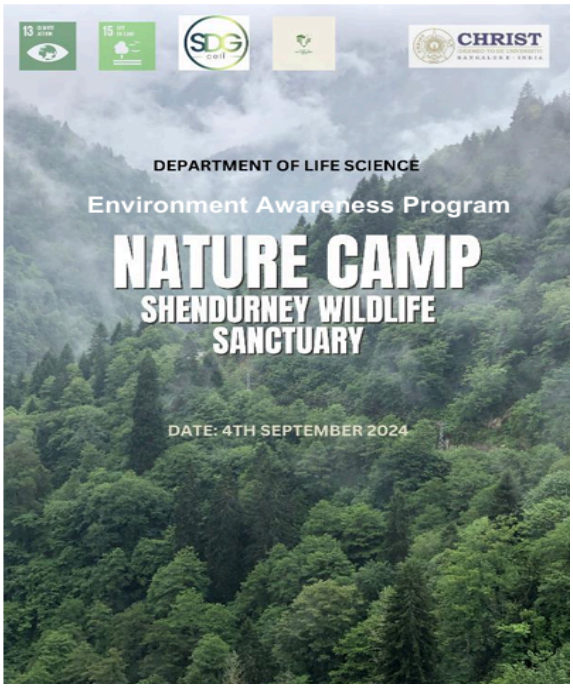
Environmental Awareness Program – Nature Camp at Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary

Date: 4 September 2024
Venue: Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, Kollam, Kerala
No. of Participants: 20 postgraduate students

The Department of Life Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised an Environmental Awareness Program through a nature camp at Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary. The programme was conducted to immerse students in the natural environment, develop environmental awareness, and provide hands-on learning in ecology and conservation. The participants were postgraduate students of the Department of Life Sciences. The programme included a talk by S. Heeralal, Wildlife Warden at Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, on wildlife protection and biodiversity conservation. Students undertook a guided forest trek, observed endemic and exotic plant and bird species, and attended a session on sustainable tourism and medicinal plants. A quiz and feedback session were also conducted. The programme strengthened students' practical understanding of biodiversity and conservation and deepened their connection with nature. The impact was strongly reflected in the feedback: 70% rated the programme excellent, 95% found it informative and interesting, and 100% agreed that it achieved its environmental-awareness objective. The activity contributed to SDG 13 – Climate Action by promoting environmental awareness, sustainable practices, and responsible engagement with natural ecosystems.







JEEVOTSAV 2024-25 – Intercollegiate Life Sciences Fest

Date: 17 September 2024
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
No. of participants: 271 students from 11 institutions

The Department of Life Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised JEEVOTSAV 2024-25, an intercollegiate Life Sciences fest, to bring students from different institutions together while promoting awareness of life sciences, sustainability and environmental responsibility. The programme was conducted under the theme "For a better environment and a better future." Students from 11 institutions participated in eight events, including Cambiar, Quiz, Relay Sketching, Flora, Debate, Photography, Crime Scene Investigation, and Pot Pourri. The Cambiar event specifically addressed life sciences and sustainability, while Relay Sketching encouraged collaborative thinking around "The Umbrella of Life." The fest encouraged environmental awareness, creativity, teamwork, and interaction among students from different colleges. Feedback was overall positive, with the report noting active participation and successful completion of all eight events. The programme contributed to SDG 13 – Climate Action by promoting sustainability-oriented thinking and encouraging students to engage with environmental themes and develop greater responsibility towards a better and sustainable future.







Plastic Plogging and Trek – Harihara Betta

Date: 21 September 2024
Venue: Harihara Betta, Karnataka
No. of participants: 44

Christites for Climate Action (CCA) organised a Trek and Plogging Drive at Harihara Betta to promote environmental stewardship and shared responsibility towards protecting natural environments. The activity contributed to SDG 13 – Climate Action by encouraging participants to minimise their environmental impact and actively participate in environmental protection. The activity combined trekking with plogging, where participants collected litter while walking along the trail. This helped remove harmful waste that could threaten wildlife and plant life, while preserving the natural surroundings. Participants worked together during the trek, developing a sense of collective responsibility towards environmental conservation. The programme provided a practical experience of environmental action and encouraged participants to recognise how small, responsible actions can contribute to protecting and restoring natural ecosystems. The team also observed the rich and distinct flora at the summit. Thus, the activity contributed to SDG 13 – Climate Action by promoting environmental responsibility, reducing litter in natural areas and encouraging active community participation in protecting ecosystems.







Seed Distribution Drive at Cubbon Park

Date: 2 October 2024
Venue: Cubbon Park, Bangalore, Karnataka
No. of participants: 60+

Christites for Climate Action (CCA) organised a Seed Distribution Drive at Cubbon Park to encourage tree planting and gardening as measures to combat deforestation and reduce carbon footprints, contributing to SDG 13 – Climate Action. The activity also aimed to encourage greener spaces and greater community participation in environmental action. The initiative was carried out by distributing 400+ packets of seeds, including tomato, basil, coriander, and flowering plants, to members of the general public. The seed packets were provided in eco-friendly packaging with planting instructions, enabling participants to understand and carry out the planting process. Volunteers also responded to questions from participants regarding the seeds and their planting methods. The activity encouraged individuals to participate directly in tree planting, gardening, and the creation of greener spaces. By promoting vegetation and environmental responsibility, the programme supported efforts to address deforestation and reduce carbon footprints. It therefore contributed to SDG 13 by encouraging community-level participation in climate-conscious environmental practices.







EcoAI: A Session on Using AI for Sustainability

Date: 25 October 2024
Venue: Central Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
No. of participants: 34

The SDG Cell – School of Business and Management, in collaboration with MIRAI, organised "EcoAI: A Session on Using AI for Sustainability" to explore the role of artificial intelligence in addressing environmental challenges under SDG 13 – Climate Action. The session featured Mr Gokul Shekhar, Head of ESG, Carbon Collective, and Mr Madhav Sampat, Atlantis. The panel discussion focused on climate change, carbon-footprint monitoring, carbon emissions, net-zero goals, and sustainable practices. The speakers explained how AI and technology can track carbon emissions and environmental impacts, generate useful sustainability data, and support effective climate solutions. Participants were also encouraged to adopt practical measures such as reducing energy consumption, switching off unused lights, and extending the lifespan of electronic devices. The interactive session increased awareness of individual and technological roles in climate action and encouraged participants to take proactive steps towards reducing environmental impact. Thus, the programme contributed to SDG 13 by promoting climate awareness, carbon monitoring, energy conservation, and technology-driven sustainability.







Pledge for IGEN Green Day

Date: 26 October 2024
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
No. of participants: Approximately 700 students

The SDG Cell, Centre for Academic and Professional Support, organised a Pledge for IGEN Green Day to encourage students to take personal responsibility for protecting the environment, contributing to SDG 13 – Climate Action. The pledge-taking activity was conducted across psychology classes and was led by SDG Cell volunteers Rachaita Sao, Abha and Shruti. The activity was necessary to create awareness about environmental conservation, sustainability and individual responsibility towards the planet. Students came together and collectively took a pledge to make conscious, sustainable choices over the following seven days. They committed to reducing waste, conserving energy, and leading by example. Following the pledge, students were encouraged to take practical climate-conscious actions such as planting seeds and switching off unnecessary appliances. The initiative promoted the understanding that small, consistent actions can contribute to environmental conservation and climate action. The follow-up plan involved conducting further activities to promote sustainability across the campus.





Sustainability and Climate Change – Interactive Session

Date: 23 January 2025
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
No. of participants: 23 students

Christites for Climate Action (CCA) organised an interactive session on "Sustainability and Climate Change" to create awareness about climate change, ecological balance, and environmental responsibility, contributing to SDG 13 – Climate Action. The programme was conducted to encourage students to develop a more environmentally responsible outlook and understand the importance of sustainable living. The session was led by Dr Gerald Pillai, former Vice-Chancellor and Rector, Liverpool Hope University, UK, and was attended by 23 students. Participants engaged in discussions on environmental issues, ecological balance, sustainability, and global conflicts. The session particularly encouraged a shift from an egocentric to an ecocentric mindset, emphasising greater responsibility towards the environment. The programme also explored the connection between ecology and conflict resolution, sustainable habits and environmental responsibility. An interactive Q&A session allowed students to actively discuss sustainability and ecological well-being. The activity had an educational impact by increasing students' awareness of environmental responsibility and encouraging an ecocentric approach to daily life. It contributed to SDG 13 by promoting climate awareness, sustainable attitudes, and individual responsibility towards building a sustainable future.









Nature Walk – A Trip to Sunder Nursery

Date: 4 February 2025
Venue: Sunder Nursery, New Delhi
No. of participants: 90 students

The SDG Cell, School of Psychological Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Campus, in collaboration with the Environmental Psychology Lab and Kissae Art Club, organised a Nature Walk at Sunder Nursery as part of SDG 13 – Climate Action. The activity was conducted to strengthen students' connection with nature and promote environmental awareness and sustainable lifestyles. Participants explored the natural surroundings through a nature walk and engaged in creative activities such as painting and sketching outdoors. These activities encouraged participants to observe and appreciate their natural surroundings and reflect on the importance of environmental consciousness. The programme helped participants develop a greater appreciation for nature and reinforced the importance of sustainable living and environmental responsibility. It contributed to SDG 13 – Climate Action by fostering environmental consciousness and encouraging individuals to build a stronger connection with nature and adopt more sustainable attitudes and practices.







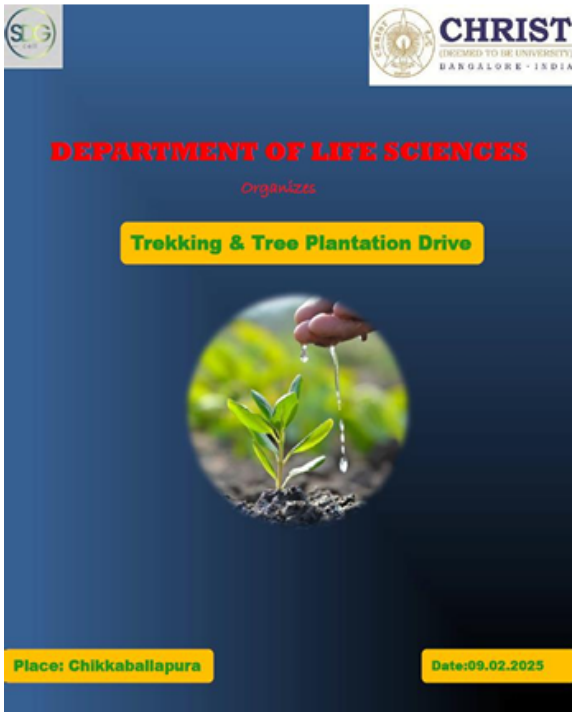
Trekking and Tree Plantation Drive

Date: 9 February 2025
Venue: Chikkaballapura, Nijagal Betta
No. of participants: 51 students and faculty

The Wildlife Conservation Cell (WCC), Department of Life Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised a Trekking and Tree Plantation Drive to provide students with an opportunity to explore nature, develop societal skills, and understand the importance of preserving natural ecosystems. The activity was conducted at Nijagal Betta, Chikkaballapura, from 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The report identifies 51 students and faculty members as participants. The activity was led by Dr P. Manikantan and involved first-year Life Sciences students. Participants undertook a trek through a biodiverse natural landscape and actively participated in a cleaning drive during the visit. The experience enabled them to observe the surrounding biodiversity, appreciate the beauty of the natural environment, and develop a stronger connection with nature. The programme contributed to SDG 13 – Climate Action by promoting environmental responsibility, conservation of natural ecosystems and active participation in activities supporting a healthier environment. The activity also encouraged students to recognise their role in protecting and preserving nature. Feedback included in the report shows participants expressing extremely high satisfaction with the trekking experience and rating food, accommodation, travel and overall arrangements positively.







Lake Clean-Up Drive

Date: 23 February 2025
Venue: Madiwala Lake, Bangalore
No. of participants: 55

Christites for Climate Action (CCA) organised a Lake Clean-Up Drive at Madiwala Lake as an environmental initiative contributing to SDG 13 – Climate Action. The activity aimed to encourage environmental responsibility and address plastic pollution that negatively affects natural ecosystems. The activity was necessary to promote awareness about the environmental consequences of waste accumulation and encourage active participation in protecting natural surroundings. Core members and volunteers carried out a plastic plogging drive around the lake and collected over 120 kg of waste, including plastic spoons, cigarette butts, and plastic bottles. The collected plastic waste was then sent to recycling units. Participants were also made aware of the environmental threats caused by pollutants from nearby industries and sewage entering the lake. The programme provided participants with practical experience in environmental conservation and demonstrated how collective action and responsible waste management can help protect ecosystems. The before-and-after photographs documented the visible improvement following the clean-up. Thus, the activity contributed to SDG 13 – Climate Action by promoting environmental awareness, responsible waste management, and active community participation in protecting natural ecosystems.







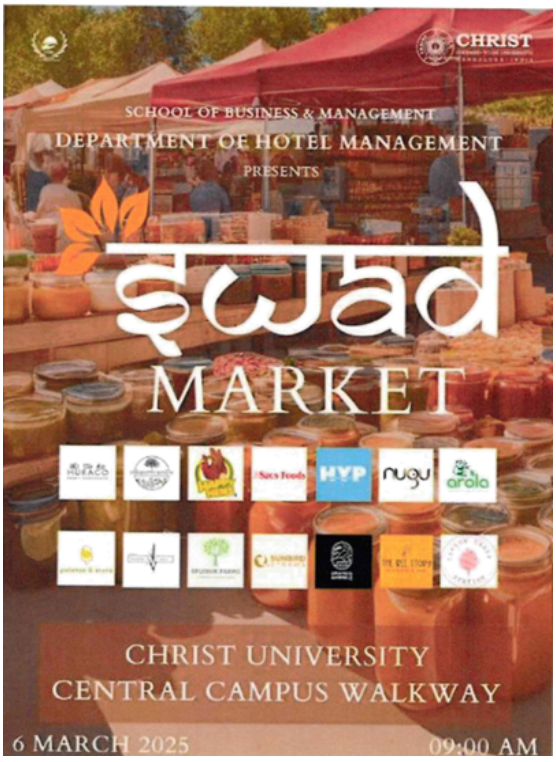
SWAD Market

Date: 6 March 2025
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
No. of Participants: 30

The Department of Hotel Management, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised the "SWAD Market" to promote responsible consumption, sustainable sourcing and appreciation of locally produced and artisanal products. The initiative was conducted to provide a platform for small businesses and local producers while encouraging consumers to make more informed and ethical purchasing choices. The market brought together entrepreneurs, small businesses, and local producers who showcased a diverse range of products. These included sustainable pottery, organic spices, handcrafted snacks, naturally sourced honey, free-range eggs, handmade products, and other locally produced food items. The event also provided opportunities for vendors to share their stories and explain their commitment to sustainable and ethical production. The activity created awareness about sustainable and organic products, with 100% of surveyed participants reporting increased awareness of the products and their natural and organic nature. The event received an overall impact score of 85% from participants. The programme contributed to SDG 12 by promoting ethical sourcing, local production, sustainable consumption, and informed purchasing choices.







Sustainable Innovations in Statistics and Data Science (SISD-2025)

Date: 28 March 2025
Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
No. of participants: 191

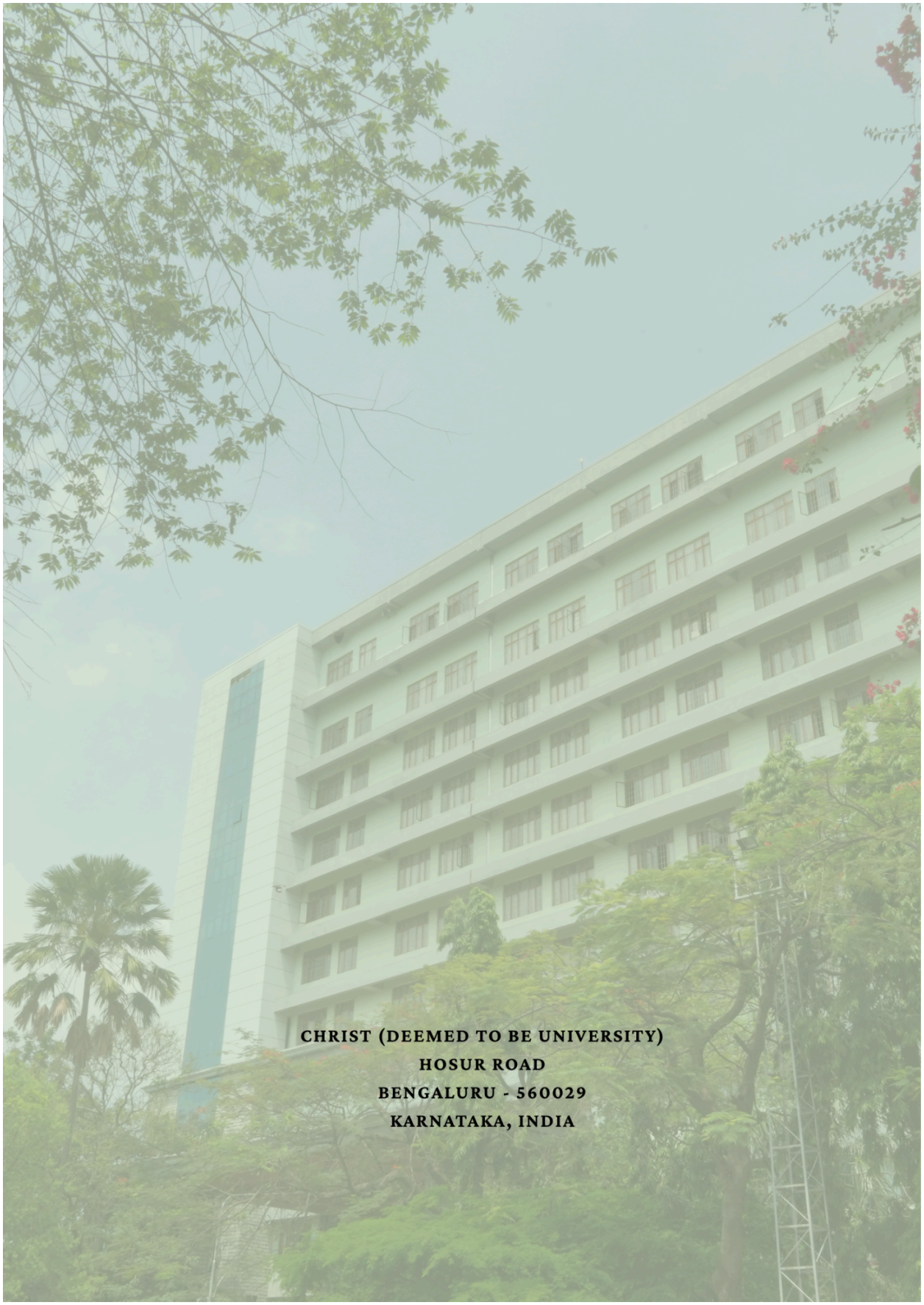
The Department of Statistics and Data Science, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, jointly with the Department of Statistics, University of Kerala, organised the International Conference on Sustainable Innovations in Statistics and Data Science (SISD-2025). The conference incorporated climate-conscious practices, contributing to SDG 13 – Climate Action. The initiative was necessary to reduce the environmental impact of academic events and encourage climate-responsible practices. Single-use plastic was avoided, thereby reducing waste generation and its associated environmental impact. Eco-friendly gifting was adopted by presenting chief guests and resource persons with plants or sustainable gifts without plastic or paper wrapping. The conference also symbolically released its abstract book by watering a plant, highlighting the importance of environmental responsibility. These practices demonstrated how academic events can incorporate climate-conscious alternatives into their organisation. The initiative increased awareness of environmental conservation and encouraged participants to adopt sustainable practices in their academic and professional settings. Thus, the conference contributed to SDG 13 by promoting waste reduction, eco-friendly practices, and greater environmental responsibility.











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