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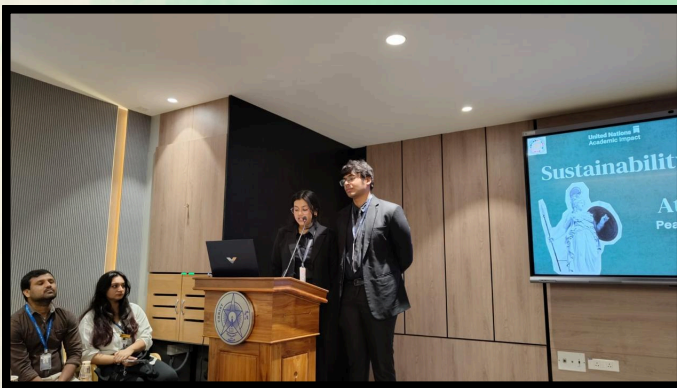
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SUSTAINABILITY WEEK 2026

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THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY



The programme opened with a formal inauguration and ceremonial lamp lighting, symbolising wisdom and responsible leadership. Dignitaries present were Dr. Fr. Varghese K J (Chief Finance Officer), Dr. Anil Joseph Pinto (Registrar), Dr. Timothy P. Palmer (Director - Sustainability, AMU, USA), Mr. Shaqir Haq (CEO, Empire Group of Hotels), and Dr. Leena James (Faculty Coordinator, SDG Cell & UNAI SDG 5 Hub Chair). The addresses emphasised a shift from compliance-driven sustainability to ethically embedded governance, highlighting leadership grounded in inclusion, accountability, and measurable impact. The inauguration established the forum's core message: sustainability must be lived, measured, and structurally embedded—not merely declared.

INTERNATIONAL ADDRESS ON SUSTAINABILITY WEEK



An international address delivered by Jayashri Wyatt, Chief of Education Outreach Section; UN Department of Global Communications focusing on the importance of sustainability and global responsibility. The speaker emphasized the need for collective action, ethical leadership, and long-term commitment to sustainable practices. Highlighting environmental preservation and inclusive development, the address reinforced how institutions and individuals must contribute through awareness, accountability, and impactful decision-making toward a more sustainable future.



Sustainability Week 2026, organized by the SDG Cell and UNAI Hub Chair SDG -5, from 16th February to 20th February, featured the SDG Leadership Forum, a high-impact platform that convened over 100 diverse stakeholders, including students, corporate leaders, and policy experts, to advance meaningful dialogue. Moving beyond symbolic discourse, the Forum interrogated the structural foundations of gender inequality, ESG frameworks, and ethical AI to drive systemic reform and institutional accountability aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

LEADERSHIP FORUM



The Sustainability Leadership Forum, held on 16th February during the inaugural ceremony of Sustainability Week, brought together over 35 professionals from diverse industries for an engaging and participatory discussion. Moving beyond a traditional panel format, the forum encouraged active dialogue, allowing participants to share real-world experiences, insights, and innovative approaches to sustainability-driven and gender-responsive leadership.

The diverse perspectives offered a deeper understanding of how sustainability can be integrated across different sectors. The forum created a space for shared learning and collective reflection, emphasizing ethical leadership, inclusivity, and long-term impact aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Overall, it played a key role in inspiring stakeholders to adopt more sustainable practices in their respective fields.

RAPID FIRE



A highlight of the event was a dynamic Rapid-Fire Session featuring prominent figures such as Brinda Adige (Global Concerns India), Abhishek R. (Brillio), and Natasha Shirazi (Dell), which moved beyond symbolic discourse to elicit candid reflections on governance integrity and institutional accountability. By bridging academic theory and corporate practice, the forum successfully transitioned from conventional dialogue to actionable, SDG-aligned strategies for a sustainable and inclusive future. The session fostered authenticity and intellectual candour, offering participants an unfiltered glimpse into how experienced leaders navigate complexity, contradiction, and institutional responsibility. The exchange energised the audience and reinforced the forum's commitment to dialogue that is both critical and actionable.

GLIMPSES OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES



During Sustainability Week, the **Department of Social Work** at CHRIST (Deemed to be University) organized the "Second Chance - Promoting Holistic Well-being" stall, focusing on Sustainable Development Goal 3 while integrating Sustainable Development Goal 10 and Sustainable Development Goal 11. Through interactive activities like mental health games, a fitness challenge, and BMI assessment, the stall promoted awareness of holistic health. It also encouraged sustainable practices through reuse initiatives, inspiring participants to adopt healthier and more responsible lifestyles.

GLIMPSES OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES



During Sustainability Week, the **Department of Mathematics** organized initiatives focused on gender equality and sustainability awareness. A panel discussion titled "Are We There Yet? The Journey Towards Gender Equality" encouraged dialogue on inclusivity, intersectionality, and the role of education in achieving SDG 5. The department also set up an interactive SDG Awareness Stall celebrating women in STEM and promoting responsible consumption through student-made sustainable products and awareness activities.

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The **Department of Psychology** contributed to Sustainability Week through a dual-themed experiential stall focusing on SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 15 (Life on Land). The stall featured interactive activities and awareness initiatives on gender stereotypes, unconscious bias, and environmental responsibility. Through engaging activities such as sustainability games, waste-sorting challenges, and discussions on gender myths, the initiative encouraged participants to reflect on social norms while promoting eco-friendly habits and inclusive thinking.

GLIMPSES OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES



The **School of Business and Management** contributed to Sustainability Week through initiatives focused on health awareness and sustainability engagement. A Cervical Cancer Awareness Session highlighted the importance of disease prevention, early detection, and HPV vaccination, promoting SDG 3 and SDG 5. The school also organized an interactive SDG Awareness Stall in collaboration with student clubs, featuring engaging activities and discussions that encouraged students to understand the SDGs and adopt responsible, sustainable practices.

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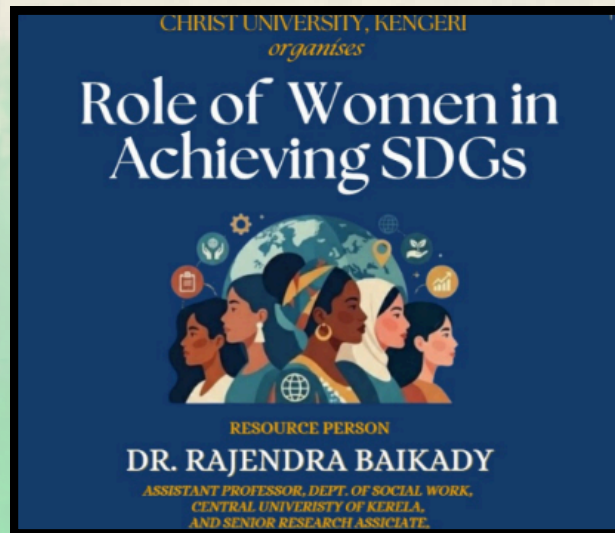
During Sustainability Week, the **School of Education** organised interactive initiatives to promote awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals. An SDG stall showcased all 17 SDGs through student-made posters, quizzes, and engaging activities that encouraged cross-departmental participation. The school also hosted a debate competition on the theme "Equal Treatment or Fair Treatment?" focusing on SDG 5 - Gender Equality and equity. These activities encouraged critical thinking, dialogue, and student engagement around sustainability and social responsibility.

GLIMPSES OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES



The **School of Law** organized engaging SDG stall activities in collaboration with the Gender Studies Committee, Human Rights Committee, and Environmental Law Studies and Orientation Programme Committee. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about sustainable development, human rights, and gender equality through interactive discussions and student participation. These activities encouraged students to critically reflect on legal frameworks and the role of law in promoting sustainability and social justice.

KENGERI CAMPUS



Sustainability Week at **CHRIST University, Kengeri Campus** integrated academic insight, inclusivity, and student engagement, reinforcing gender equality and collective responsibility in achieving the SDGs.

A keynote by Rajendra Baikady highlighted women's role in sustainable development, addressing inequality, pay gaps, and underrepresentation while promoting inclusive growth. Nesin Mathew's session on gender science explored the neurobiology of behaviour, encouraging informed dialogue.

An Indian Sign Language workshop fostered accessibility and empathy through basic communication skills. The student-led Athena's Arc carnival further advanced sustainability by raising funds for social causes, demonstrating collective action aligned with SDG 1 and SDG 17.

BANNERGHATTA CAMPUS



Sustainability Week at **CHRIST University, Bannerghatta Road Campus** featured academic, creative, and outreach initiatives aligned with SDG 5, promoting gender equality and inclusivity. A workshop by Nancy Angeline Gnanaselvam, assisted by Jahnvi Samajpati, addressed gender-based violence through media analysis and discussions on stereotypes and structural inequalities. Jais Merlin P Augustine's session highlighted the shift from equality to equity, focusing on systemic barriers. Campaigns like Voices Against Violence and a sustainable menstruation drive promoted awareness, reduced stigma, and supported communities. A session by Shubha Chacko encouraged reflection on everyday gender bias. Creative initiatives, including Charitra Ka Chitra and Gender Myth Busters, used performance and activities to challenge stereotypes.

YESHWANTHPUR CAMPUS



At **CHRIST University, Yeshwanthpur Campus**, Sustainability Week initiatives by the Department of Mathematics SDG Cell focused on gender equality through academic discussion and reflective learning aligned with SDG 5.

A screening of English Vinglish explored themes of self-respect, empowerment, and breaking stereotypes. Sessions emphasised recognising unpaid labour, building confidence, and fostering inclusive environments.

The debate *Voices of Equality*, judged by Sajitha, examined unpaid women's labour and its economic impact, linking it to GDP, financial independence, and policy recognition. Through structured discussions, participants analysed wage gaps, time poverty, and social norms, encouraging critical thinking and equitable solutions.

PUNE LAVASA CAMPUS



At **CHRIST University, Pune Lavasa Campus**, Sustainability Week combined academic learning with practical awareness, focusing on gender equity, legal literacy, and inclusive development aligned with SDG 5.

Cinema & Conversations, organised by the Department of Statistics and Data Science, featured Pagglait, exploring gender roles, women's agency, and socio-economic inequalities through discussions linked to Gender Economics. The student-led initiative connected theory with real-world issues like unpaid care work and social conditioning, fostering reflective learning.

A POSH training session by Sanjay Satyanarayanan Bang, supported by Shubhi Thakur, provided insights into workplace rights, complaint mechanisms, and legal frameworks. Case-based discussions further strengthened understanding of the POSH Act and institutional responsibility.

DELHI NCR CAMPUS



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Sustainability Week 2026

Panel Discussion

Theme: Bridging the gender gap promoting equal opportunity in education, employment and leadership.

10:30 - 11:45 am | 12th March 2026

Dr. Ambrish Saxena
Professor, School of Social Sciences,
South Asian University

Dr. Rita Manchanda
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SUSTAINABILITY WEEK 2026
INTERNATIONAL
EXPERT TALK

ON

Threat Hunting using Wireshark

Dr. Mohammad M. Alani
Professor
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT-Dubai)

13 March, 2026 | 10:15 AM-11:45 AM | Lab A, 1st Floor, A Block

At **CHRIST University, Delhi NCR Campus**, Sustainability Week integrated technology, law, and psychology to explore gender equality through academic and student-led initiatives aligned with SDG 5.

An international expert talk by Mohammad M. Alani (RIT Dubai) on Threat Hunting using Wireshark highlighted cybersecurity and digital responsibility in creating safe, inclusive spaces.

The student-led panel Rethinking Consent, organised by the Department of Psychology with the School of Law and SDG Cell, examined consent through legal and psychological perspectives in India, encouraging discussions on agency, rights, and lived experiences.

VALEDICTORY OF SUSTAINABILITY WEEK



The Valedictory Ceremony of the SDG Cell - UNAI SDG 5 Hub Chair at CHRIST (Deemed to be University) marked the conclusion of a year of initiatives focused on advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 5 - Gender Equality. The event reflected on the collaborative efforts of faculty, students, and departments in promoting sustainability, leadership, and gender equality within the university.

The ceremony featured insights from David, Founder of E-cure, along with the continued guidance of Dr. Leena James, UNAI SDG 5 Hub Chair. Core Committee members were recognised with certificates for their dedication, and Vanya Singh was awarded Best Outgoing Student of the Year for her outstanding contribution. The event highlighted the importance of continued collaboration and leadership in advancing sustainable and inclusive initiatives.

THE WAY FORWARD



To institutionalise the impact of Sustainability Week 2026, the following initiatives are proposed:

- Advanced SDG policy workshops.
- Interdisciplinary gender metrics research projects.
- ESG and grassroots sustainability data initiatives.
- Ethical AI governance training modules.
- Structured industry-academia sustainability partnerships.
- Annual SDG Leadership Conclave expansion.

CONCLUDING NOTE



The SDG Leadership Forum reaffirmed that sustainability cannot remain performative and gender equality cannot remain symbolic. Transformation demands measurable accountability, ethical governance, inclusive economic recognition, and structural reform across institutions.

Sustainability Week 2026 has positioned CHRIST (Deemed to be University) as a leading academic voice in transformative SDG discourse - moving decisively from conversation to conscious institutional change.






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Leadership Forum

 09:45 am - 11:45 am
  16th February 2026

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Empire Hotel Chain | 
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Founder, Youmanize | 
Brinda Adige
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