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## SDG-13

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

*Protecting Our Planet,  
Preserving Our Future*



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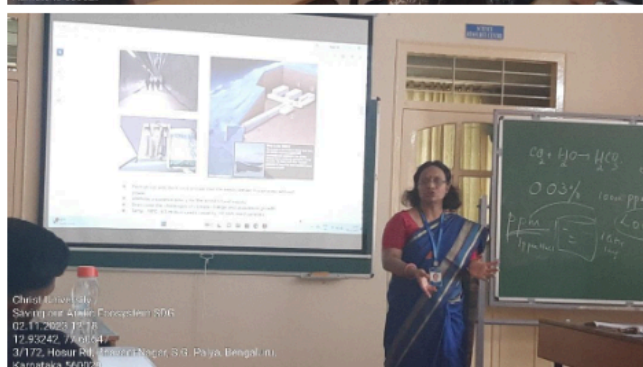
## **Saving the Arctic Ecosystem** **2 November, 2023**

**Venue: Room 734, II Floor, SOE**

**No. of Participants: 31**

The School of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Life Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised a guest lecture titled “*Saving the Arctic Ecosystem*” on November 2, 2023, led by Dr Suma Sarojini, Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences. The session aimed to raise awareness among pre-service teachers about the fragile Arctic environment and its vital role in regulating the Earth’s climate. Through an engaging presentation supported by visuals and data, Dr Suma discussed the alarming effects of melting ice caps, rising sea levels, and permafrost thawing, emphasising their impact on global biodiversity and human health.

The lecture also explored how resource extraction and commercial activities disrupt the Arctic’s ecological balance, leading to habitat loss and species endangerment. Participants learned about global climate repercussions, including the flooding of Norway’s seed vault and the decline of the Great Barrier Reef. The session concluded with a reflection on the role of educators in promoting environmental awareness through classroom teaching and community projects. By fostering knowledge, empathy, and responsibility, the initiative contributed to the global goal of climate action and inspired future teachers to view sustainability as a core life value and professional commitment.



**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
In association with  
Department of Life Sciences  
presents  
**Guest Lecture**  
on

**SAVING THE ARCTIC ECOSYSTEM**  
**SDG 13, 14 and 15**

**THURSDAY**  
02 November 2023

**TIME**  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**VENUE**  
School of Education,  
Room 734

**Speaker**  
**Dr. Suma Sarojini**  
Associate Professor  
Department of Life Sciences  
CHRIST (Deemed to be University)

Faculty Coordinators: Dr Prakasha G S and Dr Anita Rao Mysore



### Climate action workshop

11 January, 2024

**Venue: Christ University**

**No. of Participants: 24**

The Climate Action Workshop held at CHRIST (Deemed to be University) on 10 January 2024 aligned with SDG 13 Climate Action, aimed to raise awareness about the climate crisis and inspire youth-led environmental responsibility. The session, facilitated by Neha Jain, a student from Delhi University, combined storytelling, creativity, and dialogue to engage participants meaningfully. Through interactive storytelling, participants explored the impacts of climate change, shared personal experiences from their hometowns, and created storyboards expressing their perspectives and potential solutions. The workshop fostered a sense of community, encouraging students to become proactive climate leaders while emphasising collective responsibility toward sustainability. The event concluded with reflective discussions and feedback, leaving students motivated to incorporate climate-conscious practices in their daily lives and contribute to future environmental initiatives on campus.



## **Conservation of Wetlands: Ecosystem-based Adaptation of Climate Change**

**13 December, 2023**

**Venue:** Department of English and Cultural Studies, School of Arts and Humanities, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)

**No. of Participants:** 45

The Department of English and Cultural Studies, in collaboration with the Ecological Diversity Cell of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised a guest lecture titled “Conservation of Wetlands: Ecosystem-based Adaptation of Climate Change” on 13 December 2023, aligning with SDG 13 Climate Action. The session was led by Dr Ramachandra, Professor at the Indian Institute of Science, who delivered an insightful talk on the vital role of wetlands in mitigating the effects of climate change and promoting sustainable ecosystems. The lecture explored the interconnection between aquatic ecology, waste management, and socio-economic factors influencing environmental sustainability. Dr Ramachandra emphasised integrated solid waste management strategies as key to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving sustainable urban living. Students and faculty gained valuable insights into ecosystem-based climate adaptation and the importance of informed environmental policies. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, fostering deeper understanding and commitment toward conservation and climate action initiatives within the academic community.

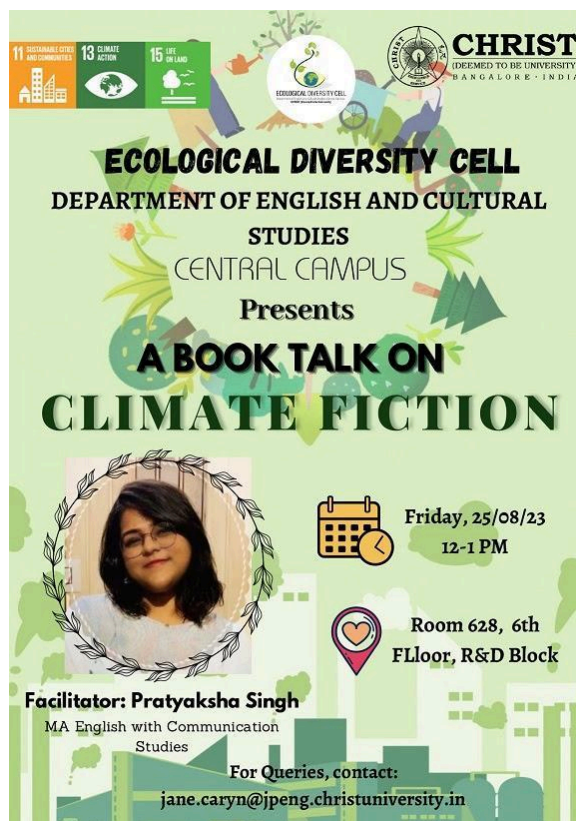




## **Book talk on Climate Fiction** **25 August, 2023**

**Venue: R&D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)**  
**No. of Participants: 20-30**

The Department of English and Cultural Studies, in collaboration with the Ecological Diversity Cell of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised a Book Talk on Climate Fiction on August 25, 2023, at the R&D Block, aligning with SDG 13 Climate Action. The session was led by Pratyaksha Singh, a student of MA English with Communication Studies, who explored *Climate Fiction* as a genre that bridges science fiction, realism, and environmental consciousness. The discussion centred on *Polar City Red* by Jim Laughter and *The Ministry for the Future* by Kim Stanley Robinson, emphasising their portrayal of ecological crises and human resilience. The talk also introduced participants to eco-feminism and the concept of nine planetary boundaries, urging reflection on humanity's role in environmental degradation. Through engaging dialogue and critical insights, the event highlighted how literature can serve as a powerful tool to raise climate awareness and inspire sustainable action.

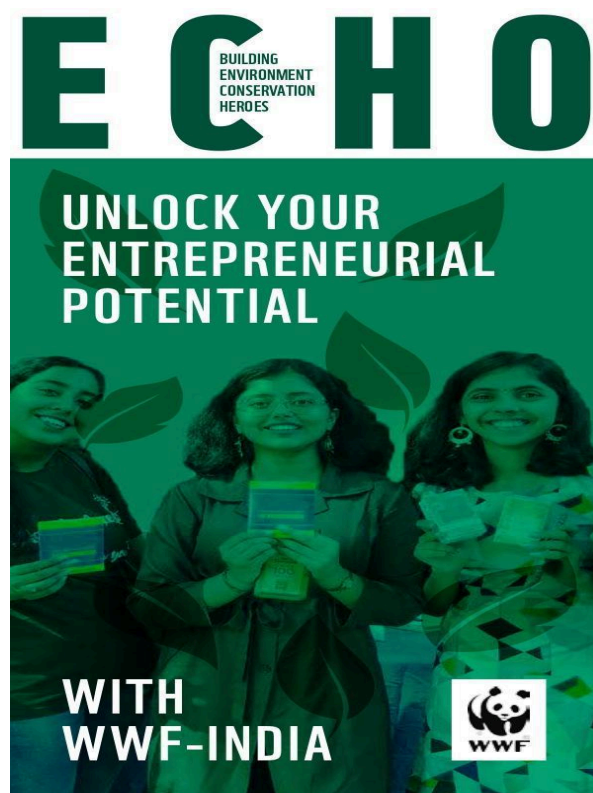


### Boot Camp for ECHO 2023 22-23 September, 2023

**Venue: R&D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)**

**No. of Participants: 20-30**

The Ecological Diversity Cell of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), in collaboration with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), organised a two-day Boot Camp for ECHO 2023 on September 22–23, 2023, to align with SDG 13 Climate Action. The Bootcamp brought together students from various disciplines and institutions to explore innovative approaches to sustainability and climate resilience. The sessions featured experts such as Dr Saji Varghese and Dr Padmakumar from CHRIST University, along with Neeti and Vidya from Azim Premji University, who guided participants through discussions on sustainable entrepreneurship, urban wildlife, and environmental innovation. Activities like the *Shark Tank* challenge and interactive group sessions fostered creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. Participants gained practical insights into developing eco-friendly business models and actionable strategies for environmental sustainability. The event concluded with an inspiring address by Dr Varghese, motivating students to transform their ideas into impactful green initiatives and continue contributing to the global climate action movement.





### Pahal 29 September, 2023

**Venue: Composite School, Nai Basti**  
**No. of Participants: 27**

The Avani Club, Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Centre for Social Action (CSA), observed *World Environment Health Day* on September 26, 2023, by organising an extension activity at the Composite School, Nai Basti. The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental health among children through interactive and educational activities. Club volunteers conducted a compost workshop, quizzes, hand painting, and a cleanliness drive to promote hygiene and eco-friendly practices. Additionally, hygiene kits containing toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap were distributed to encourage personal cleanliness. As part of the donation drive “*Upahaar*,” gifts and essential items were donated to Anganwadi children, fostering a spirit of care and community support. The initiative successfully combined learning with action, inspiring young participants to adopt sustainable habits and emphasising the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment for overall well-being.



The poster is green with white and yellow text. It features logos for CSA (Centre for Social Action), AVANI, and CHRIST (Deemed to be University). The text reads: **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**, **School of Social Sciences**, **CHRIST (Deemed to be University)**, **Delhi NCR Campus**, **Avani Club** in collaboration with **Center for social action (CSA)**. It *Presents* **PAHAL (WORLD ENVIRONMENT HEALTH DAY)**, **FOCUSING ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 13 & 3**. Under **ACTIVITIES** are: **• HYGIENE KITS**, **• COMPOST WORKSHOP**, **• QUIZ ON COMPOST**, **• FACE AND HAND PAINTING**. Under **SCHEDULE** are: **TIME : 9:30AM-12:30PM**, **DATE : 26 SEPTEMBER 2023**, **VENUE : COMPOSITE SCHOOL NAI BASTI**. At the bottom are social media handles and the slogan **EMBRACE GREEN ECONOMY**.

## **Environmental Law Orientation Session: Economic Analysis of Environmental Impact Assessment**

**09 February, 2023**

**Venue: Room no. 505, Central Block, Christ ( Deemed to be University), Central Campus**

**No. of Participants: 40**

The School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, conducted a seminar titled “*Environmental Law Orientation Session: Economic Analysis of Environmental Impact Assessment*” at Room No. 505, Central Block, Central Campus. The session was delivered by Mr Karthik Bansal, Research Analyst at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress, and aimed to provide an overview of the economic aspects involved in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The talk emphasised the significance of integrating economic principles with environmental policies to ensure sustainable and equitable development. Participants gained insights into cost-benefit analysis, the role of market failures, and the importance of balancing economic growth with ecological well-being. The session enhanced understanding of how policymakers and organisations can make informed decisions that promote both environmental preservation and financial sustainability. The School of Law plans to conduct more such interactive sessions to raise awareness of pressing environmental and economic issues in the future.



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*Environmental Law Studies and Orientation Programme*

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*"Economic Analysis of Environmental Impact Assessment"*

**Mr. Karthik Bansal**  
Research Analyst at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress

**Date: 9 February 2024**  
**Timing: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**  
**Venue: Room 505**

**Conveners**  
Pawan SS and Nis Susan Chaly

**Faculty Coordinators**  
Dr. Vidya Ann Jacob  
Dr. Manjeri Subin Sunder Raj

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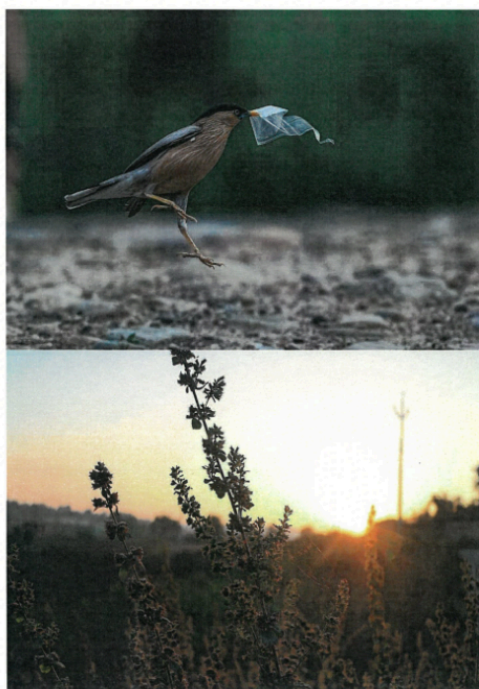
## **World Environment Day Photography Competition** **05 June, 2023**

**Venue: Online**

**No. of Participants: 17**

The School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, organised an online World Environment Day Photography Competition on June 5, 2023, aligning with the global theme “*Beat Plastic Pollution.*” The event, conducted by the Environmental Law Studies Orientation and Program Committee, aimed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of plastic waste through visual storytelling. Students from various disciplines participated enthusiastically, submitting over 17 high-quality photographs that creatively highlighted the environmental impact of plastic pollution. The competition encouraged participants to reflect on sustainable practices and fostered a sense of responsibility toward environmental protection. The winning entries were announced and featured on social media on August 3, 2023, showcasing the students’ artistic expression and commitment to advocating for a cleaner, plastic-free planet.

Photos of the Activity

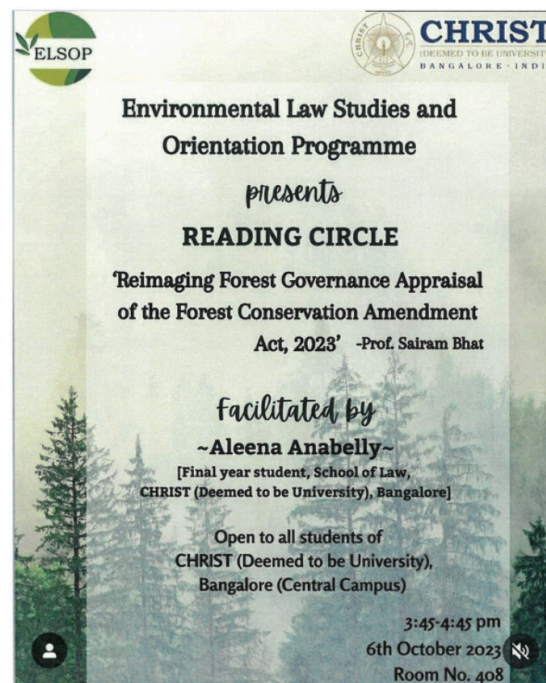


## **Reimagining Forest Governance: Appraisal of the Forest Conservation Amendment Act 2023**

**06 October, 2023**

**Venue: Room 408, 4th floor, Central Block**  
**No. of Participants: 11**

The School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), conducted a Reading Circle and Discussion Forum on “*Reimagining Forest Governance: Appraisal of the Forest Conservation Amendment Act 2023*” on 6th October 2023, Central Block. The session focused on analysing the benefits and drawbacks of the amendment and its implications for forest preservation, guided by an article by Prof. Sairam Bhat. Participants engaged in an in-depth discussion on the balance between forest conservation and economic development, debating key issues such as the categorisation of forests, national security exemptions, and the act’s definitional scope. The facilitator presented discussion points that encouraged critical thinking and dialogue among the participants, leading to a collective consensus on the need for equitable and environmentally sound governance. The event successfully fostered awareness of the evolving landscape of forest conservation policies and the importance of sustainable environmental management.



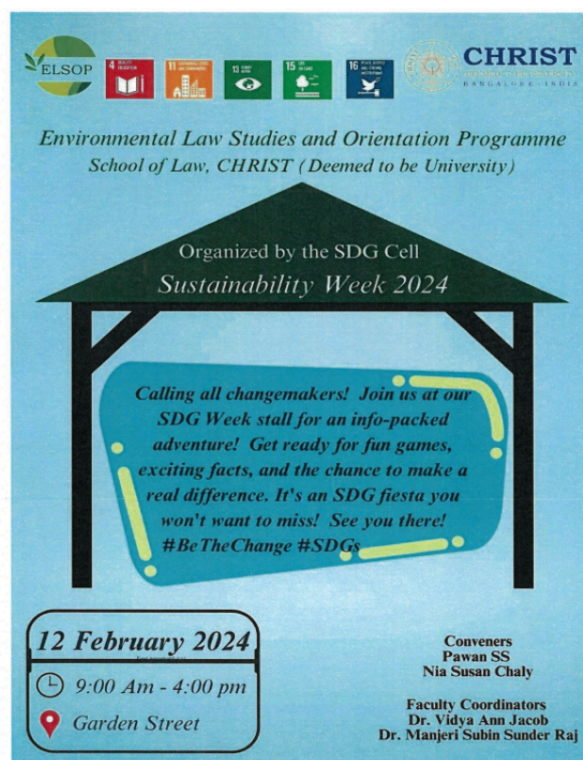


### SDG Week Stall 12 February, 2024

**Venue:** Garden Street, Central Campus

**No. of Participants:** around 170

The SDG Week Stall, organised by the SDG Cell, School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, was held on 12th February 2024 at Garden Street, Central Campus, from 9 AM to 4 PM. The exhibition stall featured posters, charts, and interactive games such as 'Myth or Fact' and 'Segregate the Waste', encouraging visitors to engage in sustainability-focused activities. Participants also shared their thoughts on environmental issues and contributed to a creative thumbprint tree, symbolising collective responsibility toward sustainability. The initiative aimed to promote awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly focusing on environmental protection and community engagement. Faculty and students actively participated, fostering meaningful discussions on sustainable practices and critical thinking on topics like waste management. Overall, the event successfully educated visitors about sustainability, inspired eco-friendly behaviour, and strengthened the collective commitment toward building a greener, more sustainable future.





## Masterclass on podcasting 9 October, 2024

**Venue: Council room, Central Block**

**No. of Participants: 20+**


The Ecological Diversity Cell of the Department of English and Cultural Studies, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised a Masterclass on Podcasting on 9 October 2023 in the Council Room, Central Block. The session was led by Ms Rupa Rasagna, an alumnus of B.A. JP Eng and founder of the sustainability podcast *Mission Planet A*. Attended by students from B.A. CEP and volunteers of the Cell, the masterclass focused on integrating sustainability with creative communication through podcasting. Ms Rupa shared her personal journey into podcasting, inspired by her eco-anxiety and passion for environmental storytelling. She discussed strategies for producing engaging, solution-oriented content on climate issues while maintaining consistency and avoiding burnout. The interactive session provided valuable insights into sustainable storytelling, podcast structure, audience engagement, and balancing creativity with responsibility. Overall, the event successfully encouraged students to explore podcasting as a medium for climate communication and environmental awareness.







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**Master class on podcasting**

**Ms Rupa Rasagna**  
Founder of  
**Mission planet A**




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**October 9, 2023**  
**Timings: 12-1pm**  
**Venue- council room,**  
**Ground floor, Central**  
**block**

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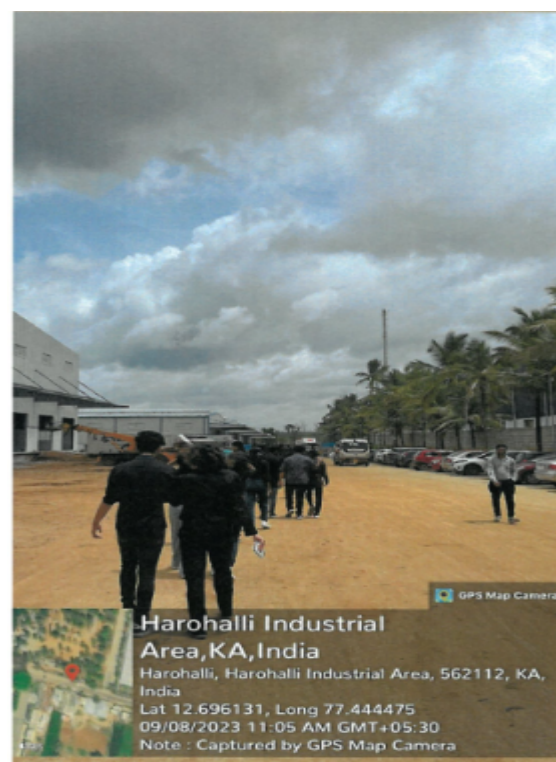
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## **Industrial visit to StoveKraft** **8 September, 2023**

**Venue: Stovekraft**

**No. of Participants: 67**

The Management Studies Committee of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, organised an industrial visit to StoveKraft on 8th September 2023 for 2nd-year BBA LLB students. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to corporate functioning and the real-world application of management principles. During the visit, students gained valuable insights into how effective management strategies—such as division of work, unity of command, and coordination—are implemented to enhance productivity and efficiency. The session offered a multifaceted learning experience covering corporate culture, technology, and social responsibility. The interaction with professionals helped students understand how theoretical concepts align with business operations. Overall, the visit was an enriching experience that deepened the participants' understanding of organisational behaviour, teamwork, and management fundamentals within a corporate setting.



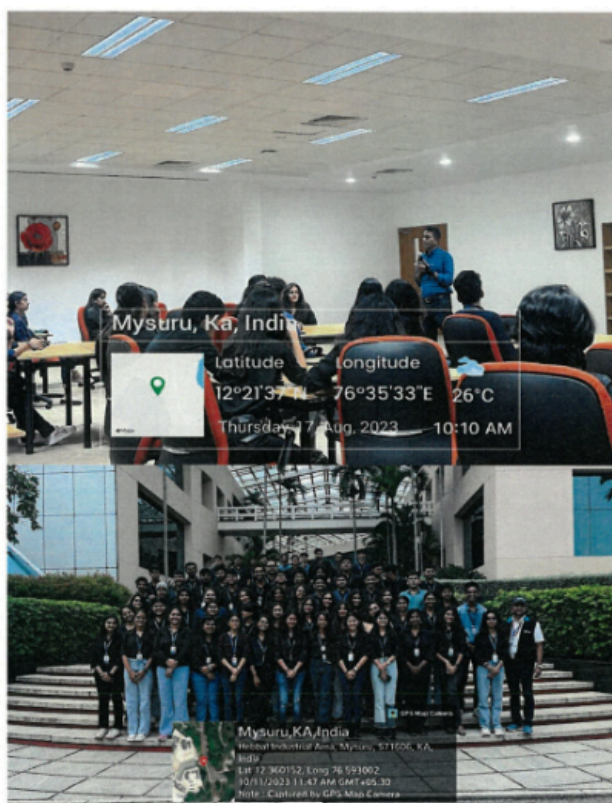


## **Industrial visit to Infosys** **11 September, 2023**

**Venue: Infosys, Mysore**

**No. of Participants: 65**

The Management Studies Committee of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, organised an industrial visit to Infosys, Mysore, on 11th September 2023 for 2nd-year BBA LLB students. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the corporate environment and the application of management principles in a large-scale IT organisation. During the visit, students observed how effective management practices—such as division of work, unity of command, and coordination contribute to organisational efficiency and team productivity. The session also provided insights into the company's structure, corporate culture, and adherence to global business standards. Overall, the visit enriched students' understanding of organisational operations, management fundamentals, and the implementation of theoretical concepts in a real-world corporate setting, offering valuable exposure to the workings of a global technology leader.





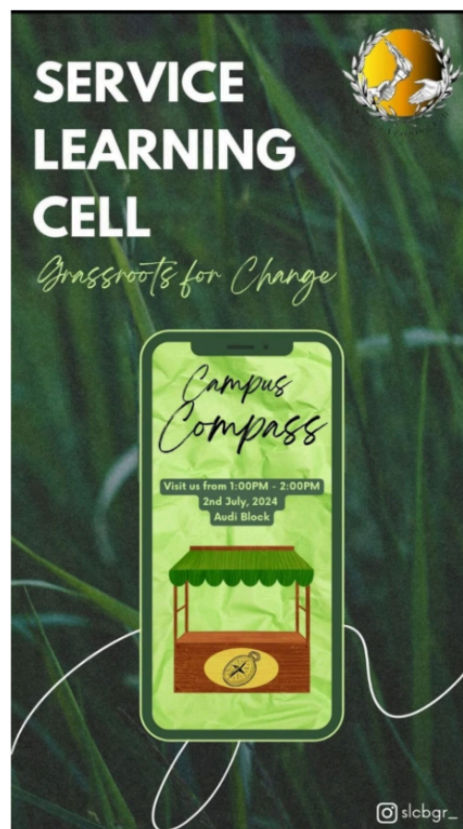
## **SDG CELL Psychology Stall**

**02 July, 2023**

**Venue: Academic Block entrance**

**No. of Participants: 50**

The Department of Psychology, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised the SDG Cell Psychology Stall on 2 July 2024, at the Academic Block Entrance, in collaboration with the Psychology Association. The stall served as an engaging information and registration booth, aimed at introducing students to the initiatives of the SDG Cell. Volunteers provided details about past projects, including sessions on veganism, sloth bear food drives, and collaborations with Wildlife SOS, while also highlighting upcoming activities. To attract participation, interactive games such as riddles and “throw the ball” challenges were organised, with small prizes for winners. These activities not only entertained but also sparked curiosity and enthusiasm among attendees. The event successfully increased student awareness about the SDG Cell’s mission and inspired several new registrations, fostering a sense of community involvement and sustainability awareness across departments.



### DG Environmental Film Festival with ALT EFF 2024 02 - 03 December, 2023

**Venue: Mini Auditorium**

**No. of Participants: 150**

The Department of English and Cultural Studies, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road Campus, organised the SDG Environmental Film Festival in collaboration with All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF) and Jhatkaa.org on 2nd and 3rd December 2024 in the Mini Auditorium. The two-day event aimed to raise awareness about SDG 13: Climate Action through the screening of seven impactful documentaries addressing themes such as pollution, tribal rights, plastic consumption, biodiversity, and sustainability. The festival featured panel discussions, open-mic interactions, and a special talk by Ms. Divya Narayanan, Executive Director of Jhatkaa.org, who spoke on community campaigning and environmental activism. The films—Wild Summon, Plastic People, The Burning Forest, and others provoked insightful discussions on ecology, identity, and environmental justice. The event successfully fostered student engagement, encouraged ecological consciousness, and inspired reflection on the intersection of environment, culture, and social responsibility.



## **Film Screening Of Dune Part 2** **09 October, 2024**

**Venue: Room 507, Multipurpose Room**  
**No. of Participants: 27**

The Department of English and Cultural Studies, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, in association with the SDG Cell and 24FPS, organised a Film Screening of Dune: Part Two (2024) on 9th October 2024 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Room 507, Multipurpose Hall. The event was part of the Science Fiction and Fantasy course for 3 MAECS students and aimed to explore the ecological and philosophical dimensions of speculative fiction. The screening encouraged students to analyse the film's ecocritical aspects in connection with SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). The discussion focused on the film's depiction of environmental degradation, survival politics, and the interplay between technology and nature. The activity successfully bridged cinematic and literary perspectives, deepening students' understanding of how science fiction reflects real-world environmental and socio-political concerns.



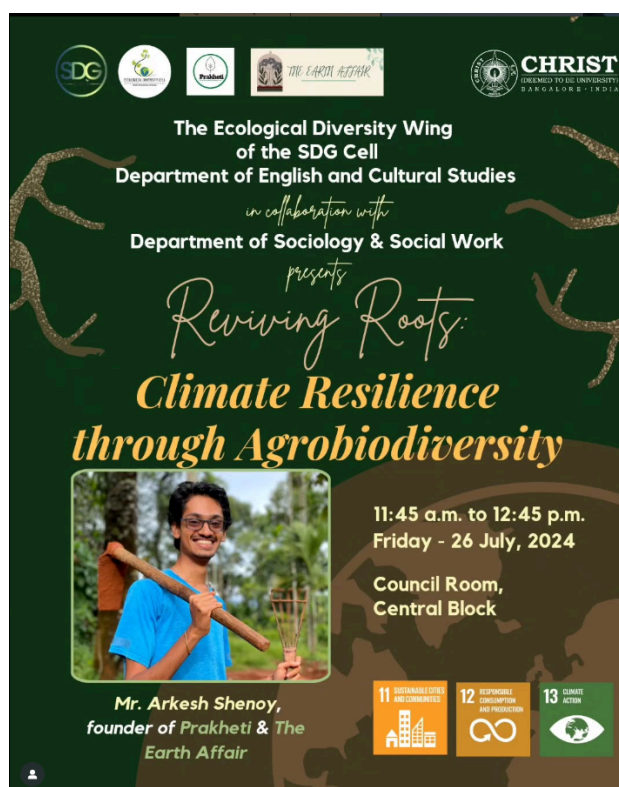
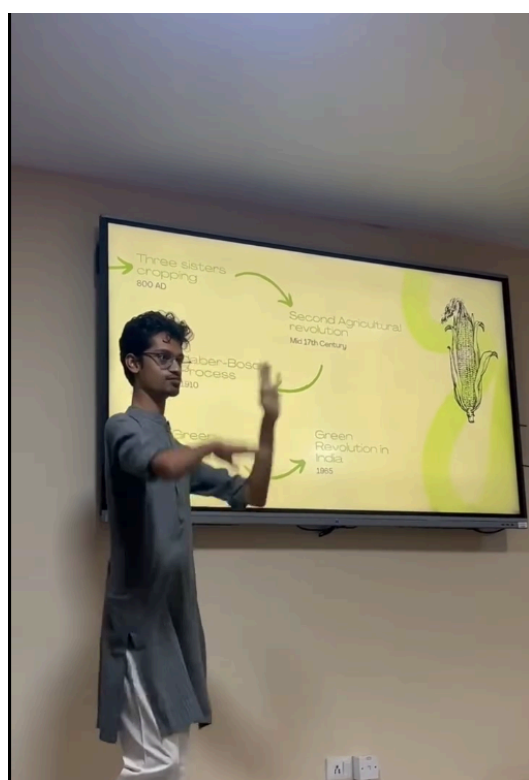


### Inauguration Of Ecological Diversity Club 26 July, 2024

**Venue: Council room, Central Block**

**No. of Participants: 67**

The Department of English and Cultural Studies, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), inaugurated the Ecological Diversity Club (EDC) on 26th July 2024, in collaboration with Prakheti and Earth Affair, under the theme “Climate Resilience through Agrobiodiversity.” The event, held at the Council Room, Central Block, featured a guest lecture by Mr Arkesh Shenoy, Agro-biologist and co-founder of Prakheti Agrologics, who emphasised the importance of conserving native and heirloom crop varieties for climate sustainability. He discussed the historical evolution of agriculture, the impact of the Green Revolution on genetic diversity, and the urgent need to restore agrobiodiversity to ensure food security and ecological balance. The core committee for 2024–25 was also announced during the event. The session encouraged students to engage in sustainable practices and highlighted how agrobiodiversity can build resilience against climate change while promoting healthier, environmentally responsible food systems.

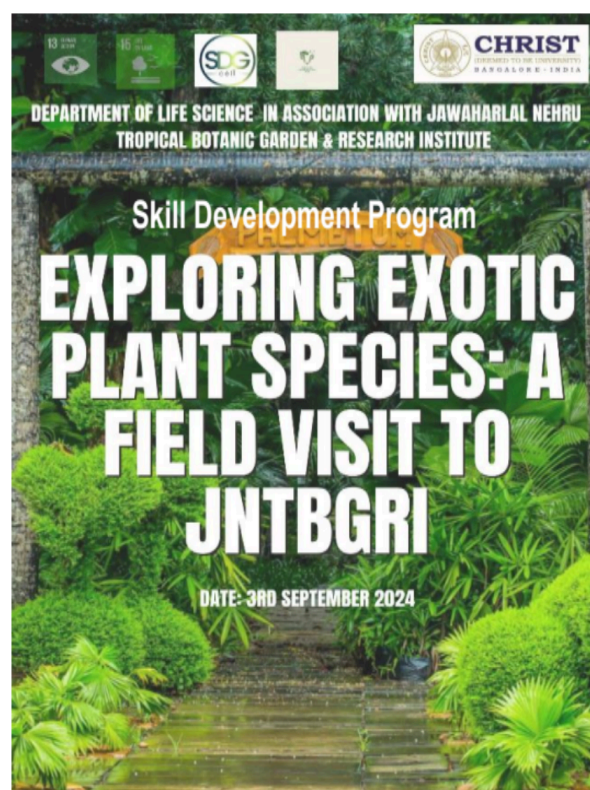


## **Exploring Exotic Plant Species: A Field Visit to Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute**

**3 September, 2024**

**Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute**  
**No. of Participants: 20**

The Department of Life Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised a Skill Development Program titled “Exploring Exotic Plant Species” on 3rd September 2024 in collaboration with the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI), Palode, Kerala. The field visit, part of the department’s MOU with JNTBGRI, aimed to provide third-year M.Sc. Botany students with practical exposure to tropical flora and their ecological roles. Students explored the garden’s diverse collection of over 1,500 plant species, including rare and endemic varieties such as *Gluta travencorica* and *Rauvolfia serpentina*. The visit also included a guided tour of the herbarium, featuring more than 50,000 plant accessions. The session deepened students’ understanding of plant taxonomy, medicinal botany, and conservation challenges in the face of climate change, fostering a greater appreciation for biodiversity preservation and sustainable ecological practices.





## **How Capital Can Be Used to Solve Climate Challenges for India** **30 September, 2024**

**Venue: Mini Auditorium, CHRIST (Deemed to be University),  
Bannerghatta Road Campus, Bangalore**  
**No. of Participants: 148**

The Department of Economics, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road Campus, organised a Guest Lecture titled “How Capital Can be Used to Solve Climate Challenges for India” on 30th September 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM in the Mini Auditorium. The session was delivered by Mr Arun Raj, Head of Green Finance at Eximpe, who shared his journey from marketing to sustainability and discussed the vital role of green finance instruments such as green bonds, carbon credits, concessional loans, and equity financing in addressing India’s climate challenges. He highlighted how traditional economic models often overlook environmental externalities and emphasised the need for finance-driven climate solutions. The session encouraged students to integrate sustainability into their future professional pursuits, demonstrating how economic planning and financial strategies can be powerful tools in driving both environmental preservation and inclusive development.





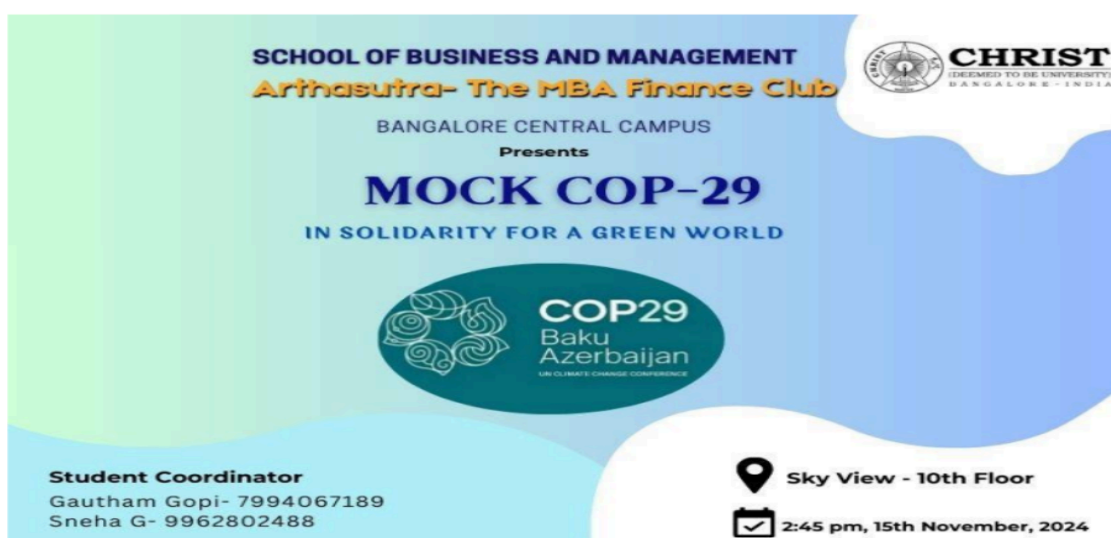
## **Mock COP - 29 in solidarity for a Green World**

**15 November, 2024**

**Venue: Skyview**

**No. of Participants: 150**

The Department of Management at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, organised a Mock COP-29 simulation on 15th November 2024 at Skyview, bringing together around 150 students to engage in discussions on global climate policies and sustainable development. Each group represented a different country, analysing their respective commitments and challenges in combating climate change. The participants examined outcomes from COP-26, particularly focusing on emission reduction goals and climate finance for developing nations. The simulation encouraged teamwork, negotiation, and analytical thinking, allowing students to understand the complexities of international climate diplomacy and the balance between economic growth and environmental sustainability. The activity fostered global awareness, critical reflection, and leadership in environmental governance, underscoring the significance of collective responsibility and international collaboration in achieving a greener and more resilient planet.



### Plantation drive in collaboration with “A Rocha India”

27 September, 2024

**Venue: Anekal Forest range, Bannerghatta**

**No. of Participants: 26**

The SDG Cell of the Department of Economics, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Yeshwanthpur Campus, organised a Plantation Drive on 27th September 2024 in collaboration with A Rocha India, with the support of the Karnataka Forest Department. Held at the Anekal Forest Range, Bannerghatta, the event aimed to promote biodiversity conservation and environmental awareness among students. Ms Amritha Nair, Project Manager at A Rocha, oriented the participants on wildlife protection, human-animal conflict, and sustainable restoration practices. Students planted around 200 saplings of banyan, jamun, rosewood, and bamboo, followed by an interactive reflection session on ecological responsibility. The drive emphasised hands-on environmental learning, aligning with SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). The initiative not only fostered ecological consciousness but also strengthened students' commitment to sustainable and community-centred environmental action.



*A snapshot of the nature walk at A Rocha India office*



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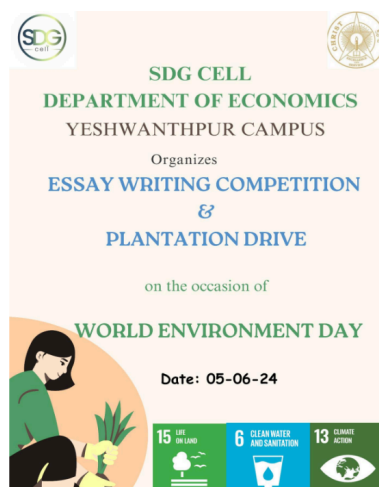
## Essay Writing Competition & Plantation Drive

5 June 2024

**Venue: Yeshwanthpur campus, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore**

**No. of Participants: 6**

The Environment Day event at Christ University, Yeshwanthpur Campus, coordinated by the SDG Cell of the Department of Economics, was centred around the theme “Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience.” The objective of the event was to promote environmental awareness and encourage students to actively participate in sustainability practices. The program featured two key activities: a plantation drive and an essay writing competition. The essay competition provided students with an opportunity to reflect on the critical importance of restoring degraded land, preventing desertification, and enhancing resilience against drought. This activity encouraged students to think critically about environmental challenges and the need for sustainable solutions. The plantation drive enabled students to engage in hands-on environmental action by planting saplings within the campus premises. Participants also maintained records of the growth of the plants they planted, fostering a sense of responsibility and long-term care for the environment. Through this initiative, students experienced the practical aspect of ecological restoration and the value of nurturing green spaces. The event concluded with a shared recognition of the university community’s commitment to environmental stewardship. Overall, the program reinforced the importance of sustainability and highlighted the role of educational institutions in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



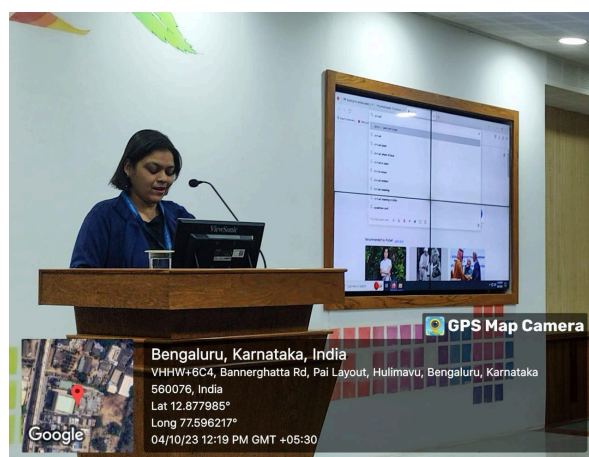


## **EcoSpective Insights - Introduction to Ecological Discourses** **4 October, 2024**

**Venue:** Seminar hall, first floor, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road Campus, Bengaluru

**No. of Participants:** 83

The Department of English and Cultural Studies, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road Campus, organised a Pre-Vachana Talk titled “*EcoSpective Insights: Introduction to Ecological Discourses*” on October 4, 2023, at the Seminar Hall, aligning with SDG 13 – Climate Action. Delivered by Professor Meghana Mudaliar, Associate Professor at CHRIST University, the session introduced students to the field of *Environmental Humanities*, emphasising its interdisciplinary nature, connecting literature, culture, and ecology. Drawing from her academic experience, Dr Mudaliar discussed key concepts such as *Queer Ecologies* and *Sustainable Happiness*, integrating literary and visual texts like *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn, *The Great Derangement* by Amitav Ghosh, and excerpts from *Brokeback Mountain*. The talk also highlighted eco-feminism, intersectionality, and the pedagogical potential of environmental discourse in higher education. Encouraging students to critically engage with ecological narratives, Dr Mudaliar inspired them to view environmental issues through humanistic, cultural, and ethical lenses. The session concluded with a proposal from the core committee to screen one of the recommended visual texts for further learning and reflection.



## **2024 Year of Climate Action**

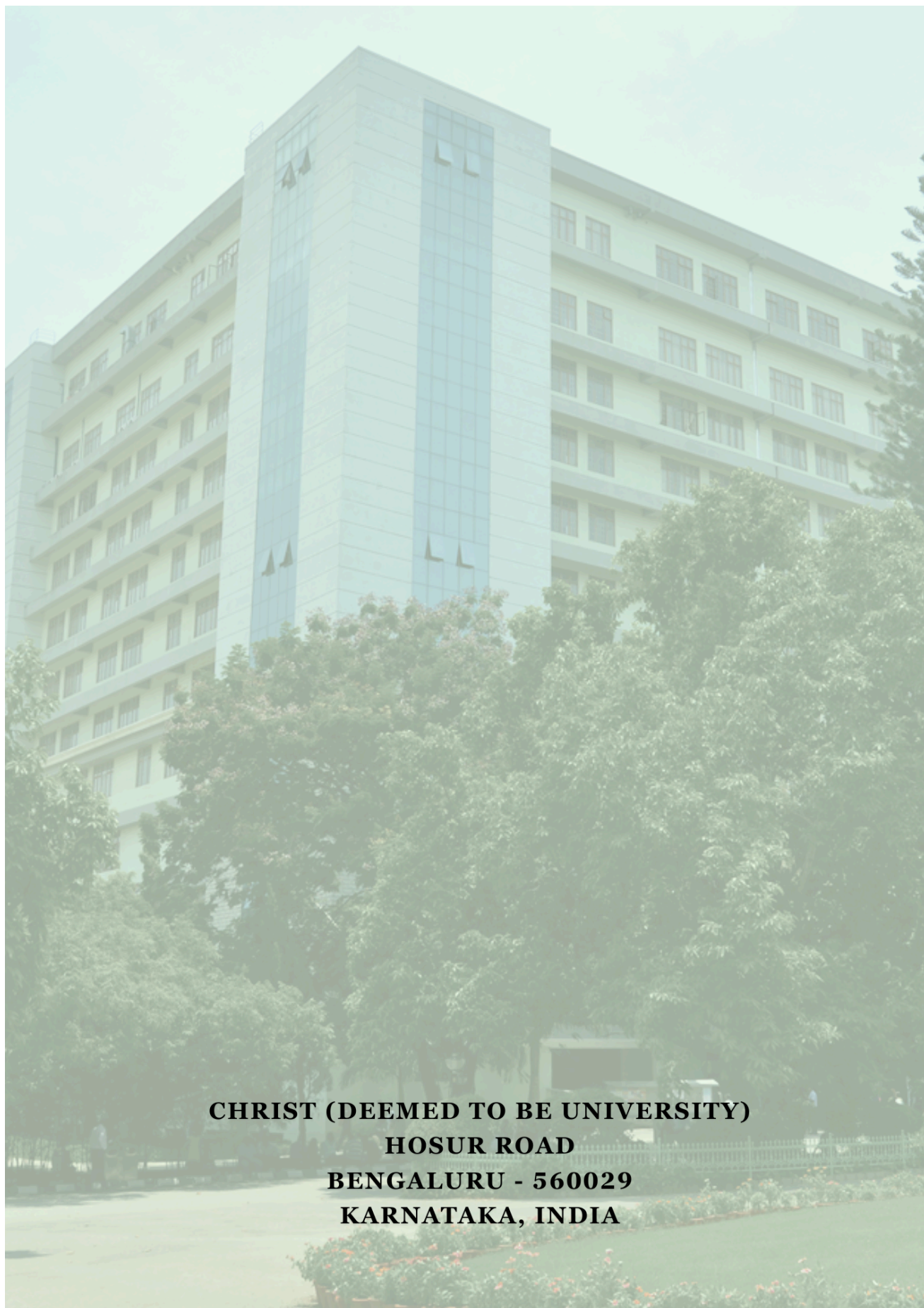
### **2024**

**Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Central Campus, Bangalore, India.**  
**CCA Office: Cabin No. 20, Block 3, Central Campus**

The *Christites for Climate Action (CCA)* is a student-led movement initiated by Rev. Fr. Dr Jose C.C., Vice Chancellor of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore. Guided by the vision of fostering harmony between humanity and nature, CCA focuses on raising awareness and encouraging sustainable practices aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action. Through a series of impactful initiatives such as *plogging treks*, *tree plantation drives*, and *seed distribution campaigns*, the organisation actively promotes environmental conservation. Notably, its *Menstrual Sustainability Week* combined creative awareness with traditional dance to advocate for sustainable menstrual products and women's health. Students and alumni testimonials highlight CCA as a transformative platform that nurtures leadership, responsibility, and environmental consciousness. By engaging communities within and beyond the university, CCA continues to inspire proactive action towards combating climate change and building a sustainable future. The movement stands as a model of how collective student energy can bring about tangible ecological and social impact.







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