



# CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION SDG-6

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# Community living camp 11 March, 2023

**Venue:** Lakshmisagar Village, Yeldur Hobli, Srinivaspura Taluk, Kolar District, Karnataka **No. of Participants:** 97

The School of Education, in collaboration with the Centre for Social Action (CSA) of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised a community engagement program on Water Conservation on 11 March 2023 at Lakshmisagar Village, Yeldur Hobli, Srinivaspura Taluk, Kolar District, Karnataka. The initiative raised awareness about the importance of clean water and sanitation among rural communities, and pre-service teachers participated by conducting a rally with handmade placards and slogans promoting water conservation and the need to protect freshwater sources. Street plays were performed to engage villagers and children, communicating the importance of conserving water and maintaining hygiene around common water sources. The students also took part in cleaning the surroundings near community water taps to demonstrate practical steps toward creating an eco-friendly environment. The program concluded with a discussion with members of the Gram Panchayat, where participants learned about local challenges in managing water resources, traditional and modern conservation strategies. The activity provided students with valuable insights into rural life and the shared responsibility of preserving natural resources. It fostered empathy, community engagement, and a deeper understanding of environmental stewardship. This initiative reinforced the role of education in promoting sustainable practices and responsible citizenship, thereby contributing to the broader global goal of ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.





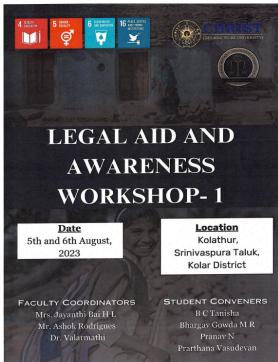
# Legal aids and awareness workshop 1 5 and 6 August, 2023

Venue: Kolathur Village, Srinivaspura Taluk, Kolar District

No. of Participants: 250

The rally conducted by students and volunteers on August 5, 2023, actively engaged villagers by spreading legal awareness through slogans and inviting them to the cultural and official programs. That evening, the students of Class 9 BA LLB A presented a dance performance, followed by two skits highlighting the NDPS Act and the Rights of Senior Citizens. On Day 2, final-year students conducted a village survey, with each group completing at least eight forms, covering a total of 80 households. The compiled findings were presented during the official program, graced by Justice Manu B.K. The report revealed that 135 villagers lacked birth certificates. In response, the Taluk Court Judge assured that the TSLA would assist in issuing them, provided there is follow-up by LAAC, SLCU. The camp proved highly beneficial, fostering community engagement, raising legal awareness, and enabling villagers to voice their concerns directly to judicial authorities.





# Legal aids and awareness workshop 2 19 and 20 August 2023

Venue: Gulgatta Village, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District

No. of Participants: 250

The rally and survey camp held on 19 August 2023 successfully combined community engagement with legal awareness. Students and volunteers spread awareness through slogans and invited villagers to cultural and official programs. The evening cultural event featured a dance by 9 BA LLB B students and two skits highlighting the NDPS Act and the Rights of Senior Citizens. The final year students completed the survey by visiting the houses in the village. They were divided into groups wherein each group filled at least 8 survey forms, taking the total number of houses surveyed to 80, which revealed that 135 residents lacked birth certificates. During the official program, Honourable Justice Mahadesh V and Principal Civil Judge Smt. Mamatha addressed the gathering and assured assistance from the Taluk Legal Services Authority to facilitate the issuance of birth certificates, promoting access to legal identity. The event fostered interaction between villagers and officials, empowering citizens and encouraging inclusivity.







# Legal aids and awareness workshop 3 2 and 3 September, 2023

Venue: Seegehalli Village, Turuvekere Taluk, Tumkur District

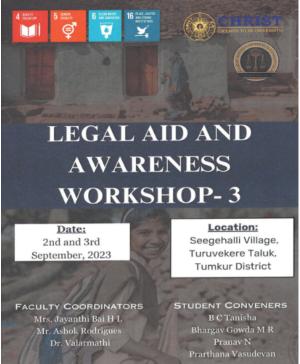
No. of Participants: 250

The rally conducted by the students and volunteers on 2 September 2023 helped engage with the villagers by spreading legal awareness through slogans and inviting them to the cultural and official programs. The cultural program held in the evening included a dance performance by the students of Class 9 BBA LLB A, followed by two skits presented by the students and committee volunteers on the NDPS Act and the Domestic Violence Act.

On the second day, the final-year students completed the survey by visiting households in the village. They were divided into groups, each completing at least 8 survey forms, bringing the total to 80 houses. The compiled group reports and overall findings were later presented during the official program. The official program, held as the concluding event, was a resounding success. Dignitaries (names to be inserted) attended and reviewed the survey report, which revealed that 135 villagers did not possess birth certificates. The Taluk Court Judge, Mr. Manu, assured support through TSLA for issuing these certificates, with follow-up by LAAC, SLCU. The camp enabled villagers to directly voice their concerns and strengthened community connection, legal awareness, and civic empowerment.







### Legal aids and awareness workshop 4 07 and 08 October, 2023

Venue: Talagunda Village, Sira Taluk, Tumkur District

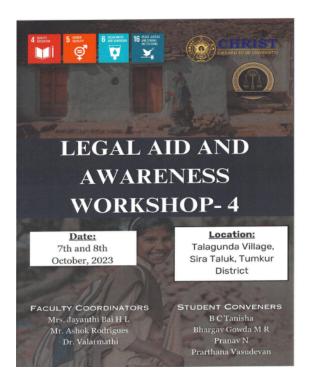
No. of Participants: 250

The rally conducted by the students and volunteers on 7 October 2023 engaged the villagers by spreading legal awareness through slogans and inviting them to the cultural and official programs. The cultural program held that evening featured a dance performance by the students of Class 9 BA LLB C, followed by two skits presented by students and committee volunteers on the NDPS Act and the Rights of Senior Citizens. These performances sensitised the audience to the consequences of disregarding these laws.

On the following day, the final-year students were divided into groups of around ten, accompanied by volunteers. They visited nearly 80 households in Talagunda village and successfully surveyed with the assistance of Kannada-speaking peers. The compiled survey findings were later presented in the official program. The official program, serving as the concluding event of the camp, was a resounding success. The presence of guests added significance. The survey report revealed that 197 villagers did not possess birth certificates. The Member Secretary of the Tumkur District Legal Services Authority, Ms Noorunnisa, assured that TSLA would facilitate issuance, subject to follow-up by the Legal Aid and Awareness Committee, SLCU. The workshop enabled villagers to voice concerns directly and offered students meaningful insight into rural realities.







# Legal aids and awareness workshop 5 13 January, 2024

Venue: Sankalagere Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramnagara District

No. of Participants: 250

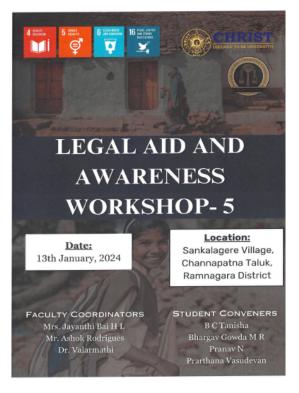
The Committee, along with the students, conducted a teaching program for the children of the village. A special session was held for female children on reproductive health and sanitation, followed by a joint session for all children on child abuse, the right to education, basic constitutional rights and duties, and the rights of senior citizens. After the teaching program, the final-year students were divided into groups of around 10, each accompanied by two volunteers. They visited approximately 74 households in the village of Sankalagere and successfully surveyed with the support of volunteers and Kannada-speaking students. The compiled survey data were later presented during the official program.

### Day 2:

The official program served as the concluding event and was a resounding success. The survey report revealed that 160 villagers did not possess birth certificates. The Monitoring Head, Mr Krishnappa, assured that the RSLA would facilitate issuing the certificates, subject to follow-up by LAAC, SLCU. The workshop enabled villagers to voice their concerns directly and provided students with meaningful insights into rural conditions. A cultural program followed in the evening, featuring a dance by Class 10 BBA LLB B students and two skits on the NDPS Act and the Rights of Senior Citizens.







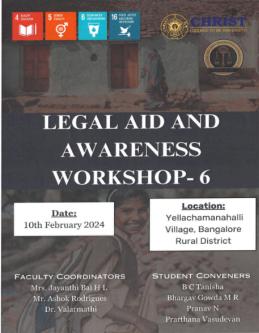
# Legal aids and awareness workshop 6 10 February, 2024

Venue: Yellachamanahalli Village, Bangalore Rural District

No. of Participants: 17

The Legal Aid Committee students visited the Yellacharnanahalli village, where the external legal aid clinic of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore's is present and successfully functioning. In light of the visit, the students of the committee completed the survey by visiting the houses in the village. They were divided into groups wherein each group filled at least 10 survey forms, taking the total number of houses surveyed to 80. A compilation of the survey forms for each group and the total compilation of all the survey forms was done and reported in the official program. Additionally, a teaching program was conducted by the students where the children from the village were educated on legal concepts like Constitutional Rights including Right to Education, etc. and for the girl children, concepts like "good and bad touch", safety, menstruation, etc. d. By addressing menstruation hygiene and sanitation practices, the program directly contributed to Sustainable Development Goal 6, which promotes access to clean water, sanitation, and hygienic living conditions.





# Legal aids and awareness workshop 7 16 and 17 March, 2024

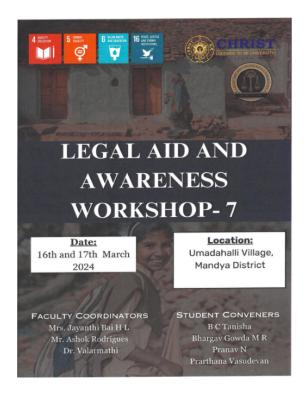
Venue: Umadahalli Village, Mandya District

No. of Participants: 250

Rally-The students participating in the rally are tasked with shouting legal awareness slogans in the regional language, Kannada. The students also display the workshop banner and handout brochures detailing the event, and the Official Program are handed out to the villagers. Cultural Program- The cultural program is an event in the workshop where the students of LLM can perform dances and, more importantly, legal awareness-oriented plays before an audience consisting of the villagers. The committee volunteers also perform plays. Teaching Program - The Teaching Program is conducted with children of the government school in the village where the workshop is conducted. We engage and interact with these children, educating them about basic legal and constitutional rights, good-touch bad-touch and menstruation awareness (for girl children). Both age and gender sensitisation are maintained, and it is ensured that the content is delivered in a respectful, age-appropriate, and culturally sensitive manner.







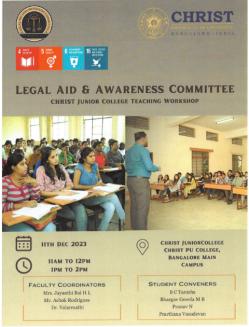
# CJC teaching workshop 11 December. 2023

Venue: Christ Residential PU College, Bangalore, Kengeri Campus

No. of Participants: 1700

The Student Volunteers and Committee members collaborated in pairs, forming teams assigned to individual classes for interactive engagement. The program was conducted for both I PU and II PU students of the residential campus, covering six classes across science, commerce, and arts streams. Post-pandemic, the committee expanded its teaching program to other campuses, and this was the first opportunity to engage with the residential campus students. Their interest and willingness to learn made the session meaningful and beneficial for the SLCU students as well. The legal concepts taught provided students with a foundational understanding of the rules governing everyday life. The Constitution of India, fundamental rights and duties, and the roles of the legislature, executive, and judiciary were broadly discussed. Additionally, procedures under the Motor Vehicles Act relating to registration, penalties, and the Good Samaritan law were explained. Offences concerning possession or consumption of illegal substances were addressed under the NDPS Act. The importance of public accountability was highlighted through the RTI Act, enabling citizens to question authorities and promote transparency. The Consumer Protection Act was also discussed, focusing on consumer rights and mechanisms for grievance redressal.





# Teaching workshop for housekeeping staff for Christ( Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus 16 January, 2024

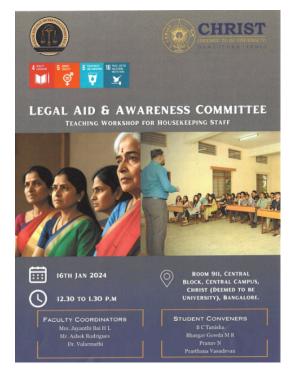
**Venue:** Room 911, Central Block, Central Campus, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore.

No. of Participants: 70

This session was organised by the Legal Aid and Awareness Committee to empower the housekeeping staff with essential legal knowledge, enabling them to become informed citizens aware of their rights. The session was facilitated by the faculty coordinator, Ms Jayanthi Bai H. L., who briefed the participants on rights affecting their workplace, family, and society. The session covered a range of legal concepts, especially women-centric legislations such as the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, and laws related to the prohibition of female foeticide. Participants were also made aware of the signs of domestic violence and available support mechanisms. Their rights under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, were highlighted, emphasising the importance of reporting incidents and fostering a safe and respectful work environment. Property rights were also discussed to broaden their understanding beyond workplace-related issues. The session was interactive, with the housekeeping staff actively asking questions and engaging throughout. This facilitated meaningful dialogue and strengthened their confidence in seeking support and asserting their rights. Overall, the initiative successfully encouraged awareness, empowerment, and shared responsibility within the workplace.







# Christ Junior College, teaching workshop 23 August, 2023

**Venue:** Christ Junior College, Christ PU College, Bangalore Main Campus

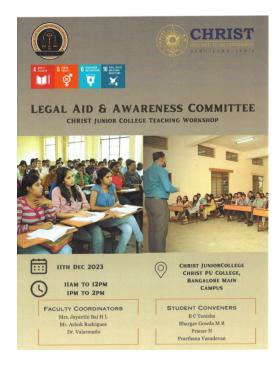
No. of Participants: 14,617

The student volunteers and Committee members were divided into pairs, with each pair assigned a class to conduct an interactive session. The program was held in two intervals—one for the morning college students and the other for the evening college students. A total of 16 classes from science, commerce, and arts were covered, including three evening college classes. This initiative marked the first time the committee actively engaged with the evening batch of PU students. Their sincere interest and participation made the session meaningful and offered a valuable learning experience for the SLCU students as well.

The legal concepts taught provided students with a foundational understanding of the rules governing everyday life. The Constitution of India, its fundamental rights and duties, and the roles of the legislature, executive, and judiciary were broadly discussed. Under the Motor Vehicles Act, procedures relating to registration, penalties, and the Good Samaritan law were addressed. Offences related to the possession or consumption of illegal substances were discussed under the NDPS Act. The RTI Act was introduced as a tool for holding public authorities accountable and promoting transparency. The Consumer Protection Act was also covered, focusing on consumer rights and grievance redressal mechanisms.





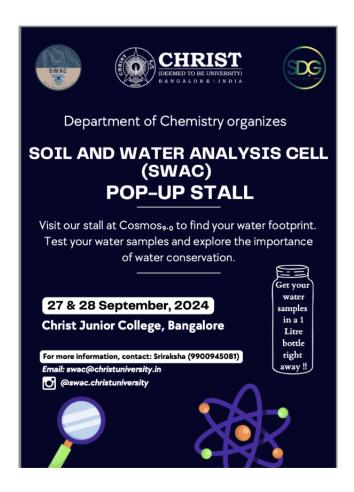


# Soil And Water Analysis Cell (SWAC) Pop Up Stall 27 and 28 September, 2024

**Venue:** Christ Junior College (COSMOS Fest), Bangalore Central Campus

No. of Participants: open to all

The Soil and Water Analysis Cell (SWAC) organised a two-day awareness stall at Christ Junior College as part of the COSMOS fest, held on 27 and 28 September 2024. The primary objective of the stall was to create awareness among students about water quality, water footprinting, and the significance of water conservation in daily life. Students were encouraged to bring water samples in one-litre bottles, which were tested for parameters such as pH, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), hardness, and carbonate and bicarbonate levels. The results were recorded and handed to students immediately, allowing them to interpret and understand the quality of water they regularly use. A live demonstration of the resin exchange method was conducted to show the process of reducing hardness in water by ion exchange. Additionally, chemistry-related games and quizzes were organised to make the learning process interactive and engaging. Around 80 water samples were tested over two days, and the stall received an enthusiastic response from the students. The initiative successfully increased awareness about responsible water usage, analytical testing techniques, and the importance of protecting water resources.



# Soil And Water Analysis Cell (SWAC) Pop Up Stall-CHEMOZ 2024 18 September, 2024

Venue: Christ Junior College (CHEMOZ 2024), Bangalore Central Campus

No. of Participants: open to all

The Soil and Water Analysis Cell (SWAC) organised a two-day awareness stall as part of the CHEMOZ-24 fest at Christ Junior College on 27 and 28 September 2024. The stall aimed to promote awareness of water quality, water footprinting, and sustainable water usage among students. Participants were encouraged to bring one-litre water samples from their homes for analysis. These samples were tested for parameters such as pH, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), hardness, and carbonate and bicarbonate levels. The results were recorded and issued immediately, enabling students to understand the quality of the water they consumed daily. A live demonstration of the resin exchange method was conducted to illustrate how water hardness can be reduced through ion exchange. To increase engagement, the stall also featured chemistry-based quizzes and interactive activities, which helped reinforce learning in a fun and accessible manner.

While the exact number of participants was not recorded, the number of water samples submitted and the active student involvement reflect the stall's success. The initiative helped spread practical scientific awareness and encouraged responsible water conservation habits within the campus community.



# SSDG-SWAC-water footprint workshop 19 July, 2024

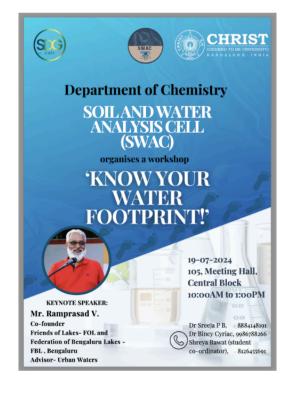
**Venue:** Room 105, Meeting Hall, Central Block

No. of Participants: 121

The workshop on "Know Your Water Footprint" addressed the pressing issue of water scarcity in Karnataka, with a specific focus on Bangalore. Mr Ramprasad V. illuminated the gravity of the water crisis, noting the depletion of ancient water reserves due to the exhaustion of borewells. He emphasised that the water extracted from borewells is not replenished by contemporary surface water but is ancient, as demonstrated by radiometric dating that revealed some water to be approximately 500 years old. He proposed small, safe, and cost-effective wells called "recharge wells" which facilitate deeper water percolation, preventing evaporation and aiding in achieving water neutrality. To secure funding for these wells, a detailed estimation of campus water usage is essential, including calculating overhead tank capacities, refill frequencies, and water consumption for handwashing, toilets, cleaning, labs, and cooking. By gathering this data, the campus can accurately determine the number of recharge wells required and develop a comprehensive funding proposal to implement these sustainable water solutions.







# DHATRI - Site visit to Choodasandra lake 13 December, 2024

**Venue:** Room 105, Meeting Hall, Central Block

No. of Participants: 121

The Civil Engineering Department organised an educational site visit to Choodasandra Lake on 13 December 2024 as part of the DHATRI initiative. The visit was coordinated by Mr Madhusudhan, Program Manager at Say Trees, along with Prof. Chenju Prince. The primary aim of the visit was to understand the ongoing lake rejuvenation efforts and to highlight the importance of water conservation, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable resource management. Experts from Say Trees provided detailed insights into the ecological significance of lakes and the methods used to restore them. They explained how measures such as desilting, improving drainage channels, and reviving native vegetation contribute to restoring the natural balance of the water body and its surrounding environment. The session also emphasised the role of community participation and responsible environmental stewardship. This initiative strengthened the Industry-Academia connection by exposing students to real-world environmental management practices beyond classroom learning. The visit allowed participants to observe practical aspects of urban water resource planning and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges involved in sustaining natural ecosystems. Overall, the lake visit served as a meaningful learning experience that enhanced awareness of environmental sustainability, water resource infrastructure, and the importance of preserving natural habitats for future generations.





# DST (SERB) Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on "Circular Chemistry- A Road Map to Sustainability" 14 and 15 October

Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore – Department of Chemistry

No. of Participants: 186

The Department of Chemistry, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, organised a DST (SERB) Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on "Circular Chemistry – A Road Map to Sustainability" on 14–15 October 2024. The seminar aimed to highlight the role of circular chemistry in sustainable development and provided a platform for interaction between students, researchers, and leading scientists. The event witnessed 186 participants, including 134 undergraduate and postgraduate students, 25 research scholars, and 27 faculty members from 16 institutions.

The seminar featured expert lectures by eminent scientists and professors from reputed institutions such as IISER Tirupati, CSIR-IICT Hyderabad, IISc Bangalore, CIPET, JNCASR Bangalore, NIT Calicut, BITS Pilani, and others. Key themes discussed included integrated energy storage, sustainable industrial practices, water sustainability through wetland-based treatment models, plastic recycling, transition metal catalysis, carbon capture and recycling, membrane technologies, and biomass-based biorefineries.

Interactive sessions, question—and—answer discussions, and a poster presentation competition enriched academic engagement. 24 posters were evaluated by a judging panel and prizes were awarded. The seminar successfully fostered awareness of sustainable chemical practices, research innovation, and the importance of transitioning from linear to circular resource-use models.

# 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).



### 2024- Year of Climate Action

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.



# CCA Water Conservation Audit 23 March, 2023

Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Central Campus, Bangalore, India.

No. of Participants: 14

CCA conducted a campus-wide drive to audit all the taps across the university, aiming to identify water wastage and promote responsible resource management. Volunteers and event heads visited every block and cafeteria, carefully checking each tap for leakage or malfunction. Through this systematic effort, the team identified more than 25 leaking taps and prepared a detailed report that will be submitted to the faculty coordinators and the concerned university department for timely action.

The volunteers participated with great enthusiasm, and their commitment was acknowledged and appreciated by the event heads. This initiative strengthens the university's efforts toward sustainability by reducing unnecessary water loss and encouraging mindful consumption. While the drive primarily supports SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation





### Blue March 1 March, 2023

Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Central Campus, Bangalore, India.

No. of Participants: 45

The march on water conservation began at the front gate of the campus, with students carrying posters, flags, slogans, and blue dupattas symbolising flowing rivers. Dressed in blue, both students and faculty members created a powerful visual message emphasising the urgent need to conserve water. As they moved from the front gate to the back gate of the campus, participants displayed slogans and posters highlighting the importance of responsible water use and the collective duty to protect this vital resource.

The event concluded with all participants taking a pledge to save water and practise sustainable habits in their daily lives. This initiative strongly aligns with SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, promoting awareness of water conservation. It also indirectly supports SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy, as saving water reduces the energy required for its treatment and distribution, contributing to overall sustainability.





### Wetlands Conservation 2 February, 2023

Venue: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Central Campus, Bangalore, India.

No. of Participants: 29

CCA (Christ for Climate), the only wing in CHRIST (Deemed to be University) dedicated to environmental sustainability, continues to create meaningful initiatives that spread awareness about ecological responsibility. This time, the CCA team—comprising both heads and volunteers—set up an engaging and informative stall near the Central Block to highlight the significance of wetlands, focusing on both their geographical and physical features. The choice of wetlands as the theme aimed to emphasise their ecological importance and the dependence of countless species on their survival. Wetlands support over 1,25,500 freshwater-dependent species, yet many of them—including coral reefs, mangroves, swamps, and high-altitude wetlands—are increasingly threatened by rising temperatures and climate change. The stall sought to make students aware of how human negligence contributes to this decline. Held on 2 February 2023, the event saw around thirty enthusiastic volunteers, all dressed in green to reflect the spirit of the wing. Students engaged with educational videos and interactive games such as dumb charades, Twister, and Jenga, while open discussions encouraged the exchange of ideas. Participants also learnt about 75 wetlands across India and their importance. The stall concluded at 4 PM, leaving everyone energised for future initiatives.





