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## SDG-15

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

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## Volunteering for Akhika Karnataka Pranti Daya Sangha Goshala 6 April 2024

**Venue:** 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore

**No. of Participants:** 12

The activity aimed to critically evaluate laws related to animal welfare, agricultural practices, and environmental regulations concerning Goshalas. It provided students with insights into the legal frameworks governing these institutions and their social and environmental impacts. Participants analysed the ethical and socio-political implications of supporting Goshalas, assessing their effectiveness in promoting sustainable agriculture and animal welfare. Students identified key challenges such as animal cruelty, land use conflicts, and environmental sustainability, while proposing solutions to enhance the functioning of Goshalas. The initiative also encouraged students to advocate for better policy frameworks, promote organic farming, and support ethical treatment of animals. Funds collected during the program were donated for the welfare of cows at Goshala, reinforcing the initiative's practical impact. The activity also emphasised environmental sustainability, social justice, and ethical responsibility, aligning with SDG 2: Zero Hunger, by promoting food security and sustainable agricultural practices.

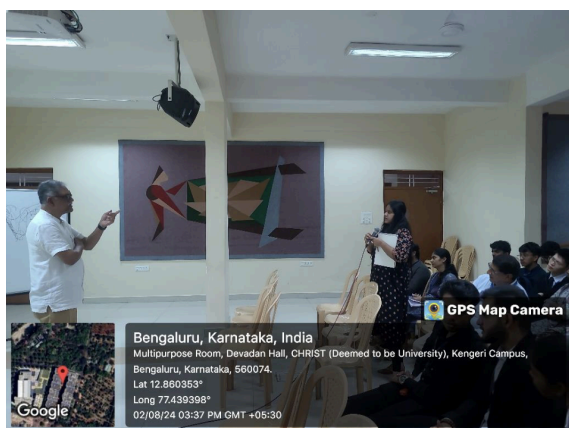


## Sustainable Cities and Communities with Special Reference to Infrastructure 2 August 2024

**Venue:** Kengeri Campus

**No. of Participants:** 75

The speaker shared his deep passion for landscaping, highlighting how it seamlessly connects with his professional journey. He emphasised the importance of adopting eco-friendly materials, integrating renewable energy sources, and implementing effective water conservation methods to promote sustainability in design and development. Additionally, he underlined the critical role of community participation in urban and environmental planning, noting that inclusive decision-making ensures that development projects align with the needs of local populations while maintaining ecological balance. His insights encouraged students to view landscaping as both an art and a responsibility, blending aesthetics with environmental stewardship to create spaces that are both functional and sustainable.





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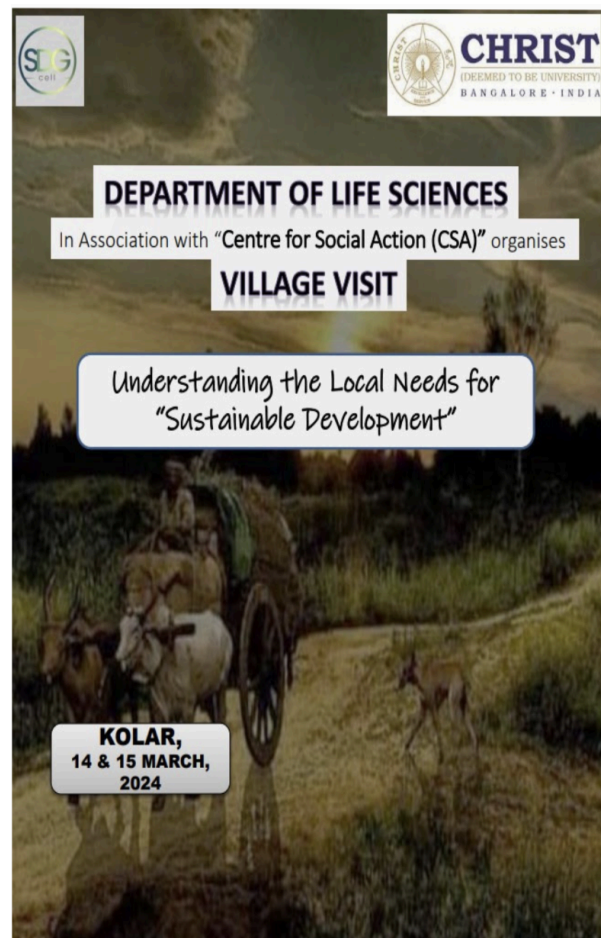
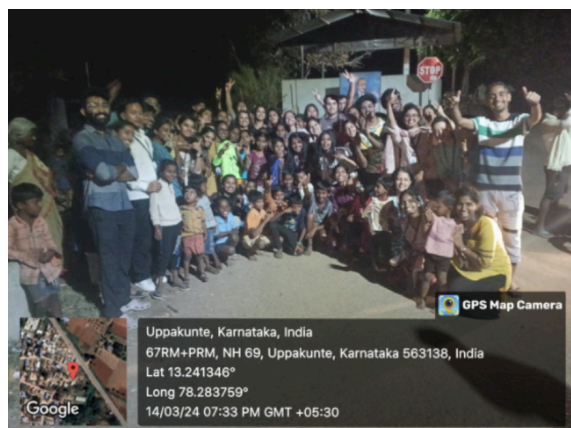


## CSA Village Visit to Kolar 14 March 2024

**Venue:** Kolar

**No. of Participants:** 47

The objective of understanding the village and its residents was achieved successfully through the active engagement of the undergraduate (UG) team with the local school students. The team conducted interactive activities, games, and educational sessions that fostered learning while building a strong connection with the community. These interactions helped the students gain a deeper understanding of the social, cultural, and educational environment of the village. The UG team encouraged participation and curiosity among the children, using creative games to make learning enjoyable and meaningful. The educational sessions focused on awareness, teamwork, and communication, creating a space for mutual learning between the university students and the villagers. Overall, the activity served as a bridge between academic learning and community engagement, fulfilling the goal of promoting experiential education, empathy, and social responsibility among the participants.

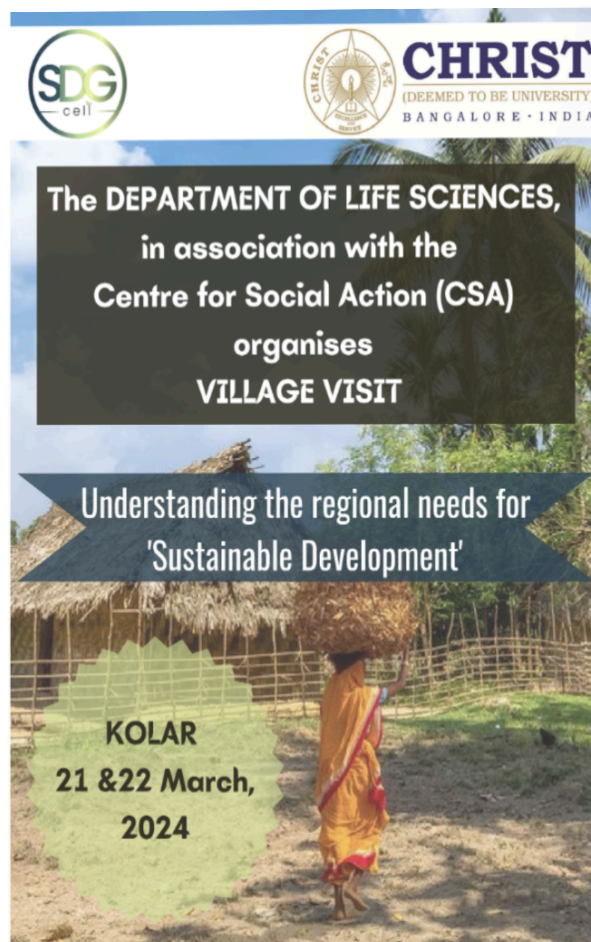


## CSA Village Visit to Kolar 21 March 2024

**Venue:** 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore

**No. of Participants:** 62

The village visit provided students with an insightful opportunity to understand rural life and community dynamics. Conducted as a class group activity, it involved interactions with farmers to learn about their daily routines, sources of income, and agricultural practices. The visit also included an interactive session with school children, fostering learning and communication through educational games and discussions. Students explored the Kotilingeshwara Temple and visited various farms to observe and analyse the local agricultural systems and sustainability practices. The activity aimed to help students appreciate the village's social and environmental context while promoting awareness of hygiene, scientific temper, and sustainable living among both children and adults. The postgraduate (PG) team played an active role by conducting educational sessions, engaging with farmers, and interacting with women's self-help groups (SHGs). The visit successfully combined experiential learning with community service, enriching students' understanding of rural development and social responsibility.





## Trek and Clean-up Drive 21 January 2024

**Venue:** Nijagal Betta Trek

**No. of Participants:** 44

The trekking event on January 21, 2024, organised by CHRIST (Deemed to be University), was both a recreational and environmental awareness activity for students and faculty members. The group departed from campus at 6:45 a.m., pausing for breakfast en route before continuing to the hill. The trek lasted approximately 3–4 hours, offering participants an opportunity to experience nature firsthand while observing and documenting the rich biodiversity of the region. Alongside the recreational aspect, the participants also undertook a clean-up drive, collecting and properly disposing of litter found along the trail. This initiative fostered a sense of environmental responsibility and emphasised the importance of maintaining natural habitats. By combining exploration with ecological action, the trek served as a platform for experiential learning, environmental consciousness, and community building. The participants returned to campus by 5:30 p.m., concluding a fulfilling and educational day outdoors.

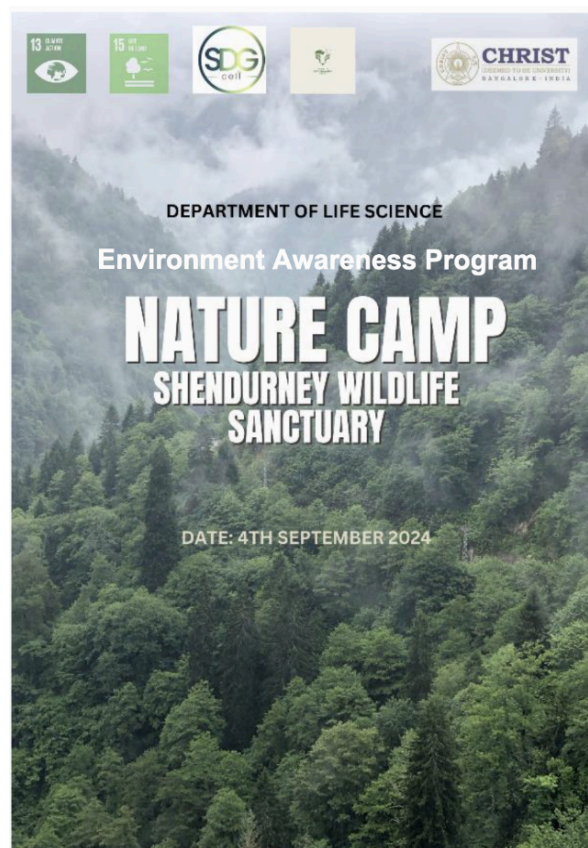
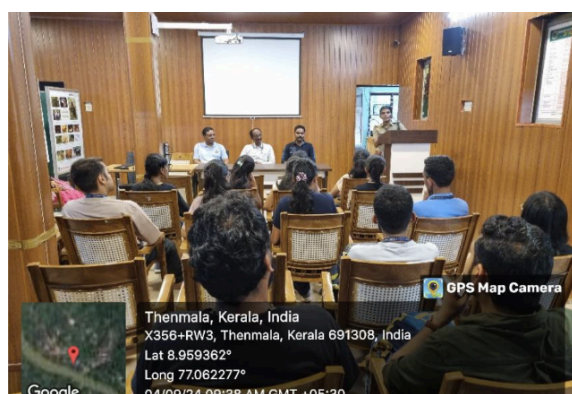


## Environmental Awareness Program - Nature camp at Shedurney Wildlife Sanctuary 4 September 2024

**Venue:** Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary

**No. of Participants:** 20

On 4th September 2024, students from CHRIST (Deemed to be University) participated in a one-day nature camp at Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala. The camp was designed to enhance environmental awareness with a focus on wildlife conservation, biodiversity, and eco-tourism. The event began with a welcome address by the chief wildlife warden and an inspiring speech by Dr Fr. Jobi Xavier, HOD, after which the students embarked on a guided forest trek. During the trek, they observed several exotic and endemic species such as *Trichopus zeylanicus* and *Gluta travencorica*, gaining firsthand exposure to forest ecosystems. Following the trek, an ecotourism manager delivered an insightful session on sustainable tourism and conducted a tour of medicinal plants. The camp concluded with student feedback, certificate distribution, and a vote of thanks by Dr Joel Jose. Overall, the experience deepened students' appreciation for biodiversity conservation and environmental stewardship.



## Cultural performance - Huli Vesha 8 July 2024

**Venue:** BGR Campus

**No. of Participants:** 300

On 8th July 2024, the students of Christ University, BGR Campus witnessed a spectacular performance of Huli Vesha, also known as the “Tiger Dance,” as part of the Carnival Week inauguration and the launch of the Students’ Association of Ellipsis. Originating from the coastal regions of Karnataka, Huli Vesha is a vibrant folk dance symbolising valour, power, and cultural pride, often performed during Navaratri celebrations.

The event featured the renowned Dulchendru group, comprising talented drummers Prasad, Sundar, and Padde, and skilled dancers Chamraj, Pradip, Nanda, Mohan, and Priyadarshan, whose energetic movements mirrored a tiger’s strength and agility. Traditional horn players Chamraj and Sidhapaji enhanced the rhythm and festive spirit with their instruments, the kombugalu.

The event concluded with the performers inviting the audience to join in the dance, creating an atmosphere of joy and cultural unity. The performance enriched students’ appreciation of folk traditions and artistic diversity, promoting holistic development through cultural engagement.





## SDG Environmental Film Festival with ALT EFF 2024 2 December 2024

**Venue:** Mini Auditorium

**No. of Participants:** 150

The All Living Things Environmental Film Festival was hosted at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road Campus, from 2nd to 3rd December 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the mini auditorium. The festival showcased a selection of impactful films addressing key themes related to ecology, sustainability, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The screenings aimed to raise awareness about pressing environmental challenges and inspire dialogue on conservation, climate action, and sustainable living. Following each film, interactive discussions encouraged students to critically reflect on the issues presented and share perspectives on practical solutions.

By integrating cinematic storytelling with sustainability education, the event successfully combined creativity and environmental advocacy, leaving a lasting impression on participants about their role in fostering ecological responsibility and conscious citizenship.



## Screening of Our Planet Forests 6 September 2024

**Venue:** BGR Campus

**No. of Participants:** 20

The documentary *Our Planet: Forests*, screened on Netflix, explored the crucial interdependence between forests and wildlife. It emphasised how forests sustain diverse animal and insect species while these creatures, in turn, contribute to maintaining the ecological balance of forest ecosystems. Through breathtaking visuals and detailed narration, the film showcased various forests across the globe, from tropical rainforests to temperate woodlands, illustrating the unique biodiversity each habitat supports. By highlighting the delicate relationship between flora and fauna, the documentary educated viewers on the importance of conservation and the consequences of deforestation on global ecosystems. The screening served as both an educational and thought-provoking experience, encouraging the audience to reflect on humanity's role in protecting natural habitats. It underscored the message that preserving forests is essential not only for wildlife survival but also for maintaining the planet's environmental stability and health.





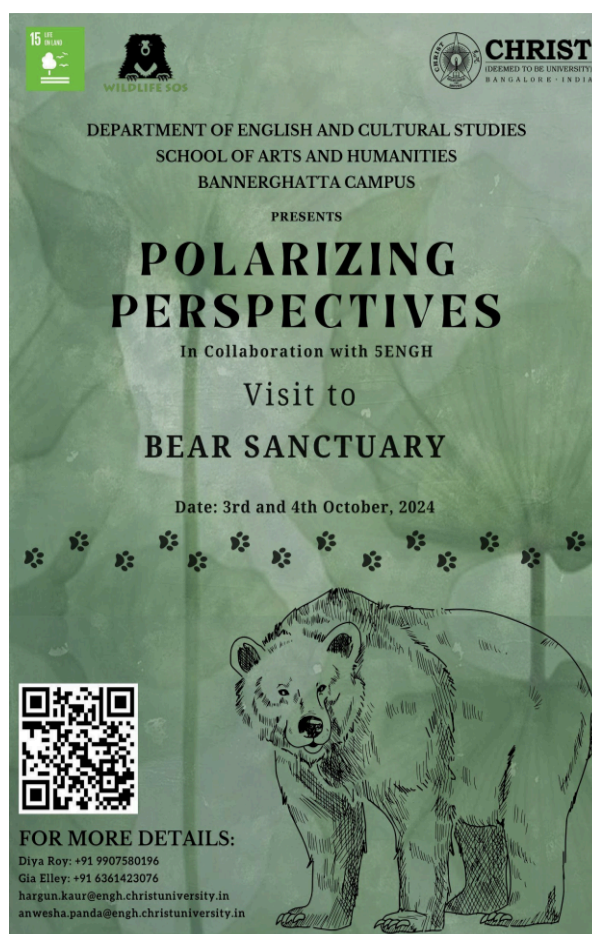
## Polarizing Perspectives

### 3 October 2024

**Venue:** Bannerghatta National Park

**No. of Participants:** 39

A volunteering program was organised at the Bear Sanctuary in collaboration with Wildlife SOS and 5ENGH for the students of Discourse in Environmental Humanities. The initiative aimed to provide students with firsthand experience in wildlife conservation and animal rehabilitation. During the visit, participants learned about the sanctuary's mission to rescue and rehabilitate sloth bears that had previously been exploited for entertainment. Students engaged in various volunteer activities such as cleaning enclosures, preparing enrichment materials for the bears, and assisting in daily maintenance tasks. The program highlighted the importance of humane treatment, animal welfare ethics, and sustainable conservation practices. Following the visit, a panel discussion was conducted where students reflected on their experiences and shared insights about the emotional and ecological significance of wildlife preservation. The discussion emphasised empathy towards animals and the need for greater community involvement in conservation initiatives.





## 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

On 3rd September, the team visited the Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (TBGRI) in Palode, Kerala. The day began with breakfast, followed by a guided tour of the gardens that lasted until noon. During the walk, participants were introduced to a wide range of exotic, endemic, and economically significant plant species. Noteworthy examples included *Gluta travencorica*, a rare species native to the Western Ghats; *Rauvolfia serpentina*, valued for its medicinal applications; *Nepenthes khasiana*, a fascinating insectivorous plant; and *Alstonia scholaris*, renowned for its therapeutic properties. The group then visited the TBGRI Herbarium, which houses over 50,000 plant accessions representing approximately 4,500 species, including 1,200 exotic species, 550 orchid varieties, and more than 1,500 medicinal plants. The visit provided valuable insights into plant conservation, research methodologies, and the ecological and economic significance of tropical biodiversity, deepening the students' appreciation for sustainable environmental practices.



## Green Waste Bottle Awareness Campaign 19 September 2024

**Venue:** Garden Street, Christ University, Bangalore.

**No. of Participants:** 100

The Green Waste Bottles Awareness Campaign aimed to educate students about plastic waste and its environmental impacts while promoting sustainable practices through the use of green waste bottles. Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, the event was held on 19th September 2024. An interactive stall featured a PowerPoint presentation on the effects of plastic pollution on ecosystems and wildlife, accompanied by quizzes and discussions on waste management and recycling. A “pledge wall” invited participants to commit to reducing plastic use, fostering community responsibility. Feedback revealed increased awareness and motivation among students to adopt eco-friendly habits. The initiative successfully promoted environmental consciousness and responsible consumption, inspiring participants to contribute to a greener, more sustainable future.



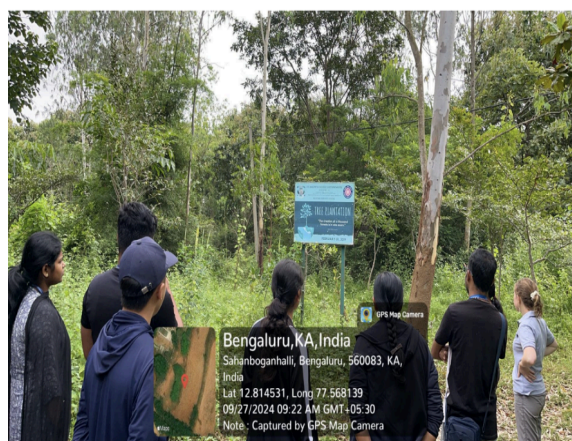


## Plantation Drive in collaboration with “A Rocha India” 27 September 2024

**Venue:** Anekal Forest range, Bannerghatta.

**No. of Participants:** 26

On September 27 2024, the SDG Cell of Christ (Deemed to be University), Yeshwanthpur Campus, organised a plantation drive at Anekal Forest, Bannerghatta, in association with A Rocha India and the Karnataka Forest Department. Students and faculty began their journey early, reaching A Rocha’s office by 8:30 AM, where Project Manager Amritha Nair oriented them on biodiversity and wildlife conservation. After a short nature walk, they proceeded to the plantation site, joined by A Rocha team members. The 26 participants planted about 200 saplings, including banyan, jamun, rosewood, and bamboo. Lunch was hosted by A Rocha, followed by a reflective session led by Mr Sandy on environmental restoration and the importance of protecting and nurturing planted trees. Students also watered the plants and interacted with residents. The day concluded at 6 PM, leaving participants inspired toward sustainability and a deeper appreciation for environmental conservation.

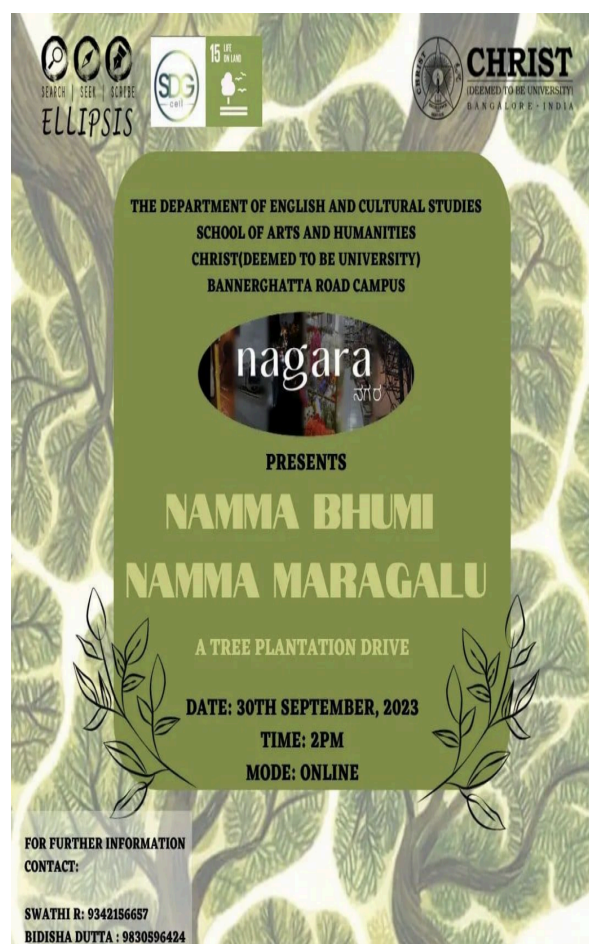
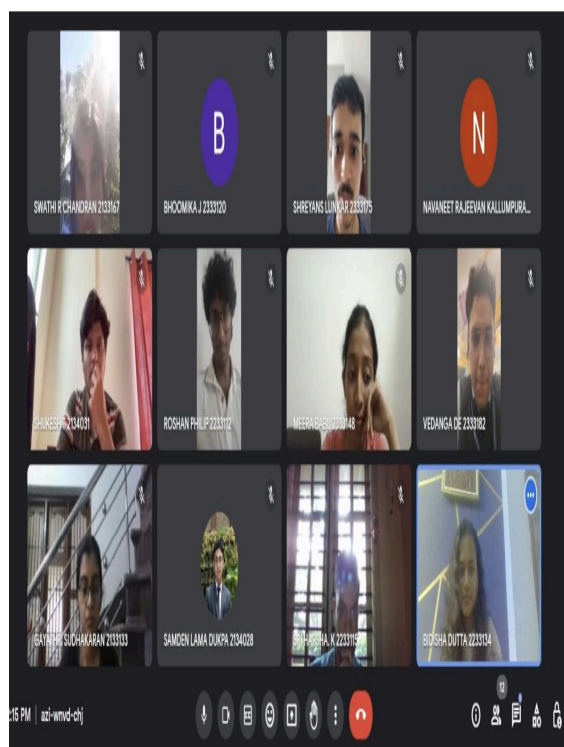


## Namma Bhumi, Namma Maragalu 28 September 2023

**Venue:** Online

**No. of Participants:** 34

The members of Nagara demonstrated their commitment to environmental conservation and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 15, *Life on Land*, through the initiative “Namma Bhumi, Namma Maragalu” (Our Earth, Our Trees). The program aimed to address key environmental concerns such as forest degradation, biodiversity loss, and desertification. Members actively participated in a plantation drive by sowing seeds and planting saplings from their homes, promoting reforestation and enhancing local biodiversity. By planting diverse species, they contributed to a sustainable and resilient ecosystem. Following the drive, a review meeting was held to evaluate the outcomes and celebrate participants’ contributions. The session also encouraged the exchange of ideas and experiences, strengthening teamwork and inspiring future initiatives. Overall, the event not only fostered environmental awareness but also reinforced the collective responsibility of the Nagara community in creating a greener, healthier planet.





## SDG Cell Film Screening 9 January 2024

**Venue:** Classrooms, Central campus

**No. of Participants:** 170

The documentary *Grizzly Man*, directed by renowned filmmaker Werner Herzog, was screened across all classes of the BA English course as part of an academic enrichment initiative. The film, which chronicles the life and tragic death of Timothy Treadwell—a man who lived among grizzly bears in Alaska—served as a compelling resource for students to explore complex themes such as humanity’s relationship with nature, the limits of idealism, and the tension between passion and obsession. Following the screening, students engaged in class discussions analysing Herzog’s narrative style, use of real footage, and philosophical reflections on human vulnerability and the natural world. The session encouraged critical thinking and interpretation, linking the documentary to broader literary and ecological studies. Through this activity, students gained deeper insights into documentary filmmaking, environmental ethics, and the power of visual storytelling in shaping perceptions of life, wilderness, and human purpose.

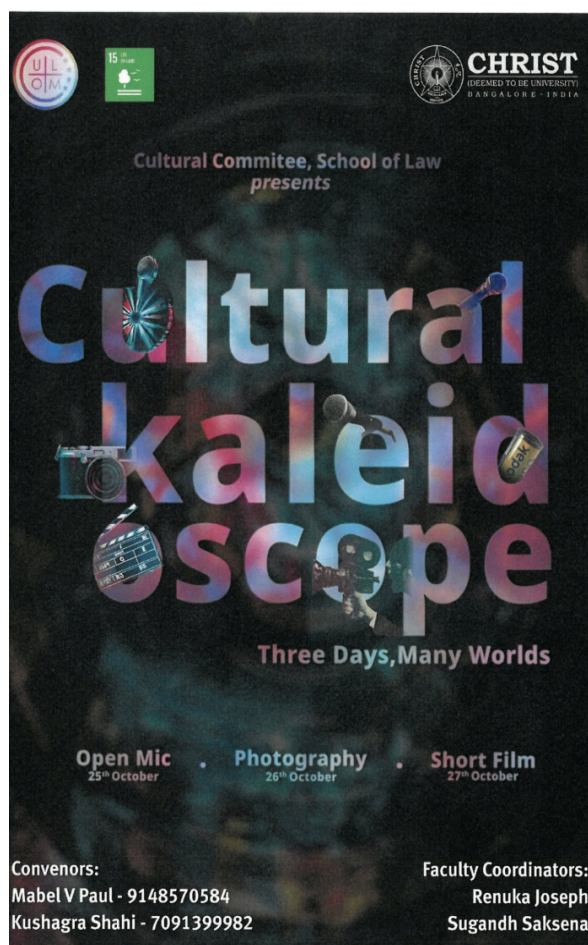
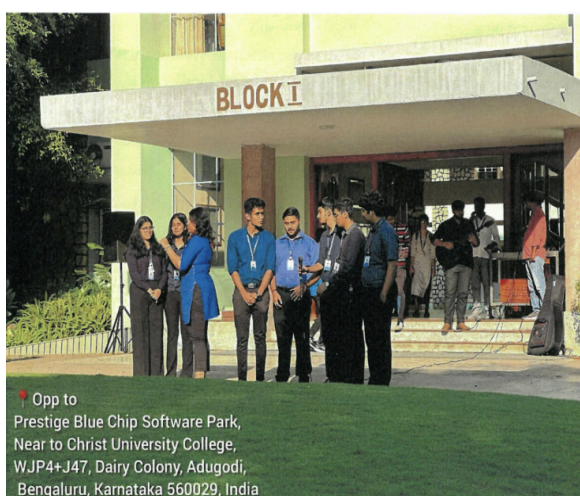


## Cultural Kaleidoscope: Three Days Many Worlds 23 October 2024

**Venue:** Block 1, Central Campus

**No. of Participants:** -

*Cultural Kaleidoscope* was a vibrant three-day celebration that showcased creativity, talent, and collaboration across the university community. The event commenced on October 25th with an energetic flash mob by the Cultural Committee of the School of Law, followed by a captivating performance by the SLCU Choir. The Open Mic session that followed featured ten talented participants who impressed the audience with soulful singing and expressive poetry. On the second day, the spotlight shifted to photography, where ten participants presented striking images reflecting artistic depth and social awareness. Judges faced a tough task selecting winners due to the high quality and meaningful content of the entries. The final day featured an exciting short film competition organised jointly by the Cultural Committee and the Department of Media Studies. Teams from various departments presented thought-provoking films, creating a memorable cinematic experience that celebrated artistic excellence and creative storytelling.



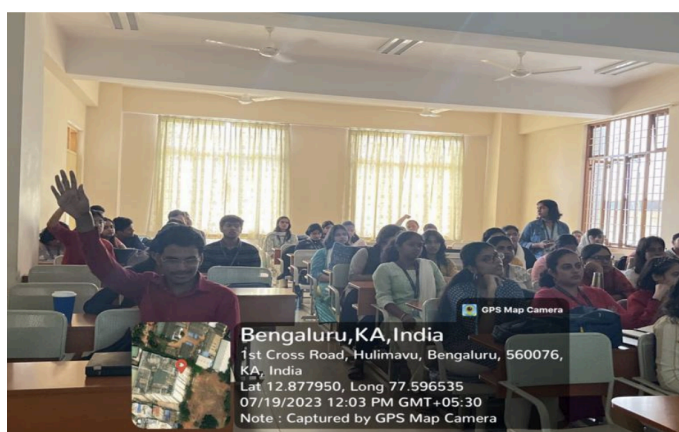


## Introduction to SDGs 19 July 2023

**Venue:** Room 401

**No. of Participants:** -

An orientation session for first-year students of 1BAM&J was held on July 19, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, led by Gowri Jagadish (3 JOUH). The primary objective of the session was to introduce students to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their relevance in today's world. All 17 SDGs were discussed, with special emphasis on the department's assigned goals—Goals 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), 15 (Life on Land), 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The interactive session encouraged students to share perspectives, promoting critical thinking and awareness of sustainability. A Q&A session followed, allowing students to clarify concepts and express enthusiasm for volunteering with the Media Studies Department's SDG Cell. The session concluded successfully, inspiring students to participate in sustainability initiatives actively and empowering them to contribute meaningfully to future development efforts.

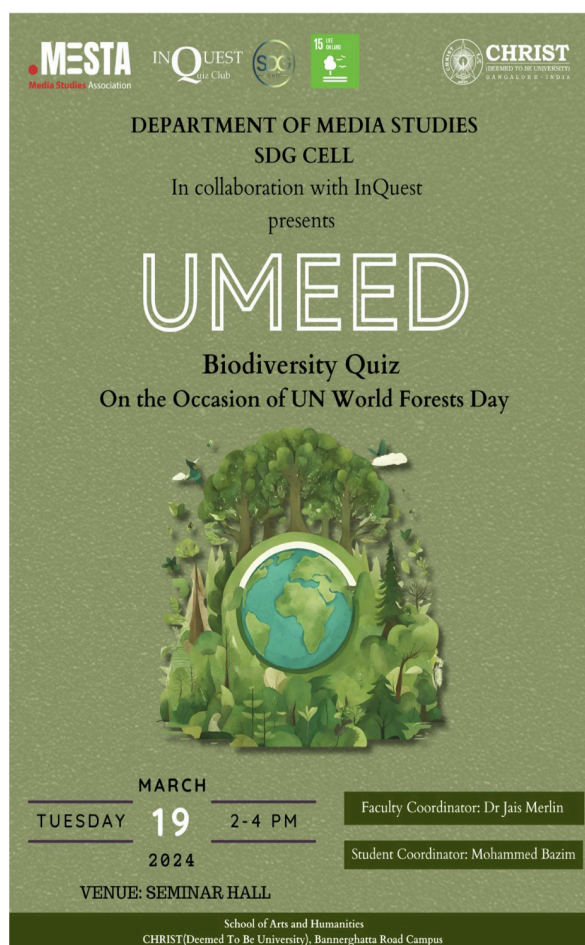


## Umeed - Biodiversity Quiz 19 March 2024

**Venue:** Room 404

**No. of Participants:** 100

The SDG Cell of MESTA: The Media Studies Association, in collaboration with InQuest, organised *Umeed – The Biodiversity Quiz* on March 19, 2024, to commemorate UN World Forest Day. Held in Classroom 404 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, the event aimed to promote awareness of biodiversity and environmental conservation. The quiz featured two engaging rounds—prelims and finals. In the prelims, participants answered ten thought-provoking questions covering ecosystems, species preservation, and sustainable practices. The final round intensified the excitement with challenging questions that encouraged deeper discussion on biodiversity protection. The event fostered enthusiasm, teamwork, and environmental consciousness among students. Winners included Vatsala Mishra and Rohan Bhattacharyya (first place), Pihu Kunwar and Shatakshi Negi (second place), and Chirantan Satish and Kriti Giri (third place). Overall, the quiz served as an inspiring platform that empowered students to champion biodiversity conservation and contribute toward achieving Sustainable Development Goals.





## The Impact of Colonisation on India's Ecology

### 12 September 2023

**Venue:** Central Campus

**No. of Participants:** 30

On September 12, 2023, the Ecological Diversity Cell under the School of Arts and Humanities, Department of English and Cultural Studies at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), organised a lecture titled *"The Impact of Colonisation on India's Ecology"* by Dr Rolla Das. The session explored how colonialism reshaped India's ecological landscape through the exploitation of natural resources, deforestation, and species extinction. Dr Das discussed global and local examples, including the extinction of the Dodo bird, the decline of the American bison, and environmental disasters such as oil spills. She introduced the concept of carbon colonialism and its effects on ecosystems and communities, emphasising how colonial-era practices continue to influence ecological policies today. Highlighting issues like tiger hunting, deforestation, and agricultural commercialisation, Dr Das urged students to critically examine the intersections of ecology, economics, and history to address ongoing environmental challenges and promote sustainable, inclusive conservation.



### The Impact of Colonisation on India's Ecology

A lecture by  
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## Trek to Antharagange 20 August 2023

**Venue:** Antharagange, starting from Bangalore Central Campus

**No. of Participants:** 16

The Ecological Diversity Cell organised a one-day trek to Antharagange on August 20, 2023, for students of the Bangalore Central Campus. The event began with an early morning briefing by Professor Deepak Saravanan, who outlined the objectives of the trek and emphasised sustainable practices such as minimising waste and using personal cutlery. The group embarked on the journey with great enthusiasm, enjoying music and camaraderie along the way. Upon reaching Antharagange, participants were served breakfast before visiting a nearby temple surrounded by scenic hills and lively wildlife. The experience allowed students to appreciate the beauty of nature while learning about environmental responsibility. After returning to campus, lunch was served, marking the end of a fulfilling day. The trek successfully combined recreation with ecological awareness, encouraging participants to embrace sustainable habits and fostering a deeper connection with nature and conservation principles.



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## Inauguration and Blessing of the Birds Park 9 September 2024

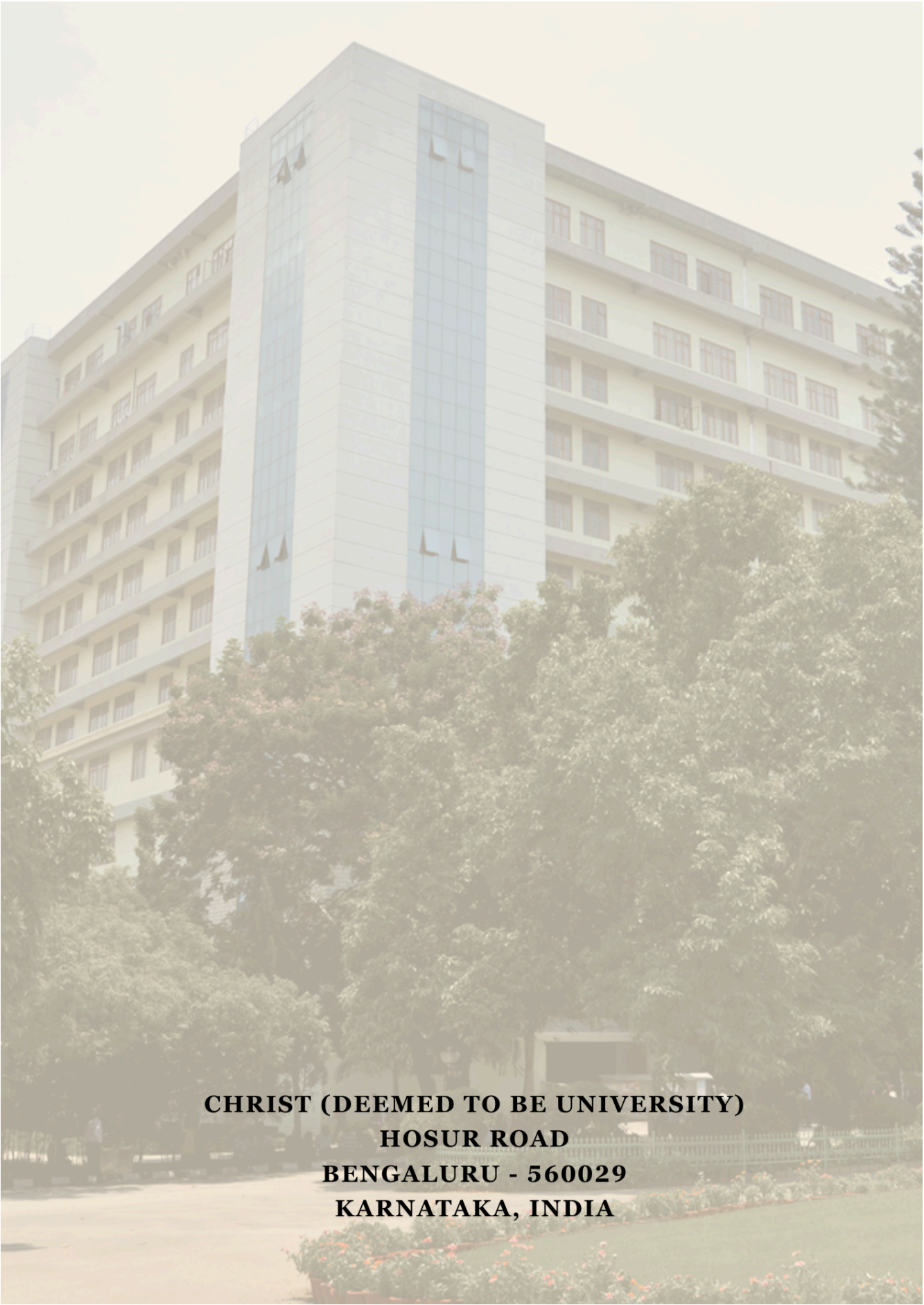
**Venue: Central Campus**

**No. of Participants: -**

The Inauguration and Blessing of the Birds Park at Christ University was a serene and inspiring event that celebrated the institution's commitment to environmental sustainability and biodiversity. The ceremony marked the opening of a beautiful green space dedicated to the conservation and appreciation of avian life on campus. The event began with a solemn blessing ceremony, symbolising harmony between humanity and nature. University officials, faculty members, and students gathered to witness the inauguration, reflecting the spirit of ecological stewardship and community care. The Birds Park serves as a learning and relaxation space, providing opportunities for environmental study and awareness while enhancing the campus's natural beauty. The initiative aligns with Christ University's mission to promote holistic education that nurtures both intellectual growth and environmental responsibility. The event concluded with a pledge to protect and preserve nature for future generations.







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