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# LIFE BELOW WATER



## SDG-14

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

*Caring for Our Oceans,  
Caring for Our Future*



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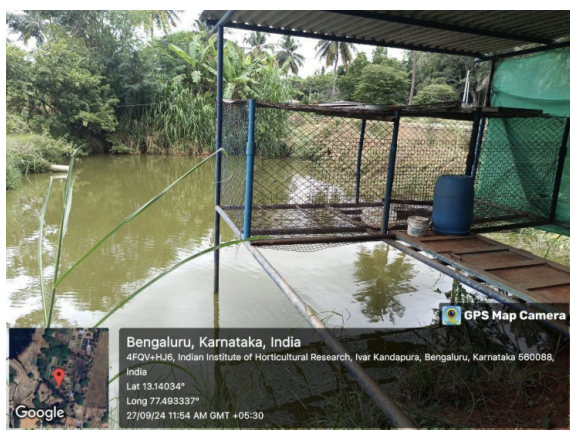
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## **Field Visit to Fisheries Research and Information Centre, Hesaraghatta 27 September 2024**

**Venue: Fisheries Research and Information Centre, Hesaraghatta**  
**No. of Participants: 77**

The students from the Aquatic Biology and Fisheries elective of BCZ and CBZ undertook a course-mandated field visit to the Fisheries Research and Information Centre, Hesaraghatta. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the functioning and management of fisheries. During the visit, students explored the hatchery and rearing tanks, along with small ponds used for maintaining brooders and sub-adult fish. They also visited the aquarium section, which showcased a variety of commercially viable fish species, offering insights into their breeding and maintenance. Furthermore, the students observed integrated farming systems, where fish cultivation was combined with duck and poultry farming, illustrating sustainable aquaculture practices. The visit concluded with a guided tour of the entire facility, enabling students to gain a deeper understanding of the operational aspects of fisheries research and management. They compiled detailed notes on their observations, enhancing their academic and field-based learning.



## **National Seminar: Deep Dive into Aquarium Management**

**1 August 2024**

**Venue: Online and offline**

**No. of Participants: 69**

The seminar on "Deep Dive into Aquarium Management" was designed to equip BSc students with the essential knowledge and practical skills required for effective aquarium care and maintenance. The session focused on fundamental aspects such as aquarium setup, water quality management, and species-specific requirements for various aquatic organisms. Students gained valuable insights into aquascaping techniques, learning how to design and maintain visually appealing and ecologically balanced aquariums. The seminar also emphasised sustainable and environmentally friendly practices, encouraging responsible aquarium management that minimises ecological impact. Through a blend of theoretical instruction and hands-on demonstrations, participants were able to connect scientific principles with real-world applications. The interactive nature of the session fostered experiential learning, helping students develop a deeper appreciation for aquatic ecosystems and their management. Overall, the seminar provided a comprehensive and practical understanding of aquarium management, preparing students for future endeavours in aquatic biology and environmental sciences.





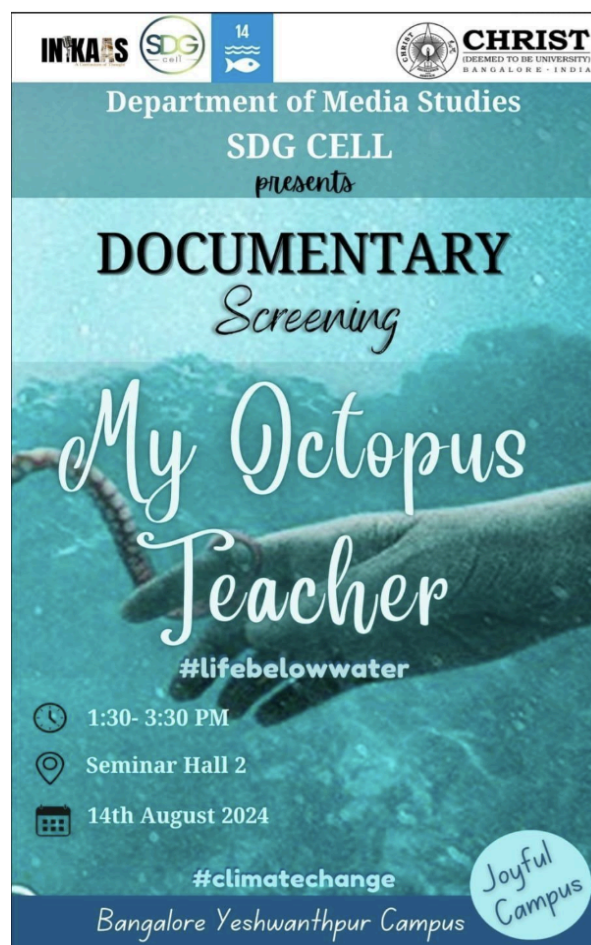
## **“My Octopus Teacher”**

**14 August 2024**

**Venue: Seminar Hall 2**

**No. of Participants: 300**

The event, organised by the SDG Cell – School of Business and Management, commenced with an introduction of the documentary by the emcee, who welcomed the audience and provided an overview of the session’s objectives. This was followed by a brief orientation highlighting the purpose, vision, and achievements of the SDG Cell, emphasising its continued commitment to promoting sustainable practices and global citizenship among students. The core segment of the event featured the screening of the documentary, which effectively showcased impactful initiatives aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The film offered valuable insights into sustainability challenges and the innovative solutions being implemented to address them. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, where organisers expressed gratitude to the faculty, participants, and student volunteers for their support and enthusiasm. Overall, the session successfully inspired participants to contribute actively to sustainable development initiatives.



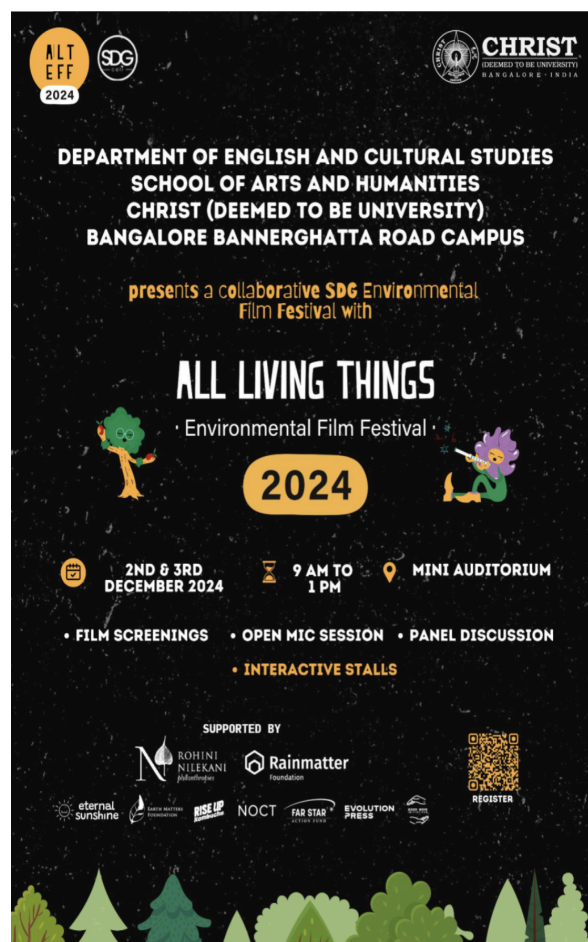
## **SDG Environmental Film Festival with ALT EFF 2024**

### **2 December 2024**

**Venue: Mini Auditorium**

**No. of Participants: 150**

The All Living Things Environmental Film Festival was held 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 featured a curated selection of films that explored diverse themes related to ecology, sustainability, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each film highlighted critical environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity conservation, pollution control, and sustainable living practices. The screenings were followed by interactive discussions, allowing participants to reflect on the themes, share insights, and engage in meaningful dialogue on ecological responsibility. The event aimed to raise awareness about pressing environmental challenges while inspiring students to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives. By combining education and art, the festival successfully fostered an appreciation for nature and emphasised the importance of collective action toward environmental preservation.

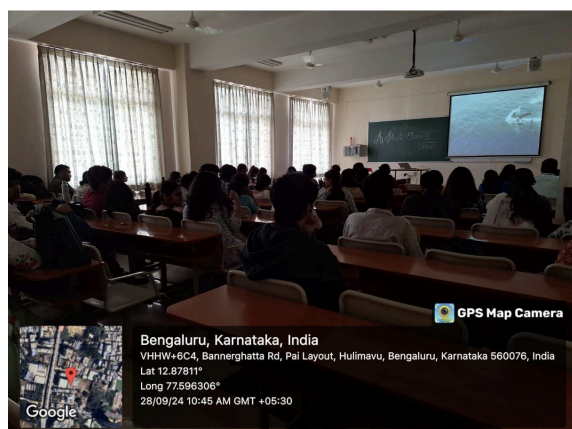




## **A Plastic Ocean** **28 September 2024**

**Venue: BGR Campus**  
**No. of Participants: 44**

The screening of the documentary *A Plastic Ocean* was organised for the students of the Department of English and Cultural Studies to raise awareness about the growing issue of plastic pollution and its devastating effects on marine ecosystems. The session aimed to help students understand the interconnection between human actions and environmental consequences while encouraging critical reflection on sustainable alternatives. Following the screening, a discussion session was held where participants shared their key takeaways and insights from the film. The dialogue focused on the urgent need to reduce plastic usage, adopt eco-friendly practices, and promote community-level initiatives for environmental preservation. The event successfully combined education and environmental advocacy, fostering a sense of responsibility among students toward sustainable living. It served as a reminder of the role individuals play in combating pollution and preserving the planet for future generations.



## **Reading Circle and Discussion Forum**



### **6 October 2023**

**Venue: Central Block**

**No. of Participants: 11**

The reading circle began with participants collectively reading aloud an article that explored the development of forest conservation regulations over time. This introductory session provided participants with historical and legal context on the evolution of environmental protection efforts in India and beyond. Following the reading, the facilitator introduced three discussion topics derived from the article, encouraging participants to analyse and debate key issues surrounding forest governance, conservation ethics, and policy implementation. Participants engaged in a thought-provoking exchange of perspectives, presenting arguments from multiple viewpoints and supporting them with relevant examples. The session concluded with the group reaching a consensus that highlighted the need for balanced approaches to conservation—ones that protect ecosystems while considering the livelihoods of dependent communities. The event successfully fostered critical thinking, collaboration, and awareness about sustainable environmental policies and their long-term implications.





**Environmental Law Studies and  
Orientation Programme**  
*presents*  
**READING CIRCLE**

**'Reimagining Forest Governance Appraisal  
of the Forest Conservation Amendment  
Act, 2023' -Prof. Sairam Bhat**

*Facilitated by*  
**~Aleena Anabelly~**  
[Final year student, School of Law,  
CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore]

Open to all students of  
CHRIST (Deemed to be University),  
Bangalore (Central Campus)

3:45-4:45 pm  
6th October 2023  
Room No. 408

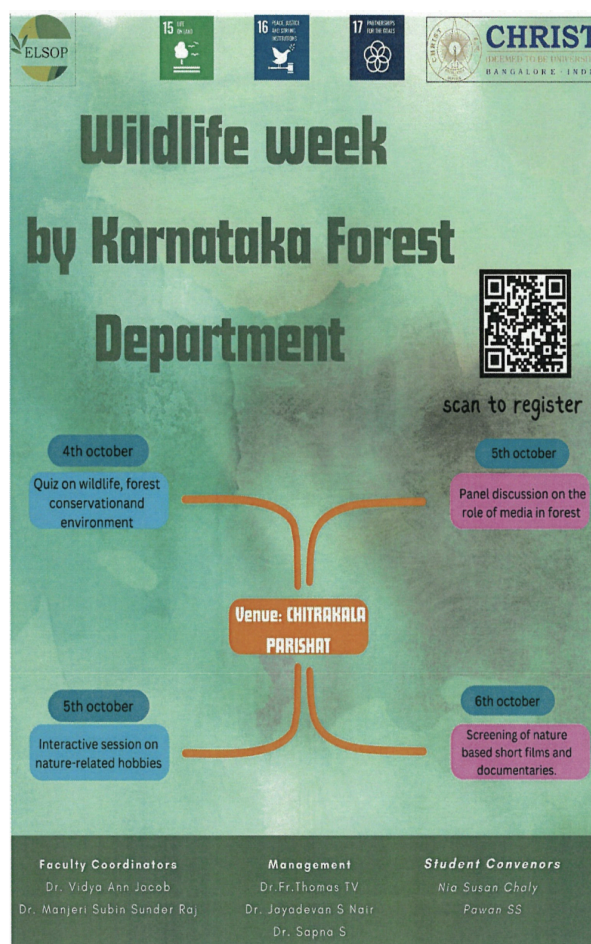


## Workshop on Wildlife Conservation and Environmental Protection 4 October 2023

**Venue: Chitrakala Parishat**

**No. of Participants: 14**

The panel discussion on wildlife conservation brought together experts, educators, and students to deliberate on pressing issues concerning biodiversity preservation and sustainable coexistence with nature. The discussion highlighted the crucial role of media in raising awareness about conservation efforts and influencing public perception. Panellists also recognised the Karnataka Forest Department's achievements in tiger conservation, showcasing successful initiatives that have contributed to the protection and revival of tiger populations in the region. A major theme of the session was the importance of responsible human behaviour in minimising conflicts with wildlife and promoting ecological balance. The speakers further emphasised that youth engagement and environmental education are essential for ensuring long-term conservation success. By empowering young individuals with knowledge and responsibility, the event inspired proactive participation in wildlife protection and environmental stewardship, fostering a culture of empathy and sustainability.



### Best out of waste 15 February 2024

**Venue: Mini Auditorium**  
**No. of Participants: 150**

The SDG Cell of the Department of Media Studies, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road Campus, organised a creative competition titled “Best Out of Waste” under the guidance of Dr Jais Merlin and Mr P. Augustine, Assistant Professor, BGR Campus. The event aimed to promote sustainability through creativity by encouraging students to repurpose everyday waste materials into innovative products. Participants enthusiastically registered for the event and were provided with materials such as straws, ice cream sticks, and newspapers. Using these, they crafted unique and artistic creations, demonstrating the effective use of limited resources. The activity fostered environmental consciousness and instilled a sense of responsibility toward sustainable living. By transforming discarded items into valuable products, the event emphasised waste reduction and resource efficiency. The competition concluded successfully, showcasing the participants’ creativity and reinforcing the importance of eco-friendly practices and responsible consumption.





Department of Media Studies  
Presents

## BEST OUT OF WASTE

An innovative reusable  
product making competition

As part of Sustainability Week  
Feb 12-16, 2024



**15<sup>TH</sup>**  
February 2024



Scan to register

Faculty coordinator - Dr. Jais Merlin P. Augustine  
Student coordinator - Gowri Jagadish

**Time:** 1-2 pm  
**Venue:** Near Bird Cage, BGR Campus

School of Arts and Humanities  
CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Bannerghatta Road Campus



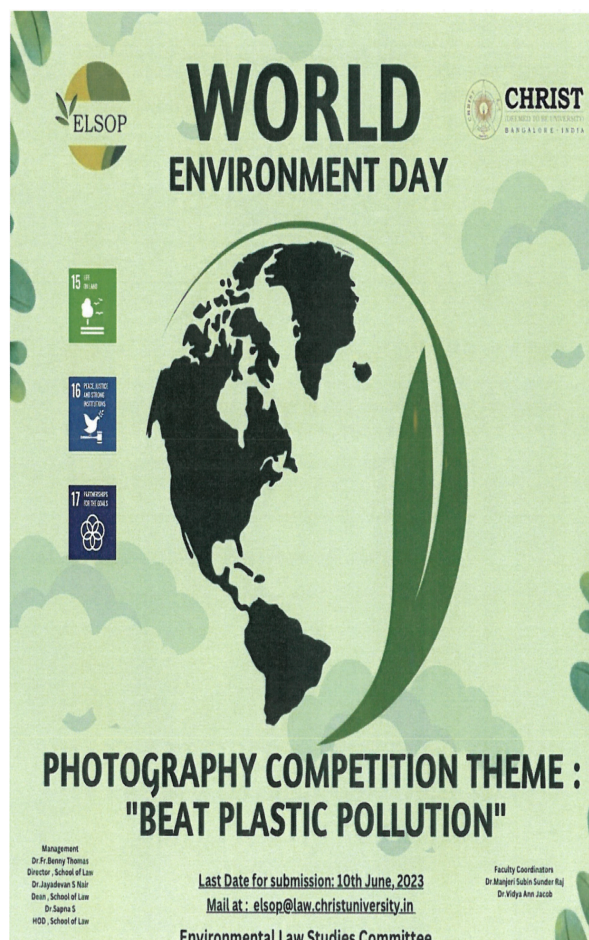
## **Photography Competition**

**05 June 2023**

**Venue: Online**

**No. of Participants: 17**

The World Environment Day Photography Competition, organised by the Environmental Law Studies and Orientation Programme at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), aimed to raise awareness about the growing issue of plastic pollution through the lens of student creativity. Announced on May 15 and open for submissions until June 10, 2023, the competition encouraged participants to use photography as a medium to visually capture the environmental and social consequences of plastic waste. Over 17 high-quality entries were received, each offering a unique and thought-provoking perspective on the harmful effects of plastic on ecosystems and communities. The event provided students with an opportunity to express their environmental concerns artistically while promoting sustainability and responsible consumption. On August 3, 2023, four winning photographs were featured on social media platforms, amplifying the message of environmental consciousness and inspiring others to take action against plastic pollution.



## **Awareness on Waste Management**


**10 October 2023**

**Venue: Seminar Hall, BGR campus**


**No. of Participants: 92**

The event centred on the transition from a linear economy to a circular economy, emphasising regenerative and sustainable practices. It explored innovative ways to minimise waste through product design that encourages resource efficiency and reduces environmental degradation. Discussions delved into key aspects such as waste segregation, upcycling, and the importance of responsible consumption. During the Q&A session, participants engaged in conversations on actionable solutions like refusing single-use plastics, improving public waste management, and understanding consumer influence in promoting sustainability. The speaker highlighted how individual and collective efforts can significantly contribute to environmental preservation by adopting eco-friendly habits and circular business models. Following the main session, a 20-minute informal interaction was held in the faculty lounge, where participants exchanged ideas and reflected on practical steps for fostering sustainability in daily life. The event concluded with a strong call to embrace eco-conscious choices for a better future.





**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS CELL**  
School of Business and Management  
CHRIST (Deemed to be University)  
Bannerghatta Road Campus  
presents  
A Talk On  
**AWARENESS ON  
WASTE MANAGEMENT**



Keynote Speaker:  
**MR. SHEKAR PRABHAKAR**  
Co-Founder & CEO  
at Hasiru Dala  
Innovations

📅 10 October, 2023  
🕒 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
📍 Seminar Hall

**BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION  
AND NOT A PART OF THE  
POLLUTION**

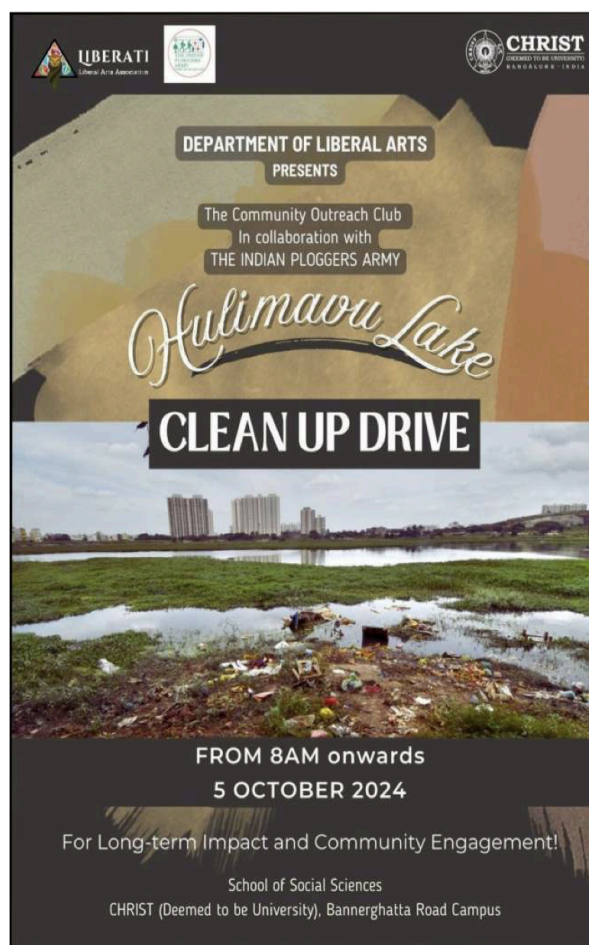
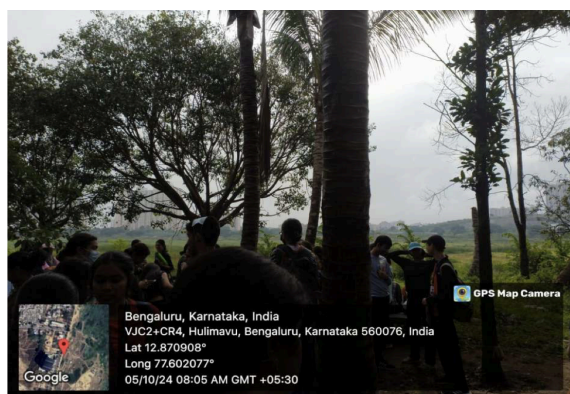


## **Hulimavu Lake Clean Up Drive** **05 October 2024**

**Venue: Hulimavu Lake, Hulimavu**

**No. of Participants: 104**

On October 5, 2024, the Department of Liberal Arts, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road Campus, in collaboration with the Indian Ploggers Army, organised a transformative cleanup drive at Hulimavu Lake, Bangalore. Over 60 student volunteers participated, collecting nearly 50 kilograms of plastic waste to raise awareness about sustainable living and environmental conservation. The event began with an orientation by the Indian Ploggers Army, a Bangalore-based NGO promoting “plogging”—jogging while collecting litter. Students learned about the impact of plastic pollution and practical eco-friendly habits, such as using reusable products and reducing single-use plastics. The drive concluded with a reflection session and a pledge to adopt sustainable practices. The BBMP collected the segregated waste for proper disposal. The initiative not only restored the lake’s surroundings but also instilled environmental responsibility, inspiring students to lead change toward a cleaner, greener future.



## **Saving the Arctic Ecosystem**

**2 November 2023**

**Venue: Room 734, School of Education**

**No. of Participants: 40**

Dr Suma Sarojini created awareness about the environmental challenges faced in the Arctic Circle and highlighted how individuals can contribute to mitigating these issues. She discussed various climate change scenarios and their impact on terrestrial and aquatic life, using clear examples to illustrate these effects. Topics such as locust infestations, the emergence of new pandemics driven by viruses adapting to rising temperatures, and the increase in ocean acidification from 0.03% to 0.04% as of 2020 were addressed. She also shared insights on global concerns, including the Norway Seed Vault and other pressing environmental problems affecting different parts of the world. Additionally, Dr Suma introduced pre-service teachers to Parvati.org, after which students who resonated with the cause signed petitions to receive further communication and contribute to the initiative in meaningful ways.



**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
In association with  
Department of Life Sciences

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presents  
**Guest Lecture**

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

**THURSDAY**  
02 November 2023

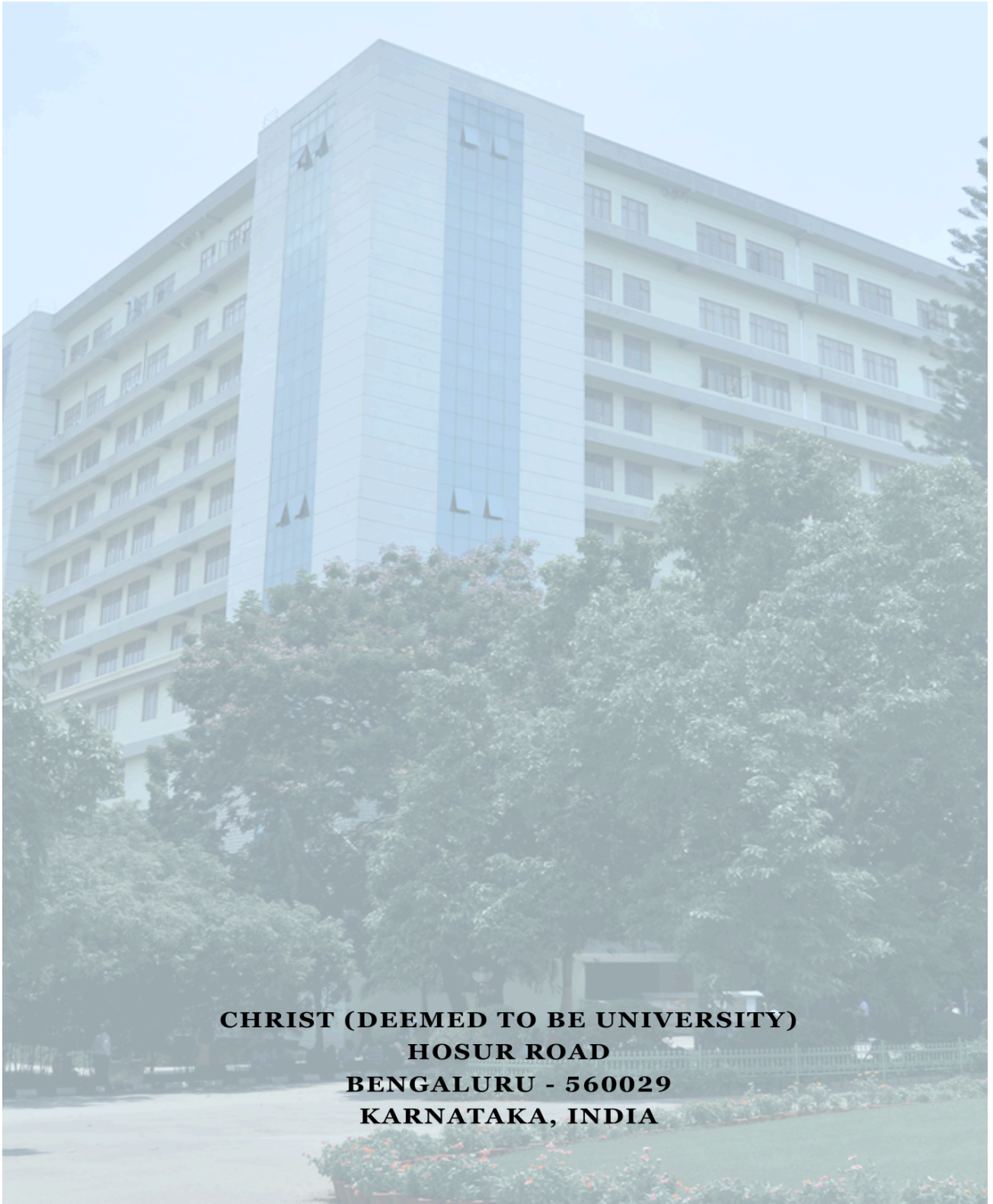
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11:00 AM-1:00 PM

**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





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