CHRIST
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
PUNE LAVASA CAMPUS
The Hub of Analytics

Vol 1 | March 2024

Sanvaad

INTRODUCTION:

Esteemed readers,

A vibrant tapestry of passion and purpose is woven by the tireless hands of change-makers in the hallowed halls of our beloved institution. As the Centre for Social Action proudly dons the silver crown of its jubilee, we embark on a literary journey.

Welcome to the inaugural release of our newsletter, where ink meets impact, and every page echoes the tales of social transformation. We unveil these chronicles as an invitation to witness the unwavering dedication that shapes our community.

As the spotlight shines on our milestone, it also illuminates the cohorts thriving within our CSA - from environmental stewardship to educational equity. Each cohort bears the torch of change. In the following pages, you will not only witness the triumphs and tribulations of our collective journey but also take a glimpse into the unique endeavours of each cohort. Through this newsletter, we aspire to not only share our stories but to embed them into the very fabric of our campus consciousness.

Join us as we illuminate the path forward. May the tales within these pages kindle a flame of awareness, conversations, and collaborations.

Content

	Page
Environment and Sustainability	2
Education & Skill Development	2
Health, Hygiene and Well-Being	3
Media and Advocacy	3
Child Sponsorship Program	4
Social Entrepreneurship	4
Clean-up Drives	5
Girl Child Day Celebrations	5
Sakhi	6
Project Bridge	6
Pradhan	7
Editorial Team	8

Environment and Sustainability

Engaging the community in fostering environmental stewardship, our initiative has been actively involved in promoting a sense of responsibility towards our surroundings over the last three months. Through a series of educational sessions, clean-up drives, collaborative beautification projects, and engaging events, we aim to inspire sustainable practices and raise awareness about the importance of a clean and healthy environment.

REVIVE. RESURGE. RESTORE.

Education & Skill Development

The Education and Skill Development cohort within CSA is committed to promoting education and skill enhancement in alignment with the Right to Education and government policies.

Through various initiatives such as Activity Centre Teaching Sessions, Career Guidance and Educational Fairs, Skill Development Programs, and Digital Awareness and Literacy.

It aims to empower individuals in adopted project areas, focusing on children's education and skill development for dropouts. By engaging volunteers in daily teaching sessions and events, the cohort fosters a culture of lifelong learning and career readiness, emphasising both soft and technical skills essential for job acquisition and career success.

LEARN. IGNITE. DISCOVER.

Health, Hygiene and Well-Being

The Healthcare Accessibility and Sensitization cohort within CSA is dedicated to promoting community health and hygiene while aligning with national initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat and UN Sustainable Development Goals. Through initiatives such as Sustainable Sanitation and Personal Hygiene, Community Health and Education Drives, Early Childhood & Women's Health programs, Donation Drives for people with special needs.

Mental Health Support and Gender Sensitivity workshops, it aims to enhance overall well-being and foster a sustainable lifestyle. By organising sensitisation drives, educational workshops, health screenings, and donation campaigns, the cohort strives to ensure equitable access to healthcare services and promote healthy habits across communities.

CARE. NURTURE. SUPPORT.

Media and Advocacy

The Media and Communication cohort of the CSA (Centre for Social Action) is a dynamic team responsible for various aspects of communication and visual representation within the organization. With a focus on report writing, photography, and poster designing for events, this cohort plays a pivotal role in ensuring effective communication and promotion of CSA's activities. It helps to foster connections, raise awareness, and inspire action within the community.

The cohort is divided into different groups such as report, posters, photography and social media. The report team summarizes event outcomes, detailing community impact, or conveying organizational updates. From community service projects to fundraising activities, the photography team adeptly showcases the vibrancy and diversity of CSA's involvement, creating visual narratives that resonate with audiences and help to enhance the organization's visibility. The poster team is responsible for creating eye-catching posters for events.

CREATE. EXPRESS. REFORM.

Child Sponsorship Program

A flagship initiative of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), this cohort undertakes the social responsibility of encouraging Christites to sponsor the education of underprivileged children in project areas by conducting fundraising events and awareness campaigns. Annually, the Centre supports the education of over 800 students through the efforts of the management, faculty, and students.

EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ELEVATE.

Social Entrepreneurship

The Social Entrepreneurship cohort promotes sustainable and inclusive economic growth by fostering business skills and innovation. It equips students and alumni with the abilities and resources to manage social enterprises.

Entrepreneurs are provided support to expand their businesses and seize marketing opportunities, contributing to building sustainable communities that cultivate innovation.

INITIATE. INNOVATE. INCULCATE.

EVENTS

Clean-up Drives

"Cleaning and organising is a practice, not a project." - Meagan Francis

The Environment Cohort of the Centre for Social Action embodies this saying through their clean-up drives. CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Lavasa Pune campus, is indeed a blessed campus, surrounded by lush greenery and nature. The clean-up drives organized by this cohort not only clean the campus and neighbouring areas but also beautify it. These clean-up drives are conducted frequently, with the aim of beautifying and cleaning up the area.

These drives work towards one purpose: the betterment of the environment.

Moreover, these clean-up drives serve as a catalyst for broader environmental awareness and advocacy. They provide opportunities for education and engagement, empowering participants to understand the importance of environmental conservation and inspiring them to take proactive steps towards sustainability in their own lives.

Ultimately, the overarching goal of these initiatives is clear: to create a cleaner, healthier, and more vibrant environment for all. By coming together to beautify and protect their campus and surrounding areas, the Environment Cohort sets a powerful example of collective action in pursuit of a common cause—the betterment of the environment for current and future generations.

Girl Child Day'24

CSA recently celebrated 'Girl Child Day,' honouring the dreams and aspirations of every girl. The gathering was a reminder that every girl child is born with a purpose. It was not just an event but a celebration of change and equality.

Sakhee

"The self-help group at the university aims to empower staff members to take control of their financial futures by encouraging them to save a specific amount of money each month. Through participating in this initiative, staff members learn the importance of saving and how it can positively impact their lives in the long run. The group provides support, resources, and guidance to help members develop healthy saving habits and achieve their financial goals.

Additionally, the self-help group is part of the Centre for Social Action in the Social Entrepreneurship cohort. It operates within a larger framework of social responsibility and entrepreneurship. This affiliation allows the group to access additional resources, networks, and opportunities for collaboration with other like-minded initiatives. By integrating social entrepreneurship principles into their saving practices, members not only benefit individually but also contribute to the broader goal of creating positive social change within the university community.

Project Bridge

A program aimed at providing free education to all, one that operates on CHRIST (Deemed to be University)'s core values and is a flagship initiative for the Education and Skill Development cohort. Project Bridge aims to share knowledge, skills, and love with children who visit the campus from nearby villages and towns. The program offers basic education in subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science, and IT to children ranging from 3rd to 10th grade.

hrough a series of training and workshop programs, the initiative not only teaches subjects but also hones their soft and hard skills.The consistency and dedication shown by the volunteers involved in this program are phenomenal. The motive behind this beautiful initiative is to give these children the tools they need to paint their own futures.

Pradhan

Pradhan is a donation campaign organized by students and teachers at the university, aimed at collecting donations from the community. Every month, a donation drive is conducted where students and teachers contribute clothes, blankets, footwear, stationery, and other essential items. These donations are then distributed to nearby villages and schools, benefiting those in need.

The initiative not only helps those in need but also fosters a sense of empathy, compassion, and social responsibility among the participants.

By actively engaging in philanthropic activities, students and teachers contribute to creating a more inclusive and compassionate society while also strengthening community bonds.

In addition to material donations, Pradhan also collaborates with NCC members to organize blood donation drives. This collaboration ensures a wider reach and greater impact, as both material and blood donations are vital for the well-being of the community.

MEET THE TEAM

Mariya K Joseph
Coordinator, Centre for Social Action

We are thrilled to present "Sanvaad" - a reflection of dialogue, a medium of connection, and a testament to our journey at the Centre for Social Action (CSA), CHRIST(Deemed to be University) Pune Lavasa Campus.

In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." "Sanvaad" embodies the essence of meaningful conversations, fostering ideas, and sparking change within our community. Through this newsletter, we aim to share our endeavors, successes, and the transformative power of dialogue in creating a more inclusive and vibrant society.

Let "Sanvaad" be a beacon of inspiration and a catalyst for positive change.

Kalpesh Patkar
Faculty Coordinator, CSA
Christ University, Pune Lavasa Campus

'I write to find out what I think'
Novelist Stephen King.

Clear writing is only achievable through clear thinking, which is only achievable by decluttering the mind. This newsletter from the Center for Social Action (CSA) Pune Lavasa Campus is an honest attempt to display our clearer thinking, decluttering the mind & build a perspective towards looking at social responsibility & community engagement.

EXECUTIVE
Shruti Yadav

EXECUTIVE
Rudranarayan Nayak

EDITOR
Rakshanda Dhote

EDITOR
Urvi

SPECIAL THANKS
Christine Elizabeth Samuel

WRITER
Namasvi

WRITER
Nicole

WRITER
Panjiri

DESIGN
Rudransh

DESIGN
Bhumika

Sanvaad

VOL 1 March 2024

CHRIST
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
PUNE LAVASA CAMPUS
The Hub of Analytics

1800 123 2009
lavasa.christuniversity.in
mail.lavasa@christuniversity.in

@csa_lavasacampus
csa.lavasa@christuniversity.in