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WORDS FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)



"Embracing the Sustainable Development Goals should be more than a mere commitment; it should be the heartbeat of our institution. The SDG Cell stands as a testament to our dedication, making sustainability a distinctive and integrated practice within our university's ethos. It should be the distinctive practice of our university."

WEBINAR ON SDG GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA ON CAMPUS



The event was graced by esteemed attendees, including top officials, deans, and directors. The highlight of the day was a compelling address by Omar Hernandez, the Program Manager of the United Nations Academic Impact, who shared valuable insights and perspectives with the audience.





EMPOWERING CHANGE

On July 27, 2023, from 10 am to 4 pm, the Central Block of Christ University was abuzz with enthusiasm and dedication as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Cell hosted a Recruitment and Awareness Stall event. The event aimed to raise awareness and engage the Christ University community in sustainable development initiatives.

The SDG Cell, a growing initiative on campus, sought to introduce its mission to the university's students and faculty. The event served as an invitation to be part of a transformative journey toward a more sustainable and equitable future.

The stall successfully piqued curiosity among the attendees, leading to insightful questions about the SDG Cell's objectives and its role in shaping a brighter future. To engage participants further, the event featured interactive activities that blended education and entertainment, showcasing the potential of each SDG.

Collaboration with Rang, the School of Business and Management's music team, enriched the event by adding a harmonious element. The power of music fostered conversations about the SDGs, highlighting the beauty of interdisciplinary partnerships.

The event's impact was profound, inspiring both students and faculty to consider joining the SDG Cell and contribute meaningfully to sustainable development. This event demonstrated the potential for transformation when passionate hearts and informed minds unite in pursuit of change, offering a glimpse of a brighter future.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



On account of World Environment Day, 5th June 2023, The SDG Cell of CHRIST Deemed to be University) conducted a 'Sapling Plantation Drive' in collaboration with NGV and ISRO.

UNDERSTANDING THE UN SDG'S: TRAINING PROGRAM TO SDG FACULTY COORDINATORS

On the 4th of August 2023, the SDG Cell organized a faculty meet to discuss and explore actionable sustainable practices. The event featured Mr. Melwin Noronha, Dr. Leena James, and several esteemed faculty members who shared perspectives from their knowledge and expertise. Inspirational stories from successful veterans were shared to inspire attendees to drive a change in their communities.



FACULTY ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The SDG Cell of CHRIST (Deemed to be University) is expanding its presence from the Central campus to its two other campuses ie; Yeshwantpur and Bannerghatta. The program introduced the SDG Cell, its mission, vision and implementation at a departmental and university level to the faculties of the campuses and encouraged them to join the drive.

BANNERGHATA CAMPUS

Dr. Leena James and Dr. Nidula Wilson were the speakers of this faculty orientation program in the Bannerghatta Road campus, which took place on 31st July 2023.



YESHWANTPUR CAMPUS

Dr. Leena James and Dr. Victor Paul were the speakers of this faculty orientation program in the Yeshwanthpur campus, which took place on 21st August 2023.



CHAMPIONING ENERGY CONSERVATION ON WORLD EARTH DAY



The pivotal moment of these sessions was the symbolic pledge-taking ceremony. This gesture underscored the university's unwavering commitment to sustainable energy consumption and its role in motivating individuals and organizations to minimize their carbon footprint. The event aimed to instigate the adoption of eco-friendly practices within our academic community.

In an inspiring demonstration of unity, the various teams within the SDG CELL at CHRIST (Deemed to be University) banded together to promote energy conservation awareness on World Earth Day. Representatives from the SDG CELL embarked on a mission to educate and empower, visiting different university departments to conduct engaging and informative sessions, instilling a profound sense of responsibility for our planet.



PLASTIC AVOIDANCE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



ANCHORS REGISTRATION DRIVE





Takeaways for a Transformative Future

- Understanding of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their relevance in our lives.
- The importance of unlearning, having an open mindset to embrace change.
- Willingness to re-learn and accept failures as stepping stones to success.
- Cultivating a growth mindset aligned with the SDGs.
- Recognizing the significance of investing time in endeavors beyond personal interests.

INDIA SUSTAINABILITY STARTATHON 2023

In an era marked by rapid technological advancement and global challenges, it's essential to prepare the youth for a transformative future. On the 7th and 8th of August 2023, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), in collaboration with The Future Founder's Co., organized the "India Sustainability Startathon 2023." Held at the #802 Syndicate Room, Audi Block, Ground Floor, this event aimed to equip young minds with the skills and mindset needed to address sustainability challenges and innovate for a better world.

Key organisers

The India Sustainability Startathon 2023 was a two-day event designed to inspire and challenge participants to think critically and creatively about sustainability issues. Dr. Leena James, Professor at the School of Business and Management and Coordinator of the SDG Cell at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), along with Ms. Supriya Panchangam, CEO of The Future Founder's Co., spearheaded this transformative initiative. The event brought together over 60 shortlisted students from all campuses of CHRIST (Deemed to be University). These young individuals came from various backgrounds, united by their shared commitment to driving positive change.



Event Structure

The Startathon was structured into several segments by Ms. Supriya to keep participants engaged throughout the event. It began with a mandatory section covering topics such as emerging technologies, the future of jobs, and in-demand skills. Participants were not passive listeners; they actively engaged in solving problem statements related to these topics, presenting innovative solutions. What set this event apart was the real-world applicability of the knowledge gained. After the bootcamp session, participants took the initiative to find feasible solutions for different problems



Startathon: Second Day

The second day of the Startathon saw participants presenting their solutions to a panel of judges. One of the distinguished judges included Mr. Ashutosh Ananth, Co-founder of Rescript, a social entrepreneur dedicated to sustainability in the world of stationary products. This dynamic exchange allowed participants to receive constructive feedback and gain valuable insights into the real-world application of their ideas.

Certificates awarded to participants and volunteers, highlighting the university's commitment to developing socially and environmentally responsible future leaders.



The India Sustainability Startathon 2023 stands as a testament to the university's commitment to nurturing future leaders who are not just academically proficient but also socially and environmentally responsible.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON WOMEN'S DAY

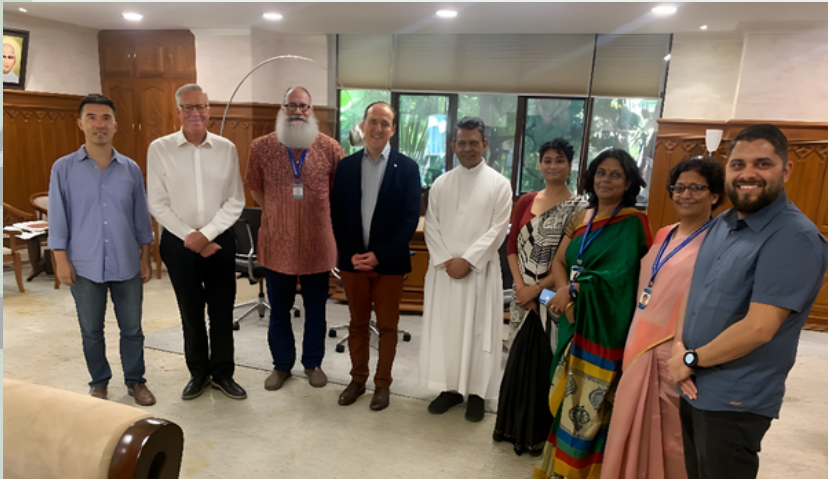


Gender biases and stereotypes persist as formidable barriers to women's progress, both personally and professionally. International Women's Day celebrates women's exceptional achievements annually, yet the fight for gender equality endures. To address this, SDG CELL at CHRIST (Deemed to be University) recently hosted a riveting panel discussion titled "Breaking Stereotypes." Accomplished women from diverse backgrounds shared their experiences, offering valuable insights.



Dr. Shobha Naidu stressed continuous self-improvement as the essence of success, Kanchan Dwivedi highlighted creating a societal impact, and Anamika Viswanathan emphasized on the work-life balance.

SKILLING THE YOUTH FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE FUTURE



In an ever-evolving world, preparing the youth for a transformative future is not just a goal but a necessity. On the 15th of July 2023, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) in Bangalore hosted an enlightening speaker session titled "Skilling the Youth for a Transformative Future." Organized by the university's SDG Cell, the event aimed to provide students with valuable insights into emerging technologies, the future job landscape, and essential skills for success in an ever-changing world. The event took place at the Campus View, Central Block, and was attended by a diverse group of students from various academic disciplines, including the School of Law, School of Sociology, School of Chemistry, School of English and Cultural Studies, and School of Business and Management. With over 80 participants in attendance, the session promised to be informative and engaging.

Ms. Supriya Panchangam, CEO of The Future Founder's Co attended as a speaker

Ms. Supriya delved into emerging technologies, providing insights into the future of jobs and in-demand skills, preparing participants for the changing landscape of work.

Ms. Supriya emphasized essential life skills, including unlearning, re-learning, and embracing failure. A growth mindset was emphasized as a key attribute for personal and professional growth. Investing time in activities aligned with passion and values was also highlighted for a fulfilling life.

SDG CELL AWARENESS STALL DRAWS ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD



On the 12th of September 2023, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) in Bangalore witnessed an exciting and informative event - the SDG Cell Awareness Stall. Dr. Leena James, Director of the SDG Cell and a prominent Professor at the university's School of Business and Management, played a central role in organizing this awareness-building initiative.



The objective of the stall was to introduce students and faculty members to the functions and importance of the SDG Cell, a relatively new addition to the campus. As SDG-related initiatives gain traction globally, students and faculty alike expressed their curiosity and interest in understanding the role and mission of the SDG Cell.

The stall offered a mix of informative and enjoyable activities to engage the attendees. Among the highlights were face painting, a game to guess the SDG logo, and the creation of a mood board where participants shared valuable insights on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. A mini open mic corner allowed students to showcase their talents and draw in a crowd, further enhancing the engagement.



The event accomplished its primary goal of raising awareness about the SDGs among the student and faculty community. It sparked interest in the SDG Cell's mission, and many attendees expressed their desire to get involved as advocates and members.

Dr. Leena James, in her role as the Director of the SDG Cell, was instrumental in orchestrating this successful event that opened doors to a world of sustainability and social development for the CHRIST University community.



The SDG Cell Awareness Stall was not just an event but a platform that sowed the seeds of awareness and participation. As the university's community becomes more conscious of the SDGs, it is poised to contribute actively to the global efforts aimed at achieving a more sustainable and equitable world.

STUDENT LEADERS ORIENTATION PROGRAM

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) in Bangalore marked the beginning of the academic year 2023-2024 with a dynamic and informative session - the Student Leaders Orientation Program. Dr. Leena James, Professor at the School of Business and Management and Coordinator of the SDG Cell, opened the event with an enlightening discussion on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She emphasized the importance of the SDG Cell and its role within the university



The orientation program unveiled an action plan for the SDG Cell, outlining the steps for raising awareness, creating task forces, devising action plans, and implementing and monitoring them. Each SDG goal was meticulously discussed, with representatives from various university departments sharing their contributions to events related to their assigned SDG goals.

A special address by Dr. Elena, delivered online, added an international perspective as she shared her experiences from her visit to the central campus and expressed her hopes for CHRIST to become a global leader in SDG achievement.

Dr. Fr. Joseph C C, the Vice Chancellor of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), spoke about his vision for the university's future and the importance of collaboration between departments in achieving the SDGs.



The session emphasized the significance of UN SDGs, collaboration, documentation, action plans, and the motto, "Everyday for the Future." With over 150 participants, the Student Leaders Orientation Program set the stage for a promising academic year dedicated to sustainability and social development.



OPEN MIC BY SDG CELL

In a world marked by diversity and change, fostering creativity and expression is essential. On the 19th of August 2023, the SDG Cell at CHRIST (Deemed-to-be University) organized a remarkable event: the SDG Cell Open Mic. Set against the backdrop of Block T's scenic Island, this event not only celebrated talent but also served as a platform for awareness and collaboration. .

The Open Mic event was scheduled to coincide with World Humanitarian Day, a day that recognizes the efforts of individuals and organizations working tirelessly to promote global humanitarian initiatives.

An announcement highlighted the recruitment drive for the University Level SDG Cell, emphasizing its role in advancing sustainability and global development awareness among students and faculty.

The event's unique feature was its ability to unite the audience through song, creating an inclusive and harmonious atmosphere where talent and appreciation transcended all boundaries.



The response was encouraging, with many students and faculty expressing their interest in joining the Cell. This demonstrated a shared commitment to addressing critical global challenges and contributing to a more sustainable future.

It underscored the importance of providing students with platforms to express themselves and engage with pressing global issues. In the spirit of World Humanitarian Day, this event served as a reminder that each individual has a unique talent and voice that can be harnessed to make the world a better place. The SDG Cell continues to empower voices and ignite the spark of change within its vibrant community.

COMMEMORATING MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On October 10, 2023, the SDG Cell at CHRIST (Deemed to be University) took a proactive step in raising awareness about mental health by hosting an engaging stall on campus.



The stall, organized by Dr. Leena James, the Coordinator of the SDG Cell and a Professor at the School of Business and Management, was established near the Central Block, drawing a significant crowd throughout the day.



Mental Health Day is a globally recognized occasion to highlight the importance of mental well-being and to advocate for the welfare of all individuals.

SUSTAINABILITY YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA



The 16th Global Youth Peace Fest was organised by Yuvsatta (Youth for Peace), the National Youth Services Council (NYSC), the Confederation of Indian Universities and the Ministry of Sports and Youth, Government of Sri Lanka and was centred around the slogan 'I am the change'.

Divided into teams representing different nations, delegates delved into four main problem statements: Sustainable Fashion, Zero-Waste Society, Sustainable Tourism, and Urban Farming. The six-day summit featured diverse activities, emphasizing learning, networking, and problem-solving.



The fest kickstarted on the 29th of September and ended on the 2nd of October of 2023. The event aimed to inspire and empower young people to become active advocates for peace, sustainability, and social change. Over the course of four days, GYPF offered a diverse range of activities, discussions, and cultural exchanges that fostered unity and cooperation among the attendees.

The event provided a deep understanding of sustainability, facilitated valuable networking, and enhanced cross-cultural collaboration skills. Delegates from diverse nations left equipped to contribute meaningfully to a more sustainable future.



Christ university students from SDG cell represented the event and Prof Dr Leena James got the Sustainability Leadership award from the Ministry of Srilanka.

