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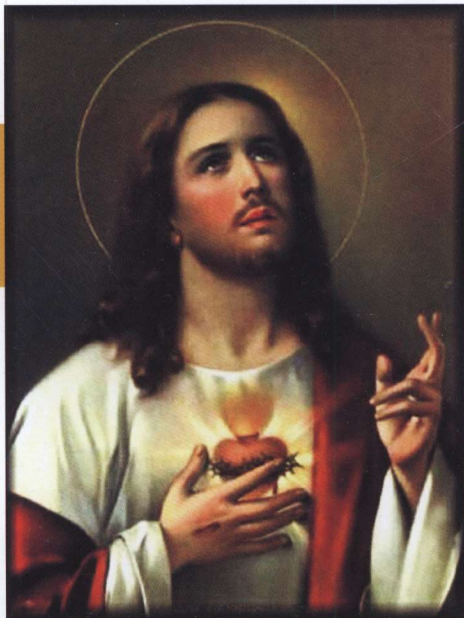
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Founts of Inspiration



Jesus Christ – The Guiding Light

CHRIST

Christ University is dedicated to Christ, the teacher par excellence. He is our supreme guru and inspiration. He is our guiding light. He is our model of Excellence and Service.

Blessed Kuriakose Elias Chavara, the founder of the religious congregation, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) is our source of inspiration as the seminal influence of his vision and dreams permeates through our activities today.

BLESSED CHAVARA



Our History

Christ University, formerly Christ College was established in the year 1969 in Bangalore with a view to blend sacred and secular education, by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), the first indigenous religious congregation of India. The congregation with a membership of nearly 3000, renders service to humanity in educational, social, health care and other sectors of social action which aims at integral development. In the city of Bangalore, the congregation has various institutions namely, Dharmaram College - a seminary for the CMIs, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram - an ecclesiastical university which confers Degrees in Philosophy, Theology and Canon Law, Christ Junior College, Christ P U Residential College, Christavidyalaya - a Kannada Medium School, Christ School - English Medium School. Christ University now has a new, additional, well-equipped campus in **Kengeri** for Engineering and Management Studies.

Christ College was accredited with A+ grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) - an independent body - under UGC in 2005 and was declared an autonomous institution in September 2005. The college got further recognized as an institution with potential for Excellence by UGC. On July 27, 2008, a new chapter opened when it was declared a Deemed University by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) under section 3 of UGC Act 1956.



VISION

EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE

Christ University, a premier educational institution, is an academic fraternity of individuals dedicated to the motto of **Excellence and Service**. We strive to reach out to the star of perfection through an earnest academic pursuit for 'Excellence' and our efforts blossom into 'Service' through our creative and empathetic involvement in society to transform it.



MISSION

Christ University is a nurturing ground for an individual's holistic development to make effective contribution to the society in a dynamic environment.

The holistic development of an individual is attained through academic excellence, professional competence, personal, interpersonal and societal skills. The university is committed to its mission and vision in all its endeavours. Holistic development involves our participation in our national dreams and aspirations and our dedication to promote national integration and religious harmony.



CORE VALUES

- ★ Faith in God
- ★ Moral Uprightness
- ★ Love of Fellow Beings
- ★ Social Responsibility
- ★ Pursuit of Excellence

Academic Social Responsibility – Practices and Possibilities

The theme for this year's annual issue relates to a growing phenomenon in educational institutions across the country today - to incorporate/integrate varieties of practices and possibilities of social responsibility into their institutional goals and visions.

While the value of social responsibility is not the particular reserve of socialist-activist organizations, it gains particular significance in the field of academia where a growing concern with vocationality and marketability seems to have edged out a vital outcome of academic training - social responsibility.

As the practical cooperation that previously existed between university and government (the 19th century European model for higher learning) becomes irrelevant under its newfound deemed university status, it opens up possibilities of free inquiry and critique of its 'more insidious philosophical role in the propagation of the form of representational thinking itself, that "properly spiritual absolute State" endlessly reproduced and disseminated at every level of the social fabric' (Deleuze and Guattari, *A Thousand Plateaus*).

At Christ, this awareness articulates into a diverse variety of academic practices - quite recently and notably, interdisciplinarity. While such an understanding may not be evident in the design (-ation) s of the various mainstream courses, there have been efforts to create and designate newer discursive spaces on the campus. Certificate courses have in the past fulfilled the need for alternative discursive spaces where possibilities of openness, closeness/proximity (intimate, in the way the recent psychology seminar articulated the feeling), and free rationality may be fully realized. The certificate

course in philosophy again makes possible a vital area of knowledge accessible for the undergraduates who are otherwise traditionally subjected to the strict realist-disciplinary models (that may not admit crossovers, transmigrations, multiplicities, and crucially closeness/proximity /intimacy that exist between and among all knowledge systems).

Film screenings by particular departments - sociology, psychology, and law are another crucial instance of the free workings of dialogue, debate and negotiation. Introduction of new courses - Cultural Studies, Popular Cultural Studies, Film Studies, Gender Studies offered by the Department of Media Studies is a further instance of the current impulse to innovate, and to reflect closely the constantly changing causes of the society (-ies) we inhabit daily.

The Kannada department's move to hold an annual language-cultural fest - Bhasa Utsav while offering possibilities of dialogue and participation allows us to witness and record the role of language in constituting our cultural assumptions and national outlooks.

This year's issue represents the imaginings and aspirations of the various communities in constant negotiation/dialogue with one another within the campus. The selection covers articles, write ups and reports by the management, teaching staff, administrative staff, and the students revealing within them a spectrum of expectations and hopes that inform and underlie their yearly activities and programmes. We are glad we chose this theme for this year's issue as it revealed to us that the perspective of social responsibility has been central to the academic enterprise of all the concerned communities of this institution.

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Chancellor's Message

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The theme of the first annual magazine of Christ University is "Academic Social Responsibility: Practices and Possibilities". Social Responsibility is one of the five core values of the University. It reminds us Christites that we are duty-bound to make human society and this world a bit more wholesome, holistic and liveable.

My deliberations here revolve around two famous Sanskrit dictums: (i) Udara-caritanam tu vasudhaiva kutumbakam (The entire world is the family of great people.) Magnanimous and noble people consider this whole universe as their own family, extending their love and compassion not just to their fellow humans, but to all animals, birds, plants and nature at large. This is the ideal. (ii) Paropakartham idam sariram. (This body/existence is for the wellbeing of others.) If we perceive and are convinced that the entire world is our family, then we would happily and generously spend ourselves, that is, spend our being and having, for this family. This reaching out and this giving should particularly be directed to the little ones of the society: to the poor, marginalized, old, and oppressed and to those who suffer under the oppressive structures of society. Social Responsibility is also a core value of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, Christian dharma is the love of

the neighbour. This love manifests itself, as has already been mentioned earlier, in giving what we have and ourselves to others, especially to the less fortunate others.

In a country like India, when we are inexorably tormented by a number of dreadful maladies like illiteracy, superstitions, corruption, caste system, exploitation of the poor, religious fundamentalism, squalid life situations, ecological imbalance, etc., the remedy lies in education and education alone. Academic-scientific disciplines and researches of a University like Christ have to be necessarily and uncompromisingly geared up to the objective of bettering the conditions and life-situations of humanity. Over the years Christ has developed a special penchant and predilection for social work and social action. It has given shape to a systematic work-style and a long term plan of action for its social involvement. Through CSA (Centre for Social Action), it reaches out to thousands of people in villages and urban slums, and scientifically work for their social, educational and economic uplift, and help them to help themselves. I wish and pray that the University continues its mission of social responsibility with greater vigour and enthusiasm. I also thank and congratulate the editors of the Souvenir for taking up this very important theme as the subject matter of this year's Souvenir. God bless you all!

Dr. (Fr.) Augustine Thottakara, CMI
Rector, Dharmaram
Chancellor, Christ University

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor's Report



I am delighted to report that the year 2008 was a turning point in the history of this present university. The then Christ College (Autonomous) stepped into its 40th year of existence as a newly formed Deemed University. It is said, life begins at 40 and so, for the then Christ College (Autonomous), it was a new chapter as Christ College was declared a Deemed University by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), on July 27, 2008, under section 3 of UGC Act 1956. This event in the Ruby year of this institution, has pushed Christ University to energetically expand its educational services not only in the city of Bangalore but nationally and globally. A new campus has been started at Kengeri for both engineering and management courses. New campuses have been set up in Delhi and Pune, and an off shore campus at Singapore for management education, indicating our desire to provide students with boundless opportunities for learning, research and service.

New Courses

In order to sustain this new won academic vigor, new courses were also launched in the present city campus with objectives aimed at providing service to all levels and kinds of education seekers, such as working professionals, those interested in specializing in pure sciences, finance, and literature. MSc Computer Science, MBA Executive programme, MSc Chemistry, MA (English), and a twinning BBA programme.

Student Welfare Office and Cultural Team

A student's sense of connection to a university community remains an essential element of engagement and success. The programmes of our cultural team on the campus and outside the university are designed and implemented purposefully through initiatives and activities engineered to engage students in active learning, provide meaningful student interactions, enhance cooperation among students, and expose students to compete, develop, contribute and learn. Our cultural team triumphed as overall winners and bagged cultural trophies at several prestigious National fests such as *Spandan*-JIPMER, Pondicherry; *Festmeber*-NIT, Trichy; *Unmaad*-IIMB besides winning several overall trophies and

prizes of cultural events conducted by St. Joseph's College of Commerce, National Law School, PESIT, and many other colleges in Bangalore.

It is a matter of pride that during the academic year 2008 – 2009 Christ University's Debating Society became an active realm of possibility for students drawing numerous achievements to its name. The Debating Society also bagged the first and second places at JIPMER-Pondicherry, National Law School and many other debate tournaments at both the State and National levels. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the Debating Society this year was its hosting the First Annual Christ University Debate Tournament.

NCC

Donning the role of national responsibility and service, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) continued their disciplined and excellent participation in many activities. One cadet from the Junior College, Akshata Mohan won the Raksha Mantri commendation. Four cadets, Anusha, Hassan, Karthik and Sharanya, won the Director General commendation. Sangarsh, Anusha, Surabhi, Manjeshwaran, Ashwini, Omar, Glenn and Rashmi Lal received the CM's commendation. While cadets Ashwini and Omar went to Thal Sainik Camp, New Delhi, Omar won a gold medal in map reading. Cadets Anusha and Glenn represented India in Singapore and Sri Lanka

respectively as the ambassadors of the Youth Exchange Programme. The cadets also organized the Deputy Director General's visit to our campus this year.

Research

Research indicates the attributes of a world class university. Hence we aim to build an international stature for our faculty who will be capable of producing and providing dynamic and relevant curricula, and emphasize teaching and quality research so that we can develop and deliver a relevant and future oriented education. In order to actualize this Christ University has launched successfully both M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes that endorse our vision and firmly commit to establish the university in its progress towards a worldclass research university. This calls for strengthening both bilateral and multilateral linkages that enable a university to interact across universities, cultures and nations. It is essential that expertise from different disciplines both within and outside India should be integrated. In line with this, Christ University, Bangalore and Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, United Kingdom entered into bilateral agreement to form the Institute for Business, Management and Leadership. This is a forum for collaborative joint research between faculty members of both institutes.

International Partnership Programmes

One of our missions is to expand and strengthen the student community globally. The University has continuously strived towards developing innovative and focused partnership with leading international educational consortiums for building international activities, services and building global relationships for learning. Thus under the aegis of the Office of International Studies, Christ University international programmes have grown from strength to strength in the last few years. The International Office introduced several innovative programmes in the year 2008-09. The dual degree PGDM / MBA Program was launched with the University of Applied Sciences, Wuerzburg-Shweinfurt, Germany. Under the "India Gateway Programme", 20 students from Germany underwent a two week India experience through contact classes, field trips and company visits. This was followed by tour of four of our MBA students to University of Wurzburg-Shweinfurt, Germany for a study programme.

The International Office facilitated the UK trip for 13 BBA students to attend the "Global Youth Congress" at Liverpool Hope University, UK. The University also hosted three regional scholars from Philippines, Cambodia and China deputed by United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, USA to do their Masters Program in Christ University.

The twinning programme successfully transferred around 50 students from BBA, BA and BCA to Western Michigan University, USA; Griffith University, Australia; and Swansea University, UK for completion of their undergraduate degrees.

I am pleased to announce that 17 students transferred earlier to WMU, USA from Christ University were given Presidential Scholarship worth Rs. 8 lakh each. Thus Christ University Campus is witnessing a large number of foreign students who come to experience learning on our campus, through Universities Study Abroad Consortium (USAC), USA.

Christ University hosted the '**7th International Whitehead Conference – Process, Religion and Society**' under the initiative of the Department of Philosophy in January 2009. The conference aimed at bringing together scholars inspired by the philosophy of Alfred N. Whitehead, mathematician, scientist and philosopher.

Centre for Publications

The Department of Publications successfully launched its series of biannuals - *Artha*, *Ushus*, *Mapana*, and *Atena* successfully. *Tatva*, a new journal of philosophy was launched to facilitate critical study and in depth reflection and analysis of issues, problems and concerns of human life.

Centre for Social Action

The University has a deep commitment to engendering social responsibility and consciousness among its students. During the academic year the Centre for Social Action (CSA) continued its activities involving students of Christ University as well as other educational institutions and marginalized communities. The volunteers of CSA were exposed to social issues relating to human rights, urban poverty and paradox of development through various awareness programs and interactions with different NGOs. More than 1000

students from different classes got a first hand experience of rural India through the Rural Exposure Programmes organized in the rural project areas of CSA. The seventh batch of students Afreen Kittur (III JPENG), Vandana Radhakrishnan, III JPENG), Sharath Chandra (III BCOM Tourism), Vineet Mathew (III CMS) left for Norway in August 2008 to participate in the Developmental Youth Exchange Programme.

CSA further facilitated a leadership program for selected students from Christ University in collaboration with Better Future, The Netherlands. The programme aimed at imparting skills of leadership and social entrepreneurship in association with students and business leaders from The Netherlands. CSA in collaboration with ICONGO-Indian Confederation of NGO's, organized a one-day Conclave on Humane Capitalism for the students of Christ University. It is important to place on record that during the academic year CSA has forged new collaborations with Hist University, Norway; Bodo University, Norway; Diakohhjemmet University, Oslo; Lerums Gymnasium School and Sydsånska Gymnasiet School, Sweden for practical placements for the students of social work.

Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC)

The Centre for Education beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC) is a leading ambassador for Christ University, undertaking research, development and training in higher education initiatives. To achieve this, the centre continued relentlessly to work towards innovative and future oriented projects. Projects in collaboration with UGC, several national and international partners, seminars and workshop were organized during the course of the year. Workshops on *Institutional Effectiveness: Dimensions, Empowering Educational Leaders in Higher Education, Managing Schools Effectively* (exclusively held for CMI Institutions) and a one month certificate course on *Orientation for Ministry and Life Abroad* (specially designed for the CMI priests) were conducted.

The centre also organized several collaborative programmes: Workshop on *Empowerment of Leadership for Managing Change and Building*

Synergy for Change Capability to prepare mid-level faculty and administrators for leadership positions at colleges and universities; National conference on *Academic Staff Development: Strengthening Institutional Links* to generate thinking and construct knowledge on staff development practices; and to plan, implement and sustain effective staff development practices in institutions of higher learning; a one day consultative workshop on perceptions of *Emerging Competencies of Educational Administrators of Higher Education Institutions in India* for mapping the competencies of educational leaders.

A National workshop on *Political Parties and Representation of Women: The Challenges Ahead* sponsored by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, India was organized by the Department of Sociology with active support from CEDBEC.

Total Quality Management System (TQMS)

Under the Total Quality Management System (TQMS) initiative a National level seminar on Dynamics of Educational Quality, and another National level seminar on Educational Leadership in association with Education Management Services, Bangalore was organized. Both events aimed at enabling participants to enrich themselves in developing quality culture in their respective institutions and to orient the principals and senior academicians to assume leadership challenges in the context of changes occurring in today's globalized environment.

School of Law

The Christ University School of Law organized a plethora of activities during the year, including the *Commonwealth Moot Competition 2009*; a workshop on *Regional Security and Disarmament*; another on *Warfare or Welfare - Disarmament for peace, Human Security and Development in 21st Century*. The School of Law also held JURISTAR, an inter-class cultural, literary, dramatic and sports fest. Besides these, student volunteers from the School took classes on consumer protection, Motor Vehicles Act and environmental protection for the students of Christ Junior College.

Deanery Reports

The Departments of the Deanery of Commerce and Management pursued their activities with great vigor and enthusiasm. ESPIRIT, THRIVE, VISTAS, ALLAP, COGNITO, CHEF COM AND HAT COM, National Level Tourism Fest ALTA VISTA, EXODUS, USHUS, PRAYAS, CHRYSALIS by the Departments of BBM, Professional Studies, Hotel Management, Commerce, Christ Institute of Management were organized. A National seminar on *The Role of Historical Monuments in Promoting Tourism in India and Inclusive Growth – Dimensions and Strategy* were the other notable events organized by the departments of MTA and Economics. An International seminar on *Innovation and Strategy* was organized by the Christ Institute of Management.

The departments of the Deanery of Sciences conducted different intercollegiate fests for the students of the first, second and third years separately. CONVERGENCE, SPECIES, INTERFACE, EUREKA, OPERON, FLORA, and CIRCUIT were successfully organized by the departments of Mathematics, Zoology, Computer Science, Physics, Biotechnology, Botany and Electronics respectively. The Department of Zoology organized a National Seminar on Bio-Diversity; the department of BCA conducted SOFTEX, a computer software exhibition. A UGC sponsored Career Orientation Programme, a State level workshop on Micro Controller Embedded System by the department of Electronics were the other significant events.

The Departments of the Deanery of Social Sciences conducted several activities such as, 'Bhasha Utsav', 'Yakshagana', 'Veera Abhimanyu', panel discussions on behavior and attitudes, paper presentations, public lectures, exchange programmes; and various national level competitions were conducted by the departments of languages, psychology, sociology and respectively.

A National seminar entitled *Backstage Passes* and an International seminar *Media as a Reflection of Society* were organized by the departments of English and Media Studies. Renowned personalities like Shobaa De and Mahesh Bhat were chief guests at the two events. Paper presentations on critical issues like the Indo-US nuclear deal, debates on the union and state legislatures, and on topics of national interest were undertaken by the department of Political Science. A National

workshop on 'Neuro Linguistic Programming and Semantics', a conference on Human Rights were conducted by the departments of Psychology and Social Work respectively. The department of Sociology further organized a National Level Young Sociologist Competition, the first of its kind, for both the UG and PG students.

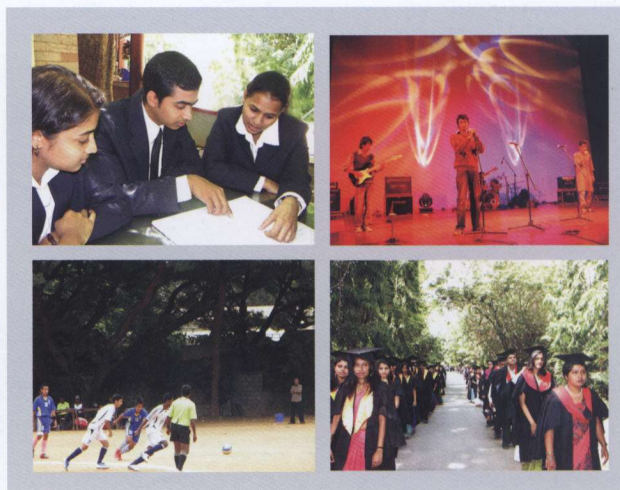
Sports and Games

The University's intercollegiate sports fest CHRI-SPO was held from August 8-13, 2008. The University basketball team emerged winners. The volleyball, football and table tennis teams were placed runners up. For the first time the Christ University team took part in the Inter-university South Zone Basketball Tournament and reached the quarter finals.

Shanu of II BSc and Shika Abraham of III BBM were declared individual champions (men and women respectively) at the College Annual Athletic Meet. Akshay Nag, Sebastian Owen and Shivaraj Kumar represented Bangalore University men's team in football and basket ball respectively. Sujatha Dev and Meera represented the women's football team.

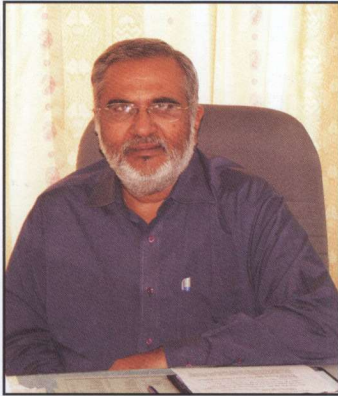
As we try to establish ourselves as a worldclass university, we reaffirm our commitment towards our vision, mission and core values. Let us ensure that our students graduate as socially responsible citizens.

Dr. (Fr.) Thomas C Mathew
Vice Chancellor, Christ University



Registrar's Message

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Excellence in Higher Education, in recent times is being more generalized towards employment generating and career oriented educational system, which needs a thorough introspection. The true values of education as emphasised in Vedas and Upanishads are to develop persons of quality and character. 'Social Responsibility' is an expression of recent origin necessitated by growing trend of irresponsibility practiced by different organizations, including educational institutions resulting in erosion of values towards selfish interests. Sense of mutual respect and coexistence is surely disappearing contributing to violence and ill will in the society. In this context it is a laudable initiative to reflect on our responsibility to the society, as an institution of higher learning and in this regard I congratulate the editorial committee for choosing 'Academic Social Responsibility' as the theme for our Annual Magazine.

Social Responsibility of an educational institution is multifaceted. Creation of competence of relevance and nurturing a service attitude in the individual at an affordable cost and without discrimination to gender or social standing are some of those facets, which an educational institution must consider in its progress. Christ University in its pursuit of excellence in higher education has been devoting its best to achieve in all these facets and in that respect I take pride to affirm that

our University is fully committed to social responsibility in its true ramifications. The best part I would think is our systematic process of imparting 'Holistic Education', which perhaps may be a unique initiative of Christ University.

Our efforts can realise the desired impact only when the learner understands the value system and its underlying enjoyment. We have come across cases where students feel shy about their parental poverty or their lack of education. There are also cases where students over indulge on their parental affluence. All these situations are bad and do not contribute to the spirit of social responsibility. Academic Social Responsibility has to extend its scope in identifying such cases of mental complexes to correct the same through appropriate value based education. Our Holistic Education methodologies have to get better rooted in its practices to bring in effective transformation. The academic communities including the students have to independently reflect on this.

I take this opportunity to impress upon our graduating students and also the Alumni of the University to take pride in the Vision and Mission of their Alma Mater, with due adherence to its Core Values, to be a useful and contributing member of the society at large, irrespective of their settlement in life.

With Best Wishes
Prof. J. Subramanian
Registrar, Christ University

Research Centre

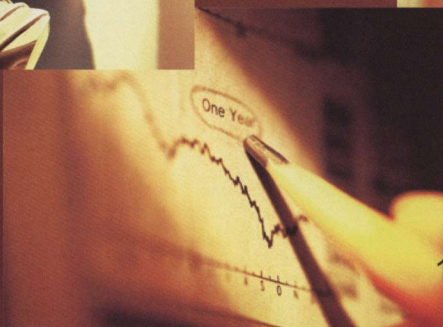
A culture of knowledge creation, application

Academic research facilitates a meaningful transition for an aspiring scholar from a preliminary phase of the mere acquisition of knowledge towards an advanced stage of its creation and application. The dependence on traditional modes of instructional didactics and learning practices turns in due course into the freedom and autonomy of research processes, finding their adequate expressions in the historical advancement of sciences. Research programmes at Christ University are designed and structured with an objective to establish a thoroughly productive, autonomous and internationally competent research culture on campus. As an integral and pivotal part of a university, the Centre for Research will carry forth this necessary transition of the institution in future – both at infrastructural as well as at various academic levels.

The modern day university was born out of the vision of Wilhelm von Humboldt in the early nineteenth century. The Humboldtian ideal of a nexus between teaching and research marked in essence the renaissance of a classical tradition established by Plato's Academy. We, in twenty-first century, pursue this ideal by attempting to establish an adequate correlation between teaching and research and by practicing it in different academic disciplines. Our research culture will focus on synthesizing a few distinct and internationally recognized research systems practiced in Continental Europe, in UK as well as in USA with the traditional system of research in Indian universities. The research programmes – MPhil and PhD – will accomplish a progressive research practice which will relatively be independent of the existing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. A well-grounded research culture on campus will extend in future across the teaching and learning practices at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels; in other words, it will integrate a distinct orientation towards research in bachelor's and master's curricula.

A few of the features of research at Christ University are compulsory regular course work, mandatory MPhil requirement for PhD registration, emphasis on fundamental research, common coursework in research methods for all the arts and science MPhil programmes, promoting interdisciplinary research, making available competent research guides from across the globe, encouragement to individual work, building library resources, and reduction of administrative processes for research scholars. This year more than 60 research scholars will obtain their Master of Philosophy degree in 10 different disciplines. The doctoral research will commence in August/September 2009. There are at present 15 research disciplines which offer MPhil and PhD programmes.

Dr. Babu Thaliath
Research Centre



SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LANGUAGES

Let sharing of knowledge be fast, fluid

Information Knowledge Network (IKN) is a technology-enabled, technology-facilitated learning process. With a minimum operational knowledge of web usage, one can be a part of this community to experience the excitement of learning. Unlike other social networking spaces of internet like Orkut, MySpace, Facebook or High 5, IKN is knowledge driven, transparent and with a clear identity of its members. This is an open space, providing support for the members to generate and share discussions on chosen topics. This can be both informative and polemical depending upon the interest of the members.

IKN believes in adding a personal touch to the knowledge acquisition. It may start with the member's encounter with the area of knowledge through reading a book, chatting with another knowledge partner or attending a conference or seminar. Even reacting to a popular event is welcome as long as the presentation is novel and thought provoking.

Yes, we intend creating a distinct IKN for the various streams of Social Sciences at Christ University. It will address the needs and aspirations of the Social Sciences community as such, which is the largest in the country. Fully conscious of the institutional responsibility, it will strive to create as many virtual class rooms as possible which will exhibit the vibrancy of their subjects and even go beyond their subjects to break all disciplinary boundaries.

Dr. Krishnaswami
Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences



Knowledge

The role of student community in Social Responsibility

Education, rightly termed the 'engine of an economy' is of pivotal importance in building an efficient, sound and sustainable economy. The role of educational institutions in imparting quality education, remains vital for both private and public institutions. The student community in the education sector should be educated rather than made just 'literate' because education encompasses diverse dimensions of life. Social responsibility is one such dimension of education. Students as the future citizens and valuable assets of the country should be driven towards concepts like social responsibility because they have the zeal, zest and ability to perform such responsibilities. Issues of environmental concern, socio-economic problems can be addressed much more effectively with the involvement of student community.

The postgraduate department of Economics has been an active contributor to the cause of imparting a sense of social responsibility to its students. The department has included courses like Environmental Economics and Health Economics making the students aware of the various critical issues of environment and public health in the country as well as the world today. The students of MA Economics have taken various initiatives to spread awareness as well as improve the current scenario in these two sectors. They joined hands with a Bangalore based NGO, Eco-watch, in their 'Million Tree Project'. The students along with Eco-watch and Intel organised a Tree Planting drive at a Bio-Park project site in Hoskote, Bangalore on 25th September, 2008. The drive was a big success with approximately 250 volunteers involved in various activities. Individually, the students also joined other NGOs which were working on social issues like E-waste, hygiene among slums-dwellers, water management in Bangalore, spreading awareness about the harms of plastics among students etc. The first year students also conducted a study to find out and compare the pros and cons of HAL and BIAL, and the viability of bus service to the new international airport.



These initiatives taken by the students, with encouragement by the faculty, have surely made a difference. Such contributions have given us a better perspective and understanding of the problems of the society. They have made us better citizens who are aware of the surroundings and who can effectively contribute to the improvement of the society. Hence, educational institutions, can contribute in making things better for the less fortunate class of the society through social responsibility programmes.

By Sridevi Jalawadi and Shruti Mittal
II MA, Economics



MA Economics



ENGLISH AND MEDIA STUDIES

The Department of English and Media Studies covers, enriches and reinforces the following values :

- The rich heritage offered by literature
- Ideas that provoke, prod and nurture critical as well as creative thinking
- Futuristic technology in focus
- Media laid bare - the glorious, the victorious, the infamous, with all its possibilities and practices in the right perspective
- Inherent values
- Individual and Society

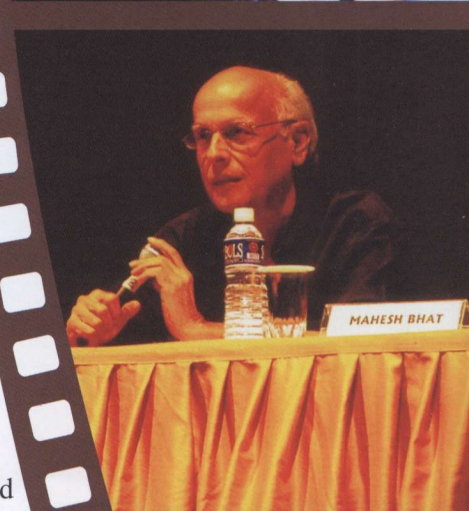
Mapping the minds

Our curriculum for both UG and PG programs develops the rich talents of students, offers near-industry environment and is contemporarily relevant, connecting to every aspect of society.

Inculcating values

Backstage Passes was a performance based seminar that explored literature beyond text. Theatre, dance and music performances highlighted the role of literature in other artistic fields. Logos created and performed a play based on our University's World Literature paper. Movement Arts, enlightened the student audience with a dance drama; the Bangalore based Barracuda Blues brought out most powerfully and poignantly how suppression and discrimination bring out the lyric in man, reflecting the impact of the individual's relationship with society. Novelist and columnist Shobhaa De was the Guest Speaker at the event.

The International Media Seminar *Media as a Reflection of Society* analyzed the role played by media in shaping the views of the public. While Mr. Mahesh Bhatt looked at film as a medium of individual interpretation, Mr. Mike Miller of Reuters and Mr. Vaibhav Purandhare of DNA enlightened the audience about the social responsibilities of news editors. Mr. Rod Vallis of Ogilvy and Mather talked





about the impact of advertisements on an audience and Ms. Suhasini Haidar, of CNN-IBN, Mr. Vijay Grover of News X and Ms. Nupur Basu, independent filmmaker spoke about the way their media organizations covered society.

The MS Communication students participated in Solid Waste Management Program under the guidance of CSA of Christ University.

Christ University's internet radio station, Decible managed by MS Communication students produces programs that are not only creative but also socially responsible.



Enriching the mind

Guest lectures by

- Abi Sekimitsu, Editor, Reuters Bangalore
- Anil Vairbhan, a documentary filmmaker with Pedestrian Pictures- a media activist organization
- Mr. Ravi Seshadri, head of public relations, Bharat Thakur's Artistic Yoga Bangalore

Creative competencies

- *InPrint* and *Comm.Raids*, inter-departmental cultural literary fests
- Documentary films by MA English class reflecting the individual's relationship with society
- Documentary films made by MS Communication students on key areas of Media
- Photography exhibition by MS Communication students on reflections of life through the camera
- Newsletters, Lab Journals, Anthologies and Stage productions



MS Comm

JPEng



A Personal Note on Academic Social Responsibility

As I teach Postcolonial Literatures, one question haunts me: are we really in a postcolonial situation? We have political independence. But our young generation work to American time, European time, Australian time; willingly come home at midnight Indian time. They get their holidays for July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas not for Sankranti, Ugadi, Onam ...willingly accept bonus that accompanies these festivals and go on a shopping spree, buying happiness. To work in an MNC youngsters are willing to surrender their sense of cultures, traditions, time, relationships, home, self.

We are willingly letting our younger generation walk this path. We are not worried that the relationships are losing their ground. We are not worried that the young are losing their health. We are not worried that the young do not belong anywhere. As parents we are proud to convert the dollars into rupees (even in recession). As a society we are proud of air-conditioned, glass-paneled offices that dot our skyline.

In this backdrop how does one bring in a sense of social responsibility, especially in academics? Our Sociology departments will have to think about compromising the physical, mental, spiritual health of the next few generations. Our Economics departments should ponder over creating a sustainable, self-sufficient economy. Our Science departments must worry about protecting our environment. Our Literature and History departments have to think about sensitizing our youngsters to languages, cultures, folklore, art, past, colonial legacy of our land. I am not aspiring for a romantic, ideal evocation of culture, tradition or past. Let us all become critical insiders and create a body of constructive, thinking young minds.

We cannot afford to feel satisfied with all the intellectual debates across the disciplines, and go on living safely in our ivory towers. Neither can we afford to be silent or live

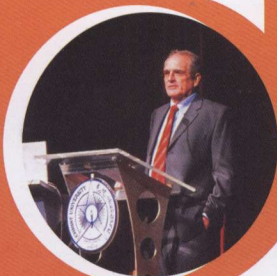
peacefully in our intellectual ivory towers. It is the moral responsibility of every department and each member of the academic community to assume responsibility not in words but in action. It has to begin from each individual member of the academic community walking the talk –it can begin from small aspects like being punctual to class, going to the class with preparation.

As an academic community we are interacting with young, thinking minds. We must own responsibility to be the driving force of those minds. Our syllabi must make them be judicious judges of right and wrong not of jobs but of cultures, physical, mental and spiritual sense of self. As an academic community we must create younger generations who have the capacity to look after, lead, nurture values, influence social, political, economic policies. If we hesitate to confront this challenge then we are willingly surrendering our own children to a different kind of colonization.

My students have an interesting way of looking at the present situation. They are not bothered that we might be losing the essence of our culture or self. For them the Indian diaspora is so strong and widespread we shouldn't worry about time zones, our own languages, sense of belonging to one culture, one nation. This argument makes me realize the enormity of our responsibility, especially in campus like Christ University and a city like Bengaluru. If the academic community refuses its social responsibility, perhaps India will have to await the birth of one more Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to fight for freedom from our complacent attitudes, to create indigenous resistance movements against mindless consumption and reactionary traditionalism, to wake us up from our rationalization of globalising forces.

Abhaya N. B.
Department of Media Studies

FEP



HISTORY

During the academic year 2008-09, the Department of History emphasized on creating an environment of academic rigor that would also link up the students to being socially sensitive; hence the thrust of all initiatives was to sensitise the student towards the linkage component of the present with the past.

The year began with the first year students having a ten hour subject orientation course. The prime reason for this was to familiarize them with conceptual approaches to the study of history.

The third and fourth semester syllabus on Far East and West Asia was supported by a weekly current affairs discussion program. The highlight of the program was to create awareness about contemporary practices of polity, culture and economy of these regions.

The fifth and sixth semester classes had a series of project works in various areas such as aesthetics and culture, architectural practices and contemporary historical issues and debates. As part of their initial exposure the students had to present a detailed write up on understanding and *Interpreting Space as an Entity, Time as a Concept, Aesthetics as Identity and Architecture Representing the State, Society and Authority*. They undertook sample survey, and study of Christ University campus, visited the Mahabodhi society, the Mythic Society Library, the Meenakshi Temple and Saint Patrick's Church. The attempt was an application of their theoretical understanding to study these structures.

Special Lecture series with visual aids were undertaken followed by Question and Answer sessions. The project themes chosen by students as part of their academics ranged from public spaces such as hospitals, temples, and churches to very private spaces like their residence, hostels and PG's. In continuation of this they went on a field study to a historical site, the Nandigram which has 1200 year old shrines of the period of Rashtrakutas of Manyakheta and Gangas of Talkad. The students also did an analytical writing on prominent issues on contemporary India that ranged from caste, class, gender to cinema, multiplex, mall culture and conflicting identities. They analysed various concepts and ideas such as History and National Myth, Ideology, Historical Writing and Sources with suitable examples that were outside the textual reference.

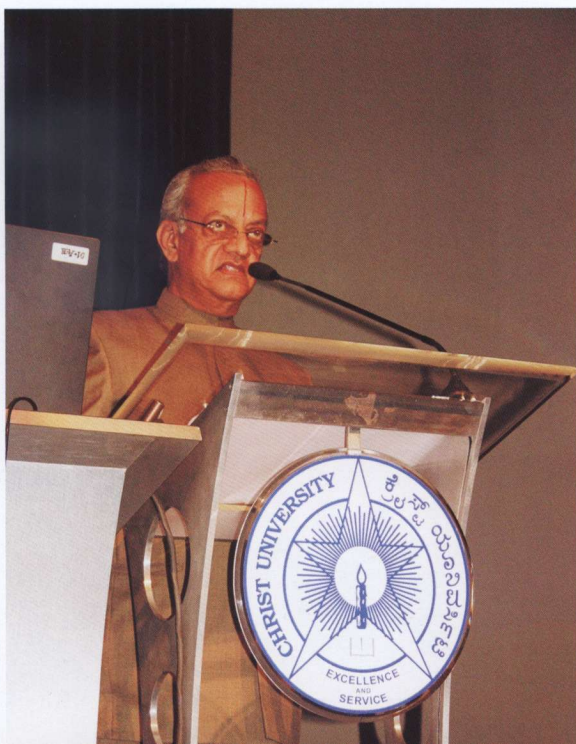


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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Towards political consciousness and social awareness

- The programme was inaugurated with paper presentation by the students.
- Activities like group discussions, seminars, paper presentation on various current and subject – related issues for all the three years.
- A study trip was conducted, in which the final year BA students were taken to Karnataka Legislature to witness the live session of both the Houses – Vidhan Soudha and Vidhan Parishad.
- An interactive session with Agriculture Minister Mr. S A Ravindranath at his chamber.
- An enlightening session with Mr. Robinson D'Souza, the Principal Secretary, Karnataka Legislature.
- Educational trip to Judiciary (High Court) Legislators' Home and the Secretariat of Karnataka Govt.
- Paper presentation by the students on current issues like *Free and Fair Election Commissioners, The Need for NIA* (National Investigative Agency), *Democracy with Values*, (Dr. D M Nanjundappa's Article), *Opportunities, Triumphs and a Discussion on Trust Vote and Values in Politics, IAEA Draft Agreement on Nuclear Safeguards*; presentation and discussion on *Political Culture and Political Corruption, 26/11 incident in Mumbai – a Total failure of our Intelligence and Security services* etc.
- A debate on *Secularism – Theory and Practice in India*.
- A debate on *Causes, Effects and Remedies of Communalism*
- A discussion on the *Causes and Impact of Regional Disparities* in the country and also in the state and the recommendations of Dr. D M Nanjundappa Committee and the State Govt's measures to implement them.
- Paper presentations by second year students on 'RTI' enlightening the audience on the usage and utility of this important Act, passed in 2005.
- A discussion on 'Co-pra' (Consumer Protection Act)
- An orientation programme on Indian Constitution for all final year students in accordance with Bangalore University norms.



LANGUAGES

Buzzing with an assortment of activities



Kannada Sangha

Christ University Kannada Sangha, with 38 years of active involvement in the promotion of Kannada language and culture, primarily aims at initiating the young into reading. The books published in Kannada through the Sangha increased to 203 with seven new book publications this year.

Navodaya Patheya - by Dr. C P Krishna Kumar, on criticism

Kushalopari - by Sri K Satyanarayana, on column writings

Janasamskriti - by Dr. Purushothama Bilimale, on folklore

Annantarangada Atuma - by Dr G S Harish, on criticism

Anthakarana - by Sri Yashavantha Chittala, a book on essays

Dattadaviya Puttamara - a collection of prize-winning poems written by students

Bahumanita Lekhanagalu - a collection of prize-winning essays written by students



Kannada

The *Sangha* conducts an annual National Level Essay and Poetry Writing Competition in memory of the renowned novelist Dr AN Krishna Rao and Dr. D R Bendre respectively. The best five articles and twenty best poems are published as books. This academic year scholars like Prof. GS Siddalingaiah (Poet), Dr. Banjegere Jayaprakash (critic), Dr. C N Ramachandran (critic) Dr. Basavaraj kalkudi (critic), Prof. K G Nagarajappa (critic and poet) and Sri. Vivel Shanbag (shortstory writer) were invited for our book releases.

Veera Abhimanyu, an episode from Mahabharatha was staged by Kannada language students on July 17, 2008. A *Yakshagana* performance directed by Mr. Srinivas Sastan was staged by the students. They were trained by thespian Bhagavataru in the fine arts of the form.

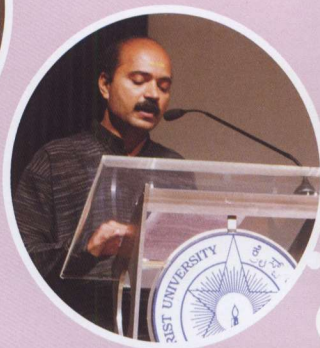
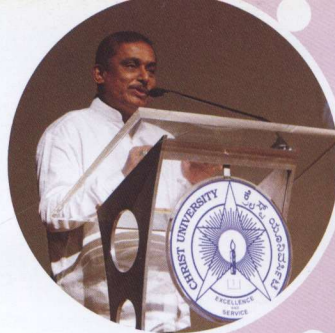
Under *Thingala Karyakrama* three Guest Lectures were arranged for Second year BA/BSc students

A lecture on 'Happiness shifting Paradigms' by Dr. Sridharmurthy, Professor, NMKRV College

A talk by Dr. G B Harish on Contemporary issues in Kannada Literature

A lecture on Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* by Mr. Sudhamshu of the Department of English and Media Studies.

A two-day seminar was organised in association with Central Sahitya Academy and Christ Junior College Language Department in memory of Late Prof. Chi. Srinivasaraju, former HOD of Kannada Department. Eminent speakers from all over Karnataka were invited to deliver the lectures.



Urdu

Bhasha Utsav : Programmes conducted for Urdu language students

1. Ghazal Recitation
2. Quiz
3. Debate competitions

The prize-winning students were distributed prizes on the same day. Students participated in all the events with great enthusiasm.

Sanskrit

The Sanskrit department's curriculum exposes its students to social themes through ancient Sanskrit literary texts like *Koutilya Arthashastra*, *Mahabharatha* and scientific literature. Students are encouraged to think beyond the prescribed texts and connect them to the present social needs. The link between the past and the present helps them to be great citizens of the future.

The rich heritage of our country and the enchanting fabric made from the weaves of ethnicity were reflected in the performance of students during **Bhasha Uthsav**, a celebration of India's languages and culture. Recitations from *Rig Veda*, a Bharatanatyam performance were a few expressions of our need to bond with our cultural traditions on this day of celebration.

Our annual Sanskrit fest **Susamskruthi** comprising intra-class literary events was held in February 2009. Students enthusiastically participated in events like quiz, and dumb charades.

Hindi

The Department of Hindi encourages every student to be actively involved in all its co-curricular activities; The bonding between the young mind and the society in which he/she lives is initiated and encouraged throughout the year.

The departmental activities for 2008-09 were formally inaugurated on July 7, 2008 with a multilingual student poets' meet **Kavyankur-08. Tarunima**, a collection of poems written in Hindi by one of our students was released during the academic year.

Jagruti 2009, the Hindi annual cultural fest was conducted with great intellectual energy by the students. A multitude of inter-class literary and cultural competitions were held as part of the celebrations.

The Hindi Week was celebrated from 7th to 16th of January, 2009. The week-long events included poetry writing, recitation, pick& speak, dumb charades, essay writing etc.





Responsibility to sensitize...

Higher education today faces many challenges. The question that is oft being asked by students and parents alike is, "What is the value added from higher education and what are the outcomes other than those in terms of economic success?" Unless we are able to offer something more than hands-on training, our role in society will decline, ending up as just another factory churning out products to serve a consumerist society. That 'something' more must include our responsibility towards society.

Simply put, social responsibility is taking a proactive stance in our societal roles. As academicians, we have a role, an important one, to look after not only academic achievement but social competence as well. Socially responsible behaviour reflects adherence to social rules and role expectations.

The participation of youth has the potential to promote the development of personal and collective identity. And with the rich culture and tradition that is ours, Christ University celebrates life in all its diversity as seen during *Bhasha Utsav*, the festival of languages.

Bhasha Utsav is an attempt to bring alive our culture through different art forms with the purpose of not only teaching the youth about their roots but also to instill a sense of pride in them and to immortalize art, preserving it thus for prosperity. It is truly a celebration of unity in diversity.

The French Department at Christ University aims at refining and reinforcing the aesthetic sensibilities of our young minds through movies like Christophe Barratier's *Les Choriste*, François Truffaut's *Le Dernier Métro*, and Francis Veber's *Le Dîner de Cons* that carry humane and meaningful messages. Poetry writing competitions, quiz programs, role plays brought out the dormant ideas and thoughts among the students.

A guest talk by Lucas Malcor and Vidya Suresh from Alliance Française stressed on the need to learn a foreign language in this globalized world and the opportunities available to study in French Universities.

The slightest positive difference in the lives of the present day youth certainly would lead to a better tomorrow!

Mallika Krishnaswami
Department of French

Initiating Social Awareness, Social Action

Social responsibility initiatives at Christ University has its cultural roots in its founder; and its core values, vision and mission have percolated to all the departments at Christ University with social responsibility as one of their main driving force.

The Department of Social Work by its very subject matter works closely with the initiatives of social responsibility. The course trains young students to be effective in strengthening the forces of civil society through the development of human resources. The course design enables the students to get socially sensitized, increasing their awareness and commitment levels to contribute to societal change, leading to the creation of individuals who can respond proactively to their social surroundings.

The department thus concentrates on new ways of building University-Community relationships.

The structure of the Social Work course promotes social change and problem solving. Our trained social work students work towards empowering and liberating disadvantaged people and help in the enhancement of their social functioning. With an interdisciplinary theoretical base, the Department of Social Work aims at creating high quality professionals who can take up leadership positions in development and welfare sectors.

The department takes various capacity-building programmes to other NGOs and communities to create awareness, to inculcate the right attitude and to develop the needed skills in the minds of the students.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

- Health awareness camps – held at different rural, slum settings to facilitate identification, diagnosis and referral to different hospitals in Bangalore
- Documentary screening on dementia in Helpage India for the inmates of the Day care center
- Workshop for the parents of spastic children on **Building Relationships** in Spastic society of Karnataka
- Awareness programme on **RTI** for senior citizens in FEDINA, Bangalore
- Workshop on **Motivation** in APSA, Bangalore
- Workshop on **Project Planning-building Management Information Systems** for development organization
- Workshop on planning skills for the leaders of garment workers women front - Munnade,
- Workshop on **Stress Management** for the workers of APD and Baldwin Opportunity school
- Documentation on project progress for some NGOs

MSW



PHILOSOPHY

MA Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy offers the Masters Programme in Philosophy. In an age of extreme competition, stress and early burnout, this programme helps one to overcome existential crises, to assume responsibility for one's life and reexamine the experiential, creative and attitudinal values in order to achieve a more meaningful and productive style of living.

Course Dynamics

The Master's Programme consists of lectures, written assignments, presentations, practical exercises, a comprehensive viva and a scientifically prepared thesis/dissertation. The Master's Degree in Philosophy, awarded at the end of the successful completion of the four-semester programme, qualifies the students for admission to a Doctorate in Philosophy in all the Departments/Faculties all over the world.

Salient Features

Approaching the subject from academic and practical points of view Focus on subaltern and women perspectives * Facility to learn classical (Sanskrit or Latin) and modern (German or French) languages * Opportunity to attend seminars, workshops * Dharma Endowment Lectures * Faculty Day * Extra-curricular activities for peer interaction, growth of organizational skills and personality development.

MA Philosophy



PSYCHOLOGY

PG and UG PROGRAMMES

PG Programme

Psychology with its diverse teleologies considers the importance of responding to the needs of society as a primary concern. The Department of Psychology at Christ University is empowered with this vision and strives to ensure that all its activities eventually lead to social transformations through the route of psychological interventions. The following details of the activities of the department mirror this emphasis.

Curricular practices

- Field exposures: The department regularly organizes field exposures, where students reflect on the application of psychological theories to the social realities that they encounter.
- Supervised community services; Students under supervision of faculty members provide a variety of psychological and educative services to students in various schools in Bangalore.
- Volunteer programme: The postgraduate students of counseling spent four weeks during their summer holidays as volunteers in various NGOs, hospitals and voluntary organizations.

- Practicum and Internship: All postgraduate students have to undergo supervised clinical internship as well as practicum during their two year programme. The contexts are hospitals, mental health centers, school, special schools and de-addiction centres.
- Certificate courses: The department runs a **Diploma Course in Counseling and Guidance** for persons engaged in service professions.

National Conference

The National conference organized in February 2009 looked at *The Changing Fabric of Intimate Relationships – Challenges to Theories and Practices in Mental Health*.

MSc Counselling



MSc Clinical



PS Eco



PS Eng



National Workshop

A National level workshop, held in November 2008, focused on imparting the skills of NLP to participants.

Public lectures and guest lectures

Two public lectures and over 12 guest lectures were conducted in the last one year focusing on various themes related to the discipline of psychology with resource persons like NGO workers, practicing mental health professionals, visiting professors from University departments in India, United Kingdom and the United States.

Services

- Clinical services: As part of its outreach activities the department has initiated clinical services since November 2008.
- Consultancy: The faculty members of the department provide consultancy services to educational organizations and other voluntary organizations.
- Research and documentation : A research and consultancy centre is being envisaged in the future to document and initiate research activities in the field of psychology with an interdisciplinary focus.

Perspective, a departmental publication, provides an opportunity for the students and the faculty to engage in academic writing on issues of psychological significance.

Relationships and MOUs

The Psychology department has this year forged a number of strategic relationships with University departments and professional bodies.

UG Programme

For the UG Psychology students, the academic year 2008-09 was very eventful and enlightening. All the activities aimed at motivating and creating social awareness.

The Psychology Association was inaugurated in July 2008. This was followed by a sensitization programme wherein two HIV+ve persons and a transgender person addressed the students. This was very well received by the students.

The highlight of the year's activities was the *Young Psychologist Competition*, which was a National level paper presentation competition for the UG students. There was very good representation from different parts of India, giving a boost to developing research orientation in undergraduate students.

The feature of academic social responsibility is fostered through a project while in the fourth semester. The students visit a home for the aged or an institution for special children with an aim to understanding them. This creates a keen awareness and insight in the students about the not-so-fortunate and helps in their personal growth.

The annual Psychology festival, *Silhouette* was held in January 2009. The theme was Comparative Psychology. The competition between the students was keen and the events were well contested.



Taking us from adolescence to adulthood

*'Come to the edge,' he said.
They said, 'We are afraid.'
'Come to the edge,' he said.
They came. He pushed them... and they flew.*

These oft-quoted lines, which writer Guillaume Apollinaire put down in verse, represent the essence of education that we, as psychology students, exacted from an assignment task - a visit. From hearing poignant tales to experiencing tear-blurred visions and painful partings, our visits opened up this muted world beyond ours, still yearning for a compassionate touch.

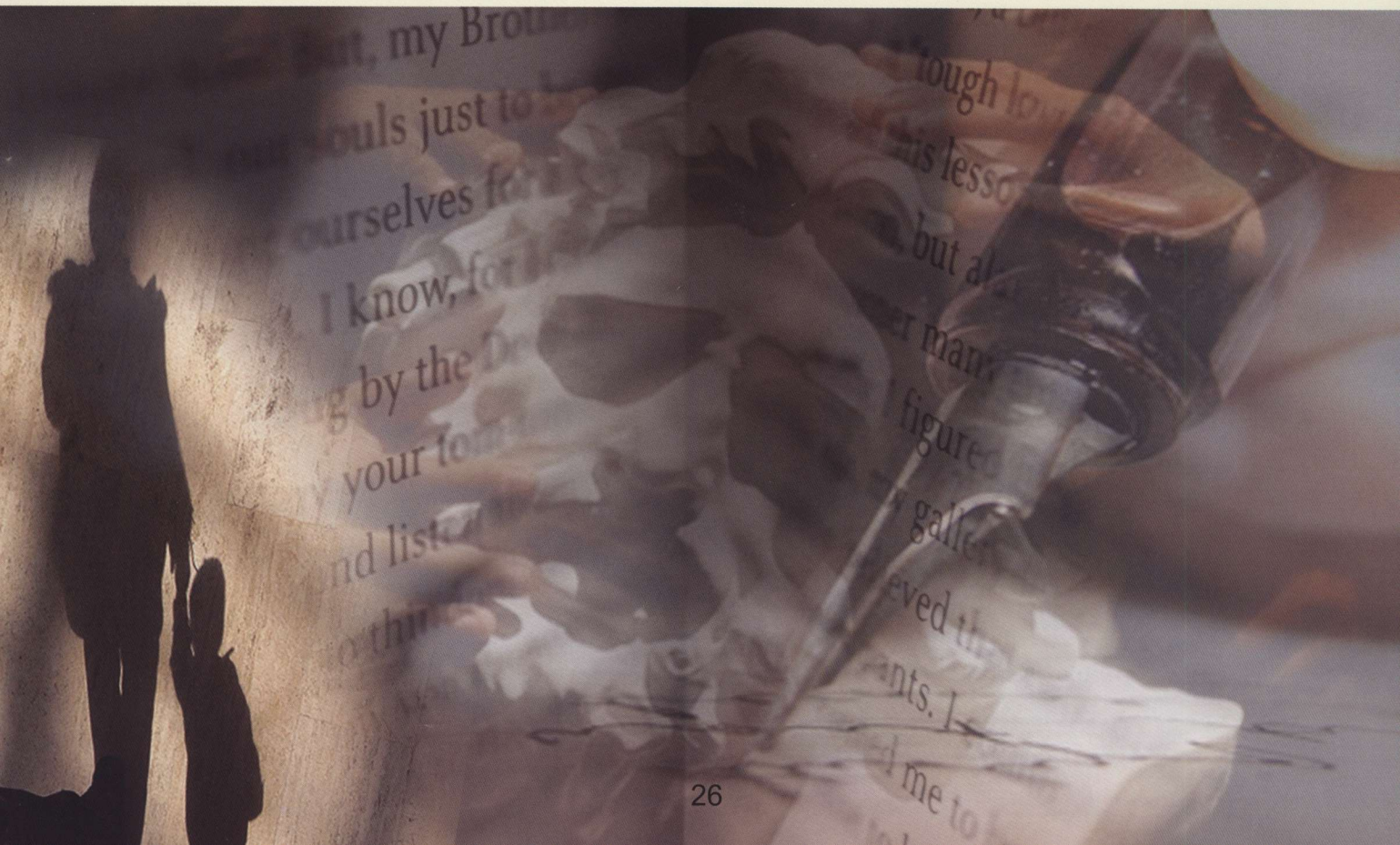
Perhaps as many of us observed, one visit can do no more than tug at our heart's strings for maybe a couple of hours. But it definitely induced us to acquaint with a learning technique that broke past books and walls. One wonders if social responsibility is a distinguishing attribute of reliable business settings, so also academic social conscientiousness can be a marker of unfailing education.

Theoretically, we are masterminds in our subject but when we stood before products of these conditions, no facts could help us initiate a friendly chat. Their ingenious humility dethroned us from the glories of intellectual and cultural kinship; they inspired us to be human in our thoughts, talk and demeanour.

This era's youth can demolish myths of recklessness and prove their hand at being the carriers of positive change when their education will reinforce the belief that making a difference is not a cliché. For us it began with a simple internal assessment which then went on to be a window to the world that we formerly trusted was make-believe. In this context, how meaningful are the following lines!

*It is when every voice that echoes 'You can't' is silenced,
When every reason that urges, 'Things won't change', disappears.
It is when yesterday's myths are over.
When today is an assortment of realities and we call it ours*

Marlyn Thomas
II FEP



UG PROGRAMME

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The society is not just our subject of study

The Postgraduate Department of Sociology began the academic year with a talk by Dr. Madhuri V on the Intersections Between Medicine and Sociology for postgraduate and undergraduate Sociology students. The lecture was followed by a lively discussion which encouraged our students to utilize their sociological imaginations to perceive the interconnection between such seemingly unrelated concepts as Health, Medicine and Sociology.

In an effort to encourage students to think and write the postgraduate department co-organized the First National Young Sociologist Competition on December 04, 2008. The themes for the papers presented varied widely from issues of gender, terrorism and Naxal revolution, reflecting the eclectic thoughts of today's youth.

In keeping with the philosophy of our PG programme, which focuses on theoretical perspectives and papers, the department in collaboration with Social Work, the Center for Social

Action and Fredskorpset, Norway, organized the *Annual Human Rights Festival* on December 15 and 16, 2008.

The NGO and student exhibition was a day-long event which encouraged participation from students all over the campus and it helped to raise awareness levels regarding diverse human rights issues as well as the work being done by various NGOs in these fields.

Since the postgraduate department staunchly supports the belief that cinema reflects society and serves as a wonderful means to view, analyze and discuss various aspects of our society, films like *Provoked* and *Changed Link* pertaining to gender and society; *Namesake* and *Dilwale Dulhaniya Le Jayenge* relating to the Sociology of Diaspora; *Philadelphia* and *Sicko* to discuss the Sociology of health and medicine; *Dead Poet's Society* to discuss the Sociology of Education; *Bombay* and *Hey Ram* to understand the Sociology of communalism.

MA Sociology



EPS



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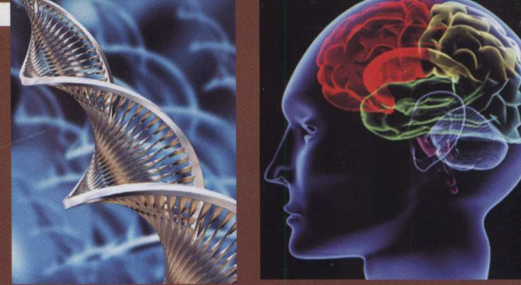
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PHYSICAL AND NATURAL SCIENCES



BIOTECHNOLOGY

UG PROGRAMME

The Department of Biotechnology, which offers the Bachelor's of Science programme in two different combinations - Biotechnology, Chemistry, Botany (BCB), and Biotechnology, Chemistry, Zoology (BCZ) - aims at developing scientific temper, observational skill and analytical ability among the students.

The department also offers a certificate course in ***Introduction to Bio-molecular Techniques***. This is an interdisciplinary programme and helps students of different streams to participate and obtain a general awareness about biotechnology and its uses to humankind.

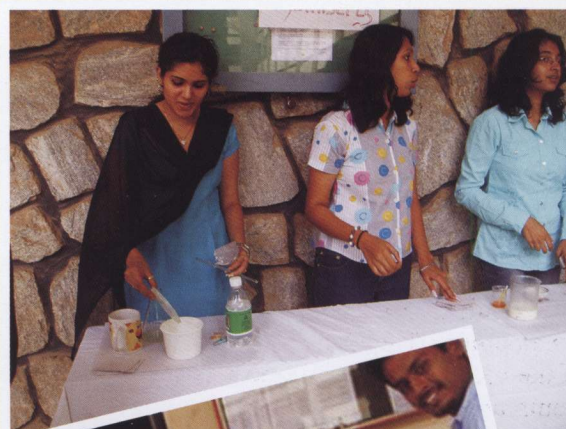
All the activities of the department are planned to be 'mind-stimulants' and concentrate on widening the knowledge base acquired in the classroom. They help in expanding the horizons of the mind, inculcating in them a feeling of responsibility and awareness in all their actions and plans.

The inter-collegiate Science fest, OPERON held in August 2008 helped our faculty members as well as students to exchange a plethora of scientific views with participants from various institutions.

A lecture by Mr. Denny John from Institute of Biosciences and Molecular Biology on ***Career options for life sciences and employable education*** focussed on the scope and employment opportunities in biotechnology.

A seminar by Dr Aysha, University of Leeds, UK on ***Bioscience of 21st century*** helped our students in understanding the recent trends in the field of life science and its applications in the field of medicine and agriculture.

Besides these, the department has taken innovative initiatives in building inter-personal relationship between faculty members and students through one-to-one-interaction sessions. These sessions facilitate knowing and solving a few problems of the students that affect their academic performance.





UG PROGRAMME

The academic year 2008-09 started with submission of summer vacation projects by the senior students. The project is part of their internal assessment component and provides hands on experience during their projects in different parts of the country and abroad.

The Department offers a unique certificate course in Food Chemistry to create awareness about type of food, food-borne diseases, deficiencies, healthy food habits, and food spoilage and preservation techniques. Students of this course were taken for a visit to CFTRI, Mysore. They were introduced to modern techniques and instrumentation related to food technology. This exposure helped them in taking up higher studies, research and also opened up potential job opportunities.

An industrial visit to Apotex Pharmaceutical Ltd., Bangalore, organized by the department educated the students about the production of cost effective drugs for the poorer sections of the society. The students also got an exposure to research and employment opportunities through this visit.

A seminar by Dr. Akbar Ali from Apotex pharmaceutical ltd, Bangalore on **Centrality of Chemistry-Global Challenges** organized by the department created awareness about current scenario in chemical industry, especially with relevance to Green Chemistry. This seminar gave a boost to the embedded value system of the students in the judicious use of chemicals in environment care and protection.



The chemistry between academics, social responsibility

The curriculum set by the Department of Chemistry at Christ aims to create academic excellence in students. However, its role does not end here. Upon reflection one sees that the syllabus provides insights into social responsibility and scientific means to solve human problems.

Nuclear chemistry teaches one the capacities as well as the hazards of this field. As future scientists of this country, students need to understand the need for dabbling in it with great responsibility. The world is armed to the teeth with weapons of mass-destruction. Unless there is a fundamental change in man's 50,000 years of war-ridden psyche, history will repeat itself.

Similarly, the upsurge in technological development and globalization has massive impacts on the environment. Chemicals like Chlorofluorocarbons and greenhouse gases cause ozone layer depletion and global warming. Solid and liquid effluents pollute our waterways and soil, leaving the earth bereft of its natural resources. The solution to this chemical problem lies in chemistry itself. We deal

extensively with these issues in environmental chemistry and treatment of effluents.

Along similar lines, the use of chemicals has brought in hosts of new pathogens. Therefore, the challenges that the medical science faces now is phenomenal. Very few in a developing country like India can afford the inordinately expensive drugs in the market. Chapters on pharmaceutical chemistry equip us to contribute effectively to the suffering masses.

Various other examples could be quoted from agricultural chemistry and use of chemical fertilizers, minimizing manufacturing errors, etc.

Science is a two-edged sword that has the ability to protect and destroy. The Bsc course gives a holistic understanding of these practical implications of science in society. It is now the students' responsibility to make appropriate use of science to create a better world.

BOTANY ZOOLOGY



UG PROGRAMME

Department of Botany

The Department of Botany, one of the oldest departments of our institution, offers UG programme with Chemistry, Botany and Zoology as the major subjects.

- The curriculum has been designed to train the students with a wholesome knowledge about
 - the entire Plant Kingdom
 - the role of plants in the life of human beings
 - the major role played by plants in the environment
 - the requirements of the plants and their protection
 - the futuristic approach for the basic needs of man

The department aims at developing the skills required to experiment and experience the truth; from theory through practical exposures to knowledge in the laboratory.

From the laboratory, the acquisition of skills and the researched studies about the Plant Kingdom is transcribed to the land. Triggered at the classroom, the smooth and exciting journey of the student from the Lab to the Land is made viable through innovative and inventive thinking.

The department also trains its students in experiments like tissue culture techniques, Photoperiodism, Vernalisation, dormancy, mushroom cultivation, hybridization, medicinal



plants and their usage. *Unani, sidda* and *ayurveda* medicines etc. are of great help in

- Conservation of species
- Traditional medicines
- Environmental protection
- Creation of natural pesticides
- Industrial production of natural medicines

- Industrial production of Mushrooms, the future food, etc.

Problems created by man are solved intelligently; in turn, this helps society to overcome, to prevent and to eliminate any kind of hazards that man may unwittingly cause to the detriment of humanity.

Department of Zoology

Keeping academic social responsibility in focus, the department of Zoology conducted several activities involving our students during the academic year 2008-09.

On the occasion of World Water Day two of the Green Army volunteers Juneja Varghese and Anitha Jerry were given a study project on lead poisoning in residential areas near drainage systems of Bangalore by the Quality Council of India and National Referral Centre for Lead Poisoning in India. They collected water samples from the drainage systems as well as from the bore wells and open wells of houses situated near the drainage system of Mysore Road, Chamarajpet, Shanthi Nagar, Anepalaya, Ejipura, Koramangala, Bannerghatta Road, Silk Board and surrounding areas and tested them in the lab for the lead content in them. Random blood samples of the residents of these areas were also tested for the lead content and assessed the impact of lead poisoning on the population of these areas. Dr. Antony P U, guided the study.

The Green Army also organized a one-day **Trekking Expedition to Savandurga Hills** near Magadi on 27th December 2008 to sensitize the students on the need for biodiversity conservation and to instill the spirit of adventure in them. The volunteers also educated the locals about the impacts of plastic pollution and the need to keep the environment clean.

The department had organized a UGC-sponsored **National Seminar on Conservation of Biodiversity in Protected Areas-Opportunities and Challenges**, supported by the Karnataka State Forest Department, Karnataka State Biodiversity Board, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Karnataka State Forest Development Corporation and BBMP. The aim of the seminar was to create awareness among the general public about the need for biodiversity conservation,

to coordinate various government departments like Transport, Public Works, Irrigation, Fisheries, Agriculture, Veterinary, Tobacco Board etc. for the protection of forests and wild life, and to facilitating trans-boundary meetings with forest officials from the neighboring states to reduce poaching and other encroachments. It was also meant for facilitating people's participation in the formulation and enforcement of the policies and strategies of forest department. Sixty nine ecologists from various parts of India presented papers in the seminar and they also had a field study session in the Bannerghatta National Park about Man-animal conflict.

Two of our BSc Zoology students- Vishnupriya S and Audrine D'Cruz along with Dr. Antony P U took part in the **Blackbuck Census** organized by Karnataka State Forest Department and Wild Life Aware Nature Club at Maidenahalli (Jayamangali) Blackbuck Reserve near Madhugiri.

Dr. Priyadarshini P Maddi was actively involved in solid waste management through vermiculture involving students. She also presented a paper on the influence vermiwash sprayed mulberry on some growth and silk parameters of silkworm *Bombyx mori* during the **National Seminar on Converging Sciences for Quality Life** held at Mount Carmel College, Bangalore from 24th to 27th February 2009.

Dr. Antony P U presented a paper and chaired a session during the National Seminar on Ecotoxicology held at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu from 26th to 27th February 2009. He has been nominated to the Biodiversity management committee of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and is actively involved in various nature conservation activities in and around Bangalore.

Social sensitivity built into our academic DNA

Be it political science, history or biology at the end of fifteen years of classroom training one's marks card is safely put away in some bulky file and locked up. What is evaluated in the "real world", along with competence, is ethics and social responsibility. Over the past three years, I was lucky to be in an education system that embarked on the task of holistic individual development. Christ University, in particular the Department of Zoology, has focused on important aspects of educational growth along with intellectual excellence.

If you happen to be a BSc student studying pure sciences in any part of the country, you are sure to have experienced people sniggering at your option of subjects and their career prospects. Some have had the audacity to tell me that I'm merely preparing myself for marriage. Those of us who resisted all such put downs from the society and walked into the field have realised and experienced its true essence.

Zoology in itself may seem to an outsider like an endless array of Greek and Latin, almost futile and impossible to hold in memory. For those of us who know what we've stepped into, it is still as complicated as when we started off, but it has been the most memorable, enjoyable and meaningful of all forms of complication. We owe it to the learned and warm faculty of the department.

To facilitate extension of text book knowledge and provide practical lessons, the department had arranged several nature camps and adventure trekking programmes as a part of the Green Army activities. The problems such as habitat destruction and biodiversity loss were dealt with supplemented by national seminars, which sensitised us to care for the ecosystem and environment. The treks brought together people with similar interests and passions from various disciplines to pool in their ideas. With the respite from perfunctory class room lessons these activities were eagerly awaited.

The zoology we studied from here might not be the best means of obtaining a bulky pay cheque, but what we have learnt has a far greater reach. How many people would care to help a limping crow or a paralysed cat on the street and go far as to provide medical attention along with a safe home? You are sure to find the like here. Such is the love and compassion for all living creatures big and small that has been incorporated into our conscience irreversibly through the department of zoology.

Right from sacrificing the luxuries of a private vehicle, using the stairs instead of an elevator, switching off tube lights, to saving precious drops of water....we've not just read about them but made it a part of our routine life to protect and conserve.

Abhijna P Anand, III CBZ

Green Army





MCA and MSc Programmes

The Post Graduate department of Computer Science (comprising both MCA and MSc Computer Science) is committed to developing IT professionals with ethical values. Its focus lies in equipping students with competencies in theoretical programming, communication, team work, organization and management skills with a sense of social responsibility.

Two new courses were introduced this academic year catering to the needs in areas of Research and Industry:

- Master of Philosophy in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Computer Science

Gateways 2008, the two-day intercollegiate postgraduate computer science festival, had as its theme, "Eco (logically) green". The aim was to spread awareness about how IT industry can contribute to the problem of global warming and how students can help alleviate the situation.

Mr. Deepak Nakra, CEO TriviumSys, who inaugurated the Fest, spoke of measures to be taken to combat global warming and how IT industry can play a vital role in it. The fest provided a platform for students to showcase their talents.

Revelations, an intra-class fest provided opportunities for effective peer interaction, efficient organizational skills and good interpersonal relationships.

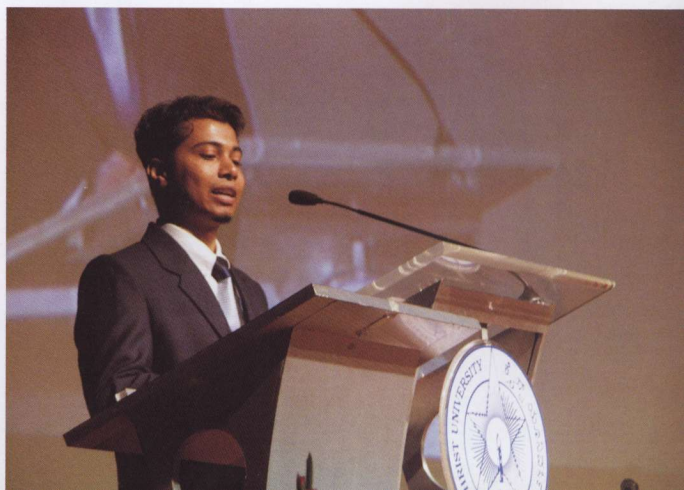
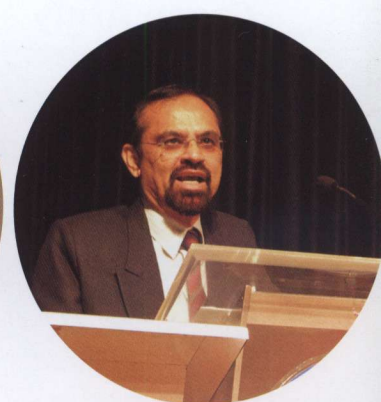
Infobahn, the bi-annual magazine of the department was released during the two fests.

A Seminar on **Open Source and RedHat** was organized on February 12, 2009. Mr. Anil from RHEL shared his knowledge about the required exposure towards open source, its uniqueness and relevance.

A Seminar on **Microsoft Robotics and Console Programming in Visual Studio** was conducted by Mr. Lakshman Srikant, Microsoft Student Program lead, Bangalore. The seminar imparted knowledge on simplicity and effectiveness of the tools.

Career Skill Development

A five-day Training Programme on Career Skill Development was conducted by Management Technology Services, Chennai for the final year students of both MCA and MSc Computer Science from 16th to 20th April 2008.





MSc Computer Science

COMPUTER SCIENCE

UG Programme

Interface 2008, the inter-collegiate computer science fest, was hosted for the students of computer science stream on September 17 and 18, 2008. This event gave an opportunity for students from different colleges in and around Bangalore to prove their technical and non technical skills.

Zephyr 2009, the inter-class competition was held for the various classes with many innovative events like Best Manager, Unity Coding, Parliamentary Debate etc.

Campus Connect, a soft skills training program was conducted by Adecco Learning Solutions for CMS and CME students

Seminars

- Presentation by Prof. Eben Moglen of Columbia School of Law on **knowledge-sharing**

- **Free Software and Education** by Dr. Richard Stallman

Sports

A week long inter-class cricket tournament was hosted by the students of computer science. An inter-class throwball match was organized for girls.

Direct Social Activities

The students of CME and CMS are actively involved in social activities through the CSA. Each class has sponsored at least one child for studies. Village trips were undertaken to help the students empathize with the rural people.

Students voluntarily contributed for helping poor children with study materials as a part of ACC initiative.

Departmental fests and co-curricular activities at BCA, Christ University are unique and different; these activities give our students an opportunity to interact with experts and get an up-close and personal experience of the field of work.

Interface, the inter-collegiate computer science fest organized by the computer science departments (BSc and BCA) of Christ College and *Softex 2009*, the inter-collegiate software exhibition competition organized by the Department of Computer Applications throw open many such avenues of learning and opportunities for interaction.

While this year's *Interface* helped students from various colleges to showcase their talents, Softex 2009 exhibited the capability of the young minds in taking up untrodden paths in the field of Software. The highlight of Softex 2009 was the inaugural address by Sri Sivakumara, Director of ISTRAC (ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network) who enlightened the students on the success of the Chandrayaan Mission.

The BCA department, through its activities aims at nurturing its students to be emotionally intelligent, intellectually equipped, professionally skilled, and to be socially sensitized.

BCA



Through the memory lane, into cyber alleys

Let's take a brisk stroll down memory lane, when the terms computer and internet struck a chord with every third person you met; when computer professionals weren't tired of bragging about how the primary entities of their domain revolutionized the way we plan, think and act. Unfortunately, from our sweet little memory lane we have seen how the realm has taken a diabolical morph in the present scenario.

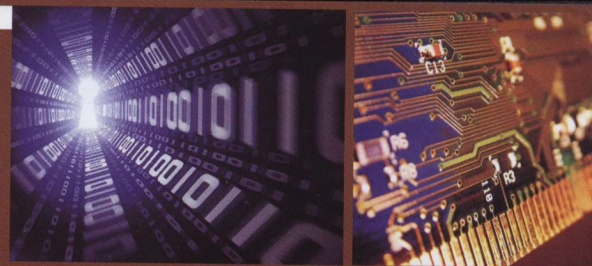
It'd be a cliché if it was said that the benefits of the internet and computers are infinite. Socially speaking, they have created newer avenues for people to extrapolate a completely self sufficient field for employment. There are software and hardware today that serve many a purpose. From tutorials to ERPs, digital entertainment to hardcore embedded platform programming, or gaming to database applications - they are enterprising at any instant. Be it research areas, or disputed social networking sites, the computers have become an indispensable part of our lives.

However, the current situation is not so beautiful. Cyber crime is as high as it has ever been. A myriad internet sites host dangerous content which migrate at the speed of knots. The white knights who try to battle new techniques of destruction see new soldiers taking birth. All this boils down to tarnishing the luster which the realm once wore brightly. Several cases of cyber crime which have sprung about include techniques like XSS, i.e cross site scripting, creation of botnets, phishing, false servers, SQL injection, Denial-of-Service attacks etc.

It wouldn't be wrong to state that the door for all these germs is being left ajar by us. The only way to dig ourselves out of the hole is to become much more aware while surfing. Abiding by certain rules that antivirus products set for us would be a good start, which most of us overlook. Internet browsers provide digital certification for sites which are safe. Remember, being a part of the World Wide Web comes at the price of abiding by certain rules, and that will help us overcome this demolition derby.

Rishabh Arora
II BCA

ELECTRONICS



Various activities were carried out by the department in order to ensure the all-round development of the students and to inculcate in them the need for social responsibility.

A one-day *Seminar on Life skills Training* by Mr. Kadiravan Pethi, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Shekhar, from *Legends, the School of Transformation*, Bangalore was conducted for the final BSc students on July 12, 2008. Later, a 30-hour training programme on soft skills was arranged from August 2 to September 14, 2008 by the same team. Around 51 final year Electronics students successfully completed the programme. The workshop covered topics like etiquette grooming, group discussion, interview skills, communication skills, public speaking, resume writing etc.

The UGC approved Workshop on Career Orientation conducted in July 2008, covered various topics in

Electronics. This programme provided the students with a unique opportunity to have hands-on training and practical skills.

A series of seminars were arranged by Electronics Club under the leadership of Mr. Mukund N Naragund which enabled the students to get in touch with experts from various fields and learn from their treasure of experiences.

- *Introduction to Embedded Systems* by Dr. Shivakumar N C, Principal Research Scientist, Dept. of Instrumentation, IISc, Bangalore.
- A talk on *Infrastructure Management Systems (IMS)* by IIHT Computer Education, Koramangala on various job opportunities in the field of IMS, the emerging area of Electronics and Computer applications.



- A Workshop on **Digital Storage Oscilloscope** was conducted by Mr. Rajendra Hebbar, Sr. Engineer, from Arts Agency, Channel partner of Tektronics
- A talk on **Service Desk Institute (SDI)** by Ms. Thelma

Other activities that triggered the creativity of our students and expanded their horizons of knowledge:

- **Science Fest** in September 2008 where the Electronics students showcased a project exhibition
- **Circuit 2008**, the inter-collegiate Electronics meet wherein over 15 colleges participated in various events like quiz, project and gadget exhibition, circuit analysis, lecture, dumb charades, crossword puzzle, pick and speak etc.
- A UGC-sponsored **State Level Workshop on Microcontroller and Embedded Systems**
The two-day workshop included technical sessions by experts from various industries, and lab sessions in association with Advance Electronic Systems, Bangalore. The workshop sensitized the public about the new electronic gadgets and devices that

- use microcontroller and embedded systems.
- An Electronic Project Exhibition by final year students featured 20 working projects including microcontroller based circuits and other projects like digital clock, voice recorder, two-way intercom, quiz buzzer etc.
- Student participation in workshops and inter-collegiate events : Joe Philip Ninan and R Francis Chandu, II year PME students attended a one-day UGC sponsored **State Level Workshop on A Journey Towards Embedded Systems** at Mount Carmel College, Bangalore. Ms. Gayathri S, II year CME, participated in the 43rd Annual Inter-Collegiate Contest at National College, Bangalore.

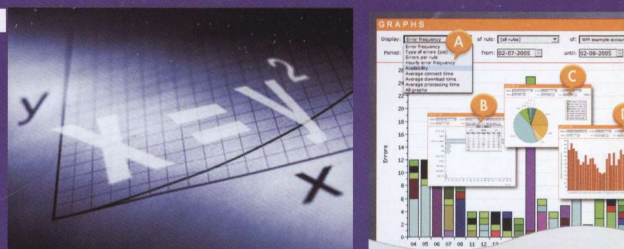
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Mr. Mukund N Naragund, Mrs. K.S. Hamsa, and Mr. Benny Sebastian attended a UGC sponsored **State Level Workshop on Advanced Experiments in Electronic Communication and Microprocessor** at Maharani Science College for Women, Bangalore.

PME



MATHEMATICS



PG Programme

- Dr. S Pranesh delivered a lecture on *Applications of Differential Equations in Mathematical Modeling* at Maharani First Grade College, Bangalore on August 27, 2008
 - Ms. Jothi of BBM Department, Christ University, conducted a one-day workshop on *Personality Development* for the first year students on September 8, 2008
 - Prof. Dr. Pradeep G Siddheshwar of Bangalore University delivered a lecture on *Shooting Method Technique for Solving Eigen-boundary Value Problems* on September 18, 2008
 - Dr. S. Maruthamanikandan and Fr. Joseph Varghese participated in a one-day workshop on *Thinking Paradigms in Education*, conducted by the Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC) of Christ University, Bangalore on September 6, 2008
- Three of the first year students applied for *MT and TS Programme in Advanced Mathematics* held by Indian Academy of Sciences.

CME



UG Programme

The Department of Mathematics aims at connecting, communicating and organizing mathematical ideas effectively. The department has been very enthusiastic about enhancing the mathematical talents of the students through various activities conducted within and beyond the four walls of the classroom.

Convergence – the annual inter-collegiate fest was organized on the 15th of September, 2008. Dr. K Kasturirangan, Director, National Institute for Advanced Studies, Bangalore and nominated Rajya

Sabha MP was the Chief Guest. This year's edition witnessed keen participation from more than 15 reputed colleges in and around Bangalore. Christ University won the Overall Trophy, and St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science won the Runner's Up trophy.

Sequence – the intra-collegiate fest was organized for all mathematics students of BSc classes on 29th November, 2008, 7th February, 2009 and 19th February, 2009 respectively.

Our inter-collegiate and intra-collegiate fests were a dynamic forum for the young, innovative and budding mathematicians to get together, exchange ideas and participate in various competitions that would augment their analytical abilities and reasoning. These events were real stepping stones to the path of knowledge and self discovery and essential for an individual's sense of responsibility towards society.

The department conducted various value-added programmes and additional classes bearing in mind the holistic development of the students. Talks on **Development of Soft Skills** were conducted for all the I year Mathematics undergraduate students to finetune their personal and inter-personal skills. A **Career Guidance Programme** was conducted for II year PCM and PME students on 8th December, 2008 and II year CMS students on 17th December, 2008 to guide them in their preparation for a premium career.

Periodic departmental meetings were organized in order to keep the spirit of the department alive. The members of the faculty mentored, guided and gave personal attention to the students so as to nurture them to be responsible individuals.

The highly-qualified academically-oriented faculty of the department have been keenly pursuing various research programmes.

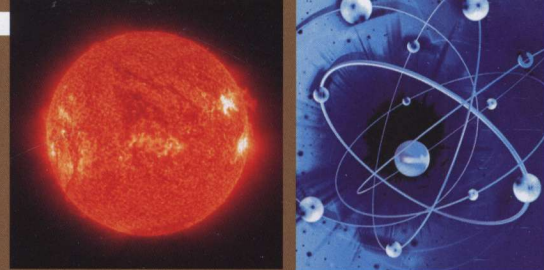
It is worth mentioning that Rev. Fr. Abraham V, Pro Vice Chancellor, Christ University, has submitted his PhD thesis entitled **Studies in Graph Theory – Path Covering Parameters in Graphs** to Bangalore University. Mr. Hari Bhaskar published a paper on **Sasacian Hyper Surfaces of the Generalized Concircular Recurrent Kahelerian Manifold** in Mapana (2008 Edition). Ms. Mayamma Joseph presented a paper on **Organizational Learning in Higher Educational Institutions** in Asian Christian Faculty Fellowship Seminar held at Bali, Indonesia during 13th to 18th November, 2008. Ms. Smita Nagouda attended a one-day **Workshop on Paradigms of Education** conducted by the Centre for Education beyond Curriculum, Christ University in November, 2008.

The department has been quite successful in aligning itself with the progressive transition of the institution from being an autonomous college to a deemed university, keeping up the four D's - Dedication, Determination, Discipline and Direction of the department.

MSc Mathematics



PHYSICS



PG Programme

Ethics and responsibility should be an integral part of the students' training. It is important to instill in the students of science a positive attitude towards reflection, alertness and awareness of the ethical dilemmas they may encounter in their professional lives. One should remember that science education and research should meet social and global responsibility. Therefore, the PG department of Physics has conducted many useful programmes during the academic year 2008-09. Two new academic programmes - MPhil and Certificate course in Astronomy - were introduced to train students for teaching, or take up higher research studies, or for advanced work in industry.

To inculcate research culture among students and staff, the faculty members have published research articles in National/International Journals/Seminars:

- Bubbly S G, Gudennavar S B, *Journal of Chem.Cryst.* 38, (2008) 641
- Manoj B, Chandrasekharan K A and Kunjomana A G, *Mapana*, 2008
- Kunjomana A G, Chandrasekharan K A and Reshmi PM, *Mapana*, 2008
- Dr. A G Kunjomana attended the 13th and 38th *National Seminar on Crystal Growth and Crystallography* held at SSN College of Engineering, Tamil Nadu, and University of Mysore, India
- K T Paul attended the *Meeting of Astronomical Society of India* held at IIA,

Bangalore , 2009

To promote research and to improve the infrastructure facilities in the Department, the faculty members have also proposed a few projects to various funding agencies.

- Dr. S B Gudennavar and Dr. Bubbly S G submitted Minor/Major research proposals to UGC and DST, New Delhi
- Mr. Manoj B, Prof. Chandrasekharan K A and Dr. A G Kunjomana submitted Minor project proposals to UGC and RDC, Christ University, Bangalore



MSc Physics



The Department had organized a special lecture by Prof. H. L. Bhat, CSIR Emeritus Scientist, IISc, on ***Growth and Characterization of Certain Non-Linear Optical Materials***, 2008. The talk highlighted the importance of crystals in technology and industrial

applications. The staff and students visited Crystal Growth Centre, Chennai, and ISRO, Bangalore as part of research/study tour to develop a keen interest and to enhance knowledge about new developments in space science and technology.

UG Programme

Several programmes were organized by the department during this academic year 2008-09 to emphasize social responsibility in science.

Eureka, the inter-collegiate science festival and a science exhibition were organized on 15th and 17th September 2008. More than 15 colleges from Bangalore participated in the various science related events. Christ University won the overall trophy. A certificate course on ***Experimental High Temperature Superconductivity*** was conducted during July - October 2008 under the guidance of Dr. George Thomas Chirayil.

Dr. Abas G Sivjee, Director, Space Physics Research Laboratory and Professor of Engineering Physics, Embry – Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida, USA, visited the department and addressed the students on ***Nascent Technologies and Trends in Future Professional Employment Opportunities***; and about the contribution of space exploration in this field, on 19th December 2008.

The students visited Vainu Bappu Observatory, Kavalur, Tamil Nadu as a part of their curriculum. Mr. Joe Philip Ninan of IV semester BSc participated in the Astronomy Olympiad Nature Camp-2008 held from 2nd to 19th December at Ooty, Bangalore and Sriharikota.

PCM



Making sense of academics in terms of social dynamics

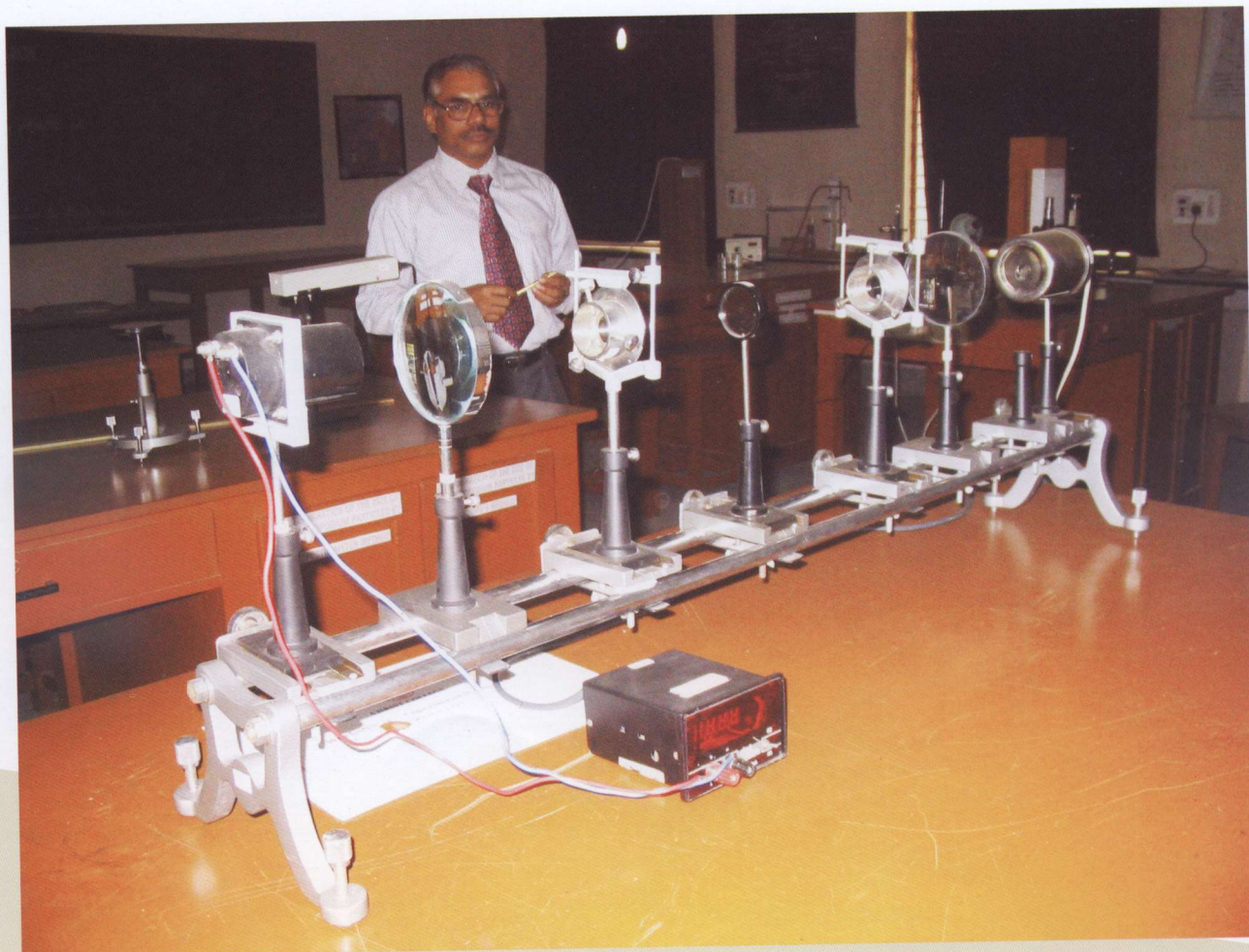
Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another. Education prepares a person to strive for and participate fully in the emancipation of the human being and society from oppression, domination and subjugation.

Academic institutions are responsible for creating and building complete, educated individuals. They prepare individuals towards the betterment of society. Their main objective is to promote education in the society in an unbiased manner. They also work toward the development of critical faculties, inculcate the spirit of scientific enquiry and encourage the pursuit of knowledge in individuals. It is also the duty of academic institutions to contribute towards redressing historical and contemporary inequalities in our society based on differences of class, beliefs, gender, race, nationality, region and economic conditions. Some of the renowned academic institutions address this in their own small way by offering scholarships and grants as a form of encouragement to those who are incapable of funding their own education.

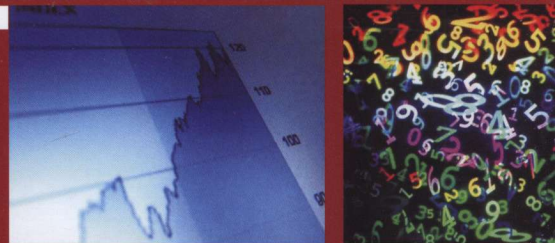
Physics, being a science with a number of applications, helps one realise how the world works. Physics education gives one a sense of responsibility, which triggers the need to impart and share it with one's own fellow beings. Experiments, for instance, help a student in 'seeing' and actually realising concepts and ideas that he/she has read about in textbooks, hence etching the idea/concept permanently in the person's memory. In addition, seminars, presentations and projects which form a vital part of the curriculum, help the student in understanding the subject better, and also provide an useful insight into the research world.

Toward this end, all members of the academic community should voluntarily give their time to impart education to disadvantaged sectors of the population.

Nitya Ramanan
II MSc Physics



STATISTICS



With the increase in the availability of data and the need for specialized analysis and interpretation, Statistics is gaining a lot of importance in the present global, social, economic, intellectual and political scenario. The Department of Statistics, committed to excellence in facilitating and cultivating responsible statistical thinking among students, conducted various activities in tune with its commitment.

Our students carried out projects on various topics like Opinion Survey Among Call Center Employees, Analysis of Data Regarding Eating Habits of People, Crime Rate in Bangalore, Comparative Study of Performance of Different Educational Institutions etc. These budding statisticians, through these projects, were made aware of the application of Statistics to areas related to different facets of life, thus enabling them to contribute to social needs.

The department conducted *Inference*, the inter-collegiate fest, to tap the potential of young minds. The students of III year BSc were trained in using SPSS package for Data Analysis. A guest lecture by Sri. Prakash Rao, Head, Parts, Materials and Process Division, ISRO, helped the students to understand the Application of Statistics in Space Research.

Mrs. Sahana Prasad of the Department of Statistics gave a guest lecture on *Basics of Statistical Analysis* to the probationary officers of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, organized by National Sample Survey Organisation.

Since Statistics is a language with numerical vocabulary, and a statistician is one who can translate the numbers into facts and vice-versa, Ms. Geetha and Mr. Jayakrishna Udupa of the department helped their colleagues and the postgraduate students of various disciplines in Data Analysis related to their research work.

The department, through its various activities, focused on producing value-based practicing statisticians to help the society, who through their knowledge and skills can solve complex societal problems and help in critical thinking and decision-making.



We need statistics to interpret the world

Statistics is emerging as a vital contributor in the conceptualizing, planning and execution of social responsibility. Statisticians contribute to scientific inquiry by applying their mathematical knowledge to the design of surveys and experiments, collection, processing, analysis of data and interpretation of results. Issues relating to public concern like health, education, employment, population, psychology, marketing etc. can be comprehended with ease by applying the tools and techniques provided by statistics to its data. Even the Federal approval of a newly manufactured drug relies on a statistically designed experiment.

Operational Research and Actuarial Science branch out from statistics at its roots. Actuaries are the analytical backbone of a society's financial security

programs. They are the brains behind the financial safeguards we have implemented in our personal lives so that we can go about our daily lives without worrying about the future.

There is no individual, industry or nation untouched by the truth of statistics that is revealed as figures. Society is dependent on inference arrived at by the statisticians. To conclude, there is no theory that can be formulated without the aid of statistics. Galileo said Mathematics is the language in which God created the Universe. In the same vein, Statistics is the language in which man reads the Universe.

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CMS



TOURISM STUDIES

PG and UG Programmes

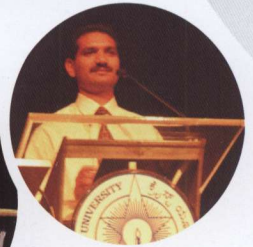
The Department of Tourism Studies, celebrating its decennial anniversary, organized an Industry Institute interface week in August 2008 with the participation of experts from the tourism industry. All the experts lauded the initiatives of the department and highlighted the role of educational institutions in academic social responsibility and discussed the areas of mutual co-operation.

The fests of the department offer an exciting avenue to meet tourism students as well as members of the travel, tourism and hospitality industry. Competing in various events and listening to the experienced professionals and policy makers about sustainable tourism practices imbibe in the young minds the importance of a socially responsible tourism.

AltaVista- The National Level Undergraduate Tourism fest was a sensitizing experience for all participants. **Atna-**Journal of Tourism Studies, **Frequent Flyer-** the annual Publication of B. Com Tourism and Travel Management, **Travelogue-** Bi-annual magazine by MTA were released during the Fest.

Ontrack-2008, a cricket tournament for travel, tourism and hospitality industry was another exciting event for the Department.

The National Level Seminar on **The Role of Historical Monuments in Promoting Tourism in India** was an eye opener to all stakeholders of heritage and tourism.



Exodus-2009 was another enlightening National level Tourism Fest organized during the academic year.

The department also organized field visits to different tourist destinations to help the students understand the socially relevant tourism practices, while the members of the faculty actively involved themselves in spreading the message of academic social responsibility through their research articles presented at various academic gatherings in India and abroad.

B Com Tourism



MTA

COMMERCE

PG and UG Programmes

Christ University Commerce Association (CUCA) has been one of the best platforms available to the students to showcase their talents. The Association helps the students to become leaders by instilling in them leadership qualities.

For the academic year 2008-09, CUCA was inaugurated on 27th June 2008 by Mr. Jagdish Ahuja, Director of PCS Securities Limited, and also the Ex- President of Bangalore Stock Exchange.

During the academic year, a range of activities like group discussion, dumb charades, pictionary, extempore, quiz etc were conducted.

Prayas, an All India inter-collegiate fest organized by CUCA had, as its theme, Amazing Race. There was a multitude of interesting events like Ice Breaker, Quiz, HR, Mock Court, Finance,



Entrepreneur Development, Christ University BCom students took part in many inter-collegiate fests hosted by other colleges and won in many, including St.Xavier's, Kolkata where we were declared Runners Up.

Episode 2009, the Cultural Day of BCom students, witnessed various events related to art and culture - sketching, glass painting, chart painting, pot painting, junk art, variety entertainment, music and flower arrangement and mime.

CUCA, as always, has fulfilled its objective of bringing to the fore the talents, the creative capabilities and the innovative thinking that is the hallmark of well-groomed students during the academic year.



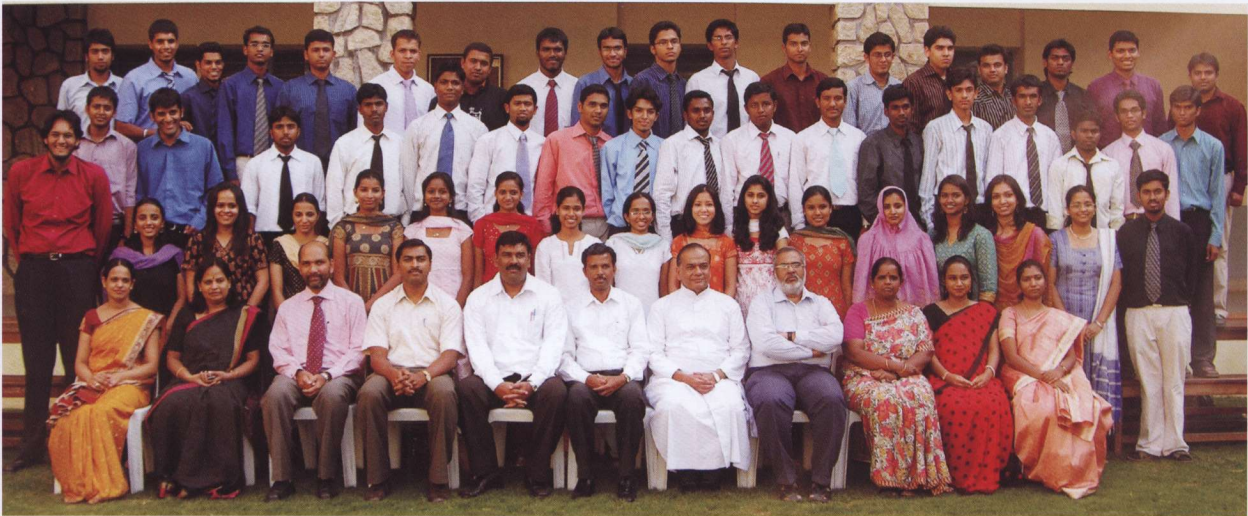
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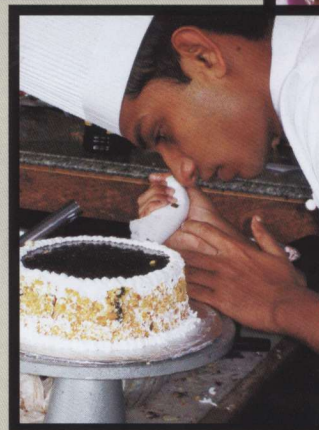
As plain as a pikestaff: We serve our best

The Department of Hotel Management has constantly strived to make social sense through its academics. The students of the department are encouraged to take part in village visits and get social sensitisation. The students interact with the residents of these villages and understand their shortcomings and hold discussions on the topic.

The **World Breads' Day Exhibition** organised by the department had over 50 different bread types baked by our students. They were displayed as an educative measure and then distributed to an orphanage. Although events such as the Street Food festival may not have been towards a cause in particular they were an eye opener to many to the unique elements of the country and how the standard of street food has been slowly yet diligently elevating.

Other than the above-mentioned, the department has been actively initiating a lot of activities to help the students get uptodate. The department organized a series of seminars and workshops. The **Callebaut Chocolate Workshop**, the **Cream Workshop** by Richie's Cream, the **Zinzi Class o'Wine Workshop**, **Tandoor and Chettinad Cuisine Workshop** and the national level housekeeping seminar are worth mentioning. Apart from these, the specialization students had specific sessions such as the butchery workshop and the two day Cocktail session with Mr. Shivanth Nishkam.

BHM





To ensure that the students are one step ahead of the others in housekeeping, there has been flower arrangement classes organized for both the fourth semester and the final year specialization students. The intra department competitions such as the Junior Chef Competition, the Boulanger's Paste, the Plates n Pans and Kicks allow the students to grow in confidence and skill. This also gives them a sense of achievement.

Avin Thaliath Department of Hotel Management





Christ University Institute of Management provides the best possible platform to the students for their overall development which includes not only the academic interface but also other activities that lead to the holistic development of the student. An entire gamut of events like OST, Book Review, Current Affairs, Outbound Training and the like are regular features at the Institute of Management.

The academic year began with ice breaker sessions to help in interpersonal relationships. Village trips were organized to expose the students to the life style of the villagers and instill in them a feeling of commitment towards the betterment of society. Outbound training sessions helped them to realize the importance of fitness and health. This year's OBT was conducted in July 2008 at Natraj Gurukul wherein the students were exposed to Day and Night Navigation, Cave Exploration, Rappling, Rock Climbing etc.

The academic year 2008-2009 was inaugurated by Mr. Vallan, CEO and MD of ING Vysya on June 2, 2008.



Some of the activities of the year include:

- **Vision 2020**, a programme that exposes the students to the domestic and global socio economic platform.
- **Chrysalis**, an inter-collegiate fest for the first year students.
- **Ushus**, an inter-collegiate management fest.
- A national level student's conference on December 3 and 4, 2008. Students from MBA, MCom and BCom presented papers and participated in the panel discussion on IFRS.
- **Pioneer** which has added a new dimension to the entrepreneurship at domestic and international levels was conducted on 24th Jan 2009.
- An international seminar was conducted on January 31, and February 1, 2009, on the theme of Innovations and Strategies. More than 40 top executives from across the companies participated and about 20 papers were presented on the subject.
- Panel discussions on Finance, Human resources and Marketing were conducted where top executives from the industry shared their thoughts on the current situation in the industry.



Accolades won at:

- Surana College - 1st prize for finance
- PESIT - 1st prize for marketing
- IIMB- 3rd prize for marketing
- Srinivas College - 1st prize for marketing
- Presidency College - 1st prize for marketing

overall winners at :

- Justice K S Hegde College
- St Joseph's college
- Rajagiri college
- Garden city college
- MS Ramaiah college
- Presidency College

Guest lectures by:

- Mr. Madan N – Head – HR – Amazon India
- Dr Vasudeva Rao- Asst VP –(Training) Strides Arcolab
- Mr. Samson David- Associate VP Infosys
- Dr Felicia Morgan- Ohio State University
- Ramesh Jude Thomas- Equitor

Organizational Visits to:

- Bosch India
- Infosys
- Sundaram Fastners Ltd.
- TVS Motor Corporation
- American Power Converter

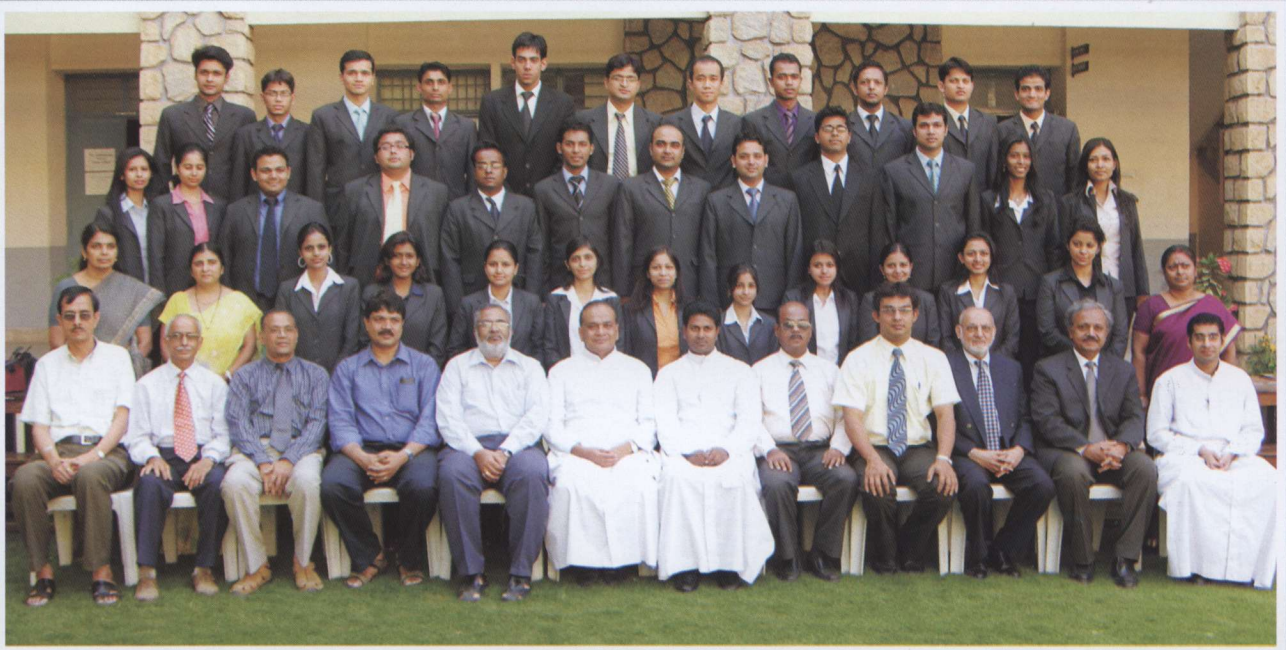
Interactive sessions :

- Interaction with Prof CK Prahlad at Infosys
- Interaction with Honorable Finance Minister (P. Chidambaram)

**MBA A**



MBA B



MBA C



MBA D

BBA and BBM

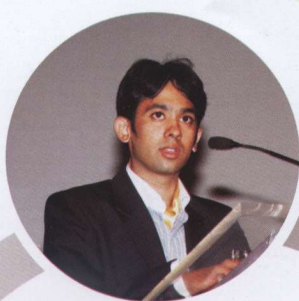
Vistas: July 2008 saw this fest conducted by final year BBM students; various events like Quiz, Entrepreneurship Development, Stocks, Finance, Best Manager, Venn, Human Resources and Marketing were organized.

Espirit: Come September, the inter-collegiate fest takes over all undergraduate Management students by storm. This year's theme was **Discover. Live. Evolve.**

Dance face-off: This was a dance fare that captivated the entire university.

Aalap: This was a unique management cultural fest, that unleashed our potentials as artists.

Laurels at Prodigy '09 (Kristu Jayanti college) : The Management students won the overall trophy, the Ice Breaker Session as well as in individual events in Prodigy '09, the intercollegiate fest held by Kristu Jayanti college.



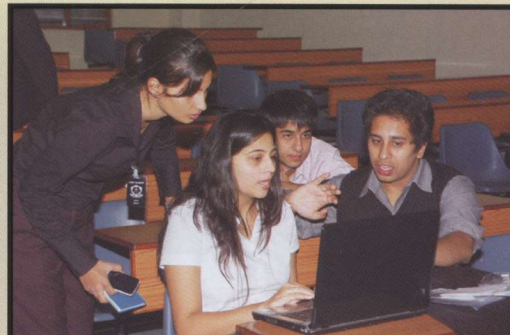
ICONGO - It was a meeting of a Human capitalism conclave organized by ICONGO. Four students representing BBA were coached on proper capitalism, corporate social responsibility and eco-friendliness.. The guest speakers were Mr. Rob Dhoble of Omnicon, Mr. Dilip Thakore of Education World as well as Ms. Pamela Gale of SAI sanctuary. There was a panel discussion with Mr. R K. Misra of Change India, Mr. Darshan of Deccan Chronicle and Mr. Hari Menon.

CSR trip: All BBA and BBM students went on a trip to various NGOs as a part of being inculcated into CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility). The visit included trips to organizations that encouraged women's rights, the upliftment of abandoned street children as well as waste management.



BBA

Entrepreneurship Cell : All the students were encouraged to join the entrepreneurship cell of our university. The cell was graced by the Registrar of companies in Bangalore who educated them on the formalities to start up own enterprise.



Social responsibility woven into the curricular fabric

The concept of social responsibility is underpinned by the idea that organizations and institutions can no longer act as isolated entities operating in detachment from broader society. In this context, social responsibility in educational institutions is also of prime concern in modern times.

Awareness and Action is the foremost process of an educational system. At the Department of Management Studies, students are exposed to this very arena of social responsibility with the aim of imparting social sensitivity, awareness and leadership.

Our department is committed to the comprehensive exploration of both scholarly and applied socially responsible practices. Activities of the department include but are not limited to the following.

- Social responsibility project as part of the formal curriculum where participation is mandatory, involving academic credit and integrating at least 25 hours of community work
- In this respect, the NGOs that the students worked with include Rakum School of Blind, Spastic Society of Karnataka, Advent Age

- Foundation, Samarthanam, etc.
- Child Sponsorship Schemes
- Village trip where the student gets an insight into the living conditions of an Indian Village
- Outreach programmes to orphanages, old age homes during Christmas
- Entrepreneurship projects that provide valuable field experience to help students in their future business plans and strategies
- ***Run for Green Marathon*** with a social partner

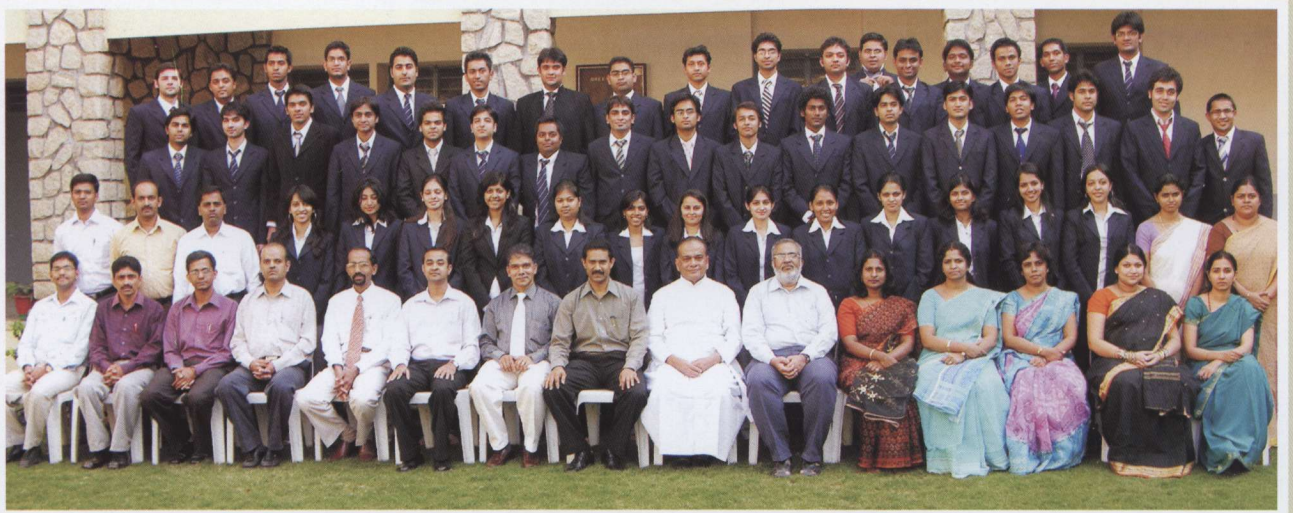
In this connection, special mention should be made about the role of the faculty of our department, especially those who are doing research in various social issues; they help to a great extent in integrating social action programmes of the department.

To be socially responsible is to be a citizen of strength and responsibility and with this belief, the department continues to facilitate the process of learning so that the students are inspired, involved and engage themselves in socially responsible initiatives.

Ms. Leena James
Department of Business Management



BBM A



BBM B



BBM C

SCHOOL OF LAW



School of Law was abuzz over the year with a plethora of activities.

Moot Winners

The students from School of Law emerged winners at the NALSAR-NFCG Moot Court Competition 2009. They also won the award for the Best Speaker and the Second Best Speaker.

The students also won the Best Memorial and the Second Best Speaker Award at the NLS Arbitration Moot Court Competition 2009.

Commonwealth Moot Court Competition 2009:

Twenty one teams from all over India participated in the Competition. It was inaugurated by Honorable Justice P.D. Dinakaran, Chief Justice, Karnataka High Court. The finals were judged by Prof (Dr.) N.R. Madhava Menon, Honorable Justice Sreedhar Rao and Mr. Udaya Holla, Advocate General, Karnataka. NALSAR emerged as the winners, and NLU, Jodhpur, the runners up.

Workshop on Regional Security and Nuclear Disarmament:

In the first session political analysts from New Delhi

spoke on their areas of expertise. The analysts were Maj. Gen, Dipankar Banerjee, Prof. P.R. Chari, and Dr. Suba Chandran. The second session had students presenting their papers on Nuclear Disarmament.

Workshop on Warfare or Welfare - Disarmament for Peace, Human Security and Development in 21st Century

The Chief Guest Mr. L. C. Jain, Former Ambassador to South Africa and Former Member of Planning Commission, Bangalore addressed the gathering. The other eminent speakers included Dr. Lawrence Prabhakar, Mr Ravinder Pal Singh and Ms Binalakshmi Nepam.

Juristar 2009 – The inter-class cultural, literary, dramatic and sports festival, marks the annual day of the law department. In the run up to this year's event many inter-batch activities were held, and the Best Batch trophy was won by the 2012 batch.

Legal literacy initiative for Christ Junior College students

The Student Volunteers from the School of Law took classes on Consumer Protection, Motor Vehicles Act, and Environmental Protection, for the IPU students.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



Good teachers are the need of any progressive nation. Christ University School of Education fulfills this social responsibility of training out teachers who would guide their students in the right direction. Hence, the academic goals of the School of Education are to prepare competent and professional secondary school teachers, who, as educators and facilitators, would explore, innovate and experiment in all areas of school education.

During the academic year 2008-09, the School of Education had organized various events to improve all the necessary skills of the teacher trainees. A three-day **Personality Development Workshop** was held in January 2009. Students were given opportunity to imbibe various teaching skills through a week-long Micro Teaching session.

A nine-day Programme in Theatre in Education was held with the aim of teaching the art of incorporating *Elements of Theatre in a Classroom Situation*.

Ample opportunities were provided to bring out the hidden talents of students. Discussions and debates were organized on a regular basis. Annual competitions in various disciplines were held in the second week of September 2008.

Our students had an on-line project with the students of Mount Union college of Ohio University, USA. This gave them an opportunity to interact with overseas students on various aspects of education.

As part of their curriculum, forty days of teaching practice was arranged at selected schools in Bangalore. This gave an opportunity for the students to have practice in teaching in an actual classroom situation, besides giving them a good exposure to schools. Prior to the teaching practice, around fifteen demonstration lessons in various subjects were given by faculty members and teachers from different schools. Guest lectures by experts in the field of education were organized on a regular basis in this regard.

To ensure that students have an awareness of their responsibility to the society, a community living camp was organized at Kenchen palya on Mysore road. During the camp, students did social work in the nearby village and organized cultural programmes and street plays on relevant social themes. Some of our students have been actively involved with the CSA, in providing education to the slum children.

BEd





OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
(USA)
Twinning Programme

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY (AUSTRALIA)
Credit articulation arrangement

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY (UK)
Credit Transfer Programme

SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY (UK)
Partnership Programme

LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY (UK)
Partnership Programme

UNIVERSITIES STUDY ABROAD
CONSORTIUM (USA)
India Study Programme

LILLE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (FRANCE)
Student Exchange Programme

NHTV (NETHERLANDS)
Faculty/Student Exchange Programme

UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES,
WURZBURG- SCHWEINFURT (GERMANY)
Joint Academic Programme- PGDM/MBA

The Office of International Affairs has grown from strength to strength in the last few years. The office introduced innovative programmes in the year 2008-09.

Dual Degree Programme (PGDM/MBA)

In line with the mission of internationalizing the Christ University programmes, the International Office initiated a two-year full-time Dual Degree Programme (PGDM/MBA) with the University of Applied Sciences Wurzburg- Schweinfurt, Germany.

WMU Scholarship

17 Christ University students (Batch of 2006-08) were given Presidential Scholarship (worth Rs. 8 lakh each for two year period) at Western Michigan University, USA.

Transfer to Partner Institutions

Around 50 students from BBA, BA and BCA were successfully transferred to Western Michigan University (USA), Griffith University (Australia) and Swansea University (UK) for completion of their undergraduate degrees.



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Students Exchange

Under the student exchange agreement with Lille Catholic University, three BBA students got the opportunity to do internship in France and five students from Lille were hosted in the BBM department of Christ University.

Faculty Exchange

Under the faculty exchange program two faculty members (Fr. Biju K.Chacko and Mr. Sushil Dwarakanath) were deputed to visit NHTV, Netherlands to attend a short term exposure program on Media Production and Hotel Management respectively. Christ University Hotel Management department hosted two members of the faculty (Mr. Geoff Maree and Mr. Eric Andersen) from NHTV.

Universities Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

60 students came to Christ University through the Universities Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), USA to pursue their undergraduate studies.

United Board for Christian Higher Education (UBCHE) in Asia

Christ University was selected as "Host University" for three regional scholars by UBCHE. The Scholars were from Philippines, Cambodia and China.

Some VIP visits to Christ University

Dr. John Brinkman, Dean, Liverpool Hope University, UK; Prof. Dr. Werner Inderbitzin, President Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland; Prof. Iwan Davies, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Swansea University, UK; and Prof. Dr. Manfred Kiesel, Vice



Fr. Binoy C was provided opportunity to visit Mount Union College, USA for a period of 10 months as a TA (Teaching Assistant) in their Education Department. Dr. Ivory L. Lyons, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Mount Union College, Ohio, US spent his Sabbatical as a visiting faculty at Christ University for a period of two months.

President, Fachhochschule Würzburg-Schweinfurt University of Applied Science, Germany.

International Study Tour , UK

13 BBA students had an opportunity to attend the *Global Youth Congress* at Liverpool Hope University, UK. Similarly 4 of our MBA students went on a study



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tour to University of Wurzburg-Shweinfurt, Germany.

Academic research/seminars

Under Joint Research Programme with Liverpool Hope University; UK an article was published by Ms. Suniti Phadke and Dr. Ian Vandewalle in the Indian Journal of Marketing (Vol XXXVIII No. 5, May 2008), titled *Exploration of Place Brand Attributes: A Study of Bangalore City*.

Prof. Suniti Phadke was invited to various forums to give talks on varied subjects:

- *Higher Education System in India* at ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations)
- *Ambassadors of India* for Dharmaram Fathers
- *Career Options* at Indian School Muscat, Oman at the Annual Career Guidance Seminar
- *Travelogue* at Vividha -Ladies Group, Rotary Club, Indiranagar, Bangalore
- *Christ University Programs* at Career Expo 2008, Indian School, Bahrain



International Students



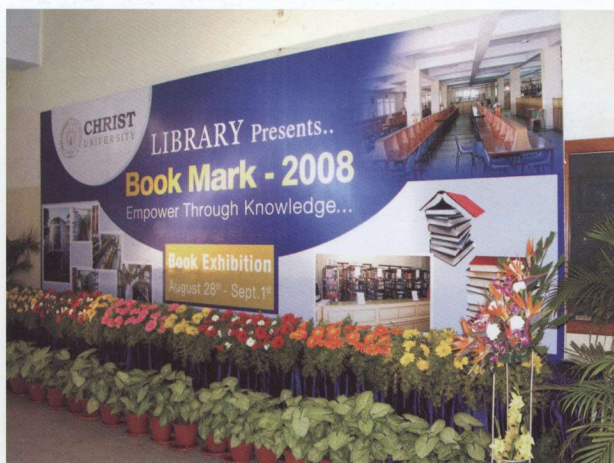
LIBRARY

Booking the best for the University

The library has a central role in providing ready access to the information resources and services needed for the university's core activity: education and research. In order to do this effectively, the library closely aligns its priorities with the university's strategic priorities. The library maintains close links with the academic sector of the university and ensures that it continues to meet the needs of students and academic staff, with the support of well trained staff and automated library system. Our library houses 92000 books, subscribes to 220 periodicals and 17 news papers, owns 1626 CDs /

DVDs and has a fair collection of project reports and back issues of periodicals. All these resources are available for use between Monday and Saturday from 8 am – 9 pm.

The central library has significantly developed to create a collaborative learning hub for users. The planning for this development has focused on creating spaces in the library that respond to changing needs flowing from new pedagogies, new technologies and changing social norms.



E-Resources

EBSCO, JSTOR, WESTLAW, MANIPATRA, HEINONLINE and ICFAI online databases are highly helping the users to do their research work and keep them up to date in their respective fields of research.

Book Mark is a festival conducted by the library every year, with the basic idea of bringing the users and the resource to a common platform.

Finally, the library is the soul of any institution, and it's a centre for acquiring, processing, preserving and disseminating information to the user community for the basic motto of empowering the users' knowledge.

T. Senthil Kumar
Librarian

The library has general study areas with comfortable casual seating in a light and spacious environment where students can use the personal study resources

- A combined research work
- Circulation desks
- Reference hall
- Stack

Our library has an institutional membership with the following:

- Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
- British Council Library, Bangalore
- DELNET, New Delhi



OFFICE OF EXAMINATIONS

Interview with COE

What is Academic Social Responsibility in your perspective?

COE : Academic Social Responsibility in my view is training individuals to be responsible in all areas and codes of life.

As the COE, do you feel that the examination office inculcates Academic Social Responsibility into all stakeholders?

COE : I have been an academician and hence know the importance of developing the sense of responsibility in every person in the conduct of examinations. That has helped me to link that concept with the planning and functioning of our office. As everyone is aware of, the office of Examination deals with so many stakeholders. Our exposure to academics and the ability to foresee any missing links has helped us to arrive at a perfect system over these few years.

Academic Social Responsibility involves developing a code of ethics especially in the Office of Examinations. Do you feel that your office successfully has evolved an unbeatable code of ethics?

COE : Ethics is the outcome of a set pattern that is developed, tested and proved. We started on this during autonomy years where an organized, methodical and impartial system of functioning was developed. Today, as University we can proudly claim that we have achieved total integrity in our office.

How do you deal with malpractices in the examination hall?

COE : We adopt two different strategies for dealing with cases of malpractice - counselling and punishment. If it is a mild case, we counsel and the student does not repeat

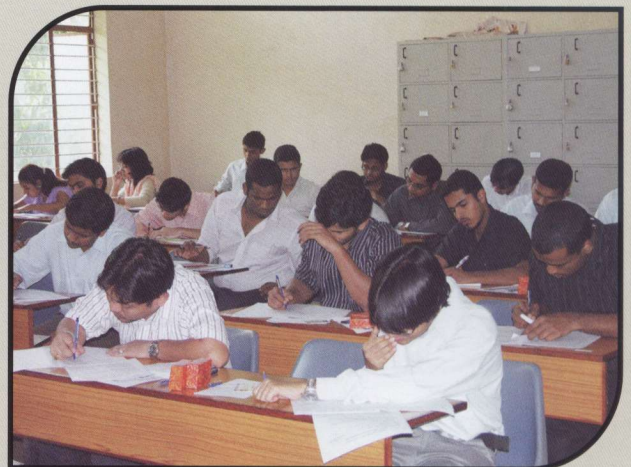
the act of malpractice. In a more serious case, we feel that the student should not be let off with counselling; the first thing we do is to disallow the student from continuing the paper and not allow him/her to sit for the next examination.

Our actions against such students do not create any emotional trauma; we deal with the 'fooling attempt' of a student in the examination hall, with a 'counter-fooling exercise', that's all.

Usually, we find that in the first year, such cases are more common; as our students continue with us, they do not indulge in any malpractice; this is a clear indication of the value system that stems from the mindset of the students. This culture develops on its own and, perhaps, that is what I'd call as inculcating Academic Social responsibility.

The Office of Examinations needs the co-operation of every individual on campus for its smooth functioning. How do you make individuals responsible for the system?

COE : There is an official declaration of workload long before the examinations begin; all our announcements - whether CIA marks list or practical examinations - are put up well in advance. Problems may crop up here and there, but, I am happy to say that we receive a good participatory response from all the members concerned. We train the members on the panel of Examination Duty and everything is coordinated perfectly, right from the conduct of the examination up to the evaluation and announcement of results on time. There are two important elements involved in this process: one - a good system and two - a good responsible team from the entire University. Responsible people make things happen and socially responsible academicians and students ensure the success of any system.



The Centre For Education Beyond Curriculum is a leading ambassador for Christ University in research, development and training in higher education.

A UGC-sponsored **Capacity Building Workshop for Women Managers in Higher Education** was held between February 4-9, 2008, along with the Sociology Department and focused on creating sensitivity towards the situation of women in higher education and the factors that have limited their presence in leadership roles. Dr. Armaity Desai, former chairperson of UGC, New Delhi, was one of the resource persons.

A **National Level Seminar on Dynamics of Educational Quality** was held on February 22 and 23, 2008, in association with Education Management Services, Bangalore.

A **Workshop on Managing Schools Effectively** (exclusively held for CMI Institutions) was held between May 6 and 8, 2008, for the benefit of secondary and higher secondary schools of CMI Institutions.

A **Workshop on Institutional Effectiveness – Dimensions Empowering Educational Leaders in Higher Education** was held between May 28 and 30, 2008 enabled participants to enrich themselves and establish the need to develop a competitive edge in institutional effectiveness.

A **Staff Orientation Programme** was conducted on June 21, 2008 for the faculty of Christ University.

A One-month certificate course on **Orientation for Ministry and Life Abroad** (specially designed for the CMI priests) was held from July 1 to 31, 2008, for the benefit of priests who travel abroad for various religious and study purposes.



A **National Workshop on Political Parties and Representation of Women: The Challenges Ahead** was held on September 25 and 26, 2008, jointly conducted by CEDBEC and the Department of Sociology, Christ University.

A **National Level Seminar on Educational Leadership** was held between October 9 and 11, 2008 in association with Education Management Services, Bangalore, to orient principals and senior academicians to assume leadership challenges in the context of changes happening in the globalized environment.

A **Workshop on Empowerment of Leadership for Managing Change and Building Synergy for Change Capability** was held on December 11 and 12, 2008, to prepare mid-level faculty and administrators for leadership positions at colleges and universities.

A One-day **Consultative Workshop on Perceptions of Emerging Competencies of Educational Administrators** of Higher Education Institutions in India was held on January 3, 2009.

The **7th International Whitehead Conference – Process, Religion and Society** was held from January 5 to 9, 2009, jointly conducted by CEDBEC and the Department of Philosophy, Christ University, aimed at bringing together scholars inspired by the Process Philosophy of Alfred N. Whitehead, mathematician, scientist and philosopher.

A **National Conference on Academic Staff Development: Strengthening Institutional Links** was held between February 5 and 7, 2009, to promote thought and generation of knowledge about staff development practices and plan, implement and sustain effective staff development practices in institutions of higher learning.

A pioneer model of academic social responsibility

Social responsibility is an ethical or ideological theory that an entity, be it a government, corporation, organization or an individual has a responsibility toward the society. The Centre for Social Action is a unique programme implemented at Christ University, Bangalore, for the social sensitization of students. It is a students' movement for a humane and just society with children as the focus.

CSA coordinates social sensitization programs for students by involving them in child-centered community development projects that it undertakes for the

marginalized communities. The centre has three main objectives: a) Encourage the holistic development of students by involving them in social activities b) Make the University a means through which underprivileged sections of the society can have access to tangible improvements in their quality of life and c) Facilitate innovative practices that can help strengthen college-community relationships. Through the process of involving students in its development projects, CSA has created a community of students who work actively for the society.



Activities

- *Vikas* is a programme through which students are exposed to various social issues via discussions, interactions with stakeholders and visits to NGOs.
- The *Street Theatre* team *Drishti* performs in various public places to raise awareness on select social issues.
- The *Samveditha* team takes sessions in other schools, colleges, and organisations to sensitize them on various pressing issues which plague our society.
- The Publications Team brings out magazines, newsletters, and various other printed material, along with maintaining the CSA blog and website.
- A discussion forum called *Chatting Over Coffee* meets every week to take up issues and have thought-provoking talks on them.
- A *Cultural Exchange Programme* was held in collaboration with Sund Folk College, Norway.





PLACEMENT CELL

In sync with the pulse of the industry

We strongly believe in functioning ethically, safeguarding the society and building positive links with the communities around us. Our forum plays a vital role in bridging the gap between Academics and social responsibility. It is a catalyst between the two entities.

Hundreds of students get placed every academic year from the university, fostering economic growth and freedom. By providing jobs to the students, it elevates the family of the student and also the society. Further, some students who get placed come out voluntarily in support of donating a part of their first month's salary for the Centre for Social Action (CSA). In certain cases, a group of students get together to sponsor an underprivileged child's education. Many students who get placed in various sectors also do take up causes with the NGO's for a better community living.

Further, the placement office negotiates in obtaining lucrative offers and focuses on the personal growth of students. In this academic calendar year, **Goldman Sachs, Deloitte, De Shaw & Co, Wipro, Landmark, iGate, Ernst & Young**, and many such well established companies recruited some of our competent students.

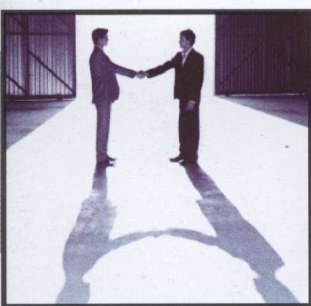
Besides regular placements the centre also conducts workshops on creating awareness about the industry and how it could create openings related to the subjects the students are studying. Internship is one such endeavor. The centre helps students of various streams to get internship projects as and when required by them, ensuring that the interning timings do not clash with that of the university's. It is a



platform where a student gets an opportunity to experience corporate culture of the functional area. Here the academic process gets a comprehensive coverage as the students get to practice their academic knowledge on the field. At the same time, students are prepared to be street smart and take up additional challenges.

The Placement Cell also initiates workshops and seminars on new concepts and helps students in getting trained in additional skills like Soft skills, resume building etc. The Placement Cell conducts EQ (Emotional Quotient) tests to determine the students' capabilities which could affect their performance in the academic arena. In the forthcoming year, the cell plans to conduct six modules of professional development courses for the UG/PG students – a. Linking Method for Easy Recall and Mind Mapping b. Mind and Body Communication c. Self Development and Motivation d. Employable Skills, Group Discussion and Etiquette e. Leadership and Public Communication and f. Leadership and Public Communication – for improving the career prospects of our students.

Venan B. Dias
Placement Officer



THEATRE IN EDUCATION

Tying the academics - social expression knot

When Christ College (under Bangalore University then) made its first inroads into theatre more than 15 years ago, a small village called Mariapura also took a similar step. Just when theatre was introduced as one of the “new” forms of expression among other things in Christ, on the outskirts of the city - beyond the literal and the metaphorical METRO on Kanakapura Raod - a Catholic priest took the language of theatre to this hamlet called Maripura.

Leap into 2009 and you find Christ has expanded and become a University with a population of more than 7,000 students every year. There is a supporting department called Theatre-in-Education initiating various need-based theatre activities. Meanwhile, Mariapura has been staging one grand play every year involving the whole village. With half a kilometre open stage, fireworks on the sidehills and trees as natural backdrop, the whole village engages with the social vision of the Catholic priest through theatre. Every year there is a rush of vehicles from the city during the annual performance, which lasts for more than six hours. In simple terms, these are shining images of Christ University being open to the practices of the outer world, and at the same time investing in the theatrical expression of its students

Notably, a Kannada faculty who belonged to Christ University is put in-charge as one of the key people by the government of Karnataka for a theatre project

worth 3.4 crores. The aim - to spread the message of 'love' for the Dalit community by hiring the best resources in the creative field. Over 300 artists join together for three months, stage the first performance at the Lal Bagh botanical gardens in Bangalore, and then travel across 28 districts with the same play. The objective - Spread the message of 'love' using theatre.

With such an objective, TIE with active support from the Student Welfare Office, holds the **Darpan Theatre Festival** and provides a platform for the theatrical expression of on-campus students, and through the **Baptizer Theatre Festival** provides a platform for the theatrical expression of students across institutions. This year's TIE annual production saw the staging of **Vision 2020 - Alexander**, to bring about social change through theatrical participation

With such a progress card, the university could experiment with its practice of core values. Understanding and working on the value system could be the first priority, Modulation the second, followed by Execution. These could be systematically addressed through the creation of a standard theatre intervention with inbuilt variables infused into every batch through a pre-set process. This could help our university to empower and give our students a meaningful start to their lives.

Sibu Vaz



Looking back at TIE – 2008-09

Sl No	Theatre	Description	Department
1	His Ability	Re-looking at the biography of Dr A P J Abdul Kalam from a student perspective	Christ College of Law
2	Global Warming	A street play to create awareness	Department of Psychology
3	Ward # 33	The psychology of following a “different” religion	Department of English Literature
4	Ankahee	The unsaid stories of “A Woman”	Masters in Social Work
5	Is Gandhi my father	Testing Gandhian principles in present context	Department of Commerce
6	Since the Story	The story of Sins	Department Journalism
7	Royal Splendours of Mysore	A reading at Raj Bhavan for the Governor and the Royal Family of Mysore	Christ College of Law
8	Three chairs	An interactive theatre on corporate values -reaching out to more than 10,000 employees across four cities	Certificate course graduates
9	Panchatantra	20+ stories, training and direction	Bachelor of Education
10	Facilitation, Continuous Internal Assessment, Presentation and Evaluation	Basics of theatre – theory and practice	Masters in Communication
11	Abhinaya Theatre Festival	Facilitating three teams to get exposure beyond the boundaries of the University.	Christ College of Law, Department of Journalism, Department of Commerce
12	Tatva	Facilitating three teams to get exposure beyond the boundaries of the University.	Christ College of Law, Department of Journalism, Department of Commerce
13	Inferno	A street theatre festival where the students bagged the first prize	Christ College of Law, Masters in Communication
14	National Law School Theatre Festival	Representing the University at the Theatre Festival.	Department of Journalism
15	TV 9	A mime creation for a TV news promotional	Department of Commerce
16	Prism Theatre Festival	Facilitating three teams to get exposure beyond the boundaries of the University.	Christ College of Law, Masters in Social Work, Department of Psychology
17	Bangalore University Theatre Festival	Representing the University at the Theatre Festival.	Christ College of Law
18	Certificate program in Facilitation	Using the method of theatre for training and facilitation.	CEDBEC, Bachelor of Education
19	Certificate program in Playback Theatre	Learning the skills of this international form of improvisational theatre	Christ University Certificate program
20	Certificate program in Proscenium Theatre	Learning the skills of the various dynamics involved in putting up a play	Christ University Certificate program
21	Darpan Theatre Festival	Providing a platform for theatrical expression for students in the campus	Student Welfare Office
22	Baptizer Theatre Festival	Providing a platform for the theatrical expression for students across institutions	Student Welfare Office
23	Vision 2020 – Alexander	The annual production to bring about social change through theatrical participation	Christ University Theatre presentation



COUNSELLING CENTRE

Counselling at Christ

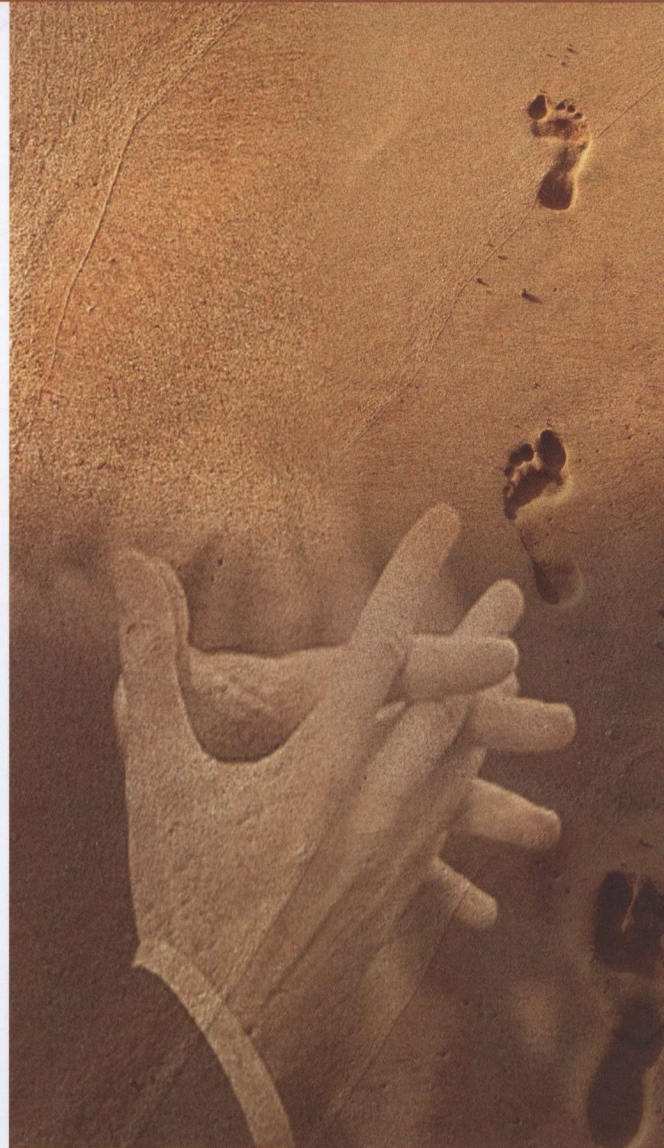
The counselling centre with a team of seven members including a visiting doctor responds to the emotional challenges of the student community on campus.

Our services

Admission Counselling
Attendance Monitoring
Academic Counselling
Personal Counselling

Some major concerns that the cell handles

- Relationship issues
- Irregularity
- Self Injury
- Anxiety
- Loneliness
- Eating Disorders
- Substance abuse
- Depression
- Poor Academic performance
- Adjustment issues





NATIONAL CADET CORPS

2008-2009 Annual Report

The National Cadet Corps of our University has a legacy of creating benchmarks year after year. The 2/9 Coy Christ University NCC has not let any stone unturned. 2008-2009 was glorious and challenging, giving a huge number of achievers.

We started with a record seven cadets - JUO Kartik, CSM Manjeshwaran, SGT Surabhi Ramachandran, SGT Anusha Ravi, CPL Shreyas P, CDT Glemm.N.Ebenezer and CDT Akshata Mohan - representing Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2008. SGT Ashwini and CPL Omar Ahmed Sheriff represented Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Thal Sainik Camp-2008. JUO Glenn. N. Ebenezer and SUO Anusha Ravi represented India in a Youth Exchange Program hosted by Sri Lanka and Singapore respectively.

The prestigious Director General NCC commendations was bagged by SUO Sharanya P.K., CSUO Mohammad Hassan, SUO Kartik B and SUO Anusha Ravi. CSUO Sangharsh Kumar, CSM Manjeshwaran, SUO Anusha

Ravi, JUO Surabhi Ramachandran, JUO Glenn.N.Ebenezer, CSM Ashwini, SGT Rashmi Lal and CPL Omar Ahmed Sheriff were awarded the Chief Minister's Commendation Card for 2008.

One of the greatest achievements of 2/9 coy was JUO Akshata Mohan bagging the Raksha Mantri Commendation Card at the Republic Day Camp 2009.

The company has had the honour of giving Guard of Honour to two consecutive Director Generals, and this year it had the pride of giving a Guard to Air Cmdre V. Babu, Director General, Karnataka and Goa Directorate.

Thus, from the battalion level of Combined Annual Training Camp to the international level Youth Exchange Program No. 2 Coy, 9 Kar Bn NCC, Christ University has left behind its footprints and marches ahead to add more glory to its unshakeable past. The company moves ahead with the larger motto Unity and Discipline.



Laying the seeds for a better tomorrow

National Cadet Corps is the largest uniformed youth organization consisting of nearly 30 lakh enthusiastic and jubilant cadets from all over the nation. With Unity and Discipline as its motto, the NCC focuses on developing motivated youth whose priority is service to self, society and nation. Through its camps, adventure activities and exchange programmes, the NCC strives for the development of the society.

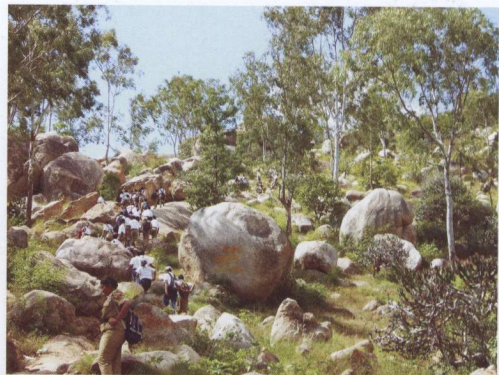
Each unit of the NCC in every school and college could be held as an example to illustrate its role towards the development of society in an academic milieu. The Sahara Scholarship, the Cadet Welfare Society Scholarship etc. provide financial incentives to cadets with sound academic background to work with more passion and achieve higher grounds.

The camps conducted by NCC throughout the year such as the Combined Annual Training Camp, National Integration Camp, National Firing Camp, Republic Day Camp, Youth Exchange Programme, Army Attachment Programme etc. and other adventure activity camps take in cadets from all over the country and create a platform for exchange of culture and sharing of ideas. This leads to better understanding and unity among the cadets, which in turn works for the secure harmony and tolerance in the society as a whole.

The 2/9 Coy Christ University NCC has contributed in its own small way to community development by undertaking purposeful expeditions and campaigns. The bike expeditions of our coy have set benchmarks in the history of 9 Karnataka Battalion. The **Sadbhavana Yatra** was the first that was routed through the states of South India. The **Saksharatha Yatra**, with a combination of both girl and boy cadets, carried the message of literacy and spread it through the Deccan plateau. The **Santhwana Expedition** was carried across the seas to the Andaman islands to assure the victims of Tsunami that the people of the main land were there to support and care for them.

The company carried out **Conserve Fuel campaign**, **Campaign Against Female Foeticide** programmes and other activities like blood donation, tree plantation, food for the poor, ban on plastic, visits to old age homes etc. These programmes in a big way or small, have undoubtedly rendered service to the society. They have enabled cadets to develop self-confidence, resourcefulness, decisiveness etc. and gain a broader outlook, sensitivity towards fellow beings, and most importantly leadership qualities. All these put together brings out the best in each of us, contributing to the development of society, as each cadet marches onto the different stages of life.

Surabhi Ramachandran, NCC cadet



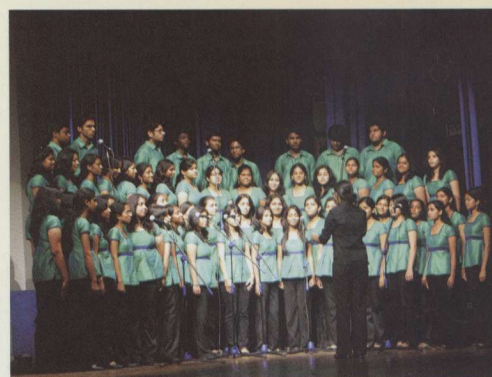
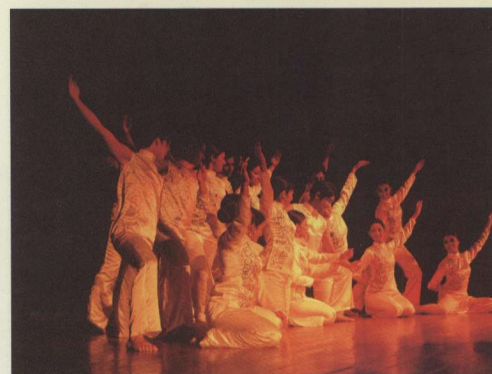
ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN CHRISTITES

ACC is a group of Christian students in Christ University who are devoted to the purpose of knowing and serving God.

All members of the ACC meet every Tuesday in the Prayer Hall for an intercession.

Wednesdays are dedicated to prayer meeting. Also on every Friday, a holy mass is organized in the Prayer Hall by students from various departments in the University.

One of the responsibilities of the ACC is to assist the annual retreat conducted on the university campus. This year the retreat was organized entirely by the student members of ACC. The sessions were interactive and participatory.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



In the beginning of June the Alumni Association gave scholarships to the deserving fellow Christites in the University. A total amount of Rs 2,30,000 was distributed to nearly 80 students. Every year the Alumni Association (AA) hosts an entire fun-filled day called **Fun Fiesta** for the faculty members of all Christ Institutions.

The AA also honors teachers on the occasion of Teachers' day. Every year on January 26, the AA celebrates the Annual Family Day, where all Christites gather for a fun-filled evening. On this day, teachers who have completed 25 years of service at Christ University are honoured by the AA.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Alumni Association is held on the third Saturday of October every year. Last year the AA conducted an eye camp in association with Titan Eye Care, where more than 100 faculty members and students underwent the preliminary free eye testing.

Titan Eye Care joined the AA in conducting and honoring 380 toppers from every class and section on an exclusive Honoring Day.



STUDENT WELFARE OFFICE



Ensuring students' potential has platforms to perform, prosper

The Student Welfare Office serves as a liaison between the academic, cultural and campus life of a student across the university campus. The University provides ample scope and numerous opportunities for the students to showcase their talents, and the Christites have always made the best use of these to come out with flying colors in every endeavor of theirs - be it academics, sports or cultural. The year 2008-09 has been no exception and the annual report here substantiates this very fact.



A student's sense of connection to the university as a community remains an essential element of engagement and success. The programmes of our cultural team on campus and outside the university are carefully considered and implemented through initiatives and activities engineered to engage students in active learning, provide meaningful student interactions, enhance cooperation between students, and expose students to compete, develop, contribute and learn with each other's diverse talents and ideas. Our cultural team triumphed as 'over all winners' and bagged cultural trophies at several prestigious National fests such as *Spandan* - JIPMER, Pondicherry; *Festember* - NIT, Trichy; and *Unmaad* - IIMB

SWO Volunteers



besides winning several overall trophies and prizes of cultural events conducted by St. Joseph's College of Commerce; St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science, JNC, MCC, M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts & Science, National law School, PESIT, and many other colleges in Bangalore.

It is a matter of pride that Christ University's Debating

Society during the academic year 2008 – 2009 became an active hub of possibilities for students. The Society also bagged the first and second places at *Spandan* - JIPMER, Pondicherry; National Law School and many other debate tournaments at both National and State levels. Perhaps the biggest achievement of the Society this year was its hosting the First *Annual Christ University Debate Tournament*.



Christ Cul Team



SWO Choir



ADMIN AND SUPPORT STAFF

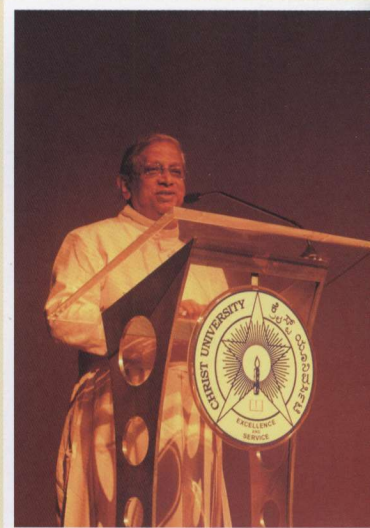
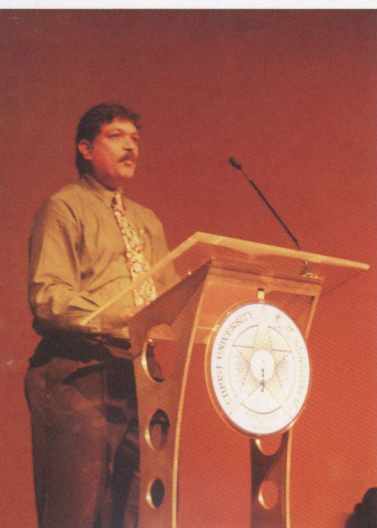
The University conducts its administrative affairs through the offices of IPM and Admissions. The office of IPM works as the storehouse of data and information, and dispenses efficiently all information pertaining to students' attendance and performance.

The office is ably supported by a team of working professionals who work around the year to ensure safe passage of valuable data and information. The Office of Admissions enables the smooth functioning of the process of admission. The office is well managed and assisted by a group of indefatigables who work tirelessly even during the chaotic months of May and June.

The Office of Maintenance and Upkeep kept to their steady drill of cleaning and pruning giving the campus its characteristic green lustre.

RECTOR'S DAY AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Held on December 17, 2008, this Management sponsored event clubbed two important occasions to mark the end of the year. The event drew participation from both teaching as well as non-teaching staff. It was marked by great bonhomie and cheer among all.





SPORTS



The Christ University Physical Education Department organises many sports and game events during the academic year. Special coaching camps were held for Football, Basketball, Throwball, Hockey and Volleyball teams.

CHRI- SPO, the inter-collegiate sports fest hosted by Christ University, is a mega sports event in Bangalore. 60 colleges from across the city participated in the various events held during this meet.



Memorable Events

- The Christ University team participated and won at various inter-collegiate tournaments such as SPIEL-St Joseph's Commerce College, VIA-SBM Jain College, and SPHYGMUS-Jyothi Nivas College
- The Christ University basketball team(men) participated in the Inter-University Tournament hosted by Karnataka University in Dharward





UNIVERSITY DAY

Prof. H.P Khincha, Vice-Chancellor, Visvesvariah Technological University, was the chief guest.

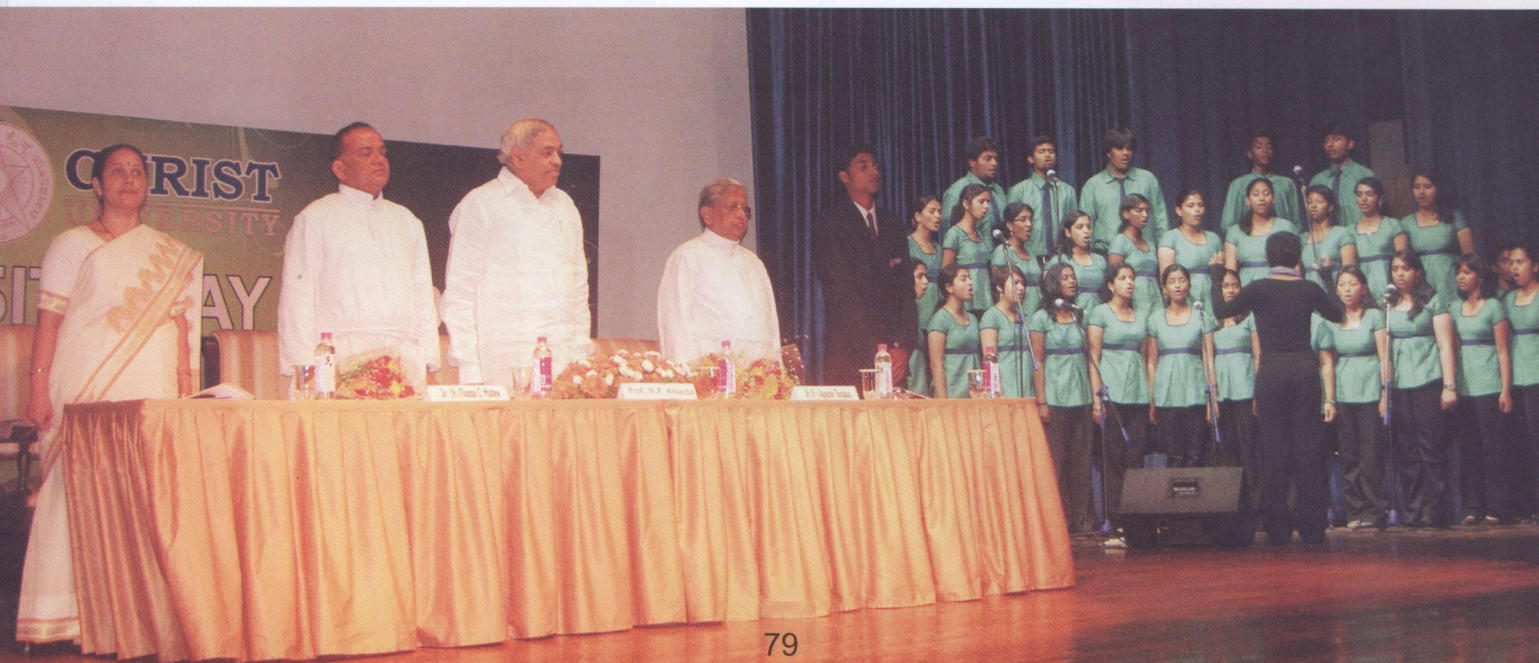
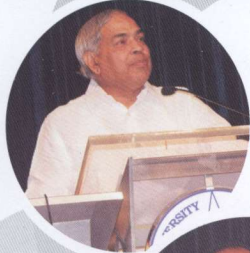
A few excerpts from Prof. Khincha's speech:

Globalization is a reality today and in every step of your life, you see this globalization effect - in terms of industry, in terms of educational systems, in terms of development... Along with globalization, we also have a society today in which we have tall buildings, short tempers, wide freeways, but narrow viewpoints...

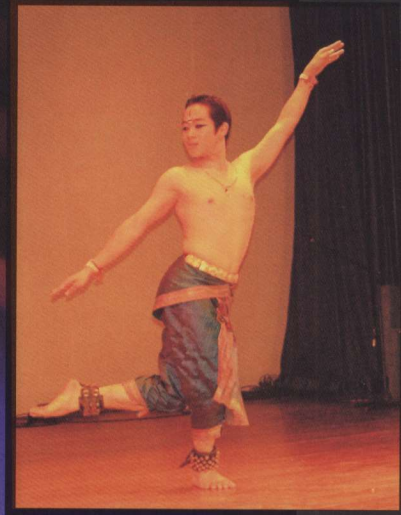
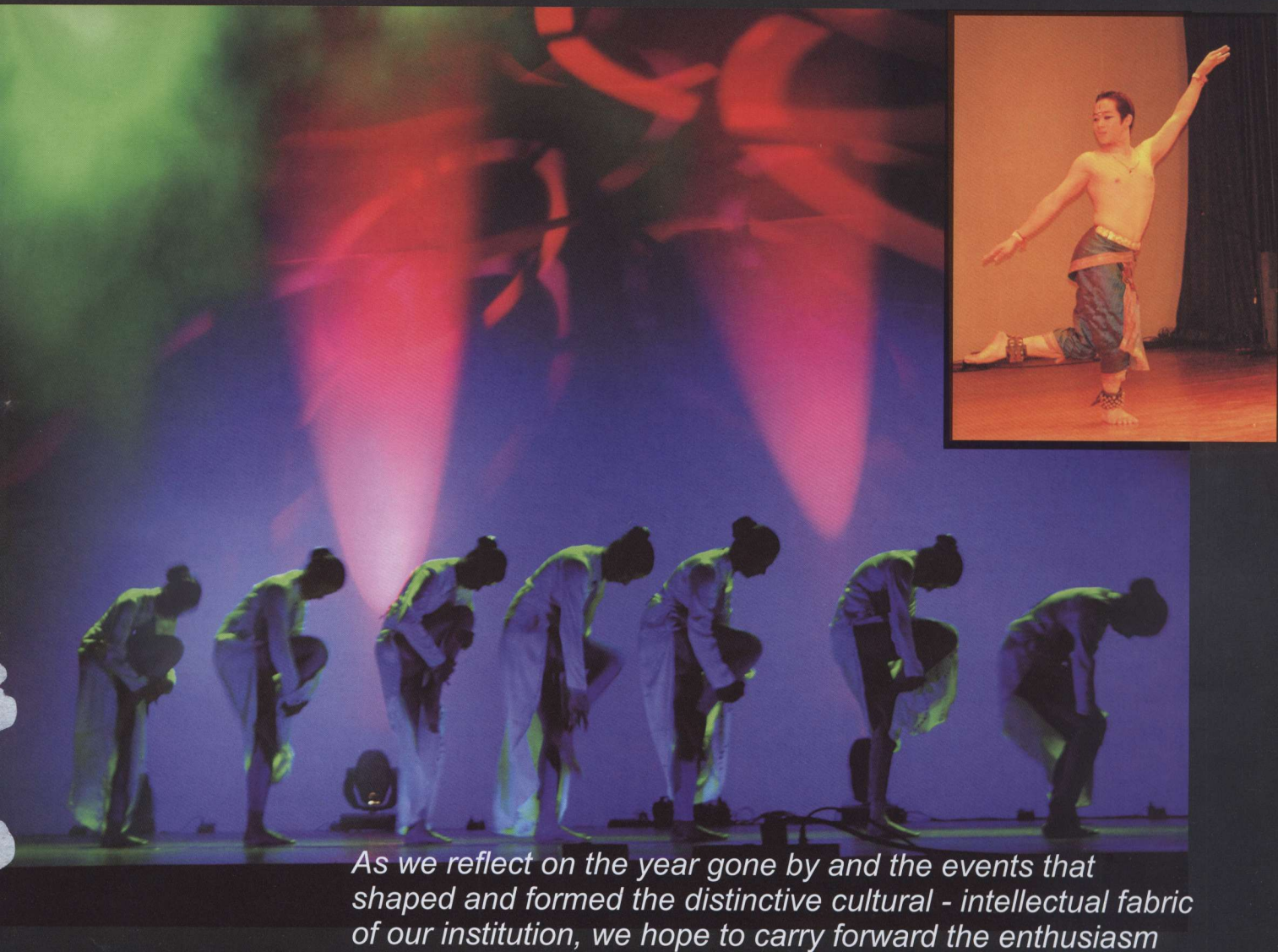
In this attitudinal world, it is essential that we look at the four pillars of educational system

- Learning to know
- Learning to do
- Learning to live and
- Learning to be oneself...

Life is not like a computer. One cannot delete files; we cannot restart. To run your life correctly, right attitude to life is very critical.



Cultural Extravaganza

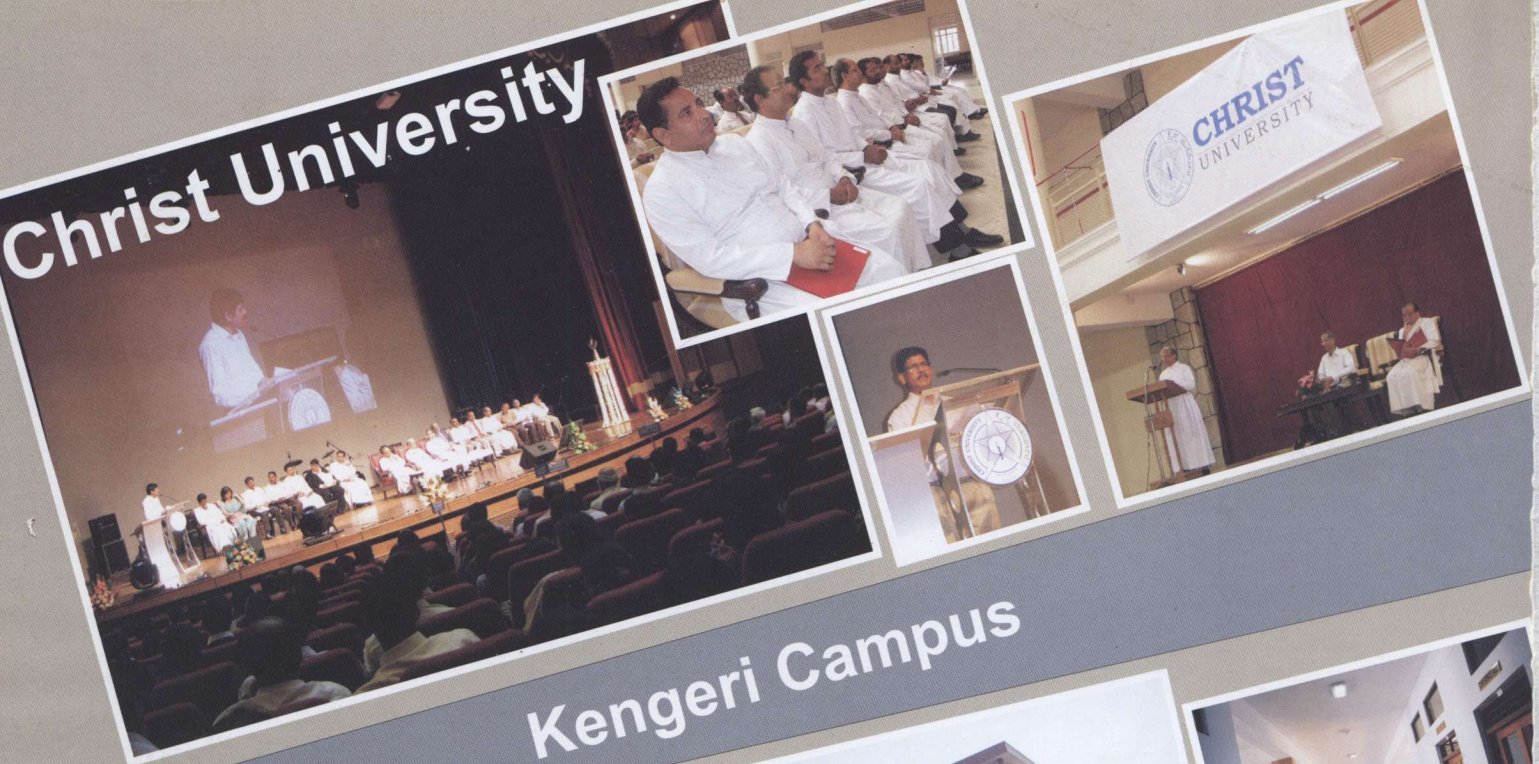


As we reflect on the year gone by and the events that shaped and formed the distinctive cultural - intellectual fabric of our institution, we hope to carry forward the enthusiasm

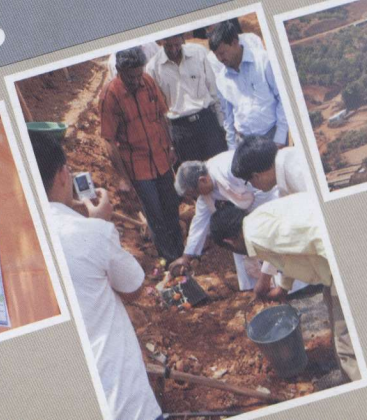
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UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

March on Christites, march on
With heads held high and hearts so strong,
March on Christites, march on:
With a steady tread and a cheerful song,
March on, Christites march on.

With excellence our goal
We walk the wheel of time,
Striving for the greatest,
In body, heart and mind.
The flame we hold aloft,
A beacon shining bright,
Leading by example,
Where darkness we bring light.

Service is our motto
As we strive to change the world,
We seek the book of knowledge,
As life begins to unfurl.
As we go through life,
The star of Heaven our guide,
And though we change with time,
The Christite spirit survives.



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