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Excellence in teaching and research in economics and service to the society.



*The children are treasures entrusted to the families by God to sanctify their souls with his precious blood, and make them His ministers in this world, and to return them to Him on the day of final Judgment.*

**St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara (1805-1871), Founder, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate**

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## From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,  
Greetings!

The Department of Economics is one of the oldest departments at CHRIST (Deemed to be University). The Department operates at the Bangalore Central Campus, Bannerghatta Road Campus, Ghaziabad Campus, Pune Lavasa Campus, and since August 2022, at the new Yeshwanthpur Campus as well. Currently, the Department at the Yeshwanthpur Campus consists of ten full-time faculty members with diverse areas of expertise and 193 Master's, Bachelor Honours, and Dual Major students.

In fulfilling the institutional mission of creating holistically developed individuals who could contribute effectively to society, the Department designed and executed numerous events through its Economics Association, the COGNOSCERE. For recording and sharing the information on these events and the achievements of the students and faculty members of the Department, the idea of a newsletter was conceived. On behalf of the Department of Economics, Yeshwanthpur Campus, and COGNOSCERE, I proudly present the first-ever edition of our department newsletter – the ECONSCOOP.

All the events and achievements presented in this newsletter would not have been possible without the vision, guidance, and support provided by our beloved Campus Director, Campus Dean, and Campus Administrator. I also sincerely thank all Department faculty members for their numerous suggestions that helped to shape this newsletter to its present form. It was also heartening to see the efforts put in by the Student Editor and the entire editorial team that led to the realisation of this maiden endeavour. Congratulations to the whole team!

Through this newsletter, I invite you to join our journey in establishing and developing the Department of Economics at the new Yeshwanthpur campus. Enjoy your reading.

**Dr Vineeth M**  
**Coordinator of Economics &**  
**Chief Editor, ECONSCOOP**



# A Letter from the Association President

Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, Colleagues and Friends,

The Economics Department's Association COGNOSCERE was inaugurated on November 03, 2022 by the prominent economist Dr M Govinda Rao. The association is exclusively created for and by students with the help of faculty members and the support of the institution. Numerous activities, including guest speeches, webinars, field trips, and student-led panels on the Nobel laureates of 2022, have been held since the inception of the association, and there are still many more planned for the months to come. In the next academic session, 2023-24, the association is geared up to conduct more quizzes, essay contests, poster presentations, and talks by experts from different fields. In order for every student in the Department to succeed to the fullest extent possible in both academics and extracurricular activities that would broaden their scope of knowledge, give them the opportunity to showcase their many talents, work in teams, and move them closer to a goal, we are pleased to inaugurate various clubs that will focus on enhancing special talents, whether they be in debate, dance, art, poetry, and all other spectra of events.



**Dr S. Yogeshwari**  
**President**  
**COGNOSCERE- Economics Association**

## A New Beginning



Amidst the already well-established CHRIST (Deemed to be University) campuses, the Yesthwanthpur campus is a dawning new campus. This pristine campus has established itself well amongst its students and the people of Nagasandra. This campus was inaugurated on August 18, 2022. The campus houses five schools: School of Social Sciences, School of Sciences, School of Arts & Humanities, School of Management Studies, and School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy. The Department of Economics, belonging to the School of Social Sciences, provides a Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Honours), Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Economics, and Master of Arts in Applied Economics. The Department has a good mix of new and experienced faculty members, all with PhD in Economics and rich research experience. With one of the most updated curriculums and a focus on research-based experiential learning, the Department strives to be the best in the country for teaching, learning and research in Economics.

## Faculty profile



**Dr Vineeth M.** is the Coordinator of the Department of Economics at the Yeshwanthpur Campus. He has a doctorate in Economics from Pondicherry Central University and specialises in research on macroeconomics and monetary policy using applied econometric methods. He has more than eight years of teaching experience and primarily offers courses on Macroeconomics, Basic and Advanced Econometrics, and Research Methodology. Before joining CHRIST (Deemed to be University), he had taught at the Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod. He has research publications in Scopus and ABDC-listed journals and has presented research papers at numerous conferences in India and abroad, winning Best Paper awards on multiple occasions. Dr Vineeth is a life member of the Indian Econometric Society and Kerala Economics Association. He is a journal reviewer for the Springer Publication. He is a well-known resource person for workshops on econometric methods and has also delivered numerous invited lectures. At CHRIST, Dr Vineeth is a sought-after mentor and research guide, and students under his research supervision have attained remarkable achievements such as winning the prestigious Amartya Sen-Mehubub Ul Haq Award for Best Research Paper at South Asian Economics Students Meet (SAESM), National Young Economist Awards, and Best Research Paper Awards. Apart from academics, he has a love for music, poetry, movies, cricket, and travelling.



**Dr S Yogeshwari** has an MA and PhD in economics from ISEC Bengaluru. She specialises in Agricultural and Environmental Economics. Her achievements include UGC JRF, NET, and SET. She has published papers in Scopus index journals and with international publishers. Dr Yogeshwari has presented several papers at the National and International conferences. She is the president of COGNOSCERE with prior experience running an association in the Bannerghatta Road Campus.



**Dr Anirban Kundu** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics. He did his Master of Arts in Economics from the Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati (University), Santiniketan, India, with a specialisation in Econometrics, Statistics, and International Economics. He earned his Master of Philosophy in Applied Economics and PhD from the Centre for Development Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. Before joining CHRIST (Deemed to be University), his previous teaching experience included working as an Assistant Professor at Presidency University, Indian Institute of Plantation Management, and St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore, India. His recent publication is Impact of Trade Liberalization on Formal-Informal

Interlinkages in India: Does Sectoral Labour Mobility Matter? in the Journal of Economic Structures. He was awarded Indian Council for Social Science Research Doctoral Fellowship in 2009 and is a Recipient of the D.K. Desai Prize conferred by the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics based on a research paper entitled "Farm-Non-Farm Linkage in India: A Structuralist Perspective". Apart from outshining in academics, his secret love for music has been unknown to others.



**Dr Feba David** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics. She earned her Master's degree in Economics from the Central University of Kerala, her Mphil from the Central University of Gujarat, and her PhD from the University of Hyderabad. She is also a Life Member of INSEE (Indian Society for Ecological Economics). Her recent paper was presented at an international conference about Structural Vulnerability and Community Adaptation to Coastal Hazards: Case Study of Marine Fishing Community in Kerala, organised by the Central University of Kerala on Sustainable Development and Education. Her most recent work, "The Impact of Formal Adaptation Strategies on Livelihood and Disaster Risk Reduction: Study of Marine Fishing Communities in Kerala",

was published in Our Heritage Journal. Apart from being an excellent academician, she is also known for her photography skills.



**Dr M.P. Jayesh** was awarded Gold Medal in his PhD thesis in Economics from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD), New Delhi, as part of his PhD Coursework. He had completed a few courses from the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. His research areas deal with various issues related to Development Economics, especially labour and migration, demography and MSME. He is enthusiastic about expanding the frontier of his research plan further to technology and formalisation of the labour market, education and skill development, and Behavioural Economics. He obtained two Bachelor's Degrees, one in Economics and the other in Education (BA in Economics and B.Ed. in Social Sciences)

from the University of Calicut, Kerala, and an MA in Econometrics and MPhil Economics from the Department of Economics Pondicherry University, Puducherry. He was awarded NET/JRF and SET in Economics. His research papers have appeared in journals such as Review of Agrarian Studies and in the form of book chapters published by Palgrave Macmillan. His work on Kerala's Economy has been cited by Kerala Development Report, 2021. Currently, he is also an expert associate on a research project titled Inter-State Migration of Workers: Its Magnitude, Impacts, and the Way Forward, assisted by Azim Premji University, Research Funding Programme 2021.



**Dr Bineetha P Bose** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics. She holds expertise in Public Finance and Macroeconomics. Before joining CHRIST (Deemed to be University), her previous working experience included working as an Adjunct Faculty at Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara. She recently had a publication titled "A Granger Causality Analysis Between External Debt and the Deficits: Evidence from the Indian Economy" (with N A Khan) in the ATSK Journal of Economics, and she recently presented her PhD thesis on the External Debt Experience of Indian Economy: Study of its Growth, Causes, Impact and Sustainability at the 15th Doctoral Thesis Conference Organized by IGIDR and IBS Hyderabad. Being an excellent researcher, her advice for future researchers is to have "the power of passion which only comes from focusing on what excites you".



**Dr Shiba Shankar Pattayat**, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, specialises in Labour Economics. He received his Master’s degree from Pondicherry University and his MPhil from the Central University of Punjab. As someone from an underprivileged background, this significantly impacted his writing, and he chose his subject to contribute to a group that had been neglected for a long time. His research was based on the employment and unemployment situation in India. To complete his research, he employed secondary data and obtained the NSSO and industrial survey data at the advice of his mentor Dr Jajati Keshari Parida.



**Dr Savitha K. L.** received her PhD and MPhil in Economics from the Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod and has competence in Sustainable Development, Health and Environmental Economics, and Science, Technology, and Innovation. During her post-research term, she was primarily involved in indicative technology mapping for SDGs, published a paper for the South Asia Development Corporation Report, participated in the G-20 DWG, and organised an international workshop on STI for SDGs. She is also a Life Member of the Kerala Economic Association and a Fellow Member of Green Thinker.



**Dr Sumit Singh Haluwalia** is an Assistant Professor at CHRIST University, Bengaluru. Before joining CHRIST University, he worked as an Assistant Professor at SRM University, Sikkim. He earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Economics from Kurukshetra University, Haryana. He completed his MPhil and PhD in Economics from the Central University of Kashmir, Ganderbal, Srinagar. He is interested in inclusive-based studies. He was also the organiser and presenter of the “Applied Econometrics workshop for Economics students and research scholars” at SRM University, Sikkim. Apart from academics, Dr Sumit is known to have some intriguing holds in writing and recitation.



**Dr Navya GS** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics. She has completed her post-graduation as a gold medallist from Bangalore University, and her doctorate studies at Mysore University majorly revolved around Institutional Economics. She had formerly held appointments at the fiscal policy institute, the Ministry of Finance in Karnataka, the Embassy of India, Ministry of External Affairs in Berlin, Germany, before coming to CHRIST University. An ardent art-lover, Dr Navya is fond of singing and is a trained classical vocalist. She also enjoys travelling, having visited more than 15 countries and reading books. When asked about her proudest moment, she exclaimed that it was indeed when she met the Prime Ministers of India and Germany. The association is delighted to have Dr Navya as a mentor and resource person.

## Guest Faculty



**Mrs Jessy Leo** is a Guest Faculty in the Department of Economics. She has over a decade of experience as an educator, having worked in institutions such as St. Joseph's and Claretian institutions, Holy Family Convent Missionaries and Spartan group of institutions. Mrs Jessy's research in family climate and students' academic achievements has helped her create a positive and supportive learning environment that brings out the best in her students. Her published papers on leadership skills in educational institutions demonstrate her commitment to continuous learning and improvement. Mrs Jessy Leo firmly believes in achieving holistic development in her students by focusing on their academic success as well as personal growth and character development.

## Research Scholars



Shwetha Kumari is currently pursuing PhD in Agriculture Economics at CHRIST University Bangalore under the guidance of Dr Vineeth M. Her area of research is “Impact of AgriTech on farmers’ agricultural productivity in Karnataka.” In December 2022, she received the Best Paper award for the research titled ‘A Study On Adoption of AgriTech in The District of Chitradurga, India’ at ‘CONFAB 360 DEGREE- Global Conference on emerging technologies, business, sustainable, innovative business practices and social well-being’ prepared jointly with Dr Vineeth M. On November 10-12, 2022, she presented the paper titled “An Estimation Of Factors Determining Adoption Of AgriTech By Farmers in Nelmangala, Karnataka”, prepared jointly with Dr Vineeth M. at The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics 82nd Annual Conference.” On November 29-30, 2021, she presented a paper titled “Urban Farming in Indian Cities: An Analysis of Benefits and Challenges” at the ICTSGS-1 conference led by Yamagata University Japan and elaborated on an abstract published at SPAST Abstracts, a Google scholar-indexed journal.



D Maheswari is currently pursuing PhD in Economics at CHRIST University Bangalore under the guidance of Dr Vineeth M. She has 11+ years’ experience as a Senior Data Scientist and working as an Economist in one of the MNCs. Her area of research is Macroeconomics, Financial Economics, Open Economy, and commodities market. Currently, she is working on the topic “Measuring financial openness: A comparative study of BRICS Countries”. Brazil, Russia, China and India are among the world’s ten largest countries by population, area, and GDP. The BRICS countries are significant members of the world economy, with four of them among the ten largest economies. The BRICS countries have strong trade links with other developing countries and have become more stable after the Global Financial Crisis, thereby contributing to the performance of the global economy. This Study examines the construct of a time-varying financial openness index for BRICS countries and investigates the impact of financial openness on exchange rate volatility. She has published “Asymmetry in forex market intervention. Does it reflect fear of reserve inadequacy?” (With M Ramachandran), Journal of Economic Asymmetries, Vol.25. 2022. She also attended various econometrics workshops and presented papers at National conferences.



Anjana Sabu is pursuing her research under Dr Vineeth M. She finished her Masters from the Central University of Kerala and was an intern at the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum. She is working in the area of international remittances. She started her research in the year 2021, and she focuses mainly on the Kerala economy. Particularly her research is on International remittances’ effect on the Kerala economy. She has attended various seminars and workshops. She actively participated in three econometrics workshops: one FDP by ATAL AICTE on Econometrics and one on R programming and Econometrics.

## Programs offered

### **Bachelor of Arts**

**(Psychology, Economics)-** BA Psychology, Economics is an interdisciplinary course focusing on concepts, ideologies, and the application of theories in both studies. Throughout the course, students explore statistical methodologies, macro-microeconomics, and development in the economic sciences and holistically analyse the parameters of these principles, simultaneously studying psychological processes, life skills, and understanding of individual behaviour and individuals that form the society. The class environment is undoubtedly interactive and engaging, as discussions and debates naturally enter the platform of social science studies. This course encourages critical and analytic thinking and emphasises research and career-oriented activities, helping students better understand their interests and available prospects. This course is the ideal choice for students who are academically inclined towards both disciplines and curious about their implications as a fused portion.

### **Bachelor of Arts Economics**

**(Honors)-** Economics Honors is an undergraduate course introducing students to microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, and international economics

concepts. The course is designed for students interested in pursuing a career in economics or related fields, including finance, business, and public policy-making. The curriculum is challenging and rigorous, with a strong emphasis on mathematical skills. Students can indulge in independent research projects, allowing them to apply economic concepts to real-world problems. In a nutshell, the course provides a firm foundation in economic theories and their applications, making it an ideal choice for students who want to pursue Economics in the future.

### **Bachelor of Science(Economics and Mathematics)-**

This programme combines the Study of economic theory and mathematical methods. The programme is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in both disciplines and the ability to apply this knowledge in real-world settings. It includes courses such as microeconomics, macroeconomics, calculus, linear algebra, and statistics. Additionally, students have to take elective courses that allow them to specialise in a particular area of interest, such as econometrics, game theory, or mathematical modelling. The programme also includes a research component, where students can conduct original

research and present their findings. Graduates of this programme are well-prepared for various careers in finance, business, government, and academia.

### **Masters of Arts Applied**

**Economics-** The postgraduate course in Applied Economics is the flagship programme of the Department of Economics with an intensive specialisation in finance and management. Industrial exposure through internships and visits, mastery of scientific analysis through advanced quantitative methods, statistics, econometrics, and the latest soft skills such as R and Python to make students competent to take up the most challenging careers in business, industry, public sector, and advanced academic research. The programme, spanning four semesters, intends to impart the necessary skills and capabilities to meet the challenges of the ever-changing vibrant economic environment and helps students demonstrate employability skills achieved through learning SPSS, Stata, and Applied Econometrics.

# Orientation of the First year students



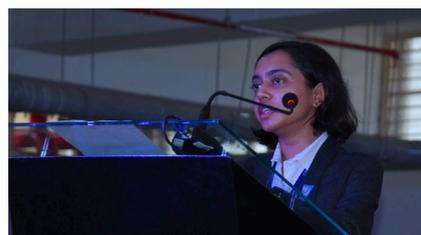
The orientation session for the first-year students was conducted from 18th August to 27th August 2022, wherein the students were introduced to the programme structure and the various clubs and associations that are there on the various campuses. The Master’s students were introduced to AMARTYA, the Economics Association of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Central Campus’ Economics Association and its activities, like Daksh, Altius, and Ephemeric, by senior students from Central Campus. The undergraduate students were introduced to various centres and clubs like SWO, CAPS, CSA, Choir, E-Cell, and various fests like DARPAN and BLOSSOM, which were conducted by senior students. The Academic Calendar was presented, and a convivial presentation on “Life in Bangalore” was conducted, which helped the students to get familiar with the environment at CHRIST.

# ALL SET TO SAIL: COGNOSCERE



On November 03, 2022, the inauguration ceremony of the Economics Association took place at CHRIST University's Yeshwanthpur Campus, and it commenced with the lighting of a lamp by the chief guest and the dignitaries of the University. Dr Yogeshwari S, the President of the Economics Association, delivered the welcome address evoking the significance of the name Cognoscere, a Latin word meaning "the desire for knowledge." Dr Vineeth M. gave an insightful speech, highlighting his goals and aspirations for the Economics Association and mentioning its purpose and duties. The Director and Dean emphasised the pivotal role of the Department of Economics in the University and how the association will add to the University's glory. Dr Govind Rao, the Chief Guest of the event, was invited to address the crowd on stage. Dr Rao was a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India and a member of the 14th Finance Commission (2013-14). From his multitude

of knowledge in public finance and policy making, he discussed the government's function, necessity, and significance in an economy. The speaker addressed the market and the government must cooperate in running an economy efficiently and then elucidated its issues. While serving on the finance commission, he also provided some insights into how the government functions. In addition, he presented concrete examples of how the Indian economy and other agencies were adversely affected by a lack of understanding of the government's role. He continued by detailing the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, how it crashed during that period and the process of recovering from it. Dr Govind Rao and the students engaged in an interactive Q&A session as the programme neared its end. So, with an immensely fruitful guest lecture, the association's inaugural meeting came to a successful closure.



# The Association Office Bearers



From the top left: Saileshwaran (Treasurer), Dr Feba David (Vice President), Dr Yogeshwari S (President),  
Dr Vineeth Mohandas (Programme Coordinator), Ishita Shukla (Junior Secretary), Suzanne Heber  
Pulikkottil (Junior Secretary)

From the bottom left: Khushi Kothari (Joint Secretary), Daya Susan Thomas (Joint Secretary), Rituparna  
Kashyap (Secretary), Tanya Rao (Junior Secretary)

## Webinars

### “The Achilles’ Heel of Indian Public Policy: Diagnosis and Prescription without Methodology”

The public policy environment in India is intricate and dynamic. It determines the nation’s progress and its future. It is vital to comprehend its various facets to effectively contribute to creating public policy. To educate the students more on the public policy of India, the Department of Economics organised an event on November 18, 2022, featuring Dr M.H. Suryanarayana, a Professor (Retd.) from the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research in Mumbai.

In his presentation, *The Achilles’ Heel of Indian Public Policy: Diagnosis and Prescription without Methodology*, he shared his expertise on the significance of Indian public policy and the substantial challenges associated with its implementation. The students of MA Applied Economics benefited from this lecture since it helped them comprehend the material and participate in insightful conversations. The speaker covered a range of topics related to public policy, including how to formulate policies and estimate and infer outcomes. This gave everyone in attendance a more thorough appreciation of how complex it is to develop guidelines. He further explored the necessary conditions for formulating policies and a solid foundation for knowledge and understanding. Additionally, he talked about how important it is to understand the subject at hand and how precisely it is defined in terms of the standards that enable the identification of policy alternatives and objectives. The event was a great success and allowed attendees to learn more about public policy and its ramifications. The information presented by Dr Suryanarayana was found to be interesting, topical, and highly relevant by the students, providing them with valuable resources to further their study on this subject.



COGNOSCE  
—THE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

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Invited Lecture  
by



Dr. M.H. Suryanarayana

Professor (Retd.),  
Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research,  
Mumbai  
on

**The Achilles’ heel of Indian Public Policy:  
Diagnosis & Prescription sans Methodology**

Event coordinator:  
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Date: 18th November, 2022  
Time: 2 PM – 4 PM  
Venue: Academic Block I, Room No.314

## “Infrastructure and Economic Management in India”

The online guest talk was conducted by the Department of Economics, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Yeshwanthpur campus on 22nd November 2022 from 2 PM to 4 PM on the topic “Infrastructure and Economic Management in India”. The Guest Speaker on the occasion was Dr. Rajesh Barik, Assistant Professor, ICAI Business School (IBS), Hyderabad. The guest was introduced by Mr Arya Sachdev, Student of BA Economics Honours. Dr. Shiba Shankar Pattayat, the event coordinator delivered the welcome address. Dr Barik spoke on the economic condition of India during the pre-colonial era, such as stagnation in GDP, deindustrialization, rigorous trade policies, falling literacy, etc. He also interlined the current situation of the Indian economy with the historical point of view. The insightful

lecture was followed by Question & Answer session. Ms. Chinmayi Suryadas, Student of BA Economics Honours concluded this programme by delivering the vote of thanks.



## “An Online Talk on Equity Valuation Models”

Dr Nufazil Altaf Ahangar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Management of NIT Srinagar, interacted with the students of MA Applied Economics through a webinar titled ‘An Online Talk on Equity Valuation Models.’ The guest speaker explained and established the differences between private and public equity. Discussions were made concerning the substantiality of Market Capitalisation, meandering with information on ‘total

market float’ and ‘free market float.’ He also distinguished between Book Value and Market Value, stressing the relevance of differentiation between the two concepts. To ensure a better understanding, the speaker equipped theory with the example of Infosys, its major shareholder, its current share price, and the share price of previous years. Dr Ahangar gave an in-depth description of different Equity Valuation techniques. The presentation was followed by an intense round of questions and answers

that honed the students with impeccable knowledge and clarity on equity valuation and its applications. The session ended with a vote of thanks delivered by event coordinator Dr Feba David.



## “History of Economic Thought”

The students of Economics are no strangers to the groundbreaking work of Indian economists such as Amartya Sen, Dasgupta, B.N Ganguli, and Bhabatosh Datta. The Department of Economics, Yeshwanthpur campus, invited Dr Alex Thomas, Assistant Professor at Azim Premji University, Bangalore, to shed light on how our country’s economy has deep-rooted connections with its history. He introduced students to Kautilya and his magnum opus, Arthashastra, linking their contributions to the economic forum and their views on prices, wages, labour,

land, and the state’s role. Sir discussed Dr BR Ambedkar’s academic accomplishments and opinions on labour, land, and Methodological Holism. Dr Alex also spoke about personalities like KN Raj and Krishna Bharadwaj and their take on theories on Labour and Employment, Agriculture, and the state’s role. The students of MA Applied Economics, BA Psychology & Economics, and BSc Mathematics & Economics were a part of this eventful webinar via a google meet. With an opening address by Dr Vineeth M, the coordinator of the event, bridges were drawn between the past and future

of the country’s economy and financial framework. A question and answer session concluded this very intriguing and fruitful session.

## “The Marxian Theory of Capitalism”

The Department of Economics, Yeshwanthpur Campus conducted online guest lecture on the topic titled “Marxian Theory of Capitalism” on 27th November 2022 from 11 AM to 1 PM through online platform. The guest Dr. R V Ramana Murthy (Professor and Dean, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad) was introduced to the participants by Dr. Bineetha P Bose (Event coordinator). Dr Murthy began the lecture by discussing the definition and understanding of Capitalism, the basic building blocks of Marxian Theory, and the role of wage and labour. Additionally, he also discussed the theory of Relative Values and Relative Prices in practical way. He also explained how the labour class people are exploited by capitalists. Dr Murthy ended the lecture with discussion of the theory of the Organic Composition of Capital. Question & Answer session was conducted. The event concluded with the vote of thanks by event coordinator.

## Field Visit



The Master's students were taken for a field trip on November 05, 2022 to the Krishi Mela at Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra. The event was coordinated by Dr S Yogeshwari and Dr M P Jayesh. The students were highlighted regarding the AICRP (All India Coordinated Research Projects) for dry-land agriculture, different crop varieties, their germination rates, yield/acre and unique characteristics exhibited. Various departments, such as the Maharashtra Forest Department, Maharashtra Bamboo Development Board in Nagpur, Department of Sericulture in Yelenahalli, Karnataka State National Disaster Monitoring Centre, and the Directorate of Extension from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in New Delhi, were also present at the Mela. They provided valuable insights and acknowledged the farmers about their respective activities. Agricultural Banks like NABARD, SIB, and BOB were also present in the mela, giving valuable financial advice to farmers about loans, interest rates, and more.

## UGC NET-JRF Mock Tests

Dr Jayesh MP initiated an interesting activity for the Master's students of the Department where mock tests were conducted to prepare them for the JRF-NET examinations. This was highly beneficial for the students so as to test their understanding of the subjects by answering test papers prepared every week by Dr Jayesh based on the previous year's NET-JRF question papers.



# Annual Athletic Meet 2023

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Yeshwanthpur Campus, organised its first Annual Sports Day on January 14, 2023 at CHRIST University, Kengeri Campus. The Annual Athletic Meet is organised to showcase how students' zeal, skills, and sense of sportsmanship are embodied, inspiring them to keep trying and develop their skills to reach the highest of goals. The Economics Department displayed an impressive performance throughout the sports event, resulting in several victories for both students and faculty members who received numerous prizes. The student winners were Saileshwaran (2239210) of MAECO, who secured the first position in javelin throw; Amal Saji K (2239202) of MAECO secured the second position in discus throw; Yeshwant S Nair (2239216), of MAECO,

secured the third position in shot put; Aashritha Godavarthy (2239224) of MAECO secured the third position in javelin throw, and Benedict George (2234309) of ECOH A secured the second position in 1500 meters. The faculty winners were Dr Savitha K.L., who secured the third position in discus throw and the first position in shot put; Dr Bineetha Bose secured the third position in javelin throw; Dr Shiba Shankar Pattayat secured the first position in 200 meters and the second position in 100 meters, and Dr Jayesh M P secured the third position in shot put and the third position in 200 meters. Thrilled participation was seen from all students throughout all sections. All schools had tremendous successes and close calls during the day. Laughter, joy, aches, first aid, medals, certificates, and trophies marked the end of the day.



# A Panel Discussion on Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences, 2023



COGNOSCERE conducted its first Students Panel Discussion on Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences, 2022, on January 31, 2023, consisting of six panellists from the Economics Department selected after a screening test. It was moderated by the event coordinator Dr Anirban Kundu. The session started with Dr Kundu sharing valuable insights regarding the contributions of the three Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences of 2022. Ashmita Sengupta and Sneha Agarwal started the panel discussion by giving their insights about Bernanke's paper 'Non-monetary effects of Financial Crisis in the Propagation of the Great Depression'. They discussed the Parallels between the 1930s and the 2008 Financial Crisis and how Ben Bernanke played an essential role as the Chairman of the Federal Reserve. Anasuya Mudiar and Tapasya Ganguly further

took the panel discussion. They highlighted Dr William Douglas Diamond's theory of 'Financial Intermediation and Delegated Monitoring' and how it benefits the economy by providing a safe and efficient way to allocate resources. K Neeharika and S Harshita further took the panel discussion and gave valuable insights on Dr Philip Hallen Dybvig's paper 'Bank Runs, Deposit Insurance and Liquidity'. They discussed essential economic functions performed by banks, the vulnerability of bank runs and ways the government can improve the stability of banking systems. The discussion was followed by a short 'Question and Answer' session wherein several faculty members asked questions to the panellists. The event concluded with a 'Vote of Thanks' delivered by Ishita Shukla, the Junior Secretary of Cognoscere.



## ‘Arthsankalp’, Fest on the Union Budget

An Expert Panel debate on the conventional Union Budget 2023-2024 was held on February 21, 2023, mere days after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman announced the budget. The event, which took place in the campus’ Learning Commons, was part of Arthsankalp ‘23, a festival devoted to the yearly budget. The event’s three expert panellists, Mr Subraya M. Hegde, Dr Meghna Verma, and Mr Naveen Fernandes, moderated by the event organizer, Dr M P Jayesh, shared their perspectives and useful insights on the topic of the union budget based on their various areas of expertise. Despite their differing points of view, they effectively steered the discussion to the generalities of the 2023 budget. Some of



the repeat’s notable instances included the spending being economically prudent. The budget centres on seven objectives known as ‘Saptarishi,’ which include Inclusive Development, Reaching the Last Mile, Infrastructure and

Investment, Unleashing the Potential, Green Growth, Youth Power, and the Financial Sector. While it is clear that the Union Budget for this year merits praise, it also has some flaws. For example, the budget states that LRS (Liberalized Remittance Scheme) will be subject to a 20% levy. Education overseas and international vacations will now be more costly. According to the Gender Budget discussion, 2.23 Lakh Crore Rupees, or more than 2% of the budget, is given to address existing gender disparities. The session proved to be highly informative, and it concluded with a productive Q&A session, allowing students to raise their concerns and clarify doubts with the panellists.

## Embracing gender equity for a better new world

On March 08, 2023, International Women’s Day was celebrated globally under the theme of ‘encouraging and embracing equity.’ In this context, a seminar was organized by COGNOSCERE, the association of the Department of Economics, in which three guest speakers, Dr Rosewine Joy, Ms Veekshitha Arasa, and Ms Pushpalatha M S, shared their views on equity and equality in education,

corporate, and healthcare sectors, respectively. The event was introduced by the President of the association, Dr S Yogeshwari, and moderated by Dr Navya G S. Ms Veekshitha Arasa, the first speaker of the event, talked about the importance of inclusivity and diversity in the workplace, emphasizing how it helps in achieving equity. She explained the subtle difference between equality and equity,

highlighting that while women have come a long way and achieved a certain level of equality and respect, gender parity, biases, and stereotypes still exist. Dr Rosewine Joy, the second speaker, emphasized the need for upskilling the education sector, particularly in the context of the New Education Policy (NEP). She questioned the relevance of today’s education in career prospects and stressed



the importance of acquiring the necessary skill sets to upgrade one's professional career. She also pointed out that the NEP is not gender-sensitive and focuses only on the social aspects of it. Dr Rosewina concluded by highlighting the importance of family behind every successful woman.

The last speaker, Ms Pushpalatha M S, talked about her personal journey of overcoming challenges and achieving financial independence as an entrepreneur. She gave insights

into ways to achieve overall growth and well-being, emphasizing the significance of knowing one's own core beliefs. Ms Pushpalatha also stressed the importance of knowing where our faith lies and identifying our spiritual self.

The event concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session between the guest speakers, teachers, and students who asked about equity in the education and healthcare sector in the workplace. The event provided several valuable insights into the area of expertise

of each panellist and delivered their speeches in the context of International Women's Day. The event highlighted the need to create awareness about the problems faced by women in the workforce, the importance of upskilling in education and achieving financial independence as an entrepreneur.

## Risk Management and Innovations in Banking Sector



The event on Risk management and innovations in the banking sector in India witnessed the presence of two esteemed speakers - Praveen Kumar Kanchi and IV Satyadev. The event was coordinated by Dr M P Jayesh, who shared his

insights on the banking sector and its prominence in any economy.

The discussion commenced with Mr Satyadev providing his valuable insights on 'Innovations in the banking sector'. He presented different

prospects of the rising Fintech in the economy, including its positives and negatives. He also discussed the topic of blockchain, its pros and cons, and its real-world applications. Praveen Kumar Kanchi, discussed the topic of 'Risk Management in Banks.' He spoke about what risk means in the banking sector and provided knowledge regarding the brief history of risk management in the banking sector. He also explained the BCBS objectives along with

the 3 Basel norms, and the three different risk types were thoroughly discussed in the session. The speeches concluded with a brief Q&A session, during which the audience had the opportunity to pose valuable queries to the guests. The guests managed to keep the audience involved throughout the lecture and amazed everyone with their deep knowledge of the banking sector in India.

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## Career Prospects in Banking Sector

On March 29, 2023, the Economics Association organised a Guest Lecture on 'Career Prospects in the Banking Sector', delivered by Mr Konmana V Ganesh Kumar, Chief Manager, State Bank of India. The presentation began by discussing the central notion of what job aspirants truly desire and what the job can offer them. Advocated by his experience and expertise, he instated the essential relationship between the economy and the banking industry. He acquainted the audience with positions offered by banks (clerical posts, junior associates, probationary officers, etc.) and the corresponding recruitment processes. Adding on, he mentions the University tie-ups of banks and a number of institutes that offer bank placements after a brief training span. Mr. Ganesh Kumar proceeded to break down the compensation packages offered at various positions in both public and private sector banks. Following the job prospects, Mr Ganesh sheds light on the heap of benefits that banks have in store for their employees. The former aspect welcomed a very insightful question from the audience regarding the banks' offerings to farmers, which garnered a numerically attributed response from the honourable speaker. The session had more questions on the floor with



engrossing explanations from the speaker. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Savitha K L, faculty, Department of Economics, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Yeshwanthpur campus. What began as an initiative to give students a glimpse of the banking sector left them with numerous new goals and opportunities to strive for.

## Student Exchange Programme

One of the most enriching and life-changing opportunities for students is studying abroad. Not only does it provide students with the chance to travel and see different cultures, but it also gives them a chance to learn invaluable skills and get fresh perspectives on the world and themselves. A universe of job options can also be unlocked by studying abroad, enabling students to use their knowledge globally. Participating in student exchange programmes is an exceptional way to gain knowledge about and immerse oneself in different cultures. Students participating in such a programme can experience fresh learning opportunities and broaden their worldviews. Students can also improve their academic knowledge since student exchanges are frequently



incorporated into university courses. Businesses can offer a priceless global network of contacts supporting one's future endeavours. The Department of Economics organized an orientation for the master's exchange programme with



Ann Mary James (2239221), I MA Applied Economics) was selected for the student exchange programme with the University of Cincinnati, USA. She is the first student to be selected for the student exchange programme from the CHRIST Yeshwanthpur Campus.

the University of Cincinnati and Virginia Commonwealth University, led by Mr Shivprakash Ramaswamy, coordinator of India programs to provide students with a more in-depth look into studying overseas. He described the steps students must take to prepare to apply to a university. The students were provided with valuable insights regarding the various levels of preparedness required for applying to the programme, along with the necessary prerequisites to fulfill. The interactive session helped the attendees obtain all the information needed for the exchange programme. During the Q&A session that followed, students were able to ask questions concerning the exchange programme. Overall, the orientation was successful and ended on a good note .

## Alumni Interaction



To provide various insights about navigating college, studying abroad, and the vast job market. The Department of Economics, CHRIST University, Yeshwanthpur, organised different Alumni Interactions this semester so that students can learn from notable alums who have made the best out of the resources and opportunities provided by the college to distinguish themselves in their various fields.

The first Alumni meeting was held on August 26, 2022 by Mr Harshit Garg, who is a winner of AAR (Amartya Award for Research). He briefed the students on dissertation and research basics and ethics.

On August 27, 2022, Mr Shubham Anand, currently working with JP Morgan, gave the students tips on attaining highly paying placements, skill enhancement courses, and internships. In addition, he emphasized career opportunities in finance and the corporate sector.

On September 6, 2022, MA Applied Economics students attended a webinar on Applied Economics Research conducted by Central Campus. The webinar was hosted by Ms Iti Bhargava, a CHRIST University alumna working at MIT Poverty Action Lab.

All these sessions were incredibly informative and assuaged any doubts the students had about their goals and aspirations. The sessions were also deeply inspiring as all the speakers emphasised the value of hard work.

# Research Corner

## Paper Publications

### **Measuring Financial Inclusion in India: An Approach**

Dr Vineeth Mohandas published a paper with Ms Sanjiti Kapoor titled “ Measuring Financial Inclusion in India.” in the Indian Journal of Finance. The paper provides insights into the financial crisis induced by the COVID-19 pandemic and highlights the crucial need for stringent financial services to understand the scope of financial inclusion in India. A financial inclusion index was created, and based on this new financial inclusion index, the study concluded that India’s Southern states and union territories showed better financial inclusion. In contrast, the traditionally backward BIMARU states of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, and a few of the North Eastern states of India, lagged. The study also provided a refined and inclusive definition of financial inclusion based on its new approach to index creation.

### **The intensity of hospital waste generation and disposal in the selected hospitals in Kerala, India: An analysis based on hospital ownership**

Dr Savitha K L published a paper along with Dr T J Joseph titled Intensity of hospital waste generation and disposal in the selected hospitals in Kerala, India: An analysis based on hospital ownership at Journal of Material Cycles and Waste Management, SpringerNature. They did their study based on secondary data collected from four districts in Kerala from 2010-2014. The study shows that private hospitals are producing significantly higher amounts of waste than government and cooperative hospitals. It is also found that the cooperative hospitals are well-organised in treating and disposing of liquid waste compared with other hospitals in Kerala.

## Paper Presentations

### **‘External debt experiences of the Indian Economy: A study of its Growth, Causes, Impact, and Sustainability.’**

~ **Dr Bineetha P Bose**

Dr Bineetha Bose is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics. She recently submitted her thesis, and her research topic covered external debt concerning the experiences of the Indian Economy. She analysed the growth, causes, impact, and sustainability and analysed the external debt after the economic reforms and how the structure affected it. She used three deficits, namely

the Fiscal gap, Forex gap, and Saving and Investment gap. Public finance has always been her interest, and the economies of Africa and Sri Lanka and their debt burden have always intrigued her to take up this topic. The findings of this research included a high proportion of sovereign debt before 1991. The sustainability of debt has been consistent, which implies the ability to make debt service payments with our export earnings.

### **“Caste Wise Earning Discrimination among Rural non-farm Sector workers in India.”**

~ **Shiba Shankar Pattayat**

Shiba Shankar Patayat, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, presented the paper Caste Wise Earning Discrimination among Rural non-farm sector workers in India at ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad. This study investigates wage discrimination between non-farm workers in rural India from forward and backward castes. To complete his research, he employed secondary data and obtained

the NSSO and industrial survey data at the advice of his mentor Dr Jajati Keshari Parida. As a result, the study mainly depends on data from the three periodic labour force surveys conducted in 2017–18, 2018–19, and 2019–20 and NSSO unit-level employment and unemployment survey data from 2004–05 and 2011–12. The study was identified using linear regression models and the factors influencing pay disparities among rural non-farm workers. The study found that during 2004–2005 and 2019–20, the salary gap between non-farm employees of forward and backward castes widened.

**“An estimation of factors determining adoption of agritech by farmers in Nelamangala, Karnataka” ~Ms. Shwetha Kumari and Dr Vineeth M**

Ms Shwetha Kumari (PhD Scholar) and Dr Vineeth M presented the paper “An estimation of factors determining adoption of agritech by farmers in Nelamangala, Karnataka” at the 82nd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics held virtually under the auspices of Central Agricultural University, Imphal (Manipur) from November 10-12, 2022. In the context of the

digitalisation wave in the Indian agricultural sector introduced by the new-age agri-tech start-ups, the paper conducts an empirical investigation into the factors that determine the adoption of Agritech by farmers in Nelamangala town located in the Bangalore rural district of Karnataka.

**Social and Cultural factors influencing investment behaviour among individual investors in the Indian Stock Market: A Public Policy Analysis**

Dr Shiba Shankar Pattayat, a faculty of the Department of Economics, along with Akanksha Khemka and Priyanshu Kumar, students of MA Applied Economics, conducted research to understand the participation of retail investors in the stock market. It focused on the various factors that affect stock market participation. It was

based on primary data; that is, a questionnaire was prepared, and data was collected on a one-to-one basis. A logit regression model was prepared, and STATA was used to find significant factors which influence the investment behaviour of individuals. Major findings from the research showed that there exists gender bias in stock market participation, along with

certain socio-cultural biases. Therefore there is a need to provide financial literacy to the students so that more people actively engage in the stock market. The paper was presented at the International Young Researchers’ Conference, which was conducted in collaboration with the Amity International Public Policy Conference.

**Research Consultancy**

Dr Savitha KL has been appointed as a Research Fellow to work on the NITI Ayog - DMEO Project on Evaluation and Assessment of DST and DBT-funded schemes in collaboration with RIS, New Delhi.

# Faculty Spotlight

## PhD awardees



Dr Bineetha Bose, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, was awarded her doctoral degree on December 20, 2022 from the University of Hyderabad.



Dr Shiba Shankar Pattayat, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, was awarded his doctoral degree on April 03, 2023 from the Central University of Punjab.

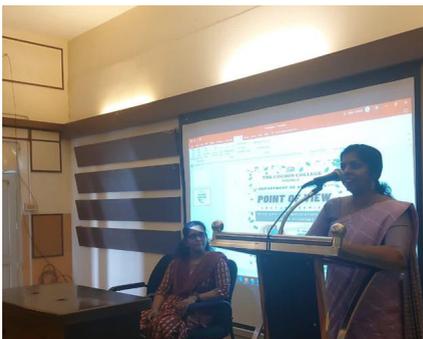
## Invited Lectures



Dr Feba David was invited as a workshop resource person at the University of Hyderabad on the topic “An Analysis of Price Mechanism in Indigenous Communities: A Political Economy Approach”. In the lecture, she was critical of the mainstream understanding of price mechanisms where demand is determined by utility maximisation and supply is a function of profit maximisation. To provide a different narrative, i.e. how ethical and normative considerations play a role in price determination, she extracted the example of the daily determination of ‘base price’ for fish auctions from her ethnographic work on the fishermen community of South Kerala.



Dr Navya G S was invited to deliver a guest lecture at Seshadripuram College, Tumakuru, which was organised by the Postgraduate Department of Commerce in association with IQAC on “The Relationship between Education and Economic Growth”. She talked about how education plays a vital role in the economic development of any nation and how it provides knowledge and skills to people, which improves their productivity and gives them a better opportunity to work and to earn a high income and helps the individuals to accept the modern methods and the modern techniques easily which accelerates economic growth. She emphasised how education reduces the inequality in income and wealth by increasing the earning capacity of the human capital of the country.



Dr Bineetha P Bose was invited to deliver a guest lecture at the Cochin College on “WTO and its implications for Indian Economy” on March 07, 2023. During her talk, she discussed India’s current position after joining the WTO and the subsequent changes that the Indian economy underwent. She further talked about the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and its implication for the Indian economy.

## Invited talk on media



Dr Jayesh M P was invited for the Union budget discussion by Reporter TV, one of the leading Malayalam News Channels. He argued how the

budget allocation emphasises growth and ignores social welfare. He pointed out how infrastructure development like ports, railways, and roads got a

massive hike of 30 per cent, and populist policies like MNREGA got a 30 per cent reduction. He added that the government needs to allocate more to job creation, especially in rural areas where many workers migrated back due to the COVID-19 pandemic and how the trauma persists among the migrants as the urban centres are exclusionary in giving proper living and working conditions for workers.

# Student Achievements

## Internships



Aneena P Emmanuel (2239220) of MA Applied Economics interned at Ladder Media in the field of Economics as a subject matter expert.



Ishita Shukla (2234331) of ECOH A interned for one year at Christ Consulting Consortium, which is under CHRIST University.



Aditya Gupta (2234303) did an online internship in Marketing under MyCaptain.



Tapasya Ganguly (2234346) did an online internship in HR and Finance under MyCaptain.

## Paper Presentations



Anugraha Ruben Pillai (2239222) and Saileshwaran (2239210) of MA Applied Economics presented research papers at the 8th International Conference on Sustainable Management Practices in the New Age Business organised by the Marian International Institute of Management (MIIM).



Souradeep Ghosh (2239213) and Kaushambi Samajhpaty (2239227) of MA Applied Economics presented research papers at the 8th International Conference on Sustainable Management Practices in the New Age Business organised by Marian International Institute of Management (MIIM).



Kumar Priyanshu (2239205) and Akanksha Khemka (2239219) of MA Applied Economics, along with Dr Shiba Shankar Pattayat, presented the research paper 'Social and Cultural factors influencing investment behaviour among individual investors in the Indian Stock Market: A Public Policy Analysis at the Amity International Public Policy Conference 2023 on April 12, 2023..

## Fests



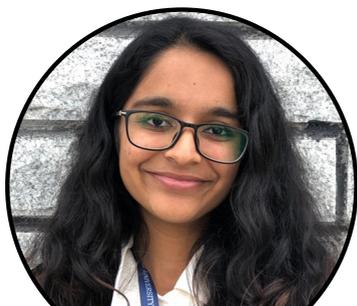
Kumar Priyanshu (2239205) from MAECO secured 2nd position in the “Spill the Colors” -Art event of Eunoia: Mental Health Awareness Week 2022.



Praneeth Komandur (2234314) and Radhey Agarwal (2234355), 1BAECOH A, participated in the 'IPL Auction event and won the first prize.



Irani Paul (2239225), 1MAECO, participated and won the first prize in the art competition ‘Spill the Colors’ conducted by the Dept of Psychology during the inauguration of their association IKYUM.



Tanya Rao (2235245), 1BAPECO, won third prize in the ‘Ultimate Feynman Technique’ event at Altius Economics Fest 2022, CHRIST Central campus.



Swastika Nayak (2234443) of ECOH B, Radhey Agarwal (2234355) of ECOH A and Purushottam Hamirwasia (2234411) secured first place in Maverick Event as part of 1776 Syndrome National Fest conducted by Dept of Economics, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road Campus.



Niharika Joshi (2234434) from ECOH B secured first place in the Innovare event as part of the 1776 Syndrome National Fest conducted by Dept of Economics, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road Campus.



Shaurya Saksham (2234351) of ECOH A secured second place in the Posteria event, Arthasankalp '23.

## Sports



Jitisha Sharma (2234431) from ECOH B came as second runner-up in the Inter Christ Volleyball competition.



Benedict George Stephen (2234309) of ECOH A participated in an inter-campus badminton tournament conducted by CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus. He also participated in 100m, 200m and 1500m race and secured second place for 1500m in the Annual Athletic Meet.



Yeshwant S Nair (2239216) of MA Applied Economics has acquired the third position in Shot Put.



Saileshwaran (2239210) of MA Applied Economics has acquired the first position in Javelin Throw.



Amal Saji K (2239202) of MA Applied Economics has acquired the second position in Discus Throw.



Aashritha Godavarthy (2239224) of MA Applied Economics has acquired the third position in Javelin Throw.

## Student Council Representatives



Aashritha Godavarthy, University Student Council representing MA Applied Economics



Meenaakshi A Narayan, University Student Council representing ECOH A



Niharika Joshi, University Student Council representing ECOH B

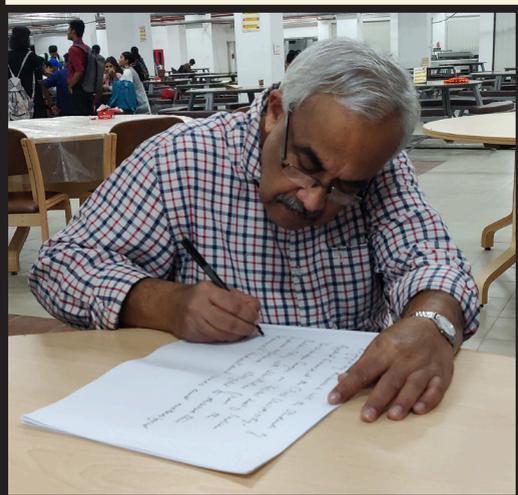
## Guest Note



Dr M Govinda Rao

Delighted to inaugurate Economics Society of Christ University and interact with faculty and students. They are a enthusiastic bunch of young minds, who are the future of India. It was fascinating to interact with them.

*M Govinda Rao*  
03/11/2022.



Dr M.H. Suryanarayana

Enjoyed my discussion with the Students of Applied Economics at the Christ University, Yeshwanthpur Campus, on 'Achilles' heel of Indian Public Policy' with illustrations from the Indian experience. Delighted to observe their keenness to understand issues and methodological inquisitiveness in the course the discussion. I wish them all the Best.

*M Suryanarayana*  
18/11/2022

## Note from the Editorial Team

The Department of Economics, CHRIST(Deemed to be University), a blooming campus at Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru, is delighted to announce the first volume of their annual newsletter. The department has an Economics Association named 'COGNOSCERE'. The first volume aims to introduce the various courses offered, the faculty members, the various enlightening events conducted by COGNOSCERE and sail you through the academic year 2022-23. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Dean, Director and Administrator for their constant support in making the release a success. We extend our heartfelt gratitude towards Dr Vineeth Mohandas, the Programme Coordinator who is as well the teacher-in-charge of the newsletter and magazine, for his guidance and all the faculty members for their encouragement and support. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Neelima NM from MAECO, Sarada Mohapatra from 1 ECOH A, and Simran Sarada from 1 ECOH B for their relentless efforts in designing the newsletter. Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of the editorial team for their unflagging efforts to bring this vision into reality.

Simran Bhattarai  
Student Editor  
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# THE EDITORIAL TEAM



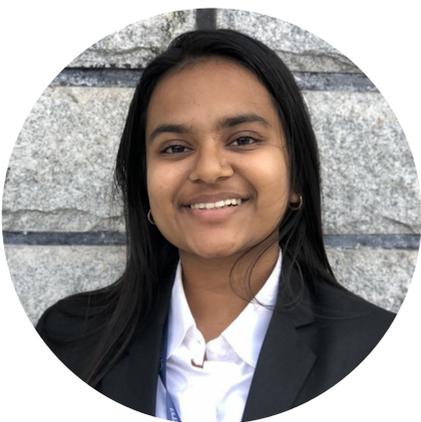
From the top left: Neelima NM, Simran Sarda, Anugraha Ruben Pillai, Aastha Nair  
From the bottom left: Anasuya Mudiar, Dr Vineeth Mohandas, Simran Bhattarai, Akanksha Khemka



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A snapshot of Dr M Govinda Rao delivering a speech on public finance.



Dr Suryanarayana having an interaction with the students during the discussion on public policy making.



Empowering the next generation: Mr Praveen enlightened the students on the latest innovations and trends in the banking sector.



Dean's address during Budget Panel Discussion.



Mr Shivprakash Ramaswamy with the Coordinator and Faculty members of the Department.



Dr Jayesh MP with the guests who enriched students about the budget for 2023. Dr Jayesh M P with the guests who enriched the students.



Recognising excellence: Dean awards a certificate to Sneha Agarwal, a bachelor's student, for her excellent performance in the panel discussion.



Mr Shubham Anand (ECOH 2016-19 batch), Master's from Madras School of Economics, interacting with Higher Studies, Research and Career.



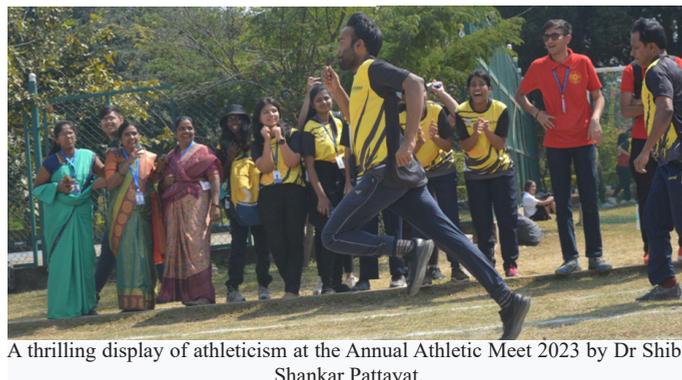
A picture representing the winners from the department from the Annual Athletic Meet 2023.



A snapshot from the "Krishi Mela" field trip organised by Dr S. Yogeshwari and Dr Jayesh M P.



Unity in Diversity: Celebrating the vibrancy of cultures at our Bhasha Utsav.



A thrilling display of athleticism at the Annual Athletic Meet 2023 by Dr Shiba Shankar Pattayat.



