



CHRIST University National Cadet Corps (NCC) Unit (Boys and Girls together) received the Annual Best Institution award for the sixth consecutive year in the Karnataka and Goa NCC Directorate. Congratulations to the NCC Officer Captain Sajina Begum.

Welcome to the fifth edition of our University newsletter, Accolade Chronicles, which shines a spotlight on the remarkable achievements of our esteemed faculty members and staff. The University has always been a bastion of academic excellence, and our faculty members' accomplishments reinforce our commitment to fostering a culture of excellence, service, innovation and growth.

This edition features four exceptional faculty members who have been shortlisted for the prestigious Times Higher Education Asia Awards. Their outstanding contributions span a range of categories, including Environmental Leadership, Contribution to Regional Development, Teaching and Learning Strategy, and Digital Innovation. This recognition is a testament to their dedication, expertise, and impact on our academic community and society.

In the realm of externally funded research projects, we have received more than 15 External Research Project Grants in the last two months, totalling an impressive INR 19,000,000. The Grant aid agencies include the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Vision Group of Science and Technology (VGST), the Government of Karnataka, the United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). We commend our faculty members' commitment to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and contributing to the global academic discourse.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Fr Vice Chancellor for receiving the prestigious Chirantan Rasayan Sansthan Leadership Award. This recognition reflects his exemplary leadership, vision, and tireless efforts in steering our institution toward greater heights.

Our students, too, have demonstrated exceptional prowess in various arenas, bringing honour and recognition to the University. Their achievements in academic pursuits, extracurricular activities, sports, NCC and community engagement showcase the well-rounded education they receive here. We congratulate the CHRIST Faculty members and Staff for enabling continued student success. Special appreciation to Captain Sajina Begum and NCC officials for being selected as the Best Institution Award and the inspiring representation of our NCC Cadets at the Republic Day Parade.

We invite you to explore the pages of this newsletter and join us in applauding the outstanding accomplishments of our faculty members. Their achievements remind us of the immense potential that lies within our academic community and reinforce our commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service. As we celebrate these achievements, we trust the coming months promise new opportunities, collaborations, and accomplishments.

Sincerely,
Editors
Accolade Chronicles

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Times Higher Education Asia Awards

CHRIST University has once again proven its commitment to excellence by securing four nominations for the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Awards 2024. Out of the 20 entries submitted by our institution, four have been shortlisted among the top eight in Asia, across various categories.



Dr Anitha Suseelan

Dr Anitha Suseelan, Head, School of Architecture, Bangalore Kengeri Campus

Category: Outstanding Contribution to Environmental Leadership

Proposal: Rural Studio Programme

The conventional building industry in contemporary India has seldom acknowledged the opportunity of harnessing local resources and labour that cause a low impact on the environment and contribute value in improving the quality of life of the region. To this end, the Rural Studio Programme at CHRIST University, which was started in 2018, has adopted composite bamboo construction and earthen architecture, preparing students in advanced skilling and prototyping. The initiative has proven to substantially reduce the environmental and financial cost of buildings in rural areas of India, where the materials are locally found and traditionally used. These rural empowerment centres with architectural innovations have received international endorsements and have benefited over 3,000 people in the rural population. This innovation in design-build teaching pedagogy, with a strong collaboration with the industry, intends to evolve as a programme for a global student community in the future.



Dr Biju Toms

Dr Biju Toms, Director, Department of Professional Studies, Bangalore Central Campus

Category: Outstanding Contribution to Regional Development

Proposal: Suraksha Chakra (Wings of Protection)

CHRIST University initiated the project "Suraksha Chakra (Wings of Protection)" in December 2021 to help 100% of the residents of Chakkittapara Gram Panchayat – a remote village in Kerala – to understand the benefits of, and obtain, healthcare insurance, using the "Last mile journey (creating 100% awareness), last mile delivery (100% coverage)" approach. There are three goals designed for this project with "socio-economic sustainability" at its centre while transforming university education. The first goal is to provide clarity through immersive learning experiences in specific contextual environments. The second goal is to incorporate a professional mindset among diverse stakeholders to achieve developmental aspirations. And, lastly, to create an empathetic learning experience for students from universities in urban centres through rural-focused interventions. The university collaborated with the local Chakkittapara Cooperative Society to build trust among villagers and bridge the information gap on healthcare insurance and schemes. The goal was achieved on 16 August 2023.



Dr Birari Abhijeet
Chandrakant

Dr Birari Abhijeet Chandrakant, School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy
Pune Lavasa Campus

Category: Teaching and Learning Strategy of the Year

Proposal: CenFiL-Where Learning is Fun

CenFiL (Centre Financial Learning) is a YouTube channel run by 15 students pursuing BCom Financial Analytics at CHRIST University's Pune Lavasa campus. They create informative and engaging content on financial literacy, investment and money management, targeting young adults. The team covers various aspects of content creation, from script writing to video and audio editing. CenFiL harnesses the power of AI and machine learning to improve content and expand viewership. The CenFiL YouTube channel has notably improved the learning experience for students at various academic levels, ranging from undergraduates to postgraduates. With close to 12,000 views and an average viewing duration of 57 seconds, it effectively captures the interest of its audience. The channel strikes a chord with viewers in cities like Patna, Lucknow, Pune, Indore and Bengaluru, particularly among the 18-34 age group, showcasing compelling content with substantial proof of engagement.



Dr Sathiya Seelan B

Dr Sathiya Seelan B, Head of HR Specialisation, School of Business and Management, Bangalore Central Campus

Category: Technological or Digital Innovation of the Year

Proposal: Micro Moments of MiniMastery

The MiniMastery: Amplifying Learning Through Micro Bursts initiative was established at CHRIST University Bangalore Central Campus on 3 October 2022. The project aimed to assess the effectiveness of integrating microlearning techniques into higher education, with a specific focus on its impact on first-year MBA students. The initiative was conducted employing a post-test control group design, inviting a total of 127 students to participate. The project's core objective was to create a personalised and adaptable learning environment for higher education students, harnessing innovative features like dynamic content curation, predictive analytics and inclusive design to enhance learning outcomes and engagement. The microlearning project was innovative regarding its product, process and audience attributes. It not only delved into the foundations of microlearning but also integrated technologies to optimise its impact. The project's outcome revealed improved learning performance with positive feedback and enthusiastic engagement from participants.

External Grants

The faculty at CHRIST university have successfully secured a series of external grants, demonstrating their exceptional expertise and dedication in various fields.



Dr Justin Joy



Dr Helen Josephine V L



Dr Shibu K Mani



Dr Sangeetha R



Dr Shampa I Dev



Dr Fr Thomas Mangara

Dr Justin Joy, Dr Helen Josephine V L, School of Business and Management, and **Dr Shibu K Mani**, School of Engineering and Technology, Bangalore Kengeri Campus jointly received a grant of ₹ 2,000,000/- for a project titled "Development and Evaluation of a framework for implementation of Learning Management System in Government Schools in Karnataka as a concurrent extension of eVidya" from Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. The project holds the potential to bridging the digital divide for the government schools in Karnataka.

and **Dr Fr Thomas Mangara**, School of Business and Management, Bangalore Central Campus jointly received a grant of ₹ 2,250,000/- for a project titled "Impact of Financial Literacy on Socio-Economic Development of Self Help Group Women Members in India: An Empirical Study" from Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.



Dr Rajeeesh C S



Dr Christhu Doss

To reveal the untold truths, **Dr Rajeeesh C S** and **Dr Christhu Doss**, Department of International Studies, Political Science and History, Bannerghatta Road Campus have procured a grant of ₹ 1,500,000/- for a project titled "Rewriting Malabar Tragedy: Moplahs and the Trajectories of a Forgotten Genocide" from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.



Dr Vinod T P



Dr Yamuna Nair

Dr Vinod T P and **Dr Yamuna Nair** from the Department of Chemistry, Bangalore Central Campus received a grant of ₹ 2,000,000/- a project titled "Ion-imprinted carbon dots for the fluorimetric detection of hazardous metals in water resources" from the Vision Group of Science and Technology (VGST), Department of Electronics, IT, Bt and S&T, Government of Karnataka under the scheme Karnataka Fund for Infrastructure Strengthening in Science and Technology Level 1 (K-FIST-L1).



Dr Anurag Tripathi

Dr Anurag Tripathi, Department of International Studies, Political Science and History, Bangalore Central Campus, received a grant of ₹ 1,500,000/- for a project titled "A rereading of shared Histories: Bharat and Eurasia" from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. This project charts new horizons in understanding the journey of shared history.



Dr Hemalatha K



Dr Rajesh Kanna R

Dr Hemalatha K, Department of Sociology and Social Work, and **Dr Rajesh Kanna R**, Department of Computer Science, Bangalore Central Campus, from received a grant of ₹ 65,000/- from the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka, to organize Capacity Development Programme for the functionaries of the Women and Child Care Institutions of Karnataka.

In a significant stride for unveiling transformative power of financial literacy for women, **Dr Sangeetha R**, School of Business and Management, **Dr Shampa I Dev**, School of Law,

Accolades

The faculty members have been honoured with different prestigious awards recognizing their outstanding contributions and accomplishments in academia, research and outreach. The recognitions showcase their dedication, expertise, and significant impact within their respective fields. Their contribution to uplifting the university's academic reputation is well appreciated.



Dr Praveen N

Dr Praveen N, Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences, Central campus achieved a remarkable achievement of publishing 100 articles in Scopus indexed journals. The contributions significantly advance the field's knowledge base and set a high standard for scholarly excellence. Dr Praveen N's dedication to research and scholarly pursuits exemplifies the university's commitment to fostering academic excellence and pushing the boundaries of knowledge in the field of Life Sciences.

Dr Gurumurthy Hegde, Department of Chemistry, Central Campus, received the award for the Product Development in line with the 'Onion Grand Challenge' by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India. His work was selected in top 4 among 650+ products/teams across India. Dr Gurumurthy Hegde's innovative work not only reflects his expertise in chemistry but also underscores the university's dedication to addressing real-world challenges.



Dr Gurumurthy Hegde



Dr Pundikala Veerasha

Dr Pundikala Veerasha, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Bangalore Central campus received an award of outstanding research publication (AORP) by Government of Karnataka, Department of Electronics, IT, Bt and S&T for the publications in the area of Computational and Mathematical Sciences. This recognition not only honours Dr Pundikala's dedication and expertise but also reinforces the university's commitment to fostering excellence in research and innovation.

Dr Leena N Fukey, Professor, School of Business and Management, Bangalore Central campus achieved the remarkable Dr M S Swaminathan Memorial Award, for outstanding contribution in the field of "In vitro meat (IVM) image-space: anticipated markets and performativity in the agri-food sectors" on the occasion of 1st International Agriculture Conference on Natural vs Organic Farming: In context to Bharatiya Agriculture, organized by Gujarat Natural Farming and Science University, Anand Hindustan Agricultural Research Welfare Society and IIMTU, Meerut. Dr M S Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture is presented annually to an eminent expert, whose contributions toward creating greater food security and poverty alleviation have made an impact on farmers and national agriculture.



Dr Leena N Fukey

Consultancy Achievements & Recognitions

Project 1: Online-Merge-Offline (OMO) Classroom Wellbeing for Learners and Educators for UNESCO



Dr Anuradha S



Dr Sathiya Seelan B



Dr Fr Biju K C

The faculty members, **Dr Anuradha Sathiyaseelan**, Department of Psychology, **Dr Sathiya Seelan B**, School of Business and Management, **Dr Fr Biju K C**, Department of Media Studies, **Mr Bishal Patangia**, Department of Psychology, Bangalore Central Campus jointly received a consultancy collaboration project under the UNESCO banner. As knowledge is passed among individuals, the impact on education is significant. The team also secured a copyright from the Government of India for their 'Workbook on Online Merge Offline Classroom Well-Being for Learners and Educators'.

Project 2: Toyota Advance Leadership Coaching (TALC)-Toyota Industries Engine India (TIEI)

School of Business and Management, Bangalore Central Campus, is delivering one year-long leadership development consulting project. The team carried out training need analysis, design, implementation, and evaluation for this Executive development programme. It is a customized programme that comprised 12 modules of 3 hours each, designed to provoke credible conversations and transform theory into action. The TALC programme developed a collective partnership with fellow participants and expert faculty from CHRIST University to co-create growth-oriented story points. The participants are from the Managerial level with an average of 16 years of experience in TIEI. Each session was rated with a score of 4.5/5 and above.

The consultancy project is led by **Dr Santosh Basavaraj** and supported by the HR Specialisation team, **Dr Sathiyaseelan B**, **Dr Rekha Aranha**, and **Prof Anil Dsouza**. They were also trainers for several sessions. The other prominent trainers were **Dr Georgy P Kurien**, **Dr Jeevananda S**, **Prof Krishna M C**, **Prof Sirish Venkatagiri**, **Prof Dilip Chandra**, **Dr Sridevi Nair**, **Dr Elizabeth Chacko**, and **Dr Delma Thaliyan**.



Toyota Engineers with the trainers **Dr Sathiyaseelan B**, **Dr Elizabeth Chacko**, **Dr Rekha Hitha Aranha** and **Dr Santosh Basavaraj**



Dr Hemalatha K

Dr Hemalatha K, Department of Social Work, Bangalore Central Campus, leads a team to provide consulting services in social work. Their work brings about meaningful change and transformation for stakeholders. Dr Hemalatha has three projects focused on societal upliftment and empowerment.

Project 3: Bengaluru Safe City Project

Dr Hemalatha K leads the Safe City Project, approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs and funded under the Nirbhaya Scheme. This initiative, managed by the Bengaluru City Police Department, aims to ensure the safety of women and children in public spaces. Dr Hemalatha's leadership in the Impact Assessment Study of key components demonstrates her dedication to creating a safe and empowering environment, free from gender-based violence or harassment, for women navigating public spaces.

Project 4: TDH (terre des hommes) Germany Transnational Project

Dr Hemalatha leads a Developmental Evaluation for the Zimbabwe-India Transnational Project, a collaborative endeavor to combat child labor in the agricultural sector. This project seeks to nurture education, resilient sources of income, capacity building, and advocacy in India and Zimbabwe. This project helps in eliminating child labor and creating a future where children thrive in education, not work.

Project 5: Child Rights Trust

Dr Hemalatha contributes to the consulting evaluation study for Child Rights Trust (CRT), which empowers children and adolescents to participate in local governance. Her analysis examines CRT's interventions and their impact on sensitizing duty bearers to children's issues.

Project 6: Market Study on Geographical Indication (GI) based farming products in India

The experts from different fields collaborate to integrate knowledge. **Dr Sangeetha R** from the School of Business and Management, **Dr Kavitha Jaykumar** from the School of Commerce, Finance, and Accountancy, **Dr Vinita Sheshadri** from the School of Business and Management, **Dr Kavitha R** from the School of Sciences, and **Prof Sachin Wilfred A J** from the Department of Hotel Management, School of Business and Management, jointly collaborated in a Market Study on Geographical Indication (GI) based farming products in India for Brown Brews Coffee Pvt Ltd. This consulting project explores the landscape of GI-based



Report Presentation with Brown Brews Coffee Pvt. Ltd.

Innovation in Teaching and Learning



Mr Philipp Sulim

Mr Philipp Sulim, Department of Performing Arts, Theatre Studies and Music, Central Campus directed the play 'Antigone'. This production brings innovative models of pedagogic and social learning within applied arts like theatre and integrates classic texts into curricula. This interdisciplinary approach strengthens the link between theory and practice, showing how theatre can greatly influence learning and social involvement. In an exploration of pedagogic practice extending beyond the confines of classrooms, the department undertook the staging of this Sophocles' Athenian tragedy, 'Antigone'.

This classic play is part of Sophocles' Theban Plays trilogy and explores profound themes of morality, loyalty, and the clash between divine and human laws. Set in the aftermath of a brutal civil war in Thebes, the story revolves around the titular character, Antigone, the daughter of Oedipus, who finds herself at the centre of a moral dilemma.

The Final Performance of 'Antigone' was premiered in the renowned Jagriti Theatre, Bangalore.



The Final Performance of 'Antigone'

Chirantan Rasayan Sanstha Leadership Award

Dr Fr Jose C C, Vice Chancellor of CHRIST University, has been honored with the prestigious Leadership Award by the Chirantan Rasayan Sanstha, Midnapore, West Bengal (CRS) for his exceptional contributions to education and academia.

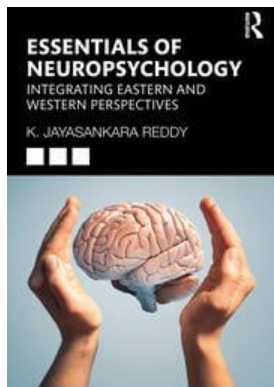
Chirantan Rasayan Sanstha (CRS) was established in 2016 to popularize science at all levels for the benefit of the society and mankind. Organisation of symposia and workshops, felicitation of scientists and academicians, organisation of award lectures, promotion of young talents, organisation of science quiz are some of the regular activities of CRS. The prestigious award was presented by Professor Dr R A Mashelkar, Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) during the two-day international symposium "Science Beyond Boundary: Invention, Discovery, Innovation and Society "Rasayan 18" at CHRIST University.



In the picture (From left): Prof Braja Gopal Bag (President CRS), Prof C V Yelamaggad (Secretary CRS), Dr S Chandrasekaran (IISc Bangalore), Dr Pradeep T (IIT Madras), Dr Fr Jose C C, Dr R A Mashelkar (former Director General, CSIR), Prof A K Tyagi (Director, Chemistry Group Bhaba Atomic Research Centre), Dr Gurumurthy Hegde (Convener Rasayan 18)

Major Book Publications

University faculty members have collaborated to publish major books that integrate their diverse expertise, serving as a ground-breaking resource in their respective fields. This publication showcases their collective research efforts, offering valuable insights and contributing significantly to the academic community.

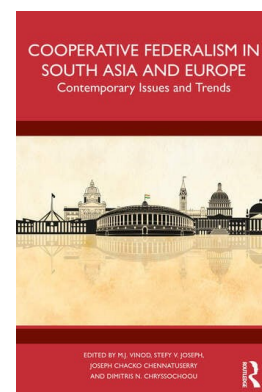


Dr Jayasankar Reddy, Associate Dean, School of Social Sciences, Bangalore Central Campus published a book titled 'Advanced Applications of Python Data Structures and Algorithms' with IGI-Global, USA. This comprehensive textbook offers a holistic integration of both the research and clinical aspects of neuropsychology. Combining Eastern and Western perspectives, it explores latest developments, current scope, and significant challenges in the field to provide a detailed understanding of brain and behavior from research and intervention methods to rehabilitation and applications.

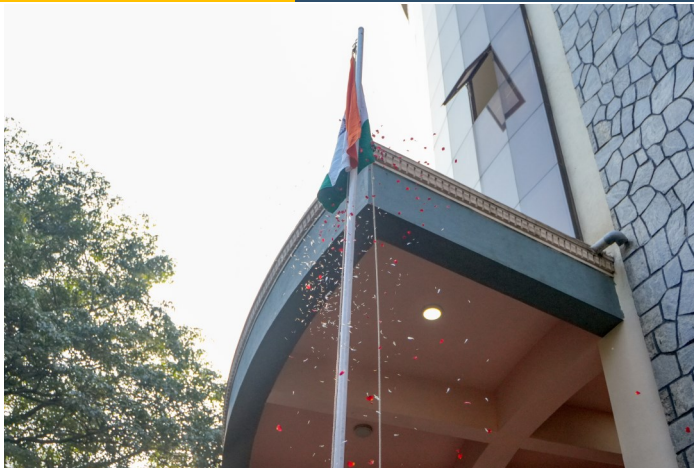


Dr Jayasankar Reddy

Dr Vinod M J, Dr Stefy V Joseph, Department of International Studies, Political Science and History, Bangalore Central Campus, and **Dr Fr Jose C C**, Vice Chancellor, jointly authored a book entitled "Cooperative Federalism in South Asia and Europe". This book explores the challenges, opportunities, and trends impacting the working of federations in South Asia and Europe. It deliberates on the changing socio-economic realities, challenges facing the existing structures of governance, degrees of consociationalism, and the growing aspirations of people in South Asia and Europe. Through case studies from Greece, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, France, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Maldives, Bhutan, and India, the volume focuses on critical issues relating to cooperative federalism – its complexities, institutional dilemmas, and trends in South Asia and Europe. It discusses a variety of themes relevant to Cooperative Federalism including federal-state relations; cooperative governance; constitution; multiculturalism, fiscal relations, democratization, devolution of powers, consociationalism, and global citizenship in South Asia and Europe. The book further emphasizes the need to strike a balance between the federal government and the constituent units in these two regions.



Book Launch of "Cooperative Federalism in South Asia and Europe" at Bangalore Central Campus authored by Dr Vinod M J, Dr Stefy V Joseph, and Dr Fr Jose C C. Others in the picture are Sri T S Krishnamurthy (Former Chief Election Commissioner), Ms Judith Weinberger-Singh (HSS India), Dr Vagishwari SP, Dr Madhumati Deshpande and Ms Lakshmi Karlekar.



Republic Day Celebration at CHRIST University Campuses

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