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of Campus Cheer!***





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As we unveil a special Christmas edition of our college, we at Quill's Will are overjoyed both at the dedication and skill that went into its creation, as well as at the incredible sense of community it fosters on this occasion.

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Thank you,
Team Quill's Will



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NEWSLETTER

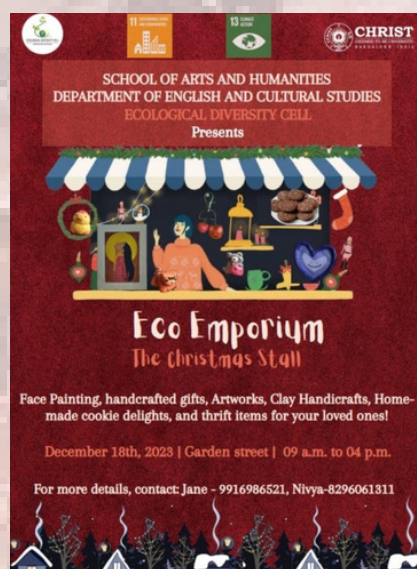
Magnificat 2023

CHRIST (Deemed to be) University marked the Christmas season with Magnificat 2023 which was a vibrant amalgamation of carols and mirth. The university hosted an array of choirs from across the country and the display of talent was greatly appreciated by the audience. The theme of Magnificat 2023, "Follow the Star", was a homage to the star of Bethlehem which is believed to have appeared during the birth of Jesus Christ. Magnificat 2023 was held on December 16 and 17 in the main auditorium, was indeed a magical prelude to Christmas.



Eco Emporium

The Ecological Diversity cell of the Department of English and Cultural Studies heralded the holiday season with 'Eco Emporium', a Christmas stall which promoted sustainable practices. The stall hosted a plethora of items ranging from clay handicrafts to homemade baked delights. 'Eco Emporium', which was held on December 18 in Garden Street, gave students and faculty an exciting opportunity to engage in eco-conscious shopping and environment-friendly activities.



Joyful Yuletide

The Student Welfare Office of CHRIST (Deemed to be University) invites all students and faculties to the event – 'Joyful Yuletide': A Christmas Evening in the spirit of the festive season. The event features captivating music and festivities and promises to foster togetherness among the campus community in celebration. It will be held on 21 December 2023 at the New Basketball Court on Central Campus, starting from 5:30 pm.





From Gala-Galas to Sugar Cookies

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"How can I describe it? Good food is like music you can taste, colour you can smell. There is excellence all around you. You need only to be aware to stop and savour it."

-Chef Gusteau, Ratatouille

The aroma of freshly fried gala-galas wafting through our home on Christmas mornings, staying up late to help fry the many, many delicacies to be distributed in the neighbourhood, and being with family. It doesn't get better than this. When I was a child, my family and I visited our hometown Kolar Gold Fields every Christmas. It was my favourite time of the year, as I'd get to meet my cousins, and my grandparents, and above all, have access to unlimited festive food.

Every year, my grandparents' house would be in high spirits—pun intended, complete with Christmas decorations, carols playing on full volume in the background, and last-minute cleaning in progress.



Source: Pinterest

Gala galas, a popular Christmas dish in KGF



As per tradition, we'd go for midnight mass, where my cousin and I would try our best to keep our eyes open. Returning at 1 am, we'd have plum cake and wine, toasting not only to the occasion, but to our togetherness, for it was our shared hope to be with each other every Christmas. Back when she could, my grandmother would prepare entire tins of gala-galas (sweet fried biscuits) and murukkus (savoury, crunchy snacks), which would suspiciously vanish little by little every passing hour. Karanjas - a popular sweet snack, made with desiccated coconut and sesame seeds stuffed inside pastry dough continues to be one of my favourite dishes.

These times of bliss came to an unprecedented halt after our grandfather's death. Though we did gather together to celebrate Christmas in our home, it was not the same anymore. Now the house felt like a body without a soul, an emptiness clinging to it which no Christmas spirit could wish away.

It has been ten years since my grandfather passed away, and ten years since our grandmother last cooked Christmas delicacies for the neighbourhood. Those Christmases have given birth to new traditions in our family. Now, it is my mother who carries forward the tradition by replicating her mother's dishes and sharing them with our neighbours in Bangalore. We've incorporated new items into our Christmas menu, including my amateur, albeit palatable creations such as cookies and plum cakes, beside the occasional hot chocolate - but is there really a special occasion needed to



My version of sugar cookies.

make hot
chocolate?

Through my years
of apprenticeship
in the kitchen
under my mother,
I've realised one
thing. Food is
memory.

It's one means by
which we keep our
traditions and
memories alive.

From escaping
thunderstorms,
moving cities, and



Source: Pinterest

changing names
food survives to
tell the story of the
hands that once
made it. Holiday
food is made with
abundant love,
with a wish to
unite people. That
is how my
grandmother kept
her tradition
flourishing, how
my mother does it,
and I hope I will
too.



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Embracing the Spirit of Christmas: A Cozy Tapestry of Miracle Season

Trisha Poddar | IMENG

As the crisp winter air nips at our cheeks, a different kind of warmth stirs within. It's the anticipation, the joyful buzz that heralds the arrival of the most enchanting time of the year – Christmas. This isn't just a season; it's a transformation, weaving our everyday lives into a cozy tapestry of shared moments, twinkling magic, and heartwarming traditions.

Imagine the aroma of rich, freshly brewed hot chocolate swirling through the air, inviting you to a ritual that transcends generations. Each

sip is a warm hug, a sweet escape from the winter's chill. And with every bite of a festive cake, adorned with snowflakes or reindeer icing, we celebrate the simple pleasures, the joy of gathering around a table laden with love and laughter.

The act of adorning the Christmas tree is a cherished ritual, a family dance around a fragrant evergreen. Each bauble, carefully chosen or lovingly crafted, tells a story – a shared memory, a whispered joke, a moment frozen in time. As twinkling lights weave their magic through the branches, the room transforms into a haven of warmth and nostalgia, echoing with the whispers of past Christmases and the promise of joyful ones to come.

The search for the perfect

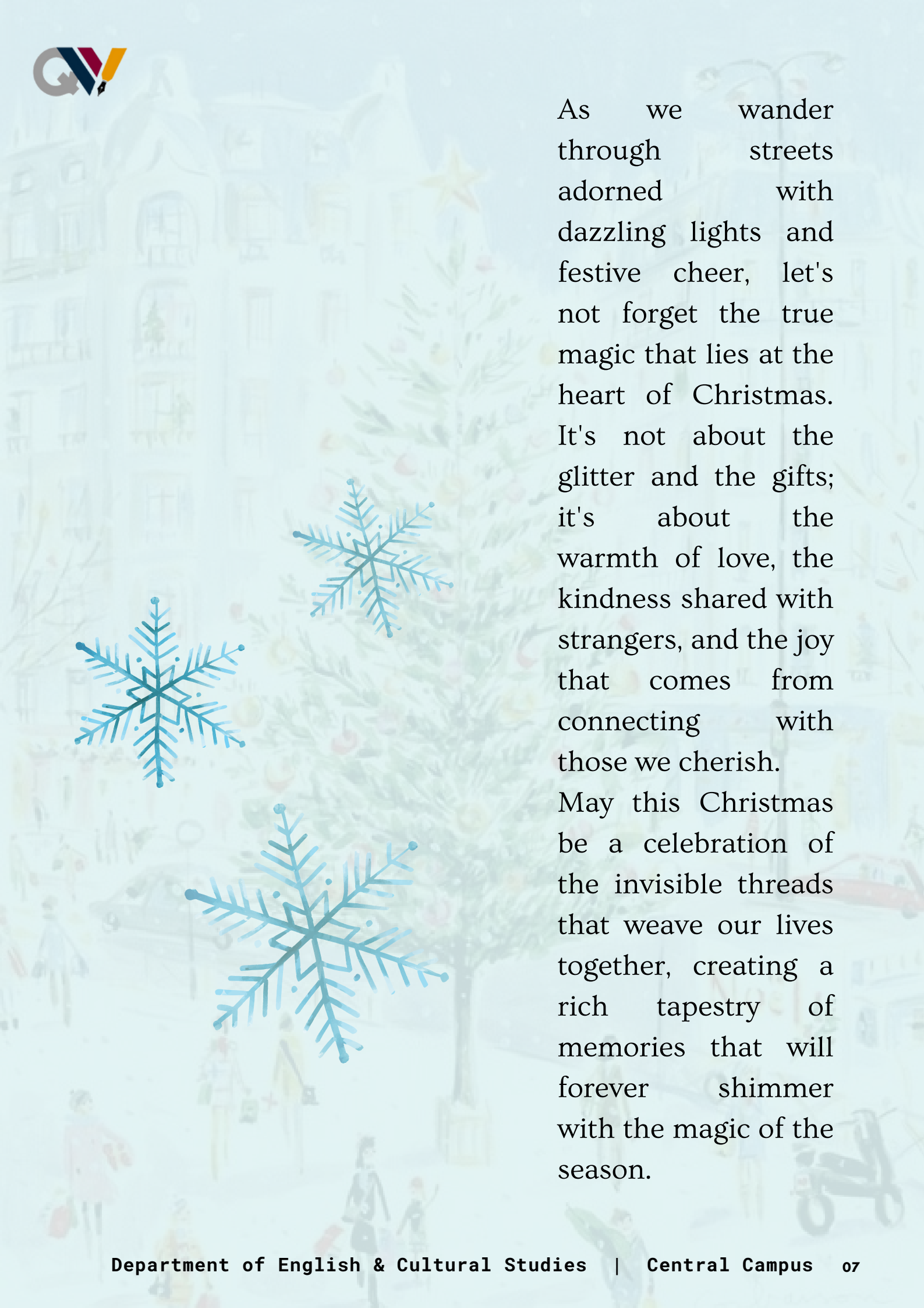


gift isn't just about finding the right thing; it's a journey of thoughtfulness, a whispered conversation of love disguised as brightly wrapped packages. The joy of giving, the anticipation in a loved one's eyes as they tear open the paper – these are the truest treasures of Christmas, reminding us of the priceless currency of generosity and appreciation.

Watching wholesome Christmas movies, wearing those playful sweaters, and socks, adorned with snowmen and reindeer aren't just clothes – we wear joy on our sleeves; they're outward expressions of the playful spirit that fills the air. They're a secret handshake, an invitation to join in the celebration, a reminder that even the ordinary can be extraordinary when touched by the magic of Christmas.

A stolen glance, a shy smile, and then a tender kiss beneath the gentle boughs of the mistletoe – this age-old tradition speaks volumes without a word. It's a reminder that love, like the spirit of Christmas, transcends words and time, a silent promise whispered under the watchful eyes of twinkling lights.





As we wander through streets adorned with dazzling lights and festive cheer, let's not forget the true magic that lies at the heart of Christmas. It's not about the glitter and the gifts; it's about the warmth of love, the kindness shared with strangers, and the joy that comes from connecting with those we cherish.

May this Christmas be a celebration of the invisible threads that weave our lives together, creating a rich tapestry of memories that will forever shimmer with the magic of the season.



Playlist for the Holidays

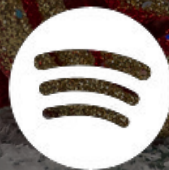


CHRIST-MAS

50 songs, about 2 hr 30 min



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Christmas movies



Holidays



Watchlist for the Holidays



A fun adventure featuring Kurt Russell as Santa Claus, with two siblings trying to help him save Christmas.

THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES (2018)

An animated film that reimagines the origin of Santa Claus, blending humor and heartwarming moments.

KLAUS (2019)



A romantic comedy-drama starring Emilia Clarke and Henry Golding set against the backdrop of Christmas in London.

LAST CHRISTMAS (2019)

A musical fantasy film that tells the story of an eccentric toymaker and his granddaughter.

JINGLE JANGLE: A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY (2020)



This film explores the creation of Charles Dickens' beloved novella, "A Christmas Carol."

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS (2017)





A comedic take on the challenges of the holiday season, featuring three moms dealing with their own mothers during Christmas.

A BAD MOMS CHRISTMAS (2017):

A sequel to the first film, with more magical adventures as the characters try to save Christmas once again.

THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES 2 (2020)



A romantic comedy about a woman planning to propose to her girlfriend at her family's Christmas celebration, only to discover her girlfriend hasn't come out to her conservative family.

HAPPIEST SEASON (2020)

With a stellar cast and intertwining plotlines, the movie explores love in its various forms—adorable, complicated, and heartrending.

LOVE ACTUALLY (2003)



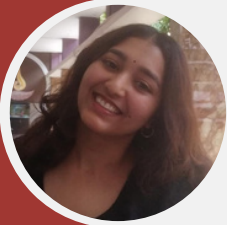
Finally, the classic Christmas movie. is a delightful mix of comedy and warmth, offering timeless Entertainment, iconic moments, and a message about the importance of family.

HOME ALONE (1990)





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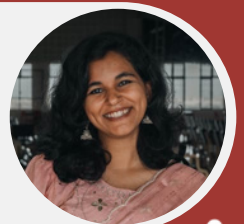


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