



The Master of Social Work at Christ University excels in academic and professional training, preparing students for diverse social interventions at individual, family, group, and community levels. Through casework, group work, research, field services, and educational programs, it fosters learning through service. The curriculum integrates classroom teaching with field experience, promoting social responsibility and addressing emerging societal needs.



#### OVERVIEW OF MSW - CCP MASTER OF SOCIAL WOR MSW - HRDM

#### MSW IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

The Master of Social Work in Human Resource Development and Management (MSW HRDM) at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, is a comprehensive two-year program designed for aspiring HR professionals. Integrating social work and HR management, the program covers core HR aspects. Students gain practical exposure through internships across industries research projects and skill-based programs. This holistic program blends academic learning with hands-on experience, preparing graduates to excel in HR while making a meaningful impact in organizations and communities.

#### MSW IN CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY PRACTICE

The Master of Social Work in Clinical and Community Practice prepares students for professional social work in both clinical and community settings. This program equips them with essential skills, knowledge, and leadership capabilities for careers in development, health, and welfare sectors. With a supportive learning environment, students enhance their ability to work independently and collaboratively.

Graduates can secure placements in NGOs, government agencies, international organizations, and research institutions. The program also fosters entrepreneurial skills in social, health, and development sectors, encouraging innovation and self-directed work.

### MSW CCP & **MSW HRDM**

#### PREFACE

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I present Socio, the official newsletter of Social Work cluster, Department of Sociology and Social Work at Christ University. More than just a record of events, this publication is a testament to the dedication, perseverance, and achievements of our students and faculty—a reflection of our shared commitment to academic excellence, meaningful engagement, and transformative learning experiences.

The past months have been filled with remarkable accomplishments. Many of our students have excelled academically, successfully clearing NET and Ph.D. milestones, while others have actively contributed to initiatives that connect theoretical knowledge with real-world practice. From the insightful sessions of our Induction Program to thought-provoking workshops and seminars, our commitment to a holistic and enriching educational experience remains unwavering.

Beyond academics, our students have embraced experiential learning through rural camps, skill development programs, industrial visits, and student exchange initiatives. These hands-on experiences have deepened their understanding of societal complexities and prepared them to navigate the challenges of the field with confidence and empathy. The presence of renowned international faculty, along with our own faculty members' engagement in global academic forums, has further enriched our learning environment, fostering valuable cross-cultural exchanges.

As a department, we take pride in fostering a strong sense of community. Events such as Teachers' Day and Women's Day have reinforced values of respect, empowerment, and inclusivity, while Daksh and our Department Fest have provided platforms for creativity, collaboration, and intellectual exploration. Initiatives like street plays advocating for social issues highlight our commitment to raising awareness and driving social change, and the Best Paper Awards continue to nurture a culture of research and academic inquiry.

As you explore the pages of Socio, I hope you are inspired by the passion, dedication, and impact of our department's efforts. May this newsletter serve not only as a source of information but also as a reminder of the power of education, service, and community in shaping a better society.



#### DR. SUPARNA MAJUMDAR KAR

HOD, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIALWORK

# PHD AWARDED



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**SR. SALOMY JOSEPH** Effectiveness of the Services Delivered by Special Schools for Children with Intellectual Disability

#### NEWLY JOINED FACULTY MEMBERS



DR. EMMANUEL DANIEL msw, mba (hr), bcs (theology), dem,phd assistant professor



DR. VIGNESWARAN S A msw, mphil, phd assistant professor

#### 2023-24 BATCH STUDENTS WHO CLEARED NET/ JRF



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#### **BEST PAPER AWARD**



#### Sr. SHONLY K.G - 4 MSW CCP

Best Paper Award for paper titled, 'Occupational Stress & Coping mechanisms among District Armed Reserve Police, Karnataka, India' at RESSAISIR, Don Bosco Arts and Science College

#### AKHILA P. SHIBU - 4 MSW HRDM

Best Paper in PG research category for paper titled, 'Exploring the Correlation and Impact of Perceived Stress on Job Satisfaction-A Comprehensive Study' at ICARD-24, Indira Priyadarshini Govt. Degree College for Women.





#### KIRAN JAISON - 4 MSW CCP

Best Paper in PG Research Category for paper titled, 'Capturing the Narratives of Youths Affected by Endosulfan Disaster using Photovoice method: A Study in Kasargod, Kerala at Social ' at Work and Diversity: A Catalyst for Change A 2 Days National Confernece at central University of Karanataka (Sponsored by ICSSSR)

#### **BEST PAPER AWARD**



#### SETHU LAKSHMI C.V - 4 MSW CCP

Best Paper titled, 'Mental Health Clinicians management with Superstitious Beliefs of Clients: A Study Among Clinicians in Northern Kerala' at National Mental Health Week at PSG College of Arts and Science

#### **ROBITH VARGHESE - 4 MSW CCP**

Best Paper Award for paper titled, 'Experiences and perspectives of Sexual Practices among Gay Men in Metropolitan Cities in India' at APWP Conference at Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, Kozhikode





#### **IRENE KALLUVILAYIL BIJU - 4 MSW HRDM**

Third Prize with Cash prize of Rs 1000/- INR for paper titled, 'Socioeconomic Conditions of Resilience among Women due to Male Migration' at Dialogues on Migration: Words in Motion, Christian College, Chengannur.



# INDUCTION

The ten-day MSW induction program at Christ (Deemed to be University) (July 18-28, 2023) introduced students to university culture, competency mapping, and fieldwork practicum. Interactive sessions, including ice-breaking activities, skill labs, and team-building exercises, fostered bonding peer and engagement. Panel discussions with HR and social work professionals, meetings, elective mentor and enhanced selection guidance students' understanding of their academic and professional journey.





A key highlight was the orientation visits to BOSCO Yuvodaya, a shelter for rescued street children, and Samarthanam Trust, a pioneering organization in disability visits provided empowerment. These insights into child welfare practical interventions and inclusive initiatives for persons with disabilities. The final days focused on curriculum orientation, selfand reflection, mentorship, preparing students for their MSW journey. With academic insights, valuable real-world exposure, and networking opportunities, the induction program successfully equipped students with the necessary foundation for their postgraduate studies in social work.

#### SNAKES & LADDERS: A THEATRICAL FIGHT AGAINST INJUSTICE

The Department of Sociology & Social Work, Christ (Deemed to be University), successfully staged its annual theatre production, "Snakes & Ladders," on 9th December 2023. This thought-provoking play shed light on the systematic theft of land from Dalit communities and the challenges faced by women who resist caste-based discrimination. Through powerful performances, the production emphasized the multiple layers of injustice entrenched in society.

Directed by Prabhul Krishna and Yadeendar (a) Tittu, with a script penned by Yadeendar (a) Tittu, the play was performed by students from MSW -CCP and MSW - HRDM. Their gripping portrayal of social realities captivated the audience and sparked critical conversations on caste and gender oppression.

Beyond its artistic and educational impact, "Snakes & Ladders" was also a fundraising initiative in support of the Child Sponsorship Program of the Centre for Social Action, Christ (Deemed to be University). The event successfully raised Rs. 10,000, contributing towards the education and well-being of underprivileged children.

With its compelling narrative and socially relevant themes, "Snakes & Ladders" reaffirmed the role of theatre in challenging oppression, amplifying marginalized voices, and driving meaningful social change.







## Conferences & Symposium

#### From Family Care to Social Care – Japanese Experience



The Social Work cluster organized the International Conference on "From Family Care to Social Care – Japanese Experience" in collaboration with the Association for International Social Work (AISW), Japan, on August 30-31, 2023. The conference emphasized the shift from family-based care to social care and explored international best practices, particularly Japan's approach.

#### **Key Sessions & Discussions:**

Experts from India, Japan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka convened to discuss social structures, welfare systems, and evolving family care practices across their respective regions. Dr. Mariko Kimura provided insights into Japan's changing family dynamics, emphasizing the challenges posed by a declining birth rate and shifting societal roles. She highlighted government initiatives aimed at improving work-life balance, including financial allowances for childcare. Dr. PM Mathew explored India's traditional family care system, discussing legal frameworks for child protection and psychosocial interventions such as the Kaval project, which supports vulnerable children and families.

Dr. Kyoko Mori focused on Japan's community-based welfare policies, stressing the need for strong local support networks as family structures continue to change. Experts engaged in comparative analyses of family care trends, examining societal challenges and the role of social work interventions in addressing these issues. A significant portion of the discussions centered on disability care, with experts comparing accessibility, infrastructure, and policy frameworks in Japan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. These discussions underscored the importance of cross-cultural learning and collaboration in shaping inclusive and effective welfare policies, fostering stronger international partnerships in the field of social work and community welfare.

#### **Key Takeaways**

Transitioning from family to social care necessitates robust policies, financial support, and trained professionals. Community-based interventions and multi-layered support systems should be prioritized to create inclusive care models, particularly for elderly and disabled populations. Additionally, work-life balance policies and family support programs must be expanded to ensure the sustainability of social care initiatives. The conference also featured cultural performances showcasing Indian traditions, which enriched the event's structured approach and knowledge-sharing opportunities. The valedictory session emphasized strengthening social work initiatives to bridge family and social care systems. The conference facilitated cross-cultural learning and policy discussions, contributing to a broader understanding of evolving care models.



#### AAHVAAN 2024: MSW CCP FEST



Ahvaan, the annual fest organized by students of MSW CCP, is a platform for aspiring social workers, professionals, and NGOs to collaborate and engage in meaningful discussions. Aahvaan 2024 focused on Al: Accessibility and Inclusivity, integrating symposiums, an NGO Mela, competitions, and cultural events.

The NGO Mela provided a space for organizations to showcase their work, while the symposium encouraged discussions on emerging trends in social work. Various competitions, from the Emerging Social Worker Contest to photography and essay writing, allowed participants to express their skills and perspectives. The Cultural Night was a highlight, where students performed music, dance, and drama, celebrating diversity and creativity.

The Valedictory Ceremony on February 18, 2024, hosted by Nikhil Ashokan, marked the event's conclusion. Prof. Dr. Suparna Kar, Dr. Reena Cherian, Dr. Vigneshwaran, and Dr. Sudha Thomas graced the occasion. The prize distribution recognized winners across various competitions, and a special "Momentum" recognition was awarded to Dr. Sudha Thomas for her contributions. Other notable contributors, including Keziah George, Robith Varghese, and Tom K Lukose, were also honored.

Aahvaan 2024 successfully empowered students through experiential learning, fostering inclusivity and inspiring action for a better society. The event stands as a movement driving social change and innovation.

# Zenith MSW HRDM FEST



#### INAUGURATION

The Zenith '24 HR fest, organized by the MSW HRDM students at Christ (Deemed be) University, to commenced with an inspiring Inauguration Ceremony at the Central Block. Graced bv Mr. Navneet Mohan, Joint Director of Factories, Bengaluru, the event featured a prayer song, a thoughtprovoking video on Industry 5.0, and a warm welcome by Mr. Hari. The symbolic act of watering a plant marked the official beginning, followed by Mr. Mohan's insightful address emphasizing skill enhancement sustained and enthusiasm in professional life.





#### A BENCHMARK FOR HR EXCELLENCE

Zenith '24 exemplified dedication, organizational expertise, and meaningful industry discussions within the field of Human Resource seamless Management. The execution by the MSW HRDM students set a new benchmark, reinforcing Zenith as a flagship event in HR. By fostering skill development and professional growth, the fest left a lasting impact on the broader HR community. As Zenith '24's success echoes, it lays a strong foundation for future editions, ensuring its prominence in both academic and professional spheres.

#### VALEDICTORY

Valedictory Ceremony, The hosted by Ms. Shreya and Ms. Adhya, brought a heartfelt conclusion to the fest. With an engaging opening bv Ms. Adrija, the session honored the dedicated efforts of the organizing committee, led by Neha Bhattacharjee. A Ms. nostalgic recap of the fest, awards for outstanding contributors, and an inspiring keynote by Mr. Bency George enriched the event. The evening concluded with a certificate distribution, cultural performances, and closing remarks by Ms. Paridhi Saxena, marking end of the a remarkable journey.

# **FACULTY INTERNATIONAL VISIT**



#### DR. SUDHA THOMAS

Dr. Sudha Thomas visited the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa, from April 16 to April 24, 2024. The primary objectives of her visit included research data collection in collaboration with Christ University, discussions on a student and faculty exchange program, and providing an orientation on the DREAMS project to students and faculty. Key outcomes included planning joint research activities, scheduling faculty exchanges for August 2024, and organizing a DREAMS project training session for June 2024. Her visit strengthened academic ties and fostered future collaborations between the institutions.



#### DR. BHARATHI

Dr. Bharathi Venkatesh, visited Germany from May 7 to May 13, 2023, as a resource person for the International Project Week at Nordhausen University of Applied Sciences. She collaborated with Social Work students on a project titled "Service Social Learning \_ Nurturing Responsibility Among Students." Her contributions were highly appreciated by students and faculty, highlighting her expertise in fostering social responsibility. The visit strengthened academic ties and promoted cross-cultural learning in social work.

#### ZURICH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Department of Sociology and Social Work at CHRIST University hosted a study trip for 14 students and two faculty members from ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences from 25th January 2024 to 4th February 2024. The program aimed to provide an immersive educational experience through academic sessions, NGO visits, cultural exchanges, and fieldwork. The program commenced on 25th January with a traditional Indian welcome, an introduction to the Social Work course at CHRIST University, and a campus tour, during which participants received welcome kits. Field visits and community engagement activities provided hands-on learning experiences. On 26th January, visits to Vimochana and

BOSCO introduced students to women's rights advocacy and child welfare initiatives. On 27th January, lectures by Dr. Victor Paul and Dr. Hemalatha explored key social issues such as unemployment, gender inequality, and caste discrimination. 29th January featured a visit to the Centre for Social Action, where participants engaged with local communities in schools and villages. On 30th January, students explored Anganwadi centers and Self-Help Group (SHG) cooperatives, focusing on early childhood education and women's financial empowerment.

The Samarthanam Trust visit on 31st January provided insights into disability support programs and vocational training. 1st February was dedicated to NGO visits, including Concerned for Working Children, Global Concerns India, and Fourth Wave Foundation, which showcased child welfare and inclusive education initiatives. On 2nd February, students interacted with medical social workers at St. John's Hospital and engaged with children at LR Nagar. The program concluded on 3rd February with academic sessions on India's pluralistic ethos and correctional social work, followed by a valedictory ceremony, certificate distribution, and cultural performances.

The study trip facilitated cross-cultural learning and hands-on experience in Indian social work practices. The participants gained a deeper understanding of social issues, engaged in meaningful interactions, and explored various community-based interventions.







# Student Exchange - 2023

German Semester Exchange to THWS University



On March 4, 2023, three postgraduate students from Christ University embarked on an enriching journey to Würzburg, Germany, as part of a fully funded Erasmus Scholarship. They spent a semester at the Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt (THWS), specializing in International Social Work with Refugees and Migrants.

This exchange program provided them with valuable academic and cultural exposure, deepening their understanding of global social issues. It also contributed to their research, including topics like "Exploring the Experiences and Vulnerabilities of Women Affected by Landslides in Shimla and Solan, Himachal Pradesh." Living independently in a foreign country, adapting to a new language, and engaging with diverse communities helped them build resilience, expand their perspectives, and develop essential cross-cultural skills.

Upon returning to India, the students reflected on how this transformative experience shaped their personal and professional growth. The exchange not only strengthened their confidence but also enriched their career aspirations. Through such global opportunities, Christ University continues to foster international learning, empowering students to become adaptable and forward-thinking professionals in a connected world.



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## Student Exchange - 2024

#### Zurich Exchange Program at the ZHAW Winter School

The Social Work cluster at Christ University, takes immense pride in the participation of our students, Mridusmita B. Borah (MSW HRDM) and Ashley Joseph (MSW CCP), in the prestigious two-week Zurich Exchange Program at the ZHAW Winter School, Switzerland. This achievement reflects the department's commitment to nurturing globally competent social work professionals through rigorous academic training, experiential learning, and a strong foundation in interdisciplinary collaboration.

Our department played a pivotal role in preparing these students for this international exchange by equipping them with critical thinking skills, policy analysis capabilities, and a deep understanding of social care systems. The robust curriculum at Christ University, emphasizing comparative social policy, healthcare management, and intercultural competencies, empowered them to engage meaningfully in this global learning experience.

During Week One, they explored Swiss healthcare and social care institutions, including GZA Entlisberg Zurich, Rehabilitation Clinic in Valens, and the Psychiatric University Hospital of Zurich, gaining hands-on insights into elderly care, rehabilitation, and mental health services. Their participation in poster presentations and group discussions highlighted their ability to analyze and compare Indian and Swiss healthcare policies, a skill honed through our department's emphasis on research and policy evaluation.

In Week Two, they delved into interprofessional collaboration, engaging in filmlet creation, case studies, and discussions on gender, diversity, and intercultural sensitivity—areas in which the department has provided a strong academic foundation. Their filmlet, Presents, which explored gift culture in patient care, was nominated for the ZHAW Oscars, showcasing their creativity and analytical abilities.

This exchange program also provided a platform for them to apply their knowledge to contemporary challenges such as pay parity, workplace inclusivity, and women's safety—issues deeply embedded in the social justice framework fostered by the department. By engaging with peers from diverse cultural backgrounds, they strengthened their leadership skills, cross-cultural adaptability, and expertise in HR and community practice.





MRIDUSMITA B. BORAH (MSW HRDM) AND ASHLEY JOSEPH (MSW CCP)

#### MUKTHI – RURAL CAMP OF MSW HRDM (BATCH OF 2023-2025)



#### Experiential Learning and Community Engagement

The Mukthi Rural Camp of MSW HRDM (Batch 2023-2025), Christ University, provided students with hands-on exposure to community development and participatory interventions. Held in Sultan Bathery, Wayanad, in collaboration with Shreyas NGO, students engaged with tribal communities using Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) tools to assess challenges and socio-economic conditions. They also interacted with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to their role in understand financial independence and women's empowerment, strengthening their skills in community assessment, social inclusion, and grassroots development.

#### Sustainability and Industry Exposure

Students promoted food security and sustainability by establishing vegetable gardens in community settlements, fostering nutritional awareness and self-sufficiency. They visited Attikunnu Tea Estate, gaining insights into tea processing, workforce management, and labor welfare. The Mukthi Rural Camp blended academic learning with practical experience, enhancing leadership, teamwork, and participatory development, reinforcing their commitment to sustainability and social responsibility.



#### Social Awareness and Civic Responsibility



A flash mob and mime performance raised awareness on social issues, focusing on an anti-drug campaign to sensitize the local community. Students also partnered with the Sultan Bathery Municipality for city beautification, leading cleaning drives and wall paintings in public spaces. These initiatives promoted environmental consciousness, civic responsibility, and urban sustainability. The interactive and participatory approach helped students develop social sensitivity, enhancing their understanding of community engagement and public awareness campaigns.

#### INAI – RURAL CAMP OF MSW CCP (BATCH OF 2023-2025)

The INAI Rural Camp of MSW CCP (Batch 2023-2025), Christ University, provided students with an opportunity to engage in grassroots social work in Thangachimadam, Rameshwaram. Over seven days, students conducted awareness programs, facilitated developmental initiatives, and interacted closely with the community. This immersive experience helped them understand the challenges, culture, and socio-economic conditions of the region.



One of the key initiatives was the introduction of Kadalosai FM, an exclusive radio station for the fishermen community, providing real-time updates on fishing regulations, weather, and market trends. The camp also emphasized financial literacy, equipping individuals with skills in budgeting, savings, and economic planning for sustainable livelihoods. A WASH session promoted sanitation and hygiene, while a street play highlighted the importance of education, encouraging community participation in discussions about long-term social development.





Students also participated in a refugee talk, gaining first-hand insights into the challenges of displacement and social integration. Various interactive activities for women and children fostered social bonding and empowerment. The camp concluded with reflections on participatory engagement and sustainable development, reinforcing students' commitment to community mobilization and social responsibility.

# **DAKSH 2024**

#### SHOWCASING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT CHRIST UNIVERSITY



DAKSH 2024, organized by Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, was a PAN University educational fair that brought together various departments to set up interactive and creative stalls at the central campus. This event, along with Open Day 2025, hosted by the University Student Council



To engage visitors, the MSW stalls featured interactive games, quizzes, and activities that made learning about the program enjoyable. Faculty members and student volunteers actively interacted with visitors, addressing queries and guiding them through the scope, specializations, and career pathways within the field of social work.



The Department of Sociology and Social Work played an active role in the event with dedicated stalls for the MSW cluster (MSW HRDM & MSW CCP) and the Sociology program. The MSW stalls highlighted key aspects such as career opportunities, the academic journey, and student exchange programs. Visitors were also informed about the department's emphasis on fieldwork experiences, internship opportunities, and project-based learning, showcasing the program's practical and professional outlook.

The Sociology program stall highlighted career prospects, research opportunities, and field experiences. It focused on demonstrating how Sociology equips students with critical thinking, social analysis, and skills applicable in academia, research, NGOs, and corporate sectors.



Through informative content and engaging activities, the Department of Sociology and Social Work successfully provided visitors with a comprehensive understanding of the department's programs, academic offerings, and career prospects.





#### DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

#### SPORTS DAY -SOCIOLUDIC

The Department of Sociology and Social Work hosts an annual Sports Day, bringing together students from various classes within the department to compete in a series of athletic and team-based events. This muchanticipated event fosters teamwork, sportsmanship, and a spirit of healthy competition among students. It also plays a vital role in enhancing students' teamwork, welfare, and overall well-being while creating a strong sense of bonding among them.

Over the past two years, the MSW HRDM students have demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and camaraderie, securing the Overall Champions trophy for the second consecutive year. Their continued success reflects their dedication, perseverance, and strong team spirit, making them a dominant force in the department's sporting events.



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#### **SERVICE LEARNING**

Service-Learning is a credit-bearing, experiential learning component of the MSW HRDM program that integrates academic knowledge with community engagement. Spanning four semesters, it enables students to identify community needs, design and implement intervention projects, and document their impact.

The program emphasizes sustainable social change, with students presenting their findings at national and international conferences and contributing to peer-reviewed publications. This initiative not only benefits communities but also equips students with professional competencies for meaningful impact in society.

Guided by faculty mentors, students gain hands-on experience in project management, intervention assessment, networking, and scientific documentation. Through collaborations with organizations and structured reflection, they develop leadership skills, enhance their civic responsibility, and apply theoretical knowledge to real-world challenges.

#### DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



#### **STREET PLAY**

The Social Work cluster at Christ University is dedicated to providing students with dynamic platforms to engage with communities, advocate for social issues, and enhance their professional skills. One such initiative is the organization of impactful street plays, where students from both Clinical and Community Practice (CCP) and Human Resource Development and Management (HRDM) specializations come together to raise awareness on critical social concerns.

Through powerful performances, compelling narratives, and interactive dialogues, students develop their ability to communicate effectively, mobilize communities, and inspire social change. These initiatives serve as experiential learning opportunities, allowing students to bridge theory with practice, sharpen their advocacy skills, and foster a deeper understanding of social realities.

#### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP CELL**

Social Work cluster, Department of Sociology and Social Work Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, hosted a guest lecture on Launching a Business: Basic Regulations and Legal Issues on April 5, 2024 as part of the social entrepreneurship cell. The session commenced with a welcome address by Thea Vaz, followed by an introduction about the social entrepreneurship cell by DR. Princy Thomas coordinator of the cell. Swetha from MSW HRDM cluster introduced the guest speaker Mr. Koshy Zachariah N, an expert in income tax litigation and regulatory compliance. He delivered the lecture and provide valuable insights on launching a business, including social entrepreneurship, business structures, financial planning, and regulatory compliance. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Sreenithi.



#### ETHNIC DAY 2023: A Celebration of Culture and Unity





Ethnic Day at Christ University was a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity and heritage, bringing together students from various backgrounds. The Department of Sociology and Social Work played a significant role in showcasing the beauty of cultural inclusivity. Students proudly wore traditional attire representing their regions, fostering a spirit of unity and belonging. Through engaging performances, cultural displays, and interactive sessions, the department highlighted the importance of understanding and embracing different social identities. The event not only celebrated cultural richness but also reflected the department's commitment to promoting social cohesion and encouraging meaningful dialogue on diversity and inclusion.



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The Inauguration ceremony of the Sociology and Social Work Students' Association, held on July 12, 2023, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the KE Auditorium, Block 4, was a notable occasion in the academic year. The event was attended by esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Fr. Viju Pd, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Dr. Rajeev K, Coordinator; Dr. Suparna Kar, Head of the Department; Dr. Tony Sam George, Dean of Social Sciences; and Mr. Pankaj Rai, the chief guest. The ceremony began with the symbolic watering of a plant, representing growth and unity. The newly elected student office bearers for the academic year 2023-24 took their oath of office, committing to their roles. The cultural segment of the event highlighted the students' talents, featuring captivating performances by dancers, singers, and musicians. The dignitaries delivered speeches that stressed the significance of the "5 C Framework"-compassion, conviction, creativity, curiosity, and communication. Mr. Pankaj Rai, the keynote speaker, motivated students by sharing personal stories and encouraging them to approach their career aspirations with an interdisciplinary perspective. The event concluded with the announcement of a clothes drive for tribal communities, reflecting the association's dedication to social responsibility. The inauguration set a positive tone for the upcoming academic year, inspiring students to take on their roles with enthusiasm and contribute meaningfully to both the department and society.

# OUR GALLERY -















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